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EDITOR'S NOTES

Inside this issue of the *University College Record*, you will find a factual account of the year – academic results, Fellows' news, College reports and news of departing Fellows and staff. Obituaries for members of the Univ community we have lost – or whose death we have been informed of – in the last twelve months are also included in this edition. I would like to thank the partners, spouses, families and friends who kindly supplied obituaries and photographs. I would also like to thank my colleague Manuela Williams, Executive PA to the Master, who compiled the obituaries for this edition of the *Record*. Where news did not reach us in time for this year's edition, we will ensure that those people are included in the 2024 *Record*.

I am grateful to all those who contributed to this issue, in particular: Dr Ian Boutle, Joanna Cooper, Cameron Ott, Julie Boyle, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, Justin Bowyer and Ariane Laurent-Smith.

If you have any comments about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MASTER'S NOTES



I write this against the backdrop of a sudden intensification in the conflict between Israel and Hamas following the brutal attack by Hamas in Israel and a rapidly unfolding humanitarian disaster in Gaza. In addition there is the continuing war in Ukraine and conflict in other parts of the world. Here at Univ, we pride ourselves on the diversity of our community, our ongoing efforts to support inclusivity, and our commitment to creating a culture in which students, academics and support staff – many of whom have roots in, and heritages from, across the world – can be heard, and feel respected and valued.

Our degree receptions are one of the highlights of the academic year at Univ as we celebrate the achievements of our students and thank parents, carers, friends, tutors and staff for the support they have given, which contributed to that success. This summer's graduation reception was particularly poignant for me as many of the students graduating matriculated in 2020, the year I started my tenure as Master. Students who started that year experienced two academic years dominated by the constraints imposed by the Covid epidemic. They began university life just after the first lockdown ended, but faced a second after only one term. Everything was in flux as Government guidance sought to keep pace with the trajectory of the pandemic. Social contact was significantly curtailed and students faced a College life very different to that they had envisaged, forcing them to adapt, to be resilient and flexible. It was extremely difficult for some as they learnt new ways to forge and maintain friendships, to study, learn new skills and explore new creative

outlets. Whilst it was a period of personal growth, reflection and discovery we also saw an increase in wellbeing concerns. The impact has been variable, a mix of challenge and opportunity. That is why being present when they received their degree certificates was such an important moment.

As was the reception for the 2020 leavers which we held in June this year.

The 2020 leavers had to pack and leave in March 2020 not knowing that they would not be able to return to say goodbye to friends, tutors and staff. Their time at Univ ended abruptly with no shared celebration. Seeing them come together, share stories, and enjoy each other's company was very special.

Last year there was a collective relief that we had come through the pandemic, had done our best to minimise the impact on everyone in College and could look forward to rebuilding connectivity and community, albeit in a changed context. It felt as if we had finally left the vestiges of Covid behind.

Creating and maintaining a conducive environment in which our students can stretch and challenge themselves and achieve their goals remains a key objective at Univ. Our academic staff play a crucial role in helping our students achieve that objective through their research, teaching and overall contribution to College life.

A number of our academics were recognised during the year including Professor Barry Potter who was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the British Pharmacological Society. Professor Peter Magill is leading the Medical Research Council Brain Network Dynamics Unit and Professor Sarah Harper CBE was elected a Fellow of the Academy

of Medical Sciences. We were pleased to host Professor Mathias Thoenig, the first Centenary Visiting Professor in PPE. And Univ now has a Poet Laureate, Pireeni Sundaralingam, an Old Member who is a poet and cognitive scientist. Pireeni will write, run workshops and encourage interdisciplinary conversations to facilitate innovation and problem solving between disciplines.

Two Univ Fellows, Dr Martin Galpin and Dr Andrew Ker, received MPLS teaching awards: a testament to the high quality of their teaching and engagement with students.

Dr Dixa Thakrar (2021, DPhil Population Health), one of our junior deans, was awarded a College Community award by Oxford University Student Union.

Whilst Univ students are encouraged to make the best of the academic opportunities available, we also want them to enjoy the wide range of extracurricular activities available in Oxford. Univ students are engaged in a broad span of student societies and volunteering activities, ranging from global and domestic social issues, to politics, sports and music. For example, Univ students have had significant success through British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and Varsity matches including boxing, fencing, gymnastics, rugby and cycling. The Boat Club, one of the largest clubs at Univ, has seen continued success at Torpids and Summer Vills. Music has always played an important part in life at Univ with our music students, Chapel choir, instrumentalists, community choir and Martlet Voices all playing their part under the guidance of our Director of Music.

We have also seen the welcome return of our named travel scholarships, the David and Lois Sykes Scholarship and Roger Short Scholarship enabling our students to expand their horizons through international travel.

Celebrating the diversity of the College we held our first International "At Home" event, with students, staff and Fellows encouraged to wear national dress and sample foods from our countries of heritage. With the student body we hosted a number of themed formal halls throughout the year. They were a great success.

Univ remains committed to supporting local community initiatives aimed at tackling homelessness and supporting refugees. We maintained our support to those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine through employment, housing a refugee family, and supporting (with other colleges) the appointment of Dr Olena Stiazhkina as Ukrainian Writer in Residence.

As we look to the future, at the top of our agenda for the next few years is the completion of Univ North, with its vision of the creation of a sustainable, multigenerational community.

With the appointment of SDC as our contractors we have made significant progress during the year and are focussed on bringing the project in on time and on budget. We are grateful for the significant support we have received from our alumni to deliver the project. Earlier this year we held a groundbreaking event to mark the start of work on the site. Particular attention has been paid to making the site as sustainable as possible as we craft a Univ sustainability policy, which recognises the challenges posed by our High Street site and our ambition to move towards carbon neutrality in the future.

I look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in Michaelmas Term, for an enriching experience.

BARONESS VALERIE AMOS

Master

September 2023

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III



Among the guests at the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023 were Univ's current Master, Baroness Amos, and former Master, Lord Butler of Brockwell. Baroness Amos and Lord Butler are both members of the Order of the Garter.

Lord Butler of Brockwell (1957, Classics), Master of Univ 1998–2008, wrote the following account:

Baroness Amos had an important role. Splendidly robed as a Lady of the Garter, she was charged with presenting the King to those on the north side of the Abbey (of whom I was one) and asking whether we were willing to do homage and service to the King. The response – “God save King Charles” – signified that those present recognised King Charles as the rightful King.

This recognition was a necessary precursor to the King, laying his hand on the Bible and taking the coronation oaths to govern the people of the United Kingdom and his other realms in accordance with their laws and customs.

There then followed a service built on the structure of the Anglican, communion service, but incorporating elements of even greater antiquity, stretching back as far as the anointing of King Solomon in the Old Testament. As I

thought about Univ's claimed history going back to King Alfred, and looked at the Abbey coat of arms with its cross and martlets so familiar to us, I felt that Univ shared an affinity with the rites I was witnessing but that those rites went even further back than our College's long history.

As the King was presented with the regalia of his office – the Spurs, the Sword of offering, the Bracelets, the Robe Royal, the Ring of the Covenant with God, the Glove of Mercy, the Orb, the Sceptre and eventually the Crown – all of such antiquity, I could not help feeling the weight of history which was being placed upon him. My heart went out to him. I felt that this was a heavy burden for a man to bear, and I was all the more touched by the supportive kiss that the Prince of Wales, in pledging his loyalty, placed on his father's cheek.

Much more could be written about the way in which the Service had been adapted to reflect the modern diversity of the United Kingdom, both ethnic and religious, clearly reflecting the King's personal priorities; about the magnificence of the music, again showing the King's hand; about the processions to and from the abbey; and finally the hugely impressive military parade, all meticulously planned and (so far as I could see) faultlessly executed.

It was an unforgettable experience to witness, and to feel part of, this extraordinary event as our nation shared our history and our present day character with the world.

LORD BUTLER OF BROCKWELL
Master of Univ 1998–2008

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- PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER PELLING, MA, DPhil (Oxf), FBA, FLSW
- PROFESSOR HYUN-SONG SHIN, BA, MA, DPhil (Oxf)
- *SIR HUGH STEVENSON, BA (Oxf)
- *MR TIMOTHY TACCHI, MA (Oxf)
- PROFESSOR JOHN TAYLOR, MA, PhD (Camb), FInstP, FRS
- *PROFESSOR SIR SIMON WESSELY, BA (Camb), BM BCh (Oxf), MSc (LSHTM), DPhil (London), MD, FRCP, FRCPsych, FMedSci, FKC, Hon DSc (Oxf)
- *MR DEREK WOOD CBE, QC, MA (Oxf)

FOUNDATION FELLOWS

Formed in 2007, Foundation Fellowships are awarded to those individuals who have made exceptional benefactions to the College.

- *MR JAMES ANDERSON, BA (Oxf), MA (Johns Hopkins)
- *MR JOHN DAVID CROMPTON, BA (Oxf)
- *DR DAVID C FREDERICK, BA (Pitt), DPhil (Oxf), JD (Texas Law)
- *MR BRUNS GRAYSON, BA (Harvard), BA (Oxf), JD (Virginia)
- *MR PHILIP POWER, BA (Michigan), MA (Oxf), HonD (EMU)
- *MR TIMOTHY SANDERSON, BA (Oxf)
- *MR THOMAS SCHRECKER, MA (Oxf)
- *MR EDWARD SCOTT, BA, MA (Michigan), BA (Oxf)
- MR AND MRS PAVEL AND IVANA TYKAČ

† Recently Deceased * Old Member

NEWLY ELECTED FELLOWS

Centenary Visiting Professor in PPE



PROFESSOR MATHIAS THOENIG,

BEng (I'X), MA (ENS), PhD (Paris IV), was appointed as the inaugural Centenary Visitor Professor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford, a Professorship created to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the PPE degree at Oxford. The post has been possible thanks to an anonymous gift from a friend of University College and an Old Member of The Queen's College. Professor Thoenig is a Professor of Economics at the School of Business and Economics (HEC) at the University of Lausanne. His research interests include development, international trade and the political economy of conflicts and migration.

Junior Research Fellows



*DR GRACE MALLON,

BA, MSt, DPhil (Oxf), was appointed Sanderson Junior Research Fellow in History in October 2022. Dr Mallon completed her BA, MSt and DPhil at

Univ. She holds the post concurrently with the Kinder Junior Research Fellow at Oxford's Rothermere American Institute. Her research to date has focused on law, constitutionalism, and public administration in the United States in the decades following the American Revolution.

*Old Member



DR JACK ANDREWS,

BA (Camb), PhD (UCL), has been appointed Stevenson JRF in Medical Sciences (Psychology). Dr Andrews joins Univ from the University of Sydney, and UNSW,

Australia where he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Dr Andrews's work focuses on peer influence effects on adolescent mental health, and the design and evaluation of universal school-based interventions for mental health – interventions delivered in peer groups. He is especially interested in why some of these interventions have been found to make symptoms worse for some young people, and how we can use novel techniques, such as social network analysis, to better understand why some interventions succeed, whilst others fail.

THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM 2022-2023



DR LEA REES,

BA, MA (FU Berlin), was appointed Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology in October 2022. Dr Rees' research interests cover a range of topics, ranging from Egyptian archaeology, in particular settlement archaeology, landscape archaeology, cultural interactions, and research history, to theoretical approaches to ancient and modern archaeological case studies. Dr Rees' main area of work lies with two major archaeological projects: excavations at the site of Dahshur, lying ca. 25 km south of Cairo, as well as in the tomb of Ramesses III in the Valley of the Kings (KV 11).

Beacon Junior Research Fellows



DR MOBEEN HUSSAIN,

BA, MA (York), DPhil (Camb), has been appointed Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Postcolonial and Race Studies, commencing in October 2023. Dr Hussain is an early

career historian of the British Empire focusing on race, gender, medicine, and the colonial legacies of consumption, material cultures, and economic exploitation. She joins Univ from Trinity College Dublin, where she was Trinity Colonial Legacies Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her doctoral thesis historicised colourism and practices of skin-lightening and examined how bodies were racialised in colonial South Asia which is the topic of her first in-preparation monograph.



LYN JOANNE-VICTOIRE KOUADIO,

BA (KNUST), MPhil, DPhil (Camb), has been appointed Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Postcolonial and Race Studies, commencing in October 2023. Dr

Kouadio's doctoral research interrogated the politics of transitional justice in African post-conflict contexts. Prior to commencing her studies at Cambridge, she worked with the Private Partnerships unit at UNICEF (in Abidjan) on child protection issues related to the cocoa and the illegal mining sectors (in Côte d'Ivoire). Her proposed research at Univ will examine colonial archives in broader repatriation and reparations debates in international politics.



The academic year 2022–23 has been a vibrant and rewarding one for the SCR Members. We are all grateful for the contribution and leadership of Professor Peter Norreys, who stepped down as Chair of the SRC after five years at the helm. I must thank Peter for his clear guidance as I start my five-year term as the, now named, SCR President.

After the disruption of the past two and a half academic years, 2022–23 has been an apt time for revitalising the SCR community. It became clear that Fellows were arranging various activities in College but that these often escaped notice by the wider community. Hence the introduction of the Univ SCR Term Card. This records all the various events and aims to introduce a rhythm to our activities.

As in pre-pandemic years, the SCR welcomed the special and themed Formal Halls, enjoyed by both students and High Table (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Burns Night, LGBT+, International Women's Day and the Sports Dinner, among others). After much discussion and reflection, we replaced Formal Dessert with more relaxed after-dinner cheese and wine in the Winter Common Room, welcoming those wishing to take coffee or tea to join in the conversation.

Following on from the successful Humanities Lunch convened by Polly Jones and Joe Moshenska, we introduced other Subject Lunches, which now take place three times a Term: the Science Lunch in 2nd week, Humanities in 4th week, and Social Science, Policy and Health Lunch in 6th week. The lunches aim to bring together researchers to learn more about colleagues' research, explore

synergies between research agendas, and share concerns. Starting in Hilary Term these have already proved popular, enabling colleagues to learn about the various research undertaken across the Fellowship.

This year, we enjoyed presentations by Professor Peter Jezzard, Vice Master, on "The healthy and the diseased brain"; by Professor Peter Simmonds, Supernumerary Fellow, on "How many viruses are there? Adventures in virus genomics"; and by Dr Saul Newman, Early Career Research Fellow, discussing "Machines, Death, People", as well as informal group discussions around such topics as creative uses of research and the possible tension between academic research and impact research. We are grateful to Nikolaos Kanellakis, Polly Jones, Joe Moshenska, Yanan Zhang and Tess Johnson for all their work in organising these successful lunchtime gatherings.



Given the different demands on the schedules of the Tutorial Fellows, who are often in College during the day, and our Professorial, Supernumerary and Junior Research Fellows, whose daytime research commitments often restrict attendance to

the evenings, we have now moved our formal SCR termly meeting to lunchtime in 1st week, followed by a second evening meeting and social, thus catering for all needs.

We reintroduced the 7th week Music Evenings, arranged by Giles Underwood, with both choral and instrumental recitals before High Table, enjoying a performance of Handel Cantatas and an International Choral evening in Hilary, and a celebration of William Byrd's 400th Anniversary and an Instrumental Mozart Recital for Flute and Strings in Trinity. Professor Justin Benesch, our Wine Fellow, and Angela Unsworth, Domestic Bursar, hosted wine and cheese tastings in the newly refurbished Cellar 6.

The SCR also took part in the International at Home Day, Kings Coronation Picnic, Tea Tasting (arranged by Buttery Staff) and the Univ Summer Garden Party, held in the newly landscaped Fellow's Garden. Fellows also enjoyed the 37th H.L.A. Hart Memorial Lecture given by Professor Jeremy Waldron, New York University Law School, addressing "The Crisis of Judicial Review", and the Annual Hilary Term Dinner to celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert and honour the academic achievement of persons associated with the College and special guests.

Another new initiative is the Early Career Research Group, coordinated for the SCR by Dr Lea Rees and Dr Alexander Johnston. With its own WhatsApp Group, the ECRG is providing a well-needed support group for the college lecturers, research associates and JRFs, and regularly takes part in the wider SCR activities.

We have welcomed several temporary members of the SCR over the year, in particular, Univ's Poet Laureate Pireeni Sundaralingam (1986). A multiple award-winning poet and

cognitive scientist, Pireeni's work has been published in over 30 literary journals and translated into five languages. Pireeni will be with us for three years, and in her first year hosted two events: *The Creativity Salon* – a hands-on exploration of brain blocks and improvisation and *The Poetry Share-in* – they laughed, they cried, they went home wondering about cheese.

We also said goodbye to valued colleagues and friends. Dr Michael Nicholson, former Tutor in Russian and Dean of Univ, died just before the start of the Academic year and Diana Myatt, the partner of University College Emeritus Professor John Allen (Engineering), died in Trinity Term. Both Diana and John had been active members of the SCR for many years.

It has been at times a challenging but enjoyable year, as we attempted to return to our pre-pandemic life. As usual, the SCR has been strongly supported by colleagues in the Domestic Bursary, the Master's Office and the wider College community, which is much appreciated.

We look forward to some new initiatives in academic year 2023–4, including joint SCR/WCR presentations, and a series of invited speakers and discussants joining us before and during Formal Hall.

PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE
Supernumerary Fellow in Gerontology
SCR President

THE MASTER

The Master chaired/participated in a number of events focussed on current issues including:

- A Global Conversation on current global challenges with Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations
- A seminar on Diplomacy with Tom Fletcher, Principal of Hertford College
- A seminar on AI titled "Injustice, deepfakes and a global race to the bottom" led by graduate students
- A panel discussion at the Oxford Union for Black History Month
- Oxford University's Master's programme in Diplomatic Studies
- A discussion at Univ with a group of students from the United States Naval Academy
- The launch at Nuffield College of the report on the future global role of international NGOs with respect to humanitarian assistance, at which the UK Minister for Development, Andrew Mitchell spoke
- An "in conversation" with Adjoa Andoh, the Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre at St Catherine's College, Oxford
- Co-hosting, with United States Ambassador Jane Hartley and Gayle Rebeck, a reception for women at the Ambassador's residence to mark International Women's Day
- Speaking at the Black Women's Health Conference at St Anne's College
- Speaking at the Global Social Business Summit

The Master met and hosted Old Members and friends of Univ at a number of events including:

- The Diamond and Golden Anniversaries
- The 1993-1996 Gaudy
- Alumni Drinks in Edinburgh
- The Founders and Benefactors Evensong and Dinner
- The annual St Cuthbert's Dinner
- Univ in the Arts Breakfast at Dishoom
- The William of Durham Club Luncheon
- Chaired the Univ Seminar "Culture Wars: Who Owns History" at the House of Commons
- Met Old Members and friends of Univ in New York and Boston
- The Master visited the 138-year-old Devas Youth Club as an ex officio trustee of the Club. The Devas Club was founded by the family of a Univ student, Jocelyn Devas, who was killed in a climbing accident on Mont Blanc in 1886. The Master hosted club members for the annual Univ-Devas football match.
- The Master welcomed Old Members, friends, students, neighbours, Fellows and staff to a groundbreaking ceremony at Univ North.
- The Master welcomed Univ Rhodes Scholars past and present to a drinks reception in the Master's Garden as part of the celebrations of the 120th Anniversary of the Rhodes Trust. Among the Rhodes Scholars present were David C Frederick (1983, Politics), Foundation Fellow and foundation funder of Univ North, and his wife Sophie Lynn. It was also an opportunity to welcome Dr Nicola Foote, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh Honors College (also supported by David C Frederick)

and her colleagues for discussions about potential long term collaboration with Univ.

- The Master had a meeting with President Bill Clinton (1968, Politics), Honorary Fellow, during his visit to Oxford in June and the Vice Master welcomed him back to College for a visit.

In her role as a Lady Companion of the order of the Garter, the Master played a public role in a number of key events during the year including:

- The Coronation of King Charles III
- Participated in one of the processions at the funeral of the late Queen and attended the committal at St George's Chapel, Windsor
- Joined King Charles III at a special service at St George's Chapel, Windsor to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush, which brought one of the first waves of Caribbean migrants to Britain
- Attended the annual Garter Day service and ceremony at Windsor Castle, an occasion also attended by The Rt Hon. The Lord Butler of Brockwell KG GCB CVO (1957, Classics), Honorary Fellow and former Master of Univ

During the year the Master did a number of media interviews on domestic and international issues on BBC radio and television, Sky, CNBC, CNN, Channel 4 and Times Radio.

The Master was awarded an honorary fellowship by the University of London, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Sussex.

THE FELLOWS

PROFESSOR BILL ALLAN joined Melvyn Bragg and guests on 23 March to discuss Solon, the statesman and poet whose political and legal reforms transformed Athens in the 6th century BC, in an episode of the BBC Radio 4 series [In Our Time](#). Dr Allan spoke at the conference *The Gods in Literature: Myth, Theology, and Belief in Ancient Near Eastern and Greek Poetry* at the Martin School, 21 and 22 June 2023, on "Believing in Dionysus." He also organised (and gave a lecture at) an international conference on ancient Greek oratory, held at Univ on 12 and 13 September 2023, whose proceedings will be published in due course.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BARNES, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Professor of Physics, contributed to a research article "New linear stability parameter to describe low- β electromagnetic microinstabilities driven by passing electrons in axisymmetric toroidal geometry" published in *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion*, 6 March 2023 and "A phase-shift-periodic parallel boundary condition for low-magnetic-shear scenarios" in the same journal, 16 December 2022.

PROFESSOR JUSTIN BENESCH, Tutorial Fellow in Physical Chemistry, published an article, "Expansion and Neofunctionalization of Actinoporin-like Genes in Mediterranean Mussel (*Mytilus galloprovincialis*)" in *Genome Biology and Evolution*, November 2022. Professor Benesch delivered the closing lecture at the 2nd Mass Photometry Symposium in Cambridge Massachusetts on 23 May 2023. The symposium was hosted by Oxford spin-out Refeyn (pioneers

in mass photometry instrumentation that analyses biomolecules with light scattering), of which Professor Benesch is Co-Founder.

DR NATALYA BENKHALED-VINCE, Sanderson Tutorial Fellow in Modern History and Associate Professor of the History of Modern France and the Francophone World, discussed how literature can challenge our colonial past and its impact with award-winning author Éric Vuillard at [Beyond Words French Literature Festival](#) on 18 May. With Walid Benkhaled (Bodleian Library), Univ Beacon JRFs Lyn Kouadio and Mobeen Hussain and with the support of Baroness Amos, Natalya Benkhaled-Vince organised a sold-out free film season at the Weston Library, titled "Decolonisation in Motion". The series explores the multiple ways in which African decolonisations were represented on screen from the late 1950s to the early 1990s.

DR JAMES BRYSON, Solla Tutorial Fellow in Mineralogy and Associate Professor of Mineralogy, was awarded a European Research Council (ERC) 2022 starting grant to advance his research on measuring the properties of meteorites to better understand how the planets in our solar system formed. Dr Bryson contributed to the research article "The Winchcombe meteorite, a unique and pristine witness from the outer solar system" published in *Science Advances*, 16 November 2022. Dr Bryson discussed "[Elucidating early solar system evolution using chondrites](#)" at MagNetZ on 5 October 2022.

PROFESSOR RUTH CHANG, Chair and Professor of Jurisprudence and Professorial Fellow, has a publication forthcoming,

Conversations in Philosophy, Law, and Politics (OUP, October 2023). Professor Chang organised the 2023 [H.L.A. Hart Memorial Lecture](#), which was given by Jeremy Waldron (1978, Law) of New York University Law School. The annual lecture is named after H.L.A. Hart (1907-1992), who became Professor of Jurisprudence at Oxford in 1952. The lecture takes place under the auspices of University College, where Hart held his chair, and is supported by the Tanner Lectures on Human Values.

DR STEPHEN COLLINS, former Weir Tutorial Fellow in Engineering Science, published "Figure data for 'A roadmap for Gigabit to Terabit optical wireless communications receivers'" in *Sensors*, 18 January 2023.

DR ANEURIN ELLIS-EVANS, George Cawkwell Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History and Associate Professor in Ancient History, presented "Myus, Miletus, and Callimachus" at the panel discussion *Reframing Hellenistic Poetry: Hidden Figures and Local Canons*, at the Italian Academy, Columbia University, 22 April 2023.

DR MARINA RUCSANDRA FILIP, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Associate Professor of Condensed Matter Physics, was a corresponding author of the research article "Zwitterions in 3D Perovskites: Organosulfide-Halide Perovskites" published in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 23 November 2022.

DR ANDREW GREGORY, Chaplain and Welfare Fellow, has contributed a chapter to the *Cambridge History of Ancient Christianity*, and two chapters to an introduction to early Christian apocrypha.



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS HALMI, Margaret Candfield Tutorial Fellow in English and Comparative Literature, published a chapter "Coleridge's Philosophies" in *The New Cambridge Companion to Coleridge* in November 2022, and the special issue of *Intellectual History Review* on "Universal Histories", which he co-edited with Audrey Borowski, in June 2023. In May 2023 Professor Halmi lectured on the historian Reinhart Koselleck and political iconology at the ENS in Paris, and in June 2023 he led two seminars at the Prague Summer School in Romantic Studies at Charles University.

Recent publications by **PROFESSOR PETER HOWELL**, Pye Tutorial Fellow in Mathematics and Professor of Applied Mathematics, include "Circular bubbles in a Hele-Shaw channel: a Hele-Shaw Newton's Cradle" in the *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, volume 954, 3 January 2023.

PROFESSOR BEN JACKSON, Leslie Mitchell Tutorial Fellow in History and Professor of Modern History, spoke at this year's Univ Seminar at the House of Commons "[Culture Wars: Who Owns History](#)", alongside Afua Hirsch, award-winning writer, broadcaster and former barrister known for her work on culture, social justice, identity and anti-racism and Dr Casely-Hayford OBE, Director of V&A East and Professor of Practice at SOAS, University of London.

PROFESSOR PETER JEZZARD, Vice Master, Professorial Fellow and Herbert Dunhill Professor of Neuroimaging, contributed to the research articles: "Highly accelerated intracranial time-of-flight magnetic resonance angiography using wave-encoding" 9 March 2023, "The effect

of subject-specific head morphometry on specific absorption rate estimates in parallel transmit MRI at 7T", 3 January 2023 and "On the open-source landscape of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine" 1 October 2022, published in *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*.

PROFESSOR POLLY JONES, Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellow in Slavonic and East European Studies and Professor of Russian, was awarded the honourable mention for the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Women's Forum Prize for her *Slavic Review* article, "The Thaw's Provincial Margins: Place, Community and Canon in *Pages from Tarusa*" (2021). Professor Jones contributed to the [Talking History](#) podcast on the anniversary of Stalin's death. She has continued her collaboration with the Ukrainian historians Olena Stiazhkina and Tamara Vronska, leading to an article in *Europe-Asia Studies*, and talks by Olena Stiazhkina in Oxford in spring and summer 2023.

***DR ANDREW KER**, Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science, was one of 10 academics recognised with a Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences (MPLS) Teaching Award in July 2023. The Teaching Awards scheme celebrates success and recognises and rewards excellence in innovative teaching practice. He received a student nomination praising the well-structured lectures he delivers, which help to support learning in areas that are not necessarily easy or favourites amongst his students.

PROFESSOR DAVID LOGAN, Professorial Fellow and Coulson Professor of Theoretical Chemistry, spent around five months of his period of sabbatical leave as Infosys Visiting Chair in the Physics Department of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; engaging in active research collaborations with Indian colleagues, and visiting/lecturing at a number of scientific Institutes in both Bengaluru and Kolkata. After many years of trying, he also saw (close up) a tigress and four cubs in the forests of Karnataka.

PROFESSOR SOPHOCLES MAVROEIDIS, Tutorial Fellow in Economics and Professor of Macroeconomics, published "A Powerful Subvector Anderson Rubin Test in Linear Instrumental Variables Regression with Conditional Heteroskedasticity", in *Econometric Theory* (CUP, 14 April 2023).

On 26 January, the Shakespeare Society held an unstructured evening with Robert Shearman, television, radio, stage play and short story writer. The event was organised by **PROFESSOR JOE MOSHENSKA**, Beaverbrook and Bouverie Tutorial Fellow in English and Acting Director of the Centre for Early Modern Studies. The Society also welcomed author Elizabeth Garner (1994, English) on 10 November, to discuss her writing career and to share the research and development process of *Lost & Found*, her first collection of rewritten folk tales. Professor Moshenska delivered the 2023 Milton Lecture "[The two John Miltons](#)" on 26 May at Mansfield College.

PROFESSOR TOM POVEY, Tutorial Fellow in Engineering and Professor of Engineering Science, published a number of articles in the *Journal of Turbomachinery*, including: "Impact of Temperature Ratio on Overall Cooling Performance: Low-Order-Model-Based Analysis of Experiment Design", April 2023; "Experimental Study of Impact of In-Service Deterioration on Aerodynamic Performance of High-Pressure Nozzle Guide Vanes", January 2023 (with DPhil scholar Mathias Michaud, 2017, et al.); "Lean-Burn Combustor Simulator for an Engine-Component Test Facility: An Experimental and Computational Study", December 2022; and in October 2022: "Impact of Trailing Edge Overhang Length on the Loss Characteristics of Fully Cooled Transonic Nozzle Guide Vanes" (with DPhil scholar Daniel Burdett, 2011).

PROFESSOR PATRICK REBESCHINI, Tutorial Fellow and Professor of Statistics and Machine Learning, was awarded a 2022 European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant, worth €2 million. Professor Rebeschini works on developing methodologies and theoretical foundations for large-scale learning problems. He intends to use the grant to look at a major challenge in machine learning: optimising statistical algorithms for Big Data so that they have minimal errors in accuracy but remain efficient to run.

PROFESSOR GAVIN SCREATON, Professorial Fellow and Head of the Medical Sciences Division, was part of the team behind the Oxford COVID-19 Vaccine, which won a Vice-Chancellor's Innovation and Engagement Award in 2022. Professor Screaton's research focuses

on the immunology and immunopathology of infectious diseases such as HIV, SARS and Dengue. His research includes a paper published in *The Lancet* analysing the impact of the Omicron COVID-19 variant on antibodies generated by vaccination.

PROFESSOR TREVOR SHARP, Radcliffe Medical Tutorial Fellow in Neuroscience and Professor of Neuropharmacology, has been active in the field of serotonin research. As current society President, he presided over the 20th meeting of International Society for Serotonin Research in Cancun, chaired a webinar on serotonin with world-wide reach (with more than 300 attendees), and gave a plenary lecture on his research at an international meeting in Berlin. He was awarded “Svenska Klassiker” for the sixth time (successful completion of four Swedish endurance races during a 12-month period; cross country skiing (90 km), cycling (300 km), swimming (3 km), cross country running (30 km)) and competed in the Etape du tour cycle marathon in the French Alps (but could do better).

PROFESSOR ADAM SMITH, Professorial Fellow, Edward Orsborn Professor of US Politics and Political History, and the Director of the Rothermere American Institute, saw his article “The US was a monarchy disguised as a republic until now” published in *The Sunday Times* on 2 April 2023. The Rothermere American Institute launched a new series of [The Last Best Hope? Understanding America from the Outside](#) In Podcast, presented by Professor Smith.

PROFESSOR MARTIN D SMITH’S, Helen Martin Old Member’s Fellow in Organic Chemistry and Professor of Organic Chemistry, group published “Control of stereogenic oxygen in a helically chiral oxonium ion” in *Nature*, 15 March 2023; “A radical-polar crossover approach to complex nitrogen heterocycles via the triplet state” on *ChemRxiv*, 19 May 2023; “Harnessing triaryloxonium ions for aryne generation” on *ChemRxiv*, 10 March 2023; “Catalytic Enantioselective 6 π Photocyclization of Acrylanilides” in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 26 December 2022 and “Enantioselective synthesis of atropisomeric indoles via iron-catalysed oxidative cross-coupling” in *Nature Chemistry*, 12 December 2022.

DR SOPHIE SMITH, Tutorial Fellow in Political Theory, gave the keynote lecture on “Feminism and Forgetting” at *Futures Past: Feminism and the Radical Democratic Imaginary* at the University of Vienna and spent two months working in archives across the United States completing the research for her book, under contract with Harvard University Press, on women and the history of ideas. She wrote a brief response to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* for [The London Review of Books](#).

PROFESSOR TIAN YUAN TAN, Professorial Fellow and Shaw Professor of Chinese, delivered a lecture on “Local Court Drama in Late Imperial China: Texts, Genres, and Identities” on 26 September at Harvard University. He was interviewed for an article in *The Economist* on Tang dynasty poetry. He was the speaker for the 2023 Wan Boo Sow Public Lecture in

Singapore on 25 February and was awarded the 2023 NUSS Visiting Professorship by the National University of Singapore. He also co-organised with Beijing Foreign Studies University a conference on “Late Imperial Chinese Court Drama and Digitisation of Ancient Texts in Cross-Cultural Perspectives” on 19–20 May.

PROFESSOR EDMAN TSANG, Tutorial Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, published “Confined Ru Sites in a 13X Zeolite for Ultrahigh H₂ Production from NH₃ Decomposition” in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, June 2023; “Metal-loaded zeolites in ammonia decomposition catalysis” in *Faraday Discussions*, April 2023; “Exceptional Hydrogen Diffusion Rate over Ru Nanoparticle-Doped Polar MgO(111) Surface” in *Small Methods*, March 2023; “Dispersed surface Ru ensembles on MgO(111) for catalytic ammonia decomposition” in *Nature Communications*, February 2023 and “H+ -H- Pairs in Partially Oxidized MAX Phases for Bifunctional Catalytic Conversion of Furfurals into Linear Ketones” in *Angewandte Chemie* (International ed. in English), February 2023.

PROFESSOR CAROLINE TERQUEM, Tutorial Fellow in Physics, contributed the chapter “Planetary systems: from symmetry to chaos” to the new book *The Language of Symmetry* (Chapman and Hall, 2023). Professor Terquem’s chapter describes how highly structured planetary systems are, and how that relates to the “symmetry” of the universe that Copernicus perceived in the arrangement of the orbs. She also explains how the commensurabilities of some orbits, as seen in many planetary systems, and which evoke symmetry and order, often

lead to chaos, where order is interwoven with randomness. Professor Terquem took part in a Q&A on the [Department of Physics website](#).

PROFESSOR NICK YEUNG, Sir Jules Thorn Tutorial Fellow in Psychology and Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, published “Flexible use of confidence to guide advice requests” in *Cognition*, January 2023 – the present study examines whether people are flexible in their use of confidence, such that the mapping between confidence and behaviour is not fixed but can instead vary depending on the specific context; and “Benefits of spontaneous confidence alignment between dyad members” in *Collective Intelligence*, 27 December 2022.

SUPERNUMERARY FELLOWS

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BENEDIKT, Supernumerary Fellow in Computer Science and Professor of Computer Science (ULNTF), gave the following presentations: “The complexity of Presburger arithmetic with power or powers” at ICALP (International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming), Paderborn, Germany, 10-14 July 2023; “Embedded finite models Beyond Restricted Quantifier Collapse” at LICS (Logic in Computer Science), Boston University, USA, 26-29 June 2023 and “Synthesizing nested relational queries from implicit specifications” at SIGMOD/PODS International Conference on Management of Data, Seattle, Washington, USA 18-23 June 2023.

***PROFESSOR JON BLUNDY**, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, Professor of Earth Sciences and Royal Society Research Professor, published “Water-rich magmas optimise volcanic chalcophile element outgassing fluxes” in the journal *Earth and Planetary Sciences Letters*, June 2023; “A machine learning-based thermometer, barometer and hygrometer for magmatic liquids” in April 2023 and “Slab to back-arc to arc: Fluid and melt pathways through the mantle wedge beneath the Lesser Antilles” in *Science Advances*, February 2023. Professor Blundy is a speaker at the Mines and Money mining investment event at the Business Design Centre in London, 28-30 November 2023.

DR RAJENDRA CHITNIS, Ivana and Pavel Tykač Fellow in Czech, wrote an article “The Silence of the Occupied in Czech Literature, 1940-46” for *Slavic Review* (Fall 2022) and the afterword to David Short’s astonishing translation of Vladislav Vančura’s 1925 anti-war novel, *Ploughshares into Swords* (Karolinum, 2022). He hosted art historians, musicologists and literary scholars at Univ for a workshop funded by the Wiener-Anspach Foundation on what accounts of modernism omit. He also chaired a hilarious presentation in Oxford by the leading contemporary Czech novelist, Jáchym Topol, and his translator, Alex Zucker, which was featured on the Czech evening news.

PROFESSOR TAO DONG, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, CAMS (Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences) Oxford Institute (COI) Co-Director and Group Lead (COI, Nuffield Department of Medicine & MRC Human Immunology Unit, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine), was appointed the

Brigitte (Ita) Askonas Professor of Translational Immunology with effect from 1 May 2023. Professor Tao Dong has worked on understanding T cell responses to viral infections and in cancer for more than two decades, establishing her own successful research group alongside founding the COI. This appointment recognises the success of her research career. Professor Tao Dong’s group will participate in a new research consortium to tackle the monkeypox outbreak.

PROFESSOR DANIEL FREEMAN, Supernumerary Fellow in Psychiatry, was appointed Chair of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford, moving from the Psychiatry Department. Professor Freeman is a consultant clinical psychologist at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, an NIHR Senior Investigator, a Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, and the scientific founder of Oxford VR, a University of Oxford spin-out company. He has published over 300 research papers and 10 books and presented the BBC Radio 4 series [History of Delusions](#).

DR MARTIN GALPIN, Supernumerary Fellow in Mathematics for Chemistry, was one of 10 academics recognised with a Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences (MPLS) Teaching Award. The Teaching Awards scheme celebrates success and recognises and rewards excellence in innovative teaching practice. He received two student nominations that were strongly endorsed by the Department of Chemistry. Both students highlighted his ability to engage positively with students, explain difficult concepts, and provide many examples in lectures of how to complete questions.

PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE, Supernumerary Fellow and SCR President, Clore Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. Her research was featured in a variety of media outlets including the FT, *Guardian*, BBC, ITV and *Time* magazine. Professor Harper commented in “Ageing Planet: the new demographic timebomb” (*The Independent*, 22 January), exploring the political and financial challenges of global population ages. She gave various lectures over the year, including presenting her research to the 5th Universia International VCs and Rectors’ Summit Valencia 2023.

PROFESSOR LAURA HERZ, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, contributed to a research article “Chloride-Based Additive Engineering For Efficient and Stable Wide-Bandgap Perovskite Solar Cells” published in *Advanced Materials*, 16 May 2023. Professor Herz was Corresponding Author of “Photovoltaic Performance of FAPbI₃ Perovskite Is Hampered by Intrinsic Quantum Confinement” published in *ACS Energy Letters*, 10 May 2023, “Charge-Carrier Dynamics of Solution-Processed Antimony- and Bismuth-Based Chalcogenide Thin Films” in the same publication, 17 February 2023, and contributed to “Exciton Formation Dynamics and Band-Like Free Charge-Carrier Transport in 2D Metal Halide Perovskite Semiconductors” in *Advanced Functional Materials*, 1 May 2023.

DR INE JACOBS, Supernumerary Fellow in Byzantine Archaeology and Stavros Niarchos Foundation Associate Professor of Byzantine Archaeology and Visual Culture, edited and contributed a chapter “Cyprus between the sixth and eighth centuries” to the book *Cyprus in the Long Late Antiquity: History and Archaeology Between the Sixth and Eighth Centuries* (Oxbow Books, 15 December 2022).

DR EMILY JONES, Supernumerary Fellow in Public Policy, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Global Economic Governance Programme at the Blavatnik School of Government, gave evidence to the Parliament’s Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 10 May 2023. The Committee is conducting an inquiry into how treaties and other international arrangements could be effectively scrutinised in the UK, now that the UK has left the EU. Dr Jones co-edited the Spring 2023 issue of the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, and published [a new paper](#) in the issue on artificial intelligence (AI) and international policy.

PROFESSOR CLARE LEAVER, Supernumerary Fellow in Economics and Public Policy, was recognised at the Teaching Excellence Awards 2021-22, which are presented by the Social Sciences Division. The awards recognise an exceptional contribution to education by colleagues at any career stage.

DR CHRIS MACMINN, Supernumerary Fellow in Engineering Science, published “Dynamics of Compression-Driven Gas-Liquid Displacement in a Capillary Tube”, 13 March 2023 in *APS Physical Review Letters*; “Compression-driven viscous fingering in a radial Hele-Shaw cell”, 28 February



2023; "The dynamics of fluidisation during mud volcano eruptions", EGU General Assembly 2023; "Flow and deformation due to periodic loading in a soft porous material", 23 December 2022 and "Axisymmetric gas-liquid displacement flow under a confined elastic slab", 14 December 2022.

PROFESSOR PETER MAGILL, Supernumerary Fellow in Neurobiology, is leading the Medical Research Council Brain Network Dynamics Unit (MRC BNDU) at Oxford. The MRC BNDU is one of the six divisions in the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences. It is one of the leading international research centres exploring neuronal dynamics in health and disease.

PROFESSOR TAMSIN MATHER, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, was appointed to the Policing Science Council, a publicly appointed, independent expert committee and one of the "Scientific Advisory Councils" of the UK government. Professor Mather was profiled in an [NHK World – Japan "Direct Talk"](#) episode partly filmed in the College. She also contributed an article ("A life volcanic") to the [Johnian Blog](#), as part of St John's College, Cambridge marking the 40th anniversary of the admission of women. Professor Mather was a guest on [The Infinite Monkey Cage](#) BBC Comedy podcast on 1 July with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince and Rachel Parris in an episode titled "Supervolcanoes."

PROFESSOR PETER J MCHUGH, Supernumerary Fellow in Biochemistry, Professor of Molecular Oncology and Deputy Director of Molecular Oncology, MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, published "WRN helicase and mismatch repair complexes independently

and synergistically disrupt cruciform DNA structures" in *The EMBO Journal*, 21 December 2022 and "Targeting DNA repair and the DNA damage response: Beyond the standard PI3 kinase-like kinases" in *Frontiers in Oncology*, September 2022.

PROFESSOR PETER NORREYS, FInstP, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, Dean of Degrees and Professor of Inertial Fusion Science, has been selected to receive the Teller Medal Award for 2023 for his pioneering research in the use of high-intensity lasers for producing unique electron, ion, and x-ray beams for scientific applications in fast ignition fusion, advanced accelerators and probing of plasmas. Recent research articles published by Professor Norreys include: "Hyperspectral compressive wavefront sensing" in *High Power Laser Science and Engineering* (CUP, 21 March 2023) and "Observation of monoenergetic electrons from two-pulse ionization injection in quasilinear laser-wakefields" in the *Physical Review Letters* (American Physical Society, 2023).

PROFESSOR BARRY V L POTTER, FMedSci, Supernumerary Fellow in Pharmacology, was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the British Pharmacological Society, the primary UK learned society concerned with research into drugs and their mechanism of action. He also published collaborative journal papers with groups in China, the USA, Argentina, Germany, UAE, Turkey, Brazil, Singapore, Belgium, Taiwan and the UK; two of these featured novel approaches to drug discovery: one in the high impact *Chemical Science* was accorded "Pick of the Week" and "2023 HOT Article" status, including a cover image designed by the authors and another, also

with cover image, was published in the flagship US journal *Science Signaling* and demonstrated how to manipulate a master human enzyme for potential anti-cancer treatments. Excitingly, with German colleagues, one of his novel drugs also completely prevented experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis in a model of multiple sclerosis.

***PROFESSOR NAJIB RAHMAN**, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, was appointed as the National Institute of Health Research Clinical Research Network Lead for Respiratory Disorders, a national position overseeing respiratory clinical research throughout the UK. Professor Rahman is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at Oxford, Director of the Oxford Respiratory Trials Unit at the Nuffield Department of Medicine, Consultant Respiratory and Pleural Physician at the Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine and Tutor in Clinical Medicine at Univ.

PROFESSOR ROSALIND RICKABY, Professorial Fellow, and Chair and Professor of Geology, was the recipient of the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) 2023 Science Innovation Award. Professor Rickaby gave a talk on "The Eccentricity of Chalk-Making Bugs" on 29 April 2023, as part of the Oxford May Music programme, where "Music, Science and the Arts meet in creative harmony." Her talk explored how microscopic photosynthetic algae in the ocean, coccolithophores, have single-handedly generated the kms of chalk evident at the earth's surface, a key component of the carbon cycle, and conducive to champagne production.

PROFESSOR MAREN SCHENTULEIT, Lady Wallis Budge Fellow and Associate Professor of Egyptology and Coptic Studies, hosted an international workshop in Oxford in September 2023 on "Prophetic-apocalyptic Literature from Late Period Egypt". In February 2023, the exhibition *Tutankhamun: Excavating the Archive*, curated by the Griffith Institute (of which Dr Schentuleit is Director), closed after being seen by 125,000 visitors – making it the second most attended exhibition in the Weston Library after the Tolkien exhibition in 2018.

PROFESSOR NICOLA R SIBSON, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Professor of Imaging Neuroscience, published "Imaging angiogenesis in an intracerebrally induced model of brain macrometastasis using $\alpha\text{v}\beta\text{3}$ -targeted iron oxide microparticles" in *NMR in Biomedicine*, April 2023.

PROFESSOR PETER SIMMONDS, Supernumerary Fellow in Virology and Professor of Virology, work on forensic strain analysis of HIV-1 was featured in the BBC One series [Expert Witness](#) (series 3, episode 1) in August 2023. The laboratory evidence he provided helped convict a man in court for multiple incidents of reckless HIV transmission in the Brighton area. Professor Simmonds received the ISI Highly Cited award for 2022, fifth most cited scientist in Microbiology/Virology in the UK on 21 December 2022 (h index currently 136). He organised and led an international workshop on virus taxonomy at Pembroke College, Oxford in April 2022, and published the definitive consensus statement on the production of a universal virus taxonomy in *PLOS Biology*, February 2023.



DR LAURA STEVENS, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences and Associate Professor of Climate and Earth Surface Processes (ULNTF), published “Tidewater-glacier response to supraglacial lake drainage” in *Nature Communications*, 14 October 2022.

DR NICK TALBOT, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Lecturer in Medicine, contributed to “Altered lung physiology in two cohorts after COVID-19 infection as assessed by computed cardiopulmonography” and “Computed cardiopulmonography and the idealized lung clearance index, iLCI2.5, in early-stage cystic fibrosis”, both published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology*, in November 2022 and July 2023, respectively. Dr Talbot combines his lectureship with a post as a Consultant Respiratory Physician at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

PROFESSOR PEIJUN ZHANG, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, published: “ChAdOx1 COVID vaccines express RBD open prefusion SARS-CoV-2 spikes on the cell surface” in *bioRxiv*, 24 May 2023; “Recent structural advances in bacterial chemotaxis signalling” in *Structural Biology*, Vol. 79, April 2023; “Cryogenic electron ptychographic single particle analysis with wide bandwidth information transfer” in *Nature Communications*, Issue 14, 2023 and “Structure of the Native Chemotaxis Core Signalling Unit from E-gene lysed *E. coli* cells” in *bioRxiv*, 30 January 2023.

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

PROFESSOR GIDEON HENDERSON, Senior Research Fellow in Earth Sciences, continues to work as Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) and Director General for Science and Analysis for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) in the UK Government. He was quoted in a news story on 26 May 2023 about the launch of a £40 million grant programme to help projects around the world put the power of biodiversity at the forefront of the fight against climate change and poverty.

PROFESSOR NGAIRE WOODS CBE, Senior Research Fellow and founding Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government, published a research article, “Multilateralism in the Twenty-First Century” in *Global Perspectives* (UCP, 2023) and a number of articles on the *Project Syndicate* site, including: “What Role for the G20?”, 12 June 2023, “Best Practices for Calamity-Ready Governments” 28 April 2023, “A Memo to the Next World Bank President” 2 March 2023, “The World Needs Many More Public Servants” 23 December 2022 and “In Defence of Non-Alignment” on 25 October 2022. Professor Woods was interviewed for the Bloomberg Daybreak EU Podcast “[Woods: Workers Need Economic Stake](#)” on 24 November 2022.

STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

MX ALEX BENN, (2018, Law), Lecturer in Law, has written a range of pieces about criminal law, protest, anti-monarchism and classism. Mx Benn wrote the article, “Besting Monarchy: the Anti-Classism Argument”, for [The Political Quarterly](#). Elsewhere, they considered the Attorney General’s reference in the case of the “Colston four” for *The Criminal Law Review* and *The Journal of Criminal Law*. Mx Benn contributed to the UK Constitutional Law Association on the topic of anti-monarchy protest at the coronation. They also wrote about a parliamentary petition to legislate to ban classism for *The Independent*. Their portrait was included in Oliver Frank Chanarin’s solo project, *A Perfect Sentence*, featured in [The Guardian](#) and [i-D](#).

DR TESS JOHNSON, Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, published an article “Considering the Collective in Ethical Decision-Making Concerning Non-Medical Uses of Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 18 January 2023 and “Justifying the More Restrictive Alternative: Ethical Justifications for One Health AMR Policies Rely on Empirical Evidence” in *Public Health Ethics*, 7 November 2022. Dr Johnson is a GLIDE postdoctoral researcher in the ethics of pandemic preparedness, surveillance and response, based at the Ethox Centre, in the Nuffield Department of Public Health.

DR NIKOLAOS I KANELLAKIS, Lecturer in Medicine, continued his translational research on pleural disease, the main aim of which is to elucidate and understand mechanisms of pathogenesis. For this, he closely collaborates with Univ Fellows Professor Tao Dong and Professor Najib Rahman. Nikolaos was awarded

a Cancer Research UK Development Fund to investigate the immunosuppressive effect of pleural fluid in cancer. Dr Kanelakis passed the accreditation and became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Nikolaos has also been racing with Oxford University Athletics Club for another year representing the University and continued to support University College Boat Club as Treasurer.

DR FRANZ LANG, Stipendiary Lecturer in Physics, published “Ultrasound Velocity Measurements in Pseudo-Brookite-Type Magnet A Ti₂O₅ (A = Fe, Co)”, May 2023: “Magnetostriction-driven muon localisation in an antiferromagnetic oxide”, May 2023; “Beyond single tetrahedron physics of the breathing pyrochlore compound Ba₃Yb₂Zn₅O₁₁”, April 2023; “Studying spin diffusion and quantum entanglement with LF-μSR”, March 2023; “Identifying muon sites “by eye” in KPF 6 and KBF 4”, March 2023 and “Muon spin rotation study of the layered oxyselenide Sr₂CoO₂Ag₂Se₂” in December 2022.

DR PATRICK QUINTON-BROWN'S, Senior College Lecturer and Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, book project, *Intervention before Interventionism: Contestation and Decolonization in Global Order*, is currently under contract with Oxford University Press.

MX MORI REITHMAYR, Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, presented “Birmingham’s queer afterwaves: The birth of gay electoral power in San Francisco” at the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) 2023 Winter Symposium held at the Rothermere American Institute, Oxford on 24 February 2023.



DR LAURA VARNAM, Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature, published a selection of poems and a creative-critical article in the journal *postmedieval* ("Poems for the Women of *Beowulf*: A 'Contemporary Medieval' Project"). She gave a performance of poems from her *Beowulf* project at the Gender and Medieval Studies Conference at Birkbeck. She was invited to be part of the Old English Pedagogy and Play workshop at the University of Birmingham, working on resources for teaching Old English language. She gave a lecture on dragons in *Beowulf*, Tolkien, and modern feminist fantasy in the English Faculty and a talk on creativity and academic research with Dr Jane Griffiths.

EMERITUS FELLOWS

DR DAVID BELL, Emeritus Fellow, published a collection of short stories titled *The Woodpecker*. Dr Bell celebrated his 90th birthday in 2023.

MR ALEXANDER MURRAY, Emeritus Fellow, contributed a chapter to a volume edited by Professor Hannah Skoda (of St John's College), called *Crime and Deviance in the Middle Ages* (Art Humanities Press, Leeds, 2023).

PROFESSOR ROBIN NICHOLAS, Emeritus Fellow, published "Understanding the Degradation of Methylendiammonium and Its Role in Phase-Stabilizing Formamidinium Lead Triiodide" in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 28 April 2023 and "Improving performance of fully scalable, flexible transparent conductive films made from carbon nanotubes and ethylene-vinyl acetate" in *Energy Reports*, November 2022.

***PROFESSOR NICHOLAS RAWLINS**, Emeritus Fellow and Master of Morningside College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and actress and author Lalla Ward, hosted a discussion with esteemed evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins on 7 March 2023. The conversation is available to watch on [YouTube](#).

PROFESSOR MARK SMITH, Emeritus Fellow, is to lead an exploration of ancient Egypt for Cambridge alumni beginning with the pyramids at Giza, the Step Pyramid at Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum in October 2023. Professor Smith was a keynote speaker at "From the Mersey to the Nile: Studying the Rosetta Stone in Liverpool" at the Victoria Gallery & Museum in Liverpool on 19 November 2022.

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

DR ALEXANDRA HENDRY, Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism, published an article, "Towards a dimensional model of risk and protective factors influencing children's early cognitive, social and emotional development during the COVID-19 pandemic" in *Infancy* journal, Vol. 28, Issue 1, January/February 2023 (first published 4 August 2022).

DR ALEXANDRE JOHNSTON, Junior Research Fellow in Classics, organised the conference *The Gods in Literature: Myth, Theology, and Belief in Ancient Near Eastern and Greek Poetry* at the Martin School, 21 and 22 June 2023. The conference was sponsored by the Leverhulme Trust, the Faculty of Classics at the University of Oxford, and University College, Oxford. Dr Johnston's talk at the conference was titled

"Divine Wisdom and Poetry in Early Greece and the Ancient Near East."

DR DANIEL LUBAN, Junior Research Fellow in Politics, published an article, "The Belligerent: Angelo Codevilla and the ideological origins of the New Right" in *The Baffler*, no. 65, October 2022.

Fire Island by **DR JACK PARLETT**, Stevenson Junior Research Fellow in English, was named an Editor's Pick by *The New York Times* and one of the Best Books of 2022 by *The New Yorker*, BBC Culture and *The Advocate*. Dr Parlett also published *The Poetics of Cruising: Queer Visual Culture from Whitman to Grindr* (University of Minnesota Press, 2022), exploring the poetics and politics of cruising at the intersections of gender, race and class. He appeared at the Oxford, Glasgow and Dublin Literature Festivals, was interviewed on US host Andy Cohen's radio show, and contributed to several podcasts, including Book Dreams (Literary Hub) with Gianfranco Lentini.

DR LEA REES, Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology, hosted a workshop focusing on the intentional and systematic deconstruction of monuments in antiquity together with Kyra Gospodar in February 2023, at the Dahlem Humanities Center at the Freie Universität Berlin. She also presented her research on the Ancient Egyptian site of Dahshur at two conferences in Cairo, and in the Edinburgh Archaeology Seminar Series.

HONORARY FELLOWS

THE RT HON. THE LORD BUTLER OF BROCKWELL KG GCB CVO, (1957, Classics), Honorary Fellow and former Master of Univ, attended the Coronation of King Charles III. Lord Butler facilitated the Univ virtual book club on 21 September 2022, which featured a discussion of *Mont Blanc: The Life of the Chalet des Anglais* by Dr Stephen Golding, Emeritus Fellow and Chair of The Chalet Trust.

PROFESSOR JOHN FINNIS AC (1962, Law), Honorary and Emeritus Fellow, was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours for services to legal scholarship.

SANDY NAIRNE CBE (1971, History), Honorary Fellow, published *Titan of the Thames*, the first biography of Lord Desborough, a towering figure of early 20th-century public life.

PROFESSOR SIR SIMON WESSELY, FMedSci, (1977, Medicine), Honorary Fellow, published a number of articles in 2022 and 2023 on research into the mental health and wellbeing of UK healthcare staff, ex-service personnel, police officers and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the effects of sleep disturbance on those admitted to hospital with COVID-19, in medical journals such as *The Lancet Psychiatry*, *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, the *Journal of Military, Veteran and Family Health*, the *Journal of Mental Health* and the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

NON-STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

DR MICHAËL ABECASSIS, Non-Stipendiary Lecturer in French, published *The Art of Directing: A Concise Dictionary of France's Film Directors* (Peter Lang, 2023). Dr Abecassis also arranged the visit to the University of one of France's biggest stars, Patrick Bruel, singer-songwriter, actor and professional poker player and also the French singer-songwriter and composer, Gaëtan Roussel, for Cinéma and French Culture in Oxford, which Dr Abecassis created in 2006 for the promotion of Francophone culture in the UK.

DR DAVID DEARLOVE, Senior College Lecturer in Biochemistry, published "Breathlessness in a virtual world: An experimental paradigm testing how discrepancy between VR visual gradients and pedal resistance during stationary cycling affects breathlessness perception" in *PLoS ONE*, April 2023.

DR ROB HALLIFAX, Junior College Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine, published "Aspirating Pneumothorax – Clearing the Air or Muddying the Water?" in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, April 2023 (with Professor Najib Rahman, et al.).

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

DR MAXIMILIAN KIENER, Research Associate in PPE and Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in Philosophy, published *Voluntary Consent: Theory and Practice* (Routledge, 2023). He is currently writing a book titled, *Answering Others. Moral Responsibility and Artificial Intelligence*, which is under contract with Hart. Dr Kiener organised a workshop for the

Faculty of Philosophy on "The Ethics of Persuasive Technologies" on 23 May. The workshop focused on the ethics of interaction with digital technologies, and in particular on the use of so-called persuasive technologies, which include recommender systems, bottom-less news feeds, and micro-targeted advertising. Dr Kiener recently took up a position as Junior Professor of Philosophy at TU Hamburg.

DR YIYANG (BRUCE), LI, Research Associate in Chemistry, published "Molecular Layer-by-layer Re-stacking of MoS₂-In₂Se₃ by Electrostatic means: Assembly of a New Layered Photocatalyst" in *Materials Chemistry Frontiers*, January 2023.

DR CAROLINE POTTER, Research Associate in PPE and Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, published "Understanding and improving older people's well-being through social prescribing involving the cultural sector: Interviews from a realist evaluation" in the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 1 February 2023.

DR SAMUEL RECHT, Research Associate in Psychology, published "Metacognition tracks sensitivity following involuntary shifts of visual attention" in the *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 16 November 2022 and "Confidence at the limits of human nested cognition" in *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, 15 October 2022.

DR YANAN ZHANG, Research Associate in Medical Sciences and Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, published "Non-Kin Carers: An Emerging Force in Contemporary Care Systems" in *Population Ageing*, 15 June 2023.

CENTENARY VISITING PROFESSOR IN PPE

PROFESSOR MATHIAS THOENIG, the inaugural Centenary Visiting Professor in PPE at Oxford, published "Ethnic Conflict and the Informational Dividend of Democracy" in the

Journal of the European Economic Association, March 2023; "The Refugee's Dilemma: Evidence from Jewish Migration out of Nazi Germany" in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2023) and "Reconciliation Narratives: The Birth of a Nation after the US Civil War" in the *American Economic Review* (2023).

LEAVING FELLOWS AND STAFF

DR STEVE COLLINS

Weir Fellow and Praelector in Engineering Science, 1998–2022

Steve Collins studied for a bachelor's degree in theoretical physics from the University of York, which he received in 1982. He then continued his studies in theoretical physics at the University of Warwick, from where he received a PhD in 1986. Following an intervening period spent working as a government research scientist for the Defence Research Agency in Malvern, he joined Univ as a Fellow in Engineering Science in 1998. His research focused on the development of wide-dynamic-range complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) cameras, and more latterly on improving the performance of receiver systems for visible light communication. For this, he worked on the development of single photon avalanche detectors, able to detect the arrival of individual photons arriving within a short time interval.



Engineering Science had been a two-Fellow subject at Univ for many years before Steve's arrival, with John Allen and David Dew-Hughes in post together over a long period. When Steve arrived he inherited the vacant Weir Fellowship previously held by John Allen (who had retired in 1996), and between 1996 and 1998 he shared tutorial duties in Engineering Science with David Dew-Hughes. When David retired in 1998 Steve became the sole (and senior) Fellow in Engineering Science. But by 2004 Univ once again had two Fellows in Engineering Science when Tom Povey was appointed. Steve has served in various capacities for the College, including as Dean (October 2018–February 2022) and as Fellow Computing Officer (2007–2011). He also served as a Junior Proctor for the University between 2004 and 2005. We wish him well in retirement.

PROFESSOR PETER JEZZARD

Vice-Master

ACADEMIC RESULTS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

OTHER LEAVING FELLOWS AND STAFF INCLUDE:

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

DR ALEXANDRA HENDRY, Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism, has been awarded an NIHR and Castang Foundation Advanced Fellowship to continue her research at the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford.

DR DANIEL LUBAN, Junior Research Fellow in Politics, Political Theory and International Relations, took up the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science at Columbia University, USA in July 2023.

DR JACK PARLETT, Stevenson Junior Research Fellow in English, left Univ in October. He is currently working as lead producer for the literary events organisation 5x15 and writing his next book, on the subject of flamboyance.

STAFF

PHIL BURNETT, Assistant Librarian, left Univ in September 2022 to pursue a postdoctoral research in Musicology at the University of York.

ELEANOR CHAMINGS-MANLEY, Admissions and Access Manager and former Schools Liaison and Access Officer, left Univ in May 2023 to take up a senior position as Head of Access and Admissions Support at Lady Margaret Hall.

AGNIESZKA DEPUTOWSKA, HR Coordinator, left Univ in December to take up a supervisor role at Kellogg College, after nine years at Univ.

ANGELA GARDINER, Treasury Assistant, left Univ in February after 23 years at the College.

NATALIE MATHIAS, Regular Giving Manager, left in April 2023 to take up the post of Development Manager, Legacies and Individual Giving at the Royal College of Music.

CAMERON OTT, Undergraduate Studies Officer, left Univ in August 2023 to take up the post of Academic Administrator at The Queen's College, Oxford.

AIMEE RHEAD, Student Disability and Welfare Advisor, left Univ in September 2023 to take up the post of Student Support Officer at Keble College.

We thank them all for their wonderful contribution to College life and wish them the very best in their future ventures.

Please note that students who have opted to keep their results private are not listed below.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

As a consequence of widely reported industrial action, the publication of some public examination results was delayed this year. This applies to both the Final Honour School and the First Public Examination. All graduating students will have received a final qualification by the end of the calendar year. Students in lower years who are still awaiting the publication of an exam result have been put in standing to progress to the next stage of their studies according to an agreed process. Outstanding Scholarships, Exhibitions and prizes will be awarded and reported at the earliest opportunity. It is recognised that the industrial action was a cause of stress to some students, and they have been supported appropriately by the College.

POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

The following members of the College were awarded a DPhil during the last academic year for the following theses:

Bahaa Attaallah
Information gathering and motivated decision making in health and disease

Diana Avadanii
The role of grain boundaries in plastic deformation

Matthew Bailey
Computational Models of Assembly, Structure and Damage to Collagen IV Networks

Jamie Bamber
Fundamental physics with black holes and scalar fields

Nicolas Boule
Data-driven discovery of Green's functions

Karima Chiuri
Screening and the association between cervical cancer and known reproductive and hormonal factors

Ellen Cliff
Mechanisms Driving Glacial Deep Ocean Deoxygenation

Mark Czeller
Non-People in the People's Republic: "Landlords" and "Rich Peasants" under Maoist State Socialism

Stefan Dascalu
Avian influenza H9N2-specific changes in the adaptive immune receptor repertoire of Gallus gallus domesticus following vaccination and infectious challenge

Elisabeth Duijnsteer
Investigating and Improving the Optoelectronic Properties of Perovskite Single Crystals

Fenella Gross
The role of LARP1 in communication between ovarian tumours and their immune microenvironment

Tin Hang Hung
Ecological genomics and adaptation of rosewoods Dalbergia cochinchinensis and D. oliveri for conservation and restoration

Brittany Jacobs
Organoid Models to Characterise Colonic Stem Cell Plasticity

Hannes Jöbstl
Trials and Penal Sanctions by Non-State Armed Groups

Chun-Ting Lau
Multi-scale modelling of diffusion magnetic resonance imaging in heterogeneous media

Ian Letter Restuccia
The effect of domain geometry and long-range dispersal on the motion of hybrid zones

Gemma Lligadas Gonzalez
Inter-judicial Coordination, Global De-fragmentation and Global Constitutionalism; Courts as International Political Actors and their impact on Human and Fundamental Rights

Gloria Ma
Social Sharing of Emotions and Bivalent Emotions

Gabrielle Matthews
"She took armes her selfe": Violence, Propaganda, and Social Criticism in The Life of Long Meg of Westminster

Yuxin Mi
Plasma proteomic landscape and patient stratification in response to severe infection

Annika Möslin
Engineering Optoelectronics and Smart Sensors Leveraging Metal-Organic Framework Materials

Peter O'Loughlin
Cognitive Foreclosure

Tales Padilha
Essays in Financial Econometrics

Catherine Phipps
Sex, Race and Power: Colonial and Interracial Sexuality in the French Empire in Morocco, 1912-1956

Caitlin Salvino
The Notwithstanding Clause in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: A New Interpretive Approach

Edward Sanders
Learning Alternative RNA Splicing with Applications to Mutagenesis

Helen Saville
Mathematical Modelling of Platelet Production

Ryan Schenck
Using somatic evolution to unravel cell fate dynamics to gain tissue level insights

Paola Solimena
Theories of Mind in International Relations: Why Individuals' Inferences about States' Motives Vary

Bernd Sturdza
Carbon Nanotube Thin Film Electrodes and Optical Spectroscopy of Graphene Nanoribbons and FAPbI₃ Single Crystals

Wendy Tsai
Active Tectonics and Palaeoseismicity of the Northern Tien Shan and Dzhungaria

Wei Xiong Wen
Single cell analysis of alternative splicing in normal and malignant stem/progenitor cells

Thom Wetzer
Prudential Implications of Intrafirm Structure: The Segmentation of Global Systemically Important Banks

Zixi Yin
Host immunity against acute viral respiratory infection: investigation of IFITM3 and discovery of SARS-CoV-2-specific T cell responses

The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the Summer of 2023:

Bachelor of Civil Law

Matthew Freeman
Amy Hemsworth
Xander Jackman
Valerie Kwok

Master of Philosophy (Economics)

Carlos Gonzalez Perez

Master of Philosophy (International Relations)

Daniel Tate

Master of Philosophy (Slavonic Studies)

Paula Domingo Pasarin

Master of Science in Law and Finance

Lachlan McIntyre

Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History

Matt Hudson
Amber Zijlma

Master of Studies in History (Modern British History 1850-present)

Patrick Clarke

Master of Studies in Philosophy (Slavonic Studies)



Ada Wordsworth

The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the Summer of 2022:

Master of Public Policy

Nay Min
Mona Murad
Jamal Seidu

Master of Science (Neuroscience I+3)

Blake Russell

UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND OTHER AWARDS

The Editor lists here all prizes awarded by the University, the College, or other sources which had been reported to her when the *Record* went to press. Any further prizes awarded this year will be reported in next year's issue. Please note that students who have opted to keep their awards private are not listed below.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES

**Burdett-Coutts Prize 2023
(Earth Sciences)**

Olivia Atkins

**Part I Paper IV Top Mark Prize
(Biochemistry)**

Hana Bernhardova

Shimadzu Prize in Practical Chemistry

Naomi Costello

**The John Thresher Prize for an
MPhys Project in Particle and Nuclear
Physics**

Nina Dimova

**The Head of Department's Prize
for Presentation in the Physics
Department Speaking Competition**

Molly Hammond

**Commendation for Practical Work
(Physics)**

Jia Sen Law

**Turbutt Prize in Practical Organic
Chemistry 2021/22**

Suzanne Lim

Shimadzu Prize in Practical Chemistry

Suzanne Lim

**Brewer-Loughman Scholarship 2023
(Earth Sciences)**

Adam Lindholm

Metrohm Prize 2023 (Earth Sciences)

Rebecca Pinnock

Craven Prize 2023 (Classics)

Rachel Rees

**Part II Third Ranked Candidate in the
Year (Biochemistry)**

Isla Sandeman

**A Physics Prize for Prelims Practical
Work**

Matthew Simpson

**Congratulatory First in Final Honours
School of Experimental Psychology**

Naomi Tromans

**Part II Third Highest Mark in Project
(Biochemistry)**

Haowei Wang

**Part IB Gibbs Trust Prize, for
Performance in Organic Chemistry**

Gabriella White

**The Department of Computer Science
Prize for best Computer Science
project in Mathematics and Computer
Science 2023 Part C**

Jingjie Yang

**A Physics Prize for Prelims Practical
Work**

Ethan Zhou

COLLEGE PRIZES 2022

Allen Exhibition

Awarded to a student who has contributed much to college life

Jessica Kaye

Alan Urbach Prize

Awarded for the highest mark in the Jurisprudence paper in Final Honours Schools

Aleksandra Ruzikowska

Plumptre Minor Exhibition

Awarded for academic work, conduct and contribution to college life

Ben Solomons

Plumptre Major Exhibition

Awarded for academic work, conduct and contribution to college life

Rebecca Tanner

Kramer Prize

Awarded to a commoner in good academic standing who has made a major contribution to college life

Sam Williamson



COLLEGE PRIZES 2023

Cridland Prize

Awarded to the best all round medical student based on First Bachelor of Medicine Parts I and II

Jamie Adams

Cunningham Prize

Awarded for the best performance in First Bachelor of Medicine Part II

Jamie Adams

Helen and Peter Dean Prize (Modern Languages Single Honours)

Awarded for outstanding performance in public examinations

Gabriel Barnes

Frederick H Bradley Prize (Thesis)

Awarded for the best thesis in History Finals

Jane Barraclough

Stephen Boyd Memorial

Awarded to the best finalist undergraduate in English

Hari Bravery

Peter Rowley Prize

Awarded for the best performance in the Land Law paper in the Final Honours School Jurisprudence

Elena Caioni

Nathan Prize (Maths)

Awarded for outstanding performance in public examinations

Pedro de Oliveira Lengruher Lack

Gerald Meier Prize

Awarded to the best finalist undergraduate in Economics

Gariyasi Garg

Alan Urbach Memorial Prize

Awarded for the highest mark in the Jurisprudence paper in the Final Honours School

Rory Gaskin

John and Ruth Deech Law Prize

Awarded for the best paper in Property Law in the Final Honours School of Jurisprudence

Rory Gaskin

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part A)

Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Part A, subject to achieving a First

Molly Hammond

Cawkwell Prize

Awarded to the Classicist who makes the fullest contribution to the common life of the College

Rhianna Harding

Frederick H Bradley Prize (Thesis)

Awarded for the best thesis in History Finals

Georgina Morley

Wallis Budge Prize

Awarded for outstanding performance in collections for Egyptian language

Baris Ozdemir

Oxford Open Learning Prize

Awarded to the most improved second year undergraduate in English

Sahar Rajabali

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part B)

Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Part B, subject to achieving a First

Lorenzo Tranchedone

Nathan Prize (Maths)

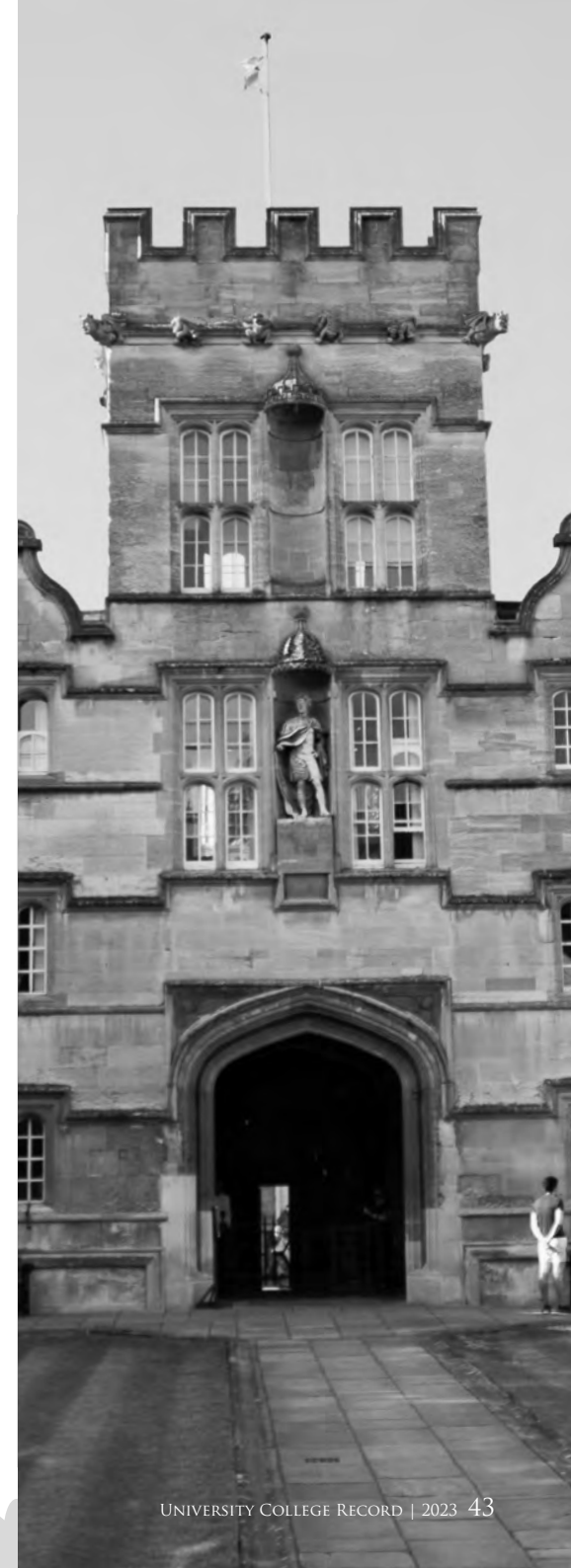
Awarded for outstanding performance in public examinations

Alexa Tudose

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part C)

Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Part C, subject to achieving a First

Jesse Wang



SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

The following undergraduates were elected Scholars and Exhibitioners for the academic year 2022-23, based on their academic performance during the 2021-22 academic year:

CHEMISTRY (MChem)

Scholars

Daniel Alimadadian
Jasper Butcher
David Conneely
Naomi Costello
Hugo Fung
James Merrick
Gabriella White

Exhibitioners

Ayala Bernstein
Cameron Brown
Andrew Christian
Paolo Cicuta
Suzanne Lim
Ed Neville
Samuel Power
Amy Stonehouse
Alex Wallop
Tom Ward

CLASSICS AND ENGLISH

Scholars

Rachel Rees

CLASSICS WITH ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Scholars

Peter Tully

COMPUTER SCIENCE (MCompSci)

Scholars

Laura Georgescu
Ivo Karagoyozov
Alexa Tudose

Exhibitioners

Oscar Lok Tim Mui

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY (MCompSciPhil)

Scholars

Chuanqi Wang

EARTH SCIENCES (MEarthSci)

Scholars

Olivia Atkins
Jack Ditchfield-Ogle
Adam Lindholm
Becky Pinnock
Rebecca Tanner

Exhibitioners

Lucy Jackson
Julia Johnson
Mengze Li

ENGINEERING SCIENCE (MEng)

Scholars

Owen Douglas
Natalie Tsang
Omar Valeinis
Jiahao Wang (Swire Scholarship)

Exhibitioners

Dan Cotton
Rachel Diggin
Panu Hietanen
Will Hough
Joshua Pearson
Sam Williamson

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – COURSE I

Scholars

Isabel Fincham

Exhibitioners

Hari Bravery

EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Scholars

Naomi Tromans

Exhibitioners

Mabel Rice
Ella Sparks

HISTORY

Exhibitioners

Jane Barraclough
Eloise Cooke
Enzo Cunanan
Aaron Griggs

HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES (Czech)

Exhibitioners

Alexander Chan

HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES (German)

Scholars

Alex Beard (Burns Scholarship)

HISTORY AND POLITICS

Exhibitioners

Kerry Stapleton
(Stiebel Exhibition)

LAW (Jurisprudence)

Exhibitioners

Wan Binti Wan
- Zainuddin
Kylie Chong
Justin Yuen

LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE I

Scholars

Ishy Levy
Bill Sutton-Mattocks

Exhibitioners

Saul Agar Ward
Maeve Dever
Raoul Lee
Isabella Penna
Anneka Pink

LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE 2

Scholars

Tilly Binucci
Amy Lee

MATHEMATICS (MMath)

Scholars

Yuhong Chen
Jincheng Luo
Rupert McKay
Carl Westerlund
Thomas Wu

Exhibitioners

Ahmed Ali
Elijah Chew
Oran Gartland
Tavish Gera
Joshua Lau
Paolo Sait
Jason Zhong

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (MMathCompSci)

Scholars

Stefan Enescu
Yusi Niu
Jingjie Yang

Exhibitioners

Aidan Healy
Godwyn Lai
Aric Smith
Ben Solomons
Danny Wheeler

MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY (MMathPhil)

Exhibitioners

Martha Storey

MEDICINE – PRECLINICAL (3 YEAR)

Scholars

Holly McGee

Exhibitioners

Jamie Adams
Laurenz Lehmann

MODERN LANGUAGES (French and Russian)

Scholars

Gabe Barnes
Anastasia Cooke

Exhibitioners

James McRoberts

MODERN LANGUAGES (German and Russian)

Exhibitioners

Iris Bertrand

MODERN LANGUAGES (Russian)

Exhibitioners

Hope Nicholson

MODERN LANGUAGES (Russian with Polish)

Exhibitioners

Joseph Rooney

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY (MBiochem)

Scholars

Harriet Atherton
Hana Bernhardova
Isla Sandeman
Harrison Wang

Exhibitioners

Susanna Alsop
Manraj Bura
Emily Davis
Maciej Maciuszek
Anna Price

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES (Chinese)

Exhibitioners

Thomas Bowring
Liberty Osborne
Nishta Vaishampayan

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

Scholars

Henry Kwok
Mackenzie Tan
- Phei Huey
(Gladstone
Scholarship)

Exhibitioners

Molly Bartlett
(Gladstone Exhibition)
Jennie Christenfeld
Gregory Cuff
Gariyasi Garg
Liam Paton

PHYSICS (MPhys)

Scholars

Chun Wang Chau
Nina Dimova
Konstantin Dukats

Ryan Elliot
Grzegorz Komorowski
Tarun Koteeswaran
Sing Lau
Tat Sang Li
Ruize Ma
Oliver Poole
Lorenzo Tranchedone
Jesse Wang
Oscar Zhou

Exhibitioners

Molly Hammond
Tyler Phillips
Bradley Westwood

PSYCHOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY AND LINGUISTICS

Exhibitioners

Przemyslaw Kubiak

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were awarded a
Scholarship in 2022 for travel in the Summer
vacation 2023.

ROGER SHORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL TO TURKEY

Lachlan McIntyre
Amy Paterson
Joshua Pearson
Olivia Strachan



2022-2023 IN REVIEW FROM THE FINANCE BURSAR

THE COLLEGE FINANCIALS, 2022-23

It is a welcome process to reflect on a year in College and to take stock of the Finance and Estates Bursary's activities in the context of the College financials. I note immediately a couple of matters: firstly, for example, that I delayed penning this contribution to the *Record* for as long as possible simply because our external environment remained in such a state of flux, and secondly, that timing of the publication precludes discussion of the final numbers as the accounts for 2022/23 will not be published until December. Nevertheless, there is much to discuss.

As a nation, we had anticipated our emergence from the pandemic for so long that it has been a shock to realise that the hangover of uncertainty will continue deeper into the decade; there will be no easy reversion to how it was in 2019. The trifecta of the pandemic, our distancing from Europe, and the war in Ukraine have caused torment to us all as we tried to analyse which was most impactful on our lives, operations, and costs. The demand that built up in 2021 has been released onto an unready market and continues to stress a disrupted supply chain. The inevitable consequence has been higher prices.

We note that UK inflation appears, at last, to have peaked from a tolerably well-suppressed position before the pandemic to a character that suggests it may be a stubborn feature of the College's costs of operations for several years to come.

For example, the College's costs of operations include those for a material



hospitality provision in the form of accommodation and meals for our members. Regrettably, the ravages of energy cost inflation, followed by food inflation, have had to be recognised in our student charges. The decision to apply high single-figure annual increases for two years running for student rents was a difficult but necessary decision for the Fellowship.

The implementation of the rent increase for the following Michaelmas was made with considerable reluctance and only after much consideration. Importantly, these significant increases were made following multiple cycles of open consultation with the junior members. The Fellowship was pleased to acknowledge the maturity and intelligence with which the JCR and WCR engaged with the College on these difficult matters.

In light of this, Old Members will be relieved to hear that we have repeatedly signalled the availability of considerable provisions for those who need assistance. And, unsurprisingly, distributions from support funds to our students have increased significantly over the past couple of years. The whole College remains deeply grateful for the generosity of our Old Members who have made such support possible.

Given that College operating income is not matching the inflated costs, notwithstanding the increase in rents, for example, we are pursuing the cost-saving initiatives identified by a team of Fellows who constituted the Financial Sustainability Working Group. This work has helped guide the College to take the steps to financial sustainability, i.e., to bring expenditure

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back in line with our operating income. It is pleasing to note that all parts of the College have risen to the challenge and progress is being made against the Fellowship's approved actions.

On Univ North, it is fabulous to report the strong progress in the on-site build as we expand the Staverton Road Annexe with a development comprising five new buildings and two material renovations in Phase 1. The project is unquestionably complex with each of the seven buildings different to varying degrees. North Oxford is profoundly residential, as well as a conservation area, which makes the environment for this construction and change additionally challenging.

The College issued its formal Notice of Commencement to Oxford City Council in February and then signed the main construction contract in early October 2023. The works have proceeded well under a pre-construction contract services agreement while the construction contract was being negotiated.

It was a delight to welcome representatives from all the stakeholder groups including OM donors, Fellows, staff, junior members, consultants and our neighbours to the Groundbreaking Ceremony in May. The photographs from the day, and the weekly progress reports from our building contractor SDC, bear witness to the progress being made. The groundworks comprising foundations, underground ducting and drains are complete at the time of writing.

In parallel with the excellent progress on the site, the design and commercial teams have progressed the complex task of completing fully coordinated detailed designs for all seven buildings, including, the hard and soft landscaping, and fit-out. This has enabled the College to

execute the contract with a high degree of confidence. The contract will govern the build through to practical completion and occupation. Despite the inflationary environment, an acceptable contract has been crafted with exceptional cost fixity and appropriate risk-sharing. The programme of finalising the many hundreds of detailed documents, drawings and plans that define our employer's requirements has placed significant, extraordinary demands on all and the College is grateful to all our advisers.

In closing, it is a pleasure and a privilege to record the College's deep gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of its Old Members and supporters. This support, whether in cash or kind, underpins all of the extraordinary things that the College is able to do. Thank you.

DR ANDREW GRANT (1977)

Finally, we have seen the back of lockdowns and, while successfully navigating the pandemic had its interesting moments, we are very glad to see it and everything associated with it, finally go. Back to another busy, but infinitely more normal year. We are still experiencing our fair share of churn; the employment market is volatile and it is a job seeker's market. Keeping a rein on wage inflation is hard when we are competing in the same small pool of talent with others who either can or simply wish to dig deeper into the coffers. I am rightly proud of the tenacity and loyalty that very many of our staff show to us; we must continue to be worthy of them. I am heartened that money really isn't everything; my staff know that they would be hard pressed to find an employer who thought longer and harder about their wellbeing, their development and their future than we do.

Those same qualities we depended on in Covid in the staff and fellows are what will keep us whole in many other ways. If you could, for example, choose when to build out a new site, it probably wouldn't be now. However, we are "in it" and making the most sensible and practical choices we can, ensuring that where we have to save costs, it is in places and in ways which make sense now and will continue to in the future. We are determined that, whatever is thrown at us, we will build for a warm, happy, thriving community at Univ North which sustains us in all the ways we first intended: in the academic journey of our students and academic staff, in their sense of place and belonging and in building lifelong ties with each other.



However, community must be wider than that to be sustainable; it is wider and deeper and more embracing of everyone who touches it and who exists within it, and that is what we strive for, for our College. Some years ago, I asked Sir Ivor how he might describe Univ; he replied that it was a college for everyone, a view to which I have subscribed ever since. The purpose of education is to change life chances at all levels and for all people, regardless of where they start in life or where they are on their pathway.



With current students at Univ's International "At Home" Day

Notwithstanding all of the things we do for our students, Univ is helping grow opportunities for everyone, through its inclusive recruitment policies, which has seen us strengthening our links with rough sleeping and homelessness charities and building closer ties with HMP Bullingdon and Springhill, hosting the 2023 CEO Sleepout at our sportsground to raise awareness and much needed funding for the Oxfordshire Homeless Movement, through building a Leadership Academy across Oxford colleges for operational staff, by forging strong ties with

local social enterprise and thinking hard about the future health and wellbeing of our whole, extended community. We are working with the University on interventions in food procurement which will generate health benefits, reduce our carbon footprint and lessen our biodiversity impacts. We are open and collaborative, seeking ways in which we can multiply our efforts by bringing others into our initiatives, such as the Cargo Bike "Final Mile Delivery" network and by influencing the University to think more broadly about the power of people in sustainability. We are deeply thoughtful about how we contribute to our wider society, a global society that we send our students into every year to make a positive mark, to make a difference. At a local level we do the same with our staff, to improve the odds of them making a really positive contribution to the College, to the University and to their town; and, at the same time, build their own future within our community.

All of this is, of course, hard work and there is a lot of it, but however we describe building our community at the moment, with bricks and mortar or with hearts and minds, this year has been fun, and I have high hopes of the next.

ANGELA UNSWORTH MBE



FROM THE CHAPLAIN



It was not until March this year that we were able to welcome back to Univ students who finished their degrees in summer 2020, many having left their college accommodation in haste in March 2020, shortly before the first UK national lockdown. Three months later, in June this year, we said goodbye to many others who joined us in October 2020, a month ahead of the second lockdown. Like the 2020 leavers before them, they too had an experience of college life that was profoundly affected by the pandemic and by measures taken to try to reduce the spread of infection before a vaccine was available.

Reflecting on this experience, I realise that those who left us this year have had an experience of College quite unlike that of other years, as I noted in our Leavers' Evensong in Chapel, the final sung service of the academic year. I reproduce in what follows a lightly edited version of my sermon at that service, on 11 June 2023:

The end of every academic year is both similar and yet unique. Broadly similar if we look at all the things that leavers might experience or do for the last time while each is still a student. Yet different and unique, because the circumstances of cohorts and individuals vary from year to year – and especially now, after three or four years very different from any others that I remember.

Anyone who leaves College in 2023 after four years or more will have been a student at Univ throughout a period of enormous upheaval and loss, beginning in March 2020. Those who leave after three years will have experienced some of that upheaval elsewhere,

before arriving here at a time of great uncertainty, for a Welcome Week quite unlike any other. Those who leave after one year or two may be aware in different ways of the ongoing consequences of the pandemic, both in College and elsewhere.

Like many people around the world, many of us have experienced losses of different kinds, and some of what we have lost can never be restored or undone. Yet many of us have experienced good times too. Many who leave us this year will leave with friendships and relationships that have sustained them through difficult times. Friendships and relationships that might not exist in the same way, or in the same depth, were it not for the difficult circumstances in which they were formed.

Both our readings tonight (Exodus 19.1-8a and Matthew 9.35-10.15) speak of new beginnings. Of thresholds which mark the transition from one stage in peoples' lives to another. New beginnings and new challenges or opportunities which become possible only because an earlier stage of life or activity is ending and is making way for something new. But neither reading is sentimental, and each acknowledges the cost and the stress that new beginnings can bring. The exhaustion that we can feel at the end of a journey, even if it has brought us to a place where we want to be. The fears and insecurities that can emerge when the comfort and security of what we know is left behind.

For the people of Israel, a difficult three-month journey has brought them to Mount Sinai. No longer slaves, but not yet a nation, the

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Israelites hear Moses remind them of how God had brought them to this place. How the God who has sustained them to this point now offers them a new role as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. They receive and accept an invitation to become a people through whom God will bring blessing to all the world, and will make known his presence to all people. An invitation to a people whom God invites to reflect on what he has done for them already. A people whom God invites to enter into a new relationship, a new covenant, with him.

Similarly, in Matthew, Jesus invites his disciples to come to a new stage, a new beginning, in their relationship to him. Having first shown God's love for people in need, Jesus now invites his disciples, his students, those whom he has been teaching by word and by example, to do what he has prepared them to do. To proclaim the good news that they have heard their teacher proclaim. And to join with him in meeting human need, so that life on earth may reflect more clearly the life of the kingdom of heaven for which Jesus invites us to work and to pray.

Few of us, I suspect, envisage our future lives and careers to resemble that of an itinerant preacher. But there are many ways in which we can serve God if that is a statement or an aspiration that makes any kind of sense to us. And there are many ways in which all of us can work for the good of others as well as of ourselves, whether we believe in God or not. Many ways in which we can contribute to society, and make a difference to other people. Many ways for which our education has prepared or will continue to prepare us.

Of course, there are challenges ahead, whether we leave College this year or whether we stay. The increasingly stark and apparent

effects of climate change, environmental degradation and pollution. The consequences of war and conflict and oppression around the world. Political and economic instability, both in this country and elsewhere. The pressure felt by those who carry student debt, and who have questions about whether their lives will be less stable or secure than what their parents may have known or imagined.

These are issues with which all of us must wrestle, whether we complete our degrees this year, or whether we continue as students next term. Questions which I hope that our education will help us to confront, to understand, and to address. For our own benefit. For the benefit of others, including those whom we will never meet or know. For the glory of God who bears us up on eagles' wings, and invites us to follow him. The God who gives us strength when we need it most. The God whose son sends out those who follow him, both to share and to be good news to all whom we meet, wherever we may go.

REVD DR ANDREW GREGORY



Writing the Library's piece for the *Record* is a good opportunity to sit down and reflect on the past year. In focussing on the larger events, there's a chance that the smaller things that happen in the Library throughout the year get overlooked: from the foot-rests we added as requested by our graduates, to the stationery stations that the finalists emptied as fast as we could stock them, to our #welfarewednesday social media posts, to a quick chat with a student who looks like they're having a tough week.

In September 2022 we said a sad farewell to one of our Assistant Librarians, Phil Burnett, after more than six years at Univ. We wish Phil well with his post doc in Musicology at York University. We were happy that Liz Fleetwood, who had been job-sharing with Phil, was able to take on the role full-time following the completion of her MA in Library and Information Science at University College London. In other staff news, Nicola Bell, our Library Assistant, and her husband welcomed the arrival of Edith Rosa in May. Thomas Connolly joined the team in April as maternity cover.

Also in September, the Library team hosted around 80 members of the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers who were in Oxford for their biennial Congress. To complement the Early Modern and Medieval collections they viewed on visits to other colleges, we curated an exhibition of 19th- and 20th-century first editions. We were pleased to be able to surprise even some of the more seasoned booksellers with treasures from our collections. The first edition of Oscar Wilde's *The Sphinx* designed by



Charles Ricketts and a version of "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" annotated by T.S. Eliot seemed to be the booksellers' favourites.

In Hilary term, inspired by the arrival of Univ's Poet Laureate, Pireeni Sundaralingam, and the University's Wellbeing Week, the Library team asked poets from across our community (students, staff, academics and Old Members) to submit their work for our inaugural poetry competition. It was a huge success, and we received 20 entries from 17 poets. The poems were of an exceptionally high quality, and it was a genuine pleasure to read the works that were submitted. Choosing only one winner and one runner-up was very difficult, but we had an enjoyably lively discussion while making our final decision. Sahar Malaika (2021, English) won the competition with her delightful and humorous poem, "How to Tie a Sari." Sahar won a much coveted and very zany teapot in the shape of the Radcliffe Camera. The runner-up was Rónán Poots (2021, Engineering), whose poem "Cinnamon Whirls" was written on his study notes in a moment of frustration.

At the St Cuthbert Dinner in March, we were happy to be able to put on the exhibition that had been planned for 2020. Titled *Silk, Velvet, Leather, and Chains: Binding Books Across the Centuries*, the exhibition explored the aesthetic and material quality of books and bookbinding. In addition to books bound in silk, velvet, and leather, and a book retaining the chains used to connect to a bookshelf, we were excited to be able to show two of Univ's manuscripts which are normally housed in the Bodleian: MS 104, our

oldest manuscript dating from the 11th century, and MS 181 from the mid-15th century. Both manuscripts retain their original bindings!

At the end of Hilary term, despite rain and a temperamental lift, around 450 early printed books were safely returned to College after an absence of more than 60 years. The books were deposited on long-term loan with the Museum of the History of Science after it was decided in the early 1960s that the books would complement the Museum's existing collections. There are many treasures in the collection, including early illustrated works on anatomy, important treatises on the plague and other diseases, as well as works by Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, Robert Boyle, and Johannes Kepler. We're excited to have the books home after such a long absence and plan to use them for teaching, exhibitions, and Treasures articles on the Univ website.

During the Easter vacation, the long-awaited project to refurbish the roof of the Old Library got underway. Scaffolding went up around the building to allow the roofers to add modern insulation and replace the worn-out slates with new ones. The roofers have used all the salvageable slates on the north elevation, so there will be no change to the view of the building from the Fellows' Garden. New anchor points will allow the Works team safer access to the roof. With any luck, students working upstairs in the Old Library will notice that the space stays cosier in the colder months thanks to the modern insulation. Unfortunately, delays to the project have meant that the work planned on the interior will have to wait until next summer.

I'd like to thank the dedicated team of graduates who have helped out in the Libraries over the past year. Rowan Wilson and Kitty Clarke worked diligently to make sure that books

were returned and shelved promptly throughout the year. Sam Harper kept the Libraries tidy during the busy Trinity term. In June Gwen Morgan joined Tiancheng Wang on the project aiming to transcribe our early library handlists (a job which proved very useful when our books were returned from the Museum of the History of Science). Tiancheng also ably assisted the Summer School students during the long vacation. Once the dust had settled following the last exams, Maria Nikolova and Manda Lima set to work on our annual stock check.

As Trinity drew to a close, the Library received a very special donation. Out of the blue, we were offered a copy of *Aesop's Fables* in Greek which had once belonged to Thomas Jefferson Hogg. Best known for being the student sent down from Univ alongside Percy Shelley, Hogg matriculated in 1810, was sent down in 1811, and went on to become Shelley's biographer. Hogg's copy of *Aesop's Fables* was published the year he matriculated, and it is signed with his name and "Univ. Coll. Oxon." We were very pleased to be offered a volume with such interesting links to Shelley, Hogg, and their time at Univ and would like to thank the estate of F. Norman for such a generous donation.

ELIZABETH ADAMS

BOOKS DONATED BY OLD MEMBERS

The following Old Members and Friends of the College presented copies of their books to the Library this year:

Charlotte Bunney (2017)

Echoes (2022)

Tim Cawkwell

George Cawkwell, *A New Zealander in Oxford:*

George Cawkwell in His Own Words

(Sforzinda Books, 2022)

Daniel Coquille (1966)

John Pointer, *Oxonienis Academia: or, The antiquities and curiosities of the University of Oxford* (S. Birt, 1749)

Adam Curphy (2003)

The legal team of the future

(London Publishing Partnership, 2022)

Robin Darwall-Smith (1982)

Robin Darwall-Smith and Susan Wollenberg (eds.), *Music in Twentieth-Century Oxford: New Directions* (Boydell, 2023)

Elizabeth Garner (1994)

Lost & Found: A Treasure Trove of Folk Tales (Unbound, 2022)

The Ingenious Edgar Jones

(Headline Review, 2008)

Simon Gladdish (1975)

Haphazard Thoughts (2022)

Ludicrous Limericks (2023)

Dr John Harrison, in honour of Lisa Murphy (1987)

Lisa Murphy (ed.), *Key issues in childhood and youth studies* (Routledge, 2010)

Richard Hornsey (1982)

Imperial engineers: the Royal Indian Engineering College, Coopers Hill

(University of Toronto Press, 2022)

Patrick Æ. Hutchings (1957)

Kant on Absolute Value (Routledge, 2019)

Richard Ireland (1973)

Richard Ireland and Christopher Harding, *Punishment: rhetoric, rule, and practice* (Routledge, 1989)

Stephen Keevil (1983)

Stephen Keevil et al., *Introduction to Medical Physics* (CRC Press, 2022)

Timothy Noble (1962)

The Singer with No Song (2022)

The estate of F. Norman

Francesco del Furia, *Fabulae Aesopicae*, (J.A.G. Weigel, 1810). Formerly owned by Thomas Jefferson Hogg.

Jack Parlett (Stevenson JRF)

Fire Island: A Century in the Life of an American Paradise (Hanover Square Press, 2022)

The Poetics of Cruising: Queer Visual Culture from Whitman to Grindr (Uni of Minnesota Press, 2022)



Prof. Colin T Reid (1976)

Sean Whitaker; Colin T. Reid, Jonathan Mendel,
Freedom of Environmental Information
(Intersentia, 2023)

Tom Schrecker (1952)

Matej Minac, *Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good*
(W.I.P. & Trigon Production, 2002)
Matej Minac, *The Lottery of Life: Tracing the*
Steps of Nicholas Winton's Unique Rescue of 669
Children From Almost Certain Death (W.I.P., 2007)

Nigel Smith, in honour of Alan John
Petford (1972)

History of the South Pennines: the legacy of
Alan Petford
(Hebden Bridge Local Historical Society, 2017)

Frank Thurmond (1990)

Remembrance and Other Poems
(Braddock Avenue Books, 2022)

Adrian Zuckerman (2020)

Roberts and Zuckerman's Criminal Evidence
(OUR, 2022)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



It's recently been very hard to write any kind of yearly review without referring to COVID-19, but I'm going to try!

The musical life of the College has grown again this year, with a few new innovations, and some old favourites returning.

The beginning of September saw one of those innovations, with the Chapel Choir visiting Lucca in Tuscany. 20 members of the Choir were able to stay in a villa owned by one of our former Organ Scholars, William Forde (1975, Classics). William has been a staunch supporter of the Choir and we have been grateful for his hospitality in both Paris and Malaga in recent years. This trip was an ideal opportunity to introduce new recruits to the choir, as well as to offer leavers one last chance to sing with the group. This sort of continuity is vital to the ongoing mission of the College, as it effectively stretches the generation time of the students and their contact with the College.

I saw the chance of creating a kind of boot camp, or pre-season training (if you'll allow the sporting metaphors) with this trip. During the term, there is little time to spend on honing the skills of the individuals in the Choir, as most rehearsal time is used in getting things right. This is perhaps less of an issue with an outfit like Univ, which only prepares one sung service per week, but even so, it felt like the perfect chance. Therefore, in between the swimming and sightseeing, the choir spent some time looking at new music for the coming year as well as thinking about their own singing and paying more attention to text. While in Italy,

they sang a concert at a local, privately owned chapel as well as a Sunday morning service in Florence at the Episcopal Church of St James.

The term got off to a flying start therefore, with the choir perfectly placed to sing in the main event of the term, a concert in St John the Evangelist Church on the Iffley Road in Oxford. This

is a wonderful concert venue and hosts many world-class artists. It felt important to branch out from Univ Chapel, partly because the choir responds well to a change of venue, but also because this performance was using not only the choir, but also the professional singers of Martlet Voices (Anna Crookes, Carys Lane, Lucy Ballard, James Oxley, Robert Rice and Giles Underwood). Cellist Richard Tunnicliffe completed the line-up. These forces enabled the performance of some larger-scale works, most notably by Roxanna Panufnik and Richard Rodney Bennett. All the music in the programme reflected on the privations of war and conflict, from the Second World War (*Un soir de neige* by Poulenc) to the Bosnian Conflict (*A smile and ashes* by Adrian Williams). The concert was titled *Songs of Hope in times of Oppression*.

Soon after this event, Christmas was upon us, and so the three Advent Carol Services and the Christmas Carol Service took place to full chapels in 8th week. Sandwiched between these was our now traditional Carols in the Quad event. This ran along the same lines as last year with four local primary schools, their staff, carers and parents joining us for gallons of hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies in Main Quad. There was some lovely singing from the

children, as well as the Community Choir and Chapel Choir and once again, the weather was kind to us!

Immediately after the Christmas break, we had the Mendl-Schrama Prize recital and auditions in the Holywell Music Room. The recital was given by last year's winner, Maryam Wocial, who produced a wonderful show complete with short, illustrative films made by her. It was a beautiful presentation, evocative of lazy summer days with French song by Lili Boulanger, Debussy and Fauré. Maryam is moving on to the Master's Course at the Royal College of Music on a full scholarship, and we wish her all the very best.

This year's winners were announced at the concert – first place to Archie Inns from Christ Church and second place to Joshua Kenney from Merton, both tenors. We look forward to hearing Archie's recital next year (27 January 2024) and all are welcome.

There was still more music-making to come in the term with a concert by the Fidelio Orchestra (a joint venture with Merton and Magdalen) as well as Master's Lodgings concerts given by various students.

Hilary Term also saw the revival of the pre-Formal Hall concert, the first of which was on 2 March. These concerts run from 5.45-6.30pm on Thursdays and are going to become more regular in the coming year. It offers a chance for members of the College to hear what musical talent we have in Univ, at a time when they are likely to be in College before Hall. We have found that Saturday concerts have relatively poor attendance as our people are flung to the four corners at weekends.

The first of these concerts was given by the Chapel Choir and presented an opportunity

for them to sing some music from different countries. There were folk songs from the British Isles, as well as music from France, South Africa, the US, Estonia and Norway. One of my goals in choosing music for the choir is to broaden their horizons as much as possible, particularly with regard to discovering different languages. To that end, in the past year, the choir has sung in Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic, Welsh and Sotho, as well as the more traditional French, Italian and German.

These concerts continued in Trinity Term with another Chapel Choir performance, this time with music by William Byrd and Thomas Weelkes, both hugely influential figures of the Renaissance who died in 1623. Byrd is arguably one of England's greatest composers, who stands alongside Purcell, Elgar and Britten. This was followed in 8th week by a performance of flute music, given by Laura Kirkham (2020, Music), who gathered friends for the Mozart Flute Quartet as well as the extraordinary Ibert *Flute Concerto*. The Byrd/Weelkes concert was repeated in London, as part of the Music-at-Hill concert series on 30 June, hosted by Old Member Stuart Whatton FRSA (1981, Law).

In between these two events, there was a Chapel Choir reunion, with more than 20 Old Members gathering to sing Evensong with the current choir. We hope to have some clips of this available soon on the website, so please do visit univ.ox.ac.uk/live-at-univ/music/ to listen to the amazing sound they achieved.

Finally, we reached the end of a busy year. We say goodbye to music students Claire Gordon-Brown (2020) and Laura Kirkham (2020) as well as organ scholar Alexander Newton (2019, Engineering) and choir members Amaryllis Hill (St Hilda's), Gwion Jones (2020, History), Beatrice



Univ Choir in Lucca 2022

Lofthouse (2020, English), Frances Mangina (St Cross), Hugo Max (Magdalen), Roisin Quinn (Queen's), Ella Sparks (2020, Psychology), Noah Trudeau, Camilla Tudor-Hart (2020, History), Peter Tully (2019, Classics with Oriental Studies) and Maryam Wocial (Lincoln).

We look forward to visiting Lucca and Florence again with the choir, as well as a more active Thursday evening concert series. On 2 February 2024 there will be a concert with a new work by Bruce Adolphe, setting Pireeni Sundaralingam's poem, *Lot's Wives*, so please keep this date in your diaries.

Thanks must go to the Chaplain, Andrew Gregory for his continued support of music

in Univ and to the Master for her unwavering belief in the importance of music in an all-round education.

If you would like to know more about music at Univ, then please do email the Director of Music at giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk.

GILES UNDERWOOD
Director of Music

FROM THE ARCHIVIST

In July 2023, I marked thirty years since I first began to work after the archives of University College. Back in 1993, I was seconded to work at Univ for one day a fortnight from the Oxfordshire County Record Office, where I was then working, but in 1998 Univ decided to employ me directly, for two days a week, and I have been working for the College ever since. For the rest of my working week, I was until April 2016 Archivist of Magdalen College, but since then I have been Archivist of Jesus College.

Things have, I hope, improved over the years. In 1993, I found our archives in two hot and damp cellars under the New Building. Now they live in excellent purpose-built and climate-controlled storage under the Goodhart Seminar Room. Next door to the archives is an office where researchers can visit me to consult our records. I also discovered that no meaningful cataloguing had been carried out in the archives since the heroic efforts of William Smith in the early 18th century. I therefore had to start cataloguing our archives from scratch. This is a daunting prospect, but perhaps it is less daunting to start with no catalogues at all, than to find some incompetent cataloguing work which needs redoing.

Over the years, I have been exploring attics and cellars all over Univ in search of archives, and found many unknown treasures. Particular highlights include the architect's original drawings for the refurbishment of the Hall in 1766 (pictured far right) and Sir Michael Sadler's correspondence file about the donation of the Robert Ross Memorial Collection from the



early 1930s. I would like to think that there are no more hidden surprises in Univ, but, having written those words, I don't doubt that I will get an email next week from a colleague saying that they've just found a curious cache of papers in a cupboard, and would I like to come and look at it?

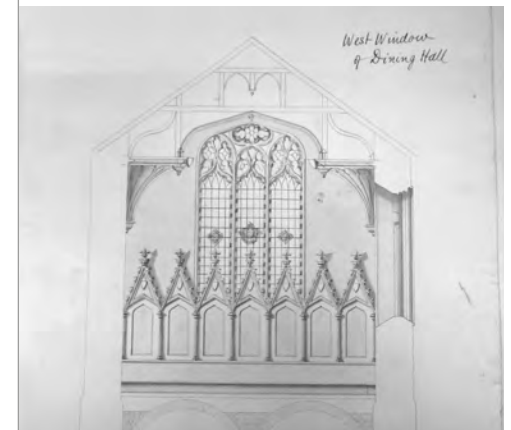
The last year has been a quiet one for major accessions – a few pieces of ephemera, old and new, some of the latter taken by me, quite unashamedly, from College notice boards – but I am always happy to hear from Old Members who, when they are having a clear out, might find some papers from their student days. Our archives may well be a better home for such things than the recycling bin. Things have, I hope, improved over the years, as



these two photos show.

In the meantime, I have been carrying out some major cataloguing projects. In particular, I knuckled down to make sense of some complicated account books from the first half of the 20th century, which I have been puzzling over ever since I first came across them during the summer of 1993. This year, I finally felt brave enough to sort and list them. As a result, almost everything which I found in the archives in July 1993 has now been catalogued – but of course a great deal else has come in since! Indeed I think that the archive has doubled in size over the last three decades.

We continue to benefit from our membership of the Oxford Conservation Consortium. Not only do they provide valuable day-to-day advice on the safe storage of our documents, but they also carry out important repair work, where needed. At the moment, we are engaged in a



major project to repair and digitise our oldest photograph albums.

Meanwhile, there is the issue of archives which exist only in digital format, be they photographs, documents, databases or sound recordings. Back in 2021, I wrote about the creation of the "Digisafe", a university-wide system created for the safe storage of such records. This has proved an invaluable resource for me, as the quantity of digital material is starting gradually to increase: now my colleagues in other departments sometimes send me pdfs rather than paper files, and I am steeling myself to learn how to preserve emails. It is one of the pleasures and the challenges of managing the archives of the oldest College in Oxford or Cambridge that I have to manage anything from a 13th-century Latin document written on parchment right up to some digital photographs just taken this year.

DR ROBIN DARWALL-SMITH
(1982)

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The most important function of this report is to extend warmest thanks to the more than 1,100 donors whose immense generosity makes such a difference to Univ and its community. Every gift matters, regardless of size, and every gift is valued by all at Univ. My next task is to thank Harriet Bayly for her hard work as the previous interim Development Director and, for the last year, as Deputy Director. Coming to Univ as an interim for 12 months, I have been grateful for Harriet's support and that of the whole development team.

Arriving here in September 2022, I was immediately struck by the incredible warmth and commitment of Univ's Old Members towards their college. Fundraising for Univ North alone raised more than £24 million in gifts and pledges, which was a huge achievement and testimony to the loyalty of Univ's community. We are fortunate to receive contributions at all levels, and this year over £799,300 came from individual gifts under £25,000. Many of these were regular donations, which are so important in providing dependable funds as part of the College's income.

We held two successful telethons, one in November and the other in April, and we were once again supported by a group of student callers who enjoyed their conversations and making connections with Old Members. We are so grateful to everyone who found time to speak to the students and to those who were able to make a gift.



With the end of active fundraising for the Univ North campaign, the main focus for the development team this year was on thanking and celebrating the commitment of our donors whose generosity makes so much possible at Univ – now and for generations to come. So, it was Univ Donor Day that kicked off Michaelmas term 2022, aimed at showcasing the impact of philanthropy.

Guests could dip into talks, including a panel session with four young Old Members talking about their experience of coming to Univ through the Opportunity Programme, current postgraduate students speaking about their research, Fellow and Director of the Rothermere American Institute, Professor Adam Smith on America's "Cold Civil War", and an exhibition curated by College Archivist, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith on *Univ and its Donors*.

Further highlights of the 2022/23 academic year's events included a global conversation between the Master and António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; trips to San Francisco, New York and Boston with the Master to meet with donors and Old Members who hadn't had a visit from the College since before the pandemic; a thought-provoking Univ Seminar panel discussion on "Who Owns History?" at the House of Commons; our William of Durham lunch for legators; major benefactors' brunch over Summer Vllls; our celebration of the 120th anniversary of the Rhodes Trust; and finally, a wonderful reunion lunch to celebrate the golden, diamond, and platinum anniversaries for those who matriculated in 1953, 1963 and 1973.

Throughout this year, work at the Univ North site has got underway, and we were delighted to celebrate a milestone in the project's evolution with a groundbreaking event at the Staverton Road site. Old Members, students, staff, Fellows, and Sir Ivor Crewe joined the Master in the ceremonial shovelling of soil. Our construction partners, SDC, gave us a short tour – happily before the drizzle set in. Fast forward to June, and we were back at Univ North, this time with a group of Old Members and friends who were in Oxford as part of the Rhodes Trust celebrations. Under blue skies, the group was taken around the site by SDC before returning to Univ and the Fellows' Garden for a drinks reception for current and former Rhodes Scholars.

Following the end of a busy year, the focus for the development team over the summer has been to work on plans for Univ's 775th anniversary in 2024. This will be a wonderful opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the successes of Univ people – past and present, and I hope that you will enjoy participating in the events to mark this special year.

Thank you once again for your commitment to Univ. It has been a privilege to be a part of this College for the last 12 months, and I'm grateful to the Master, Fellows, my team, colleagues and Old Members for making me feel so welcome.

REBECCA BAXTER

Interim Development Director
(to September 2023)



THE CHALET

Univ continues to uphold its record in maintaining the Chalet: this year the season opened with a small group of alumni who carried out a works party. They managed to not only repaint the entire Turkish bath, but also repaired several sections of degraded wall with new mortar. The kitchen is also much improved thanks to a new coat of paint. We are indebted to everyone who attended, and especially Johanna Schiele (2014) for running the group.

Challenges to the availability of two trustees this year meant that in addition to JJM's leadership of Second Party, First Party was under the direction of Simon Phillips (1988). Many thanks to Simon (who drove out and managed to get his Audi to the Chalet in the face of some daunting mountain driving) and also to Nick Kanellakis for stepping into the breach. SP also delivered the large collection of biographies and other books, donated by Stephen Golding, following the completion of his own book on the history of the Chalet, *Oxford University on Mont Blanc*.

First party re-introduced allocation of tasks and titles: Bursar, Diarist, Rota Czar, Fire Starter, Photographer, Superintendent of Works, Hospitality Officer (providentially, because the party took visits from Tamara van der Weij and her children Veere and Filipe Boucher from the next-door chalet, and a local vet and a banker from Paris who had heard of "The Oxford University Chalet"), plus a Wellbeing Officer, Artist in Residence and Philosopher in Residence. It is reported that all performed well.

Among the achievements of an active party were removal of left-over building materials to the loft, construction of a mill race to assist water flow from the stream into the main water system, and erection of a new flag pole. First

Party maintained Univ's reading/walking balance, with walks to Tête Noire, Tête du Prarion, Lac Vert and Gorge la Diosaz before the more challenging Col de Tricot/Refuge de Miage outing and the ascent to Tête Rousse where fresh snow-fall made the path tricky. Croissant runs were undertaken with honourable times with, on one occasion, the company of Filipe Boucher from next door and Louis Duranton, an assistant at the Hotel du Prarion, who achieved a spectacular sub-45 minute ascent. By way of archaeological research the party located the original site of the piscine, first created in 1937 by Frank Lepper of Corpus Christi College (SP had previously explored this during his Chalet party in 1991). The party added to Chalet lore "Les cendres", a Univ cricketing trophy containing the ashes of a lone cricket glove found in the under-stairs cupboard; this was carved by Xander Jackman (2022), the second generation of his family at the Chalet, following his father Ian (1985). As tribute to the memory of Bill Sykes' eminent leadership of past Chalet parties the party held an evening reflection group in the manner which was an important part of Bill's ministry.

Second Party had the final "slot" of the season that finishes in early September. Arriving chaletites were greeted with fresh snow on many of the surrounding mountains, but also an initial few days of cold and wet weather, meaning hikes would have to wait. Once the good weather arrived, walks included Tête du Prarion, the Honeymoon Chalet, Col de Tricot, Servoz, and Tête Rousse. The athleticism of the group was also on show in the number of croissant runs from the village of Saint-Gervais, more than 800m in altitude below us, with most mornings featuring fresh pastries. The culinary prowess of



First Party

Univ continues to be on show, with highlights including focaccia, samosas, and an entire three course menu designed around the humble courgette. Delays to the serving of dinner were expertly hidden through musical performances, magic, and mathematical puzzles. The party supported the general upkeep of the Chalet, and notably took on the task of completely re-organising the wood store.

Being the final party of the season, the task of closing the Chalet for the year fell on Second Party, but not before we welcomed our Dutch neighbours Frank and Tineke Boucher over for dinner. The link between our two Chalets remains strong, and we look forward to enjoying many more enjoyable seasons on the mountains together.

STEPHEN GOLDING,
KEITH DORRINGTON
AND JACK MATTHEWS

JUNIOR COMMON ROOM



Carrying forward the legacy of our predecessors, this year's committee found itself on a challenging path: to expedite Univ's return to its pre-pandemic rhythm. Navigating the tricky terrain of the post-pandemic world, we were charged with the responsibility of resurrecting the warm sense of community that Univ has historically been known for. In parallel, my colleagues and I nurtured an aspiration: to foster resilient intra-collegiate ties that would enhance connections, both among students and between students and the staff working here.

Commencing the year with a tremendously successful Welcome Week, we provided our new undergraduates with a myriad of engaging activities. From the Freshers Fair, where our diverse range of societies and sports clubs unfurled their offerings, to a thrilling concert held in the Master's Lodgings, the JCR's newcomers revelled in a vibrant spectrum of events. The turnout for the activities on offer was phenomenal, a testimony to the new intake's enthusiasm to engage with the JCR community. Thanks to a robust contingent of volunteer student helpers from the senior years, the management of these events was seamless, embodying what I believe to be Univ's ethos of cooperation, community and competence.

Every term, we organised a "Welfare week", which included truly therapeutic events like spa and movie nights, barbecues, and a festive repertoire of Christmas-themed activities honouring the "Oxmas" season of the closing weeks of Michaelmas. This year also saw a blossoming of student-led cultural celebrations,

commemorating a diverse array of occasions from Diwali and Holi to a watch party for the eagerly awaited Eurovision Song Contest. Furthermore, undergraduates experienced a sophisticated suite of broader social events; examples include the enchanting "Oxmas Soirée", held in Michaelmas, and the slightly warmer "Summer Soirée", held in Trinity term. These events ignited a renewed sense of camaraderie within our community.

This year bore witness to a remarkable surge in student engagement with JCR politics. An impressive variety of motions found their way to the voting floor; some passed effortlessly while others faced respectful opposition, showcasing the health of our democratic processes. Key decisions included support for charitable endeavours in the wake of the Türkiye and Syria earthquakes, financial backing for academic field trips, and the successful establishment of the new Percy Shelley Poetry Society. Further demonstrating this democratic vigour, the recent Trinity JCR elections for executive positions were fiercely competitive, with the roles of President and Treasurer being decided by a mere handful of votes.

This year, several instances of highly fruitful collaboration between the JCR and the College were on full display. JCR members worked extensively with the Domestic Bursary to host and effectively promote an assortment of events at Univ this year, such as the widely acclaimed "International Day". This year also saw a series of themed formals, many organised by JCR members, which allowed both students and

College staff to celebrate the rich diversity and excellence present within the College. We took pride in commemorating various occasions, from Black History Month to International Women's Day. I am proud to have attended several meetings with the Senior Tutor, wherein Univ's flag schedule was meticulously conceived. The resultant document, universally well received, included widely appreciated guidelines for the use of our flagpole, such as flying the Pride Flag during Pride Month and displaying the Union Jack for His Majesty's coronation and birthday. These collaborative endeavours were instrumental in significantly enhancing the rapport between staff and students.

I would like to extend my gratitude to my assiduous Vice Presidents, Jasvin Khurana, in his capacity as Treasurer, judiciously applied a Keynesian approach to our budget, directing resources towards critical areas and notably facilitating the rejuvenation of several of Univ's sports teams, which were left in disarray during the height of the pandemic. Max Bolton, in his role as Secretary, diligently ensured the smooth running and accurate documentation of the core functions of our JCR.

In summation, it has been a year of profound growth at Univ. As I conclude my term as President, I am filled with unwavering confidence for the future. My successor, Ardeel Hussain, along with his formidably competent VPs, Héloïse Rivet-Picolet and Ruitao Yang, is poised to navigate Univ's JCR into new and exciting horizons. The stewardship of our most cherished common room could not be entrusted to more capable hands.

SHERMAR PRYCE (2021, PPE)
President, Junior Common Room



WEIR COMMON ROOM

After almost three years, we have finally gone back to a normality similar to that before the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been delightful to see graduate students enjoy everything that life in Univ and Oxford has to offer, especially in the case of Master's students who are only in Univ for a year.



Starting with an event-packed and fully in-person freshers' week, this year we have hosted a varied range of events, such as wine and painting nights, women's brunches, LGBTQ+ events, and many more. Our popular and long-established "Sunday Socials" have been running every fortnight this year, which has allowed us to provide a better selection of drinks and nibbles, greatly enjoyed by all those who attended them.

Additionally, we have hosted many joint events with other colleges, during which the WCR has welcomed graduate students from multiple Oxford colleges to Univ. As a highlight, we organised a very successful and well-attended Halloween BOP in Univ together with the St Edmund's Hall MCR and the Lady Margaret Hall MCR. We have also been able to host two formal dinner exchanges every term, as well as bar exchanges, wine and cheese exchanges and brunch exchanges.

Nevertheless, even if this has been the most socially active academic year since the pandemic, its impact can still be felt in the number of people attending Univ events and in the lack of a sense of community among the WCR. Therefore, the main goal of the new WCR committee, which started its mandate in Trinity Term, is to revive this sense of community

among Univ graduate students. One way in which we are hoping to achieve this is by refurbishing the WCR room. Indeed, together with the help of various College staff, we will be refurbishing the WCR room during the summer and Michaelmas term, to make it a more mature and welcoming space where graduates will come to socialise and work in an informal environment.

On another note, I would like to thank both previous and current WCR committees, because none of the aforementioned events and projects would have been possible without them. I especially want to thank Michael Hutchinson, the previous WCR President, for all his guidance and help during his mandate and the transition period. Moreover, I would not be able to properly do my current role as President without the assistance of Lovisa Reiche, the current Vice-President/Treasurer. Likewise, the past and present JCR committee members have been very helpful in various Univ student-related matters, and we are hoping to continue with this close working relationship in the following academic year.

Lastly, it goes without saying that all these things I have mentioned would not be possible without the invaluable help and support of all College staff and officers. The list of the people I want to thank is too long for this report, therefore I will limit myself to thanking the Master, Baroness Valerie Amos, and the Domestic Bursar, Angela Unsworth, (and the rest of the Domestic bursary team), for all their work to improve student life in college.



Me and the returning WCR members are looking forward to welcoming the new cohort of Univ graduate students, and we hope to continue building a strong, inclusive and socially active community in the next academic year.

NAROA IBARRA-AIZPURUA
(2020, DPhil Physiology)
President, Weir Common Room

OBITUARIES

FORMER FELLOWS

PROFESSOR HERMAN BELL

Walter Herman Bell (Davidson College) died on 7 February 2023 aged 89. He came up to The Queen's College, Oxford in 1956 as a Fulbright Scholar and migrated to Univ in 1958. We are grateful to Bethany and Jordan Bell for the following tribute:

Herman Bell was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1933. After studying in the United States, Paris and Berlin, he came to Oxford in 1956, first to The Queen's College. Two years later, he was awarded the Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellowship at Univ. There he became immersed in the life of the Senior Common Room, where he would dine and converse with Fellows such as George Cawkwell, Freddie Wells and Peter Strawson, an experience which greatly influenced him.

Univ also gave him a travel grant which was to change the course of his life. He went to Egypt where construction of the Aswan High Dam, which led to the flooding of much of Nubia, was underway. Between 1961 and 1964, Herman and his wife, Ann, travelled through Egyptian and Sudanese Nubia, partly by sailing boat and partly in a British Second World War fire engine, with a conveniently large water tank. They were initially involved in an archaeological expedition but quickly shifted their focus to the plight of the Nubians who were about to lose their homes in the flooding. "How could we continue to focus on ancient pottery when the living inhabitants were about to lose so much?" Herman wrote. He undertook a survey of Nubian place names.

Herman and Ann visited Nubians in their traditional homes by the Nile and participated in Nubian ceremonies. They were allowed to accompany a group of Sudanese Nubians who were transported for two days in a train to newly constructed villages, far from the river.

In 1965, Herman and Ann moved to the



Herman Bell in Nubia in the early 1960s – photograph taken by his wife, Ann Bell

United States where Herman gained his PhD from Northwestern University, Illinois. He then became an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1972, Herman, Ann and their children Bethany and Jordan, moved to Khartoum where they stayed for the remainder of the 1970s. He was first reader, then professor at the Institute of African and Asian Studies at the University of Khartoum, where he carried out a

survey of the languages of Sudan. In 1979, he was made professor at the Department of Foreign Languages of King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia, returning to the UK in 1993.

In 2000, he was appointed an Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter. From 2000 until the end of his life, Herman was involved in UNGEGN, the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

He had a warm, sparkling personality and cheeky sense of humour.

Paul Woodman, a distinguished colleague from UNGEGN (Secretary of the United Kingdom's Permanent Committee on Geographical Names 1979-2009) wrote: "Herman was a man blessed with great kindness and a true generosity of spirit. He would see the best in people. And although he embodied

a phenomenal breadth of knowledge and experience, he always wore these attributes lightly and disseminated them freely and widely. One could absorb wisdom from him almost effortlessly, simply by joining him at a mealtime or on an excursion."

DR MICHAEL NICHOLSON

Michael Andrew Nicholson (Caldy Grange G.S.) died on 9 September 2022 aged 79. We are grateful to Michael's family for the following tribute:

Michael served as Fellow and Praelector in Russian at Univ from 1987 to 2012. He was Senior Tutor from 1989 to 1993, Dean from 2006 to 2011 and, as Emeritus Fellow, he was appointed Dean of Degrees in 2015.

Michael (Mike) was born in Hoylake on the Wirral, one of six children, raised in the back room of his parents' corner shop. An early eyesight test scuppered his dream of joining the RAF, while an aptitude assessment pointed him towards all the A-level math subjects one could take. A questionable direction for a teenager who, in the earliest years of the Mersey sound, could be found huddled among guitar cases and snare drums reading German poetry at 4 a.m., waiting for the milk train back home from a gig. He was lead guitar for bands whose names he would later wince to pronounce, but on at least one occasion played a slot at the Cavern on the same bill as the Beatles. Faced with the choice of music full-time or university, Michael, having happily veered into humanities two years earlier, went for the latter and a course in Russian and German at Manchester University.

Mike was on the first undergraduate



summer school to Moscow in 1966 under the Anglo-Soviet Cultural Agreement, where he also met his wife-to-be, Barbara. History records two distinct variants of their meeting on a platform at the Hook of Holland, and how politely, charmingly or otherwise he urged her to help him carry his beer bottles onto the train

that was about to pull away. But one way or another, she did.

Mike's academic career kept the family moving. First as a temporary lecturer with the Department of Literature at the University of Essex, then up to the Slavonic Languages Department at the University of Lancaster in 1973. That was interrupted

by a two-year stint at Colgate University in New York State where he was the O'Connor Visiting Professor from 1979 to 1981. Soon after Mike's return to Lancaster, the department was closed in the wake of the 1979 Atkinson Report. Professor Catriona Kelly remembers his move to Oxford:

"Mike was moved to Oxford by the University Grants Committee, the bureaucracy managing UK universities for nearly 70 years from 1919. This was arranged by university bigwigs over the heads of the faculty, which could have been a recipe for disastrous relations, but no one could have encountered Mike for a second and felt aggression."

Mike was first based at St Cross College and in 1987 came to Univ, where he remained.

Although he often referred to himself as an "ex-Germanist", and although his fascination with languages extended from Swedish to Chinese to Telugu, Mike's research focused on underground literature of the Soviet period and GULAG prison camp writers in particular.

OLD MEMBERS

Above all, he was a specialist in the works of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, whom he knew personally. At the memorial conference to Mike, organized by Solzhenitsyn's Russian Abroad fund, his widow Natalia Dmitrievna recalled how the author called Mike's analysis of *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* the most astute interpretation of his breakthrough novel written in English or Russian.

Mike was generous to a fault with his expertise and advice and was devoted to his students. As one former Russianist put it: "We felt like we were members of a rather exclusive club. The rest of Univ may have loved and admired him, but he was ours."

Former Master, Sir Ivor Crewe: "He evidently cared about the welfare of his undergraduates, partly from a sense of duty, but largely out of a natural kindness, which never turned into sentimentality. The students knew it and appreciated it. He was a wonderfully attentive, paternalistic and wise Dean, strict about the small number of important rules that needed to be kept, relaxed about minor breaches of the rest. He was also unswervingly committed to Univ as an institution, volunteering over and beyond the call of duty for the thankless tasks that enable a community to flourish."

He was a "college man" in the best sense of the phrase.

We are grateful to the families and friends of the Old Members and members of staff mentioned on the following pages for their assistance with the following tributes. Where an obituary has not been provided or is available in the public domain, we have included a short biography. We have made every effort to provide accurate accounts based on the information available, but apologise sincerely for any unintentional errors contained herein.

We include Old Members whose deaths the Development Office has been able to confirm only recently when researching our list of "lost" Old Members.

1934:

Harold Mervyn Hughes died in February 1998 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1934 to read Theology. He played rugby for Oxford in the 1935 and 1936 varsity matches and was an open side wing forward who played 55 matches for Gloucester in 1937-38 and 1937-39. He was a Welsh trialist and an Oxford blue who also played for Chepstow, London Welsh, Cardiff and Gloucestershire. He was Chairman of Gloucester RFC for twenty two years, President for a further sixteen and was one of the great figures of Gloucester Rugby. He was ordained a deacon and appointed to St Catherine's Gloucester in October 1937, and ordained a priest in September 1938. Reverend Hughes continued to play for Gloucester during the early part of the war. During the war he organised rugby for his regiment until a knee injury ended his playing career at the age of 30.

1936:

Martin Clegg (Winchester College) died on 4 October 1995 aged 77. He came up to Univ in 1936 to read Law.

1937:

James Francis Leslie Bayley (Eton) died on 1 November 2006 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1937 to read Agriculture and Forest Science. He worked for Willis Faber & Dumas plc and Lloyd's.

Ronald Holmes (Normanton G.S.) died in May 2005. He came up to Univ in 1937 to read History. He was Senior Master at John Port School, Etwall from 1965 to 1988.

James William Reddyhoff (Leeds G.S.) died on 15 October 2012 aged 94. He came up to Univ in 1937 as a Science Scholar. He went down for war service in October 1939 and was with the 20th Anti-tank Regiment in Egypt. The Archivist writes: "I met him at a Gaudy in about 2000 with a group of other pre-1939 OMs, and they all gave me some splendid reminiscences of Univ at that time. Reddyhoff read Chemistry, and told me of the primitive lab he used, which was a set of converted loos in Balliol!"

1938:

Eric Derk Crichton MRCOG (Diocesan College, Rondebosch) died on 14 March 2022 aged 101. He came up to Univ in 1938 to read Medicine (BA and DPhil). He was the son of Professor E. C. Crichton, the first professor in obstetrics and gynaecology in South Africa at the University of Cape Town. Professor E. D. Crichton graduated from the University of Cape Town in 1944 with a Bachelor of Medicine

(MB) and a Bachelor of Surgery (BCh). He was a Nuffield Fellow from 1949 to 1952 and was appointed Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCSE) in 1953. From 1954 to 1955 he was a Leverhulme Scholar. He was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Durban University, Durban, Natal, South Africa from 1956 and then Head of the Division of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, King Edward VIII and McCord's Hospitals, Durban, South Africa.

Arthur Michael Newsam Gardner

FRCS (Rugby) died in November 2018 aged 99. He came up to Univ in 1938 to read Medicine (BA, BM, DM, MChem). He was President of the JCR. He was the son of A. D. "Duncs" Gardner, one of our former Fellows. His publications included *The Venous System in Health and Disease*, first published in 1989: "The discovery by the authors of the haemodynamic significance of the venous pump in the sole of the foot and the nature of many other musculo-venous pumps, has led to an understanding not only of the return of blood to the heart but also the importance of veins in controlling the capillary circulation by the production of tissue hormones, particularly EDRF, that match the blood supply to oxygen requirements."

John Ramsden (Wakefield G.S.) died in May 1984 aged 64. He came up to Univ in 1938 to read Classics (Literae Humaniores). From 1946 he worked in Civil Aviation.

Clifford Harcourt Wilson (Wakefield G.S.) died on 8 November 2003 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1938 to read Classics and a Diploma in Education as a Freeston Scholar. College records suggest that he had a commission

to the R.A. – no date is given, but we assume this refers to the Royal Artillery. He was an Assistant Master at Glasgow Academy in 1949 and an Assistant Education Officer for the Department of Education in Cornwall from 1955 onwards.

1939:

Robert Oswald Selwyn Dudley (Charterhouse) died on 3 May 2019 aged 98. He came up to Univ in 1939 to read Classics. Father Dudley taught at John Fisher School, Purley from 1965.

Aaron Leslie Klausner (London School of Economics) died in December 2001 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1939 to read Law (BLitt). He went down at the end of Trinity Term 1940. College records suggest that he may have served in the military.

Charles Clayton Wardle (Shrewsbury) died on 11 August 2020 aged 100. He came up to Univ in 1939 to read Modern Languages. He served in the Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Army Educational Corps (RAEC) between 1940 and 1975.

1941:

We were notified of the death of **Michael Hugh Patrick McCarthy** (St Michael's College, Leeds) in June 2023. He came up to Univ from Dewsbury in Yorkshire to read Modern Languages and was a member of the Univ Music Society. After Univ, he worked as a translator of Russian, German and other European Languages with Pilkington Bros (glass manufacturers) from around 1956 until 1962 when he moved to Philips Electrical Industries in Croydon as a senior translator. He read for a Licence-es-Lettres degree at the University of

Lille in 1968. College records note that he did some translation work for Lord Beveridge under his Mastership and lived in Prince Yousupoff's room in College (one of the chief conspirators in the plot to kill Rasputin).

1942:

Frank Pilling Thompson (Accrington G.S.) died on 6 February 2019 aged 94. He came up to Univ in 1942 to read PPE. From 1949 to 1952, he was a Research Economist for the ECA Special Mission to the United Nations. From 1952 he worked as a Statistician in Economic Research.

1944:

Edmund John Millward (Amman Valley G.S.) died in April 1990 aged 63. He came up to Univ in 1944 to read Geography. He was a member of the Royal Air Force from 1944 and retired as Wing Commander in 1969.

1945:

Joseph David Abrams FRCS FRSM FCOphth (Roundhay School, Leeds) died on 4 November 2022 aged 94. His daughter Hester Abrams has kindly written this tribute:

From modest beginnings, David became a leading Harley Street eye specialist and Head of Ophthalmology at the Royal Free Hospital.

When he came up to Univ to study medicine in the autumn of 1945 David was more than a year ahead of his school classmates, but significantly less worldly than everyone around him. His fellow students were mostly demobbed servicemen picking up their studies after the interruption of war; the photograph of the year's small Matriculation group is etched with weary faces.

Born in Leeds, David was the son of Maurice

Abrams, a clothing salesman who had been an aircraft rigger in World War One, and Tilly, née Ellis. Their families had fled Russian persecution in the 1890s. Though rapidly Anglicising – his uncles were rising in business and on the opera stage – they were devout Jews. David grew up hearing Yiddish, eating kosher food and being top of the class.

A State scholarship and a Leeds City scholarship, each for £37 10s a year, offered the 16½-year-old a chance to swap his Chapeltown attic for an Oxford set, prompting his Roundhay School headmaster to declare he had never seen a scholarship awarded to a boy so young. The decision to pursue Oxford, not Cambridge, was sealed by winning Univ's £100 War Memorial entrance scholarship.

Oxford was full of public school men; schoolboys from grammars were a minority. David would recall that the dons barely registered that he was really still a sixth-former. Medicine – or Animal Physiology as Oxford called it then – was a reserved profession, which excused you from active service, and David was one of just 35 undergraduates taking finals in it in his whole university year. He earned a Theodor Williams Scholarship in Anatomy in 1947.

Clinical studies continued at the Middlesex Hospital. In 1954, already specialising in eyes, David married Anita Berlyne, a Cambridge psychology graduate from Manchester. Almost immediately he was sent to Egypt and Libya on National Service, where he said he sight-tested almost the entire British Army.

During a coveted residency at Moorfields Eye Hospital, David was asked by Sir Stuart Duke-Elder, doyen of the ophthalmology world, to help

write Volume V of his *System of Ophthalmology*, the classic reference work of its time. He later revised several editions of Duke-Elder's *The Practice of Refraction* and in 1990 wrote *Ophthalmology in Medicine*.

David saw tens of thousands of patients in a career across London hospitals, privately at 99 Harley Street, and for 30 years at the Royal Free Hospital, where he led the Ophthalmology Department as Senior Consultant and chaired the Medical Executive Committee. Patients, colleagues and students remember him for his intellect, kindness and dry wit.

Approaching retirement, shock at a broken pension guarantee led to David becoming a public face of a campaign for the rights of Equitable Life annuity holders. He called out mismanagement and unfairness as the scandal dragged on through High Court tests and parliamentary enquiries. Equitable collapsed and thousands of pensions were slashed.

David was the proud patriarch of five daughters, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was a lifelong pianist, appreciator of Shakespeare, Rembrandt and "Fats" Waller, and keen gardener at the family cottage near Banbury. He was still playing weekly bridge at the Savile Club in his 90s, a game he first learned at Oxford.

Michael John Abbott Davies FRCS

(Stowe) died on 1 March 2014 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1945 to read Medicine. He read for a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at University College Hospital, London and was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1974.



1947:

Alan Frederick Peters (St Olave's G.S.) died on 1 January 2018 aged 92. He served as Leading Writer (L/Wtr) in the Royal Navy between 1943 and 1946. He came up to Univ in 1947 to read PPE. He was a member of the Univ Boat Club and Secretary of the Oxford University Spectator Club. He was employed as a Lecturer in Philosophy from 1951 at Middle East University, Baghdad and from 1955 at Shell International in Oil and Gas Exploration and Production. According to College records, he had a one-man show in the Woodstock Gallery, London in 1974.

David Owen Savill (Winchester) died on 1 February 2021 aged 96. He came up to Univ in 1947 on the "Colonial Course" or Foreign Service Programme (FSP), a course which continued in varying forms and under different names, and most recently changed its name to the Oxford University Diplomatic Studies Programme. He was District Officer and Chief Executive for the Colonial Administrative Service in Nigeria between 1949 and 1960, for the Shaw Savill Line, and Chief Executive of the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board for a period. He worked for Shaw, Savill and Albion Shipping from 1960 until his retirement in 1982. He was a Fellow of the Institute for Training and Development, and a Fellow of the British Institute of Management.

1948:

Henry Blagden (Diocesan College, Rondebosch) died on 31 May 2023 aged 95. He came up to Univ in 1948 to read PPE. From 1959 until 1984 he was Assistant to the Manager of the South African Branch of OUP. He received a

diploma from Witwatersrand University in 1984. He was a Librarian at Johannesburg College of Education from 1984 until his retirement in 2002.

Basil Bertram Phillips (St Joseph's College, Nainital) died on 14 September 2019 aged 95. He came up to Univ in 1948 to complete the Diplomatic Studies Programme. According to our records, he was an Army Major from 1942 to 1948 and was awarded an OBE in the 1987 New Year Honours.

David Alan Phillips (Llanely G.S.) died on 19 June 2023 aged 96. His Honour Judge Phillips was a former British Army Captain, serving between 1944 and 1948. He came up to Univ in 1948 to read Law. He was a member of the Univ Eldon Society. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1960, became Head of Chambers at Sedan House in Chester and was appointed a Recorder in 1974. He was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate for Mid-Glamorgan in 1975 and a Circuit Judge on the Wales and Chester Circuit in 1983. He was the Resident Judge at Warrington Crown Court and the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor. He retired in 1994. Alan leaves Jean, his wife of 63 years, his sons Stephen (The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Phillips, 1980, Law) and Jeremy, and four grandchildren.

Yi-Fu Tuan FAAAS FBA died on 10 August 2022 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1948 to read Geography. Extracts from the tribute by Mary Ellen Gabriel which first appeared on the University of Wisconsin website on 15 August 2022, are reproduced here with kind permission:

Yi-Fu Tuan, a towering intellectual figure and University of Wisconsin–Madison professor

emeritus of geography died Aug. 10 at UW Hospital in Madison at age 91, with a dear friend and former student, Charles Chang, by his side.

Tuan was a prolific writer and deep thinker who was known as the father of humanistic geography. A movement within the field of human geography, humanistic geography arose in the 1970s as a way to counter what humanists saw as a tendency to treat places as mere sites or locations. Instead, a humanistic geographer would argue, the places we inhabit have as many personalities as those whose lives have intersected with them. And the stories we tell about places often say as much about who we are, as about where our feet are planted. It was Tuan who gave rise to the recognition among geographers that the intimacies of personal encounters with space produce a "sense of place."

"People think that geography is about capitals, landforms and so on," Tuan said. "But it is also about place – its emotional tone, social meaning, and generative potential."

Time, age, sadness, loss, goodness, happiness, and the concept of home are all themes Tuan explored at length in his more than 20 books, including his best-known work, "Space & Place," as well as "Humanist Geography: An Individual's Search for Meaning." In his later years, Tuan turned to introspection with his most recent books: "Who Am I? An Autobiography of Emotion, Mind and Spirit" and an addendum, "Who Am I? A Sequel." Both works look back on the author's early life in China and his rise to become one of America's most innovative intellectuals.



Born in 1930 in Tianjin, China, Yi-Fu Tuan was educated in China, Australia, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oxford and his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

Yi-Fu Tuan joined the faculty of the Department of Geography at UW–Madison

in 1983, was named John Kirtland Wright Professor of Geography in 1985 and was named a Vilas Research Professor that same year, before attaining emeritus status in 1998.

His influence on the field of geography was enormous.

After his retirement, Tuan remained an emphatic presence on campus. Through his books, essays, and letters, as well as through innumerable conversations with students, Tuan continued to profoundly influence scholarship and thinking.

In Oct. 2012, Tuan was awarded the Vautrin-Lud International Geography Prize, the highest honor a geographer can receive. In 2013, he received the inaugural American Association of Geographers Stanley Brunn Award for Creativity in Geography, created to recognize "originality, creativity, and significant intellectual breakthroughs in geography."

1949:

Humphrey John Patrick Chetwynd-Talbot (Winchester) died on 2 August 2022 aged 92. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read PPE. He played tennis and squash for the College and was a member of the Univ Shakespeare Society. He was friends with Robin

Mallinson at Univ and they married identical twins, Elizabeth and Anne. Between 1952 and 1954 he completed management training with the Imperial Tobacco Company, Liverpool. In 1954 he joined ICI General Chemicals Division in Liverpool, before moving to ICI's London Sales Office in 1975 as a Commercial Assistant in the Chemicals Department, where he stayed until his retirement in 2000. He was a churchwarden and bell-tower captain at St Denys Church, Colmworth for 30 years and Chairman of Staploe and Duloe Parish Council for many years. He and his wife Anne were crowned "King and Queen of Staploe Parish" on the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, for their many years of service to Staploe Parish.

John Thomas Samuel Coates (Barnstable G.S.) died in September 1982 aged 55. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read Maths. From 1952 he worked at the Armstrong-Whitworth Works at Whitley (now Jaguar Land Rover) in Coventry, at which time it was used for the production and flight testing of small jet aircraft such as the Hawker Hunter, Hawker Sea Hawk and the Gloster Meteor for the RAF.

Anthony Leon Greenburgh LRCPI LM LRCSIM (Churcher's College, Petersfield) died on 7 April 2023 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read Medicine.

David Robin Kimball "Kim" Medley FRCP (King's School, Macclesfield) died on 5 October 2022 aged 90. Dr Medley came up to Univ in 1949 to read for a BA, BM and DM in Medicine. He won a scholarship to University College Hospital in London where he completed his clinical training from April 1953 to 1955. He

was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London in 1974. From 1988 until his retirement, he was a Physician at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

William Bernard Parkhouse (Barnstable G.S.) died in February 1979 aged 49. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read History. According to our records, he worked as the Chartered Bank of India from 1952.

Roger Whitburn Rail died in October 1970 aged 47. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read Plant Sciences. From 1951 he worked as a Working Plans Officer for the Southern Rhodesia Forestry Commission.

Gerald Wallis (Derby Central School) died on 21 September 2009 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read Philosophy.

1950:

Peter Bourne (St Edward's, Oxford) died in March 2002 aged 71. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read History.

Geoffrey Hugh Colman (Radley College) died in 2017 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read PPE. Reverend Coleman trained at Wells Theological College in 1967. He was ordained Deacon in 1968 and Priest in 1969. He took up his first curacy at St Mary's with Christ Church in Wanstead 1968-1972 and then a number of positions in the Clergy in Chelmsford and Canterbury. He retired in 1996.

Frederick Mark Holiday (Hurstpierpoint College) died on 28 July 2021 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read PPE.

Colin Peter Honey MBE (Maidstone G.S.) died on 26 July 2022 aged 92. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery between 1948 and 1950 and came up to Univ in 1950 as a Gunsley Scholar to read History. He was a member of the Univ Boat Club. We are grateful to Colin's son and daughter Nick and Jenny Honey for the following tribute:

Colin Honey died in Frimley Park Hospital on 26 July 2022 just short of his 93rd birthday. He was well known in the village, frequently stopping for a chat and a joke when he walked up the road to get his paper in the morning. He will be remembered for his ready wit, his interest in everyone and his wholehearted engagement in this community.

He and his wife Gill moved to Rowledge in the early 1980s shortly before he retired from a long, successful career in the Prison Service. They were deeply involved with the church and with many village activities. Colin was a regular fixture at the village fete and had a talent for selling raffle tickets. His annual quizzes, which he was setting until relatively recently, were enjoyed by many. He was a churchwarden, served on the parish council, and was heavily involved in Farnham Rotary.

Locally he was chair of Bells Piece and, together with Gill, he ran the Friendship Group, which supported those living independently, taking them on social outings such as swimming and walking along the South Downs Way. He was also chair of Langley House Trust and the



Butler Trust, and in recognition of his efforts and charitable work, he was made an MBE in January 2007.

His family – his daughter Jenny and son Nick, and his four grandchildren – were very important to him. Colin was very proud of his grandchildren's achievements, and he treasured the close relationships that he had developed with each of them.

John de Courcy Hughes

(Radley College) died on 13 November 2006 aged 75. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Geography.

William George Murrell

died on 3 October 2006 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Biology. Dr Murrell was the Thomas Lawrence Pawlett scholar at the University Sydney from 1950 to 1952 and an Officer in the Australian Air Force from 1952 to 1957. The William George Murrell Supplementary Scholarship was established at the University of Sydney in 2010 from a bequest from Dr Murrell, to promote postgraduate research in microbiology.

John Goodsir Norquay (Brownhill Road Elementary) died on 18 November 2007 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Modern Languages.

William Proudfoot (Kingston High School, Hull) died on 1 June 2022 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Physics. He joined Sefton-Jones, Odell & Stephens as a trainee in a patent agency in 1953 and was an Estate Manager from 1973 until retirement.

Michael Selborne Whitehouse (King's College School, Wimbledon) died on 4 February 2023 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Medicine. We are grateful to Michael's widow Mrs Jane Whitehouse for providing the following tribute:

Mike won a scholarship to University College in 1950 and studied medicine there and St Bartholomew's Hospital. He graduated in 1956. He thoroughly enjoyed Oxford during this period in his life, working hard and also enjoying the camaraderie with his fellow students. He played rugby, cricket and climbing, not only mountains but on occasion the College buildings! He was thrilled to return for a reunion a few years ago but disappointed to learn that the College bar was no longer called "The Pub on The High". He served two years' National Service in the RAF before starting life as a GP in Surrey, the West Country, Channel Islands and latterly Australia.

Mike had three children: Sarah, James and Rachel with his first wife Jill. He had five grandchildren, one of whom (Joe) read Physics at Exeter College in 2014. He also had six great-grandchildren.

Mike met Jane, a midwife in Alderney and they were very happily married for 45 years. They worked together for many years in small, rural Australian Practices. Mike's real recreational passion was sailing, he learnt the art from his uncle, a GP near the Menai Straits during his evacuation to Wales during the war. He loved sailing with Jane on a variety of yachts all over the world, but his favourite place was always at home.



In retirement, he settled in York and when he was unable to sail, he joined a local singing group and attended the local church. When looking round a lovely ancient church, he met the former Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, he introduced himself and John said, "Oh, I've just seen you on that beautiful stained glass window."

Realising Mike looked puzzled, he said, "It's your namesake, St Michael!"

Mike was very kind, positive and enthusiastic about people and life, he was compassionate and a good listener, qualities that were a blessing to his family and friends.

He died at home with his wife Jane, adoring family and cat Phoebe by his side.

1951:

Anthony Michael Ian Beck OBE

(Rugby) died on 23 January 2023 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read PPE. We are grateful to Mr Beck's family and John Davenport (1951, History) for their assistance in preparing the following tribute:

After Rugby school and national service in the army, Tony Beck arrived at Univ in 1951 to read PPE. He was a keen sportsman and came

near to a blue in hockey. He also played in the College squash and tennis teams.

On leaving Oxford in 1954 he joined ICI, starting in Harrogate but then working in several countries including Spain and Belgium. In Harrogate he met Pat who he married in 1962 and they had four children – three girls and a boy. His last job was Director of ICI Europe and post retirement, he and Pat continued to live in



Brussels and Pat learnt to speak fluent Flemish.

After retirement, Tony was persuaded to join the board of Trustees of The British School of Brussels and later became its Chairman and was made OBE for his contribution to education. Tony remained on the board of the Brussels school until he was ninety despite returning with Pat to live in Harrogate about nine years ago.

After Pat died in 2017 Tony moved to Knaresborough where he remained very active helping with several charities, but also travelling quite frequently to his favourite countries in Europe.

The numbers at his funeral in Knaresborough demonstrated how liked and respected he was in the town.

Maurice Henry George (Hemel

Hempstead G.S.) died on 10 January 2021 aged 89. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read Modern Languages. After 17 years of teaching English in Zambia, he taught English and technology at Liverpool Millbank College until 1992, then followed the path of Buddhism.

Gérard Jannink died on 5 August 2008 aged 77. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read PPE. He studied at the Institut d'études politiques in Paris. With J.P. Cotton, Mr Daoud and B. Farnoux, he was awarded the CEA prize in 1986 and was Deputy Director of the Laboratoire Léon Brillouin (LLB) for eight years from 1983 to 1990.

Cyril Rhys Lewis died on 18 August 1995 in Harare, Zimbabwe aged 69. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read Education. He was a graduate of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

1952:

David Jenkins FRSE MRCVS

(Marlborough) died on 1 November 2022 aged 96. Professor Jenkins studied Veterinary Medicine at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (1943–1948), and read Natural Sciences (Zoology) at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (1949–1952). He came up to Univ in 1952 on a Wellcome Fellowship to read Zoology. In 1956, he joined the Natural History Department at the University of Aberdeen. Before he retired, he was investigating the gradual disappearance of red grouse (*Lagopus lagopus scoticus*) as a Senior Researcher at the University. Some of his research is available to read on JSTOR. On retirement, he remained much involved in wildlife conservation. His father Alfred Thomas came up to Univ in 1923.

David Francis Johnson (St Paul's School, London) died on 4 January 2023 aged 90. He served as a Bombardier in the British Army from June 1951 to September 1952, after which he came up to Univ to read Geography. He was a member of the College Boat Club and played rugby for the College. He was also a member of the "Univ Utopers" and the University Boxing Club. His father, H.C. Johnson (1922), his son James Johnson (1980, Plant Sciences) and his daughter Dr Judith Johnson (1982, Medicine) all came up to Univ. Between 1955 and 1957 he read for his General Ordination Exam (GOE) at Westcott House, Cambridge. He was Assistant Curate of Attenborough with Bramcote and Chilwell (1961–62); Vicar of Ravenstone with Weston Underwood (1962–66); Christ Church, Crewe (1966–70); Curate-in-Charge of St Peter's, Crewe (1967–70); Vicar of Thornton with Allerthorpe and Melbourne (1970–79); St Michael

and All Angels, Hull (1979-81); Leyburn with Bellerby (1981-88) and Coxwold and Husthwaite (1988-97). He retired in 2000.

Elliott Harris Levitas (Emory University) died on 16 December 2022 aged 91. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1952 to read Law. The following tribute by Dave Schechter was first published in the *Atlanta Jewish Times* on 19 December 2022 and extracts are reproduced here with kind permission:

Levitas' political career began in 1965 when the attorney was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, where he demonstrated a commitment to racial justice. In his first vote, he dissented in the House's refusal to seat African American civil rights activist and Vietnam War opponent Julian Bond. Levitas, one of only five white legislators to vote in support of Bond, received death threats.

In 1966, when no candidate received a majority of the votes in the gubernatorial contest, state law then required the General Assembly to decide the election. Levitas, a Democrat, cast his vote for Republican Bo Calloway, refusing to back Democrat Lester Maddox, a segregationist.

In 1974, Levitas was elected to the U.S. House from Georgia's 4th congressional district, the first Jew elected to Congress from Georgia.

In the U.S. House, Levitas served on the Public Works and Transportation Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight. The latter investigated the Reagan administration's efforts to undermine the Environmental Protection Agency, a probe that led to the firing of senior officials. He also championed the creation and funding of the 10,000-acre Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area as a national park.

Levitas was born in Atlanta on Dec. 26, 1930, to Ida and Louis Levitas, his mother was a member of the Goldstein family, long active at Ahavath Achim, and his father was an emigre from Dublin, Ireland.

Elliott attended Boys High School and was in the first graduating class of Grady High School. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Emory University. As a Rhodes scholar, he obtained a Master of Law Degree from Oxford University in England. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Judge Advocate General's staff.

Following a decade of congressional service, he joined longtime friend Miles Alexander at the law firm Kilpatrick & Cody (now known as Kilpatrick Townsend), where he remained for 30 years. Among the cases in which Levitas played a leading role was a suit filed against the U.S. government by more than 300,000 Native Americans, alleging breach of trust in connection with lands and trust funds held by the government since the 1880s.

Levitas is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Barbara Hillman, whom he married in 1955. He also is survived by three children, Karin (Bob), Susan (Jake), and Kevin (Claudia), as well as grandchildren, Aria and Elaiya Een, Sydney, and Annie Schwartz, and Michael and Allison Levitas, as well as a brother-in-law, Stuart Hillman. He was predeceased by his older brother, Ted Levitas.

Roger Michael Phillips (Bromsgrove) died on 1 May 2002 aged 68. He came up to Univ in 1952 to read Classics (Literae Humaniores). According to our records, from 1958 he worked for Gallaher Group, a United Kingdom-based multinational tobacco company.

1954:

Malcolm Anderson FRSE FRSA

(Altrincham G.S.) died on 13 September 2022 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read History. Professor Katharine Ellis FBA MAE (1982, Music), Honorary Fellow, has kindly written the following tribute:

Malcolm Anderson was a European intellectual, a builder of European institutions, a distinguished scholar of French and European history, politics and policy, and an inspirational colleague to all who knew him.

Malcolm read History at Univ, graduating in 1957; his DPhil was awarded in 1961. An influential member of the then young Department of Politics at Warwick in the early 1960s, he moved to Edinburgh as Professor in 1979. There, he energetically strengthened both his department and the wider University during a period of exceptional financial difficulty for UK universities. His scholarly productivity in his research on French and European politics, international borders (notably including those of Ireland), and European integration was marked by his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and later, by his Oxford DLitt.

Malcolm thought the idea of Europe "precious". Having seen as a young student what fascism had done to European civilization in general, and to Italy, Germany, Spain, and Portugal in particular, he committed his professional life to seeking rapprochement between European democracies, to affirm liberal values and to enhance economic welfare and security. With those goals in mind, he created, led, and served entrepreneurial, cross-national, institutions. He led Edinburgh's Centre for



European Governmental Studies with aplomb; built productive relations with the European Commission; was President, successively, of the UK University Association of Contemporary European Studies, the European Community

Studies Association, and the World Association of European Studies.

Academic and public initiatives flowed from meetings with colleagues across Europe's increasingly soft borders in the 1980s and 1990s. With Jacqueline Lastenouse and Émile Noël, he played a major part in creating and promoting

the Jean Monnet Programme by which

professorships were created for the teaching of and research into European integration. Malcolm was himself appointed to a Monnet Honorary Professorship. These are extraordinary achievements and remarkably generous legacies to generations of academics.

There were books and ideas aplenty. His last major work, *In Thrall to Political Change: Police and Gendarmerie in France*, was the first study of the police and gendarmerie since the democratic Republican regime's establishment in 1870. The archival research underpinning the book is of exceptional depth and breadth, and Malcolm's analysis of his subject penetrating. It is a work to crown a life of humanity and distinction.

Henry Jacob Cohn (Haberdashers' Aske's)

died on 2 February 2021 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1954. The following extracts are from a hesped (eulogy) first published on the Hesperd.org website in 2021 and reproduced here with kind permission of Dr Cohn's widow, Mrs Loretta Cohn:

Integrity is a word that seems to have gone out of fashion recently, but if I had to ascribe only one quality to Henry it would be just that.

Henry Jacob Cohn was born in London on 5 February 1936. His parents, Ernst and Marianne, both came to England in the early 1930s from Breslau in Germany (now Wrocław in Poland) as refugees from Nazism.

In 1940, when he was four years old, Henry and Marianne were evacuated to Jamaica to avoid the consequences of a possible German invasion of England. While a Professor of Law in Breslau Ernst had fallen foul of the authorities and was on the Nazis' hit list. Ernst stayed in England and served in the British Army. Sadly, the marriage broke down and Henry returned to England after the War to live with his father. Marianne continued to live in Jamaica, and regular visits there were an integral part of Henry's life until her death.

In London, Henry attended The King Alfred School, and then Haberdashers' Aske's Boys. He gained a scholarship to University College Oxford to read Politics Philosophy and Economics, with plans to become an accountant, but changed course in his first year to study History instead. His Doctorate was awarded in 1963.

Henry's career as a university teacher and academic historian began at Glasgow University. He was then at Leicester for five years and finally at Warwick where he taught for 37 years, winding up as Reader. He was well-liked and hugely respected by colleagues, not least for his wisdom and his interest in other people, exemplified by the support and encouragement he gave to those at the start of their academic careers. He became a Fellow of the Royal



Historical Society of England and Vice-President of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions.

Henry's parents had joined Alyth Synagogue before the War and he himself was involved throughout his school years. It was through the Alyth Youth Club that he met Ruth Harris. They married in 1960, and his only child, Carolyn, was born a year later. Sadly, they subsequently divorced. Henry and I met and married in 1979, living first in Coventry, then in Birmingham, before moving back to London in 2014.

A huge gain from returning to London was being able to have more time with Carolyn and her husband, Tim, and grandchildren Katy, Adam and Rosie, all of whom he loved dearly and about whom he worried greatly.

Henry was warm, loving and instinctively generous. His response to need, whether at a personal level or in the wider community, was always immediate and unstinting.

David Nairn Geekie (Sutton County G.S.) died on 23 January aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read History. From 1957 to 1964 he worked for the Imperial Tobacco Company in Bristol and from around 1964 to 1980 he worked for Cadbury's Foods Ltd. In 1980 he became Director of Industrial Development at United Biscuits Group until he retired in 1994. In later years he was Vice Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the award-winning Burnby Hall Gardens and Museum Trust in Pocklington, Yorkshire. He was Project Director of a £634k Heritage Lottery Funded museum refurbishment project.

He was Honorary Treasurer of the Arts Society of Pocklington and a trustee of Allerthorpe Charities, which provides grants to those in need who live in the parish of Allerthorpe.

The College learnt recently that **Robert Lawrence Lasky** (Harvard, Yale) died on 16 September 2020 aged 91. He came up to Univ from New York in 1954 on a Henry Fellowship to study English Law and the British Constitution. Mr Lasky was an attorney and cofounder in 1962 in New York of the Agency for the Performing Arts (APA), whose clients once included Liberace, Johnny Cash and Harry Belafonte.

Robert Hugh McDiarmid Nisbet died on 27 October 2013 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1954 to complete the Diplomatic Studies Programme.

Nicholas Evelyn Sebastian Snow (Eton) died in January 2003 aged 69. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Modern History.

Julian Siegmund "Stephen" Walker (Midhurst G.S.) died on 20 May 2022 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read PPP.

1955:

Donald Charles Blagden (Eltham College) died on 24 January 2021 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Geography. His brother John Blagden, who died in 2020 at the age of 90, came up in 1950 to read History. He taught at Dean Close Junior School from 1959 to 1960, Bloxham School from 1960 to 1963, St George's

College, Weybridge from 1963 to 1976 and at Haileybury from 1976 to 1998.

Lawrence ("Tony") Hutchinson

(Easingwold G.S.) died on 18 July 2022 aged 87. He was based in the army newsroom for a few years, writing for troops in Korea, and was also in Malaya for a year. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read History and completed a DipEd in 1958–9. He was appointed Assistant Master of St Clement Danes Grammar School in 1959. In 1966 he became Head of the History Department in Cockburn High School, Leeds and from 1972 he was the Head of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College. He retired in 1994.

Allan James Knock (Sir George Monoux G.S., Walthamstow) died in May 1989 aged 55. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Classics.



John Arthur Newman

(Dulwich College) died on 19 April 2023 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Classics. At Univ, he was captain of the Boat Club and rowed in the First Eight. The following tribute was published on The Courtauld website on 25 April 2023 and extracts are reproduced here with kind permission:

It is with great sadness that we share the news that John Newman, former Deputy Director and (since his retirement in 2001) Honorary Fellow of The Courtauld, passed away on 19 April.

John was an eminent architectural historian, a specialist in seventeenth-century British architecture but best known to the public as the author of several of the "Pevsner" architectural guides and for many years Advisory Editor to

the entire *Buildings of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales* series. He was particularly proud of his work with the volumes on Wales, whose historic architecture had been under-examined and therefore under-valued. The work with Nikolaus Pevsner began when John was a student at The Courtauld when he answered the latter's advertisement for a driver for a week in Berkshire; the relationship remained close for twenty years until Pevsner's death in 1983.

He was educated at Dulwich College and Oxford University where he read Greats (or classics) before becoming a classics teacher at Tonbridge School in 1959. In 1963 John, realizing that his heart lay elsewhere, left this post to study at The Courtauld. As a sixth-form student, he had read (amongst much else; according to John his early reading was voracious and disorganised) John Summerson's *Architecture in Britain 1530-1830*, a book whose impact on him he both acknowledged and is detectable. The same interest in the political and intellectual contexts operating on early modern British architecture, and upon which that architecture operated in turn, is apparent in John's own writing. In 1966 he was appointed as a lecturer at The Courtauld, where he taught until his retirement. Then-undergraduates have happy memories of trailing around the roofs of St Paul's Cathedral after him; John was firmly committed to the on-site teaching which he saw as The Courtauld's strength. His postgraduate supervisions are the stuff of legend. Estimates of how many doctoral dissertations he was supervising at any one time vary; John himself thought that he might have seen thirty PhD students through in total. What is certain is that his supervisions were models of conscientiousness, tact, and lack of dogma

and that his former students include some of the most distinguished historians, curators, and conservationists in the field.

John was revered and loved by his colleagues, his many students, and the wider international community of those engaged with British architectural, sculptural, and garden heritage.

Howard Rees Williams died on 16 January 2013 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read PPP.

1956:

John Howard Cobb (Kings, Canterbury and Christ's Hospital) died on 5 September 2022 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1956 to read History. His brother Peter Cobb (1961, History) has kindly written the following tribute:

My brother John was both highly sociable (he once owned a pub) and very self-contained. He was the eldest of three brothers. I am the youngest and the only survivor today.

John spent a lot of his working life in Silicon Valley. He joined Fairchild's semiconductor division out there in 1966 having qualified here as a cost accountant. Bob Noyce, Gordon Moore and Andy Grove left the same division of Fairchild in 1968, founded a little company and called it Intel. John was invited to be Chief Accountant at the foundation when Bob Noyce said to him that in a few years, he would either be richer or in the same dole queue as Bob. John rose to be the first Vice President Finance at Intel and joined the main Board of Directors in 1973. Life in the pressure cooker was not however to his taste and he came back to the UK where he bought a pub in Devon. Domestic tragedy made his tenure of the pub all too brief and he returned to the USA where he worked with one

of the Venture Capitalists who had funded Intel and later also Apple in its birth.

He came back to Devon in the 1990s and lived quietly with his stockbrokers for entertainment. John never had any children with his three wives, two of whom predeceased him. I don't know too much about his time at Univ – he did play quite a bit of bridge with the legendary Tony Firth which was a good preparation for playing with Omar Sharif on a cruise in the Caribbean later in his life. Univ excelled in all-round education! Douglas Millin the famous Head Porter at Univ welcomed me in 1961 with "I'll give you the same advice I gave your brother, sir – Keep your mouth shut your bowels open and trust nobody."

Abel Joseph Jack Diamond (Durban H.S.) died on 30 October 2022 aged 89. He came up to Univ in 1956 to read PPE. The following tribute by Alex Bozikovic, architecture critic, first appeared in *The Globe and Mail* on 3 November 2022 and extracts are reproduced here with kind permission:

Jack Diamond's career began with a treehouse. Aged nine, he found a pallet on his family's banana plantation in South Africa. With the help of the family gardener, he installed it in a pine tree and surrounded himself with boughs. Almost eight decades later, he still remembered "the exaltation of first imagining and then creating this secure and secret place," he wrote in a 2022 memoir, *Context & Content*. "The pallet had become something wonderful because of my hands, my imagination, and my work."

Mr Diamond would become an architect of bigger projects, including La Maison Symphonique

in Montreal and the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. Working from the latter city, his adopted home, he built one of Canada's most prominent architecture firms. He also became an influential advocate on architecture, planning and municipal issues.

Abel Jack Diamond was born Nov. 8, 1932, in Piet Retief, a small town in the East Transvaal region of South Africa. Both of his parents were descendants of Russian Jews; the family of his mother, Rachel, via the UK, and his father Jacob directly from Lithuania. His parents moved to Durban, where Jacob ran a successful hotel, and Jack "grew up with a strong sense of material security," he wrote in *Context & Content*. He also built his self-confidence as a successful runner and rugby player. Despite these comforts, growing up Jewish in a racist society – one in

which, as Mr Diamond saw during the Second World War, there was strong popular support for the Nazis – could be uneasy. Mr Diamond often encountered antisemitism in his youth, and responded with "a strong sense of social justice," recalled his son Andrew Diamond, "that stuck with him his whole life." The elder Mr

Diamond was drawn to anti-apartheid activism, starting with a campaign to desegregate university facilities during his time at the University of Cape Town.

He studied there in the mid-1950s and learned a mix of modernist ideas and classically inspired training drawn from the École des Beaux-Arts. Mr Diamond graduated with a thesis on concert halls and their acoustics, learning from the acoustic successes of 19th-century halls.

Those two themes, of respect for architectural history and a passion for music and concert halls,



carried through Mr Diamond's later career.

First, though, Mr Diamond went to Oxford to study politics, philosophy and economics – hoping that he could return to South Africa and fight apartheid as a politician. He courted a fellow student in the program, then Gillian Huggins; she would become Gillian Diamond in 1959. "He was then exactly as he was to the end," Ms Diamond recalled. "Full of energy, full of life, irrepressible."

Along with his wife and son, Mr Diamond leaves his daughter, his children's spouses and four grandchildren.



1957:

Denis Stephen du Toit died on 26 August 1996 aged 69. He came up to Univ in 1957 on the Diplomatic Studies Programme. He worked for the Colonial Service in Zambia.

Stuart Samuel Lazarus (St Albans) died on 17 July 2022 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1957 to read Law. His daughter Mrs Karen Brinkman has kindly provided the following tribute:

Stuart Samuel Lazarus, aged 86, of Ascot Berkshire, passed away on 17th July 2022 after a short but valiant battle with cancer. Stuart was born on 23rd June 1936 to Beatrice (known as Beatie) and Jack Lazarus at The London Hospital, in the East End of London and he would always say that he was a true Londoner as he was born within the Bow Bells. From a young age, Stuart attended Boarding School and then on to St Albans School in which he was always very proud to say that his school was one of the oldest schools in the country. After leaving school, Stuart was drafted into the army where

he spent two years doing Military Service. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Royal Army Service Corps and spent most of his time at Aldershot.

Inspired by his Uncle Cyril, Stuart attended University College Oxford where he attained a First in Law. He

was always very proud of his time at Oxford as he often spoke fondly about his time there and how he enjoyed the Univ community.

After graduating, Stuart decided to pursue a career in Law where he got his first job in the conveyancing department of the National Coal Board before moving to become a Solicitor at Rank Xerox and finally a Partner at Paisner & Co.

Stuart married Theresa Rusholme in 1966 and they lived in various locations (Hayes, Marlow Bottom, Cookham and Ascot). He had two children (Paul and Karen) and four grandchildren (Mateo, Ana Belen, Jack and Mia).

In 1998, Stuart retired. He spent his retirement travelling the world, going to the races and watching all his favourite sport. Sport was one of his main hobbies. He enjoyed horse racing as well as football and was an avid Arsenal football team supporter. In addition to this he enjoyed watching his favourite Rugby team, the Harlequins. Stuart was always very proud of his achievements. His interest in Cricket started at Prep School where he started collecting cricketers' autographs. He was a member of the cricket team at St Albans School and is mentioned in the Wisden Almanack. After university he played cricket for a number of club sides. He retired from cricket after a few years but continued his passion as a spectator, supporting Middlesex Cricket Club.

In addition to travelling and sport, Stuart had

many other hobbies such as photography, general knowledge quizzes, sudoku and classical music.

Stuart was much loved by his family, friends and colleagues; he is sorely missed but his memories will be cherished.

Robert Neville Thomas KC (Ruthin) died on 24 January 2023 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1957 to read Law. We are grateful to Lord Carlile CBE KC for allowing us to publish extracts from the eulogy he delivered at the memorial service at St Beuno's Church, Berriew in April 2023:

To be allowed to give this tribute to Neville is truly an honour.

I first met Neville about 45 years ago. I owe him intense gratitude, for advice he gave me as an aspiring then actual MP for Montgomeryshire, and as a fellow barrister at a key moment in my life. When his advice was palatable (as mostly it was), it was expressed with unique clarity, no words wasted. He had a brain the size of a planet, and used language with surgical precision. When his advice was less palatable, it was presented as unarguable certainty. His form of friendship is rare – loyal, fearless in form, and always right. Of how many people in our lives can we say that?

Neville was Welsh, a true Cymro. He was born in Bryn Saith Marchog, near Corwen in Denbighshire. He cared deeply about what he saw at times as the depleting plight of Welsh cultural heritage especially in the rich and diverse farming community into which he was born. He remained a perfect speaker of his first language, Welsh, which he passed down to Gerran and Meriel.

After school in Ruthin he moved on to National Service. He was sent to the Joint Service School for Linguists [JSSL]. This took

him to Crail, near St Andrews – a beautiful but quiet place in the 1950s. I have been told there was a circle there called "Neville's Group", where fellow partygoers gathered and in which a starring role was played by his small sports car.

He went on to University College Oxford, I think at a time when the work-life balance was not as oppressed by academic study as it is today. He has been described to me as the master of "the late night essay crisis"; and as mercurial, zesty, high spirited and wonderful company.

So came the Bar. He joined the Wales and Chester Circuit and tried his hand in the criminal courts. Neville built up a hugely successful set – one of the great sets – of barristers' chambers, 3 Verulam Buildings. Many of us at the Bar turned to him for his kindness and generosity to colleagues.

Above all other things, Neville knew and felt the quality of love. He loved the sun, and particularly his European holidays travelling by car en famille. Jenny, Gerran and Meriel have special memories of those times.

He loved nature. The gardens that he and Jenny created at Glansevern they both loved, and through the gardens they gave pleasure to many thousands of visitors.

Of course, Jenny was the love of his life, and his two children the Sylfaen, the foundation for and motivation of his many achievements. To them we give our most profound sympathy, and our words and songs of praise for the truly brilliant and beloved Neville Thomas.

Peter Henry Willson (Wimbledon College) died on 9 July 2022 aged 85. He came up to Univ in 1957 to read History. He was employed as Personal Assistant to a director of British Glues

from 1960 to 1976, taught at a prep school from 1976 to 1981 and from 1981 at King's College, Taunton. He was great uncle to Henrietta Crichton (2002, PPE). His brother J.M. Wilson came up to Univ in 1951.

1958:

The College learnt recently of the death of **Quentin Lawrence Gray** (The Becket School) on 30 April 2005 aged 66. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read Law. From 1966 to 1988 he was an articled clerk with North Riding County Council. He was Head of Administration with South West Water from 1988 and was a Legal Advisor to the National River Authority. He retired in 1999 and travelled around Europe with his wife Mary (St Hilda's) who he met in Univ in his first term, and subsequently married.

Alan Egerton Parker (Kingswood) died on 24 November 2022 aged 85. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read History and Education. From 1962 to 1970 he taught at the Royal Masonic Junior School, and as History Master at Hereford Cathedral School from 1970. The following tribute appeared on the website of the Old Herefordians Club in November 2022. We are grateful to Dr Howard Tomlinson, former headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School, for permission to reproduce it here:



Ege Parker was one of the most distinguished and dedicated schoolmasters I have known. As a teacher, his enthusiasm for and knowledge of history shone through his lessons, whether he was teaching juniors or 19th-century British history – Disraeli being his political hero – to

'A'-level students. Outside the classroom, the pastoral care of his charges as the first house-master of No 1 and form-master of 1P, was legendary. He became a favourite 'uncle' figure to generations of HCS pupils, many of whom made considerable efforts to keep up with him after they had left the school.

On a personal level, I have every reason to be grateful to my former colleague and close friend. He took over as Head of History at an anxious time; he introduced me to Gladstone's Library at Hawarden and was a great help in my writing of the school's history. He generously and spontaneously endowed our son Edward's memorial in Hereford Cathedral and was a steadfast chairman of Coningsby Hospital. In retirement, he also raised well over £100,000 towards the No 1 Fund for former choristers, which was transferred to the Old Herefordian Trust during my term as president of the club. It was the greatest benefaction given to the fund since that of Zimmerman himself.

Alan Egerton Parker, who found out in later life that he was a Yorkshireman, rather than a Lancastrian, by birth – another reason for endearment – will be mourned by many in the school, cathedral and local community. He influenced thousands of lives. This gifted, amiable, gregarious, generous and faithful man has left numerous legacies.

Philip John Stewart (Bryanston) died on 23 November 2022 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read Oriental Studies (1958–1961) and Plant Sciences (1963–1965). The following is reproduced with the kind permission of the

Boars Hill Association:

Philip John Stewart was born in London on 8th January 1939 and died on 23rd November 2022 after a long fight against cancer.

Philip Stewart was boarded at Bryanston School and decided at an early age that he did not want to choose between arts and sciences. After taking degrees at the University of Oxford in Arabic and in Forestry, he spent seven years in Algeria, 1967–1974, working in forest and soil conservation. In 1975 he returned to his old university, where for 31 years he taught Economics to Biology students and Ecology to Human Sciences students, occasionally also taking Arabic pupils. In 1981 he translated *Children of Gebelawi* by Egyptian Nobel Prize winner Nehguib Mahfouz with input from Mahfouz himself. His special interest was in the way that people's beliefs affect the way that they interact with natural systems. Chemistry always fascinated him as it links the vast world of stars and galaxies to the utterly minute world of the atoms and molecules of our living planet.

In 2004 he published a new representation of the periodic table of the elements "The Chemical Galaxy".

Philip Stewart's general interests included the integration of economics into ecology, Islamic culture and history, chemistry, English poetry since 1800, and bicycles. He researched and became an expert on the lives of the various poets who had made Boars Hill their home and this was the subject of his last book: *Oxford's Parnassus* which was published in 2021.



Philip had a distinguished career at Oxford University, and such was the quality of his teaching, that he developed lifelong relationships with many of his alumni.

He was proud to have lived on Boars Hill for over 50 years with his wife Lucile. Here they raised their five children in a happy and richly fulfilling home. "I am very conscious that life is a succession of accidents, which we string together to tell a tale. The essence of a person is not the character in the story but the being in the present. My history is just a wandering path that has led me to where I am now." Philip Stewart

1959:

Garth Creswick (Cheltenham G.S.) died on 29 January 2014 aged 73. News of his death did not reach the College until November 2022. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Geography. He read for a Diploma in Anthropology in 1962–63. In the 2000s he was based in north-east England and worked as a management consultant.



Derek William Lawrence Burnham (Liverpool Institute H.S.) died on 22 July 2022 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Geography. We are grateful to Mr John Swift KC (1959, Law) for the following tribute:

Derek Burnham (1959–1962) died on 22 July 2022. He came up from Liverpool Institute and read Geography, got an honourable Third, but was better known at Univ for vigorous engagement in all undergraduate activities, including sporting success, his soccer Blue, cricket and lacrosse. On leaving Univ, he

had a successful career in industry, starting with Pilkington's, then mentoring future business leaders in Wales, for which he achieved a Prince of Wales Award, and continuing to play a lively part in Welsh political and social life. He was married twice and leaves two children (from his second marriage) and two grandchildren. Like many at Univ, we were at the Eastgate at the time of the JFK statement at the Cuban crisis, 1962, which we thought might have been our last pints. Not so and we had a splendid friendship for the rest of his life.

Bayan Peter Northcott (Latymer Upper School) died on 13 December 2022 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read English and Education. Stephen Cockburn (1959, English) kindly provided the following tribute:

When in early 1940 Roy Northcott and his wife Cecilia (always known as Bim!) were expecting the first of their four children, its father was reading a history book that featured a Korean leader whose name was Bayan. They decided to call the baby by this name (has any reader ever heard of anybody else so named let alone met one?) So, when he went to school to no one's surprise he used his second name, Peter. However, on coming up to Univ from Latimer Upper School in Hammersmith with an Open Exhibition in English on General Election Day in October 1959, he chose to use his first name and it stuck for the rest of his life.

As freshmen reading English, our Anglo-Saxon tutor was Christopher Tolkien, son of J.R.R., who lived rather like a Hobbit in a small house in Holywell. On his first Saturday Bayan had joined

the Boat Club and, presaging his subsequent career in music, "because he had rhythm" was appointed Stroke of the novice coxed four as well as the novice eight which triumphed in the Christ Church Regatta that Michaelmas Term 1959. Stephen Hawking coxed both boats.

Graduating with a Second in 1962, Bayan's first serious job was teaching English at Chichester High School for Boys in Sussex, but after six years he went to Southampton University to take a BMus and there studied composition with Alexander Goehr (of whom he later wrote a biography) and Jonathan Harvey. At home, Bayan's sister Dorabella played the harp and he played on the fine grand piano in their first-floor drawing room overlooking the Hammersmith bend in the middle of the Boat Race course, but he never learnt an instrument seriously until he was 30, so until Southampton his knowledge of music was self-taught. His Opus

1, a sonata for solo Oboe, was not completed until 1978. He wrote articles for *Music and Musicians* and became a music critic for the *New Statesman* in 1973. He joined *The Sunday Telegraph* in 1976 where he wrote concert reviews but also some longer essays. On moving to *The Independent* in 1986, however, he had the opportunity to write a series of 1,200-word pieces for *The Arts Page*. Many of these were republished in *Bayan's Collected Writings* in 2009 in "The Way We Listen Now."

At the Aldeburgh Festival of 1994, his music was featured in a Composer Portrait concert. His *Fantasia for Guitar* (1982) and *Hymn to Cybele* (1983) and a *Sextet* (1985) were broadcast. His *Four Votive Antiphons* followed in 1997-2003 and in 1998 his *Concerto for Horn and Ensemble*

was played in New York and England, while his *Concerto for Orchestra*, commissioned by the BBC was performed at the Proms in 2016. Bayan was much admired by enthusiasts of modern British music, not just for his copious writings but for his compositions which should long outlive him. His music critic colleagues recall him as a "gentle, intelligent and ego-free figure", very much as his contemporaries at Univ regarded him sixty years before.

Christopher Lewis Oastler

(Rugby) died on 12 September 2022 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read English. We are grateful to Mr Oastler's family and David Foster (1961, History) for the following tribute:

Chris joined Univ in 1959 as a Plumtre Exhibitioner and after gaining his degree in Honours English he studied for a BLitt, which was awarded in 1965. His thesis was titled "John Day, Elizabethan Printer" and was subsequently published as a book by the Oxford Bibliographical Society as the thesis had been referred to so many times by students in the Bodleian Library. While at Univ, Chris was President of the OU Society of Bibliophiles, Chairman of the JCR Arts Committee, and Design Editor of *ISIS* magazine. He played for the College Hockey XI, who won Cuppers in 1961, and also played for the OU Occasionals. Chris greatly enjoyed being a member of Univ parties at the Chalet des Anglais every year between 1962 and 1967.

After leaving Oxford, Chris studied Law while articled to Clifford Turner & Co., London. For many years after that, he worked in The Treasury Solicitor's Department, Property

Division until this re-located to the south-west of the country for a few years, before returning to London. Chris did not want to move to the south-west, for family reasons, and spent the rest of his time until retirement working for private companies and then the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. By this time, the family had moved from Blackheath, London, to a village in Sussex.

Chris had many hobbies and really enjoyed life. He drew and painted in his spare time and was secretary of the Law Society's Art Group for three years. He played tennis whenever possible, cycled, ice skated and roller-bladed, and enjoyed country walking and hill climbing, especially in Yorkshire and North Wales. He and his wife Pat had two daughters and a son, and six grandchildren. He was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and friend.



Chris Oastler in 1966

1960:

Peter John Southgate (Roundhay School, Leeds) died on 12 November 2020 aged 78. He came up to Univ in 1960 to read Classics. We were kindly informed of his death recently by a friend of Mr Southgate, who spotted him on our "Lost List." Mr Southgate played rugby and cricket for the College and rowed in the First Eight for the College Boat Club. Terry Gorley (1961, Engineering) kindly provided the following tribute:

Peter studied Greats at Univ from 1960 to 1964. After gaining his degree, Peter qualified as an accountant and worked in the City of London. He loathed the commute from his family home in Eltham, especially in

hot weather. Coupled with his love of the countryside, this led him to become a partner in an accountancy practice in Shrewsbury. As mentioned above, Peter loved being in the open countryside followed by an evening with a pint or two of beer putting the world to right with whoever was willing to join him. He sold his partnership after a few years and purchased a public house near Aberystwyth. This was at a time of economic difficulty and he had to give up the property after a few years. Eventually, he moved to Holsworthy, North Devon where his sister owned some horses and ran a riding school. His mother had also moved down to Devon. Peter spent his time doing the *Times* crossword and other puzzles especially over a pint of beer, helping his sister and volunteering at the Holsworthy Day Centre for the local elderly population. Peter loved most sport, cricket and rugby in particular.

We spent many happy Saturday afternoons at Twickenham when England were playing there and also at the Middlesex Sevens as the culmination to the rugby season. Peter had also followed the England cricket team in the West Indies with his brother. Unfortunately, his love of putting the world to right meant he spent a lot of time in smoky bars which appears to have led to a significant deterioration to his health. Peter had very strong feelings about looking after the environment and had a particular interest in the Woodland Trust. I had many very enjoyable times staying with him and visiting the beautiful locations in North Devon and nearby Cornwall.

Michael Peter Walker (Hymer's College) died on 20 July 2022 aged 80. His friends David Dixon (1960), Bruce Drew (1960) and Alexander Jacoby have furnished the following obituary:

Michael Walker was a distinguished film critic whose work combined a humanist's passionate engagement with details and rigour that testified to his scientific training. He came up to Univ in autumn 1960 to read Physics, a year behind Stephen Hawking. Midway through his undergraduate career an epiphany in the cinemas of Oxford steered him towards his future vocation.

He was to become a pioneer of film education in Britain, as, by coincidence, did another member of the 1960 Univ intake, Jim Hillier; Michael did not know him at Oxford, but their paths often crossed afterwards. In the late 1960s, while working at Scotland Yard, he took an evening class at the British Film Institute taught by Robin Wood,

author of groundbreaking studies of Hitchcock and other directors. Wood became a mentor and friend, and they co-wrote a book on director Claude Chabrol, published in 1970.

Michael eventually found employment in his chosen field at Isleworth Polytechnic, subsequently Hounslow Borough College (it is now West Thames College). There he was among the first teachers of Film Studies at A-level. His students included the actor Rufus Sewell.

Meanwhile, he produced a wealth of essays, for the British magazine *Movie*, which advocated close analysis of films, for the Canadian magazine *CineAction* (co-edited by Robin Wood), and as a contributor to *Movie* books on film noir and the Western. He championed neglected directors



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and unfashionable genres, such as melodrama, while paying careful attention to patterns and motifs within and among films. In retirement, this approach bore fruit in *Hitchcock's Motifs*, a brilliantly original intervention in a crowded field.

Later, in the face of debilitating illness, he completed two projects of impressive scope: a book on modern ghost melodramas, and one on film endings, analysing thresholds, water and beaches as elements and locations charged with meaning. His lifetime's devoted film viewing enabled him to compare American ghost films with East Asian ones and juxtapose beach endings in *La Dolce Vita* and *Death in Venice* with those in *Jaws* and *The Shawshank Redemption*.

A Yorkshireman, Michael (who was Mick to his family and oldest friends, and Mike to friends made later in life) was born in Hull and raised in Beverley. The oldest of five children, he was a devoted sibling to his brother and three sisters. Though he never married, he made and kept many friends, both among film critics and enthusiasts, and among his Univ contemporaries, with some of whom he shared houses in London after graduation, and with whom he continued to socialise regularly into old age.

He travelled widely in his youth, visiting Greece, Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, the USA, Canada, and Italy, whose outdoor cinemas thrilled him. In his later years he returned to Italy often, attending film festivals in Pordenone and Bologna, where he was convivial company to fellow cinephiles. At home in Herne Hill, South London, he was an unfailingly generous host, and his guests marvelled at his extensive library and DVD collection.

1961:

Seán William O'Reilly Haldane (Royal Belfast Academical Institution) died on 27 March 2023 aged 80. We are grateful to Professor Rory McTurk (1960, English) for the following tribute, and to Dr Haldane's family for kindly supplying the photograph:

Seán read English at Univ, and poetry was his ruling passion. During his first year at Oxford he met Robert Graves, who was then Professor of

Poetry, and during his second year, he met and made friends with the poet James Reeves, with whom he later edited a selection of poems by the American poet Trumbull Stickney, published in 1968. He took a year out before taking his Finals in 1965, when he graduated with First Class Honours.

Seán was three times married, first to Katharine ("Katy") Woolf, from Cambridge, Mass.; secondly to the American poet Marnie Pomeroy, with whom he founded and ran from 1968 to 1973 the Ladysmith Press in Québec, Canada, which published over twenty books by young poets, including some of their own; and thirdly to Ghislaine Lanteigne, from Caraquet, NB, Canada, whom he met in 1976 and with whom he found lasting happiness. He founded with her, in 2013, the Rún Press (later renamed Rune Press), which published among other things the "Pocket Poems" series of complete poems by poets whose work had not been previously collected: in 2014 the poems of Valentin Iremonger and Martin Seymour-Smith, and in 2016 and 2020 those of the Scottish poet David Cameron.

As a poet himself from an early age, Seán had resolved never to make a living from poetry,



and that any earnings from his poems would go towards publishing poetry by himself and others. He was awarded a doctorate in Psychology by Saybrook University, San Francisco, in 1977, and worked in Canada until 1987 as a therapist in private practice. From 1987 to 1994 he worked as a Consultant Psychologist and Consultant Neuropsychologist in Prince Edward Island and Vancouver Island respectively. In 1995 he moved to England, where he worked for the National Health Service, first at Solihull as a Consultant Psychologist and then in London, from 2001 onwards, as a Consultant Psychologist and Consultant Neuropsychologist. From 2012 to 2020 he had a private practice in clinical and forensic neuropsychology.

His many publications include three books on psychology, two books on the nature of poetry, a biography of Trumbull Stickney, and student guides to John Donne and Thomas Hardy. He believed that love and mutability were the fundamental concerns of all true poetry, and this is reflected, if not always directly, in the six main collections of his own poems: *Skindiving* (1972), *Desire in Belfast* (1992), *Lines from the Stone Age* (2000), *Always Two* (2009), *The Memory Tree* (2015) and *The Hugger Mugger* (2020). In relatively recent years he began to write novels, of which the two that have so far been published are historical crime novels: *The Devil's Making* (2013), which won the Canadian Best Crime Novel award in 2014, and its sequel, *An Evil Tale I Heard*, which appeared in 2022.

Seán is survived by his wife Ghislaine, his three daughters Maeve (from his second marriage), Christina and Jessica (from his third), and four grandchildren.

A longer obituary by Professor McTurk and further tributes can be read at seanhaldane.com

Derek Michael Stark (Merchant Taylors) died on 13 April 2023 aged 80. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read Physics. His wife and children have kindly provided the following obituary:

Born in Gerrards Cross, in 1942, to Scottish parents, his mother was a schoolteacher and his father an architect, and he had one older brother.

Arriving at Oxford in 1961 he studied Physics, although he found it rather theoretical. His creative and practical skills were in evidence as he built his own racing dinghy, and sailed competitively, representing Oxford University as captain of the Cygnets. As Secretary of the Oxford University Sailing Club, with responsibility for producing the termly newsletter, he frequented the college office where a charming and energetic assistant college secretary, Anne Penney, worked under the watchful eyes of Gwynne Ovenstone. After leaving Univ for a petrochemical engineering company Schlumberger, he soon returned to marry Anne in the University Church of St Mary's in 1966.

On graduating from Oxford in 1964, he joined Schlumberger (now known as SLB) in its Wireline Services division, serving the oil industry as a petrophysicist. In his early years, he worked on drilling rigs on land and offshore. This was followed by periods in field service management, computer-assisted interpretation of acquired well data, sales, marketing management, conference organisation, publication and marketing communications. During his career with Schlumberger, he was posted to Das Island, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Iran, Gabon, Nigeria, Angola, the UK, Holland, Italy and France before he retired in 1995 (in part since staying on would have meant being posted back to West Africa again).

During his retirement near Oxford, Derek's practical skills, kindness and good humour were a blessing to his family and many friends. He enjoyed being a member of the Wine Society and the Oxford Wine Club, and for several years he owned a row of vines at a French vineyard (Chateau Fougas). A keen salmon fisherman, he enjoyed regular annual trips to Scotland to go fishing with friends on the river Naver. With a love of gadgets, and as an early adopter of Apple computers, he was always technology-savvy, and many benefited from his informal "Tech Support".

After a year-long battle with cancer, he passed away peacefully on 13 April, at home, surrounded by close family.

John Vaio (Columbia College, N.Y.C.) died on 19 November 2021 aged 82. He came up to Univ on a Marshall Scholarship in 1961 to read Classics. He joined Univ from Columbia College in New York, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1961. He was featured on the cover of the *New York Times* and in *TIME* magazine for giving his Class Valedictorian speech in Latin. He completed a doctorate in Classical Studies at Columbia University, and subsequently taught there as an assistant professor. He joined the Department of Classics at the University of Illinois Chicago in 1975. Upon his retirement in 2003 the University elected him Professor Emeritus of Classics.



1963:

The College was notified recently of the death of **Alastair James Stewart Walker** (Edinburgh University) on 22 February 2018 aged 80. Dr Walker came up to Univ in 1963 to read for a BLitt in Philosophy. He was Secretary of the JCR (1964–1965). From 1966 to 1969 he was an Administrator in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Edinburgh. From 1969 to 1974 he was Administrator and Warden of Student House, Edinburgh. He obtained a PhD at the University of Edinburgh in 1974. From 1974 he worked as a Lecturer in Social Policy and Social Administration. At one point he was an Assistant Governor of Wormwood Scrubs. He worked at the University of Liverpool as a lecturer until his retirement.

1964:

John Roger Garratt (Bemrose G.S.) died on 15 February 2023 aged 77. He came up to Univ in 1964 to read Modern Languages. From 1967 to 1984 he worked for Stewarts & Lloyd's. From 1984 he was a Project Manager with Monsanto in Brussels and as an IT consultant for Information Systems Guru, Monsanto (1999–2001). He taught for three years in New Zealand and the Kingdom of Tonga. Mr Garratt wrote an interesting account of life at Univ for the Class of 1964 Golden Anniversary reunion in 2014, and an extract is included here:

"We are all then categorised by our year of matriculation so for everything I receive from my old college or from the university itself I am referred to as John Garratt 1964. It's like your date of birth, you can't change it. If you don't

complete your degree course or are rusticated and sent down never to return you still remain a member of your college and of the university and of course, you still retain your year of 'matriculation'. If I go to the reunion 'do' it will be interesting to see who goes too and maybe to find out what they've done with their lives. In my year there's a Lord Chief Justice, an editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, a famous novelist and of course, almost a hundred others like me who have just 'passed and been forgotten'. As Tom Lehrer so aptly put it:

*We will sleep through all the lectures,
And cheat on the exams,
And we'll pass, and be forgotten, with the rest.
Oh, soon we'll be out amid the cold world's strife.
Soon we'll be sliding down the razor blade of life.*

"I went up to Oxford with a sense of awe, trepidation and uncertainty: for the first time in my life I was living on my own, and away from home; I had to sort out my money and as such I'd become the first person in the family to have a cheque book; it was all very different. One minute you are in the two-up two-down (and outside khazi) world of the back streets of Derby and the next it's the dreaming spires of Oxford. A bit of a shock to the system. Like playing for your local footy team and then suddenly finding yourself in the Premier League. No wonder I found it hard. 'You are supposed to be enjoying yourself', wrote my girlfriend in answer to one of my letters. But when you're thrown in at the deep end, you know that it's 'sink or swim' but for a while, you're not sure in which direction and with which stroke. In the end, though, it all worked out OK."

James Harold Pipkin (Princeton and Harvard) died on 13 December 2022 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1964 to read Law, following Princeton and Harvard Law School. He had met Arthur Goodhart, former Master of Univ, while clerking for Justice Tom C. Clark in the United States Supreme Court, and Arthur Goodhart had suggested he apply to Univ. He enjoyed a long career in law and government, with a parallel and very successful career in photography.



He studied with Ansel Adams in 1977. He was a partner in Washington DC law firm Steptoe and Johnson from 1971 to 1993, then was counsel for state department ministers, specialising in environment law. At the Department of State, he was appointed by President Clinton to serve as Ambassador and Special Negotiator in the bilateral treaty talks aimed at restoring West Coast wild salmon populations. He also served as counsellor to the US Secretary of the Interior from 1994, where he was chief federal negotiator for Everglades restoration, and chaired the team that determined how the government should implement the scientific plan for managing ancient forests in the Pacific Northwest (the spotted owl controversy). His photography was included in the exhibit *The Treasure Houses of Britain: Five Hundred Years of Private Patronage and Art Collecting* – commissioned by the National Gallery of Art in Washington – and published in *The Country House Garden: a Grand Tour* (Bulfinch Press, 1988), *Places of Tranquility* (Ballantine Books, 1990), *Places of Inspiration* (Pavilion, 1990) and *The English Country House: a Grand Tour* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1993).

David Michael Smith FSA, FRHistS (Lincoln G.S.) died on 30 September 2022 aged 75. He came up to Univ in 1964 to read History. He completed his PhD at the University of Nottingham (1967–1970). He was Director of the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research (1975–1982) and taught at York University (1982–1994), where the title of Emeritus Professor was bestowed on him in 1994. The following tribute was published on the University of York website and is reproduced here with kind permission:



We are very sorry to announce the death, at the age of 75, of Professor David Smith, former Director of the Borthwick Institute at the University of York.

David taught palaeography to many generations of students at the Centre for Medieval Studies, and his hospitality was second to none, especially to students. He was an exceptionally meticulous but also generous scholar, publishing prolifically on medieval church history.

Very recently, he contributed hugely to the work of "The Northern Way" project, based at the University of York, which would have been impossible without his foundational scholarship.

Sarah Rees Jones writes: We are very sorry to announce the death, at the age of 75, of Professor David M. Smith, former Director of the Borthwick Institute (1974-2000), at the University of York. David Smith established the reputation of the Borthwick (and York) as a specialist centre for research in ecclesiastical history. He reorganised and reclassified the York Diocesan Archive and initiated several new series of research publications. David was

a meticulous and generous archival scholar. He enjoyed an international reputation for his foundational scholarship on the surviving archives and administrative practices of English dioceses. Another area in which he made a crucial contribution was in monastic history, producing several key works of scholarly reference. He retired from the Borthwick in 2003 and moved to Romania where he continued his work with both local and English ecclesiastical archives.

At York David was a leading member of the Centre for Medieval Studies from his arrival in 1970 and throughout the years of its growth to prominence as an international centre for postgraduate training, a reputation to which he contributed in no small part. He taught palaeography to many generations of students at the Centre for Medieval Studies and supervised many PhD research students. His hospitality was second to none, especially to students who remember him with affection both as a meticulous teacher and as a generous and gentle mentor.

David continued to contribute substantially to major initiatives in York to make the immense archives of the medieval diocese more accessible even after his retirement. As recently as 2019-22, he contributed significantly to the work of a major AHRC-funded project "The Northern Way; the Archbishops of York and the North of England, 1304-1405", which built upon his foundational scholarship.

1965:

David Cameron Kirk

(Whitgift) died on 11 June 2023 aged 75. He came up to Univ in 1965 to read History. He was a member of the Univ Players, the Univ Debating Society and President of the Univ Martlets. He was also a member of the Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS). From 1972 to 1987, he worked for the Ministry of Defence and was Director of the MoD from 2000.



Courtesy Mike Martin and Craig French

Archibald Mooketsa Mogwe MBE

(Tigerkloof, South Africa) died on 25 February 2021 aged 99. He came up to Univ in 1965 to complete the Diplomatic Studies Programme. He was awarded an MBE in 1966. He became a Member of Parliament for Kanye in 1974 and was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs for Botswana in the same year. During his tenure as the Minister for Foreign Affairs, he played a crucial role as a peace broker between the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) in Zimbabwe. He was the Minister of Mineral Resources and Water Affairs from 1985 to 1994, before serving as Botswana's Ambassador to the United States from 1995 to 1999. He played an important role as a facilitator in the inter-Congolese dialogue.



Paul Francis Snowdon (Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Blackburn) died on 12 August 2022 aged 75. He came up to Univ in 1965 to read PPE. The following tribute was published on the Exeter College website on 30 August 2022 and is reproduced here with kind permission:

Professor Paul Snowdon, who died aged 75 on 12 August 2022, was an Emeritus Fellow at Exeter College. He served as a Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy at Exeter from 1971-2001 and was the Grote Professor of Mind and Logic at University College London until his retirement in 2015.

Professor Snowdon was an esteemed scholar of metaphysics. He explored the philosophy of the mind and the history of twentieth-century Anglo-American philosophy. His scholarship demystified the nature of persons and selves, and the relationship between perception, action, and know-how. He authored *Persons, Animals, Ourselves* and co-edited *Animalism* with Stephan Blatti. The Oxford University Press is currently compiling a collection of his pieces on perception.

Beyond being an excellent scholar and thinker, Professor Snowdon was a wonderful colleague and tutor. His humility and inquisitiveness showed in every interaction with his fellow scholars. He made philosophy come alive in his lectures and took care to support his students. His teaching has influenced countless Exeter philosophers.

Snowdon is survived by his wife, Katherine Snowdon, and their two children, Nicholas and Victoria.

1968:

Edwin Philip Brandon (Hampton G.S.)

died on 25 March 2023 aged 76. He came up to Univ in 1968 to read Philosophy. The following extracts are from an obituary published on the University of the West Indies (UWI) website and are reproduced here with the kind permission of The UWI Global Campus (formerly The UWI Open Campus):

Professor Edwin Brandon served The University of the West Indies in various capacities from 1978 until his retirement in 2012. His years of service span three UWI campuses – Cave Hill, Mona and the Open Campus.

Professor Brandon rendered outstanding service to The UWI. His sojourn at the University began in 1978 in the School of Education, Mona, where he served as a Lecturer in Philosophy and Sociology of Education. In 1987, he was promoted to Senior Lecturer and served in that position until 1997. Between 1992 and 1997, he was seconded to the Office of Academic Affairs at The UWI, Cave Hill where he served as Programme Co-ordinator. In 1996, he was appointed to the Office of the Board for Non-Campus Countries and Distance Education (NCC&DE), UWI, Cave Hill as Programme Co-ordinator and became Senior Programme Officer in 1997. He also served as a part-time lecturer in Philosophy in the Faculty of Humanities and Education for the Academic Year 2000/2001.

He made a significant contribution to the transformation of the Open Campus by organizing and facilitating the pertinent consultations in The UWI-12 (formerly the Non-Campus Countries) during 2005 and 2006, as well as authoring all of the reports that allowed the University's planning committee to distil the critical issues and lay the groundwork for the

Open Campus' establishment.

Retired Pro-Vice-Chancellor and first Principal of the Open Campus, Professor Hazel Simmons-McDonald, recalls that he gave invaluable assistance to her and the executive team as they designed the administrative and operational structures of the Open Campus, and worked to configure and establish the various departments in the inception phase. She says he was an accomplished professional, committed in his service to the Campus, and executed tasks with utmost efficiency. She expresses her appreciation for the considerable support he gave to her and to the Executive from 2006 until his retirement in 2013, and she values the camaraderie and mutual respect that characterised his interactions with colleagues.

Professor Brandon was also a prolific writer and researcher who authored several book chapters, journal articles and conference papers. His book *Do Teachers Care about Truth? Epistemological Issues for Education*, published by Allen and Unwin has drawn laudatory reviews by international scholars. He published over forty-nine articles in his area of specialisation.

In his scholarly academic work, in his formation of and servicing on several committees and in his authorship of the proceedings of the work of several committees, Professor Brandon was a selfless contributor to the work of the University and the promotion of the institution internationally.

Robin Michael Sanders (Charterhouse)

died on 1 November 2022 aged 73. He came up to Univ in 1968 to read Theology. We are grateful to Reverend Jonathan Andrew (1969, Physics) and Grant Lawrence FRSA (1968, Law) for the following tributes:

Jonathan Andrew writes:

My wife Jackie and I knew Robin from meeting as undergraduates in 1969.

Robin had gained a place at Univ to read Chemistry, but in those days it was possible to switch subjects after arrival, and so he astonished and infuriated his strongly atheistic Chemistry Tutor by requesting a transfer to the School of Theology. Instead, Robin studied under the College Chaplain and Theology Tutor Dr Tom Parker.

Robin and I got to know one another through our involvement with the College Chapel where, in those days of single-sex colleges, Jackie and some of her friends from Somerville joined us to provide the soprano and alto lines in the choir.

Robin served his first curacy at Christ Church, Esher under Revd David Bentley (later Bishop of Gloucester) and his second at a parish in Guildford. I suspect that it was while he was there that he realised that the Church of England was moving in a direction that was not right for him. He resigned his post, was received into the Roman Church and, after quite lengthy retraining, was re-ordained.

Over the years we kept in touch and when we last spoke it was comforting to hear that, although retired from full-time ministry and living in sheltered accommodation, he was still part of the clergy team, providing occasional cover for absent colleagues when needed. Nevertheless, he had been unwell for a while, and he passed away peacefully early in November 2022. It seemed very appropriate that I was able to represent Esher Parish and his old University College friends at his Requiem

Mass a few weeks later.

Grant Lawrence adds:

Robin was one of the 1968 intake and, in our matriculation photo of that year, can be seen smiling just behind the future President of the United States. During his time at Univ, Robin's



Photograph of Robin Sanders taken in the Alington Room in July 1974

main outside interest was the Territorial Army of which he was an enthusiastic member. This led David Burgess (then Assistant College Chaplain) to refer to Robin, jokingly, as "The Church Militant"!

Robin was possessed of a good sense of humour and his whole body would at times shake with laughter especially if the anecdote being recounted combined the military and the divine. He was a man of

deep faith and firm convictions but he was no bigot and always interested to hear different points of view – even those views with which he disagreed. When I became an Elder of the Kirk Robin wrote me a very sweet note of congratulations. The officiating clergyman was so impressed that a Roman Catholic priest should write so to a new Elder that he used this as an example of "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" which, by sheer coincidence, was how I had inscribed the book I gave to Robin as a 21st birthday present. But it is also an example of the enduring strength of a friendship formed at Univ which lasted for over fifty years and which only ended with Robin's too early death. My life is the richer for Robin's friendship.

1970:

Thomas Ferdinand Martin Böcking

(Radley) died on 20 February 2023 aged 80. He came up to Univ in 1970 to read PPE as a Rhodes Scholar. The following tribute was published on the Rhodes House website and is reproduced here with kind permission:

Oxford, Rhodes House, and University College were formative places for Thomas. He felt lucky to be able to give his service and experience back to a place that had given him so much, and where he had spent the first year of his long, happy married life. Thomas returned to Oxford frequently and gladly throughout his remarkable 31 years of service as the German National Secretary. In this, as in everything else he did, he was one half of a truly exceptional double act, together with his wife Silvia. They were especially close to Rhodes House Warden Robin Fletcher and his wife Jinny, but also spoke with great affection (and a little awe) of Warden Bill and Gillian Williams. His work as the German National Secretary was a source of pride, joy, and fulfilment for Thomas, and so were the many visits, cards, and emails over the years from German alumni and alumnae, up until his last days. *Si momentum requiris, circumspice.*

American Secretary Elliot Gerson (Connecticut and Magdalen 1974) says of Thomas: "He was a remarkable man and a dear friend to many, and I'm privileged to be one of those".

David Francis (University 1970) writes: "He had both a gentleness of spirit and great strength of character. He had a keen intellect, but more than that he was wise. And all of that

was balanced by a wonderful sense of humour; personal warmth, and a total lack of pretence. We were privileged to have had him as a friend."

In 2011, Thomas was recognised as a "Distinguished Friend of Oxford" for his services to the University, and in 2013 he was awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande (the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany) which is awarded for special achievements in political, economic, cultural, intellectual or honorary fields.

Nicholas Rathbone Utechin (Glasgow Academy) died on 17 August 2022 aged 70.

He came up to Univ in 1970 to read History. Ian Wilson (1970, History) has kindly provided the following tribute:

Coming up to Univ in October 1970, Nick was following in his grandfather's 1914 footsteps. He came from a high-powered family: his Russian father Professor of Russian History at Pennsylvania State University, his mother personal assistant in turn to Sir John Hicks, Lord Beloff and Sir Isaiah Berlin.

Nick's academic ability was undoubted – he captained Glasgow Academy in the Transworld Top Team competition – but scholarly success was not his priority. He stoutly resisted all the threats, entreaties and rational arguments from tutors keen for him to focus on his studies. His approach was efficient; he never started work on an essay more than three hours before a tutorial; he never missed a deadline. Essay crises were for others!

Nick contributed much to Univ life, taking part in a successful production of Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* and representing the



College at cricket. He also made his mark on the fabric of the College, nocturnally adding a stone crown to the wall between the Radcliffe Quad and the Master's Lodgings. Lively and convivial, Nick was a man of eclectic interests, ranging from Sherlock Holmes to Tom Paxton via Oxford United, the films of Lilian Gish, fine wines and bar billiards. He was engaged with current affairs but never dogmatic, discussions invariably ending in good-natured laughter; BBC balance in the making! Starting with a stall at the 1971 Freshers' Fair, Nick's energies were increasingly devoted to the University Broadcasting Society, of which he became President.

After graduation and short stints in commercial radio in London and the Midlands, Nick soon found his BBC niche, first as a news reporter, producer and presenter at BBC Radio Oxford, then throughout the 1980s and 1990s as an increasingly high-profile Radio 4 producer, his programmes including *Today*, *Any Questions*, *Call Nick Ross*, *Election Call* and many features. While working at Radio Oxford he met his wife Annie; together they established their always-welcoming, book-lined, memorabilia-strewn Headington home and brought up their children, Christopher and James.

Alongside his radio career, Nick pursued his passionate interest in Sherlock Holmes, editing the Society's journal for thirty years and making a very substantial, internationally renowned contribution to Sherlockian scholarship, developing this further after leaving the BBC. Univ's archivist recalls encounters with Nick seeking proof for his hypothesis that the young Holmes had attended Oxford not Cambridge, even if forced to conclude that St John's rather than Univ had been his college.

Univ played an enduringly significant part in

Nick's life. Always an active friend of the College, he ensured that his contemporaries gathered for reunions; he celebrated significant birthdays there; and kept in touch with the place and its people. It was a source of great sadness that terminal illness, brain cancer, kept him away from the postponed 1970 Golden Reunion.

Loyal friendship, whether to his university contemporaries or to his former BBC colleagues, was a hallmark of Nick's life. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

1971:

The College was informed recently that **Michael John Birkin** (Truro School) died in 2019 aged 66. He came up to Univ in 1971 to read Chemistry. From 1990 he was the Regional Campaigner for South West England for Friends of the Earth. He worked with Friends of the Earth for more than thirty years. He worked with a network of local campaigning and community groups, campaigning on many issues connected to climate, nature, energy and transport. In 2018, he was involved in a clean air campaign in Bristol.

Anthony Charles Dutoy (Ratcliffe College) died on 9 June 2023 aged 70. He came up to Univ in 1971 to read Law. He played tennis, rugby, hockey and table tennis for the College. He worked in the Treasurer's Department at Northamptonshire County Council from 1977 to 1983 and for many years as an accountant for a Classical Music company in Corby.

Larry Richard Grisham (University of Texas at Austin) died on 4 May 2020 aged 71. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1971 to read for a DPhil in Physics, but moved to Wolfson College with a graduate award in 1972.

In 1974 he accepted a position at the Plasma Physics Laboratory at Princeton University. From 1999 he was a principal research physicist at Princeton University working on fusion research. Upon his retirement from Princeton University, he was offered a position with the company Twinleaf, founded by two of his graduate students.

Daniel Richard Mainz (Clifton College) died on 15 November 2022 aged 69. He came up to Univ in 1971 to read PPE. Dr Mainz worked in commodity broking (petro-chemicals) in the manufacturing industry.

1973:

Christopher Nigel Jordan (Simon Langton G.S.) died on 9 August 2022 aged 67. Rajiva Wijesinha (1971, Classics) has kindly provided the following tribute:

Christopher Jordan came up to Univ in 1973 to read history. I was two years above him but we became good friends, for I was JCR President and made it a point to know the freshmen, and found Christopher a delightfully whimsical character. He was an adopted child, and an only child, which contributed to his shyness but once he made friends he could be entertaining and stimulating company.

He was not a great student or sportsman, and perhaps his main claim to fame was that he was a dedicated Delusionist, a society founded by a lawyer who became a distinguished judge. Christopher also joined the judiciary, but as a Magistrate's Clerk at Ealing, where he rose in the hierarchy. When on frequent visits to England over the next couple



Christopher dressed up for a Delusionist dinner

of decades I got in touch, it was to hear him referred to in greater and greater tones of awe by the young ladies who worked for him.

He was devoted to the Oxford and Cambridge Club where he spent many evenings, becoming its Chairman a decade ago, and chairing the House committee which oversaw the refurbishment of its grand drawing room. His familiarity with its bar was to my advantage for, when I was in England and wanted to meet old friends, he would organize meetings of friends. This was, as Bruce Balden (1974) reminded me, by circulating succinct invitations such as "Friday, Battle of Naseby, O&C Club, meet Rajiva." His kindness extended to once arranging a party for me and then refusing to let me pay though I was allowed to give him dinner afterwards, with a few friends, the last time we had a convivial evening together.

He was also game to accompany me to the theatre and opera, with total suspension of disbelief which much enhanced his love of opera. Once he delighted Frank Barrie with

whom we dined afterwards by telling him how horrible he was in "The Philanthropist".

He refused to visit me in Sri Lanka, on the grounds that there would be snakes, but enjoyed travel in Europe with contemporaries calling themselves the Old Fogies, for they relished being caricatures of English gentleman abroad in imperial days when all foreigners were suspect.

Sadly Christopher developed cancer in his last years. He was a committed Christian, moving to the Catholic church after he left College, and his faith gave him strength to endure.

His sense of humour never faded, and I still cherish our last email exchange, when he complained that he could not follow what was happening in Sri Lanka since “Ukraine has knocked everything else off the news. This lazy journalism is contemptible. It gives any non-Russians who are up to no good carto blanco. Since I had Russian inflicted on me at O Level, I daily expect to lose citizenship or be sanctioned. It is like being a German Shepherd in WWI.”

1976:

Geoffrey Vivian Klemperer (Birkbeck College) died on 12 October 2022 aged 71. He came up to Univ in 1976 to read for a DPhil in Philosophy. At Univ, he recalled spending a lot of time discussing philosophy in the WCR with other graduate students, and once he had the pleasure of discussing Plato with H.L.A. Hart. After Univ, he taught at Sheffield University. He published *Naive Metaphysics: A Theory of Subjective and Objective Worlds* in 1994. From 1999 he was the Head of Pathways to Philosophy, an online course on academic philosophy that has students from 60 countries across the world and awards BAs from the University of London. In the early 1970s, he worked for Chard Jenkins, the advertising photographer who discovered the James Bond star George Lazenby. He attended evening classes in photojournalism under Jorge Lewinski at the London College of Printing (now London College of Communication). He was a stringer for the Fleet Street agency Barratts Photo-Press, and while there



photographed the film star Olivia de Havilland and Sonja Kristina of the rock band Curved Air. After obtaining his DPhil in Philosophy in 1982, he continued his interest in photography. In 2007, he was invited to give a presentation at George Watson College, Edinburgh on “Metaphysics of the Photograph”. In 2016, his photo-series “Sheffield Lanes” was included in “Bourn”, at the Stryx Gallery, Birmingham. He was a founder member of the International Society for Philosophers (ISFP).

1978:

John Edward Boylan (Litherland H.S.) died on 7 July 2023 aged 63. He came up to Univ in 1978 to read Maths. Paul Coackley (1978, Maths) has kindly written the following tribute:

John passed away on July 7th, 2023 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Jan with whom he spent many happy years. John joined Univ from Litherland High School, Liverpool where he was an outstanding student. He studied under Professor Michael Collins and Dr Gordon Screation as well as doctoral students Professor Bill Roscoe and Professor Stephen Brookes. After a successful Univ career, John studied for an MSc in Operational Research at Warwick before joining Rolls Royce. He then moved to Unipart as a Project Manager where he spent the next five years.

Academia called and John moved to Buckingham New University firstly as Senior Lecturer. Then in 1997, John became Head of Department introducing the full-time MBA

programme. He then took on the role of Head of Research. Over the next 10 years, he led the development of the Faculty Research Strategy and managed the Research Degree programme.

In 2015, John became Professor of Business Analytics at Lancaster University and was still in post at the time of his death. He specialised in Intermittent Demand Forecasting and published extensively. He served as Head of Department in the School of Management Science and was an Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Operational Research Society* from 2020-2023.

In 2022, John was elected as a Fellow in the International Institute of Forecasters for his work as a distinguished forecaster. He had previously served as a Director of the Institute and was Chair of the 42nd International Symposium on Forecasting held in Oxford in 2022.

At the centre of John’s life was his marriage to Jan. They lived close to Oxford and were active in the local Methodist Community. He served with Jan as a trustee of the Oxford Methodist Circuit. In 2004 John wrote a commemorative book to celebrate 100 years of the Cowley Road Methodist Church.

As is the way, our Stavertonia group had begun to meet up in recent years. It was as if we had never left. Meeting up with John was such a pleasure and he was, exactly the same person, unchanged over time.

His enthusiasm for life and friendship will be greatly missed.



1981:

Diana Jane Eve Christine Phillips (Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle, London) died on 12 August 2022 aged 60. The following obituary was kindly provided by Diana’s brother John Phillips (1973, History):

Diana Phillips was the first woman law scholar at Univ, going on to be one of the first women to forge a high-flying career in City corporate finance. Born into an Anglo-Polish family, she grew up in Wimbledon, attending Wimbledon High School and the French Lycée.

She won an open scholarship to Univ, went up in 1981 and earned a distinction in Jurisprudence Mods while also somehow enjoying a hectic social life.

“This term has been intense,” she wrote home in her first year. “My memories are dazed recollections of running from formal hall to the library to parties without time to do anything but pop another cigarette in my mouth. Term started on a bad footing as I made an enemy of Gwyn [sic] by failing to produce my French O-level certificate. I matriculated late. But this was a conversation piece.”

“The main reason I have been so busy is work and more work. It is a poor day if I haven’t done nine hours.”

“The tutor intimidates us by screaming in class and then told us that he expected at least six distinctions, optimistic considering only 20 are given over the whole university. Things are complicated by the fact that this same man keeps pursuing me around every corner in an effort to seduce me.”

Diana opined, “My relationship with Oxford is a kind of love-hate one. Sometimes I am

so exuberantly happy that I laugh hysterically. The only thing that really peeves me is that it is becoming more important to me to be good at law, but the only way I can is by working all the time, which means sacrificing other things.”

“I do like Univ though – it seems incredibly friendly and tolerant.”

The pressure of work eased in Diana’s second year. “This term looks to be quite good as for the first time I am looking forward to the work,” she wrote.

“No cases at all, just pure jurisprudence and half of international with a jokey man from St John’s – a kind of cosmopolitan Leslie Mitchell.”

Diana acted in an OUDS production of Christopher Hampton’s play *Total Eclipse* about Verlaine and Rimbaud in the 1870s, playing Verlaine’s wife. Diana’s friend Catarina Lamm, a Univ contemporary, recalls “She played the part of Verlaine’s wife, a simple woman. I remember telling Diana that she looked too intelligent in the part!”

Diana joined Lazard Brothers as a corporate finance executive in 1986 and in 1991 moved to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. By 1992 the stress of City work took its toll and Diana resigned from BZW, amid a long battle with eating disorders. Later she worked in teaching, devoting herself to her nieces whom she liked to entertain at her Hampstead flat or at Ognisko, the Polish club. Diana’s last years were hampered by ill health. She faced such challenges bravely and loved to keep up with her many Oxford friends.

1988:

Richard Charles Phillips (Friary Grange School, Lichfield) died on 26 March 2018 aged 48. He came up to Univ in 1988 to read English.

1991:

Caroline Elizabeth Te Aika (née Churchley) (Friary Grange School, Lichfield) died on 26 August 2022 aged 49. Jo O’Sullivan (1991, Law) and other friends of Caroline kindly provided the following tribute:

Caroline came up to Univ from Friary Grange School in Lichfield in October 1991 to study PPE. Caroline was a keen participant in College life – she played mixed and women’s hockey (winning Cuppers in 1994) and women’s football. She was Treasurer of the College Bar and would be found most Sunday evenings working in the bar,

often choosing to play her favourite Lenny Kravitz. On other evenings, when not working in the bar, she could be found there enjoying a pint of bitter! Caroline worked exceptionally hard at Univ, but always had a kind word and time for others and she was a ringleader in social and sporting activities.

Caroline spent the summer between her second and third years at Univ on a working holiday in San Diego with Medb Corcoran

(1991, Maths) and Medb’s friends from Dublin, forming life-long friendships which led to Caroline’s decision to move to Dublin for her first job post-university with Andersen Consulting. She stayed in Dublin for four years before persuading some of her Dublin friends to travel through South America to New Zealand where they worked for three years. In New

Zealand, Caroline continued to play football and it was there that she met Karl Te Aika, her football coach and future husband.

Caroline moved back to the UK in 2001. She secured a short-lived job with an internet start-up before joining Cisco systems, first as a contractor and then as an employee. She and Karl married on New Year’s Eve, 2004, and settled in Surrey. Caroline enjoyed her career at Cisco, but she was clear when she gave birth to Maia (2008) and Hemi (2009) that her work and family life were separate. Her amazing work ethic continued whilst at Cisco, managing a heavy workload in her part-time hours.

In August 2019, Caroline was at Cisco when she suffered a seizure. She was rushed to her local hospital and then to St George’s in South London where within 10 days she underwent an awake craniotomy. She was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme, a fast-growing and aggressive brain tumour. Caroline’s work ethic and organisational skills came to the fore in her new situation. Within weeks, a service for the renewal of her vows with Karl was arranged. Caroline wanted to organise her affairs in a way that would leave her family as well set-up as possible. She was focused on creating memories for the children – photographs, cook books, quilts; and organised birthday and Christmas pyjamas, all whilst undergoing daily radiotherapy and cycles of chemotherapy.

Caroline bore her illness as stoically as she could. As an immune-compromised person, she spent much of lockdown at home meeting friends and family online and at a distance. She took great pleasure in her garden and spent hours at her beloved RHS Wisley. Caroline’s determination showed throughout her illness – when she was able to, she returned to running to

raise money for her local hospice. Even when she had largely lost the use of her left side, Caroline still took swimming lessons to ensure she was swimming as well as she could, one-armed though she effectively had become.

A Jack Russell Terrier, Eddie, was added to the family who brought them all great joy and peace. He spent Caroline’s final days loyally by her side.

Caroline died at home on 26 August 2022, surrounded by her family, as she had wanted.



Caroline pictured right with Medb Corcoran in the Univ beer cellar, early 1990s

COLLEGE STAFF

Tom Gibbons died on 16 December 2022. He was appointed as a kitchen porter in 1977 and worked for the College for more than 30 years. Angie Carter, Staverton Road Housekeeper, recalls:

"I remember one time, it was early 2007 and it had been snowing quite heavily overnight into the morning. Tom was out in Main Quad helping students build a seven-foot snowman; however, he slipped and fell and dislocated his hip. The Domestic Bursar at the time was not happy and wanted to know why he was in Main Quad. It was covered by saying that a student had asked him for help to carry something so that he didn't get told off, which was quite funny (apart from him dislocating his hip) and which Tom found amusing. We talked about that for years."



Adam Sawyer our Hall Supervisor died on 10 July 2022 aged 29.

Adam had been diagnosed with oesophageal cancer some time before he died. Having lost his mum some years before, we were devastated to find that Adam was also going to have to go through the same trials.

Adam came to Univ in June 2011, soon after leaving school, as a Food Service Assistant, first on a casual contract, and then, from January 2014, as a Variable Time Employee. In October 2015 he was promoted to the role of Hall Supervisor, a full-time role, which he performed for the rest of his life. He had spark and ambition and wanted to make something of his life, but what made him special to us was that he wanted that life to be here at Univ, with us. He was a much-loved member of our front-of-house team and is greatly missed; we miss who he was and who he promised to be. At Univ, Adam had many friends among his colleagues, some of whom he had known from their schooldays. Among the colleagues whom Adam came to know was his future wife, our Hospitality Officer, Vivian Sawyer. Adam and Viv had a daughter, Ayla, who was born in March 2020. They were married on 29 April 2022, and on 15 May a blessing for their marriage was given in the College Chapel where they were surrounded by family, friends and colleagues. Colleagues and friends describe Adam as thoughtful, dedicated, professional and enthusiastic, with a dark sense of humour – as he liked to describe himself. We are better off for having known him and having had him among us.

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