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# Editorial

This year has seen the College and collegiate life return almost to normal as the COVID-19 pandemic gradually loosened its hold over the University as a whole. Students, staff and Fellows were at last able to return to the College, in-person degree congregations and alumni events recommenced, and the May Ball had a glorious revival.

This steady return to normality despite innumerable COVID-related challenges is reflected in the reports from the sports teams and societies, in the members' news entries, and in the accounts from College officers, which rightly praise the resilience and determination of the whole community.

The College also marked the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to St John's this year. From Lady Margaret Beaufort's founding vision for the College to increasing diversity in STEM subjects, the articles in this issue celebrate the myriad contributions of Johnian women to the present day. Among the many features, you will find tales of women flourishing in their professions, including an interview with Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Musical Director of St John's all-female a cappella group AQUILA, who discusses her organisation of the first-ever all-female recording session, and a commemoration of the life of the College's first female Research Fellow and eminent scientist, Maria Lucia Cardoso de Almeida.

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# Message from the Master

If we viewed the past year at St John's through a kaleidoscope, we'd first see monochrome fragments of glass stubbornly refusing to connect, even for a moment, into any semblance of a design. Then, into 2022, the kaleidoscope would be shaken hard, its focus adjusted and readjusted. Month by month, the fractured shards would resolve into ever more complete and beautiful patterns of College life, jewel-like in their colour and intensity. We'd progress from only fleeting glimpses of the St John's we love to a more complete image of Johnian life restored in all its glorious diversity. The College truly is back to normal now, with the anxiety and frustration of life under COVID-19 seemingly behind us.

I'm incredibly proud of how the whole community here coped with so many challenges. We kept teaching and learning happening in person as much as we possibly could – and with almost 40% of students sitting exams in 2021 awarded a First or a Distinction, the impact of that absolute commitment to teaching speaks for itself. There was immense care shown for the College community, and everyone demonstrated an impressive commitment to sustaining the wider life of St John's.

What I've admired most has been the determination to continue doing what we do best, to advance intellectual and scholarly progress. That determination has been widely recognised, with outstanding research contributions from our Fellows

attracting many accolades. Two of the nine Cambridge academics elected as Fellows of The Royal Society in 2022 are Fellows of St John's. Professor Richard Gilbertson FMedSci FRS, a paediatric physician-scientist, has identified the origins of common and aggressive childhood brain tumours and many of the genetic alterations that drive these tumours. His research has had a transformative effect on the treatment of brain tumours in children, sparing them from unnecessary side effects and underpinning clinical trials of new therapies. Professor Graham Burton FMedSci FRS, the Mary Marshall and Arthur Walton Professor Emeritus of the Physiology of Reproduction, is a reproductive biologist whose research has focused on the early stages of human pregnancy. He has demonstrated that aberrations in placental development can adversely affect the life-long health of the mother and her offspring.

From babies yet to be born to the knowledge we can gather from the oldest human remains, the year saw the annual Antiquity Prize awarded to Professor Graeme Barker and his team of archaeological scientists for their research into the remains of a Neanderthal unearthed in Iraqi Kurdistan. Professor John Rink, world-renowned expert on the Polish composer and pianist Fryderyk Chopin, was awarded the Bene Merito, an honorary decoration of the Republic of Poland, in recognition of his work to promote the music of Chopin and with it



the culture of Poland over more than three decades.

Recognition continues to be heaped upon Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, who this year received the prestigious Kew International Medal, awarded annually to an individual for distinguished, internationally recognised work aligned to the mission of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, following his landmark report, *The Economics of Biodiversity*. Among many research awards secured in the Fellowship, Dr Graham Ladds, Fellow in Pharmacology, received a prestigious Royal Society Industry Fellowship to work with AstraZeneca on developing life-changing

medicines, and Professor Zoubin Ghahramani was awarded one of the first Turing AI World-Leading Researcher Fellowships to conduct groundbreaking work on artificial intelligence's biggest challenges. Our Fellows were active in bringing their expertise and insight to a general audience too, with Professor Helen McCarthy, Professor of Modern and Contemporary British History, being both adviser and broadcast contributor to the BBC Radio 4 series *What Really Happened in the Nineties*.

And before I finish this sample of the Fellowship's prodigious research output in the last twelve months, a reminder that our

Research Fellows, who join us for three or four years, being funded by the College to focus entirely on accelerating their academic careers, continue handsomely to repay our investment. Dr Virgil Andrei, elected to the Fellowship in 2020, co-authored a study establishing how a ‘cyber-leaf’ designed and assembled using robots could help the world transition more quickly from fossil fuels to green renewables. Dr Dorian Gangloff completed his Title A Fellowship at St John’s with the award of a University Research Fellowship by The Royal Society, to continue to push the frontiers of quantum science.

We were thrilled to launch the biennial Penrose Lecture to recognise the award of the Nobel Prize in Physics to alumnus and Honorary Fellow Sir Roger Penrose OM FRS. The lecture is intended to address the interplay between mathematics and other disciplines, which has been such a distinctive feature of Sir Roger’s research life. When Sir Roger returned to St John’s to deliver the inaugural lecture in March, it was a moment to wish for: an auditorium with Fellows and students from St John’s – and a few lucky souls from elsewhere in the University – crammed into every seat, aisle and staircase to hear Sir Roger consider visual artistry for mathematics and science, exploring how some recent ideas of mathematical physics and cosmology have been profoundly influenced by visual representations of mathematical and scientific concepts. At dinner in Hall that evening, it was obvious that everyone would long remember the night they sat at the feet of this intellectual giant.

The matriculation years of 1981 and 1982 also have something special to remember as we mark the 40th anniversary of the admission of women postgraduates and then undergraduates to the College. Working with student representatives, we quickly agreed that it would be good to highlight pioneering Johnian women by curating a collection of photographic portraits, making a podcast series about life after St John’s and commissioning new musical compositions from groundbreaking Johnian women. In happy synchronicity, in September 2021 the College warmly supported the Director of Music’s proposal to admit women and girls to our cherished and world-famous College Choir, an announcement that was welcomed worldwide as a signal of our intent to sustain St John’s commitment to innovation and excellence in this distinctive choral tradition.

No year is without its sadness and solemnities. Like everyone else, the College was shaken and stunned by the invasion of Ukraine. Members of College quickly mobilised, with events from simple collections of funds and supplies to music concerts and other fundraisers. Symbols matter at times like this, so we lit the Bridge of Sighs in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, and we held a moving vigil in the College Chapel, which offered comfort to staff, students, Fellows, and friends and neighbours from across the University and the city. The College continues to support students whose lives have been directly affected by the turmoil, and we are providing financial assistance

to academics facing persecution because of their commitment to intellectual freedom and truth.


In my second year as Master, one of my greatest pleasures has been meeting alumni in person, whether back in College or at events in London or abroad. To them and to all other members of the Johnian community, I would like to offer my thanks for the active support, encouragement and concern you showed for the College during the pandemic. You've often sought reassurance that under the pressure of the last two years the essence of our College remained unchanged. It did. St John's will forever signal integrity and independence, excellence, fairness, tolerance, beauty and joie de vivre. It will remain a bastion of academic freedoms, a place which nurtures confidence and intellectual courage but checks arrogance and hubris.

Those Johnian values offer a firm foundation for our post-pandemic ambitions. The focus is on sustaining our global renown for scholarship and intellectual achievement, and on being recognised for making it easy for extraordinary talent to flourish here. Our priorities centre on student support, the College environment and stewardship.

The Lady Margaret Beaufort wanted St John's to be the route for scholars with the greatest financial need to gain admission to Cambridge. Our ambitious campaign to create entirely free places for the least well-off students seeks to put that commitment beyond doubt. This step

would be a UK first, showing genuine leadership and putting us in a position to compete with Ivy League institutions for home-grown talent. We have made a promising start on a challenging fundraising target, but there is some way to go before we can be secure of it.

Enabling success for our students and Fellows means creating the best possible setting for twenty-first-century research and learning: the collegiate environment. Our historic site and buildings are a daily source of joy and inspiration, but they are not ideal for modern ways of studying and living, and we can do more to build the social and cultural capital of our students. After our new Buttery, bar and café in Second Court open in Michaelmas term 2022, we will turn to projects for new student accommodation and for the enhancement of the College's gardens and grounds, to entice students out of their rooms into green havens, whether to study, relax or relish the increasing biodiversity in our landscape.

These developments will be transformative for College life. They demonstrate our commitment to differentiate the collegiate experience here. We were determined to emerge from the pandemic with optimism and momentum. That kaleidoscope now offers a picture of a future filled with light, energy, discovery and excitement. 

**Heather Hancock,**  
Master



Photo: New Court  
Cloisters, April 2022  
Credit: Paul Everest

# ARTICLES





Simon Szreter in his study

## The vision of the Foundress, Lady Margaret Beaufort, 500 years on

**Professor Simon Szreter is Professor of History and Public Policy and was elected as a Fellow in 1992. In this article he explores the founding wish of Lady Margaret Beaufort that a large portion of the College's intake should come from the North of England and assesses the extent to which St John's has continued the practice.**

St John's College was founded in 1511 posthumously by the will of Lady Margaret Beaufort, who had died in 1509. She had been the Countess of Richmond and Derby, mother of Henry VII and grandmother of Henry VIII. The new college was to pursue the humanistic piety that she and her circle favoured rather than the more exclusive focus on theological studies, which had been

the principal purpose of the earlier Oxbridge colleges.

Lady Margaret was also innovative in specifying, both for Christ's College, which she founded in 1505, and for St John's, that they should recruit exactly one half of their Fellows and one half of their young scholars from the nine northern counties.



Her charitable motivation is spelled out in the preserved statutes drawn up in 1516 by her executor, Bishop John Fisher: 'Regard for poorer candidates led the foundress to give a preference to the 9 northern counties.'

It is also stated there that 'No county [is] to have more than 2 foundation scholars, until the whole number shall exceed 22'. In other words, Lady Margaret was aiming for a society within the College with a balanced representation among the northern counties, just as she aimed for overall numerical balance, as between the wealthier South and the poorer North. She defined the North as 'trans-Trent', which is probably testimony to the importance of major rivers as providing the most precise and unequivocal boundary markers recognised by her contemporaries. This appears to be why Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire were both included among the nine northern counties, while Lincolnshire and Cheshire were excluded.

Given the three times greater population of the thirty-odd southern counties at this time, as well as their greater wealth, the charge to take half of its membership from the nine northern counties meant that St John's was clearly being entrusted with what we would today call a strong access policy. It is additionally clear from a statement in the College's 1530 statutes that attention was to be paid to poverty of circumstances when recruiting from either the North or the South: 'In choosing scholars, the poor are to be put first (after other qualifications), and in respect of need, the best and most pious foundress wanted those to be put first who



Portrait of Lady Margaret Beaufort by Meynnart Wewyck (c. 1510), Master's Lodge, St John's College

were born in these counties: Northumberland, Durham, Westmorland, Cumbria, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Richmond [also part of today's Yorkshire]. At least half always be taken up from these 9 counties.'

As we all know, there can be a world of difference between theory and practice, and it is instructive to compare these bold and ambitious original intentions with what subsequently came to pass after the Foundress and her executor had passed away and new generations took charge of a complex permanent institution such as this college. To what extent has St John's continued to honour the vision of its royal foundress?

Thanks to the preservation of the College's admissions registers, a series of chronological soundings can be taken to answer this question with some precision. Analysis of samples of these records was carried out during 2020 with the assistance of the College's Archivist, Dr Lynsey Darby, and Biographical Librarian, Fiona Colbert. This shows that there have been broadly four phases in admissions practices at St John's across the 511 years since its foundation.

**1511–c. 1690** For 180 years, which is over one-third of the College's existence, St John's appears to have followed its foundress' intentions with great fidelity, recruiting 50% of its Fellows, Scholars and overall student body from the nine northern counties.

So, in terms of the ethos and community life of the College, it would have felt like an equal balance between the North and the South (including also just over 6% of the student body regularly coming from Wales). Given Lady Margaret's expressed preferences, the College community was probably also a mix of those of prosperous and more humble origins, throughout both the sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries.

**c. 1690–1830** Changes that began in the 1670s became detectable by the 1690s. Regarding admissions to Fellowships, the proportion recruited from the North of England dropped significantly for the first time to below 40%. This started a sustained trend across the whole of the subsequent eighteenth century, such that by the opening decades of the nineteenth century less than 30% of Fellows were being recruited from

the North. The pattern with respect to the recruitment of Scholars and all other students also appears to have dropped, both in total numbers and in proportion from the North. By the opening decades of the nineteenth century the proportion of all students admitted from the nine northern counties had fallen to less than 25%. Also, the numbers of students being admitted per annum had fallen since the 1670s.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that across the full length of the eighteenth century, St John's experienced relative decline and decay, not only in its commitment to its founding mission but also in its general vigour. No new buildings of note were added during this period. It is agreed by historians that this reflects a more general pattern of loss of intellectual vigour among Oxbridge colleges, an era in which the Scottish Enlightenment universities and nonconformist colleges in England tended to produce the leading figures in thought, science and technology. It is ironic that it was during the latter part of this period that the College admitted perhaps its two most celebrated northerners, William Wilberforce, born in Hull, and William Wordsworth, born in Cockermouth.

**c. 1830–1990** St John's again expanded significantly during this period with the completion of New Court in 1831 and subsequently with the building of Cripps Court in the 1960s. With reforms to both College and University statutes in the 1850s, in 1882 (when the requirement for Fellows to be celibate ended) and again in the 1920s, Oxbridge was reinvigorated, including


St John's. The number of 'Scholars' (now collectively termed undergraduates) admitted per annum rose again during this period. However, this modern expansionary period was accompanied by further decline in the proportion drawn from the North. By 1900, at slightly less than 20% of its intake, the College was actually under-recruiting from the North, relative to its demographic share of the nation's total population, a complete reversal of the Foundress' vision to over-recruit from the North.

**c. 1990–2021** In 1989 the College was still admitting just under 20% of its English undergraduates from the northern counties, as in 1900. But by 2021 this had shrunk further to less than 15%. In terms of the overall character and ethos of the College, students from the North of England comprise just one-tenth of the overall undergraduate body of the College, since, during these last three decades, St John's has also been recruiting 25% of its undergraduates from outside England, up from 15–20% throughout the earlier part of the twentieth century.

This recruitment from outside England is of course a benefit in terms of the College's general cultural diversity. However, it has to be acknowledged that this has come exclusively at the expense of the College's 'internal' cultural and regional diversity within England. Undergraduate admissions at St John's from the richer, southern third of the nation had already risen to a disproportionate 60% by 1900–29. But throughout the most recent period, 1989–2021, students from the South have

consistently comprised 70% of the College's English undergraduate body, leaving just 16% for the Midlands and 14% for the North.

### The Foundress' vision in the twenty-first century

When Lady Margaret Beaufort entrusted her endowment of St John's College with the mission to recruit disproportionately from among the poorer half of the nation, both socio-economically and geographically, she was setting the College's Fellows and its Governing Body a challenging task. However, she and the executor of her will, Bishop John Fisher, gave the College a powerful endowment with which to carry out her intentions, in terms of its physical and financial resources and also an extremely large Fellowship (twenty-eight Fellows were to be elected). This was greatly extended by the Countess of Shrewsbury, funder of Second Court (built during the 1590s), who evidently approved strongly of the College's mission. The Foundress showed great insight and realism in insisting that fully one-half not only of the young Scholars but also of the Fellows themselves should be recruited from north of the Trent. She clearly understood the dangers of 'tokenism'. Her plan was to ensure that no less than 50% of the collegiate community was drawn equally from all of the poorer northern counties. It seems that throughout its first two centuries of operation St John's rose to that challenge and met Lady Margaret's aspirations and targets in full. Is it time for the College to revisit the wisdom and the challenge of the Foundress' vision? 

# The continuing radicalism of women's history

Yasmin Homer (2020) is about to begin the third year of her History degree at St John's. This article is adapted from her essay, 'What, if anything, remains radical about women's history?', which won the 2021 Caroline Boddy Writing Prize. Open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students at St John's, the competition invites the submission of essays promoting 'the understanding of the role of women in society throughout history'.



Yasmin Homer

The recovery of *herstory* from *history* remains radical by its very necessity. It is the possessive that makes it so. Women's history is not simply a history that includes women but a history that claims space and significance for women as subjects, agentic and experiential. Its perhaps glib manifesto unnerves the discipline: 'We are learning,' wrote Ann Gordon, Mari Buble and Nancy Dye in 1976, 'that the writing of women into history necessarily involves redefining and enlarging traditional notions of historical significance... [S]uch a methodology implies not only a new history of women, but also a new history.'

History has an anthropological vision: it is a story of people by people. Women's history exposed that these precepts of 'people' were implicitly 'men,' nicely summed up by Merry Wiesner-Hanks in 2008: 'It was *man* who was to be the creator of *himself*, *man* who was to be the measure of all things.' The fact that this year, in undertaking two breadth papers covering some 2,600 years, I have not mentioned a single woman in sixteen essays indicates that this new history is not yet here. The work of women's history remains necessary, and thus radical.

It is worth defining this use of 'radical.' As an adjective, it denotes two inter-related meanings: first, a far-reaching or thorough change to the fundamental nature of something; and second, advocating thorough or complete political and social change. The writing of women's history has been tied to the project of

western feminism in the later twentieth century, where feminist historians translated the social and political work of feminism into a historical discipline. 'Women' became a societal category and began to cleave space in the institutionally masculinist history. Taking the study of European witchcraft as a focus, even as the discipline developed beyond the dismissal of folklore and esoteric studies, the integral nature of women's history in a persecution where 80% of victims were women needed to be pointed out. H. R. Trevor-Roper's seminal *European Witch-Craze of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (1967), and the archival studies it influenced under Alan Macfarlane and Keith Thomas, singled out this predominance of women but rendered them identity-less or relegated them to the role of subordinate actors in the drama. Anne Llewellyn Barstow in 1988 took up Christina Lerner's question: 'Was witch-hunting also women-hunting?', asserting the singular constancy of a dynamic, regional history of the womanhood of the victims. 'On average, witchcraft, the ultimate in human evil, was sex-related to women in much the same proportion as sanctity, the ultimate good, was sex-related to men.'

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Women's history recovered the agency of sex, its embodiment, impact and power over the female subject. As such, it spawned the historiographical child of gender history, which instead positioned the body itself as a biocultural and biopsychical object made by history. Gender history seeks to remedy the central problem of women's history, what Tani E. Barlow termed in 2004 the 'hallucinatory' character of the 'woman' in 'the woman question.' The critical edge came from the representation of sexual difference and its construction of social power and hierarchy, placing 'woman' as an assumption rather than a universal identity. It developed from the fissures of the feminist project, a discomfort in recognising the differences that race, class, ethnicity, sexuality and gender produced in the experience of women, and, as Elsa Barkley Brown stressed, their construction of hierarchies and power between women: 'Being a woman is, in fact, not extractable from the context in which one is a woman.'

Histories beyond the Anglo-American foregrounded this shortfall, utilising gender to problematise a recuperative or redemptivist women's history. Oyèrónké Oyèwùmí in 1997 classified the framework of women's history as perpetuating the 'bio-logic' of western social interaction where it was inappropriate, necessitating the invention of 'woman' in her study of the Yorùbáland or, as she termed it, the 'anatomic female'. Utilising the Catholicisation of the Philippine archipelago from 1521, Carolyn Brewer asserted in 2004 that a monotheistic,

patriarchal, European construction of the gender dualism of *man over woman* overlaid precolonial gender parallelism. Legal treaties prevented the mingling of Spanish men and native women, and the intelligible concept of female purity in virginity was introduced into Tagalog and Visayan languages as *birhen*. The collectivity and solidarity of womanhood were deemed historically illusory, and their potential perpetuation in women's history seemed to preserve the institution of history rather than create it anew.

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The above criticisms are not a death knell but a necessary historiographical process. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, for instance, explicitly highlights how the concept of an international sisterhood reifies cultural, class and racial differences within a claim of female universalism. Yet this is not the endpoint: her analysis of the global anti-war movement examines how 'Third World' women, from the Global South and the United States, constructed and deployed a female internationalism that negotiated geographical, racial and cultural borders. Sofia Gotti, a research associate here at St John's, has centred Paraguayan independence as between the indigenous and the modern through study

of the artist Josefina Plá. Gotti explored how Plá's adoption of the bilingualism between Spanish and the indigenous Guarani approximated a decolonial process, undermining hierarchical language divisions by embodying a subaltern citizenship. Criticism is not a cutting off at the knees but a fruitful testing of epistemological limits, of what is possible.

Another frequent criticism is of presentism, and the continued perpetuation of a specific, modern, definition of 'woman'. Ulrike Strasser asked what it meant to look for 'women' across different periods, the subjective terminology of which may not be legible to the modern historical eye. Strasser exposes traditional Burckhardtian and Weberian narratives of the early modern as reifying the emergence of secular institutions and scholarship concerned with the 'common man' and the importance of political models generated from guild associations. She instead locates the discipline and order of the nunnery life as fashioning a self akin to the centralisation of early modern absolutist rule, where dictates of obedience and sameness formed a strong basis for agency, with nuns producing chronicles of collective remembrance and individual articulation. The humanist-liberal individualising narrative of the early modern, one that seeded the historical discipline to which we as historians contribute, is turned almost inside-out by her foregrounding of religious women.

What must remain central, however, is the understanding that gender history and women's history are different histories, with women's history no less radical through an appreciation of gender. One is the utilisation of an analytic category that centralises constructions and discourses of power; the other is a reparation, challenging and remaking subjects and stories of history. They are useful to each other. A perception that they must compete for the same, implicitly marginal, space perpetuates the man as objective and normative, analytically unburdened.

The radicalism of women's history is extinguished when the very label is obsolete. The discipline is not simply redemptivist or recuperative but methodologically, and thus institutionally, remaking. It asks and prompts questions that history has not asked before; it has spawned historiographical children. It eschews stability and embraces change, fluidity. That women had a history exposes the male normativity of history, its shortcomings to women and to men too; that women made history, and made themselves, is cataclysmic to the institution as it stood and stands. *Herstory* remains radical. 

# Women in STEM and Suffrage Science

**Professor Serena Best is Professor of Materials Science and directs the Cambridge Centre for Medical Materials. She has been a member of the Fellowship since 2000. In 2019 she received a Suffrage Science Award in recognition of her scientific achievements. Here she talks about her career journey and how to increase diversity among STEM students and professionals.**



Materials Science lies at the interface with many other subjects, including engineering, physics, chemistry and biology. I first became interested in Materials when my school physics teacher arranged for me to attend an evening event organised through the Institute of Materials. The lecture introduced the concepts of crystallography and materials structure and was presented by a very charismatic speaker who subsequently became my undergraduate project supervisor at the University of Surrey. Events appeared to repeat themselves: four years later, as a final-year undergraduate, I attended a lecture on the structure and properties of bone, this time given by Professor Bill Bonfield, who was Head of Department at Queen Mary, University of London. Inspired by what I had heard, I

joined him to undertake my PhD, advancing knowledge and understanding of a calcium phosphate (hydroxyapatite), which is similar in composition to the mineral component of bone. Following a short time in industry, I returned to Queen Mary to lead the bioceramics research activity. My team and I worked on creating new compositions and structures that would encourage regeneration of bone damaged by disease or trauma. Our work led to the development of a new bone-graft material that underpinned the formation of a spin-out company, ApaTech, in 2000. It has been extremely rewarding to know that a material that was originally developed in our laboratory is now used to help bone repair in patients worldwide. So much of the excellent biomedical materials research undertaken in universities never makes it into clinical application.

In 2000 I was appointed to a lectureship at the University of Cambridge and joined St John's as a Fellow. I was promoted to Reader and then to a Professorship, and with Professor Ruth Cameron I now run a group of around twenty-five people at the Cambridge Centre for Medical Materials (CCMM), researching new materials and structures for biomedical implantation. Our unusual way of



sharing the running of our research group was reflected by the award of the first-ever joint EPSRC Professorial Fellowship.

The current CCMM research activity encompasses a range of approaches and applications. We use natural biomacromolecules, ceramics, and synthetic, biodegradable polymers to create structures to address a range of different clinical problems. The work in the group is characterised by successful collaborations across disciplines, both in Cambridge and with collaborators at other universities. We have a particular interest in the use of collagen for a wide range of different soft-tissue applications (ranging from cardiac to lung, and neural to skeletal tissues). The work is based on the production of 'scaffold' architectures for cell delivery and the modification of the surface composition of these structures to control cellular interactions and assist in tissue repair. However, in the field of biomedical materials, in addition to developing a strong academic publication track record, it is particularly important to ensure that there are tangible outcomes from the research and that the ideas

are translated into clinical products. Through my own experience, it is clear that there are long lead times to bring new clinical products to market, and success has been the result of sustained funding over many years. We have continued to look for new approaches for research translation and have developed a technique to produce collagen membranes, which has led to the recent spin-out of CamRegen Ltd.

Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to have excellent mentors who have encouraged me to push boundaries. I had an extremely positive experience with part-time working arrangements while my children were young (and one of my promotions occurred while I was on maternity leave). Women sometimes need to be persuaded to take steps to advance their career, and in my case there has always been someone encouraging me to do this. 'Hidden support' came into focus when, in 2017, I was awarded a CBE for services to Biomedical Engineering. Membership of professional bodies is also a very important component of continuing career development, and while President of






Serena being presented with the Suffrage Science Award

the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining I was keen to increase the diversity of the membership, offering a welcome to people of all backgrounds and stages of their career. This approach was recognised by the Suffrage Science Award that I received in 2019. These awards are presented biennially to twelve leading women from around the world, and they recognise researchers across a range of different disciplines, spanning medicine and life sciences, mathematics, computing, engineering and physical sciences. As these awards are about peer recognition, each recipient nominates the next woman they wish to pass it on to. I was nominated by Professor Cathy Holt (University of Cardiff), and I passed on my award to Professor Ruth Cameron to reflect her contributions over many years.

Diversity in STEM subjects is gradually improving, and there are increasing numbers of mentors and role models that reflect the exceptional talent of people who previously might have been excluded because of gender, sexuality, race and ethnicity. It is important to ensure that we avoid losing good people

in STEM subjects at different stages in their career due to a 'leaky pipeline'. Flexible working arrangements should be enabled where possible. There needs to be financial support for those from low-income backgrounds and ways to ensure that all talent is recognised and developed.

By highlighting the range of possibilities offered by STEM and ensuring participation from school age through to degree level, we will begin a virtuous circle of increasing diversity throughout career stages. However, it is important to recognise that role models should not only be people at the 'top of their profession'. Researchers at all career stages are able to provide encouragement and pass on their knowledge and experiences to the next generation of scientists and engineers. It is of the utmost importance that what they offer is relevant to the audiences they address. Underpinning these points is the idea of 'giving back', which means finding and then seizing new and better opportunities to improve diversity and recognise achievements via the College and the University. 



## A plague that wasn't there: how to study pandemics in the absence of historical evidence

**Dr Christiana Scheib is a Junior Research Fellow at St John's; she also leads the Ancient DNA research group at the Institute of Genomics, University of Tartu, Estonia. In this article she considers the parallels between her research into the intersection in human health between diet, genes and disease and the current situation regarding COVID-19.**

As soon as the worldwide implications of the SARS-COV-2 virus became apparent, people were quick to draw parallels to the most well-known pandemic, the 'Black Death'. Of course, those unfortunate enough to have found themselves living through it would

not have used this name. It is a nineteenth-century invention by Gothic writers, whereas the miserable medievalists, if they survived long enough, would have referred to the event as the 'Great Mortality'. Today's academics, in an attempt to be more

dispassionate and with a longer-term view of history, refer to it as the Second Pandemic (AD 1347–51).

Some of the parallels are quite striking, a testament to the adage that there is nothing new under the sun – that people do not change and human behaviour is quite predictable. The most important parallels are the concept of quarantine (introduced during the Second Pandemic), the complete disruption of society/economy, the blaming of ‘the other’ for the disease and consequent violence against people who had nothing to do with it, and that the impact of the disease on the individual seems almost random (despite our modern understanding of pathogenesis). It can be hard to pin down exactly where we were exposed, and we have all heard stories of a household where one person becomes extremely sick and another does not even test positive. Worse, some people die despite having no risk factors. Sometimes it feels that despite our advances with vaccines and good hygiene, everything is still governed by magic instead of the rationality of nature. This makes it easier to understand our ancestors’ experience: the confusion as we grapple with new information about the spread and how to protect ourselves, not sure whether it’s fact or fiction; the feeling of helplessness as we see our world changing and being unable to do anything about it; the ultimate resignation after years of consequent waves to live our lives cognisant of some level of risk.

Each of us has spent the last two years grappling with this new reality. We want to understand, for example, why some people

are behaving in ways that seem foolish. We have the benefit of living through this period and thus can see for ourselves the events as they are occurring. For the Second Pandemic we do not have that advantage, although we do have historical evidence such as death registers, economic information, first-hand accounts and art. But what if we want to learn about a pandemic for which there are no historical records and no surviving witness accounts?

The First Pandemic, also caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*, swept through Europe from AD 541 to 549 in much the same way as the later, aptly named, Second Pandemic. There are some historical records of this outbreak, though not as many as in the medieval period. In some regions, among them present-day England, we have only two mentions, written nearly 200 years after the fact. If we want to understand this outbreak and its impact on society in the sixth century, we have to turn to the biological evidence.

My work as a Title A Fellow at St John’s seeks to trace the spread and impact of the First Pandemic in sixth-century England. I use ancient biomolecules (DNA and proteins) from the teeth of deceased persons from the time period to detect a plague infection, as well as to understand the human immune response. The wealth of biological information encapsulated by a single tooth is truly amazing. We can retrieve the whole human genome and any pathogens that were in the blood or commensal species making up the oral microbiome at the time of death. Proteins from these microbial species and



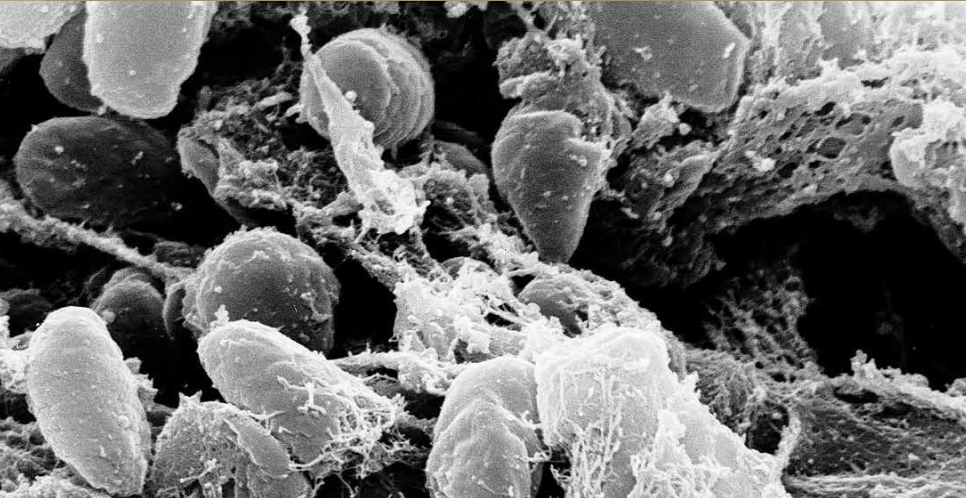
The burial of the victims of the plague in Tournai by Pierart dou Tielt, c. 1353

human cells, including immune cells, are also present. We can even tell what a person may have had for lunch! By combining this data with archaeological and osteological information, we can start to determine from where and how rapidly plague spread, and why some people died when others did not.

In 2019 I discovered the first molecular evidence of sixth-century plague in the UK at a site not far from St John's: Barrington A, Edix Hill, Cambridgeshire. The genome of the *Y. pestis* strain and the radiocarbon date of the affected burials indicated that plague was brought to the area early in the pandemic, perhaps within the first year, and possibly from what is now northern

Germany. People might assume that during a pandemic in the sixth century all migration and trade would halt, and that it would take a long time for disease to spread from the continent to a 'remote' place like Cambridgeshire. However, this does not seem to be the case: indeed, the tumult of the pandemic on the continent might have spurred *more* migration, in an effort to escape it. It is intriguing to speculate about the extent to which we owe the genetic and cultural turnover in East Anglia to the First Pandemic.

In terms of human experience, it is hard to know just how a person living near Edix Hill would have rationalised the plague.



Bacterium *Yersinia pestis*

Although the total mortality of this outbreak is unclear, the lethality of the disease would have been the same as it is today: without antibiotics one's chance of death is 50% to 90%. At Edix Hill as many as 40% of the people living during that outbreak perished from the disease. This is a much higher lethality than that of COVID-19, and the resulting mental strain must have been notable (though some may argue that because there was greater awareness of mortality, people would have been more resigned to the risk of death). The outbreak also seems mostly to have killed young adults, whereas COVID-19 largely affects much older people. The loss of so many young people over a short period must have affected not only the social fabric but also the economic output of the community, as it would have been more difficult to accomplish everyday life. However, we know that the burial rights remained unchanged despite the large number of victims. There are no 'plague pits' here: individuals were treated as such,

in accordance with the normal custom of the time – a stark contrast both to what we imagine of the Second Pandemic and to the more recent images that we have seen in Iran, Peru and Italy of mass graves or coffins piled up at funeral homes.

The biggest takeaway from research into ancient DNA has been the revelation that plague has been a recurring epidemic threat as far back as the Neolithic period. Worryingly, there are signs of *Y. pestis*, which is still endemic in a large portion of the world, becoming resistant to antibiotics. Thus, it is important to study it in the past to understand its virulence and the most important human susceptibility factors. We are in a constant battle with our pathogens. It would be comforting to think that the current pandemic has taught us invaluable lessons and that we will continue to learn from the past, so that next time we will be better prepared. But, given what we know about our history, that is unlikely to be the case. 🐛

# Travels in time and space: reflections on a life in architectural history

**Professor Deborah Howard is Professor Emerita of Architectural History at the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art, and she has been a College Fellow since 1992. Here Deborah talks about her interest in Venetian art and architecture and the experiences that it has opened up to her.**



Credit: Jacqueline Cargot

Deborah on the Kitchen Bridge

I am an architectural historian with a special interest in the art and architecture of Venice and the Veneto, an enthusiasm that dates back to the start of my PhD in 1969. It is my firm belief that Architectural History is not the same thing as the History of Architecture. As settings for human life, buildings are not merely artistic creations to be viewed in strictly aesthetic or stylistic terms. History in its broadest sense –

economic, social, religious, political, technological and intellectual – is intricately bound up with the theory and practice of architectural design. I was Director of Studies in Architecture at St John's for about twenty-five years, and the opportunity to observe the progress of our wonderfully talented students was a real privilege. For some years I was also DoS in History of Art.

I would be the first to acknowledge that I have been blessed by good luck throughout my career. For a start, both of my two earliest books were commissioned by the publishers. My book, *Jacopo Sansovino: Architecture and Patronage in Renaissance Venice* (1975), was the first title to be published by Yale University Press' London office, and my next book, *The Architectural History of Venice* (1980), was the first study in any language to consider the city's architecture in its historical context. Miraculously the second one is still in print today, even though it was written while I was on a career break caring for two small babies.

I came to St John's in 1990 after a happy decade at the University of Edinburgh, reflected in my book on *Scottish Architecture from the Reformation to the Restoration 1560-1660* (1995), which aimed to present Scotland as an outward-looking European country. For thirty years the College has provided a stable, nurturing background for my research adventures, while teaching not only absorbed time and energy but also brought huge satisfaction. I am a bit of risk-taker in my research: I enjoy exploring new directions that often take me outside my own expertise and force me to learn new skills.

My return to Cambridge and the teenage years of my children allowed me to resume my research on Venetian architecture, but I began to expand the thematic, temporal and geographical range. For some time I had been curious about the relationship between Venice and the Islamic world, and during the 1990s I explored this angle both in the archives and in the field. I made a series of mind-blowing

research trips in the Eastern Mediterranean – initially to Turkey, Egypt, Syria and Israel, and later to Iran and Lebanon, visiting the sites frequented by Venetian merchants, diplomats and pilgrims. In parallel I read merchant letters, trading accounts, legal documents, travel narratives and pilgrim chronicles, looking for evidence of cultural exchange. When my book *Venice & the East* was published in 2000, cultural transmission between Islam and Europe was still rarely studied, but after 9/11 interest grew exponentially: my book sales boomed, and the work spawned two major international exhibitions.

In 2005 I was lucky to win an AHRC grant for a research project on the relationship between acoustics, music and architecture in Venetian churches, and to my great delight the (then) Director of the St John's College Choir, David Hill, agreed to take the Choir to Venice for a week in 2007 to carry out acoustic experiments in ten selected Venetian churches. It was such a privilege to have the tireless and serious support of these prodigiously talented musicians. In every church we collected questionnaires both from the public and from the Choir about their perception of the acoustics of the spaces. We underpinned the musical experiments with historical research and a sustained programme of acoustic measurements of all the churches in the study. The culmination of the project was the book *Sound and Space in Renaissance Venice: Architecture, Music, Acoustics* (2009, co-authored with my research assistant Laura Moretti, now a Professor at St Andrews).





Credit: Micky White

Choral experiments in the church of the Frari, Venice, with members of St John's College Choir, April 2007

In parallel I was eagerly collecting material for my next book, an architectural biography of the Venetian Senator, diplomat and amateur sculptor Marc'Antonio Barbaro. With his brother Daniele (translator of Vitruvius' treatise), Marc'Antonio built one of Palladio's most celebrated villas, the Villa Barbaro at Maser. Meanwhile, in his political career, he was involved in almost every major public building initiative in Venice in the second half of the sixteenth century. In his old age he even supervised the construction of the celebrated star-shaped fortress-town of Palmanova. My book *Venice Disputed: Marc'Antonio Barbaro and Venetian Architecture 1550-1600* appeared in 2011. In the end I realised that Barbaro's character was far more flawed than his nineteenth-century French biographer had suggested. It was an odd sensation to be left with the feeling that I didn't like him very much!

In 2013, together with two Cambridge colleagues from History and MML (Modern and Medieval Languages), I became one of

the Principal Investigators of an ERC Synergy grant to explore 'Domestic devotions: the place of piety in the Italian Renaissance home'. Amazingly, in that year we received the only Synergy grant for the humanities, which felt like winning the lottery. With a team of ten wonderful collaborators we probed religious life in three chosen regions of Italy: the Venetian *terraferma*, the Marche and the city of Naples, not only in archives and early printed sources but also in the field. Whereas public religion is well documented, private devotion is so personal that it is difficult to track. Our myriad sources included personal documents, early printed books, devotional objects and site visits to domestic buildings. In 2017 we were lucky to be able to curate an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, *Madonnas and Miracles*, which had amazingly enthusiastic reviews. Writing the final book of the project, *The Sacred Home in Renaissance Italy* (2019), co-written with Mary Laven and Abigail Brundin, was one of the happiest collaborations of my career.



Credit: Deborah Howard

Andrea Palladio, Villa Barbaro, Maser, Italy

My most recent research project has been one of the most fascinating of all. For some years I had been intrigued by the numerous patent applications presented to the Venetian Senate in the sixteenth century for a dazzling range of technological inventions. This burst of innovation signalled a pre-Galilean proto-industrial revolution two centuries before the better-known Industrial Revolution proper. Although economic historians were already starting to realise that this industrial boom supported the brilliant career of the architect Andrea Palladio, the structures where these manufactures took place had never been studied. In 2017 I received an Emeritus Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust to work on the industrial infrastructure of the Veneto in the Renaissance. The site visits took me to numerous little-known places in spectacular landscapes, in the company of a team of young Italian researchers. Our studies included paper mills, silk works, rice mills, mines, metal smelters, quarries, leather-tanning works, smithies and sawmills. Unlike villas, palaces and churches, the surviving buildings are not protected by listing, and many are endangered, if not already in ruins.

The book, *Proto-Industrial Architecture of the Veneto in the Age of Palladio*, is newly published in both English and Italian editions, and I am currently curating an exhibition on the subject at the Palladio Museum in Vicenza, due to open in November 2022.

Collaborative projects have always been inspirational to me. I feel very strongly that it is important to give opportunities to younger scholars, just as I believe that giving time to supporting students is an essential part of academic life. Throughout my career I have learned almost as much from my undergraduate students as they have learned from me. As for my graduate students, most of them have exceeded my wildest expectations in their leaps of imagination and their stunning new discoveries. I like to compare supervising research students to growing plants: a bit of watering encourages roots to grow down into the rich resources of the field, while from the top luxuriant blooms sprout and flourish. It is the next generation who will carry the subject into exciting new areas if we encourage their curiosity and foster their self-belief. 🍷



Rear aspect of the Working Library, April 2022

Credit: Paul Everest



# THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

Photo: Graduation, April 2022  
Credit: Nordin Čatić (2017)



# Senior Tutor's summary of the academic year

I arrived at St John's in August 2021 full of anticipation at the prospect of working in an exceptional Cambridge college with the collective mindset, commitment and resource to deliver excellence on every front. Because I had been a Senior Tutor elsewhere in Cambridge for more than a decade, aspects of the role were familiar to me. This meant I could focus on getting to know my new colleagues and deepening the strong sense of the College's mission and identity that I had formed during the recruitment process.

I had long admired St John's, and my sense that education and student support at the College were overwhelmingly positive was immediately confirmed. Colleagues are deeply committed to enabling students to prosper, and their efforts are well directed and effective. Undergraduate examination results in this second year of COVID-19 were outstanding. 39% of our students attained a Distinction or First in Tripos in 2021, ranking the College seventh on this measure among twenty-nine Cambridge colleges. There has lately been talk in the media of rampant grade inflation in universities, and that is not without foundation. But grade inflation is not out of control in Cambridge, and this is evidenced by the fact that the proportion of Firsts awarded in the University fell this year compared with last, when adjustments for COVID-19 had more influence on results. Both our men and

our women performed strongly, as did our students from under-represented backgrounds and those with disabilities. Postgraduate outcomes were similarly pleasing – unsurprisingly, given that the College's postgraduate students are exceptional in their ability, diversity and personalities. Our capacity to select the very best naturally results in a liberal stock of Distinctions and Merits at Master's level as well as groundbreaking PhD theses.

Undergraduate admissions always loom large in August, when A Level results are issued. I began my job just after the 2021 acceptance process had concluded and was very pleased to see 170 new undergraduates confirmed, evenly split between men and women, and with a good balance of subjects and student backgrounds. Of our UK entrants, 72% were state-educated – the highest proportion since the 1970s and perhaps the highest in the College's modern history. In 2018, the last A Level year for which data are available, just under three-quarters of UK students attaining three or more A Levels at the highest grades were state-educated, so if we admit cohorts broadly in line with this profile we can be reasonably confident that our recruitment and admissions process is producing fair outcomes overall.

In Cambridge no sooner has the dust settled on admitting a new year of

students than the admissions process for the following year commences. December saw another strong undergraduate application field being interviewed online because of the potential complications posed by COVID-19 around that time. Most colleagues find that online interviews work similarly to face-to-face interviews and might even offer some advantages – such as a candidature less unnerved at interview by being in an unfamiliar place after a stressful journey. But this view is not universal, and the University has yet to decide on its long-term approach to admissions interviewing. At the time of writing, it looks likely that St John's will interview online for a third year in December 2022, although no firm decision has yet been made in wider Cambridge. Whether online or in person, interviews and the decision-making process that follows them require huge commitments from colleagues, which they give unstintingly. Likewise, Fellows devote considerable time to assessing postgraduate applications and determining the allocation of vital funding in a process whose chief reward can be seeing the exceptional talent of the students that we admit.

Providing for student welfare is a critical part of enabling students to achieve their academic potential, and structures for this purpose at St John's have been carefully developed and are effective. Recent years have seen a move to professionalisation in welfare support, and our Health and Wellbeing Centre accordingly has three staff, two nurses and a counsellor, devoted to supporting students directly and to advising the Tutors. Where once a Tutor

might have flown essentially solo in supporting a student suffering a personal crisis, now the norm is co-ordinated action across the welfare 'team' – incorporating the Tutor and sometimes the Chaplain, but also the staff in the Health and Wellbeing Centre, as well as local GP services, the University Counselling Service and Disability Resource Centre, and relevant teams at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

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In the last year the collegiate University completed a strategic review of student mental-health services and provision, led by a steering group (of which I have been lucky to be a part) and executed by specialist external consultants. It has identified how we can work more collaboratively, efficiently and effectively across the entire institution in the interests of student support. Much of what is proposed is welcome in St John's precisely because it aligns with our existing practice (e.g. actively enlisting GP services). Recognition on the part of everyone involved that the University can and should help to look after its students while maintaining its identity as an academic, not a therapeutic, institution has been central. Cambridge does require students

to work hard, and they can experience heavy social pressures too. We should be reducing student workload where it is unnecessarily onerous, while enabling everyone to achieve a reasonable balance between work and other activities. The strategic review explicitly recognises this and, again, we warmly welcome it at St John's. At the same time, we need to help Cambridge students recognise that they are given great intellectual freedom in an environment that seeks to make practical aspects of their lives relatively easy. On the latter front, we look forward to the completion of the new Community Hub in Second Court, which will provide a wonderful socialising and working space for Johnians, in an environment in which these important aspects of their lives here are increasingly melded.

So far I have mentioned COVID-19 only in passing, and that seems about right. The virus has been with us again this academic year but has not dominated as it did in the two previous years. The Omicron variant meant that in Michaelmas term and the first half of Lent term some restrictions remained in place (especially in the Library), but these have now been relaxed, and community life, as well as academic delivery, has returned largely to normal. Student behaviour throughout the period of greater caution was characterised by responsibility and consideration for others. We all hope that the coming academic year will see normality throughout.

That COVID-19 was a manageable obstacle helped me in my first year in St John's, which I have enjoyed enormously. I have been greatly and generously supported by so many colleagues, as well as students. Naturally I cannot begin to thank them all here, but I must mention a few: the Tutors and all of the non-academic staff in the Education Department; the Master and my fellow College Officers, who have all been encouraging and inspirational; our Admissions Tutor, Dr Victoria Harvey, with whom I have worked especially closely; and my predecessor, Dr Mark Nicholls, who provided invaluable advice with great warmth and is now heading towards a well-deserved retirement following his sabbatical this year. 

**Richard Partington**



# New Research Fellows



**Leah Downey**  
(BA University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MSc LSE, PhD Harvard) for *Politics*

Political theory is the study of how people ought to live together. Political economy considers how people produce what they need to live. These endeavours are, and always have been, fundamentally and inextricably linked. It is in the shadow of this observation that my research employs the tools of political theory to better understand the relationship between macroeconomic policy and democracy.

My doctoral thesis explored what it would look like to democratise monetary policy. Recognising that the creation and allocation of money are among the state's most distinctive powers, I argued that instituting an approach to monetary policymaking that respects the integrity of domestic democracy would have radical implications for both domestic and global economic governance.

As a Fellow at St John's, I will extend my research into the relationship between macroeconomic policy and democracy to explore how different notions of time employed by policymakers in modern democracies shape the power and possibilities of macroeconomic policymaking. This is an urgent task for two reasons: first, because it is essential to unlocking the state's macroeconomic policymaking powers in the face of an existential climate crisis, and second, because doing so is critical for achieving the full realisation of a flourishing democratic state.



**Vincent Fortuin**  
(BSc University of Hamburg, MSc, PhD ETH Zürich) for *Computer Science*

Machine learning using deep neural networks is omnipresent these days, even though those models can often be overconfident in their predictions and fail in unexpected ways. Bayesian deep learning tries to remedy this by using insights from probabilistic inference, thus yielding more robust and reliable models that can assess their own uncertainty.

In my PhD I studied the choice of prior distributions for Bayesian deep learning models. While this problem is often overlooked in the literature, it is crucial for successful Bayesian inference in general. Specifically, I showed that the choice of priors can have a dramatic impact on the predictive performance of these models. Moreover, I demonstrated how better priors can be identified, thereby enabling entirely new application areas of Bayesian deep learning and potentially making the models more interpretable and trustworthy.

During my Fellowship at St John's, I will use these ideas to work towards machine learning algorithms for critical applications that require fewer training data, while offering principled model selection and calibrated estimates of their predictive uncertainty.



### Jef Laga

(BMath Ghent,  
MASt, PhD  
Cambridge) for  
*Mathematics*

I am a pure mathematician working in number theory, a field that goes back to the ancient Greeks and Babylonians and which aims to understand properties of the whole numbers, the basic building blocks of mathematics. More specifically, I work in arithmetic statistics, which studies number-theoretic objects (like prime numbers or polynomial equations) in families.

I completed an undergraduate degree at Ghent University (with an exchange semester in Paris) and a Master's degree (Part III) at Cambridge. In my PhD thesis at Cambridge, I showed how Lie theory (which is also used in theoretical physics) can be fruitfully applied to study the arithmetic statistics of Diophantine equations.

While at St John's I will continue investigating number theory through the lens of Lie theory, as well as exploring interactions with neighbouring fields such as algebraic geometry, symplectic geometry and singularity theory.




### Ella Sbaraini

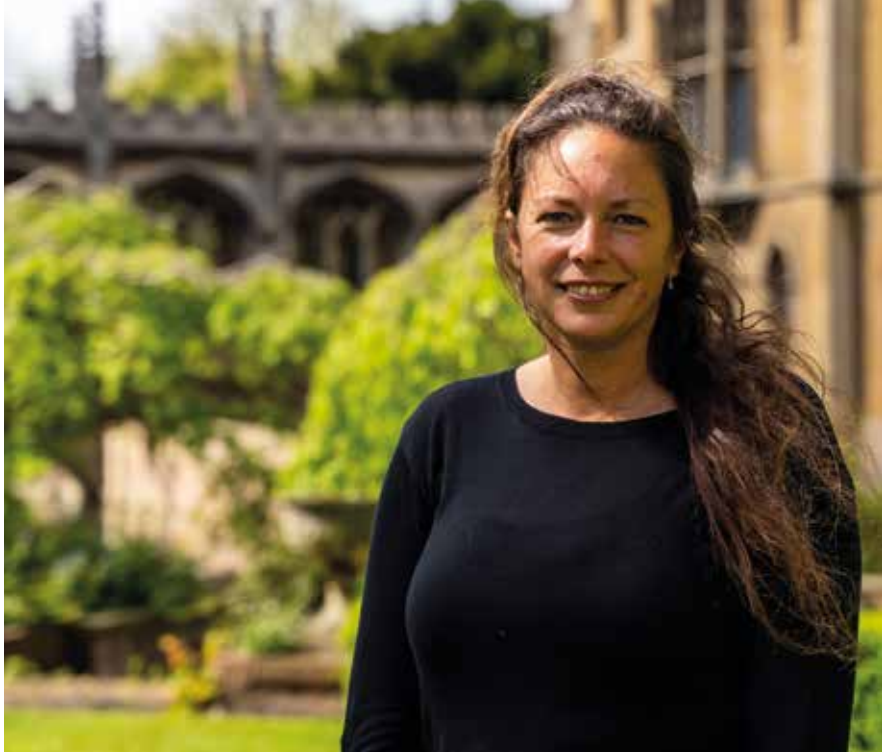
(BA, MPhil, PhD  
Cambridge) for  
*History*

I am a historian with a particular interest in histories of mental health, death, the emotions, race and sexuality. My research focuses on the social and cultural history of Britain from the eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries, and it seeks to examine the construction and experience of mental ill-health during this period.

My PhD explored the experience of feeling suicidal in England and Wales between 1700 and 1850. It considered what it was like to feel suicidal at a time when suicide was illegal, the emotions that people expressed, and how these changed over time. It challenged the idea that suicide was 'secularised' over this period, instead proposing that suicide had profound religious significance for those who considered it.

During my Fellowship, I will begin a new project investigating the relationship between mental health, race and class in Britain from 1770 to 1920. Using a wider variety of legal, institutional and personal sources, it will seek to historicise racism and race-making in British mental health institutions, and to examine how racialised conceptions of mental health operated in wider society. 

# Admissions update



The lockdowns over the last two years had one silver lining: they gave the Admissions team the impetus to make forays into the world of digital outreach. During that time, we have developed comprehensive programmes of academic taster sessions, student-life Q&A panels, webinars demystifying the application process, and sessions advising on how to make a competitive application. One key benefit of this online delivery is the convenience and extensive reach of our sessions. We try to keep such events and encounters outside

main school hours as far as possible, and all sessions are accessible on a mobile phone. This has enabled pupils from all over the country, indeed all over the world, to engage with as many sessions as they want. In particular, we have been able to develop relationships with many more schools in the North of England, from where we hope to attract many more students to St John's in the coming years (in keeping with the vision of the College's Foundress, Lady Margaret Beaufort).

One interesting development has been the April Masterclass series for Year 12 students: Directors of Studies and other academics delivered evening lectures and supervisions to potential applicants online. We encouraged participants to sign up to multiple sessions – one in a subject they are already familiar with, and one that is related but perhaps not familiar from school, for example, a History taster and an Archaeology taster the following evening. Exploring a range of different subjects, and becoming familiar with Cambridge-level learning, is a crucial element of a successful application.

But there is no substitute for bringing potential applicants to Cambridge, where they can enjoy tours of the College led by current St John's students. We have developed a range of visit days for these

pupils, to give them an authentic feel for the College and University and to enable them to imagine themselves studying here. As well as tours and student Q&As, they have workshops in the Old Divinity School, lunch in the Buttery, and occasionally a practical session in one of the many affiliated institutions. For example, students from our Generating Genius programme, STEM@Cambridge, who were interested in Biological Sciences, enjoyed a guided session in the Botanic Gardens' Greenhouses with their Learning Officer; students from Lambeth who had experience of living in care spent an afternoon in the Whipple Museum exploring scientific models with the museum's Learning Co-ordinator. It has been thrilling finally to be able to host people in College for the first time since most of the team began working in College. Thank goodness for Kayleigh Dunn, our



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Elsie Linley at Bolton Sixth Form

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Generating Genius group photo

longest-serving Admissions Officer, who is the only one with any memory of previous in-person events in College!

After lockdowns eased, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf and Elsie Linley, our fabulous Schools Liaison and Access Officer, extensively toured the North of England. They report that the schools gave them a very warm welcome and the pupils with whom they spoke were bright, engaged and interested. They found it particularly lovely to be welcomed to some schools by St John's alumni who now teach there. Dr Dörrzapf also headed to Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland (where a bout of COVID-19 briefly threatened his return)

to encourage applications from a broad spectrum of UK and Irish students. We are also extremely lucky that our new Senior Tutor has wide-ranging links with schools all over the country, but particularly in the area near Liverpool where he grew up. The Senior Tutor can often be found delivering talks to groups in College, or in schools whenever his busy schedule allows.

If any alumni with connections to schools would like to know more about our events, please do contact the team. We would love to hear from you. 🎓

**Dr Victoria Harvey, Tutor for Undergraduate Admissions**

# In conversation with Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange is Musical Director of the College's all-female a cappella group AQUILA. She is a freelance singer, composer and choir director, and has recorded soundtracks for TV and film, as well as running her own home recording studio. *The Eagle's* Co-Editor, Ellie Collingwood, spoke to Joanna about her career journey and why she is so passionate about the role of women in the music industry.

You come from a musical family. Did you always want to become a musician yourself?

Yes, music and singing were always my favourite things. I don't think I knew exactly what kind of musician I wanted to be, but I knew I wanted to be one. My grandfather was a viola player in a string quartet and my father is a composer, so both in the classical music area of the industry. Although I am classically trained, I wanted to work in a whole range of styles and have been lucky to do just that.

Tell us a bit more about your career journey.

After I left the University of Oxford, I did a PGCE – not because I wanted to teach forever, but because I was advised to have a 'proper profession to fall back on' should I not make it as a musician. I taught for three years and realised that if I was going to be a musician I needed to take the plunge and go freelance. In 1997 I saw The Swingle Singers give a live radio broadcast at the Edinburgh Festival. I knew about them because my mum had lots of their records,

but I wasn't aware that they were still going. I sat in the audience and it was like an epiphany; I thought 'THIS is what I want to do.' I came away buzzing.

In those days, before the internet, if you wanted to find jobs as a singer you subscribed to *The Singer* magazine. In the very next issue The Swingles were advertising for a soprano.





Joanna (third from right) and The Swingles

That was extraordinary luck. I auditioned, was recalled for a further audition and was offered the job. I was with them for the next seven years, touring the world. After six months in the group they asked if I would take over as their Musical Director, which was an amazing opportunity. Being in The Swingles marked the start of my freelance career as a singer, set me on a journey of coaching and leading vocal groups and was where I started writing music. So the three main strands of what I do now – singing, composing and conducting – all started with that job.

You've done lots of writing and recording for the TV and film industry. What are the highlights so far?

I started singing on film soundtracks while I was in The Swingles, and it's something that I have been doing ever since. I've sung on over 200 film soundtracks now and I absolutely love it. The highlight of my film

work has been Wes Anderson's *The French Dispatch*, which came out at the end of last year. I had a big solo in it, singing a duet with Jarvis Cocker. We recorded it in 2019, but then the pandemic hit and everything went quiet. I wasn't even allowed to mention the film until it finally came out. To see my name on the credits was very exciting. Among my television highlights was writing a song called 'You Are', which was used on the *Fleabag* series. I adore *Fleabag*, so to have my song played in the opening scene of the second series was a joy.

Did you ever think you would end up doing something like that when you started out?

I was very shy when I started and, though I knew I had skills to offer, I was plagued with self-doubt. But the more work I did, and the more feedback I got from audiences and colleagues, the more my confidence grew and I began to believe in myself. When I'm

invited to give talks about starting out in the profession, that's what I say most often – that self-belief is the most important thing.

It's tough being a freelance musician. There are no natural progressions through a company, no pay rises or promotions. As a freelancer, you have to seek out your own mentors and find your own way. I was very lucky because Ward Swingle, who had formed The Swingle Singers in 1963, became my mentor and adviser when I was their music director. I learnt so much from him and he gave me confidence. I see that now as seminal in my career; every freelancer needs somebody like that giving them encouragement and guidance.

### Do you feel you have faced any particular challenges as a woman in the music industry?

So many! I think that's why I've become so passionate about women in the music industry. When I was asked to be the Music Director of The Swingles, one of the men in the group said that they weren't sure about it because women 'could be rather emotional'. I thought, 'Can only women be emotional? And is it so wrong to be emotional if you're a performing artist?' Since I took on the role, many women have told me that it inspired them and demonstrated that women can lead.

The first arrangement that I wrote was for the four women in the group – 'Amazing Grace'. I wrote it because in The Swingles' library there were many arrangements for all eight voices and quite a few for the four men,

but there were absolutely no arrangements for just the four women. One male colleague said that you couldn't just have women's voices because without a bass line it would sound like something was missing. So I wrote my arrangement partly to prove to myself that he was wrong; it has been performed all over the world by many different groups. It got me into writing for female voices, which I do a lot now. If it's well written, you don't miss the bass line any more than you miss the soprano line in a well-written piece for tenors and basses. The sound of female voices in harmony is glorious. That's why I was so thrilled when Andrew Nethsingha asked me to form AQUILA. I had always had a desire to run an all-female vocal group.

There are still areas in the music industry where women are hugely under-represented. When I recorded my *Twenty-first-century Woman* single we made history at Abbey Road for being the first-ever all-female recording session. I conducted and booked a choir of women, a female drummer, a jazz pianist and a bass guitar player, along with a female producer and a whole team of female sound engineers, most of whom were doing the Tonmeister sound engineering course at the University of Surrey. They said that out of fifty students there were only three women. I interviewed all of the singers on that project and asked if they'd been conducted by a woman before, and most never had. People in the music industry need to make a conscious effort to include women so that those coming up can see them in different roles and think, 'Ah, that could be for me!'




Unless that happens, nothing will change. This is why I'm so pleased that more cathedral choirs are beginning to admit girls as choristers.

### How have you found your time working at St John's with AQUILA?

I've run groups before, but it's always been someone else's group, so forming my own was a wonderful opportunity. I made a conscious decision from the beginning that I didn't want it to be an auditioning group, though I did want it to be of a very high standard. That seemed like a dichotomy, but I knew that if I trained them well they could reach that level, whether or not they had ever sung in a choir before. Four years on, I'm so thrilled that I did that because some of our best singers have said that there's no way they would have come along if they'd had to audition. There are twenty-six of us in the group at the moment – the largest it's ever been. Everybody has their strengths and

weaknesses, but we find common ground and help one another out.

I think what I like most is that we are a mixture of staff and students of the College. Most of the groups in Cambridge are one or the other. Staff members have said that it is fun to mix with the students and get to know other members of staff they wouldn't normally interact with. During lockdown we kept going via Zoom, which was a challenge. But in each of the three terms when we were locked down we recorded a song and released it on YouTube and somehow kept going. Now, we have returned stronger than ever. On 8 March we marked International Women's Day and the 40th anniversary of women at St John's with a concert in the Old Divinity School, featuring songs by women, written for women or recorded by women. I'm so proud of the group for raising £167 for UN Women's campaign for Ukraine that evening. Music really does have the power to change lives. 



AQUILA, March 2022



## In conversation with Richard Partington

Richard Partington joined St John's in September 2021 as Senior Tutor. He is an Affiliated Lecturer in the Cambridge Faculty of History and sits on a number of University committees, including the management executive of the University Counselling Service. He spoke to Co-Editor Ellie Collingwood about his background and role at St John's.

### Tell me about your career journey before coming to St John's.

I'm a first-generation university graduate. In fact I'm the only person in my family ever to have been to university: no one has been since. I came to Cambridge because there were a couple of key teachers at school who encouraged me to do something I probably wouldn't have had the confidence to do otherwise. I was a History undergraduate at Sidney Sussex and after that had the opportunity to do doctoral research in the early to mid 1990s. I won a Junior Research Fellowship at Sidney Sussex and then got my first permanent academic job there as the Director of Admissions. I taught History but was also focused on admissions, recruitment and widening participation. I was in that job for seven years, visiting a large number of schools and colleges and encouraging people from all sorts of backgrounds to apply to Cambridge.

I became Senior Tutor at Churchill College in 2007. I was very lucky while I was at Churchill, as I had been at Sidney Sussex, that with very good colleagues assisting, supporting and advising me, I was able to make a big difference to key dimensions of the College's performance. We trebled applications and dramatically increased the proportion of students coming from widening participation backgrounds, such that in 2013 we were identified by the Social Mobility Commission as the most effective college in Oxford and Cambridge in this respect. We also very significantly improved undergraduate performance: Churchill

went from being roughly fifteenth in the college league tables to averaging fourth place.

After fourteen really good years at Churchill I was looking for a new challenge when St John's popped onto the horizon. I was delighted to be appointed here. In some ways this feels like a continuation of what I've done earlier in my career, but of course it's doing it afresh in a new place and on a scale that hasn't been possible in my previous two colleges.

A constant theme in my career has been History. Beyond that, widening participation and improving academic performance have been important dimensions of my career. More recently a further area of focus has been student welfare, especially disability and mental health. So the themes across my career have been layered on top of one another.

My focus upon student welfare, mental health and disability has been the basis of the work I've done on committees in the University, particularly in chairing the University's student finance and welfare committee, which I did for seven years. I remain on a number of key University committees, including the executive of the University Counselling Service. I can't imagine not being in contact with those things. I also help the University to run its commercial operations as a member of the Press and Assessment Board. I've done that for fifteen years now.

How have you found St John's so far? Is it different from your previous colleges, or are there many similarities?

St John's is very similar to my previous two colleges, and in fact all Cambridge colleges are much more similar than they are different. But what have I noticed about St John's in particular? It's a friendly, welcoming and supportive place, which I knew before I got here and is one of the reasons that I came. It has a scale of ambition that I like. It has huge levels of confidence, which is very positive. We have some exceedingly able students at the top end. And it's a place that is comfortable with itself but without being self-regarding. I think the calibre of colleagues and non-academic staff is extremely high. I feel that it's a college that is interested in doing some things differently and it's good to be here at a time when change is on the agenda. If I can help make evolutionary change happen effectively and in a timely way, I will be very pleased.

What are your priorities and hopes for your time as Senior Tutor here?

It would be wonderful if we could cement the strong academic performance at St John's even further, while at the same time increasing the diversity of the student body. One of the things that people often mistakenly think about widening participation is that you do it in and of itself as a social good and that if there is a price to pay in terms of academic standards, then that's a price worth paying.

To me that's a wrong-headed way of thinking about it. You widen participation in order to get the very best students. These things go hand in hand: there is a very strong symbiosis between them.

It's important that we also think about widening participation in respect of graduate students, not just undergraduates. We're always talking about eighteen- to twenty-one-year-olds, but we also need to be considering the ones who, for very good reasons, do not come here at eighteen but, having flourished at another university, might be particularly well placed to do so at twenty-two or twenty-three. We need to make sure that we have places for such people, as well as the financial resources to support them.

What does a 'typical day' as Senior Tutor look like?

It would be wrong to say that there is no typical day because many days are very similar. As Senior Tutor one spends a lot of time dealing with problems as they arise. Some of these can be unexpected and others quite unusual and surprising.

I spend much of my time in meetings and dealing with emails and telephone calls. I also spend time with my colleagues talking about how we're going to approach certain matters. In practical terms a typical day for me would start by looking at emails very early in the morning to see what has happened

overnight. I would then go for an early swim before coming into the office, typically between 8.30 and 8.45. My first meeting is usually around 10.30 or 11 o'clock. Quite often I have a working lunch. Very often there are further meetings in the afternoon and meetings or work-related social events in the evening. There's a huge amount of variety, a great deal of social contact, and lots of talking and listening. Much of my time is spent thinking, with fewer opportunities to sit down and write than I would like.

On a teaching day I will spend some of the morning marking and most of the afternoon seeing students. If I'm lecturing I'll nip out to give a lecture. And there will be days when I'm not here at all because I'm spending an entire day in Press and Assessment or I'm in schools doing outreach.

### Can you tell us about your research?


As with many people who have been a senior tutor, my research interests have been somewhat on the back burner for quite a bit of the time. I work on medieval politics, law, crime and international relations of government. I'm a specialist primarily in fourteenth-century England, but I range more widely into Britain and Europe and into the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries as well. My research has focused on the way in which the government has used a combination of structure and social networks to deliver its core functions. What I have become

interested in latterly is the state, the forces that have contributed to the growth of the state, how the state has been structured and has defined itself, and the impact of that on ordinary people as well as on elites and politicians.

I have regularly published articles and have also just finished the first draft of a book that I'm writing jointly with my wife. It is a history of the development of the state in England in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries called *Arise England: Six Kings and the Making of the English State*.

I still find History hugely stimulating, even if I never have enough time to devote to it.

### What do you do when you are not working?

I know I'm not a workaholic because, although I spend a huge amount of my time working, I prefer it when I'm not working! I'm a naturally curious person and so I like talking to people and reading about things, but I also love the outdoors, exercise, music, film and art, and I try to cram those things into my spare time whenever I can. My dream day involves being with my family and friends, cycling through the forest, swimming in the sea and having a musical jam. 

# The Master and Fellowship

## College Officers

The College Officers as of 1 October 2022 will be:

The Master	Mrs Heather Hancock
The President	Professor Steve Edgley
Senior Tutor	Mr Richard Partington
Senior Bursar	Mr Chris Ewbank
Dean of Chapel	The Revd Canon Dr Mark Oakley
Dean of Discipline	Dr Nicholas Friedman
Domestic Bursar	Ms Helen Murley
Praelector	Professor Emily Gowers
Director of Music	Mr Andrew Nethsingha
Chaplain	The Revd Andrew Hammond

## College Council

The College Council as of 1 October 2022 will be (in order of seniority):

The Master  
 The President  
 Professor Ben Simons  
 Professor Máire Ní Mhaonaigh  
 Professor Christine Gray  
 Dr Paul Wood  
 Professor Usha Goswami  
 Dr Sylvana Tomaselli  
 Professor Chris Jiggins  
 Professor John Rink  
 The Revd Canon Dr Mark Oakley  
 Dr Jack Smith  
 Dr Victoria Harvey

## Fellowship

The Fellowship of the College as of 1 October 2022 will be (in order of seniority):

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 The President (Professor Steve Edgley)  
 Dr Ben Garling  
 Dr George Reid  
 Professor Patrick Boyde  
 Dr John Leake  
 Dr Alan Macfarlane  
 Professor David McMullen  
 Dr Keith Matthews  
 Mr Ray Jobling  
 The Revd Dr Andrew Macintosh  
 Professor Jim Staunton  
 Professor Malcolm Clarke  
 Professor John Iiffe  
 Professor Malcolm Schofield

Professor Tim Bayliss-Smith  
 Professor Steve Gull  
 Professor Howard Hughes  
 Dr Peter Goddard  
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 Professor Ian Hutchings  
 Professor Richard Beadle  
 Dr John Hutchison  
 Dr Derek Wight  
 Professor Sir Richard Friend  
 Dr Robin Glasscock  
 Professor Robert Tombs  
 Dr Dick McConnel  
 Professor David Midgley  
 Professor Peter Matthews  
 Dr Martin Richards  
 Professor John Kerrigan  
 Professor Graham Burton  
 Professor Geoff Horrocks  
 Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta  
 Professor Hugh Matthews  
 Professor Jane Heal  
 Professor Tom Hynes  
 Professor Nick McCave  
 Dr Andrew C. (Ricky) Metaxas  
 Colonel Richard Robinson  
 Professor Simon Conway Morris  
 Professor Ernest Laue  
 Professor Robert Evans  
 Dr Sue Colwell  
 Dr Helen Watson  
 Dr Joseph McDermott  
 Professor Christel Lane  
 Dr Christopher Robinson  
 Professor Yuri Suhov  
 Professor Simon Szreter  
 Professor Deborah Howard  
 Professor Manucha Lisboa  
 Professor Ulinka Rublack  
 Professor Ben Simons

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 Professor Duncan McFarlane  
 Professor Christine Gray  
 Dr Ian Winter  
 Professor Nick Manton  
 Professor Neil Arnold  
 Dr Stefano Castelvechi  
 Professor Ann Louise Kinmonth  
 Professor Janet Lees  
 Professor Stefan Reif  
 Professor David Stuart  
 Dr Mark Nicholls  
 Dr Matthias Dörrzapf  
 Professor Pierpaolo Antonello  
 Professor Andy Woods  
 Commodore John Harris  
 Professor Serena Best  
 Dr Petra Geraats  
 Dr Paul Wood  
 Professor Emily Gowers  
 Professor Usha Goswami  
 Professor Richard Samworth  
 Professor Graeme Barker  
 Dr David Williams  
 Dr Sylvana Tomaselli  
 Mr Chris Ewbank  
 Dr Frank Salmon  
 Dr Chris Warnes  
 Professor Chris Jiggins  
 Mr Stephen Teal  
 Mr Andrew Nethsingha  
 Dr Tomas Larsson  
 Professor Robert Mullins  
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 Professor Jason Robinson  
 Dr Georgina Evans  
 Professor Mete Atatüre  
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 Professor John Rink  
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Professor Austen Lamacraft  
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Professor Nathan MacDonald  
Professor John Taylor  
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Professor Albertina Albors-Llorens  
Professor Tim Whitmarsh  
Professor Edward Tipper  
Mr Tim Watts  
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Professor Graham Ladds  
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Dr Vincent Fortuin  
Professor Laura Diaz Anadon  
Ms Ella Sbaraini  
Dr Matteo Seitá  
Dr Jessie Munton



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Dr Manmohan Singh  
 Sir David Wilson  
 Sir Bryan Cartledge  
 Sir Derek Jacobi  
 Professor Sir Roger Penrose  
 The Hon. Richard Goldstone  
 The Rt Hon. the Lord David Hope  
 Sir Timothy Lankester  
 The Rt Hon. the Lord John Browne  
 Professor Lord Mervyn King  
 Mr Mike Brearley  
 The Hon. Frank Iacobucci  
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 The Most Revd Dr Peter Carnley  
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 Mr Dan Burt  
 Mr Nick Corfield  
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 The Rt Hon. Sir Richard Aikens  
 Professor Sir John Ball  
 The Rt Hon. Sir Jack Beatson  
 Professor John Pocock  
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The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi  
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 Ms Laura Bates  
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 Dr Heidi Doughty  
 Dr Eben Upton  
 Professor Sir David King  
 Professor Sharon Peacock  
 Professor Bhaskar Vira  
 Professor Walter Woon  
 Dr Anthony Freeling



# MEMBERS' NEWS

**Photo:** Alumni Christmas  
drinks in London,  
December 2021  
**Credit:** Owen Billcliffe



# Members' news

The following pages are dedicated to sharing the news of alumni, Fellows, Honorary Fellows and students, listed in order of matriculation year in the University or the year of joining the College as a Fellow. Please note that we rely on those submitting entries to check that they are correct and we cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies.

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1945 COBB, The Revd Peter, once a parish priest, and now well into his twenty-eighth year of retirement, cannot believe that his current activities – preaching, piano teaching and gardening – would ever be of any public interest, but he would like it recorded that Arthur, a fourth Cobb grandson, has this year succeeded his three brothers, Jason, Charlie and Lewis, as a Chorister in the Chapel Choir.

1946 HORRIDGE, Professor Adrian has a new publication, *Honeybees' Vision: Recent Discoveries*, published in 2021 by [northernbeebooks.co.uk](http://northernbeebooks.co.uk). He also has a new grandson, Sylvan Pleuss, whose mother is Johnian former Erasmus scholar, Meret Gut (2011), now in Zurich, Switzerland.

1946 LOFT, The Revd Martin has been in a residential home in Sheffield since 1 January 2022, where he occasionally takes a Sunday Service. He spends a lot of time telling people, who think they are old, what the old

days were really like, as well as remembering rowing in the spectacularly dreadful First May Boat of 1947 and the gloriously successful Second May Boat of 1949.

1949 PARKER, Christopher is long retired but still edits the parasitic plants newsletter *Haustorium*. He is interested to hear from any Striga or Orobanché enthusiasts and can be contacted via the Development Office.

1950 BRISTOW, Dr Anthony is still working part-time as an officially authorised translator from Swedish to English. He recently published two booklets in limited editions for relatives and a few close friends, one about his parents – 'a devoted couple who loved to make music' – and one volume of personal memoirs 'primarily in case [his] grandsons ever wonder who their paternal grandparents were and what they did'.

1951 YOUNG, Professor Anthony published a book, *Across Africa: 8000 Miles in an Old*

VW. Unlike his previous books, this is not research-based but is a travelogue, written on leave from his post in the Colonial Service, as Soil Surveyor, Nyasaland (now Malawi). The book gives impressions of countries in South and Central Africa in 1992, at the time of their transition to independence.

1954 ALLDERIDGE, Mike and his wife, Eve Collyer (New Hall 1954), did little of note this last year but have a second great-grandchild, born August 2021. The first is now approaching five.

1955 ANDREWS, Dr Peter was awarded the Sir Richard Burton Memorial Medal by the Royal Asiatic Society in December 2021. The society agreed to Peter's request that the medal be awarded jointly to himself and his late wife Mügül (d. 2016).

1955 AUBREY, Dr Roland had a devastating year with extreme pain caused by lumbar disc problems. There was a race for surgery between the NHS and the private sector. The NHS won by a mile! His condition started to improve and he was spared major surgery, and the improvement continues. COVID-19 prevented him from visiting his daughter, Juliet, who was filming in Cambridge – the second series of *Professor T*. In the first series there was a memorable scene of her dancing the tango with Ben Miller on a Cambridge rooftop.

1955 ROBINS, Major Colin, having retired from a second career investigating serious tax fraud, turned to speaking at Probus groups and similar organisations, with the

fee passed on to army charities. A range of a dozen topics from military history to Egyptology kept him busy until COVID-19 caused a universal cancellation of meetings, which are only now slowly resuming. Sadly, age and some infirmity hamper his travelling and keep him away from College – but not in spirit.

1956 BROTHERTON, The Venerable J. Michael celebrated sixty years since his ordination as an Anglican Priest on 11 June 2022 at St Mary's Bourne Street. His ministry has taken him from London to Trinidad, Oxford, Portsmouth and Chichester and in retirement back to London. *Deo gratias*.

1956 JACKSON, Dr Anthony is still on the part-time staff of Cranfield and Loughborough universities, having joined them in 1997 after a full career in aero engineering at Rolls-Royce. All his contact with the universities – teaching, supervision, marking – has been online (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype etc.), since the COVID-19 restrictions. Both universities are very strong on aviation engineering topics, and so his career experience allows him to be useful to them. One of the Cranfield part-time staff is still going strong at the age of 102, so Anthony still has a way to go to catch him.

1957 CLEGG, John is retired, having been at St John's over sixty years ago. He captained the tennis team there in 1960 but afterwards played golf, and apart from captaining a well-known golf club and going to America as a surgeon, he has managed to keep out of trouble. John lives near Chester and keeps up with friends not only from John's but also

from Manchester University. He has written a book, not technical but more biographical, as he taught surgery in many places around the globe. Long may the College continue to give graduates an interesting concept of life.

1957 HERTZOG, Dr Chris is Research Director of Sanctuary Care (Thailand), which specialises in anti-ageing medicine (AAM), as well as certain aspects of cancer treatment and a non-vaccine COVID-19 antidote.

1959 CHILDS, Dr Kit ended his career as a sleep physician last December. It was a fascinating final twelve years of his medical career and he is grateful for the opportunity. The retired life seems to be just as busy as his working life. Kit continues to manage a small vineyard and to make wine from the grapes. He considers Nova Scotia to have been a beneficiary of climate change, and the last twenty years have seen significant changes in the growing season. Kit's family all thrive but, sadly, his wife has Alzheimer's disease.

1959 COPPLE, Tony and his wife Laurie-Ann were on the mission field in Worcester, South Africa, ministering to the poor, particularly youth and children. After arriving in 2017, Laurie-Ann was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer, and she beat it. Tony had suspected mesothelioma, probably from contact with asbestos in the navy. They tried to ensure these illnesses had minimal impact on spreading the Gospel, and their main focus in 2021 was keeping four families from starving in the perpetual lockdown. They returned to

Canada in January 2022, a year later than planned because of COVID-19 and their illnesses.

1959 HOPE OF CRAIGHEAD, The Rt Hon. the Lord David, having retired some years ago as Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court, is still active as a crossbencher in the House of Lords. He was the Convenor of the Crossbench Peers for four years and is now a member of the Constitution Committee, of which Lord Peter Hennessy (1966, another Honorary Fellow of St John's) is also a member.

1960 BETHELL, Dr Hugh has had a book published called *Get off the Couch, Before It's Too Late!* It is all about the whys and wherefores of exercise.

1960 CLARKE, Professor Peter, when he reads his *Eagle*, is inevitably struck by the obituaries of some of his contemporaries. His roommate as an undergraduate, Mark Gallop, and his close friend as a research student, Peter Linehan, were both suitably commemorated in 2021. Peter Clarke became a historian too, publishing a revised version of his PhD thesis with Cambridge University Press in 1971. They have accepted a new book from him (his twelfth) for publication at the end of the year, when he turns eighty: *Keynes in Action: Truth and Expediency in Public Policy*.

1960 MASON, Hugh is the Lord Mayor of the City of Portsmouth for the year 2022–23.

1960 MOXON, Professor Richard's new book, *Brain Fever: How Vaccines Prevent*

*Meningitis and Other Killer Diseases*, was published in 2021. As we are learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, immunisation is vital in fighting deadly diseases. Combining history, science and politics, this is the thrilling story of how vaccines were developed to prevent bacterial meningitis, one of the world's most feared and deadly infections.

1961 GREAVES, Bernard is currently engaged in research at De Montfort University into the impact of sexual orientation or gender identity on the health and wellbeing of older (fifty-plus) lesbians, gay, bisexual, and trans or transgender (LGBT+) people, using a social research methodology. Bernard and his colleagues are presently preparing for publication papers drawing out the themes that they have identified from a series of confidential in-depth interviews. Bernard's role as an 'older LGBT intimate insider researcher' in initiating the research, and as a full partner involved in every element of it, may well turn out to be unique.

1961 KUMAR, Professor Krishan published *Empires: A Historical and Political Sociology* (Polity Press, 2021).

1961 LESTER, Dr David retired as Distinguished Professor of Psychology from Stockton University (New Jersey, USA). He has published over 3,000 scholarly articles, primarily on suicide, but also on murder, the fear of death and theories of the mind. He recently started his own scholarly journal (*Suicide Studies*, ISSN 2771-3415; available on [drdavidlester.net](http://drdavidlester.net)).

1962 DASGUPTA, Professor Sir Partha was awarded the annual Kew International Medal, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew in September 2021.

1962 DIGGLE, Professor James was recognised in The Queen's New Year Honours List 2022 and was awarded a CBE for services to Classical Scholarship.

1962 SAMPSON, Professor Geoffrey's latest book is currently going through the press. *God Proofs* is an account of a thousand years of attempts to prove the existence of God as a theorem of pure logic, from St Anselm's eleventh-century 'ontological proof' to Frank Tipler's claim in our own time that quantum theory implies not just God but eternal, sexually fulfilled life after death for everyone: a topic that was described by George Steiner as 'among the strangest in the history of thought', and also 'deep fun'.

1962 YOUNG, Anthony finally left his post of Consultant Surgeon at Guys and St Thomas' in 2006, and with it the practice of medicine, swapping it for the recipient side as a patient and as carer for his late wife with Alzheimer's. Anthony is also a writer of novels (*The Professor and Women*, 2014 and *Preludes and Aftermaths*, 2020) and an artist with three one-man exhibitions to his name so far. He has three sons and eight grandchildren and shares his life between France and England. Anthony remarried a year ago. So retirement is not to be dreaded but embraced!

1963 BOWEN, Dr David is moving to Clevedon, after forty-two years in Kent, and

plans to upgrade his house there to energy class A (better insulation, solar panels, heat pump). He is still enjoying time in Piemonte, Italy, and is always glad to welcome visitors. David is also volunteering with Extinction Rebellion whenever he can.

1963 HADZAGAS, Constantine, having passed the mark of eighty-five years, began dusting off his French and volunteering to teach it to members of the local Dementia Institute. As old age is prone to develop dementia in humans, psychologists advise that persons develop new mental activities, including learning foreign languages. As tools of this activity, Constantine uses his desk computer and Zoom software. His objectives: to help engage productively the minds of others (and his own) and avoid the COVID-19 pandemic by staying safely (and busily) indoors.

1963 McINTYRE, Professor Michael Edgeworth published a paper bearing on the climate emergency. It was remarked on in the American Meteorological Society blog, *Living on the Real World*, as a 'beautiful example' of 'fresh thinking from individuals'. It is called 'Climate uncertainties: a personal view' and is 'just what one would expect from the author, who's a Fellow of The Royal Society and who was awarded the Carl-Gustaf Rossby Research Medal of the AMS'. The link is [livingontherealworld.org/the-climate-signal-and-the-social-noise/](https://livingontherealworld.org/the-climate-signal-and-the-social-noise/)

1963 MITCHELL, Dr David's independent bookshop, Scarthin Books, which (inspired by David's Bookshop and by Galloway and Porter) he founded forty-eight years ago, not

only still has a young staff but also attracts an enthusiastic young clientele. They are flattered to be found among 'Les 22 librairies les plus belles au monde' (website and a book spotted in Paris). Their 'Lockdown Art Competition' attracted over sixty entries depicting adult and young customers' impressively diverse and accomplished visions of the bookshop, now exhibited on their walls and reproduced as a book.

1963 RATZER, Professor Emeritus Gerald wrote a few short articles on climate change, including why water vapour is the most important (yet ignored) greenhouse gas. In 2022 he had a peer-reviewed, high-level paper published by Setpublisher, which can be found in a quick search that includes his 'unusual' family name.

1963 WALLACE, John was awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology and Ministry at the University of Durham for his thesis 'Anglo-Catholic church planting: an exploration in practical theology'.

1964 BRIDGE, Professor Simon completed a PhD (on 'Questioning conventional enterprise wisdom') at Dublin City University, where the graduation ceremony was held on 20 April 2022. He also wrote up much of his thesis in a book which was published at the beginning of the year: *The Persistence of Entrepreneurship Myths: Reclaiming Enterprise* (Routledge, 2022).

1964 HOWARD, Professor Deborah published a new book, *Proto-Industrial Architecture of the Veneto in the Age of Palladio*, Rome: Officina, 2021 (also issued



in a simultaneous Italian edition). This will be the subject of the forthcoming exhibition, *Acqua, Terra, Fuoco*, at the Palladio Museum in Vicenza, due to open in November 2022.

1965 HEYWORTH, Dr Martin was accepted as a composer by Universal Edition (UE), Vienna, Austria, in November 2021. Works published by UE: 'String Quartet No. 4' (completed in 2010; first performance, March 2020, by the Wister Quartet, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA); 'Sinfonia No. 1' (Sinfonia in A major; completed in 2015); and 'Sinfonia No. 2' (completed in 2020). Autograph manuscripts of 'String Quartet No. 4' and 'Sinfonia No. 1' were donated to the Cambridge University Library in 2016.

1965 HUDSON, Dr Tim continues his work in architectural history, after helping to revise *Pevsner* for West Sussex, by compiling a blog on twentieth- and twenty-first-century classical architecture in the county ([classicismonthesouthcoast.wordpress.com](http://classicismonthesouthcoast.wordpress.com)).

1965 McKAY, The Revd Dr Johnston contributed to several books of essays on Scottish church history after retiring from the BBC, and he is working on a history of the Church of Scotland since 1945. In 2012 he was appointed Chalmers Lecturer and gave lectures at the University of St Andrews and the University of Edinburgh. These lectures were published as *The Kirk and the Kingdom* by Edinburgh University Press in 2012.

1965 TARRANT, Dr Harold attended a conference in his honour entitled *Receiving*

*Plato: Then and Now*, held at the University of Toronto in March 2022. Presentations were given in person by delegates from Australia, Italy and the Netherlands, as well as from Canada and the USA, and remotely from Belgium and the Netherlands again.

1965 WRIGHT, Dr David retired from his Professorship at the University of Ottawa, where his research had focused on how to improve the economic viability of solar power. He has now summarised that work in a book entitled *Solarnomics*, published by Taylor and Francis under their Routledge imprint. Among other retirement activities, he particularly enjoys giving his grandchildren virtual cooking lessons over the internet. He writes: 'Who would have thought a six-year-old could prepare a complete evening meal for her family?'

1967 TAYLOR, Lance is a sole practitioner architect working from home in his office, which includes a duplex apartment and garden in Albany Road, central Cardiff. There were not many architects at St John's in his era, but the School of Architecture has retained its reputation for excellence. Lance is pleased that his grandson Marcel is interested in applying to read Architecture in Cambridge this year – maybe to St John's.

1968 ANDERSON, Roger commissioned Argentine composer Andres Martin to write a cello concerto on the theme of *Vox Clamantis in Deserto* (a voice crying in the wilderness) and responding musically to the turmoil and isolation of the pandemic. The Vox Concerto had its world premiere on 19 March 2022 with the Pioneer Valley

Symphony in Northampton, Massachusetts. It has three movements, and the third incorporates an Argentine dance called the milonga. The concerto has a roller coaster of emotional swings. It can be found on YouTube. Roger has now commissioned Martin to write a violin concerto. Stay tuned.

1968 BROWNE, David continues writing his book on the Nascas of Southern Peru. He will also publish this year previously unpublished observations made in the course of fieldwork in the Palpa region of Peru and resume preparing material on the excavations at the castles of Aberystwyth for archive and summary publication.

1968 HALLIDAY, John was finally able to join other Cambridge colleagues and wives for a weekend in the Lake District as a delayed celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their expedition to the Staunings Alps in East Greenland in 1970. Along with fellow Johnian John Danby (1969), John remembers James Bishop (1968), who sadly died several years later on a mountaineering expedition in the Himalayas. They also recall their 1971 traverse of the High Level Route from Chamonix to Zermatt, supported by a Johnian travel grant, for which they remain grateful.

1968 HARDING, Dr Graham published two books to add to his *Bluff your Way in Marketing* (1996) and *The Wine Miscellany* (2005). *Champagne in Britain, 1800-1914: How the British Transformed a French Luxury* was brought out by Bloomsbury Academic in late 2021 and was

enthusiastically reviewed by Jancis Robinson's *Purple Pages* wine site. The co-edited *Routledge Handbook of Wine Culture* was published in 2022. Since 2018 Graham has been the de facto Wine Steward of St Cross College, Oxford, and is responsible for buying wine for the College, where he also runs termly wine tastings and wine education courses.

1968 SUGDEN, Steve and Sheila welcomed the birth of Sophia, their ninth grandchild, in November 2021. After St John's Steve worked as a teacher and in racing stables. In the 1990s he trained as a chiropractor. Steve and Sheila live in Southwold, Suffolk, where Steve works as an equine chiropractor, treating everything from racehorses to children's ponies. He also volunteers at the local kennels of the Retired Greyhound Trust.

1969 JONES, Trevor was appointed Lay Trustee at the British Society of Gastroenterology in July 2021.

1969 STEVEN, Dr Alasdair, on competing his PhD on theoretical elementary particle physics, transferred into molecular biology, University of Basel. He focused on structural virology. In 1978 Alasdair started a lab at the US National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where he has remained ever since. He produced a book entitled *Molecular Biology of Assemblies and Machines*, co-authored with Richard Perham, former Master of St John's, Dame Louise Johnson of Oxford University, and Wolfgang Baumeister of the Max Planck Society. Alasdair retired in 2017 and enjoys

time with his wife Ray, three children and five grandchildren.

1970 BARRETT, Professor Martyn, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Surrey, works as a lead expert on intercultural and citizenship education for the Council of Europe. Last year he published a book on how to assess the intercultural and democratic competences of students in primary, secondary and higher education, together with two portfolios to be used for teaching, learning and assessment purposes. The Council of Europe's *Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture* (2018), of which he was the lead author, is currently being implemented in the education systems of twenty-two European countries.

1970 CRISP, Lord Nigel's latest book, *Turning the World Upside Down Again - Global Health in a Time of Pandemics, Climate Change and Political Turmoil*, was published by CRC Press in April 2022.

1970 FORD, Professor David, after over twenty years working on it, has finally published his work on the College's namesake: *The Gospel of John: A Theological Commentary* (Baker Academic). It was launched in the College's Old Divinity School in March. Among current activities, he now chairs Lyn's House, a Cambridge community of people with and without learning disabilities, and co-chairs the Rose Castle Foundation, a centre in Cumbria that gives training in reconciliation.

1970 HEATH, Richard enjoyed meeting old friends and sharing memories and up-to-date

news at the reunion last September. Richard is always impressed by the wide range of activities that his contemporaries are involved in. Over the last year, given the lack of travel opportunities, he worked on a new book, *Henry VIII and Charles V: Rival Monarchs, Uneasy Allies*, due to be published in autumn 2022.

1970 POMEROY, Vaughan was elected President of The Newcomen Society, with effect from March 2022, after serving on Council for four years.

1970 TIMMS, Gareth published his first book, *The Cosmic Computer*. It is an unlikely but powerful blend of physics, computation and the Perennial Philosophy. Gareth writes that 'publishing this after twenty years of study feels like a liberation.'

1971 BOOTH, Philip, writing as Phil Booth, published *Southaven Blues*, the third in a series of retro crime novels featuring intermittently competent, gay sleuth Sam Rigby. All three books are available from Amazon.

1971 BURTON, Professor Graham was elected a Fellow of The Royal Society.

1971 FURBER, Professor Steve was a co-recipient (with John Hennessy, David Patterson and Sophie Wilson) of the US National Academy of Engineering 2022 Charles Stark Draper Prize, 'For contributions to the invention, development, and implementation of reduced instruction set computer (RISC) chips'. [nae.edu/55291/DraperWinners#tabs](https://nae.edu/55291/DraperWinners#tabs)

1971 GWYNN-JONES, Huw's first collection of poems, *The Art of Counting Stars*, was published in October 2021 by Shearwater Press.

1971 MANDER, David had a rewarding year professionally, serving as lead archive consultant to devise a partnership project bid for archive services in South Yorkshire to create a combined website exploring past pandemics, military veterans, mental health, mining communities, refugees and migrants. He was also part of a team reviewing the service offer of the National Archives of Ireland. David continued to chair the Northern Region of the Archives and Records Association, and ran a successful online meetings programme. There is considerable emphasis on diversity, and they hosted a session on working with LGBTQ+ groups.

1971 MANTON, Professor Nicholas, Fellow and now Emeritus Professor of Mathematical Physics in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, had a new book, *Skyrmions - A Theory of Nuclei*, published by World Scientific.

1972 CONWAY MORRIS, Professor Simon's book *From Extraterrestrials to Animal Minds: Six Myths of Evolution* was published in 2022. Intended to discombobulate any orthodox Darwinian, it explores such matters as the absence of extraterrestrials and the unbridgeable gap between our minds and those of animals. In addition Mortimer makes a special appearance.

1972 ELLIS, Mark's new detective thriller, *Dead In The Water*, was published by Hachette in May 2022. [bit.ly/38cDnpp](https://bit.ly/38cDnpp)

1972 GARDNER, Dr Colin published a new book, *Chaoid Cinema: Deleuze and Guattari and the Topological Vector of Silence*, Edinburgh University Press, 2021. Looking forward to next year, he will be retiring from his position as Professor of Critical Theory and Integrative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, thus becoming Professor Emeritus in July 2023.

1973 BARR, Allan's translation of Ai Weiwei's memoir, *1000 Years of Joys and Sorrows*, was published in November 2021 by Crown (New York) and The Bodley Head (London).

1973 CRONSHAW, Mark finally published a book, *Energy in Perspective*, after thirty-two years of living in Boulder, Colorado. It is an overview of how we use energy, where it comes from, and the technology of each of the energy sectors. It draws on his work experiences in the USA, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and elsewhere. He is thrilled to be engaged to delightful PhD biologist Carron Meaney and to be a triple granddad. Winter time is partly occupied with teaching skiing; summer time with working on his tiny organic farm.

1973 PRIMROSE, The Revd Dr David retired in 2021 as Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese of Lichfield, becoming Canon Treasurer at Lichfield Cathedral with responsibility for environment, social justice and community

outreach. He and Alison (Girton, 1973) were in Pakistan with CMS from 1984 to 1989, where he was ordained. Last year's claim to fame was as the beekeeping vicar on *Songs of Praise*. His doctorate, completed in 2016, was in the psychology of religion.

1974 DIX, Roger retired in March 2021, after a career in life insurance (mainly), most recently as Chief Risk Officer of a small mutual life office, Wesleyan Assurance Society, and is now enjoying a second 'career' doing pro bono work. In addition to being a volunteer at the River and Rowing Museum in Henley, and a member of the work crew at the Ewelme Watercress Beds, he is a Trustee at two local charities – Youth Concern, in Aylesbury, where he is Company Secretary, and Waterperry Opera Festival, where he is Treasurer.

1974 PITCHER, Stephen retired from teaching at ACS International School in Cobham, Surrey and is now living in the centre of Swansea near the many areas to which he brought geography students over many years.

1974 POLLARD, David's new practitioner law book *Connected and Associated: Insolvency and Pensions Law* was published in November 2021. It deals with the important association test used in insolvency law and (by incorporation) in pensions law.

1975 BROWN, Richard is winding down from primary care, which is not easy with a shortage of vets. Paul Manning (1973) had the room opposite him in 1975, and until Paul's sad passing they kept in touch.

Richard is also winding down overseas work for governments and universities. It has been fun being one of the granddads of a vet school, prosecuting smugglers, quarantining a billion-dollar industry and 3D-printing a whale skeleton. He has one regret: no time to license an excellent field-tested hypertonic drip. His third novel, *Escape through Enchantment*, is to be published this year.

1975 LANG, Dr Rupert marked his thirty-fifth anniversary as Organist and Director of Music at Vancouver, Canada's Christ Church Cathedral in August 2021. In 2021 he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology and named an Honorary Fellow of Canada's Summer Institute of Church Music in recognition of his lifetime's dedication to church music. He also received a Lambeth Award – the Thomas Cranmer Award for Worship – in recognition of his outstanding lifetime contribution to church music. His upcoming website, [rupertlang.ca](http://rupertlang.ca), will feature the catalogue of his unpublished works.

1975 LAWRENCE, Ivor retired in 2020 after a series of senior university roles, and he has since developed a passion for landscape painting. The Peak District is close to his home and provides his inspiration. Ivor has exhibited in South Yorkshire and has been fortunate to sell his work.

1975 MARCOFF, Tony published *The Consequence of Light* (The Magic Pen Press), his new collection of (tanka-prose and individual tanka, in celebration of his years of walking meditation through the Mole Valley.

1975 McCULLAGH, Barney gave three remote papers to conferences in Romania during 2021, two on the poetry of Ovid and one on song-writing. He is looking forward to hosting French members of the Comberton-Le Vaudreuil Twinning Association in May.

1975 NIXON, Anthony, solicitor and chartered tax adviser, retired from his partnership at Irwin Mitchell in April 2021, not long after the publication by the Law Society of his and a colleague's *Inheritance Tax Planning Handbook* ([bit.ly/3LVmfD3](https://bit.ly/3LVmfD3)). Anthony is now enjoying semi-retirement as a consultant to Paris Smith, the leading Southampton solicitors, where he works three days a week ([parissmith.co.uk/staff/anthony-nixon/](https://parissmith.co.uk/staff/anthony-nixon/)).

1976 HILL, Dr David is the Musical Director of The Bach Choir and is proud of all they have been achieving. The choir have been back to regular rehearsing and performing since September 2021 and have given several concerts in the Royal Festival Hall and Cadogan Hall, alongside making two CDs and hosting several international 'Come and Sing' events on Zoom. Returning to Yale for Schola Cantorum has not been easy to deal with, given the many COVID-19 restrictions, but projects have been undertaken and teaching has taken place. Visits to conduct the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are always enriching experiences.

1976 HOLMES, Simon is a member of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT), London. He is also Visiting Professor at

Oxford University; legal adviser to ClientEarth; strategic adviser to #SustainablePublicAffairs in Brussels; member of the International Advisory Board of the LDC (Instituto de derecho de la competencia); associate member of the UCL Centre for Law, Economics and Society (CLES); founding member of the Inclusive Competition Forum (ICF); and Chair of the Sustainability and Competition Law Taskforce of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is editor of a book published by Concurrence, *Competition Law, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability*.

1976 McALLISTER, Mark completed three years as Chair of the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Mark and his wife Jennifer (Homerton 1976) celebrated the arrival of their ninth grandchild.

1976 NEILL, Andrew retired in October 2021 from Investec Bank plc after twenty-five years as Director, Power & Infrastructure Finance. He is now working as Funding Advisor to Osprey Charging Network, the fast-growing UK-wide network of rapid electric vehicle charging points. He will also be joining the Board of Trustees of Mountbatten Hospice Group. Andrew remains on the Court of the Worshipful Company of Turners, having been Master in 2017–18. Andrew and his wife, Jo, continue to enjoy sailing and have two daughters who also live and work in London.

1976 SIMMONDS, Andrew is now largely retired after a forty-year career at the London Bar, but he has returned to St John's

as a student, reading part-time for a PhD in the English Faculty. His topic is the Rule of Law in Early Modern Drama – so he has not entirely abandoned the law!

1976 SIMPSON, Alan retired at the end of September 2021 after forty-one years with Shell, where he worked mainly in the areas of petrochemicals strategy and market analysis.

1976 SMITH, Peter's latest book, *Procurement with Purpose: How Organisations can Change the Way They Spend Money NOW to Protect the Planet and its People*, was published in November 2021. It is the first book to address how issues such as climate change, social value and human rights can be addressed via the money that firms and governments spend with their suppliers. In December 2021 his previous book, *Bad Buying*, won the Coup de Coeur du Jury Prize at the Plumes des Achats procurement book awards in Paris.

1976 SZRETER, Professor Simon published *After the Virus: Lessons from the Past for a Better Future* (CUP) with Hilary Cooper in September 2021. They have since given many online and in-person presentations to different audiences in the UK and internationally. In December Simon's contribution to the seventh edition of the *Oxford Textbook of Global Public Health* was published. In May 2022 he was invited to present his historical contribution to the Institute of Fiscal Studies' Deaton Review of Inequalities In Britain at the review's launch event at the British Academy.

1977 GOLDSMITH, Professor David completed five years as Chief Medical Officer of a biopharmaceutical start-up company, after spending thirty-four years as a medical doctor treating patients. He was also recognised for his contributions by being made an Honorary Member of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine in 2022. He remains a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the European Renal Association and the American Society of Nephrology. He is also a Certified Scotch Whisky Professional.

1977 HARGREAVES, Revd David was ordained Priest on 3 July 2020 and continues to serve as Curate in the parishes of St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle and St Thomas', Barrowford, both in the Diocese of Blackburn.

1978 CAMERON, Revd Dr Andrew, having retired from medicine in 2018, was ordained a Priest in the Church of England in 2021 and his Benefice is in the Parishes of St Mary's Lamberhurst and St Luke's Matfield, Kent.

1978 JACKSON, Andrew retired in 2018 as a result of ill health after a career in turbomachinery aerodynamics and design systems at the Whittle Lab, Peter Brotherhood and Rolls-Royce in Derby. He has been very happily married to Jane for thirty-four years, with two married children and two local grandchildren. He is enjoying retirement, with a little work for the Royal Aeronautical Society as an End Point Assessor for apprentices and writing

whimsical Christian short stories for *Duffield Parish Magazine*. He is active in his Christian faith, originally inspired by a CICCUC talk by David Watson (1954).

1978 NIXON, Dr Wilfrid was named a 'Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year' by the American Public Works Association in 2021, in recognition of his work in training and education in the field of winter highway maintenance.

1978 STEFFEN, Jonathan saw his poem 'The Colour of Grief' republished in *We All Know How This Ends: Lessons about Life and Living from Working with Death and Dying* by Anna Lyons and Louise Winter (Green Tree, Bloomsbury Publishing, London 2021). He also wrote the catalogue to artist Paddy Hartley's *Cost of Life* exhibition, staged in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. Three new poems by Jonathan were published by *The Spectator* in early 2022. He also completed a cycle of twenty-one sonnets inspired by the Gospel according to St Mark.

1979 HILLIER, Dr Richard had published 'Arator: Hl storia Apostolica, translated with an introduction and notes,' *Translated Texts for Historians 73* (Liverpool University Press: Liverpool, 2020). He is currently engaged on two other major projects: a translation of *Ennodius' Discourses and Declamations*, also for Liverpool University Press and the Translated Texts for Historians series; and a new text, translation and commentary, for Oxford University Press' *Oxford Early Christian Texts* series, of the thirteen Latin hymns added to the Milanese Hymnal in the

seventh or eighth century, sometimes attributed to Maximianus.

1980 ARMBRUSTER, Robie, having retired from the US Navy after twenty-four years, and having spent eight years as a government contractor, is nearing completion of (another) Master's degree, this time in Mental Health Counseling. In May 2022 he started full-time work as an intern at a small clinic working with individuals and couples in recovery from addiction.

1980 O'CONNOR, Dr Emmet is Senior Lecturer in History at Ulster University. His most recent publication is 'International Brigades for Ukraine? The lessons from Spain,' [bit.ly/3yvQexs](https://bit.ly/3yvQexs)

1980 PURKISS, John co-founded Enlighten Ventures ([enlighten.ventures](https://enlighten.ventures)).

1980 SCOTT, Peter's podcast *Artificial Intelligence and You* passed its second anniversary, welcoming guests including Reith lecturer Stuart Russell ([aiandyou.net](https://aiandyou.net)). His book of the same name came out in July 2022. He continues to act as a consultant to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

1980 TAVERNOR, Professor Robert is Emeritus Professor of Architecture and Urban Design (London School of Economics) and Founding Director of the Tavernor Consultancy in London, specialising in architectural and built heritage consultancy.

1981 BROWN, Adrian, having retired from full-time work, is now Chairman of a



Blackrock Investment Trust and a Trustee of Boots Pension Fund, as well as advising one of the Welsh local government pension funds. This allows him to do some charitable work (including supporting the building of classrooms and clinics in Malawi), spend more time with his family and in the Alps, and paint ... and, of course, do the little things that have hitherto fallen by the wayside, like reading *The Eagle*.

1981 BULLEY, Andrew stepped down from his role as a Partner at Deloitte – which he joined following many years at the Bank of England – to pursue a career as an independent Non-Executive Director. He is currently Chairman of Amtrust Europe Ltd, as a speciality insurance business. He spends his time between homes in the Cotswolds and Devon.

1982 BENN, Professor James and his wife had a daughter in 2019. James co-edited a book called *Buddhism and Statecraft in East Asia* (Brill, 2022) with Dr Stephanie Balkwill (UCLA).

1982 DIGARD, Dr Paul left Cambridge just over ten years ago to join the Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh, where he is Professor of Virology and a Deputy Director of the Institute. 2020 saw his research change its focus from influenza to SARS coronavirus, and he co-ordinated Roslin's research response to the pandemic. Now his attention has returned to flu, which hasn't gone away as a problem, though he is still working on SARS-CoV-2, as well as acting as Co-Director of the BBSRC/DEFRA UK-International Coronavirus Network,

which aims to co-ordinate the international research effort into coronaviruses.

1981 FOSTER, Professor Charles won the IgNobel Prize for Biology for his work for his 2016 book *Being a Beast*, which was a *New York Times* Bestseller, and subsequently published several books, including *Being a Human*, an attempt to inhabit the worlds of the Upper Palaeolithic, the Neolithic and the Enlightenment. He lives in the southern Peloponnese and Oxford and is a Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford.

1981 HIGGINS, John had publications this year in the *Harvard Business Review* and *Sloan Management Review*, summarising insights into activism in the workplace. This built on research into speaking truth to power, begun in 2014, which underpinned *Speak Up. Say What Needs to be Said and Hear What Needs to be Heard* (FT Pearson), co-authored with Professor Megan Reitz and shortlisted for the CMI 2020 book of the year. 2022 also saw the publication with Dr Mark Cole of *Leadership Unravelled: The Faulty Thinking behind Modern Management* (Routledge) and a guest appearance on Brene Brown's *Dare to Lead* podcast.

1982 GREAVES, Dr David put together a textbook of more than 600 pages on the design of silicon chips: *Modern SoC Design on Arm*. It is based on twenty-plus years of undergraduate lecture notes, together with contributions from some of those who learned from the lectures and now work in industry. It is available for purchase from

Amazon and other bookshops, and it is free to download as a PDF from the Arm website.

1982 JOHNSON, Professor Matthew was appointed as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University, where he has been Professor for the last eleven years.

1982 LUDWICK, Kevin spent a number of years in Asia and enjoyed the experience tremendously. He left MUFG and has now returned home, not to Cambridge but, for a couple of years at least, to Edinburgh. He is now working as the chairperson of a fintech and is commuting regularly to London while also helping out as an adviser/guest lecturer at Edinburgh Business School. He was delighted to welcome a first grandchild in March and will be spending lots of time in Suffolk as a consequence. Both sons are doing well and Emily is coping admirably with a new set of accents.

1982 NAYLOR, Edward was appointed President of the British Ceramic Confederation, a trade organisation that represents the 17,500 people employed in the ceramic industry. He is also Co-Chair of Lighthouse, the Construction Industry Charity.

1982 WOON, Professor Walter, Senior Counsel, relinquished his position as David Marshall Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore. Since 1 July 2022 he has been Lee Kong Chian Visiting Professor at the Singapore Management University.

1983 CARWOOD, Andrew was recognised in The Queen's New Year Honours List 2022 and was awarded an MBE for services to Choral Music.

1983 DOUGHTY, Dr Heidi was a Consultant in Transfusion Medicine for NHS Blood and Transplant until she semi-retired in 2020, continuing to undertake sessions for the blood service. She was appointed an Honorary Fellow of St John's College in 2020 and Honorary Reader at the University of Birmingham in July 2021. She completed her term as President of the British Blood Transfusion Service in September 2021. She has been working on a WHO policy project to support the safe and sufficient supply of blood in disasters. She is also a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands.

1983 HAIGH, Gary is enjoying retirement as Vice-Chair of Governors at Dame Alice Owen's School in Hertfordshire. The school has a record of sending students to Cambridge, and he is committed to ensuring that more of them go to St John's. He and his wife Louise train puppies for deaf people, and hopefully their fifth puppy, Erica, will be fully accredited by the time this is published. Gary was pleased to attend Dr Linehan's memorial service in Chapel, together with a strong cohort of his College contemporaries, who celebrated Dr Linehan's life and achievements in a typically positive Johnian manner.

1983 OLIVER, Tom's farm in west Herefordshire, bought in 2017, was accepted into the Mid-Tier Environmental Scheme

and is now being submitted for designation as a Local Wildlife Site. The objective is to reconcile the traditional management of a long-established, productive historic landscape with more recent priorities for wildlife, archaeology, water, soil and carbon. The process is emphatically not 're-wilding'. As an early indicator of change, in 2021 red kites nested on the farm for the first time in at least 150 years and possibly much longer.

1983 WALSH, Professor Toby was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New South Wales, the oldest learned society in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.

1985 DeMULDER, Dr Elizabeth and her colleagues published a book in 2020 about antiracism and teacher professional development: [bit.ly/3L0oF1S](https://bit.ly/3L0oF1S)

1985 NORMAN (née Cullen), Amanda was appointed CEO of The Leprosy Mission Trading Company, a subsidiary of The Leprosy Mission International, a global Christian charity, operating in thirty countries. Their aim is to stop the discrimination and disability associated with leprosy, a neglected tropical disease, and ultimately to end the transmission of leprosy by 2025. The trading company won the award for Best Charity Trading Brand 2021 at the Direct Commerce Awards.

1985 RINK, Professor John served on the jury of the eighteenth International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw in July and October 2021. While in Warsaw he was awarded the Bene Merito medal by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of

Poland, for services strengthening Poland's status on an international plane. He also gave a series of conference keynote papers and piano workshops (mostly via Zoom) in addition to publishing essays on musical performance and musical narrativity.

1986 HOWELL, Andrew has been in the oil industry for thirty years. Having worked all over the world and lived in Canada and America, he is now back in the UK full-time and is passionate about his role driving sustainability, decarbonisation and digital transformation across the energy industries. The technology that he has pioneered recently won Hydrocarbon Technology's 'Best Digital Twin Technology' award. Andrew is equally passionate about motorcycles and avidly follows British Superbikes and MOTOGP. In his spare time he can be found riding or maintaining his Yamaha YZF-R1 or listening to his Harley Davidson XL Forty-Eight.

1986 SHAKESPEARE, Derek moved to Deutsche Bank in January 2022 to take up the role of Chairman, EMEA Mergers & Acquisitions.

1986 SHARPE, Ross had his work featured in an episode of the SkyArts series *The Art of Architecture* in May 2022. He continues to be adviser to both The Duchy of Cornwall and The Crown Estate, as well as to various other country estates and trusts in the UK.

1987 GRAY, Duncan was appointed Director of Technology Venture Investments at the Development Bank of Wales and now leads a venture capital fund focused on technology opportunities based in Wales.

1987 HALL, Jonathan is living and working in Dubai as General Counsel and Company Secretary of the International Cricket Council. He is also a British Judo appeal panel member. His previous roles include: Executive Director at the Football Association, Director of Professional Game Match Officials Ltd, Football Foundation Trustee, Secretary and Legal Officer at the Rugby Football Union and International Vice-President at IMG. He obtained an Executive Master's in European Sports Governance (high distinction) in 2016 with Sciences Po and UEFA. Jonathan is married to Kate with two children, Freddie and Coca, both currently at university in the UK.

1987 METAXAS, Dr Ricky received an email from a colleague in Spain, Professor Alejandro Díaz-Morcillo, informing him that his book had been included in Professor Diaz's portrait following his Rectorship at the Technical University of Cartagena. That was totally unexpected and pleased Ricky no end. Entitled *Foundations of Electroheat: A Unified Approach*, the book obviously played a significant role in Díaz-Morcillo's research over the years.

1987 SWEATMAN, Peter delivered his 400th public address on climate change and financing energy efficiency at COP26 in Glasgow. Also, as Chief Executive and Founder of Climate Strategy, he launched a corporate guide to climate action at COP26 with pledges from thirty-five leading Spanish businesses with aggregate revenues of over €300 billion and responsible for 300 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions.

1988 BABOULET-FLOURENS, Dr Pascale stopped being an entrepreneur in 2020. He joined Airbus in Toulouse in 2020 as an expert in applied social sciences.

1988 BATTEN, Helen's fourth book, *The Improbable Adventures of Miss Emily Soldene: Actress, Writer and Rebel Victorian*, was published.

1988 CHUAUTHUAMA, The Revd Dr Pachuau received a DD (honoris causa) from the Serampore College (University) in the Annual Convocation held on 4 December 2021. Since 2018 he has also been Chief Translator of *Mizo Bible* (Revised Version). He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod.

1988 SAVANT, Samir started as the new CEO at St George's, Bristol on 1 September 2021 after completing five years as Festival Director at the London Handel Festival, where his notable achievements included their debut at the Royal Opera House, and 'Messiah Reimagined', the Festival's creative response to the COVID-19 pandemic, combining live and pre-recorded content, involving 1,000 performers and seen by 300,000 digital viewers. Samir has held senior positions in the arts since 2000, including at the English National Opera, Shakespeare's Globe, the Royal Academy of Arts and the Royal College of Music.

1988 VIRA, Dr Bhaskar was elected to a Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS) in 2021.

1989 CONNAUGHTON, Dr Richard, as Head of the British Army's Defence Studies, joined St John's to tease out a new doctrine of Multilateral Military Intervention. Recently Richard received a missive from his former regiment: 'Have lost touch - send copy of your Obituary'. This referred to one of the few living entries in *The History Today Who's Who in British History*. He sent that with his wedding photograph, taken in Kowloon. Unusually, their honeymoon was spent in prison. Many books followed, including *Lost Ways*. This is a critique of failed justice and the inadequacies of the public service.

1989 FLITCROFT, Joanne set up her own legal consultancy Opallios Limited, after working in the global legal department of AstraZeneca for sixteen years. Opallios provides legal consultancy services to the life sciences industry. Joanne is a Non-Executive Director on the Board of the British Society of Gastroenterology, has served as a school governor and an NED on the board of a university, and taught Latin as part of the Classics for All Scheme. Joanne completed her Classics MA in 2021. She has driven a tuk-tuk across India and a Ford Fiesta from London to Cameroon. Joanne can be contacted at [joanne.flitcroft@opallios.co.uk](mailto:joanne.flitcroft@opallios.co.uk)

1989 JENTSCHURA, Dr Ulrich is married to Katrina Smith and together they have two children: Heston (born in 2019) and Theodore (born in 2020). He has published more than 200 articles in international scientific journals, and is publishing a book on bound-state quantum electrodynamics

and effective field theory (together with Gregory Adkins) with World Scientific.

1990 GOSWAMI, Professor Usha was elected as a Fellow of The Royal Society in 2021. She also received a CBE in The Queen's New Year Honours 2021 for her services to education research.

1991 CHUAH, Professor Jason gave evidence to a joint session of the Transport and the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committees in Parliament on 24 March 2022 about the legalities around the sacking of 800 maritime workers by P&O Ferries. He explained that for shipowners the requirement to serve notice was to be given not to the Secretary of State but to the flag state registries, and he stressed that the law was regrettably unclear about the sanctions for failure to do so. He also commented on whether the national minimum wage extended to ferry workers working on international routes.

1991 DAVIS, Bruce published his first book, *Crowdfunding and the Democratization of Finance* (BUP 2021), co-authored with Professor Mark Davis, University of Leeds, which draws on fifteen years spent working to create the crowdfunding and p2p lending industry, tracing its roots back to ancient Athens.

1991 DOHLE, Dr Christian was appointed Head Doctor of the Centre of Post-Acute Neurorehabilitation and Head of the Research Department, both at the Fürst Donnersmarck Stiftung in Berlin.

1992 BOYLE, Amanda is a television and film director with two small children, and so she juggled home schooling with preparation for the BBC1 drama *Chloe*. She directed the last three episodes in Bristol during the COVID-19 pandemic, commuting weekly from London. The production continued with constant testing, bubbles, mask-wearing and luck. It was intense but a joy to work with Erin Doherty, a fantastic cast and talented crew. She had a wonderful mentor through [creativementornetwork.org](http://creativementornetwork.org), which she would recommend to everyone in the creative industries. Amanda is now co-writing a feature film, which she hopes to direct later in the year.

1992 McCLAY, Dr Cathy was recognised in The Queen's New Year Honours List 2022 and was awarded an OBE for services to the Energy Sector and the Promotion of Decarbonisation.

1993 BALL, Tom has been 'self-unemployed' since graduating, failing four times but doing OK the fifth. He continues to use the principles of engineering, if not the calculus, to build and operate fun-filled workspaces around Bristol and Reading for his company, DeskLodge. These are 'work home' to about 2,000 people and include an Alice in Wonderland zone, Hobbit Hole and female explorers' meeting room. The aim is to help people enjoy working near home, with a plan to become a B-Corp. Tom got engaged to Victoria Naylor-Leyland in a Budapest escape room in April (she's Oxon but otherwise wonderful).

1993 LISBOA, Professor Manucha was involved in a panel organised by Tate Britain (London) on the occasion of the retrospective of the work of Paula Rego, and contributed an essay to the commemorative volume on the occasion of that exhibition. The retrospective coincided with Portugal's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2021. That led to Manucha being interviewed on the work of Paula Rego in a series of radio and television programmes in Portugal and in the UK, relating to the work of Portuguese/British artists in both countries.

1993 SAVAGE, Mark was appointed as Music Correspondent for BBC News.

1994 AKVELD, Dr Meike continued her work as a mathematician at the ETH Zürich, in particular caring about outreach activities (e.g. the Kangaroo competition [aksf.org](http://aksf.org)) and trying very hard to reach out to Africa. She is also very proud that she won this year's Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching at the ETH: [bit.ly/3yrFIXX](http://bit.ly/3yrFIXX)

1994 PARTRIDGE, Dr David was appointed Vice-President (2021–23) and President-elect (2023–25) of the British Infection Association.

1994 SCHULZ, Professor Jennifer was appointed Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, effective 1 July 2022. She also serves as the official liaison between the Canadian Bar Association and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada.

1995 HATTON, Mark was appointed as Head Coach for Team GB Luge at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games.

1995 LO, Steven was appointed Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow and the Glasgow School of Art.

1995 MINDHAM, Jemma joined culture change and transformation consultancy Rethink Partners in September 2021 as a Senior Consultant after eighteen years working in the charity sector for national and local organisations in delivery, senior leadership and strategic roles, with the last four of those years as CEO of a VCSE infrastructure support organisation in Essex. Her analytical, strategic and communication skills are used to support local authorities, health organisations and the voluntary and community sector to get to the heart of both individual and organisational needs to make change happen.

1996 SHEARON, Ben is still living in Sendai, Japan. After finishing work at Tohoku University this spring, he is desperately trying to retire to spend more time with his family (wife, three children and five grandchildren so far), but running his site [retirejapan.com](https://retirejapan.com) and helping to run a language school are getting in the way.

1996 YAZDI, Negeen was invited to join the prestigious Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences within its 'Executive' members' branch for her contributions to film. Established in 1927, the Academy is a professional honorary organisation with the stated goal of advancing the arts and science

of motion pictures, and it is known around the world for its annual Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars.

1997 HALL, Matthew relocated to the Highlands of Scotland in 2020 and can now be found enjoying life as a family in Cromarty (of shipping forecast fame). After a career in teaching he now runs Making Stuff Better – an executive coaching company for international school leaders. If anyone fancies a swim in a cold loch, they should get in touch!

1998 MORRISON, Iain stepped into the new role of Partnerships Curator at the recently refurbished and expanded Fruitmarket Gallery in Edinburgh, where he has worked since 2010. He will be expanding the organisation's range of live and cross-artform programming, as well as developing commercial income activity. He was one of the authors who contributed to the Gallery's *Writers' Shift* publication, having led a team of five poets-in-residence to reflect on the past, present and future of the venue and its wider communities throughout the changes of the past two years.

1998 PAULDEN, Dr Tim and Celia Chambers are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rose Paulden, on 27 August 2021.

1998 SMITH, Tom Rob's original new television series *CLASS of '09* went into production in October 2021, starring Brian Tyree Henry (*Atlanta*) and Kate Mara (*House of Cards*). The show was commissioned by FX, based in Los Angeles,

for Hulu and Disney Plus. The show follows an extraordinary class of FBI graduates across their careers as they usher in a new era of law enforcement. The show will be aired in late 2022.

1999 DEE, James began his professional career in strategy consulting with Accenture and PwC. He completed his MBA at the Judge Business School in 1999/2000; he thoroughly enjoyed his year at St John's and has fond memories of life in the College. He spent ten years with Hewlett Packard based in London and working across Europe. James recently moved to IBM as a Senior Partner in the Consulting business, focusing on selling large, complex transformational outsourcing contracts, mostly within the aerospace and defence industry. He would be happy to hear from any Johnians with an interest in the consulting/outsourcing/technology industry.

1999 GUNTON, Dr Richard published a paper: 'A general theory of objectivity: contributions from the Reformational philosophy tradition' in the journal *Foundations of Science* (doi: 10.1007/s10699-021-09809-x). This reflects a passion ignited by the History and Philosophy of Science course in Part IB Natural Sciences.

1999 LO, Dr William has been a Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon at Birmingham Children's Hospital (BCH) since 2017 and is part of the Children's Epilepsy Surgery Service (CESS). William's other interests include brain tumour surgery and neuro-endoscopy. Last year his team published the largest series of paediatric

stereoelectroencephalography, a technique involving insertion of depth electrodes into the brain to identify the focus of epilepsy and guide subsequent resective surgery (doi: 10.3171/2021.2.PEDS20810). William and Betsey are excited to announce the arrival of Arthur, who was born last year. He is much loved by his sister, Greta, who is six.

2000 REJAI-MOGHADAM, Dr Masoomeh and his fiancé, Niels Freidel, were delighted to welcome their daughter, Ottilie Rosemary Freidel, on 24 August 2021 in London. Masoomeh is a GP partner in a practice within the city and regularly travels between the UK and Germany for projects in both locations.

2001 HIMAZ, Dr Rozana moved to the UCL Institute of Risk and Disaster Reduction as an Associate Professor in Humanitarian Economics in August 2021, to continue exciting research and teaching in how policies, interventions and anticipatory action can mitigate the effect of hazards and their cascading effects.

2001 OKADA, Professor Yoshitaka retired from teaching in 2021, but he still conducts research and advises the Institute for International Strategy, Tokyo International University, as Honorary Professor. He is also Professor Emeritus of Sophia University in Tokyo. Okada published a book from the Emerald Publishing Co. on inclusive business in India and Africa based on five years of research (Yoshitaka Okada and Sumire Stanislawski, eds., *Institutional Interconnections and Cross-Boundary Cooperation in Inclusive Business: Case*



*Studies from India and Africa*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Ltd., 2021; [bit.ly/3LXIqse](https://doi.org/10.1108/02756612111199999); Okada's chapters: pp. 1–115, 199–222).

2001 WILBER, Dr Alex is very excited to have recently founded an integrative medicine clinic, Cambridge Functional Medicine. Following his degree and PhD in theoretical chemistry, Alex worked for nine years as a consultant physicist. Through work on medical diagnostics, he learned about the major chronic diseases – cardiovascular disease, diabetes, autoimmune diseases and others. In many cases, the root causes of these diseases were reasonably straightforward – mainly immune dysregulation and/or insulin resistance. These causes aren't amenable to drug interventions, but can be very responsive to targeted nutrition. He retrained and is already seeing dramatic positive results in clients.

2002 MOECKEL, Professor Dr Michael was appointed Research Professor for Hybrid Modelling at the University of Applied Sciences Aschaffenburg, Germany. His interest is in the integration of physics-based simulation and data-driven machine learning for scientific modelling and technical applications.

2003 AHIR, Dr Sam completed his PhD, working within the Biological and Soft Systems (BSS) physics group at the Cavendish Laboratory, and he now leads Makevale, an organic chemistry company founded by his late father. Under Sam's stewardship it has grown considerably to

become a global company with bases in the UK, Asia and America, and it was honoured to receive The Queen's Award for Innovation 2021 for developing speciality bone cement polymers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Makevale sourced isopropanol to make hand sanitisers to donate to local schools and hospitals, while maintaining regular operations throughout all the lockdowns.

2003 LOWDEN, Greg and Nady are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Adriana Leona Caroline Naydenova Lowden, born in Hong Kong in August 2021.

2004 EVANS, Gwilym was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on 18 June 2022 in Türkheim (Bavaria), at the hands of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Copenhagen, The Right Revd Czeslaw Kozon. A member of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP), he has now completed seven years of formation at the International Seminary of Saint Peter at Wigratzbad in Germany. He was Music Director for a recording of music from Christmas Matins, called *Sancta Nox*, which was released on the De Montfort Music label in 2021 and remained at No. 1 in the American classical charts for eleven weeks.

2004 NIE, Vincent married Ms Pichamon Wichittarak in October 2021, when the world was still in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. This proved to be a unique experience because of restrictions: instead of the normal large and lively event, they had only two guests at their intimate and small wedding ceremony, which was

perhaps even more sacred and solemn as a result. The world has changed a lot, but the values they cherish and the people they love have not changed, and that is the most important thing to them.

2005 CHARLES, Chris, while trying to deal with his guilt watching the world evolve, has found his first way to influence the way we treat the planet and has launched TrueCircle. Those involved use computer vision to help analyse recycling plants, optimise the recovery of a wide range of materials and make it easier to trade them. Since moving into the waste industry, Chris would love to hear from people who can help with relevant connections, or just check TrueCircle out on LinkedIn, which can hopefully help you to recycle better at the same time.

2005 MOHADDES, Dr Kamiar was appointed the Founding Co-Director of the King's Entrepreneurship Lab (E-Lab) in September 2021. The aim of the E-Lab is to establish a number of ambitious initiatives to help students gain entrepreneurial skills and explore careers in innovation and business, while keeping social, ethical and environmental responsibility at the heart of everything they do.

2005 PHALAN, Dr Ben is now the Head of Conservation at Parque das Aves, in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, and Director of the Centre for Conservation of Atlantic Rainforest Birds, part of Instituto Claravis. His work focuses on practical conservation action in the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforests, one of the world's richest biodiversity hotspots.

2005 VAN DER WATH, Dr Richard has been running his own company called DrakenValk since just before COVID-19, providing services and solutions in artificial intelligence. His largest client is a new Digital Islamic Bank in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which will launch late 2022 or early 2023. Richard has been actively involved in setting up the whole technology department of the bank from scratch, including the data and AI functions. One of the bank's aim is to become the Revolut of the Middle East! Watch this space...

2006 BINGLE, Vanessa is delighted to announce the birth of baby Laurie Aloysius on 16 February 2022.

2006 CONWAY, Dr Kevin is now working with Christian Educators Outreach (CEO) in Budapest.

2006 GIUNTA, Dr Simona, after spending almost ten years at the Rockefeller University (USA) as a Research Associate working on human DNA, has relocated to the University of Rome Sapienza (Italy) as a Rita Levi Montalcini Assistant Professor and a Marie Curie Reintegration Fellow. She is also Head of the Laboratory of Genome Evolution, founded by the Italian Cancer Research Foundation AIRC. Simona and Mr Alistair Field are delighted to welcome their third child, Sienna Rose Giunta Field, born in 2021, sibling of Sofia Elisabeth (2018) and Seneca Jason Giunta Field (2016), all born at Weill Cornell Hospital.

2006 GUETTA, Dr Daniel's book, *Python for MBAs*, co-authored with Mattan Griffel, was

published by Columbia University Press. If you've always wanted to discover what coding is all about, pick up a copy. No background knowledge assumed: if you think Python is a snake, this book is for you!

2006 MATIAS, J. Nathan was appointed as a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, California. Nathan, who is Assistant Professor in Communication and Information Science at Cornell University, will carry out research on the interplay between human behaviour and algorithm behaviour in cases such as online violence, discrimination and public health/safety. Over the past sixty-eight years, CASBS fellows have gone on to win thirty Nobel Prizes, twenty-four Pulitzer Prizes and fifty-two MacArthur Fellowships. Nathan is an avid endurance cyclist and looks forward to exploring the California mountains and coastline.

2007 GILLIGAN, Dr Jochen (né Brandt) and Dr Ruth (2008) proudly announce the birth of their son Anton Fionn Gilligan in September 2021.

2008 NIRMALAN, Aneesha celebrated her marriage to Ash Dey on 10 July 2021 at the Savoy, London. A number of Johnnians were in attendance, including Easan Anand, James Bown, Lukas Brantner, Valentin Dalibard, Seb Hollington, Sarina Kidd, Samir Javeri, Iain Olliver, Hamish Peebles, Meera Ragha, Michael Scoins, Ayushi Sharma, Matthew Turner and Rong Zhou (all 2008). Dylan Gunatilake, Paul Denver and Sameena Hussain (all 2008) conveyed their regards.

2009 LEGNER, Philipp volunteered in local schools as part of the Stimulus project while studying in Cambridge. This inspired him to found [mathigon.org](https://mathigon.org), a platform for mathematics that aims to make online learning more interactive and engaging, thereby allowing students to explore, be creative and learn problem-solving. Mathigon has been used by more than 10 million students and teachers from all around the world, and it has won numerous awards. In October 2021 it was acquired by Amplify, a leading educational publisher in the USA. With their additional resources, Mathigon are excited about the impact they can have on students' education.

2009 PLANT, Laura returned to her Natural Sciences roots and joined NatureMetrics, a start-up company using DNA technology to monitor biodiversity. They collect water and soil samples and extract the DNA left behind by animals in the environment, then conduct qPCR or high throughput sequencing tests on the DNA to determine which species are present. Although not working in the lab herself, Laura has found the days of NatSci practicals invaluable in helping her to understand the products and develop the business.

2009 ROBERTS, Christian joined the US law firm Latham & Watkins LLP in 2021 and continues to develop his cross-border practice advising on corporate law and private equity matters. He previously spent a number of years at a New York-headquartered firm in London.

2010 GOLUBIC, Dr Ranja was selected as the overall National Winner of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Turner-Warwick Lecturer Scheme. The work she presented was a collaborative study between the Institute of Metabolic Science at Cambridge and AstraZeneca; it looked at the novel treatments to improve metabolic health in obesity and Type 2 diabetes, focusing on the effects of cotadutide. Ranja presented the lecture as a keynote at the annual conference of the RCP in Liverpool in April 2022. [rcpmedicine.co.uk/2022/programme](https://www.rcpmedicine.co.uk/2022/programme)

2010 VAN ZYL-HERMANN, Dr Danelle and Dr Clemens Hermann (Clare Hall 2009) are delighted to announce the arrival of Lukas Daniel Hermann, who was born on 9 November 2021 in Basel, Switzerland.

2011 CASTREJÓN-PITA, Dr Alfonso joined the University of Oxford in 2013 as an Associate Professor in Fluid Dynamics and Governing Body Fellow at Wadham College, also holding a Royal Society University Research Fellowship. In Oxford he founded the Fluid Dynamics Lab, focusing on the study of drops, liquid jets and other capillary phenomena. In 2019 he married Sophie Tiesel, and in July 2021 they welcomed their first child, Arthur W. R. During the pandemic, together with three other colleagues, they led the development of a mechanical ventilator, the Oxvent, in response to the government's Ventilator Challenge.

2011 KÜGELER-RACE, Dr Simone published her monograph *Frauenmystik im*

*europäischen Kontext* (Böhlau) in 2020. This publication was generously funded by the research grant she received from St John's College while working as DAAD Lector (2012–18) and Director of Studies in German (2015–18). She is now researching the reception of the manuscript of Julian of Norwich's Short Text. For the Cambridge Festival 2022, she collaborated with composer Professor Richard Causton (King's College, Cambridge) and the Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts on the Phoenix Project. Simone is Affiliated Lecturer in the German Section at the University of Cambridge.

2011 POWLES, Dr Julia, Associate Professor of Law and Technology at the University of Western Australia, was appointed Director of a sixteen-person interdisciplinary research institute, the UWA Munderoo Tech & Policy Lab, which aims to tackle lawlessness in the technology ecosystem and building pro-public futures. Recently the lab collaborated with the Australian Academy of Science to launch a discussion paper co-chaired by Associate Professor Powles, 'Getting ahead of the game: athlete data in professional sport', which uses sport as a lens on the future of workplace surveillance. It is available at [science.org.au/datainsport](https://science.org.au/datainsport)

2011 WANG, Dr Andi was married to Ludi Wang on 1 May 2021. They had a (small) wedding in St Ebbe's Church, Oxford, where the two of them had met.

2012 BARKAS, Dr Panagiotis, after the completion of his PhD in Economics at the University of Athens (2020), became a Fellow

at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics Hellenic Observatory (2021). After seven years at the OECD and WTO, Panagiotis joined the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the Paris-based EU agency regulating financial markets and securing investor protection in the EU. He also temporarily led his family business, Riviera Travel Ltd, which is a travel agency in the beautiful, sunny and coastal south-Albanian town of Saranda.

2012 GUPTA, Dr Achala joined Southampton Education School (University of Southampton) as a lecturer in July 2021. She has been researching formal education from the vantage point of 'shadow education' in India, and published a series of journal articles on this topic, including 'A "shadow education" timescape: an empirical investigation of the temporal arrangements of private tutoring vis-à-vis formal schooling in India', *British Journal of Educational Studies* (doi: [10.1080/00071005.2021.2024137](https://doi.org/10.1080/00071005.2021.2024137); open access), and 'Teacher-entrepreneurialism: a case of teacher identity formation in neoliberalizing education space in contemporary India', *Critical Studies in Education*, 62(4), 422–38.

2012 HUANG, Jarret married Ms Jenna Hare in Singapore. The couple have lived in the UK since July 2022.

2012 MATTHEY, Dr Mortiz was married to Dr Rosannah Cormack (2013) on 24 July 2021 by the Revd Canon Mark Oakley in St John's Chapel.

2013 DE FERRER, Marthe was appointed as a Senior Broadcast Journalist at BBC News. She left Euronews after two years, where she worked as a Senior Producer and Head of Social edia.

2013 LOW, Professor Gavin was promoted to Professor of Radiology at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta, Canada on 1 July 2022.

2013 MERCHANT, Dr Paul's new book *Remaking Home: Domestic Spaces in Argentine and Chilean Film 2005–2015* (University of Pittsburgh Press) was published in January 2022. [upittpress.org/books/9780822946908/](https://upittpress.org/books/9780822946908/)

2013 PITMAN, Dr Sophie and Dr Max Bryant (2010) welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Stella Aino, at the Rosie Maternity, Addenbrookes on 14 October 2021. Stella has already enjoyed Evensong at St John's.

2013 SCHNEIDER, Dr Sabine was awarded the Ellen McArthur Prize in Economic History from the University of Cambridge.

2014 GARRIDO, Dr Miguel Angel completed a PhD in Statistics from Columbia University and moved from New York to San Francisco, where he started working for Google in misinformation detection on YouTube videos.

2014 JESSL, Dr Sarah quit her job last year as a lab team lead in a big chemical company and started a new career path – one driven by idealism and the vision of supporting people with disruptive and amazing ideas.

While working closely with scientists and students, she moved to Munich to help build up the large deep-tech ecosystem there. She is in charge of setting up the TUM Venture Lab ChemSPACE, an early-stage start-up incubator for ideas from the chemistry field.

2014 LOMBARDI, Federica decided to leave her job in corporate law at a big City law firm in London, and she began applying for human rights jobs. She is now finishing her law training contract at a Bristol-based law firm specialising in human rights, environmental law and international law. Her work includes civil cases at the European Court of Human Rights, the UK High Court and the International Criminal Court. She is also involved in running campaigns on key issues such as asylum applications for Afghan female sports teams and raising funds for clients unable to pay legal fees.

2014 SQUIRE, Archie gained an MA in History of Art from UCL, where he was nominated to the Dean's List for Excellence for the highest overall average mark in his cohort. His dissertation on the mid-century artist-fisherman Forrest Bess was awarded the department's 2020/21 Oxford Art Journal Prize for Best Dissertation. He is continuing his research on Bess as the curatorial adviser for the first institutional solo exhibition of Bess' work in the UK, which will open in the autumn at Camden Art Centre, London.

2015 CHOONG, Henry has been training for modern pentathlon at the national training centre in Bath, since leaving

St John's in 2019. This year he made a real step up into the senior GB team, coming second at the National Championships (to his Olympic gold medallist brother), and so he was selected for top-level international competitions like World Cups, World Champs and European Champs. In March, at his first World Cup in Cairo, Henry finished as the top Brit in thirty-third place, and he is hoping to build on this performance in the next major competitions.

2015 CONNOLLY, Dr Susan is a screenwriter, with her original work including near-future-sci-fi, paranormal police procedural, contemporary young adult (YA), folk horror and dramedy. Her pilots have been optioned by production companies including Hartswood Films, Mainstreet Pictures and Slam Films. She is adapting Liz Hyder's debut YA historical novel *Bearmouth* with Binocular Productions and Endeavor Content. She developed an adaptation of Darren Shan's horror YA series *Zom B* with Slam Films and Electric Shadow Company. She recently wrote two episodes of the upcoming contemporary crime drama *Redemption* from Tall Story and Metropolitan Films, with Virgin Media Ireland and ITV.

2015 HONG, Dr Karen was awarded a Young Eye Surgeon International Service Grant by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery to continue her global ophthalmology work in Nepal. Her goal is to bring community eye screenings to areas with limited access to medical care.

2015 LERNER, Adam has been a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway, University of London since 2019. In April 2022 he published his first book with Oxford University Press: *From the Ashes of History: Collective Trauma and the Making of International Politics*, [bit.ly/3L2QpCW](https://bit.ly/3L2QpCW)

2016 BURDICK, Britton has returned home to the United States and is working in political communications. Last year he entered public service as Communications Director for Congressman Donald Norcross, a Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives, planning and implementing his communications strategy. Taking on this new role has been exhilarating and challenging for him. His duties run the gamut from writing copy for social media to drafting speeches and managing logistics for interviews. Working on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC has been a huge privilege and honour for him.

2017 CATUOGNO-CAL, Cecilia received a Larmor Award after coming top of the University cohort in her Chemical Engineering degree. She was an active participant in the life of the College and University. Cecilia was President of the Cambridge University Jiu-Jitsu Club, Ladies' Captain of the Cambridge University Smallbore Club, and Secretary of the Cambridge University Rifle Association. She was in the top U25 in the 2020 Match Rifle Imperial.

2017 DECKER, Richard, who studied Modern and Medieval Languages (MML), received a Larmor Award for achieving a

First with Distinction in his degree, after coming tenth in the year in 2020, with Special Excellence in Italian Oral. The singer and oboe player received a special commendation in last year's Clare College Song Competition. He held positions within St John's College Music Society and played a central role in concerts and outreach workshops. During his year abroad he conducted a church choir in Florence, Italy, which included doing virtual services during lockdown.

2017 MILLER, Professor Robert, Beaufort Overseas Visiting Scholar (2017), published 'Yahweh: origins of the Desert God' (*Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments 284*; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021), based on research conducted at St John's.

2017 PARRY, Matt received a Larmor Award after he achieved a First in his Modern and Medieval Languages (MML) degree, with Special Excellence in German Oral. He was awarded the Marsh Prize for the best Optional Dissertation in German, and he was invited to present a paper in the Undergraduate German Conference. He was a rower at University level, acting as cox for Cambridge at the 2018 Fours Head races against Oxford, as well as the M1 cox for St John's in the 2018 and 2019 May Bumps, when the College retained the Head of the River title both years.

2017 SPEED, Rachael moved jobs to work as an International Trade Advisor at the National Farmers' Union.

2017 TOWER, Hannah married Philip Tower, Clare College alumnus, in August 2021, and

began the fast-paced national graduate development programme for local government. After seven months in Barnsley Council's Economic Development team, she rotated on to Children's Services.


2017 TRAY, Lawrence, an engineer, received a Larmor Award after he graduated with a Distinction and was awarded a First Class in his project. At St John's, he was highly involved in College sports and community activities, including as JCR Ents officer in 2019 and Captain of the Men's Football Second Team in 2020, during the pandemic. Lawrence also played rugby, lacrosse and netball, and he was in the first St John's cheerleading team.

2017 WELLS, Lennie, a mathematician, received a Larmor Award, having consistently gained Firsts and leaving with a Pass with Distinction in his Master's. Lennie was an ambassador for St John's during open days and in sixth-form workshops as a co-leader, organising entertainment and pastoral support, as well as teaching. He captained the College Ultimate Frisbee team, was on the committees of the College Jazz Band and Maths Society and played saxophone in a funk group and clarinet in an occasional College orchestra.

2018 D'ABOVILLE, Tim was awarded a Larmor Award for his contributions to the College and University. Tim, who achieved a First in his History and Politics degree, helped to lead the JCR – the undergraduate student committee – through the first year of the pandemic as Co-President, working to help keep students safe and morale high.

Tim was also a member of the College's football team, served as Vice-President of the Cambridge University Boxing Club for two years and was a member of the Blues team.

2018 PALLOVÁ, Radka received a Larmor Award after she achieved a First with Distinction in her History degree last year and received seven academic prizes between the College and the Faculty. She served as President of the College's History Society 2019/20 and was mentor for a scheme in the Czech Republic that supports high-achieving high school pupils in fulfilling their goals. Radka undertook various internships and summer placements to improve her language skills and her academic style as a historian.

2019 LIU, Xing published his first-ever first-authored paper entitled 'Grassmann Stein Variational Gradient Descent' alongside his collaborators in the AISTATS 2022 conference. 





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Johnian Society Day 2021



Photo: Autumn at  
St John's, October 2019  
Credit: Paul Everest

# OBITUARIES



# Dr Maria Lucia Cardoso de Almeida (1955–2021)



A self-described, bonafide Taurus, Maria Lucia Cardoso de Almeida was a persistent perfectionist. When Lucia, as she was known, switched from Psychology to Pharmacy at the Universidade de São Paulo, it marked a trans-continental journey that would, because of Lucia's tenacious nature, culminate in the transformation of a research field.

Maria Lucia Cardoso de Almeida was born on 30 April 1955 to Jose Cardoso de Almeida Jr and Lucy Dachoff. She was raised in the Brazilian metropolis of São Paulo, where she studied from the age of six until graduating with an MSc from the Universidade de São Paulo in 1980, funded by a Fellowship from FAPESP (Fundação de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo).

Under the supervision of Professor Frank Quina at the Institute of Chemistry, she applied fluorescent chemical compounds to study the markings of myosin – a type of molecular motor that converts chemical energy released from ATP into mechanical energy. Along with this core study, she co-authored a paper investigating fundamental chemical concepts relating to micellar catalysis – the ability of ‘soapy’ synthetic cells to speed up chemical reactions in water. The work was published in one of the top chemistry journals in the late 1970s – *Tetrahedron Letters* – a year before the publication of Akira Suzuki’s Nobel-Prize-winning coupling reaction in the same journal. This early taste of research drove the young de Almeida across the sea to uncover new truths of nature.

Lucia arrived in Cambridge in 1980 to undertake her PhD in the Department of Parasitology on a Fellowship from FAPDP (Fundação de Apoio a Pesquisa do Distrito Federal). As a student at King’s College, she worked at the Molteno Institute, which was situated in the Downing site and housed the Medical Research Council (MRC) Parasitology Unit. There Lucia focused her efforts on understanding *Trypanosoma brucei*. This microorganism, *T. brucei*, is the parasite responsible for sleeping sickness, killing thousands of people each year. The Molteno Institute was a hotspot for research into the illness; it is where Dr George Cross identified the key components that make up the surface of *T. brucei*.

In Lucia’s time at the Molteno she uncovered a crucial truth about *T. brucei*. As is often the

case in science, the breakthrough came from data that seemed too outlandish to be true – in this case some odd-looking slides she had banished to a drawer. In her 1983 first-author *Nature* paper, ‘The Membrane Form Of Variant Surface Glucoproteins Of *Trypanosoma Brucei*’, Dr de Almeida and her adviser, Dr Mervyn Turner, described the discovery of the membrane form of variant surface glycoproteins (VSG) of the parasite. These VSGs are a coating on the parasite, which typically contains a lot of mutation, making it able to evade defences deployed by the body as the immune system struggles to detect it properly. Lucia discovered that an enzyme could ‘unzip’ these protective coatings, giving the human body a fighting chance to detect the parasite. It marked the beginning of the recognition that the glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchor has a crucial role in bonding VSG to the parasite surface, as well as drawing attention to its wider importance in biochemistry. The paper had the rare honour of being featured on *Nature’s* cover. The widespread recognition that this study attracted led the work to be featured in the *Cambridge Evening News* and Lucia to become the first woman elected as a Title A Fellow at St John’s College in its 473-year history.

Lucia joined St John’s just before finishing her PhD at King’s. The year 1984 proved to be an auspicious one, as she both received her degree and gave birth to her son, Felipe. Felipe remembers fondly Lucia’s love of travel, particularly as a solitary pleasure. Conference visits during her tenure at St John’s clearly show this adventurous side.

She presented work in Italy, Heidelberg, Lausanne, Nairobi, Spetsai, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. One of these visits, to Lausanne, was to collaborate with colleagues in attempting to unlock further secrets about the African trypanosomes. Lucia and her colleagues at the Molteno Institute worked with biologists at the Université de Lausanne to publish an important discovery in the prestigious journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences* (PNAS). The scientists showed that the same GPI anchor that Lucia had found in *T. brucei* was also structurally integral to the VSGs in *Leishmania* promastigotes. This organism, transmitted in the bites of female sand flies, can cause painful infections, which may take months or years to heal. Understanding the structural relationship between the two diseases was a major breakthrough.

Lucia returned to Brazil two years later to become an assistant professor at the Escola Paulista de Medicina, Universidade Federal de São Paulo. There she continued her research into *Trypanosoma* and glycoposphates. She made important discoveries in her new lab, including finding a human enzyme capable of dissolving the parasite's protective coating and identifying the glycolipids transferred to the coating of *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which is responsible for Chagas' disease. Understanding how the surface protein is biologically synthesised in this way has important implications for determining which chemotherapies might be able to treat the disease.

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After ten years at the Escola, Lucia returned to Europe to conduct research at the Université Libre de Bruxelles as a visiting researcher, where she continued her pioneering work into the surface membrane of *T. brucei*.

Lucia had a seemingly unquenchable thirst for knowledge. After retiring from her professorship she returned to studying, obtaining a degree in Law from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo in 2017. She was even undertaking her fifth degree – in Social Sciences, at the Universidade de São Paulo – when her life was sadly interrupted by complications from a thrombosis. Doctors had found COVID-19 antibodies in her system just days before her passing at the age of sixty-five. Lucia had been aware of the thrombosis and the risk it presented for a number of years and had expressed deep contentedness about her contributions to society during her life.

Although remembered by many as an intellectual, her doctoral adviser cites one of Lucia's key contributions during her time in Cambridge as nucleating a fellowship of colleagues, collaborators and competitors, known as the Molteenies – after the institute that bound them.

Having reunited at various times in France, Brazil, the UK and the USA, they are a fellowship connected by the scientific secrets Lucia uncovered all those years ago. The following is a note to one of those Molteenies, written by Lucia a year before her passing about a small cherubic statue in the French town of Annecy: 'I would like to reproduce the Annecy Angel, with a glass of caipirinha, and some limes at its base in marble, to place on my tomb, which I consider too bare. Desires, absurd desires.'

Lucia was always full of life, loving colour, her two cats and a garden she cared for containing around 300 potted plants of all different sizes. In 2009 she wrote a will that indicated her desire to be buried in lime green trousers and an orange shirt, dashed with her favourite perfume Eau de Rochas. She also asked to take two plush cats in honour of the feline companions who so inspired her, Lica and Juju. Her son Felipe remembers fondly that 'she used to say that those who have a cat at home don't need sculptures.'


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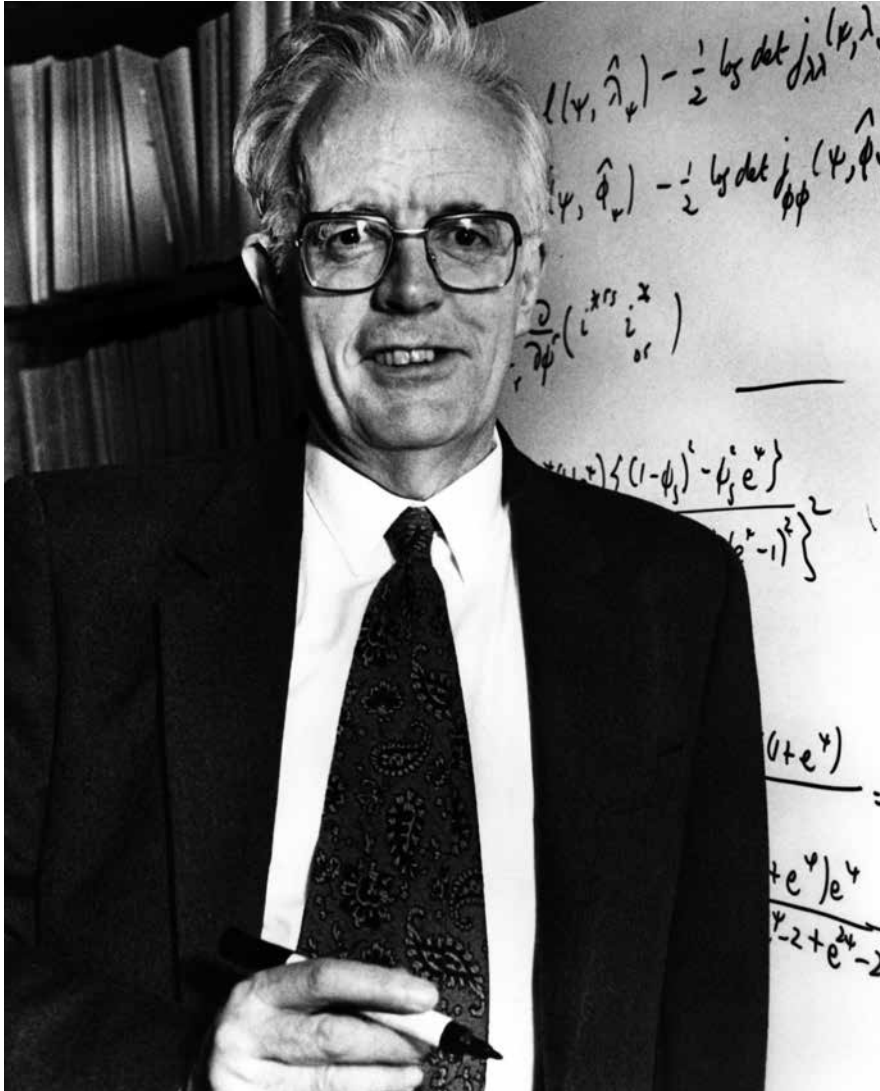
Although she didn't hold strong religious beliefs, Lucia believed in religion's living principles. She also appreciated the ceremonial side: 'One will indulge in as much self-importance and holy water as one desires', as her grandmother Marina

would say. Yet her study and insight into disease perhaps instilled in her a feeling for the necessary dichotomy of life and death. As she herself wrote, 'when winter becomes cold and the flowers are gone no one mourns them.'

Lucia's great kindness and generosity will be remembered by all she touched. She was a pioneer in research but also a role model, showing what can be achieved through grit and talent and despite tremendous resistance. As a female Brazilian scientist at St John's, I can truly appreciate the effect that Lucia and women like her have had on the academic environment. Having overcome astonishing obstacles, in both Brazil and Cambridge, her example proves to young girls from under-represented countries that they can change the world of science and find a place at the high table of a Cambridge college. Lucia's memories are carried on by her son, Felipe, her mother, Lucy, and her sisters, Sofia, Ana and Rita. 

**Dr Barbara Bernardim**

# Professor Sir David Roxbee Cox (1924–2022)



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Professor Sir David Cox was a towering figure of twentieth-century statistics whose work continues to have an enormous impact on the subject today. He is probably best known for his proportional hazards model, where his estimation procedure has become the standard technique in survival analysis. But over the course of a research career spanning nine decades, he left his mark on a huge range of topics in theoretical and applied statistics, as well as applied probability.

An only child born in July 1924 to parents who left school at fourteen, Cox attended Handsworth Grammar School in Birmingham before coming to St John's during the war. He had wanted to study chemistry but was persuaded to read mathematics by a strong-minded headmaster who recognised his talent. Cox believed that in the 150-year history of the school, he was only the second to go to Oxford or Cambridge. According to the war regulations of the day, Mathematics undergraduates were granted only a two-year exemption from military service, so Cox took second- and third-year courses, as well as some fourth-year options. The Mathematical Tripos at the time was heavily in the tradition of British applied mathematics, with several courses in hydrodynamics, electromagnetism, waves and partial differential equations, as well as real and complex analysis. Cox recalled that his lecturers made few concessions to the inexperience of their audience, with his first university lecturer beginning 'I shall assume only that not not A is A', and

proceeding to prove, around Lecture Four, that  $2 + 2 = 4$ . He attended a lecture by G. H. Hardy (and was able to recall, more than seventy-five years later, both the subject of the talk and what Hardy wore), as well as courses by Paul Dirac, Arthur Eddington, R. H. Fowler, Harold Jeffreys and others. Despite the eminence of his teachers, the standard of lecturing often left much to be desired, with Cox commenting that the real skill appeared to be to write with the right hand while erasing with the left and simultaneously talking about something else.

Following his two brief years at St John's, David was drafted to the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough. There he taught himself some statistics (this having been omitted from his undergraduate curriculum) and solved a probabilistic question concerning the strength of spot-welded joints. In the Farnborough library, shortly after the end of the war, he read a paper by Henry Daniels on a textile problem that, though phrased differently, contained very similar ideas. By chance, as he left the library, he saw an advertisement to work with Daniels at the Wool Industries Research Association in Leeds. Passing up the chance to return to Cambridge to complete his studies, Cox took the position, where he faced problems ranging from the biology of the sheep, through chemistry, physics, engineering and operations research, but all underpinned by data and statistics. After four happy years in Leeds, during which time he both married Joyce Drummond (the union lasting seventy-

three years and producing four children) and obtained his PhD, Cox accepted a post in 1950 as an Assistant Lecturer back in Cambridge to join a burgeoning group comprising Frank Anscombe, Henry Daniels, Dennis Lindley and John Wishart. Together they founded the Statistical Laboratory in 1953. Cox described his second period in Cambridge as ‘Scientifically, fantastic. Personally, terrible’. His salary was so low that he couldn’t afford to heat his house properly, and the lack of security associated with his temporary five-year job was discouraging.

By this stage, Cox was already forging a formidable reputation as a statistician of international renown, with significant contributions in experimental design, stochastic processes and sequential analysis. Yet in 1955 disaster struck when his post (to which he had had to reapply in the hope of being upgraded to a Lecturer) was offered instead to a pure mathematician. It is hard to overstate the negative implications of this myopic decision for Cambridge and UK statistics, but the most immediate of these was a diaspora: Anscombe promptly left for Princeton in 1956, Daniels for Birmingham in 1957 and Lindley for Aberystwyth in 1960. Since Wishart also died in a swimming accident in 1956, the Founding Five of the Statistical Laboratory had all departed in short order, and it took fifty years to rebuild.

Cox himself spent just over a year in the United States before returning to positions at Birkbeck (1956–66), where he laid the foundations for logistic regression in 1958,

and Imperial (1966–88). It was there that he reached the pinnacle of his research career, attracting numerous leading researchers and visitors from around the world, and publishing, in 1972, the proportional hazards paper for which he has become most famous. It studied the problem of how to model the way in which event times (deaths, earthquakes, bankruptcies, and so on) depend on other recorded variables (e.g. age, temperature, inflation) known as covariates. In such settings, it is natural to consider the hazard function, which represents the instantaneous risk of an event occurring, given that it hasn’t happened yet. Demographers know, for instance, that the hazard function of human mortality increases approximately linearly on a logarithmic scale between the ages of thirty and eighty-five, representing the roughly 8% increased chance of death per additional year of life. Cox’s model ingeniously separates a nonparametric baseline hazard common to all subjects from a parametric component that accounts for the effect of each individual’s covariates. His key observation was that in seeking to make inference about the effect of the covariates (the terms of main interest), one need only study the underlying process at event times. This led to a dramatic simplification whereby the unknown baseline hazard cancelled out. It therefore became straightforward to fit such models, and many researchers have done so, to the point where the paper has acquired well over 50,000 citations. For this discovery, Cox became the inaugural recipient of the International Prize in Statistics in 2016.

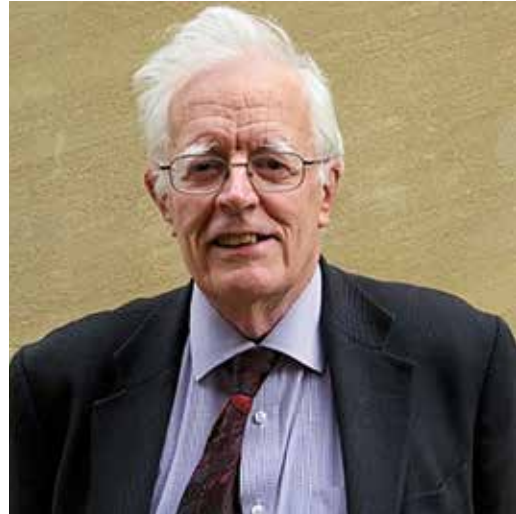
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Cox served as Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford from 1988 to 1994, and continued his research in Oxford right up to his death. He was an outstanding research supervisor and mentor who had an enormously positive influence on the trajectories of several early career researchers (including, for the time, an unusually large number of women). He was also a gifted scientific leader, serving as President of the Bernoulli Society (1979–81), the Royal Statistical Society (1980–2) and the International Statistical Institute (1995–7). A gentle and modest man with a whimsical sense of humour, Cox nevertheless more than held his own in the philosophical debates that raged through the discipline at certain points in his career. When he was recently offered an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Cambridge, he declined, fearing that he would have to stand for longer than he would be comfortable. It didn't matter: he had numerous other honorary doctorates, as well as a knighthood in 1985 and the Copley Medal of The Royal Society in 2010. He became an Honorary Fellow of St John's in 1989.

Cox expressed himself economically, both orally and in writing, but still managed to



produce well over 300 papers and 19 books. He brought out the best of his many collaborators, frequently allowing them to see much further than they had originally anticipated. Despite his very solid mathematical foundations, Cox sought to avoid long lists of regularity conditions and complicated mathematical expressions as far as possible, relying instead on his unparalleled intuition for variation in data and aiming for the simplest possible explanation of the phenomenon at hand. One consequence of this is that today's researchers will continue to grapple with the breadth and depth of his ideas for many years to come.

Science has lost a giant. 

**Professor Richard Samworth (1996)**  
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# Alumni obituaries

Compiled by Colin Greenhalgh CBE DL (1960), Fellow Commoner, and Tim Jones (1974)

St John's College aspires to a meaningful relationship with all Johnians, of whom there are over 13,000. Maintaining up-to-date records of the lives of alumni can present a challenge for the College, even though many Johnians respond gratefully to various opportunities to return to, or otherwise stay in touch with, St John's. Johnians are therefore encouraged to keep the College informed on a regular basis about their career, voluntary activities, recreational interests, family, and honours and awards received. Such information establishes a rounded picture of a Johnian life. The College's Biographical Librarian, Fiona Colbert, is always pleased to hear from Johnians, and she keeps a meticulous, secure record of information shared with the College.

**1940 CONNELLY**, George Frederick, died 26 November 2021, aged one hundred. After Keighley Boys' Grammar School, George read Modern and Medieval Languages (Major County Scholarship). Intermitting for War service and commissioned in the Royal Artillery (transferring to King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), he was wounded (1945), promoted to Captain, and seconded as Liaison Officer to the Dutch Army. George's wartime experiences, including Normandy landings, had a lasting effect, convincing him of the folly of war. A successful businessman in the food, clothing, packaging and printing industries, George started as a salesman, Thomas Hedley (later Proctor and Gamble), progressing to Senior Management. He enjoyed travelling around the country, finally settling in Ilkley, where he pursued interests in beekeeping, reading, caravan holidays, foreign travel, walking (especially in the Yorkshire Dales), and was a member, Ilkley Players and Brontë Society, considered by all 'a true gentleman'. In 1943 George married Mary, whom he met at church as part of an entertainment group, in which she played the piano and he 'the fool'.

Mary predeceased him. They had three daughters, Lesley, Pamela and Alison.



Geoffrey Pitt (1940)

**1940 PITT**, Dr Geoffrey (Geoff) John, cousin of Michael John Pitt (1950), father of Antony (Tony) John Pitt (1973), died 9 January 2021, aged ninety-nine. After Cotham Secondary School, Bristol, Geoff read Natural Sciences (Major Scholar), receiving College Prizes (1941, 1942). Secretary and President, Natural Sciences Club, Geoff was also a member of the University Air Squadron; Battalion CAM7, Cambridgeshire Home Guard; and the University Methodist Society. Early career at

Mullard included developing electronic valves for use in airborne radar; a PhD with J. D. Bernal at Birkbeck, London; and Research Assistant to Dorothy Hodgkin at Oxford, studying penicillin structures. Geoff then worked as Research Scientist, National Coal Board Research Establishment, Cheltenham (1952–82). He co-edited *Coal and Modern Coal Processing* (1979) and contributed to technical journals. Well liked, in retirement, Geoff was involved in singing, Church, Scouts, School Governor, and local and family history, contributing to *Gotherington: The History of a Village* (1993). He enjoyed baking bread, gardening and walking. In 1949 Geoff married Margaret, who predeceased him. They had three children, Angela, Helena and Tony.

**1940 ROYDS**, George Herbert Alexander (Alex), son of William Massy Royds (1897), died 30 June 2018, aged ninety-six. After Haileybury College, Alex read Economics as an Exhibitioner. In 1952, while working as a journalist for the *Eastern Daily Press*, Alex married Pam, who went on to become a celebrated children's book editor. Following two years in Calcutta (now Kolkata), during which he wrote articles for *The Listener*, they settled in Notting Hill Gate, where they brought up their children. Alex joined the Civil Service as a Press Officer, Central Office of Information, retired in 1980, and settled in East Sussex, where he spent many happy years reading, fishing, growing vegetables and playing the piano. Alex and Pam, who predeceased him in 2016, had four children, Caroline, Sarah, Cordelia and Tom, who will always remember him for his way with words – 'a delight in language as eccentric as it was profound'.



Derwent Turnbull (1940)

**1940 TURNBULL**, Commander Derwent Greville, died 27 December 2021, aged ninety-nine. After Rugby School, Derwent read Mathematics (Major Scholar) and Mechanical Sciences, later adding MSc (Cranfield 1954), and was Secretary, Musical Society and Junior Treasurer, LMBC. He spent nights firewatching on College roofs (including during the Baedeker raid on Cambridge, 1942) and as a nightclimber once fell off the Bridge of Sighs into the Cam. Serving initially in the Fleet Air Arm as an aeronautical engineer, later on the aircraft carrier HMS *Unicorn* in the Pacific, Derwent became Instructor Officer (RN Engineering College Manadon, Plymouth) and rose to Commander and Senior Instructor Officer, Air Engineering School, RNAS Arbroath. Following a spell as Senior Meteorological Officer, RNAS Lossiemouth, he lectured in Mechanical Engineering, University of Dundee, and acted as Music Advisor. A keen pianist and bassoon player, he was an active member, Scottish Mountaineering and Swiss Alpine Clubs, and climbed the Matterhorn in 1946. Derwent married twice: first, in 1947, Morna

(died 1972); then, in 1973, Gennifer (died 1999). He was survived by two children from each marriage.

**1943 BARTLETT**, Dr Denis James, son of Sir Frederic Bartlett (1912, Fellow 1917–69) and brother of Hugh Frederic Bartlett (1940), died 13 June 2021, aged ninety-five. After Gresham's School, Holt, Denis read Natural Sciences, adding BChir, MB and PhD, earned Lawn Tennis Colours (Second VI) and was a member, ADC, Marlowe and Mummings Societies, and College (Committee) and University Medical Societies. Following a Research Fellowship, Institute of Animal Physiology, Babraham, he was Head, MRC Population Genetics Research Unit, Oxford (1963–68); Editor, *Journal of Reproduction and Fertility* (1968–75); and Principal, Clinical Cytogenetics Department, Addenbrooke's Hospital (1975–89). Denis published papers, reports and chapters, and was a Council Member, Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists. His interests included English Literature (Tutor, University of the Third Age and Founder, Cambridge Jane Austen Group), amateur dramatics and charity work (volunteering for Oxfam bookshop). Denis had a long association with St Mary and St Michael's Church, Trumpington, and was for a number of years Captain, Cocks and Hens Cambridge Tennis. In 1970 Denis married Clare, who predeceased him. They had two children, Wendy and Robin.

**1943 OGDEN**, Leonard (Len) Dawson, died 18 October 2021, aged ninety-five. After Manchester Grammar School, Len read

Mechanical Sciences (State Bursary) and played Rugby, adding DIC (Diploma Imperial College 1948). During National Service (RN Engineering Officer, HMS *Zest* and HMS *Aurora*), he learned about the vagaries of the sea, later central to his career. Following employment with Peter Lind & Co, Civil Engineering Contractors, Len was Project Engineer (rising to Chief Engineer), Sir Bruce White & Partners, including a spell in Bombay, where the family particularly enjoyed life. Appointed Head of Civil and Marine Engineering, Brunei Shell, he was involved in establishing operating practices for two of the first floating drilling units. In two decades with Shell International Petroleum in Project Engineering and Management, the most exciting period of his cutting-edge career, Len co-designed North Sea oil rigs, using concrete gravity platforms, and oversaw design and building of oil and gas retrieval pipelines. He enjoyed sailing, golf and badminton. In 1952 Len married Valerie, who survived him. They had two children, Michael and Elisabeth.

**1943 WATERS**, John David, died 8 December 2020, aged ninety-five. After St Paul's School, John read Mechanical Sciences, played First Team Hockey and Cricket (awarded Colours in both), represented the Crusaders, and was a JCR Committee Member. Following National Service in the Royal Navy (Sub-Lieutenant), John trained at and then worked for British Timken Ltd at Duston, Northampton, which produced roller bearings for the automotive industry, largely for export to Continental Europe. Positions held included Foreman, Measuring Room; Green Size and Heat

Treatment Engineer; Head, Quality Control Department; and Computing Engineer, the only interruption to which being a six-month spell in America. He was subsequently Data Processing Manager, Renton-Bucyrus, Lincoln, and Computer Consultant, Fraser-Williams, Sheffield. Retaining his enthusiasm for playing both hockey and cricket, John was Secretary, County Cricket League, and enjoyed navigating in motorcar rallies. In 1974 John married Mary, who predeceased him.

**1944 RIGG**, Wing Commander Edward Comer, MBE AFC, died 18 January 2021, aged ninety-four. After Municipal High School, Rochdale, at St John's Edward was an RAF Cadet. Enjoying a distinguished RAF career, Edward was Test Pilot, Instructor, Wing Commander, and oversaw flying operations at research establishments. He observed that following his enlistment, Hitler shot himself. Edward flew high speed jets and the experimental Fairey FD2, at 1376 mph, becoming the RAF's fastest navigator. Service locations included Cranwell; Germany; Empire Test Pilots School; Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, Boscombe Down; Aden (as Commander, 105 Squadron, 'a wonderful squadron boss'); the Staff College, Bracknell; and the MOD. Edward also flew gliders, in 1953 winning the Team Division of the National Gliding Championships. The same year, Edward's Vampire crashed, with serious injuries. His second career was financial adviser, clients primarily British expatriates. He also lectured at the Centre for International Briefing, Farnham Castle. Retiring to Wood

Street Village, Edward played croquet, won prizes at the Village Show and generously hosted early evening drinks.

**1944 WHITTAKER**, Roy, died 28 December 2021, aged ninety-five. After Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, Roy read Natural Sciences. Gaining experience initially as a paint maker with Jenson & Nicholson, he worked for Cookson Industrial Materials (formerly Associated Lead Manufacturers) from 1951 to 1988, first as a Research Chemist, rising to Managing Director, and was also appointed Deputy Divisional Director, Cookson Group, in 1984. In 1989 Roy became Managing Director, Newcastle University Ventures Ltd (Nuventures), until his retirement in 1992. He also served for a time as a Magistrate (Bootle) and General Commissioner for Taxation (Liverpool). In 1950 Roy married Elsie, who predeceased him. They had twin daughters, Liz and Susan.

**1945 COOK**, Charles William, grandson of Charles Henry Herbert Cook (1868), died 4 January 2021, aged ninety-three. After Leighton Park School, Charles read Mechanical Sciences (College Prize), sang, and played Ice Hockey and Rugby, maintaining a love for the latter throughout his life. In a career that took him from an engineering firm in Bedford and running the family builders' hardware business, to investing in laundrettes and caravan parks, and training as a teacher, he achieved his dream of rearing sheep by buying a farm in Wales, later breeding cashmere goats in New South Wales. Described as 'always sociable and interested in people', Charles possessed a

boundless spirit of adventure and a love of the outdoors. An avid sailor and member, Royal Southern Yacht Club, he and Fay, his third wife, witnessed both auroras *borealis* and *australis* from the sea, and eventually settled in Australia, Charles becoming President, Bundanoon Croquet Club.

Charles married three times: first, Cynthia, with whom he had Jane, Sarah and William; second, Mary, who sadly died; and then Fay, who survived him.

**1945 HEAD**, Kenneth (Ken) Harold, died 14 January 2021, aged ninety-three. After King Edward VI School, Stourbridge, Ken read Mechanical Sciences (State Scholarship and Exhibition) and played Cricket. Undertaking practical training with Robert M Douglas (Contractors) Ltd, Birmingham, and gaining site experience in a variety of heavy industrial and road construction projects, he was Engineer-in-Charge, Soil Mechanics Laboratory, Mangla Dam Project (Pakistan), Binnie and Partners, before returning to England as Laboratory Manager, Soil Mechanics Ltd, Chelsea, and planning their new laboratories in Bracknell when the company moved. Ken was Senior Engineer, ELE Technical Services Ltd, Technical Consultancy division of Engineering Laboratory Equipment Ltd, and Independent Consultant in Geotechnical Testing and Training. Well known for his three-volume *Manual of Soil Laboratory Testing* (John Wiley & Sons Ltd) and *Soil Technicians' Handbook* (1989), he was Drafting Consultant to the British Standards Institution for the revision of BS1377 *Methods of Test for Soils for Civil Engineering Purposes* (1990). In 1949 Ken married Beryl,

who predeceased him. They had two children, Christopher and Rosalind.

**1945 TYLER**, Dr Geoffrey James, died 26 March 2021, aged ninety-three. After Alleyne's Grammar School, Stone, Geoffrey read Natural Sciences (Scholar and twice awarded Wright's Prize) and completed a PhD in Chemistry (1953). He played in the Football First Team and sang bass, CUMS Chorus. Geoffrey's career was as a Research Chemist and Section Manager, Research and Development, ICI Fibres, Pontypool. Qualifying in 1977, BPharm (Welsh School of Pharmacy, Cardiff), he went on to work as a locum pharmacist in South East Wales until 2001. Geoffrey published in Chemical journals and, having founded the Cwmbran Baroque Singers (winners, Welsh Section, Sainsbury's Choir of the Year, 1986), he compiled and published privately *Cwmbran Baroque Singers 1971–1996 – The Story in Music and Words* (3 CDs and booklet). In 1951 Geoffrey married Mollie, who survived him. They had three children, David, Vivien and Helen. Mollie wrote that, as his sight began to fail, she would read *The Eagle* to Geoffrey and was grateful for the pleasure it gave him.

**1946 ASHWORTH**, Dr Nigel Whittaker, died 15 December 2021, aged ninety-three. After Kingswood School, Bath, Nigel read Natural Sciences, adding BChir and MB, rowed for the LMBC First VIII (Head of the River and Fairbairn winners, 1948/49), won an Oar with the Second VIII, and played a part in suspending a stolen canoe between the pinnacles of New Court. Following training at St Thomas' Hospital and a Short



Service commission, RAMC Surgical Division, Singapore (earning General Services Medal), Nigel embarked on a career with Shell Ltd, which took him to the Middle East, before being appointed Senior (then Chief) Medical Adviser, Shell International Petroleum Co Ltd (Central Office, London), and Chief Adviser, Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies. Moving in 1986 to the New Zealand Department of Health, Wellington, he became Senior Medical Officer, Civil Aviation Authority (NZ). A specialist in Occupational Medicine, Nigel published in medical journals and contributed to many committees and medical societies. Nigel married twice: first, in 1954, Rachel; then, in 1970, Norma, who survived him. He had three children, James, Claire and Jonathan.



Alan Gregory (1946)

**1946 GREGORY**, Alan Thomas CBE, died 18 February 2021, aged ninety-five. After Dulwich College, Alan read Classics (Exhibitioner) and was awarded College and Hawksley Burbury Prizes and a Scholarship. He was Secretary, Debating Society, rowed for the LMBC and won Second Team Rugby Colours. Previously directed into coal mining on conscription (1944), Alan was a

Civil Servant, Ministry of Power (1948–70), held directorship posts with BP, was Chairman, BP Oil Ltd, and honoured with a CBE (1984). Other positions included Chairman, NATO Petroleum Planning Committee; Director, National Home Loans Corporation, and Willis Corroon (formerly Willis Faber) plc; member, Industrial and Economic Affairs Committee, General Synod; and President, Institute of Petroleum. Alan was a Governor, Queen Mary College, a University Commissioner, and Church Warden, St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon, and enjoyed books, gardening and theatre. In 1952 Alan married Pamela (died 1986). They had Anne, Nick and Alison. Then in 1988 he married Marion (died 2007), gaining three stepchildren, Simon, Adam, and Clare. He died peacefully, thankful for his 'blessed and lucky life'.

**1946 PREECE**, Dr John Fryer, son of Trevor Meyrick Preece (1918), died 11 May 2021, aged ninety-three. After Sherborne School, John read Natural Sciences, adding BChir and MB. Secretary, Hockey Second XI (Colours), he went on the Easter 1948 Dutch Tour. Completing his training at St Bartholomew's Hospital (Shuter Scholarship and Brackenbury Scholarship *proxime accessit*), John was a pioneering GP in Whipton, Exeter. He co-designed the world's first GP computer system, featured on BBC's *Tomorrow's World*, his practice first to use it, and discovered a statistically significant association between psoriasis and male hypertension. Following a Research Fellowship, University of Exeter, John published a definitive text, *The Use of Computers in General Practice* (1988), and

edited *Practice Computing*, trebling its circulation in eight years. Devoted to his patients, once making sixty visits in a day during a measles epidemic, John was described as kind and ‘unfailingly generous.’ He enjoyed playing the violin and composed choral and instrumental music. John had two children, Chris and Anna, from his first marriage, and gained two stepchildren, Peter and Sue, from his marriage to Margo.

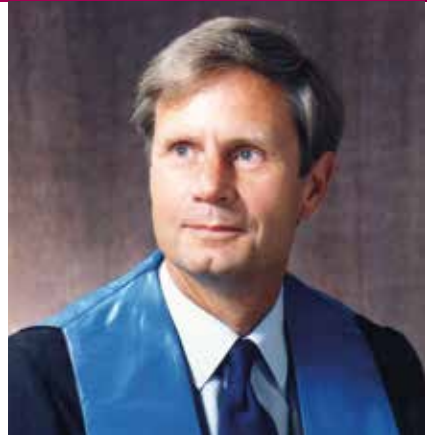
**1947 CLARK**, Peter Kenneth, died 9 December 2021, aged ninety-five. After Latymer Upper School, RN Short Course, and National Service (Meteorological Office), Peter read Geography, completed a Certificate of Competent Knowledge (Polish) and was founding member, Secretary, then President, Purchas Society. A world expert on European and British Empire surveys and mapping, in the days before satellites, he started as Assistant Map Curator, War Office, and rose to lead the Map Research and Library Group, Survey Production Centre, RE, Ministry of Defence. Insatiably curious about the world and with a deep love of geography, Peter set high standards, encouraged collaboration and laughed a lot. Profoundly influential, he served several committees, and was a founding member, British Cartographic Society (Medal-winner, 2006). Appointed Keeper of the Map Room, Royal Geographical Society (1983) – a childhood dream – and recipient of its Murchison Award, Peter loved dogs, and was respected for his modesty, courtesy and the breadth of his knowledge. In 1948 Peter married Ela (deceased), having four children, Jill, Ann, Robert and Christopher. In 2011 he married Merle, who died in 2020.

**1947 DAVIES**, The Revd Canon John Howard, father of Michael James Bernard Davies (1978) and the late John Clement Stanley Davies (1976), died 13 April 2021, aged ninety-two. After Southall Grammar School, John read Music (Choral Scholar) and Theology (College and Wright’s Prizes; Scholarship; Larmor Award; Naden Divinity Studentship; and John Stewart of Rannoch Scholarship in Sacred Music). Junior Treasurer, Music Society, John directed the Male Voice Choir. Following National Service (RAF) and ordination (1955), he served as Succentor, Derby Cathedral; Chaplain, Westcott House (adding BD Nottingham 1962); Lecturer (then Senior Lecturer) in Theology, University of Southampton, and Director of Studies; and Canon Theologian, Winchester Cathedral. A member, Archbishop’s Commission on Church Music, John had a fine singing voice, was an accomplished organist (FRCO 1952) and was considered ‘quintessentially Anglican’, in the Catholic tradition. Sometimes stern with students, but friendly and good-natured, he commanded respect and affection. In 1956 John married Ina, who died in 1985. He is survived by two sons, Michael and Peter, sadly Christopher died in infancy and John as a result of an accident.

**1947 DUNN**, Professor Peter MacNaughton, uncle of James MacNaughton Stuart (1968), died 2 February 2021, aged ninety-one. After Marlborough College, Peter read Natural Sciences, adding BChir and MB (later MD), and rowed for the LMBC. A renowned paediatrician, who helped improve the survival rates of newborn babies and

establish regional networks of care, he coined the phrase 'perinatal medicine', becoming the first consultant in the new specialty as Director, Academic Neonatal Service, University of Bristol (1968), subsequently holding a Personal Chair (later Emeritus), Perinatal Medicine and Child Health. Peter promoted teamwork, strove to combat over-intervention, and highlighted the importance of posture. Founder and Inaugural President, British Association of Perinatal Medicine, he served on committees internationally, advised the WHO, lectured widely, wrote prolifically, and was James Spence Medallist, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Tall and imposing, Peter was generous, witty and considerate, and enjoyed archaeology, history, photography, chess, golf, sailing and hill walking, having skied and played squash, badminton and tennis when younger. In 1961 Peter married Judy, who survived him. They had three children, Robert, John and Sara.

**1947 HACKING**, Dr Peter Michael, died 25 November 2021, aged ninety-two. After Exeter School, Peter read Natural Sciences (Vidal Exhibition), was Secretary, Medical Society, and won a Scholarship and College Prize. He stroked the Sixth (Medics) Boat, winning three Oars, and enjoyed walking and rock climbing, visiting the Lake District with friend Chris Brasher (1947). At the Middlesex Hospital (Oxford and Cambridge Scholarship), Peter was awarded the Lyell Gold Medal (Surgical Anatomy), MB and BChir, later adding MD. He served in RAMC and worked at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning to the UK.



**Peter Hacking (1947)**

Peter was Head of the Radiology Departments, University of Newcastle upon Tyne and Royal Victoria Infirmary. He served on the Faculty Board and Council of the Royal College of Radiologists and was Examiner, Part II, FRCR, London and Hong Kong. In retirement, moving to Hanborough, Peter enjoyed village and church life; attended archaeology, geology and musical events in Oxford; and visited international archaeological and art centres with Helen, whom he married in 1953. She survived him, with children Julie, Nigel and Jeremy.

**1947 JONES**, James (Jimmy) Dennis MBE, died 12 April 2021, aged ninety-four. After Chipping Norton County School and No 1 Radio School, RAF Cranwell, Jimmy read Mechanical Sciences and played for the Football First Team, earning Full Colours. He served in the RAF for thirty-five years, rising to Air Commodore, and was awarded an MBE in 1973. Jimmy then worked as Principal Scientist for NATO, and before retirement in 1992, as a consultant to British Aerospace. Jimmy married twice: first, in

1948, Midge, who died in 2001, with whom he had Sue, Peter and Sally; then Barbara, who survived him, gaining a stepson, Phillip.

**1947 NARASIMHAM**, Maidavolu, died 20 April 2021, aged ninety-three. After Loyola College and Presidency College, Madras, at St John's Maidavolu read Economics. He began a long and distinguished career serving in the Indian Government and the Reserve Bank of India and became a towering figure with enduring influence. Appointments included Finance Secretary, Government of India; Governor, Reserve Bank of India; India's Executive Director, World Bank; India's Executive Director, International Monetary Fund; Vice President, Asian Development Bank; Principal and Chairman, Court of Governors, Administrative Staff College of India. Maidavolu served on many important committees and published prolifically. His iconic reports in 1991 and 1998 laid the intellectual framework for India's modern banking system, resulting in banks that are efficient, financially healthy and competitive. Maidavolu's peers unreservedly respected a brilliantly sharp mind, intellectual seriousness of purpose, a wonderful sense of humour and great wit. Many recognitions included Padma Vibhushan (2000), India's second highest honour; Hon DLitt, Sri Krishnadevaraya University; and a Lifetime Achievement Award, Hyderabad Management Association. Maidavolu was married to Shanti. They had one son, Radhakrishna (Sasha).

**1948 BARNES-YALLOWLEY**, Hugh Michael Francis (formerly Barnes), died 8 January 2021, aged ninety-two. After Kimbolton School, Hugh read Political

Economy/Economics and rowed for the LMBC. National Service was as Radar Assistant in the RAF. Hugh's career was as Chairman or Director of insurance firms in the City of London: Alexander Howden Group Ltd; J Arpel and Company Ltd; Community Reinsurance Corporation Ltd; Solar Group Ltd; Sterling Offices (London) Ltd; Lyon Group Ltd; Bennett Barnes (Underwriting Agencies Ltd). Other appointments included Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Carpenters and of Company of Insurers, and Life Member, City Livery Club; President, London Junior Chamber of Commerce; Governor, Dockland Settlements, City of London School, Christ's Hospital, King Edward's School, and Building Crafts College; Chichester Diocesan and Lewes and Seaford Deanery Synods; Officer, Order of St John; Commander, Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem. Hugh was also a painter, sailor and lover of country pursuits. He wrote books and poetry, publishing *The Poems*. In 1952 Hugh married Anne, who predeceased him. They had four children, Jonathan, Caroline, Janie and Willie.

**1948 BARNETT**, Richard David, died 14 January 2021, aged ninety-eight. After Dulwich College, the Royal Artillery (rising to Captain), taking part in the D-Day landings on Sword Beach, and a year teaching at St Faith's School, Cambridge, Richard read Geography, completed a Diploma in Prehistoric Archaeology and was awarded Half-Colours in Athletics. Briefly assisting on his brother's farm in Carmarthenshire, an experience that later led him to write *Oh, to be a Farmer!* (Dale

Large Print, 2009), Richard moved into teaching, initially as a tutor for boys sitting Common Entrance. He set up his own school in Dale, Pembrokeshire, before being appointed Headmaster of Daglingworth Manor School, Gloucestershire, a small private prep school, where Richard introduced boarding and was considered 'generous and kind'. Subsequently running language schools in Italy and Cliftonville, he settled in Broadstairs, where for over forty years he lived overlooking the sea. Richard married Corinne, who died in 2014, with whom he shared a love of classical music, a similar political outlook and a dislike of motorways.

**1948 CHAUMETON**, (John) Bryan, died 2 February 2021, aged ninety-two. After Bishop's Stortford College, Bryan read Natural Sciences and played Rugby and Cricket. Awarded Rugby Colours twice (1949 and 1950) and representing the University, he was elected Captain of the College First XV (1950/51), but was unable to play because of injury, although his advice was considered of great assistance to the selectors. Bryan's career was as a Chartered Surveyor. He supported his school as Vice-President, Old Stortfordian Society, and the MCC Foundation, which encourages the playing of cricket in state schools. Bryan married three times: first, in 1955, Audrey, with whom he had Paul and Nigel; second, in 1975, Janice, who sadly died; and then, Jennifer, who survived him.

**1948 COTTON**, The Revd John Horace Brazel, died 3 January 2021, aged ninety-two. After Malvern College, John read

Mechanical Sciences, rowed for the LMBC and was Committee Member of the College Jazz Club. His first career was as an engineer, initially with the Vacuum Oil Company Ltd, Coryton Refinery, and then at ICI Ltd Plastics Division. Completing the St Albans Ministerial Training Scheme, in 1981 John was ordained Deacon in St Alban's Abbey and Priest a year later. He was Curate (1981-87) and Rector (1987-1996), Hertford Hundred Group of Parishes. On retirement, John was granted Permission to Officiate, retaining this status for the rest of his life. Chaplain and Master of the Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers and a Member, City of London University Court, John was also honoured by appointment as Serving Brother and Member, Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem. In 1954 John married Margaret, who survived him. They had three sons, John and Jeremy, who were twins, and Robert.

**1948 DONALDSON**, Professor William (Bill) Anderson OBE, died 23 May 2021, aged ninety-four. After Queen's Park Secondary School and Glasgow University (MA 1945), Bill read Mathematics, adding a Diploma in Mathematical Statistics, and won two College Prizes and a Strathcona Travel Exhibition. He rowed for the LMBC and represented the First Swimming Team. Bill was Lecturer in Mathematics, Glasgow University; Chief Mathematician, then Data Processing Manager, Rolls-Royce Ltd, Scottish factories; Senior Lecturer, Department of Industrial Administration, Royal College of Science and Technology; and Reader, then Professor and Head of

Department, Operational Research, Strathclyde University, a period 'marked by sustained good humour'. Vice-President, Operational Research Society, Chair of review and advisory committees, and published in journals, Bill's contribution to Health Services Computing was recognised with an OBE (1983). A keen skier and squash player, he climbed all the Munros, won *The Times* crossword competition and competed in TV game shows. Bill was a proud Glaswegian, played jazz piano and enjoyed classical music, opera and poetry. In 1965 Bill married Connie, who predeceased him. They had two children, Alan and Laura.

**1948 PERRY**, John Leycester Coltman, son of John Cyril Perry (1907), died 20 December 2021, aged ninety-three. After Aldenham School, Elstree, and National Service (Royal Artillery), John read Law and was a Committee Member, Law Society (1950/51). His entire career was spent as a Solicitor (becoming a Senior Partner). Keenly athletic, John played hockey and, later, golf, purchasing a property in Spain so that in retirement he could play through the winter months. After back surgery forced him to give up, he and his wife Ann joined a croquet club where they were living, in Cornwall, and played three times a week, John representing the club in away games. An active member of Barnet Rotary Club, serving for many years as Secretary and taking turns as Chairman, he was very much a family man. John married twice: first, in 1956, Doreen (died 1989), with whom he had Sara, Kathryn and Timothy; second, in 1999, Ann, who survived him, along with four stepchildren.

**1948 READ**, James Jolliffe, son of Arthur James Read (1903), died 17 May 2020, aged ninety-three. After Harrogate Grammar School, University College School, Hampstead, and service in India and Pakistan (Army Signals) immediately before independence, James read Architecture and played Hockey, winning Second Team Colours. He continued his studies at Royal West of England Academy School of Architecture, Bristol, and studied for a Diploma in Planning, Regent Street Polytechnic. Career appointments included Nicholas and Dixon-Spain Architects; Stepney/Poplar Division, London County Council Planning; Lecturer, Chelmsford Technical College; Planning, Town Centre South Division, Essex County Council; Cumbernauld Development Corporation; Partner, Percy Johnson-Marshall and Partners, Edinburgh; and Architectural Advisor, Department of Transport Bridge Department. James retired as Head, Conservation Division, English Heritage/ Department of Environment. He also undertook voluntary roles as Governor, Hemel Hempstead School; Deputy Chairman and Chairman, Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust; and Chairman, WEA Kings Langley. His family referred to James' 'rich and rewarding life' and said he was 'hugely loved'. In 1954 James married Margaret, who survived him. They had three children, Jane, Elizabeth and Duncan.

**1948 ROWE**, Peter Whitmill, died 31 August 2020, aged ninety-two. After Bishop's Stortford College and National Service (Belt of Honour, Aldershot), Peter read History (Minor Scholar), received Hutton and

College Prizes and a Larmor Award, played Rugby (Colours, 1949) and was Treasurer, Historical Society. Following Brentwood School and Repton School (Senior History Master), Peter returned to Bishop's Stortford College, described as 'the youngest Headmaster in England'. He oversaw a vast building programme, including a much valued communal dining hall. Peter led with charisma, care and affection, remaining a close friend and loyal supporter of the College, where in 2017 Rowe House was opened. During a second headship at Cranbrook School, Peter's sense of humour, optimism, energy and empathy again made him popular with pupils and staff. He choreographed the successful introduction of co-education and important curriculum developments. Peter hosted visits by the Queen Mother (Bishop's Stortford) and the Duchess of Kent (Cranbrook). Recreational interests included literature, music, cricket and golf. In 1952 Peter married Bridget, who survived him. Their children were Clare, Crispin and Patrick.



Michael Welford (1948)

**1948 WELFORD**, Michael Trevor (sometimes known as Tony), died 16

September 2021, aged ninety-four. After Brentwood School and National Service (Royal Hampshire Regiment), Michael read Economics and rowed for the LMBC, winning his Oar in the May Bumps, 1950. As Managing Director, CR Welford & Co Ltd, his fifty-year career was in the fashion industry under the Romney fashion label, producing high-end apparel for women. Michael loved his time at Cambridge, where he made life-long friends and would return from time to time. Gregarious and a great raconteur, he was hugely popular with friends and family alike. In 1953 Michael married Sheila, who survived him, along with their four children, Robert, Mark, Emma and Lucy.

**1949 BALL**, Dr David Hamilton, died 19 July 2020, aged eighty-nine. After Repton School, David read Natural Sciences, adding BChir and MB, and was awarded a Goodman Travel Exhibition. Completing his medical training at the London Hospital, before National Service as Surgeon Lieutenant (RN), David's career was in general medical practice. He helped set up the New Milton Health Centre (now Arnewood Practice), Hampshire, as Senior Partner, establishing a long tradition of training the next generation of GPs. A respected authority on Maltese postal history, twice earning a Harry Cope Memorial Award for Literature for co-authored volumes on the subject, David also wrote on Falmouth Packet ships of the early nineteenth century. A dedicated family man and entertaining host, with wide interests, including travel (especially by sea) and music, David had a passion for singing and

was a member of Sing Sway Choir and Chairman, Grange Choral Society, Christchurch. He also served as a Trustee, Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington. In 1956 David married Karen, who survived him. They had four children, Claire, Hilary, Anne-Marie and Andrew.



Peter Calviou (1949)

**1949 CALVIUO**, Peter Michael, father of Michael (Mike) Colin Calviou (1987), died 6 February 2021, aged ninety-one. After Caterham School and National Service (Intelligence Corps, rising to Corporal), Peter read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Portuguese), sang in the College Male Voice Choir and was a member, CU Music and Film Clubs. He joined Stubbs Ltd, London, as a management trainee, before undertaking an inspection role and becoming a Director. Moving to Dun & Bradstreet Ltd, Peter held positions as Reporting Manager and Register Editor, and was involved in the computerisation of reporting files. He subsequently transferred to Dun & Bradstreet European Business Information Centre as a Systems Analyst, latterly working on simultaneous translations between English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and

Portuguese. Taking early retirement, Peter was able to indulge his interests in playing the piano (especially duets), opera, gardening, bridge (Director, Woodside Bridge Club, Amersham), crosswords, games of Upwords and family life. In 1965 Peter married Audrey, who died in 2006. They had two children, Louise and Mike.

**1949 CHEERS**, Brian, brother of Francis Cheers (1937) and uncle of Christopher Francis Cheers (1981), died 11 August 2021, aged ninety-two. After Bury Grammar School and National Service as Aircraftman Second Class (AC2), RAF Bridgeworth, then RAF Cosford, Brian read Mechanical Sciences (Exhibitioner). Moving to Canada in 1952, he was appointed Defence Scientist, Department of National Defence, working as an aeronautical engineer for the Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment (CARDE) and the Defence Research Establishment, Valcartier (DREV), and from 1968 to 1972 he held the post of Scientific Liaison Officer, Canadian Defence Research Staff, Washington DC. Brian enjoyed travelling, gardening and reading, but his favourite pastime was music, and he was for many years a member of l'Atelier de musique ancienne de Québec (Quebec Ancient Music Workshop). A proud Johnian, who often spoke warmly of his time at the College and at Cambridge, in 1955 Brian married Florence, who died in 1998. They had one daughter, Pamela.

**1949 CRAWLEY-BOEVEY**, Sir Thomas Michael Blake, known as Tim, father of William (Bill) Walstan Crawley-Boevey (1978), died 9 March 2021, aged ninety-two.



After National Service (Second Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry) and Wellington College, Tim read English. He then worked as a Shipping Agent before joining the Consumers' Association (1961–82). There he assumed a number of roles, including Editor, *Money Which?*; Editor and Editor-in-Chief, *Which?* Tim also published two books: *Buying, Selling and Owning Shares* (Consumers' Association, 1987) and *Finance Your Future* (Consumers' Association, 1989). He was a member, Council Insurance Ombudsman Bureau (1985) and Master, Girdlers' Company (1992–93). On the death of his father in 1968, Tim succeeded as the 8th Baronet Barrow of Highgrove in Gloucestershire, although he seldom used the title. A modest and self-effacing man with a keen sense of humour, his interests included travelling and making films of his travels. Tim married twice: first, in 1957, Laura, who died in 1979, with whom he had two sons, Thomas and Bill; second, in 2003, Judith Tillotson, who survived him.

**1949 HARRIS**, David Russell, son of Henry Albert Harris (Fellow 1937–68), died 2 April 2021, aged ninety-three. After The Perse School and military service (Fleet Air Arm, RNAS, last ship HMS *Illustrious*), David read Agriculture, later completing a teaching qualification, and played Ice Hockey for the University. Working as an ecologist, he held posts as Overseas Consultant, Hunting Aerosurveys, Elstree (later Hunting Technical Services) in Africa, Middle East and Pakistan; Technical Officer (Soils), UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (Africa and Middle East); Senior Land Husbandry Officer, Northern Region, Government of

Malawi; and Senior Consultant, ULG Consultants Ltd (International Development and Natural Resources). He then continued as a Freelance Agriculture Consultant, advising on land use, waste and water, in the UK and developing countries. A member, Norfolk Broads Authority Consultative Committee, and Management Committee, Littlehall Museum, Lavenham, David actively supported the Suffolk Preservation Society (Life Member). In 1955 David married Janet, who predeceased him. They had three children, Christopher, Anthony and Mary.

**1949 NEDDERMAN**, John Midgley, brother of Ronald (Ron) Midgley Nedderman (1953) and great-uncle of Neil Matthew Tinmouth Housby (2006), died 14 May 2021, aged ninety-one. After Leighton Park School, John read Mechanical Sciences (Minor Scholar) and won Hockin, Hughes and two College Prizes. He later completed a DIC (Diploma of Imperial College). John's career was in the management of nuclear power plant construction and testing, mainly in Japan, on which he published numerous papers in *Nuclear Engineering International*. He also wrote on tsunamis in the Pacific Basin, designing power plants to withstand earthquakes, and an analysis of the strength of opposition to nuclear power in Japan. After many years of working in Japan, John returned to the UK to Settle, Yorkshire, where he was living at the time of his death. In 1960 John married Misa, who died in 2003.

**1949 ROSS**, Graham, died 19 January 2021, aged ninety. After Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, and National Service as Craftsman in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical

Engineers, Graham read Natural Sciences, followed by a Diploma in Agriculture. He rowed for the LMBC, in the 1950 Mays the Fifth VIII achieved four bumps with Graham at Number 6. He then became District Advisor, National Agricultural Advisory Service, Ministry of Agriculture, South Derbyshire (1953–66), in his final years completing an external BSc (Econ), University of London. This led to Graham's appointment as Lecturer in Agricultural Economics, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (1966–83), after which he worked for a number of years as an Agricultural Consultant. With affection for the College, Graham enjoyed returning for reunion dinners until age and declining health made such visits impossible. In 1956 Graham married Christine, who survived him. They had four children, Jane, Mary, Julian and Joseph.

**1949 SCOTT**, Gordon Wood, died 25 July 2021, aged ninety-two. After Leighton Park School, Reading, and National Service (Royal Artillery), commissioned as Second Lieutenant, 24th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Sheerness, Kent, Gordon read Economics and Law. He was Captain, First Rugby XV, rowed for the LMBC (Rugger Boats) and played Cricket and Tennis. Gordon qualified as a Chartered Accountant, working for Thompson McClintock (later part of KPMG), but he and his wife, Pat, followed their hearts and bought a small dairy farm, Shewte, on the western edge of Dartmoor. Here their great pleasure was fox hunting, more for the joy and freedom of riding across wild open spaces than to control the fox population. Eventually

arthritis took its toll, an infirmity met with indomitable resilience, but Gordon's 'kindness, modesty, manners and gentleness' shone through, and he is remembered with great affection. A devoted grandfather, he particularly enjoyed games of hide and seek in the garden and playing the piano. In 1955 Gordon married Pat, who predeceased him. They had two children, Sara and Patrick.

**1950 COOPER**, The Revd Canon Michael Leonard, brother of John Sydney Cooper (1945), died 13 October 2021, aged ninety. After Cranbrook School, Michael read Modern and Medieval Languages (Exhibitioner), was Captain, Hockey Third Team, a member, Lady Margaret Players, and Secretary, Student Christian Movement. Following Cuddesdon College, he was ordained (1955) and served his title as Curate, St John's, Croydon (now Croydon Minster). During three ten-year incumbencies, Diocese of Canterbury, Michael was Rural Dean, Sutton, and Honorary Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover (later to the Bishop of Tonbridge), and in 1976 was appointed Honorary Canon, Canterbury Cathedral. In retirement, he moved with his wife, Susan, to her benefices in West Kent and then Northumberland, where he embraced life in the rural North. Michael established a community orchard, volunteered in the local Heritage Centre and sang in the choral society (having by now given up madrigals and acting). A long-time active supporter of Amnesty International, he wrote weekly letters to and for prisoners of conscience. In 1991 Michael married Susan, who survived him.

**1950 DANEFF**, Stephen Constantine Vladimir, died 20 April 2020, aged eighty-eight. After American Robert College, Istanbul, and St Peter's School, York, Stephen read Modern and Medieval Languages (Exhibitioner), designed theatre sets and wrote poetry. Born in Bulgaria, where two of his ancestors were prime minister, after his mother died, Stephen came to England to live with his sister. His knowledge of European culture and languages was valuable in Stephen's work as journalist for the *Daily Express* and *The Daily Telegraph*, using the nom de plume Stephen Constant. Later Stephen wrote *Foxy Ferdinand, Tsar of Bulgaria* (Sidgwick and Jackson, 1979), the story of a flamboyant German princeling and Austro-Hungarian army officer who aspired to create a new Byzantium, a vision incompatible with Bulgaria's Second World War alliance with Germany. Dapper and witty, a keen follower of current affairs and lover of puns, Stephen dressed immaculately as he embraced the lifestyle of an English gentleman. Stephen married Rosemary, who had worked at Bletchley Park and predeceased him. There was one daughter, Tiffany, and a stepson, Oliver.

**1950 GOULTHORPE**, Air Commodore Peter John CBE, known as Charlie, died 23 October 2021, aged ninety-one. After Harrogate Grammar School and an Apprenticeship Course, RAF Halton, Charlie read Mechanical Sciences, rowed for the LMBC, and was an RAF Officer Cadet, University Air Squadron, learning to fly. Early career in the RAF included research; teaching in the UK and at the Air Force Institute of Technology, USA; and



Charlie Goulthorpe (1950)

intelligence. Subsequent postings were the MoD and Station Commander, RAF Leconfield, RAF Abingdon, and RAF St Athan, returning to the Station where he had learned Latin for Cambridge admission and now became the RAF's senior officer in Wales. Appointed CBE (1983), Charlie then worked for British Aerospace in Saudi Arabia. In retirement he took up gliding and enjoyed walking holidays with his wife in the mountains and countryside of the UK and Europe. He loved St John's, where friends called him Charlie, a name cherished for life. A kindly man with a smile that 'lit up a room', in 1956 Charlie married Win, who survived him. They had two children, Claire and Mark.

**1950 LAISTER**, Bryan Highfield, died 23 May 2019, aged eighty-eight. After King Edward's School, Birmingham, and the Intelligence Corps, Bryan read Modern and Medieval Languages (Exhibitioner, City of Birmingham Scholarship) and rowed for the LMBC. He became a schoolmaster, teaching in East Yorkshire and Birmingham. In 1961, Bryan was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn and moved into educational administration as

Schools Management Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council. Subsequent appointments were Further Education Officer, then Deputy Chief Education Officer, Devon County Council, and Director of Education, London Borough of Havering. Bryan was also Company Director, Jobs Ideas and Information Generator Computer Assisted Learning (JIIG – CAL Ltd). In 1970 Bryan married Ruth, who survived him. They had one son, Julian. A humorous raconteur, one of Bryan's stories concerned wartime evacuation to Mable, Worcestershire. The bedroom shared with his cousin opened onto a storeroom for apples and pears, which they surreptitiously ate at night. However, they were discovered when the storeroom light attracted the attention of an ARP Warden who suspected German bombers were being guided to Birmingham and Coventry!

**1951 BASON**, Richard (Dick) Henry, died 22 October 2021, aged ninety. After Reigate Grammar School and National Service (Royal Signals), Dick read English. He worked initially for WG Pye, followed by St Albans civil engineers, Sangers, before returning to Cambridge, first as Technical Officer, then Superintendent, Laboratories of Organic and Inorganic Chemistry. Dick subsequently joined the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, working on numerous initiatives, from food subsidies to the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB), occasionally supporting Ministers in the House of Commons and later becoming a regular commuter to Brussels. A great Francophile – a good French speaker, whose map of France was oriented



**Dick Bason (1951)**

by favourite food and wine – he was a voracious reader on many subjects, not least Wellington, Napoleon, the British Raj, Kipling and Patrick Leigh Fermor. Remembering St John's affectionately and wearing his College tie at every opportunity, decency, kindness, generosity and an endless supply of stories marked Dick out to all who knew him. Dick was married for sixty-six years to Sheila, who survived him, along with their children, Susan, Richard and Helen.

**1951 JONES**, Professor Alan, died 25 September 2021, aged eighty-eight. After Manchester Grammar School, Alan read Oriental Languages (Exhibitioner), was awarded a Scholarship, College Prizes and Travel Exhibitions, and played Badminton (Secretary and Second Team Colours). In a career of four decades at the University of Oxford, he lectured in Arabic, Turkish and Islamic Studies, becoming Professor of Classical Arabic. Founding Fellow, Senior Tutor and first Vice-Master, St Cross College, Alan was the first Tutorial Fellow in Arabic,

and Senior Tutor, Pembroke College, served on the University General Board, and was twice Chairman, Oriental Faculty Board. Multi-lingual, a noted Arabist and leading scholar in Quranic studies, he published monographs on Early Arabic Poetry and a translation of the Qur'an (2007). Honoured with a Festschrift (2004), *Islamic Reflections, Arabic Musings*, Alan held visiting professorships throughout Europe and the Middle East. He was known for his energy, warmth, resilience, humour and kindness, and was immensely loyal to the University and his colleges, even in retirement. In 1954 Alan married Margaret, who predeceased him. They had three children, Deborah, Helen and Michael.

**1951 MORRIS**, Anthony (Tony) Walter, died 10 June 2021, aged ninety. After Shrewsbury School, Tony read Law and was Secretary, Cricket First Team (1952/53), then Captain (1953/54), one of the College's best seasons for several years, contributing consistent runs in his side's success. He also played Squash (Second Team). Tony's career was as a Management Consultant in financial marketing, gaining qualification on the London Graduate School of Business Studies Sloan Fellowship Programme (1972/73). A Cambridgeshire County Councillor and active member of the Conservative Party, he maintained an enthusiastic interest in politics and was always prepared to listen to the opinions of others on a range of subjects. Tony was an avid reader of *The Economist*, enjoyed his garden and was a member of the Tibbs Dementia Foundation, deriving much support and pleasure from their music and poetry programme, especially online during

lockdown. Tony was married to Josephine, who predeceased him.

**1951 NICHOLLS**, David Alan CMG CB, died 15 May 2021, aged eighty-nine. After Cheshunt Grammar School, David read Modern and Medieval Languages (Scholar, Wright's and Tripos Prizes). Following an RAF commission (Flying Officer), his career was as a respected diplomat, with posts initially at the Admiralty, the Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Office, leading to Assistant Secretary, General for Defence Planning and Policy, NATO, and Deputy Under Secretary (Policy and Programmes), MoD. David was a Defence Consultant with Industry and Academia; Senior Political-Military Associate, Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1991–2014); Visiting Fellow, Magdalene College (1989/90); Associate Fellow, Royal Institute of International Affairs (1990–93); Honorary Fellow, University of Birmingham (1992–98); and Chairman, Defence and Security Committee, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1994–2004). A talented linguist and artist, David was Chairman, Society for Italic Handwriting, and was honoured by Companionships, Order of St Michael and St George (1984) and Order of the Bath (1989). David married Margaret, who died shortly after he did. They had two daughters, Amanda and Camilla.

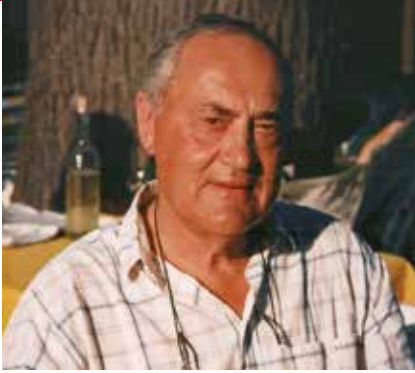
**1951 PEELING**, Professor (William) Brian CBE, died 20 July 2021, aged ninety. After Kingswood School, Bath, Brian read Natural Sciences/Clinical Medicine, adding BChir and MB. A Larmor Award winner and member, College Music Society (playing the

piano, May Concert, 1954), Brian won Hockey Colours, a Blue and a Welsh cap in his first year, and was elected a Hawk. Completing surgical training at the London Hospital (including Robertson Travelling Fellowship), Presbyterian-St Luke's Hospital, Chicago (1961/62), and at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, Brian was Consultant Surgeon, Urology, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Honorary (later Emeritus) Professor in Urological Surgery, University of Wales College of Medicine. He was President, Section of Urology, Royal Society of Medicine (1992/93). Brian edited *Questions and Uncertainties about Prostate Cancer* (Blackwell Science, 1996) and wrote articles, his eminence in the field of Urology recognised by a CBE (2002) and St Peter's Medal, British Association of Urological Surgeons. He was co-founder and President, St Woolos Sinfonia, based at Newport Cathedral. In 1957 Brian married Audrey, who predeceased him. They had two children, Robert and Gillian.

**1951 ROBINSON,** (Thomas) Brian, died 12 December 2021, aged eighty-nine. After Wigan Grammar School, Brian read Mechanical Sciences. Emigrating to Montreal, Brian worked for Northern Electric Company, rising to Supervising Engineer, and Assistant Superintendent, Product Engineering, before moving to Ontario and employment with Bell-Northern Research, finally as Staff Engineer, Electronic Switching Development, Bell Canada. In retirement, he found 'life, love [and] peace' in Nova Scotia, describing it as being 'as close to Eden as I will ever be'. Employing writing skills learned while on

courses at Acadia University, his memoirs, *From Far Away Shores* (Lulu.com, 2010), reissued as *Somewhere Near Eden* (2013), trace his life from childhood Lancashire, through fondly remembered undergraduate days at St John's, to retirement to his personal paradise in rural Nova Scotia. Copies of both books reside in the College Library. Brian married twice: first, in 1954, Judy (died 1994), having met her when she was a nurse at Addenbrooke's, with whom he had David, Christine, Michael, Peter and Kim; and, in 1996, Barbara, who survived him, gaining two stepchildren, Erika and Sharon Lloyd.

**1951 WEBBER,** David Malcolm TD, died 10 January 2021, aged eighty-nine. After Wycliffe College, David read Law and played for the First Rugby XV. He was called to the Bar by Grays Inn and then enjoyed a long career (1957-96) as a barrister on the Wales and Chester Circuit, retiring in 1996. David was also a Director, Principality Building Society; Chairman, Appeals Service, Wales, Medical and Disability Tribunals; and a Governor and generous benefactor of Wycliffe College, returning as recently as 2019 to talk fondly about his school days and to propose a toast on behalf of his contemporaries. David was Vice President and Trustee, Glamorgan Wanderers RFC; a member of Cardiff County Club and of Cardiff Golf Club; and a Church Warden. From 1951 to 1966 he served in the Territorial Army, Monmouthshire Regiment, becoming a Major in the Second Battalion and awarded the Territorial Decoration. Recreational interests included music, walking and gardening. In 1961 David married Ann, who survived him. They had two daughters, Catherine and Helen.



David Whitaker (1951)

**1951 WHITAKER**, David Haddon OBE, son of Edgar Haddon Whitaker (1927), died 4 August 2021, aged ninety. After Marlborough College and National Service (Coldstream Guards; Second Lieutenant, Queen's Own Royal West Surrey Regiment) David read English/Moral Sciences and rowed for the LMBC. His career was with the family publishers, J Whitaker & Sons, latterly as Chairman, until retirement (1997). He led the creation of the Standard Book Number system, then its development world-wide (ISBN) and other book trade initiatives including Public Lending Right. David was Editor, *The Bookseller* (1977–79), the 'best and happiest years' of his working life. He was appointed OBE (1991). Said to have 'dragged the book world into the 20th century and prepared it for the 21st; difficult, but insightful and ultimately kind; David was an innovator and educator, actively promoting equality for women. In retirement his committee memberships continued, including Johnian Society, and he took up long-distance hiking. In 1959 David married Veronica (deceased), gaining stepdaughter Lee, and having Martin, Jane and Rupert; in 1976 Audrey; and in 1994 Maggie, who survived him.

**1952 HAGUE**, David William Taylor, brother of Michael Taylor Hague (1947), died 6 December 2020, aged eighty-eight. After Radley College and Tabor Academy, Massachusetts (American Exchange Scholar), David read English and Moral Sciences. He made an outstanding contribution to the LMBC as rower, Secretary (Michaelmas term 1954), coach for the Bumps and Henley, Reading and Hamburg Regattas (1954/55), and Club historian. With John Hall-Craggs (1953), David helped lead the editorial team that produced *The Lady Margaret Boat Club History Volume II* (1955) 'to commemorate the five years Headship of the River,' a feat then equalled by only two other University boat clubs. Initially involved in the textile industry, David then bought a mushroom farm in Cheshire. Threatened by EU subsidies, he bought a beautiful country pub near Hereford. In the mid 1990s, David retired to Lymington, Hampshire, drawn by his passion for yacht racing. He kept a yacht in Anglesey, regularly competing in Irish Sea races, including success in Fastnet Races. Jazz was another huge passion. David married Nova. They had three children, Kate, Samantha and Benjamin. All survived him.



David Hague (1952)

**1952 HOLMES**, Professor Kenneth (Ken) Charles, grandfather of Tadeusz (Tads) Sebastian Ciecierski-Holmes (2017), died 2 November 2021, aged eighty-six. After Chiswick County School, Ken read Natural Sciences, rowed and coached for the LMBC, and was a member, Natural Sciences Club. Completing a PhD (London 1959), he joined the Scientific Staff, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, before moving to Heidelberg, in 1968, as Leader, then Director, Department of Biophysics, Max Planck Institute of Medical Research. With Gerd Rosenbaum, Ken founded the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Hamburg, undertaking visionary work in building the first X-ray beamline and using diffraction in the study of the physiology and molecular mechanism of muscle contraction. Professor of Biophysics, Heidelberg University (1972–99), publishing papers and a biography of Aaron Klug (2017), and appointed FRS (1981), his accolades included Gabor Medal (1997), European prizes and Lennart Philipson Award (EMBL 2021). Ken's pioneering work, allied to a deep and infectious enthusiasm for science, remains influential in structural biology research. He enjoyed rowing and singing. In 1957 Ken married Mary, who survived him. They had four children.

**1952 PERRY**, Victor, grandfather of Thomas John James (2005), died 9 January 2021, aged ninety-one. After Liverpool Institute High School and gaining a Major Scholarship in Classics, Victor read Theology and was a member, Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union. For twenty-five years he was Tutor Librarian, North East Wales

Institute for Higher Education. Victor maintained a lifelong interest in theology and the Protestant Reformation and, having retired to Ely, regularly worked in the College Library, much of his time devoted to compiling information on the various Bibles held by the College. He has left his 1684 copy of *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* to the College Library. In 1953, while an undergraduate, Victor married Phyllis, who predeceased him. They had two children, Dawn and Nigel.

**1952 SMALL**, Brian Thomas Cartner MBE, died 20 July 2020, aged eighty-eight. After Alderman Newton's School, Leicester, Brian read History and Law (McMahon Law Studentship, 1956), played for the Rugby First XV and the University LX Club (Colours 1954/55), rowed for the LMBC, and was a member of the Law Society. Returning to Leicester and qualifying as a Solicitor, Brian became Partner at R G Frisby and Small. He was President of the Leicestershire Law Society (1983–84) and appointed MBE (1977, Services to the Leicester Family Housing Association Ltd). Brian represented Ivanhoe Cricket Club for twenty years and played for Westleigh and Leicestershire Rugby Football Clubs. He also played 159 games for Leicester Tigers, a first-team regular for almost a decade, and became President of the Tigers (1989–91). Peter Tom, Tigers' Chairman, commented: 'Brian was always thought of fondly... both as a player and later in an era when the Club relied on the voluntary efforts of so many unsung people'. Brian was married to Veronica, who predeceased him. They had three children, Steve, Jude and Helen.



**1952 SYKES**, Dr Richard Dodgson, son of William Dodgson Sykes (1908), nephew of David Thomas Sykes (1918) and brother of Stephen Whitefield Sykes (1958, Fellow 1964–74/1985–90, and Honorary Fellow 2009–14), died 17 September 2021, aged eighty-nine. After Bristol Grammar School, Richard read Classics (Minor Scholar, Larmor Award, College Prize and Denney Studentship), played Rugby and rowed for the LMBC (Rugger Boats). He was later elected Fellow Commoner (Lent term 2000). Completing a PhD (Princeton, 1959) and qualifying in Social Work, Richard co-founded Bristol ME Group and was Founder and Director, Westcare UK, a national charity providing professional services for people with ME. He was also instrumental in setting up a National Task Force on ME, whose report (published 1994) was among the first to take the illness seriously. Described as ‘a fine rock climber’, Richard was a member of the Climbers’ and Alpine Clubs and took part in the British Alpine Ski Traverse (1972). Respected for his integrity and reliability, he ‘put his heart and soul’ into helping people with ME. Richard was married to Aina, who predeceased him.

**1953 BLISS**, Dr Neil Welbourne, died 29 May 2021, aged eighty-eight. After Kent College, Canterbury, and National Service (Air Navigator, 202 Squadron, Coastal Command, RAF), Neil read Natural Sciences (Mineralogy/Geology). Secretary, Athletics Club (Colours), a Hawk and a member, University Alverstone, Achilles and Mountaineering Clubs, he was awarded a grant from the Tennant Fund for a geological, petrological and botanical survey

of the Lofoten Islands. Neil’s career was as a geologist, working initially in Canada, then on a survey in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Completing an MSc at McGill University, Montreal, where he later returned to add a PhD (1973), Neil was Chief Geologist, Alcan International Ltd; a Consultant, Harvey Aluminum Co and Aluminpro; and Director, Northern Shield Resources. Respected internationally for his knowledge and understanding of bauxite geology in the aluminium production process, he had a love of the outdoors, appreciation for aviation, devotion to service and a passion for sports. In 1965 Neil married Judy. She and their eldest daughter, Jenny, sadly predeceased him, but he was survived by their other children, Bryan, Ian, Colin and Kathryn.



**Peter Dutton (1953)**

**1953 DUTTON**, Peter, died 31 December 2020, aged eighty-five. After Chester City Grammar School, Peter read English (Exhibitioner, Hart Prize), played Football (Half-Colours) and was a member, Wordsworth Society. He was involved, as News Editor, in the first Oxford edition of *Varsity*, later becoming Editor, writing an account of its production in *The University of*

*Cambridge: an 800th Anniversary Portrait* (Third Millennium, 2008), a copy of which is held in the College Library. Following National Service (Royal Signals), including active service in Malaya as a Second Lieutenant, Peter had a thirty-eight-year career with Proctor & Gamble, latterly Head of Public Affairs. He contributed numerous articles and papers in business, professional and academic journals and was a member of industry, governmental and academic bodies. Peter served on the Management Committee, People's Theatre Arts Group, Newcastle upon Tyne, as a School Governor, and on the Advisory Committee on Employment of the Disabled. In 1958 Peter married Charmaine, who predeceased him. They had three daughters, Rosalind and Jane, and Alison, who sadly died in 1990.

**1953 NEDDERMAN**, Dr Ronald (Ron) Midgley, brother of John Midgley Nedderman (1949), father-in-law of Guy Tinmouth Houlsey (1972) and grandfather of Neil Matthew Tinmouth Houlsey (2006), died 18 May 2021, aged eighty-five. After Leighton Park School, Ron read Mechanical Sciences/Chemical Engineering (Townsend Scholar; Wright's Prizes; Esso Studentship), later completing a PhD (Fluid Flow) and MEng. Demonstrator, then University Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering, Founding Fellow, Darwin College (1964), recipient of Beilby Medal and Prize (Royal Society of Chemistry), in 1981 he was elected Fellow, Trinity College, also serving as Tutor. Ron's research on two-phase flow, later in granular statics and dynamics, proved seminal, and as an inspiring supervisor, excelling at examining and setting Tripos

questions, he was known for his humility, generosity and gentle humour. Ron's interests included ornithology, botany, gardening and, most importantly, Scottish country dancing. He was Senior Treasurer, Cambridge University Strathspey & Reel Club, and Chairman, Cambridge and District Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. In 1962 Ron married Susan, herself a brilliant country dancer, who died in 2000. They had two children, Jenny and Angus.

**1953 YOUNG**, Kenneth Charles Stewart, son of Andrew Blackwood Stewart Young (1919) and nephew of Thomas Charles Young (1918), died 31 October 2021, aged eighty-six. After Fettes School, Kenneth read Classics, played Tennis, Squash (Captain), Hockey and rowed for the LMBC. In 1962 Kenneth joined the Exchange Telegraph Company (Extel), a financial and sports news agency, as Sports Services Manager. When the Betting, Gaming and Lottery Act (1961) legalised off-course betting, Extel was in a unique position to provide news from racecourses to betting shops. In 1992 Kenneth was appointed Chief Executive of the Horse Racing Advisory Council, which together with the Jockey Club represented the racing industry in the formulation and establishment of the British Horseracing Authority. In retirement, Kenneth became a racecourse steward at Lingfield Park and at Warwick. He was also Chairman, Buckinghamshire branch of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, and ran a roving syndicate for like-minded shooters. In 1961 Kenneth married Elizabeth, who survived him. They had two daughters, Kate and Miranda, the latter sadly predeceasing Kenneth.

**1954 BOOTH**, (Colin) Graham, died 15 December 2021, aged eighty-eight. After King George V School, Southport, Graham read Economics, played Rugby for the Second XV and rowed for the LMBC. His career started in 1957 with Unilever, after which he worked for Bowater Scott Paper Company. Positions held included Mill Manager, Barrow-in-Furness; Personnel and Public Affairs Director, Bowater Scott; President, Taiwan Scott; and, finally, Director-General, Grupo Crisoba, Mexico, until 1993. In retirement Graham rediscovered philately, becoming an active member of societies in Sussex and a Fellow of both the Royal Philatelic Society London and the Society of Postal Historians. He exhibited philately and postal history in competitions nationally and internationally, winning numerous medals, and in 2020 the Stuart Rossiter Trust published Graham's book *Crisis in The Cayman Islands Post Office*, based on his original research. He was also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, UK (MCIPD). Graham had two sons, Paul and Simon.

**1954 FRYER**, The Revd George, brother of Henry Arthur Prossliner Fryer (1964), died 18 May 2019, aged eighty-five. After Falmouth Grammar School, George read Geography (Exhibitioner), was Secretary, then President, of the Purchas Society, and rowed for the LMBC. He then studied for a year at the University of Vienna before embarking on a twenty-year career in Town Planning (1959–79), working in Essex, Bedfordshire, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. During this time, George studied at both University College, London

(1962–64), and at St Stephen's House Theological College (1973–76), where he was admitted to the Auxiliary Pastoral Ministry course in preparation for serving as a Non-Stipendiary Minister for almost twenty years. George held various appointments as Deacon, Curate, Vicar, Priest-in-Charge, and Honorary Curate in the Dioceses of Oxford, Lincoln, Wakefield and Peterborough, concluding his clerical career with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Oxford (2008–12). George was married to Muriel, who survived him, dying in January 2022. They had two children, Louise and Nick.

**1954 HERMON-TAYLOR**, Professor John Hermon, son of Hermon Taylor (1923) and brother of Richard James Hermon Taylor (1960), died 16 October 2021, aged eighty-five. After Harrow School, John read Natural Sciences, adding BChir, MB and MChir, and played for the Rugby First Team. A distinguished winner of several prizes, he became Reader in Surgery, London Hospital and Medical College, later Professor, Chairman of Surgery, and Honorary Consultant Surgeon, St George's Hospital Medical School. John held visiting professorships (latterly at King's College, London), published scientific papers on gastric disorders, and made a significant contribution to the study of Crohn's disease, through investigation of John's disease in cows and research into the bacterium called *Mycobacterium avium*, subspecies *paratuberculosis* (MAP), which he suspected provided a link with the human disease. John worked on a vaccine against MAP and tirelessly promoted it, once tests proved

positive, although it is yet to be approved. His hobbies included fishing, sailing, shooting and gardening. In 1971 John married Eleanor, sharing with her a love of poetry. She survived him, along with their children, Amy and Peter.

**1954 REID**, Patrick Murray, died 18 December 2020, aged eighty-nine, and as his wife Paula said Patrick would have preferred, ‘in his ninetieth year’. After Upper Canada College, Toronto, and Trinity College, Toronto, Patrick read Economics. He then returned to Canada and became a Federal Civil Servant. Following early retirement in the 1980s, contemplative practice became part of Patrick’s daily life. In 2012, following in the footsteps of family, Patrick moved from Quebec to Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia. There he quickly built up a large network of friends through the parish of St Hilda’s and the Coastal spiritual community. A kind, humble and deeply spiritual man, Patrick enjoyed silent contemplation, conversation, the company of family and friends, good food, and the beauty of the British Columbia coastline. Patrick is survived by Paula; his children, Graham, Brendan and Hannah; and his stepdaughter, Stephanie.

**1954 TAIT**, Arthur Gordon, grandson of Arthur James Tait (1891), son of George Aidan Drury Tait (1921), brother of Richard Drury Tait (1956) and father of Celia Helen Gilbert Tait (1983), died 13 January 2021, aged eighty-six. After Eton College, Arthur read History; played Cricket and Football; joined the May Ball Committee; and was Chairman, CUUNA. After a long career at

ICI, rising to HQ Project and International Personnel Manager, he was Secretary-General, Institute of Actuaries. Arthur was Fellow, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, and of the Royal Society of Arts. Voluntary activities included Chairman, Friends of Brompton Cemetery; Chairman, National Federation of Cemetery Friends; and Church Warden, St Mary the Boltons. He published *A Story of Staple Inn on Holborn Hill* (2001), *St Mary the Boltons – The Country Church in Kensington and Chelsea* (2004), and was awarded the British Empire Medal (2020) for services to the community. Recreational interests included family, friends, sport, music, theatre and reading. In 1958 Arthur married Ann, who survived him, with Gordon, Clare, Celia and Michael. Another son, Charles, sadly died young.

**1954 WALKER**, Major Michael Giles Neish CBE, died 29 September 2021, aged eighty-eight. After Shrewsbury School and National Service (Second Lieutenant, Royal Dragoons), Michael read Economics/Law and captained the University Eton Fives team, winning a Blue. Promoted to Major (TA), Fife and Forfar Yeomanry (1954–72), in 1957 he spent nine months observing the jute crops of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) before embarking on a long career with Jute Industries, later Sidlaw Group plc, as Director, Chief Executive (1976–88) and Chairman (1988–99). Further directorships included North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board; Dunedin Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc; Scottish Hydro-Electric plc; and Canadian Helicopters (UK) Ltd. Michael was Chairman, British International

Helicopters, and I & S UK Smaller Companies Trust plc, and was honoured with a CBE (1985). A keen low-handicap golfer, he was a member of The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews; The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers; and Pine Valley Golf Club, in the USA. In 1960 Michael married Margaret. They had three children, Simon, Nicola and Geordie.



John Andrews (1955)

**1955 ANDREWS**, John Malcolm, brother of David Mark Andrews (1949), died 30 October 2021, aged eighty-five. After Bedford Modern School, John read Engineering and captained the LMBC (1957/58). He proudly represented the College on the Cam and at Henley, Marlow, Newquay, Putney and Reading. John's professional career was as design engineer, export sales manager, management consultant, and international marketing manager. In 1990 he set up his own business as a machinery broker, travelling abroad extensively. In 1966 John was a founder member of the Antique Collectors' Club and its first author, publishing *The Price Guide to Antique Furniture* (1968). He was Managing Editor, *Antique Collecting* magazine. Writing

as John Malcolm, in 1984 John published the first of many Tim Simpson novels, *A Back Room in Somers Town*, published by the Collins Crime Club, the art background to many of the novels involving the works of modern painters. John was Chairman, Crime Writers' Association, and a member, Society of Authors. In 1961 John married Geraldine, who survived him. They had one son, Sam.

**1955 BARBER**, The Rt Revd Paul Everard, grandfather of Samuel (Sam) Edward Barber (2021), died 22 February 2021, aged eighty-five. After Sherborne School and National Service, Royal Army Service Corps (rising to Sergeant), Paul read History/Theology and played in the Cricket First XI, recognised as a fine spin bowler. Following Wells Theological College and ordination, he served his title in Westborough, Guildford Diocese, before incumbencies in Camberley (where he established a temporary shelter for the homeless in the Church Room) and Farnham, Surrey. Further appointments included Rural Dean, Farnham; Archdeacon of Surrey; and, in 1989, first Suffragan Bishop of Brixworth, Peterborough Diocese. On retirement to Somerset in 2001, Paul became Honorary Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Bath and Wells, and a Governor, Millfield School. An ardent sports fan, he had a particular love of cricket, football and horse racing, for many years captaining the Guildford Diocese clergy cricket team, and was a member of Northamptonshire and Somerset County Cricket Clubs. In 1959 Paul married Pat, who survived him. They had five children, Jane, Andrew, Philip (sadly died 1966), David and Clare.

**1955 COULTHARD**, Jeremy Ian, died 2 June 2021, aged eighty-five. After Sedbergh School and National Service in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, first as a Cadet and then as Second Lieutenant, Jeremy read History. He also played for the Rugby First Team and shared the leadership of the Cricket Second Team, demonstrating notable consistency as wicket keeper. Jeremy's career was as an Engineer, although the College has no further details of this aspect of his life. He enjoyed a lifelong love of cricket and was a player, Vice-President and generous supporter of Carlisle Cricket Club at their Edenside ground. Mark Davidson, Honorary Secretary, referred to Jeremy as a 'stalwart' of the Club whose long involvement was valued by many other members. Jeremy was married to Gillian, who survived him. They had three children, Julian, Joanna and Jonathan.

**1955 DOWNS**, Professor Anthony (Tony) John, died 30 January 2021, aged eighty-five. After Lincoln School, Tony read Natural Sciences (Wright's Prizes, Scholarship), completed a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry, and was appointed Salters' Fellow, Department of Inorganic Chemistry. He was then Senior Demonstrator and Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry, University of Newcastle. Tony's career was predominantly in Oxford, initially as Senior Research Officer in Inorganic Chemistry. A Fellow, Emeritus Fellow and 'dedicated and inspirational' Tutor in Chemistry at Jesus College, Tony also served the College as Admissions Tutor and Vice Principal. In the University, Tony was Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry, then Professor and Emeritus

Professor of Chemistry. Participating in learned bodies and professional committees, Tony also published numerous books, research papers and review articles. His primary expertise was in main group and transition elements, organometallic chemistry, reaction with intermediates, vibrational spectroscopy and structural chemistry. Tony's work a 'tour de force'. A calm man of 'unfailingly good humour' and generosity, Tony participated in group treks, including the Himalayas, and enjoyed supporting Hampshire County Cricket Club. In 1961 Tony married Mary, who survived him.

**1955 HARDMAN**, Richard Henry, son of Wilfrid Henry Hardman (1913), died 21 January 2021, aged eighty-six. After Oundle School, Richard read Mechanical Sciences, subsequently completing a number of professional qualifications and memberships. Following a Graduate Apprenticeship at Broom and Wade Ltd, Richard was appointed Maintenance Engineer at British Oxygen Ltd. He was then Project Manager for Air Products Ltd and held the same position at Badger Ltd. Finally, in 1983, Richard established his own company, R H Hardman Technical Publications. In 1966 Richard married Mollie, who survived him. Richard had two children, Claire and David.

**1955 MACRORY**, (Robert) Rory (Adolph Frederick), godfather of Rupert Alan Ross-Macdonald, who was the son of Rory's 'dear late Johnian friend, Sandy', died 2 September 2021, aged eighty-seven. After Shrewsbury School and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Rory read Mechanical Sciences and rowed in the LMBC First Boat

(Secretary, 1956/57), racing on the Cam, at Henley, Marlow and Reading, and in the Cornwall gigs. Contemporaneously, he held a Commission in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and saw service in Kenya. Tragically, soon after graduating, Rory fractured his skull, falling from a drainpipe on Quayside. Shortly afterwards, he retired from the Fusiliers on medical grounds. The family believe that the accident ultimately precipitated Alzheimer's disease. As a result, it was believed that Rory's time at St John's amounted to 'the best years of his life'. Rory's career was at George Wimpey & Co; ICI; Rugby Portland Cement for over thirty years, responsible for General and Environment Management; and in retirement, Consultant, British Cement Association. In 1965 Rory married Jenny, who survived him. They had three children, Rob, Jessica and Melanie.

**1955 McCALLIEN**, Colin William John, father of Duncan William John McCallien (1989), died 22 June 2021, aged eighty-five. After Glasgow Academy, Colin read Mathematics, was President of the Adams Society (1957/58), and a member of the University Pentacle Club. He then completed a University of Leeds Diploma in the relatively new subject of Electronic Computation. Joining the UK Atomic Energy Authority as Computer Programmer, Colin stayed for thirty-four years, becoming Principal Scientific Officer. He wrote a number of simulation programs and developed the software for modelling the diffusion of neutrons in nuclear reactor cores. This methodology would ultimately be used on all UK commercial advanced gas



Colin McCallien (1955)

cooled nuclear reactors until the 1990s. Respected professionally and socially, intelligent, modest and stoic, with a dry sense of humour, Colin instilled in his sons an appreciation of their Scottish heritage and the importance of the application of science in everyday life. He retired to Egremont, West Cumbria. In 1963 Colin married Jean, with whom he had Duncan and Alastair. She predeceased him by many years. In later years, Colin's partner was Sylvia.

**1955 ROUNTREE**, His Honour Peter Charles Robert, nephew of Austin James Wilson (1926) and of Frank Albert Wilson (1932), cousin, once removed, of Frederick Donald d'Avray Turney (1929), cousin of (Austin) Raymond Wilson (1957) and of Norman John Wilson (1964), and brother of (Francis James Austin) Patrick Rountree (1952), died 15 July 2021, aged eighty-five. After Uppingham School and Hilton College, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Peter read Economics and Law and was Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Third VI. He was called to the Bar in 1961, became Recorder on the South Eastern Circuit in 1968, and was Court Judge, South Eastern Circuit, from 1986 to 2001. After retiring,

Peter lived in London and Mauritius. His recreations included golf, lawn tennis and sailing. Peter married twice: first, in 1968, Nicola, with whom he had one son and from whom he gained a stepdaughter; second, in 2004, Shirley, from whom he gained a stepson and a stepdaughter.

**1955 WILLCOCKS**, Eric Antony Basdill, died 30 September 2021, aged eighty-six. After Berkhamsted School and National Service (Lieutenant, Royal Artillery), Eric read English and Moral Sciences. A member of the Willows Cricket Club, batting 'lustily', the 'P' Club, Footlights and the ADC, he produced the College Unicorns 'Feet Up' show. Eric's career was in television, film and higher education. Appointments included Account Executive, Ulster TV; Film and TV Producer, Pennsylvania State University; Senior Lecturer, Educational Television and English Literature, Brighton College of Education; Senior Lecturer, Department of Communication and European Studies, Brighton Polytechnic; and Director, Antioch University (Ohio) London Study Centre. There and at the Bloomsbury Centre, Eric developed courses and educational guidance for American undergraduates and postgraduates. With his wife Joyce, whom he married in 1960, Eric enjoyed foreign travel, especially Italy, classical music, jazz, cinema, literature and fine art. Eric was a supporter of the Wigmore Hall, Médecins Sans Frontières, Medical Aid, and the College Old Library, to which he donated a 1765 edition of *The Spectator*. Eric is survived by Joyce.

**1956 BEAL**, David Christopher, died 10 October 2021, aged eighty-four. After King's

School, Peterborough, David read Law (Munsteven Exhibitioner) and captained the Hockey Third Team (1958/59). He was also a collector of veteran motorcycles, of which he owned four, and a keen model engineer. David began his legal career with Phillips, Evans and Dalton, Stamford, where he was an Articled Clerk. On qualifying and being admitted as a Solicitor (1965), he moved to Broadway in Peterborough. From 1972 David was Chief Prosecuting Officer for Mid-Anglia Police Authority and in 1986 he was appointed Chief Crown Prosecutor for Nottinghamshire. David was married to Valerie, who survived him. They had one daughter, Vanessa.

**1956 BROWN**, Graham Rudge, died 16 September 2021, aged eighty-six. After Marlborough College, Graham read Economics and rowed for the LMBC. In training with the Fourth VIII for the May Bumps, 1959, his boat collided with a sailing ship that sank. During a long career, Graham worked for several companies, including ITT, Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co, Western Union and Xerox. In 1961 Graham married Pauline, who survived him.

**1956 HAYES**, David Thornton Crossley, died 12 December 2021, aged eighty-four. After Hutton Grammar School, David read Economics and History and rowed for the LMBC. He enjoyed his time at the College and in later years often looked at photographs of his undergraduate days. David's family established a *Much Loved Tribute* page to raise contributions to the College's Annual Fund. His first employment was at the La Samaritaine department store,



where he learned to speak excellent French. A successful man with great purpose, vision and leadership, in the 1970s David became Managing Director of Southwark Computer Services, selling the firm in the early 1990s to an American company that became Acxiom Corporation. Sadly, David's working life was cut short by a stroke, after which he never worked again. David's stepdaughter, Kirsten, described him as 'a very kind and just man'. David married twice: first, Carole, with whom he had Paul and Melissa; second, Anthea, who predeceased him, from whom he gained two stepdaughters, Danielle and Kirsten, and with whom he had one son, Nicholas.



Tony Pearson (1956)

**1956 PEARSON**, Robert Anthony (Tony), brother of David Brian Pearson (1957), died 19 January 2021, aged eighty-three. After Richmond and East Sheen County Grammar School, Tony read Mathematics (State Scholarship, Hoare Exhibitioner) and was a member of the Chess Club, representing the College with 'consistent success' and playing in the University Championship. Dr Roland Graham, who shared rooms with Tony overlooking the Bridge of Sighs, referred to

Tony playing the piano 'to a high standard' and enjoying cycling. After graduating, Tony completed a Diploma in Numerical Analysis and Automatic Computing. He then worked as a civil servant, initially at the Admiralty Research Laboratory, and then in computing at the Met Office for many years until he retired. A modest man, Tony was married to Shirley, who predeceased him in 2010. Friends described the couple as 'kind, gentle and supportive'.



John Rucklidge (1956)

**1956 RUCKLIDGE**, Professor John Christopher, died 7 May 2021, aged eighty-three. After Carlisle Grammar School, John read Natural Sciences (Mineralogy & Petrology) and was Secretary, then Chairman, Natural Science Club. He rowed for the LMBC, winning an Oar that accompanied him to Toronto, and was on the Cambridge Spitsbergen (1958) and Colombian (1959) Expeditions, later leading the Oxford University East Greenland Expedition.

After a PhD (Manchester, 1962) and postdoctoral positions in Chicago and Oxford, John's long and distinguished career was at the University of Toronto as Professor of Geology and, from 1998, Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences. Working mainly in geochronology, the mineral Rucklidgeite was named after him. John's lifelong passion for climbing and interest in geology had developed in the Lake District in his youth. He had a love of dogs and bicycles, and always belonged to a nearby church choir. John's second wife Irene died in 2009, but he was survived by his first wife, Adeline, and by his partner, Patricia, along with his children, Julia, Alastair, William and Andrew, and stepdaughters, Sarah, Samantha, Victoria and Vanessa.

**1956 WILLIAMS**, Professor Gareth Lloyd, died 25 August 2021, aged eighty-five. After Framlingham College and National Service (Royal Signals), Gareth read Economics (Essay Prize, 1958) and coxed LMBC. Appointments included Principal Administrator, Directorate for Scientific Affairs, OECD, Paris; Assistant Director, Higher Education Research Unit, LSE; Professor, Educational Planning, and Director, Centre for Higher Education Research and Development in Post-Compulsory Education, University of Lancaster. Gareth established an international reputation for analysis of the impact of government funding on universities. His research, with future Education Minister Tessa Blackstone, for the Leverhulme Trust and the Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE) resulted in *Response to Adversity: Higher*

*Education in a Harsh Climate* (1983). As Professor of Educational Administration, Institute of Education, University of London, Gareth was Founding Director, Centre of Higher Education Studies, and involved in establishing an MBA (Higher Education Management). Member of the Political Economy Club and Vice-Chairman and Honorary Fellow, SRHE, Gareth's festschrift (2016) celebrated an 'inspirational teacher' and 'huge contribution to educational research and policy analysis.' Gareth was married to Ann, who survived him. They had three children.



**Nicholas Wood (1956)**

**1956 WOOD**, Nicholas, died 3 October 2021, aged eighty-three. After University College School, Nicholas read Architecture, adding DipArch, won College Prizes twice, a Strathcona Studentship and Travel Scholarships, and was Junior Editor, *The Eagle*. He took part in an expedition to the sunken Roman harbour of Apollonia, having invented an underwater sketchpad using Formica. Employed as an architect by the GLC, Nicholas saw social housing as a challenge to produce the very best homes, but opposed high-rise blocks, designing estates

with similar densities but low-rise and with more open space. Subsequently restoring historic houses in Baghdad and working as an archaeologist in Pompeii, his book *The House of the Tragic Poet* (1996) residing in the College Library. Nicholas became increasingly political. A fervent anti-war campaigner, Joint Secretary, Blair War Crimes Foundation, and co-signatory of the 'Deformed Babies of Fallujah' letter to the UN, he made short films about Iraq and Afghanistan (the latter narrated by Tony Benn). In 1963 Nicholas married Sara, who survived him. They had four children, John, Natasha, Emily and Lincoln.

**1957 DAVIS**, Professor Anthony (Tony) Michael John, died 25 April 2021, aged eighty-one. After East Barnet Grammar School, Tony read Mathematics (Exhibitioner). Awarded a Scholarship, Strathcona Studentship, and College and Wright's Prizes, he completed a PhD, adding a DSc (London). A member, Cygnets Rugby and Willows Cricket Clubs, and Committee Member, Del Squared V Club, Tony also rowed and played Chess and Squash. He held positions as Lecturer and Reader in Mathematics, University College London; Professor, University of Alabama; and visiting posts (Fulbright Scholar, Lecturer and Professor) in the USA, Canada and Australia. Research interests included low-Reynolds number hydrodynamics, scattering of electromagnetic waves, surface gravity waves on water, and acoustic diffraction. Considered a master of analytical techniques, and always willing to pursue new and interesting problems, Tony published over 100 articles in journals. He is remembered for his kindness, as well as his

vast knowledge of applied mathematics. Tony enjoyed following cricket, rugby, English football and baseball. In 1965 Tony married Roberta (Bobbie), who survived him. They had two children, Nigel and Sandra.



**Sandy Grant (1957) with the former President of Botswana, Festus Mogae**

**1957 GRANT**, Ludovic Hamlyn, known as Sandy, died 14 May 2021, aged eighty-four. After Canford School and National Service (RAF), Sandy read History and was Captain of Hockey. He later completed an MSc (Conservation of the Built Environment) at Herriot-Watt University. Grant's interest in Africa resulted in a commitment of over forty years to the history, culture and development of the newly independent Botswana. In the early 1960s he became Co-ordinator of the Mochudi Community Centre and later was Founding Director of the Phuthadikobo Museum, Mochudi. These appointments and Sandy's newspaper articles, radio broadcasts, photographs and books made him well known. His most notable book, *Decorated Homes of Botswana*, was co-produced with his wife, Elinah. Sandy was Development

Organiser, Botswana Christian Council, and served on education and health boards. In 1998 he was appointed to Botswana's first independent Electoral Commission. In recognition of his great contribution to Botswana, on Independence Day 2004 Sandy was awarded the Presidential Order of Honour. Sandy married Elinah in 1989, adopting her son, Zipho. The couple then had another son, Alex. Elinah survived Sandy.

**1957 LEAHY**, James Dampier, died 18 May 2021, aged eighty-two. After Merchant Taylors' School, James read Archaeology and Anthropology (Minor Scholar) and English, was a member of the Debating Society and the Cambridge Union, and a devoted cricketer. A distinguished film historian, screenwriter, critic and lecturer, who challenged convention, James' assignments included Production Team, *Carry on Jack* (1963); collaborating with Hollywood director Nicholas Ray in *Breathing Together*, Chigaco Conspiracy Trail (1969); and co-scenarist and screenwriter, with director Ken McMullen, for *1871*, a Channel 4 feature film based on the Paris Commune, shown at the Cannes, Karlovy Varey and Edinburgh Festivals. Scholarly too, James was Lecturer in Film Studies, Northwestern University, Illinois, USA; Director, Film Studies Unit, Slade School of Fine Art; and delivered a paper to the Pordenone Conference, Italy, celebrating Joseph Losey's centenary. He acted in Noel Burch's *Correction Please* (1979) and in Laura Mulvey's and Peter Wollen's *Crystal Gazing* (1982). As critic, James wrote for the *The Guardian*, international journals and was founding

editor of the film magazine, *Vertigo*. In 1968 James married Gaila, who survived him.

**1957 McKENNAN**, Alexander, died 10 May 2020, aged eighty-one. After Watford Grammar School, Alexander read Archaeology and Anthropology (Part I) and Modern and Medieval Languages (Part II). He taught at Streete Court School, Godstone, Surrey, from 1986 to 1987, and later as a Supply Teacher in North London, but beyond this the College possesses no information regarding his career, recreational interests and personal life, other than that Alexander was married.

**1957 REID**, Professor Peter Lawrence Donald, brother of David John Dacres Reid (1953), died 9 January 2021, aged eighty-three. After Oundle School and National Service, when as First Lieutenant he led a regiment in the Suez Crisis, Peter read Classics and English (Exhibitioner). He played Rugby and rowed for the LMBC. Peter then taught at Trinity College, Glendale; Thacher School, Ojai, California; and Collegiate School, Wanganui, New Zealand. Returning to California, he completed a PhD in Classics (UCLA). Appointed to Tufts University, Massachusetts, Peter taught Greek, Latin and Classics for thirty-seven years. A prominent Medieval Latin scholar, he wrote four books published by the authoritative Corpus Christianorum. He loved teaching and was known as the 'Voice of Tufts', Peter's diction and passion for the spoken word becoming a legend at Tufts and at his church, where he was a frequent lectionary reader. In retirement, Peter lived in Beverly Farms,

Massachusetts, where he enjoyed the beautiful view at West Beach. Peter shared his love of travel and history with his wife, Heather, and son, David, who both survive him.

**1957 STEINBERG**, Professor Jonathan, died 4 March 2021, aged eighty-six. After Walden School (NYC), Economics at Harvard, and US military service in Germany, Jonathan was supervised by Harry Hinsley, his PhD research published: *Yesterday's Deterrent: Tirpitz and the Birth of the German Battle Fleet* (1965). Following a Christ's Research Fellowship, Jonathan was Fellow, Director of Studies in History and Vice-Master, Trinity Hall, and University Lecturer, later Reader. He published a celebrated life of Bismarck, a sparkling history of Switzerland, and a comparative study of German and Italian policy towards Jews. Supervisions and lectures were special occasions, challenging while encouraging participants. With agile intellectual curiosity, an acute mind, and warm humane sympathy, Jonathan resurrected historical figures: values, physical presence, moods, manner, relationships, conversations. From 2000 to 2018, Jonathan was Walter H Annenberg Professor, Modern European History, University of Pennsylvania. Diverse recreational interests included oboe and sport. Jonathan married twice: first, in 1960, Jill, who died in 2017, with whom he had Matthew, Daniel (deceased 2018) and Peter; second, in 2007, Marion, who survived him, gaining stepchildren, Jessica, Deborah and Myron.

**1957 TURNER**, Clive James Forgie, died 27 September 2019, aged eighty-three. After Sedbergh School and National Service

(Officer, Royal Navy), Clive read Law, played for the Cricket First Team and served as Junior Treasurer, Law Society. Meeting his future wife, Jill, a South African, on a skiing holiday, he decided to live in Johannesburg, where the couple married in 1960. After positions with Anglo American and Central Mining Investment Corp, Clive joined UAL, South Africa's first merchant bank. Appointed General Manager (1974) and Executive Director (1984), with the company embracing unit trust operations, Clive became Chairman, UAL Investment Services (1988–93). He was Chairman, Association of Unit Trusts of South Africa (1991–92), and Chairman, RMS Syfrets. Clive's recreational interests were golf, sailing and fly fishing. Like his predecessors, he retained a strong affection for Sedbergh, where he was the third generation of Turners to play First XV Rugby and be Head of School. Clive was survived by Jill. His Memorial Service was held at St Martin's-in-the-Veld, where they married. Clive and Jill had three children, Caroline, Hamish and Simon.

**1958 DERBYSHIRE**, David Michael, died 19 January 2021, aged eighty-two. After Pocklington School, David read Mechanical Sciences. He started work with Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co, followed by a spell with Mitchell Construction, before joining Costain as Project Manager on three notable projects – the M20 motorway in Kent, the Central Motorway East in Newcastle and the London Thames Barrier (at the time the biggest civil engineering infrastructure project in the UK). In 1976 David joined John Howard & Co Ltd, moving to Abu Dhabi, where he continued to live for



David Derbyshire (1958)

forty-four years, working for John Laing, Emirates Holdings, High-Point Rendel, Dhabi Contracting, and eventually setting up his own civil engineering consulting company, Central Project Services. From 1988 to 1992, David worked for the Abu Dhabi Tourist Investment Co and was based in Cairo, overseeing hotel developments in Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and Tunisia. He enjoyed squash, golf and sailing and returned to Pocklington in 2020. In 1963 David married Sandy, who survived him. They had two children, Lisa (who died in 2019) and Nick.

**1958 KILGOUR**, (William) John, father of Christopher (Kit) Edward John Kilgour (1985) and of Adam William Kilgour (1992), died 4 August 2021, aged eighty-one. After Farnham Grammar School and Kentucky University, USA, John read Natural Sciences (Minor Scholar, State Scholarship), coxed for the LMBC, and captained the College's victorious Cuppers Sailing Team. Following PhD research (Guy's Hospital), John worked in nuclear power for Rolls-Royce and then CEGB, where he was union representative, at Gloucester Barnwood Labs, and Berkley

Labs. A lifelong sailor, John was Fleet Captain and Vice Commodore, Frampton-on-Severn Sailing Club, and a qualified Sail Trainer and Powerboat Instructor, teaching hundreds of youngsters. He was Church Warden, PCC Member, and Deanery (Lay Chair) and Diocesan Synod representative, his awkward questions and sense of social justice keeping bishops and deans on their toes. John loved travel and walking in Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the UK. He enjoyed returning to College, classical music and opera. In 1964 John married Pippa, who survived him. They had three children, Kit, Tamsin and Adam; all five are Cambridge alumni.

**1958 WEBSTER**, Brian Robert, died 16 August 2021, aged eighty-three. After The Gateway School, Leicester, and National Service (RAF), Brian read Geography and rowed in the LMBC Second Boat, on the Cam and at Henley. He participated in several expeditions, including the Cambridge Osterdalisen Expedition to study surveying, glaciology and geomorphology in Norway (College Grant, Scandinavian Studies Fund); the Suartisen Glacier Expedition, Norway; and the La Palma Expedition. Brian became a Chartered Town Planner and worked for Glamorgan and Mid-Glamorgan County Councils (1961–76), when he also took a part-time course in Town and Country Planning at the Welsh School of Architecture. Brian was then Assistant Chief Officer, Town Planning, London Borough of Ealing (1976–87). He was a long-serving member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Brian also served on

the Policy, Plans and Transportations Sub-Committee, Association of London Borough Planning Officers.

**1959 BOWATER**, (Frederick) John, brother of Edwin Richard Bowater (1957), died 31 December 2021, aged eighty-three. After Marlborough College, John read Mechanical Sciences and in his final year powerfully led the Rugby Second XV to promotion. His career was in the design, establishment, management and operation of all stages of food processing, storage and refrigeration, becoming a leading figure in the UK and working in every continent. John spent over forty years with the Vestey Group, finally as Chief Engineer and Managing Director. He then established his own engineering consultancy, becoming Senior Partner, FJB Systems, a firm of designers, engineers, consultants and technical specialists concerned with business planning, design and project management of food processing and storage technology. John published widely, especially on refrigeration and food quality, and contributed authoritatively to international conferences. 'An avid engineer who very much enjoyed his time at St John's, John inspired his son and grandson to read Engineering at Cambridge, where he also met his wife of fifty-five years, Meggi, who survived him. They had three children, Anthony, Isabel and Edwin.

**1959 HARTLAND**, John Emeric Heywood, died 17 July 2021, aged eighty-one. After Marlborough College, John read English and was a leading member of the Debating Society. Passionately committed to Europe, in the Council of Europe's Parliamentary

Assembly, John served two presidents, the Secretary General and various Committees. He was Head of the Council's Analysis, Research and Communications Unit and managed over thirty election observations. At the University of Strasbourg, John gave a Philosophy of Science seminar; at the Scuola Superiore Santa Maria, Pisa, he contributed to UN and EU courses on crisis management and conflict resolution; and at the University of Manchester, he was Senior Research Fellow, awarded an MSc. John published articles on science policy, technological innovation, democratisation, international election observations, and human rights. Cultured, well informed and principled, for four decades John was an outstanding European civil servant who in the latter stages of his career was Research Associate, Paris University, and consultant to governments on both sides of the Atlantic. In 1963 John married Geneviève, who survived him. They had two daughters, Christine and Valérie.

**1959 HENDRA**, Anthony (Tony) Christopher, died 4 March 2021, aged seventy-nine. After St Albans School, Tony read English (Exhibitioner, Wright's Prize) and rowed for the LMBC. He was a member of the College's University Challenge Team and performed with John Cleese in the Footlights. Tony became a leading satirist, actor, editor and writer, challenging conventional views and writing *Going Too Far* (1987). Working in the United States and the UK, Tony appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show*; in *This Is Spinal Tap*, playing the cricket-bat-carrying manager of a dysfunctional heavy metal band; edited *National Lampoon*, *The Final Edition* and *Spy* magazine; and

contributed to many journals. He was co-creator and co-producer of *Spitting Image*, a TV puppet show satirising many of the 'great and good'. He also wrote *Father Joe: The Man Who Saved My Life* (2004), about a Benedictine monk who supported Tony at a difficult time in his life. Tony married twice: first, Judith, with whom he had Katherine and Jessica; second, Carla, who survived him, and with whom he had Sebastian, Lucy and Nicholas.

**1959 SHACKLETON**, Francis Roger, died 27 May 2021, aged eighty-one. After Stowe School, Francis read Law, played for the First Rugby XV (Colours) and rowed for the LMBC. Following The College of Law, Guildford, he returned to St John's and completed an LLB, after which Francis was awarded a McMahon Law Studentship (1963). He then joined Addleshaw Sons & Latham as an Articled Clerk, qualified as a Solicitor in 1965, and in 1969 became a Partner, specialising in trusts, tax planning and pensions. Francis also undertook various other appointments, including Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of the Vernon Building Society; for thirty-nine years as a Governor of Manchester High School for Girls and Trustee of its Bursary Fund; for thirty years as a Trustee (fourteen as Chairman) of Manchester Grammar School Trust; and served as Trustee and Chairman of the Bedingfield's Trust, providing scholarships and other awards to Barristers of Gray's Inn. In 1965 Francis married Angela, who survived him, together with their three children, Louise, James and Sarah.

**1959 WOOLLEY**, Dennis, father of Emma Clea McMurray (2003), died 21 July 2021, aged eighty. After Manchester Grammar School, Dennis read Classics (Somerset Wootton Rivers Exhibition) and played for the First Cricket and Football Teams, scoring a century for the former, 'a very fine knock'. While in residence, Dennis was involved in a serious cycling accident, spending twelve weeks in 'old' Addenbrooke's. His Tutor, John Crook (1939, Fellow 1951–2007), was a regular visitor, and became a lifelong friend. Another friend was Mike Brearley (1960, Honorary Fellow), who lunched at Dennis' house on the Sunday rest-day of the legendary Headingley Test Match (1981). Dennis' career was in the NHS, with various appointments in the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority. These included Regional Personnel Officer; Director, Information Services; District General Manager, Scarborough Health Authority; Chief Executive, Yorkshire Services Organisation. Dennis was also Managing Consultant, SECTA, and worked as a private Consultant (1995–2005). Dennis married twice: first, Marian, with whom he had two children, Kevin and Bridget; second, Celia, with whom he had Emma and Andrew. All survived him.

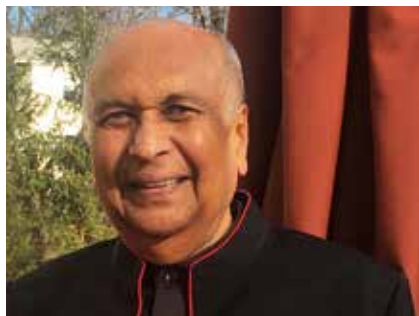
**1960 ARRIENS**, Dr Pieter Albert, brother of Jan Willem Floris Arriens (1965), died 14 July 2021, aged eighty-four. After Wanganui Collegiate School, New Zealand, and Western Australia University (BSc, Geology), Pieter completed a PhD (*The petrology and geochronology of the Koolanooka Hills, Western Australia*). With Hon RA Napier, he set a double sculls Cam record and was



Captain, LMBC. Pieter then became Research Fellow, Department of Geophysics and Geochronology, Australian National University (ANU), his laboratory the only one outside the US to receive Apollo 11 rock samples. He was Founding President, ANU Boat Club (1964), whose red blazer lining celebrated Pieter's LMBC blazer, and was elected Honorary Life Member, Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner. Pieter became an Antarctic scientist, with several years on base and a glacier honouring him. He was a talented outdoor photographer and Life Member, Kosciuszko Huts Association, Snowy Mountains, where he built igloos and became expert in bushcraft. Other interests included growing sequoia trees from seed, conservation, firefighting and organ playing. Studious, with a benign mischievous humour, Pieter was kind, articulate, decent, always true to himself.

**1960 BARFF**, Simon George, died 26 June 2021, aged eighty-two. After Sedbergh School and National Service as Second Lieutenant, 16/5 Lancers, Simon read Engineering, played for the Rugby First Team (Colours), and rowed for the LMBC. His career was primarily as a senior and chief civil engineering estimator for major projects such as bridges, drainage, motorways, power stations and viaducts. Employers included Taylor Woodrow; Marples Ridgeway; Costain; Roberts; Neill Durcon/Bonwill; SM Goldstein, Natal; and Murray & Roberts. Simon was also a Director at some of these companies. In 1963 Simon married Susan, who survived him. They had three children, Patrick, Kate and Thomas.

**1960 BROWN**, Andrew Haydon, cousin of John Haydon Ellis (1960), died 11 November 2021, aged eighty. After Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Andrew read Modern and Medieval Languages and represented the College at Basketball and Football. His career was primarily in North America. Andrew was Senior Consultant, then Principal in the Operations Management consulting group, Stevenson & Kellogg, Toronto, Canada (1974–90). During this time he completed an MBA at York University, Toronto. Andrew was then Division Manager, The Budd & Co, Industrial Engineering, Tennessee (1991–94). Finally, Andrew was Vice-President Consulting Operations, The Leawood Group Ltd (Management Consultants), Leawood, Kansas, USA, specialising in material handling and facility planning (1994–98). In 1964 Andrew married Josephine, who survived him. They had two children, David and Joanna.



Jay Dehejia (1960)

**1960 DEHEJIA**, Jaykumar (Jay) Venilal, brother of Makarand (Mak) Venilal Dehejia (1953), died 27 May 2021, aged seventy-nine. After St Xavier's High School and

Elphinstone College, Bombay, and Institute of Science, University of Bombay (BSc), Jay read Mechanical Sciences (Larmor Award). He played Badminton and Tennis (Colours in both sports; Captain, Badminton; Secretary, Tennis), represented the University, won a badminton Half-Blue and was elected a Hawk. Jay later completed an MA in Industrial Engineering, UCA (Berkeley). A substantial part of his career was spent with ITT, culminating as Chief Operating Officer, ITT Asia Pacific Inc. Outstanding among board memberships and consultancies in strategy, business development, marketing, finance, mergers and acquisitions were Cambridge Group International (Telecommunications Consultants); Callahan Associates International; Parsons, New York; *Letter from America*, Business Goa; and mentoring young professionals. A warm, engaging personality, with a smile and twinkling eyes, Jay was a kindly raconteur and loved putting others at their ease. His glass was always half-full. In 1964 Jay married Vidya, who survived him. They had two sons, Aditya and Nikhil.

**1960 JONES**, Crispin Robert Maitland, died 5 May 2021, aged seventy-nine. After Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames, Crispin read English and Archaeology and Anthropology. Following a PGCE (University of London), Crispin taught in Bristol, Malawi and Croydon, developing the UK's first CSE course in Archaeology at Croydon. Crispin's experiences in Malawi informed his University of London MA in Comparative Education. In 1979 he was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Comparative Education, Institute of Education, University

of London, subsequently becoming Reader. There Crispin created a Centre for Intercultural Education. With the European Union, he established the International Association of Intercultural Education. Crispin published on urban and intercultural education and was Joint Editor, *World Yearbook of Education*. He made significant contributions to initiatives in conflict resolution, notably in Bosnia, Serbia and South Africa. A prolific poet and photographer, in retirement Crispin moved to South Norfolk with his second wife, Rosalind, who survived him. They created a garden with two water meadows planted with *fritillaria meleagris* and other naturalised bulbs. There were four children from Crispin's marriages: Anna, Chris, Emily, Sam.

**1960 WARNER**, Dr Charles, died 24 July 2017, aged seventy-eight. After Radley College and Isle of Wight Technical College, Charles read Natural Sciences, played Rugby, sailed and was a member of the College Refugee Group. After three years as a Research Metallurgist, Johnson Matthey, Wembley, and sailing the Atlantic, he completed an MSc and a PhD at McGill University, Montreal. Charles' career was as a Meteorologist, holding university research appointments at Birmingham, McGill, Virginia, Oxford and Florida. He also became Senior Scientific Officer, Meteorological Office. A member of leading learned bodies, including the Royal Meteorological Society, the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Charles published prolifically in scientific journals. He was awarded the James

Paton Memorial Prize by the Royal Meteorological Society Scottish Branch (1983). With interests in creative writing, Adobe Photoshop 7 and French, in later years Charles also sang tenor with the Haslemere Musical Society and, as a rambler, undertook environmental projects for Surrey County Council.

**1960 WEST**, Richard Geoffrey, died 20 July 2021, aged seventy-nine. After Clifton College, Richard read Classics (Exhibitioner) and Law, preparation for his Part I Examinations being imperilled when his books and notes, travelling in a trunk, disappeared on a railway journey from Glasgow to Cambridge. Having survived this disaster, Richard took Part II in Law, subsequently adding an LLB and an LLM to his first degree. Joining Bond Pearce, Solicitors, Plymouth for his Articles, Richard remained for the whole of his career, as Solicitor and then Partner (1970–97). In 1965 Richard married Joan, who survived him, together with their daughters Lucy and Melanie. A son, James, died in 2013. Richard's funeral procession was dignified by a simple coffin on which rested 'beautiful flowers' and 'Richard's straw hat.' Richard's sister, Liz, described him as 'such a wonderful man.'

**1960 WILLIAMS**, Dr Rendel Brian Glanville, son of Glanville Llewelyn Williams (1931; Fellow 1936–42), died 12 December 2021, aged eighty. After The Leys School, Cambridge, Rendel read Geography (Scholar, College Prize, University William Vaughan Lewis Prize). He then became University Demonstrator in Geography and completed a PhD. In 1968 Rendel was appointed Lecturer

in Geography, University of Sussex, becoming Reader (1986), Chairman of the Faculty, and Emeritus Reader (2004). Together with David Robinson, Rendel made Sussex an internationally renowned centre for experimental rock weathering, collaborating with European and North African colleagues. He was strongly committed to undergraduate fieldwork, with what then seemed exotic trips to Kenya, Morocco, Thailand and Vietnam. Rendel published prolifically, primarily on geographical, geological and wildlife aspects of Sussex, always with an eye to the international context. He loved the South Downs and was Chair, Conservation Committee, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Rendel championed the use of statistics and computers and created an invaluable website of Sussex postcard publishers. In 1967 Rendel married Liz, who predeceased him. They had one son and one daughter.

**1961 BARBER**, John Michael, brother of Donald Peter Barber (1969), died 2 June 2021, aged seventy-eight. After Bede Grammar School, Sunderland, John read Economics (Wright Prize, 1962), was Secretary then Chairman of the Economics Society, Secretary of the University Political Economy Club and Captain in Cross Country, also running for Cambridge University Hare and Hounds. Subsequently, he studied at the London School of Economics and at Henley Business School and was Visiting Fellow, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex. John's career was primarily in HM Treasury; the Ministry of Defence; the Department of Energy; and the Department of Trade and Industry, where he was Director of Technology, Economics, Statistics and

Evaluation and worked in the Innovation Services Directorate and the Business Competitiveness Group. Described as 'an economist who has made pioneering modern contributions to the economics of measurement', John was also Chairman, OECD Committee of Scientific and Technological Policy (1998–2003), a member of various ESRC Committees, and published extensively. In 1983 John married Elizabeth, who survived him. They had two sons, Michael and Andrew.



Credit: George Coulet

**Ranald MacDonell of Glengarry (1961)**

**1961 MACDONELL**, (Aeneas) Ranald Euan, died 30 January 2021, aged seventy-nine. After Bryanston School, Ranald read Modern and Medieval Languages and rowed for the LMBC. His career was with London and Scandinavian Metallurgical Company Ltd (now AMG Superalloys Ltd), becoming Director, travelling widely and respected as

'highly professional the world over'. On his father's death (1999), Ranald became the 23rd Chief of Glengarry and 13th titular Lord MacDonell. Although living in southern England, Ranald was a Hereditary Trustee, Clan Donald Lands Trust Ltd, which oversees Armadale Castle, Gardens and Museum of the Isles and its 20,000 acre estate. Self-effacing, nevertheless he loyally participated in Clan events. Other appointments included worldwide Director, High Council of Clan Donald Ltd; President, Euroalliages (European Trade Association for Ferro Alloys); Patron, the 1745 Association; qualified teacher of English to speakers of other languages, especially business people; first bass in his local choral society. A generous, cheerful, warm personality with a beaming smile, Ranald loved the countryside. He married twice: first, Ann, with whom he had Fiona and Victoria; second, Carolyn, who survived him.

**1961 MILLER**, Alan Bruce, brother of Anthony (Tony) Henry John Miller (1954), died 26 December 2021, aged eighty-one. After Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, and Royal Academy of Music, Alan read Music (Choral Scholar), adding PGCE (Reading 1965). Teaching posts in Cheltenham and York were followed by work in computing, as a Systems Analyst, and fifty years living in Ealing. Alan sang countertenor (Gloucester Cathedral, York Minster, and as a deputy in St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey Choirs), played the organ (ARCO Limpus Prize) and arranged music for his close harmony group, Men Only. He sang with the early Monteverdi Choir, was a member, City Glee Club, and Committee



Alan Miller (1961)

Member, St John's College Choir Association, remembering his time in the Choir with affection. A trained scuba diver and enthusiastic golfer, Alan loved to travel and spent much time in Tenerife. He enjoyed sailing, woodwork, following cricket and visiting gardens, and is remembered for his gentle nature and smiling disposition. Alan's marriage to Bobbie was dissolved. Three children survive: Giles, Sophie and Charlotte; sadly Rosalyn and James died in infancy.

**1961 SAYN**, Jean-Yves, died 23 January 2018, aged eighty-six. Educated in Valence, Lyon and Paris, where he attended the École Centrale des Arts et Manufactures and the Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Économiques, Jean-Yves came to St John's with a British Council Scholarship to study for the Diploma in Comparative Legal Studies. He then returned to France, where he undertook further studies at the Institut d'Études Politiques and the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises. Jean-Yves' doctoral thesis was entitled 'Le contrat avec soi-même en droit

commercial'. He established an independent law practice in Paris and published on legal subjects. In 1957 Jean-Yves married Annie, who predeceased him in 1981.

**1962 MASTERS**, Lionel James, died 3 April 2019, aged seventy-six. After South Shields Grammar Technical School, Lionel read Archaeology and Anthropology. For over thirty years, he was Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer, in Archaeology, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, University of Glasgow, later Honorary Research Fellow. Having come under the influence in his youth of Professor George Jobey, Lionel conducted significant excavations in Galloway, including Lochhill, Slewcairn and at the multi-phased long cairn of Camster Long, Caithness. Passionately interested in Neolithic Britain, Europe and the Near East, he published articles in *Antiquity* and contributed to collections of essays in honour of Glyn Daniel (1932, Fellow 1938–86) and George Jobey. Lionel was a well-liked, enthusiastic lecturer, who inspired generations of archaeologists and whose seminal work and leadership made him a father figure of archaeology in Scotland. Vice-President, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (1990–93), he was President, Glasgow Archaeological Society (1994–97), receiving the President's Award (2001). In 1964 Lionel married Margaret, who survived him. They had two children, David and Rachel.

**1962 MITCHELL**, Professor Reginald (Reg) Harry, died 23 May 2021, aged seventy-seven. After Battersea Grammar School, Reg read Natural Sciences (Exhibitioner, Scholar,

Hutchinson Studentship, College Prize, Wright Prizes) and rowed for the LMBC. His PhD was conferred by Fitzwilliam, where Reg was Research Fellow. Following Research Associate, University of Oregon; Formica, Maidenhead; and the Open University, Reading, Reg joined the University of Victoria, British Columbia, the academic love of his life. He advanced to Professor of Chemistry, publishing prolifically with a world-wide reputation in the aromaticity of large ring systems. A long-serving member of Senate, Reg contributed incisively to university governance and intellectual life. Charismatic teacher, Reg inspired students, postgraduates and colleagues. In the wider community, he created Dr Zonk, a zany bowtied character whose lectures on bangs, flashes and smells secured Reg the McNeill Medal, Royal Society of Canada. Excellent host, keen fisherman and enthusiastic international traveller, Reg married twice: first, Mary, with whom he had Helen and Steve; second, Wendy, who introduced Reg to dance, theatre and music, and gave him a stepdaughter, Kim. Wendy predeceased him.

**1963 BROOKSBY**, Dr Iain Alasdair Burns, father of Claire Helen Brooksby (1999), died 29 October 2021, aged seventy-six. After Radley College, Iain read Natural Sciences, followed by a BChir and MB. Vice-Captain of LMBC, he coxed VIIIs, Clinker IVs, the Ladies Plate crew at Henley, and Goldie and Blue Boats. Specialising as a cardiologist for over thirty years, as Consultant and Medical Director, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NUH) NHS Foundation Trust, Iain was esteemed by medical peers, known as 'an exceptional doctor', and remembered for his

'kindness, compassion and sense of humour'. While he was Medical Director, NUH moved to a new site, Iain's 'outstanding commitment... steering [them] through a period of significant change'. Iain was involved in several medical charities and was a member of the Stewards' Enclosure, Henley, and of Royal West Norfolk Golf Club. He played tennis with a deadly backhand, watched cricket and rugby, enjoyed opera at Covent Garden and Glyndebourne, and loved safaris in Botswana, Namibia and Tanzania. Iain married Sarah, who survived him. They had two children, Claire and Angus.

**1963 MACDONOGH**, Terence (Terry) Patrick Augustus, died 29 January 2021, aged seventy-six. After Winchester College, Terry read Classics and was an alto Choral Scholar in George Guest's Choir. Qualifying at Oxford (DipEd 1967), his first teaching position was at Berkhamsted School, Hertfordshire, where, in addition to teaching Classics, he was able to pursue his musical interests. In 1989 Terry was appointed Headmaster of The Mall School, Twickenham, remaining in post until retirement in 2004. He served as a Governor of Shrewsbury House School, Surbiton, Surrey, and latterly furthered his interest in the local community where he lived through membership of the Teddington Society. Terry was married to Vlasta, who survived him.

**1963 SHEPHERD**, Dr David Francis Charles, died 20 December 2021, aged seventy-seven. After Canford School, David read Natural Sciences, adding BChir and

MB. He played Hockey and was Secretary, then Captain, LMBC (1965/66), of the successful boat in the Ladies' Challenge Plate, Henley (1966), and winning four Oars. Following Cambridge, David trained at St Thomas' Hospital and later specialised in radiology. He was appointed Consultant at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, where he was widely liked and respected in equal measure and provided an outstanding service for both patients and consultants, setting exacting standards for himself. David was a compelling advocate for his patients and a visionary for radiology and interventional radiology. Tony Spotswood (former Chief Executive, Royal Bournemouth Hospital) wrote of his 'smile and the twinkle in his eyes' and described him as 'friendly, affable' and a 'unique clinician'. In retirement David sailed extensively in the Baltic, and from 2018 to 2021 he was Chairman, Cambridge Society of Dorset. In 1972 David married Rose, who survived him. They had two daughters, Elizabeth and Helen.

**1964 BIERMANN**, Professor Dr David Julius, died 26 January 2021, aged seventy-five. After Whitley Bay Grammar School, David read Music (College Scholarship 1966), founded the College Orchestra, and played Cricket and Table Tennis. A talented violinist, who gave the world première of previously unperformed sonatas by Vivaldi on BBC *Kaleidoscope*, he spent his long and happy working life teaching, lecturing and examining in schools and universities in the UK and abroad, instilling an enthusiasm and passion for music wherever he went. Countless former students, many of whom



David Biermann (1964)

became professional musicians, testify to this inspiration. David also lectured on Education, Literature, German and Sociology, with articles published in the *Times Educational Supplement*, *The Guardian*, *Music Teacher* and *The Sunday Times*. Vice-President, Easington and Peterlee Rotary Club, David raised thousands of pounds for charities through his concerts and recordings, including a CD (with David Marletta, piano) called *The Two Davids*, proceeds from which were donated to a polio charity, and which featured a track composed by his wife, Susan, entitled *End Polio Now*. In 1999 David married Susan, who survived him.

**1964 McCANN**, Dr Anthony (Tony) David, died 25 May 2021, aged seventy-nine. After Workosop College and Nottingham University (BSc, Electrical Engineering, Richard Thomas and Baldwins Student Apprenticeship), Tony completed a PhD (Control Engineering), rowed for the LMBC and joined the University Automobile Club. Tony's career involved high-profile companies: Project Engineer, Elliott Automation, Borehamwood; Group Management Services, Hawker Siddeley,

Loughborough, then Hatfield, including secondment to Sydney, Australia; and Corporate Planning Executive, Rolls-Royce Motor Holdings Ltd, Crewe, working with Sir David Plastow. When Vickers took over Rolls-Royce, Tony became Director of Planning and then Development Director, Board of Vickers plc. In 1989 Tony and his wife, Christine, became Partners in McCann Research, responsible respectively for Corporate Strategy and Organisation and Market Research in Pharmaceuticals. In 2000 they retired to Bathampton where Tony became Chair of the Parish Council. Leisure involved visiting Glyndebourne and the Henley Regatta, following F1 motor racing, and a daily battle with *The Times* crossword, rarely left unfinished. Tony married twice: in 1967, Jenny, with whom he had David and Alistair; in 1981, Christine. All survived him.

**1964 NEWMAN**, John Arthur, son of Cyril Gordon Newman (1930), died 17 May 2021, aged seventy-four. After St Albans School, John read Mathematics (Exhibitioner). He then became an accountant, specialising in financial services and taxation. Career appointments included: Partner, Chantrey Vellacott; General Partner, then Director, Smith & Williamson; and Principal, John A. Newman Consultancy. Well respected by professional peers, John was a Council Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; Council Member and sometime President, Association of Accounting Technicians; and Chairman, Equitable Members Action Group Limited, which secured compensation amounting to £1.5 billion from HM Treasury in respect of alleged 'serial maladministration', a sum John



John Newman (1964)

claimed was 'not enough'. He published on double tax treaties and international tax planning. Latterly, John was Committee Member and Chairman, Sherborne Society, a branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) and a member, Dorset CPRE Forum. His intelligent analysis of planning matters was admired and influential. In 1994 John married Freya, who survived him, as did Eloise, their daughter, and his sons, Alexander and Michael.

**1964 PORTER**, Professor Andrew Neil, died 4 March 2021, aged seventy-five. After Christ's Hospital, Andrew read History (Exhibitioner). Awarded College Prizes and a University Holland Rose Studentship, he completed a PhD. A talented National Youth Orchestra violinist, Andrew led CUMS Orchestra. His career was at King's College London, becoming Rhodes Professor of Imperial History (1993–2008). Andrew elegantly challenged received and new interpretations of British imperialism, emphasising the importance of both religious and secular dynamics and the conflict between missionaries and colonial authorities. Seminal books included



*European Imperialism 1860–1914* (Macmillan, 1994) and *Religion versus Empire? British Protestant Missionaries Expansion 1700–1914* (Manchester University Press, 2004). Andrew also made significant contributions to major collaborative works such as the *Oxford History of the British Empire*. Much sought after, Andrew was Secretary, Royal Historical Society, and Chair, Institute of Commonwealth Studies. He was awarded the Institute of Commonwealth Studies Trevor Reese Memorial Prize (2004). Andrew loved music, not least playing in quartets with his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1972. She survived him, together with their sons, Matthew and Simon.



John Horton (1965)

**1965 HORTON**, Dr John Robert, died 27 January 2021, aged seventy-four. After Clifton College, Bristol, John read Mathematics (Exhibitioner). An Archimedean, he worked countless nights on the Maths Lab's Titan computer. Following graduation, John completed a Diploma in Computer Science and then a PhD. His research on *Addressing and Protection* in operating systems was based on the design of the Capability Machine, the distinguished Johnian, Professor Sir Maurice

Wilkes (1931), providing guidance. John joined GEC Computers as a software engineer, becoming instrumental in developing the GEC 4000 multi-access system and later heading up the military systems division. John then joined Acorn Computers as Technical Director. He moved to Net-tel Computer Systems – of which he was a founder Director – in 1988. Net-tel produced the first X400 electronic messaging systems for PCs. John led the company until venture capital investment in 2001, the company renamed Clearswift. A keen private pilot, who enjoyed travel, food and wine, in retirement, John lived with his wife, Simone, who survived him, in The Netherlands, Costa Rica and Normandy. They had two children, Emma and Robert.

**1965 POLLARD**, Professor Raymond Trevor, son of Martin John Pollard (1923), died 14 December 2021, aged seventy-seven. After Diocesan College, Rondebosch, and University of Cape Town (BSc 1965), at St John's Raymond completed a PhD in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (Continuum Mechanics), on the theory of near-surface inertial oscillation, and belonged to the University Underwater Exploration Group. Following postdoctoral research at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Department of Oceanography, University of Southampton (appointed Lecturer), he became Principal Scientific Officer, Institute of Oceanographic Studies, Wormley. Raymond spearheaded its move to Southampton, establishing the James Rennell Centre (later National Oceanography Centre, where he was Professor). Raymond wrote numerous

articles and made significant contributions to the field of oceanography, leading major seagoing expeditions. An innovator, who played a vital role in bringing scientific computing on board ships, and elected Fellow, Royal Society of Africa, he was respected by colleagues for his 'extreme attention to detail' and being 'cheerful, kind, patient and understanding'. Raymond married twice: first, Sheila, having Christopher and David; then Jane (died August 2021), with whom he had Harry.

**1966 WILKINSON**, John Dirk, died 19 November 2021, aged seventy-nine. After Cranleigh School and a degree in Modern Languages at Trinity College Dublin, John came to St John's to take a Post Graduate Certificate in Education. He then taught French and German at Marlborough College for twenty-five years, organising the Toulouse French Exchange between Marlborough and Le Caousou, other language trips abroad, and the Chapel Choir tour to Gascony in 1987. Taking early retirement from Marlborough in 1992, John became Restaurateur of *Chai John* in a delightful Gascon village, where he hosted gatherings of the Marlburian ex-patriate community and became Regional Secretary of the Marlburian Club, South West France. He also became a teacher of English to post-baccalaureate Classes Prépas in Toulouse and enjoyed visiting his retreat in the stunning Rif Mountains of Morocco. Seeing his life as three distinct although inter-related phases, shortly before his death at his home in Le Castéra, John published *Boy, Beak and Beyond* (2021).

**1967 DYMOND**, Dr David Percy, died 20 August 2021, aged eighty-eight. After Selhurst Grammar School, University College, South West of England, and Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, York, from 1965 to 1994 David lectured for the University Department of Extramural Studies and was admitted by the College Council (1967). David was Resident Tutor, Suffolk, and Director of Studies, Local and Regional History. Many of his students progressed to research, publish and PhDs. David's PhD resulted from published work, principally *The Register of Thetford Priory*. Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University of East Anglia (Hon LittD), and much involved in local history societies, David published prodigiously, including *Research and Writing History: A Guide for Local Historians* (1981), an essential text. Honoured by the High Sherriff of Suffolk (2017) and a Festschrift (2020), *Shaping the Past: Theme, Time and Place in Local History*, Professor Mark Bailey, President, Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, celebrated David's 'massive contribution to the study of local history'. Kindly, unassuming and generous, in 1963 David married Mary, who survived him. They had three children, Catherine, Eleanor and Charles.

**1967 NEINSTEIN**, Dr Raymond (Ray) Lawrence, died 1 June 2021, aged seventy-four. After Brooklyn College and the University of California (BA Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa), Ray studied English (Affiliate Student, 1967/68). He acted and directed for the Lady Margaret Players and the ADC Theatre. Following an MA (New York) and

PhD (Buffalo), Ray became a teacher and scholar of American Literature, American Studies and English Language. He taught all over the world, including Colby College, Maine; Idaho State University; the UN International School; Krakow; and Wroclaw (Fulbright Lecturer); Budapest; and Kingsborough Community College. With an international network of friends and beloved by students, Ray was described as 'one of the great readers of the world'. Deeply compassionate, Ray was concerned with Holocaust Studies. His obituary in *The New York Times* refers to his love of country, folk, soul and gospel music, and his 'beautiful, interesting and funny songs'. Maintaining affection for St John's, Ray was a member of The 1209 Society, Cambridge in America. Married to Kathy, who survived him, Ray had one son, Adam, from a previous marriage.

**1968 COWAN**, Richard Andrew, died 9 February 2021, aged seventy-one. After Enfield Grammar School, Richard read Mathematics and Natural Sciences, followed by an MSc (London, Institute of Computer Science), a career springboard. He worked for Post Office Research Laboratories, Martlesham Heath, providing programming language development and internal consultancy, before joining Scicon Consultancy International as Senior Consultant. In 1981 Richard became Director, Software Systems and Service Ltd and SSS Consulting, responsible for consultancy and management experience in the development and deployment of information technology and telecommunications, especially large-scale

IT work programmes. Affable and shrewd in business, he loved working in an international environment, making strenuous efforts to speak French, despite his strong English accent earning the affectionate nickname Pollux (referencing Dougal the dog in the French version of *The Magic Roundabout*). Richard enjoyed exploring long-distance footpaths in the UK and abroad and with his wife, family holidays to far-flung locations. He collected and restored old scientific and fairground machines and was an enthusiastic folk-guitarist. In 1976 Richard married Dilys, who survived him, together with their daughters, Lizzie and Gillian.

**1968 FESTING**, Fra' (Robert) Matthew OBE TD DL, descendant of George Charles Ruddock Festing (1817), died 12 November 2021, aged seventy-one. After Ampleforth College, Matthew read History, serving in the Grenadier Guards (University Cadet, rising to Captain), and later the Territorial Army (TD, 1985; Colonel, 1992). Employment as Auctioneer and Valuer, and Sotheby's Representative, was followed by taking solemn religious vows as Professed Knight, Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta, serving as Grand Prior of England (1993–2008). Matthew organised humanitarian missions (Lebanon, the Balkans) and led pilgrimages to Lourdes, becoming 79th Prince and Grand Master, Order of Malta (2008), designated 'Most Eminent Highness', with the rank of Cardinal, Holy Roman Church. He travelled extensively in support of the Order's worldwide charitable works, never losing sight of its spiritual mission, but

resigned in 2017, when his conservative views brought him into conflict with the Vatican. Appointed OBE and Deputy Lieutenant, Northumberland, and awarded honorary degrees and citizenship, Matthew was the first Grand Master to die in Malta since the Order was expelled by Napoleon.

**1968 NEIDITCH**, Dr (Herman) Michael, died 23 March 2021, aged seventy-four. After Dumont High School, New Jersey, Michael attended the University of Pennsylvania (BA, History), where he was prominent and generous throughout his life. At St John's Michael studied for a PhD, receiving a Thouron Award and a University Sarah Norton Prize. Appointments included House and Admissions responsibilities, University of Pennsylvania, and Adjunct Professor of History, American University, Washington DC; staff member, United States House of Representatives, contributing to the Middle East peace process; Associate Director for Programs and Education, B'nai B'rith International; Vice President for Leadership Giving, American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel. Kind, dignified, engaging and transformative, Michael's lifelong dedication and ferocious commitment to advancing education, science and peace through leadership and fundraising made him a legend with peers and many others. A lifelong contributor to newspapers and periodicals, in 2004 Michael edited *Jewish History, Life and Culture* (University of Texas Press, 2004). He was a generous supporter of St John's and of the Johnian Society of the USA. Michael's partner, Jerry, survived him.

**1968 SCOTT**, Patrick Richard Dehany, died 1 April 2021, aged seventy-one. After Eastbourne College, Patrick read English and acted with the Lady Margaret Players. Following a PGCE, he taught in post-16 establishments, in 1984 becoming Head of the new Sixth Form Centre, Durham. Appointed English and Drama Adviser for Cleveland Council, Patrick was proud of the Council's literacy strategy and free high-quality early-years education, these coinciding with his strong belief in social equality and enhancing children's life chances. Subsequent positions where he pursued this vision included Deputy Director and Director for Education, Redcar and Cleveland Council, and Director of Learning and Culture, then Director of Children's Services, York City Council. Establishing a freelance consultancy, Patrick worked with the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services, and became Director, York Museums and Galleries Trust, later becoming a Trustee. Other activities included the Labour Party; Project Mala, supporting education in India; Navigate Academies Trust; York Music Hub; and Tees Valley Education. In 1980 Patrick married Angel, who survived him, together with their daughter, Abigail.

**1970 FOX**, Professor John Paul, died 30 August 2021, aged seventy-three. After High Storrs Grammar School and Durham University (BSc 1970), John completed a PhD in Cognitive Psychology. A dynamic, charismatic scientist and pioneer in biomedical informatics, his expertise lay in cognitive systems theory and practice and in

artificial intelligence in Medicine. John created the PROforma formal computer language for modelling clinical decisions and processes. Following postdoctoral fellowships, Carnegie Mellon and Cornell Universities, he joined the Medical Research Council, before becoming Head, Advanced Computation Laboratory, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and later Principal Scientist, Cancer Research UK, co-founding Expertech, InferMed Ltd, and OpenClinical. Moving to Oxford in 2007 as Professor, Engineering Science, John founded Deontics Ltd; was Director, Clinical Informatics Incubator, UCL and Royal Free Hospital; and from 2015 was Professor, Lincoln College. He held Honorary Professorships (UCL and University of Warwick), published over 250 papers, was Founding Editor, *Knowledge Engineering Review* (CUP) and, in 1996, was awarded Laureate Prize (and later a 20th Anniversary Gold Medal) by the European Federation for Medical Informatics. John was survived by his two sons.

**1972 HAIGH**, Robin, died 7 February 2021, aged sixty-six. After Barnsley Holgate Grammar School, Robin read Engineering, but following his father's death, remained in residence for only one year. A keen trainspotter, without revealing his academic background, he secured employment as a signalman for British Rail, eventually being put in charge of one of the largest signal boxes in the network, outside York Station. Robin resumed study at the University of Leeds, gaining a BSc in Mathematics, and became a Research Assistant and Senior Computer Officer for the University. He worked on experimentation with novel



**Robin Haigh (1972)**

mathematical techniques for automatic 'parsing' – analysing the grammatical structures involved in English prose. Initially employed to code algorithms, Robin proved outstandingly able and formed a strong, intellectual relationship with his project leader, Geoffrey Sampson (1962), Professor of Linguistics, who appreciated the partnership, as well as Robin's 'dry wit'. Together they co-authored several papers, including (with ES Atwell) 'Natural language analysis by stochastic optimization' (*Journal of Experimental and Theoretical Artificial Intelligence*, 1989). By nature somewhat introverted, Robin enjoyed playing chess.

**1972 MACINTYRE**, Professor Stuart Forbes AO, died 22 November 2021, aged seventy-four. After Scotch College, Melbourne; University of Melbourne (BA 1968) and Monash University, Victoria (MA 1971), a PhD in History at St John's led to a Research Fellowship (1977/78). Considered the 'most outstanding Australian historian of his generation' (*The Australian*), in forty years at University of Melbourne, Stuart was Ernest Scott Professor of History; Dean, Faculty of Arts; Laureate Professor (later Emeritus);

and Professorial Fellow, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies. Politically on the left, frequently challenging historical orthodoxy, he published extensively on social and political history, authoring over thirty books, including a prize-winning volume (*Oxford History of Australia*, 1986). Honoured with Officer, Order of Australia (2012), winning literary awards, and filling many positions with distinction, Stuart worked tirelessly to strengthen the teaching of history in Australian schools. Deeply devoted to his craft, he collaborated generously with other scholars, was courteous, efficient and energetic, and ran marathons (then half marathons) into his seventies. In 1976 Stuart married Martha, who survived him. They had two daughters, Mary and Jess.



Paul Manning (1973) with his wife Hilary

**1973 MANNING**, Dr Paul Richard, died 3 July 2021, aged sixty-six. After Tunbridge Wells Technical High School, Paul read Medical Sciences, adding VetMB. He played in the College Orchestra, won Badminton Colours, rowed and played Squash. Paul

initially entered Mixed Veterinary Practice and gained experience in a Small Animal Hospital Practice, before founding and becoming Principal Veterinary Surgeon, Astonlee Veterinary Surgery, Newport Pagnell, in 1986. An expert in cruciate surgery in dogs, sometimes viewed as a maverick, Paul was a hugely popular vet, respected for his compassion. Strongly interested in veterinary education, becoming Director, Vet Learning Ltd, and latterly Module Leader, Royal Veterinary College, Paul completed an MSc (VetGP) and DProf (Professional Development) at Middlesex University, before being appointed External Examiner. Serving as Council Member and Honorary Treasurer, Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons, he was a pillar of the local community and valued member of the Baptist Church and the Veterinary Christian Fellowship. Paul enjoyed playing the violin and hiking and was known for his bow ties and uproarious laugh. In 1991 Paul married Hilary, who survived him.

**1973 MORGAN**, Dr John Philip, died 10 March 2021, aged seventy-three. Welsh by birth, but having emigrated to Canada, John graduated with BA (York University, Toronto) and MA (University of Western Ontario), before completing a PhD in History at St John's (1979). He later became Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall (1988/89). Specialising in seventeenth-century English social history, he held a postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto, followed by teaching posts at University of Western Ontario; Queen's; and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (later Ryerson University). A demanding teacher, John was known for hard

work, dedication and self-discipline, believing firmly in protocol and fairness. Six years as chief negotiator, Ryerson Faculty Association, were recognised with a distinguished service award. John enjoyed travel (especially to the UK, Europe and South Florida), wine, playing football, cricket, tennis and squash, cars, photography (specialising in Sarasota sunsets) and cats. However, his favourite pastime was intellectual debate. John was married to Bronwen, who survived him, and is missed for his generosity of spirit, brand of humour and sense of fun.

**1974 HANLY**, Paul James, died 22 May 2021, aged seventy. After Canterbury School, New Milford, Connecticut, and Cornell University (BA 1974), Paul read Philosophy at St John's, before adding JD (Georgetown 1979). Initially admitted to the Bar, New York, in 1980, and working on asbestos product liability cases, he went on to earn a superb national reputation as a gifted trial lawyer in all areas of civil litigation, but notably in that against pharmaceutical companies and others in the supply chain for their role in the deadly opioid epidemic. Thanks to Paul's leadership, Simmons Hanly Conroy became a leading law firm, focused on helping individual consumers and small businesses hold large corporations accountable. He helped represent hundreds of victims and families involved in the 9/11 attacks, was a Director, Federal Bar Foundation, and received a Lifetime Achievement Award, *National Law Journal* (2020). Sartorially colourful, favouring jaunty attire, 'flashy yet sophisticated', Paul was a man of few words and a commanding

presence. Marriage to Joyce ended in divorce, but Paul was survived by their three children, Paul, Burton and Edith.

**1974 SHEPPARD**, Mark Robert Hugh, died 24 September 2021, aged sixty-six. After Berkhamsted School, Mark read Engineering and was Captain of Swimming and Water Polo (Half-Blue), 1976/77. Completing an Advanced Course in Production Methods and Management (ACPM) while attached to Vandervell Products, GKN, Engineering Department, he held positions with TNN and GKN (Managing Director, GKN Window Systems) before becoming Vice-President for Chep Americas in Automotiv, Information Technology, and then Operations Implementation. For fourteen years from 2007 Mark was General Manager, Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing Inc in North Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. In 1991 Mark married Kathy, who survived him. They had two sons, Brent and Robert.

**1975 PARKS**, Roger, died 29 January 2021, aged sixty-five. After Reigate Grammar School, Roger read Classics/Archaeology and Anthropology and was a Choral Scholar. He continued to sing throughout his life, notably with Schola Cantorum of Oxford, with whom he earned the title 'Le Baryton Formidable', and the New London Chamber Choir. Composer and conductor James Wood (Sidney Sussex 1972) paid tribute to Roger's 'wonderful voice and superb musicianship'. His career was in Human Resources, and he established his own consultancy, Roger Parks HR. Specialising in employment law and recruitment, much of



Roger Parks (1975)

his work centred on business change and restructuring. Companies Roger worked with included Air Foyle, Luton; Lowcosttravelgroup Ltd; Your Health Limited, Derbyshire; intuitive, Croydon; LoveHolidays, London; and PyroCore Ltd, Bristol. He was also appointed Trustee Director for Nexus Educational Schools Trust (NEST). Colleagues and friends described him as ‘great fun... fair, kind, considerate... compassionate, selfless, a true gentleman.’ Roger married twice: in 1980, Sarah; and in 1996, Judith, who survived him, along with their two sons, Joe and Joshua.

**1982 FORBES**, Dennis Beaton, died 19 November 2020, aged eighty-three. Having attended City of Oxford School and Sir John Cass College, University of London, Dennis was admitted by the College while working as a Publishing Director for Cambridge University Press. In over twenty years, he held the posts of Associate Director, Publishing Manager, then Publishing Director, and had responsibility for



Dennis Forbes (1982)

Reference and Bibles, and for Journals. Dennis also published three volumes of *Guide to World Science* (Japan, Netherlands, Scandinavia) (Frances Hodgson, 1976). Dennis and his wife, Diane, who predeceased him, lived in Girton, where he was active in the community, involved in the Neighbourhood Watch and an initiator of the Girton Calendar. Dennis was survived by his sons, Malcolm, Alasdair and David, and stepson, Mark.

**1983 BROWN**, Stephen Gareth, died 18 March 2021, aged fifty-seven. After St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Stephen read Modern Languages, rowed, was Founding Secretary, Latin America Society, and a member, ADC. Briefly a *Financial Times* correspondent, he worked for Reuters for over twenty years, becoming Bureau Chief, Buenos Aires, later for the Nordic and Baltic Region, and Chief Correspondent in Rome, then Berlin. In 2015 Stephen joined *Politico*, a European digital and print newspaper, based in Brussels and dedicated to politics and policy, rising to Editor in Chief. A true



internationalist, who picked up languages with ease, he never lost his reporter's instinct, his belief in the capacity of journalism for civic good, or his aversion to long-winded prose. Stephen possessed a gift for leadership, a self-deprecatory sense of humour and engaging modesty. A good listener, he was happy to share a laugh and loved the music of Nick Cave, cycling, rugby and water sports. In 1997 Stephen married Laura, whom he met in Argentina. She survived him, along with their two children, Violetta and Theo.

**1983 COX**, Meyrick, died 1 November 2020, aged fifty-six. After Eton College, Meyrick read Engineering, but only remained in residence for one year. Qualifying at City University Business School (MBA 1987), his career was as an Investment Banker and Fund Manager. Meyrick held posts as Vice-President, Chase Manhattan Bank; Director, Goldman Sachs International Advisory Group; and Partner and Global Head, Auto & Steel, NM Rothschild; also founding CF Consulting, Aeolus Offshore Wind Company and the Collectable & Rare Fund. Commissioned in the Honourable Artillery Company, and a theatre and opera patron, his passion was for motorsports. A gifted and experienced amateur racing driver, contesting Nürburgring 24 Hours on numerous occasions, Meyrick was Chairman, Mission Motorsport, 2CV Classic Racing, and Citroën C1 Racing Club. His energy and enthusiasm inspired others, friends paying warm tribute to 'a wise man and a gentleman, who was a joy to spend time with and so very generous'. In 1990 Meyrick married Fiona. They had two children, Tom and Cressida.

**1985 HAGON**, Charles William Benedict, son of David Olaf Hagon (1949), died 1 July 2021, aged fifty-four. After King's School, Chester, Charles read Modern Languages (German/Russian). He worked for Courtaulds Central Trading in export sales, before qualifying as a Solicitor (College of Law, York), training and working with CMS Cameron McKenna, and then Andersen Legal. In 2002 Charles moved to Amsterdam, married Clare and qualified as a translator (Institute of Linguists Diploma, 2003). He had an eighteen-year career with the European Central Bank as a lawyer-linguist, becoming Head of the Legal Revision Section, the Romance and Mediterranean Languages Section, and Multilingual Translation. A gifted linguist, Charles mastered ten languages, most recently Chinese. Also a keen tennis player, cellist, swimmer and inveterate bidder at auctions, his many friends knew him as kind, generous and empathetic and enjoyed his warm sense of humour. Few knew how Charles struggled with his mental health. Tragically, he died by suicide. Charles was survived by Clare and their children, Gustav and Charlotte.



Charles Hagon (1985)

**1986 ADAMS**, Simon Paul, died 4 April 2021, aged fifty-four. After Gravesend Grammar School, Simon read Modern and Medieval Languages. Having appeared in *The Bill* as a teenager and spent a year at the Deutsches Schauspielhaus, Hamburg, Simon was a brilliant character actor, versatile yet enigmatic, who disguised his personality within the roles he played and could encompass light comedy and subtle drama. Known professionally as Paul Ritter, he was nominated for Tony, Olivier and BAFTA Awards, the latter for his portrayal of eccentric Martin Goodman in the long-running Channel 4 comedy *Friday Night Dinner*. Film roles included the devious Guy Haines, *Quantum of Solace* (2008), and Eldred Worpel, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (2009). Simon's stage performances (including RSC and National Theatre) took him from the West End to Broadway, and in a warm tribute, his old Cambridge friend, the actor Stephen Mangan, spoke of the shining talent of a 'wonderful man'. In 1996 Simon married Polly Radcliffe, who survived him. They had two sons, Frank and Noah.

**1988 JUDSON**, David John, died 21 June 2021, aged fifty-two. After King's School, Grantham, David read Engineering and Electrical and Information Sciences, and rowed for the LMBC. Following post-graduation travels with fellow Johnians in the US, David started at Andersen Consulting (later Accenture) in London in January 1992, rising to Senior Executive. He joined Ernst & Young LLP in 2006, where he became Associate Partner, making a name for himself leading complex programmes



David Judson (1988)

with the Home Office, Network Rail, and the Department of Health. In 2000 David married Helen, who survived him, spending many happy years together in Putney, before moving back to his beloved Cambridge in 2019, to embark upon a new chapter in life, sadly cut short by cancer. He kept in close touch with his many friends made in College and will be sorely missed. David's life is commemorated with a bench in the Botanic Gardens.

**1988 MOGGRIDGE**, Professor Donald (Don) Edward, died 10 April 2021, aged seventy-seven. After Trinity College, University of Toronto (Political Science and Economics), in Cambridge Don became Research Student, King's College; Fellow, Clare College; and University Lecturer. He published *The Return to Gold 1925* (1969) and *British Monetary Policy* (1972), establishing him as a distinguished international economic historian. He also began to edit *The Collected Writings of John Maynard Keynes*, ultimately responsible for twenty-four of the thirty volumes. Returning to Toronto in 1975 as Professor of Economics, Don was also Associate Dean,

Graduate School; Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science; and Vice-Dean, School of Graduate Studies. Sabbaticals included Fellow, Clare College (1979–81), and Benians Fellow, St John's (1988/89). Don cited the College's generosity and peace as contributing to completion of a major biography of Keynes (1992). In gratitude, he gave an engraved window in the Fisher Building to commemorate the centenary of Alfred Marshall's *Principles of Economics*.

Recreational interests were music, opera, travel by land and sea, walking and wine. Don was survived by his partner, Sue Howson.

**1992 DUDERSTADT**, Iliana Stephanie, died 21 February 2021, aged forty-seven. After St Mary's School, Calne, and a year at the British Institute of Florence, Iliana read Law. Choosing to make her career in the legal profession, in 1996 Iliana published an article in *The Journal of Financial Crime* entitled *Implementation of the Insider Dealing Directive in the United Kingdom and Germany*. She then worked for a number of companies in various roles. These included Solicitor, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (1997–2001); Solicitor, Noerr (2001–06); Legal Advisor, Alpha Trains (2006–12); Transaction Manager, BNY Mellon (2012–13); Legal Advisor, Hengst Filtration (2015–16); Solicitor, Weland Capital – Family Office (2016–18); and in-house Solicitor, Parador GmbH (2019–21). A death notice published in Germany by her family refers to Iliana's premature death occurring as a result of 'a tragic accident'. Iliana was survived by her three children, Antonia, Dominic and Christopher, her mother, Maike, and her sister, Nicola.




Jutta Vinzent (1994)

**1994 VINZENT**, Dr Jutta Klara, died 14 November 2021, aged fifty-three. After Private Maria-Ward-Gymnasium, Landau, and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (MA 1994), at St John's Jutta completed a PhD in History of Art, on *Refugee artists from Nazi Germany in Britain, 1933–45*, adding a DrPhil (Cologne). She lectured on Modern and Contemporary Art at the University of Birmingham from 2001, becoming Associate Professor (Senior Lecturer), Art History, Curating and Visual Studies, in 2007. Jutta also held posts as Adjunct Professor, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, and Associate Fellow, Max Weber Center for Advanced Social and Cultural Studies, University of Erfurt, Germany, working on 'Modernist spaces in 1930s Britain'. She herself said that her international teaching experience informed her global outlook and understanding of cultural diversity, supported by her research expertise in migration, postcolonial theories and decolonising politics. A frequent book reviewer, Jutta published widely on migration and internal emigration of artists in the face of authoritarian regimes. Much admired for her cheerful, hands-on manner,

optimism and drive, Jutta was married to Markus, who survived her, along with their children, Cyril and Charlotte.

**1995 LLOYD**, Steven Michael, died 15 December 2021, aged forty-five. After Halewood Community Comprehensive School, Steven read Natural Sciences, played for the Football First Team, was elected an Eagle and won a Blue. Training at PricewaterhouseCoopers, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2002, and held posts as Group Financial Controller, Novae Group plc; Group Financial Reporting Manager, and Analyst, Beazley; and Financial Controller, Pioneer Underwriting (2013–21). In generous and warm tributes paid by his colleagues, Steven was described as ‘impossible not to like,’ with a ready wit and easy smile, earning wide respect for his intelligence and ability to remain calm in all circumstances. He inspired loyalty in those around him, impressing all as ‘modest, but smart, kind and thoughtful, and is much missed. Steven retained a passion for football throughout his life (especially his beloved Liverpool FC), engaging anyone in conversation with infectious enthusiasm, and was First XI Captain, Honourable Artillery Company (2003–05). Steven was married to Tanya, who survived him. They had two children, Michael and Megan.

**2003 CLARK**, Fraser Andrew Batten, died 20 March 2021, aged thirty-six. After Bedford School, Fraser read Oriental Studies (RA Nicholson, Cunningham and Wright Prizes; Prior Scholarship). He enjoyed night climbing and was adept at scaling college

and chapel roofs. A talented linguist (speaking seven languages), Fraser attended the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, but converted to Law (Oxford Brookes University). With K & L Gates, he specialised in commercial property law, before moving to North Star Law, Westminster. An entrepreneur at heart, he established a telephone help desk to support young lawyers. Fraser enjoyed communal living in empty hospitals and offices around London with artists and performers, but moved to Devon, where he renovated campervans, campaigned for local footpaths to be kept open and discovered bellringing. He never lost his zest for life, loved travel and adventure (motorbiking across both Europe and the US) and wrote short stories in a distinctive and profound style, a volume of which remains unpublished. Fraser was survived by his parents, Andrew and Christine, and his brother, Ralph. 

# ‘Underneath a Jacaranda Tree’ Fraser Clark (2003)

The following is a short story written by late alumnus Fraser Clark (2003), who sadly passed away in 2021 at the age of thirty-six. His obituary appears on page [154].



Underneath a jacaranda tree his dreams came true. He had been wandering so long, far too long. No rest, no relief, no help. Just a man and his legs carrying him wherever they would, carrying, carrying.

He did not know where he was bound, he did not know his ultimate goal. His only goal, so far as he knew, was to go on, on and on as need required, as life required. And on he went, surviving, holding out.

No hope, no aid, but walking, on and on, growing desperate, ever more desperate. He held out, as he knew he must. He held and he held, but then, deliverance, mercy. Mercy came upon him underneath a jacaranda tree, and all his dreams came true.

He couldn't believe his eyes, seeing what they saw, where they saw. It shouldn't have been, not there. There should have been no hope, none at all, let alone that which he saw now,

a vision not just of hope, or help, no simple Samaritan no, what he saw was salvation, absolution, redemption, relief of the siege.

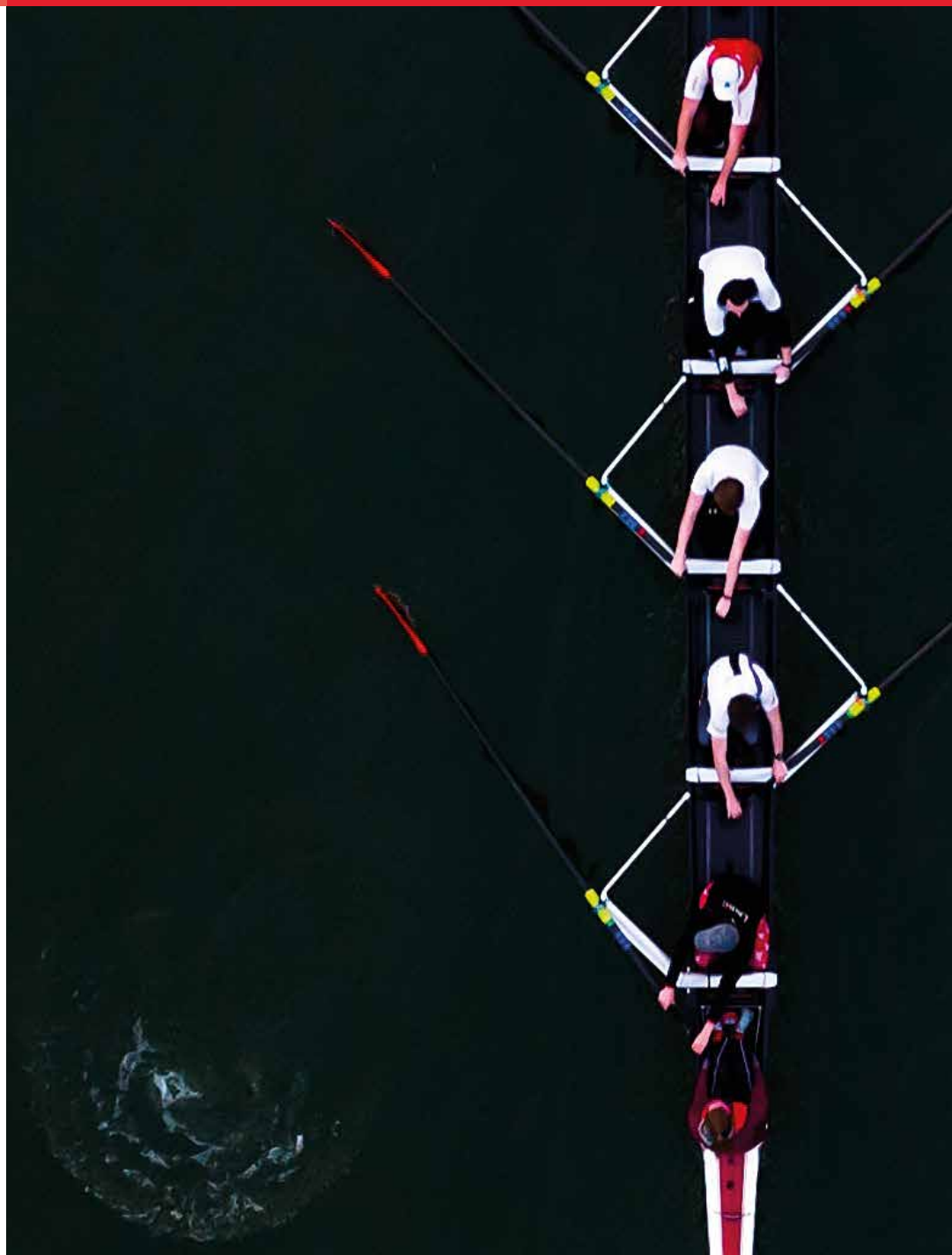
The sign - a sign! - out there in the wilderness, it said, even spoke to him, for such was his desperation, and it beckoned, it beckoned him aside like one who understood, under the blossom, under the tree. Through a secret garden of dark hedges in the gloaming he padded forward by the signs and rounded an adobe block and fell inside, stumbling, destitute, disbelieving.

Where there should have been nothing, he found everything.

He opened a door, entered, turned, closed, sat, rested, and in the silence of the night he cried out “OOOOooohhh!!!!!!” and “OOoohhh Ggggodd!!!!!!” Yes, oh yes, sweet, sweet mercy was his, sustaining peace, loss of time, all sense of time, and Oh! A completion!

A completion was upon him as he released, and free and freed his slavery lighted and he, lighted, let slip those godless burdens, those children of his, he let them all go, and crying out was made free once more.

He wept, he wept and held himself tight, he shivered and wept and relieved, he left. He returned, and the seeking went on, even in the mercy of it all. 🍷



# SOCIETIES AND SPORTS

Photo: LMBC from  
above, January 2022  
Credit: Nordin Čatić (2017)



# The Johnian Society



Interview with Graham Wrigley

The Johnian Society was established in 1923 by Johnians for Johnians, to facilitate and enhance relationships between members of the College, especially those no longer in residence. All Johnians become members of the Society at the end of their first term, so we are one of the largest and most active alumni societies across the Cambridge colleges, with approximately 10,000 members.

This year, perhaps fittingly for the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to the College, the Johnian Society was led by two female alumnae: Chair Claire Griffiths (1985) and President Annamarie Phelps (1984). We were delighted to be able to resume hosting in-person events this year, but we ensured that there were plenty of remote events on offer for those who preferred to participate from home.

- The annual Johnian Society Day took place on 19 September 2021 in a format different from the usual one (because of lockdown and pandemic concerns). We welcomed over 100 Johnians and their guests to the Fellows' Garden for a picnic lunch, live music and a variety of activities for the family to enjoy. We were most fortunate with the weather.
- On 11 January 2022, Zip Colley interviewed Sir Graham Wrigley (1982) about his fascinating career formerly in finance and latterly in development economics.
- President Annamarie Phelps interviewed Canon Sarah Snyder (1984) on 14 March 2022 about her experience as a mediator and, in particular, her role as Advisor for Reconciliation to the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was particularly



relevant given the state of world affairs at the time of the interview.

- The Johnian Society Summer Social was a new event. It took place on 12 August 2022 at Vinegar Yard, London Bridge and was a well-attended and lively evening.

Several members of the Committee attended the London Christmas Drinks event hosted by the Development Office at the Institute of Directors in December 2021, and were pleased to see many new and younger faces. In March 2022 Committee member Peter Scott (2002) rose to the challenge of hosting a quiz for attendees at the College's MA Celebration. The event, which took place at the British Library, brought together Johnians who had been due to receive their MAs during the pandemic. Peter's fiendish St John's- and Cambridge-themed quiz was eventually won by the team *Lady Margaret's Misfits*.

The Johnian Golf Society had an extraordinarily busy and successful October 2021. The annual competition with Christ's for the Lady Margaret Beaufort Cup was played at Denham on the 7th and resulted in a 3-3 tie; on the 17th the Society returned to Sunningdale for the first time since 1959; on the 24th sixteen golfers descended on Princes Golf Club to play in the Princes Challenge; on the 25th seventeen golfers competed for the Marshall Hall Cup; and finally, on the 28th, the St John's team was triumphant at the Cambridge Inter-College Alumni Competition. The team successfully defended the Inter-College Alumni title in April 2022 and will again have the honour of hosting the post-match dinner in Hall in 2023. Well done to all the golfers and, in particular, to Vice-Chair Nigel Snaith for organising the matches.



Johnian Golf Society, from L to R: Robert Ross, Stephen Munday, Donald Mark, John Sefton (event organiser, Christ's), Stuart Southall, Nigel Snaith, Guy Freeman



Credit: Jean-Luc Benazet

### Johnian Society Day 2021

We also supported current students through travel grants and bursaries, and this year we donated £500 to these causes, funded by past endowments and from membership income. In addition we donated £2,000 towards the College's first Giving Day in June 2022, which raised money for the Dobson Free Places scheme and the College's Annual Fund.

We are proud that our Committee is truly reflective of the Johnian community. We have representatives from (almost) every decade of matriculation from 1957 to 2002, and the Committee includes Johnians from a range of backgrounds and with varied career interests. Membership of the Committee is dynamic, and we try to elect two new Committee members each year. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact the Chair, Claire Griffiths ([clairejohsoc@gmail.com](mailto:clairejohsoc@gmail.com)). Committee meetings take place every term and are

attended by the Master and both student and staff representatives from College.

While all our events are promoted through the Development Office, we increasingly use the Johnian Hub, which is proving a popular way for Johnians to keep in touch with one another and reconnect with old friends. If you would like to find out more about what is going on across the Johnian community, we would encourage as many of you as possible to register at <https://johnianhub.com>.

With new members joining each year, the Committee looks forward to hearing from you soon and to meeting you at some of our events in 2022/23. 🍷

**Zip Colley, Honorary Secretary**

<https://johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian-society>

# The JCR



L to R: Sarah Adegbite (2020) and Maryam Khan (2020), Co-Presidents

2022 has been a spectacular year for the JCR. We moved away from the peculiarity of COVID-19, allowing St John's undergraduates to experience as much as possible in person. As Co-Presidents, our main aims were to improve access and welfare, and to ensure the smooth functioning of the committee. Luckily for us, the latter came easily, as we had an enthusiastic team, dedicated to improving College life.

Through the efforts of William, our Treasurer, we have maintained the transparency of the JCR. He curated a

document highlighting JCR activities and spending throughout the year (available on the College website). He also created finance spreadsheets and account reviews, as well as assisting with conversations regarding rent, fees and Annual Fund projects. Perhaps his crowning achievement was securing a John's-specific 20% discount code for Jack's Gelato!

Our Secretary, Ray, also played a key role in our commitment to transparency. Beside collating agendas and minutes for our weekly meetings, he facilitated committee votes on issues such as the name change to Welfare

Officer (without the previous 'Male' and 'Female' distinction) and the JCR Gender Expression Fund. He also organised the first 'Alternative Ent', running at the same time as the larger 'Ent', where students could have snacks and play boardgames.

The decline of COVID-19 facilitated the return of the much-loved JCR 'Ent', and hosting these College get-togethers has been one of our highlights as Co-Presidents. These could not have gone ahead without our fantastic Ents Officer, Marcel, who organised four 'Ents': Back 2 Skool, Iconic Duos (a charity 'Ent' raising over £200 for Pink Week), Maggie's Pyjama Ent and the June Ent.

However, the JCR isn't all about parties: our Environmental and Charitable Affairs Officer, Ed, encouraged the College and the JCR to be more sustainable. He attended the College's Sustainability Forum and Bio-Diversity Sub-Group and organised and supported a clothes swap, the BioBlitz and a documentary screening. He also attended the kitchen consultative committee meetings along with our Sports, Services and Societies Officer, Jacob, where they promoted self-service options and better advertisement of halal options and allergens. Jacob has been proactive in this new role, purchasing equipment for the weights room, regularly sending out Buttery menus and organising a College Sports Day.

The Liberation Officers were also busy, organising fun and inclusive events. Special thanks go to our LGBTQ+ Officer, Sam,

who coordinated a great LGBTQ+ History Month, hosting a Rainbow Superhall, movie nights and a bar quiz. Our Ethnic Minorities Officer, Annissa, organised a 'Pizza, painting and quiz night' with Sidney Sussex and distributed End Everyday Racism posters on how to report racist incidents. Neha, our Gender Equality Officer, helped to run the International Women's Day programme with CamWIB and SJC FemSoc and reviewed our Consent John's document promoting awareness around sexual assault. Our Disabilities Officer, Bertie, aimed to ensure that JCR events were accessible, as well as collating information on specific disabilities, diagnosis, management and available University support. Samson, our Internationals Officer, delivered chocolate coins to students to celebrate the Lunar New Year. To further our aim of access, Arefin, in the new role of Class Act Officer, helped to create a financial aid document, describing the ways in which College can support students financially, as well as organising his own Class Act social.

On the theme of access, thanks are due to our outgoing Access Officer, Felix. He organised John's participation in the SU Shadowing Scheme, recruiting mentors and managing the move from an in-person to online scheme. After Lent term elections, we welcomed our new Access Officer, Alex, and a new Computing Officer, Balázs. The outgoing Computing Officer, Jan, was an invaluable member of the team, updating the JCR website and conducting testing for a payment system in a ticketing app that he coded.

Teamwork is of central importance to the JCR, and our Vice-President, Christian, demonstrated this. He organised and chaired the Undergraduate Open Meeting, to gather the student body's opinions about accommodation, and completed a timetable for Freshers' Week 2022, meaning that incoming first-years can look forward to a great start to their Cambridge experience.

Our Welfare Officers also did an amazing job. They attended an MHFA-England two-day course to become Mental Health First Aiders and met with the College nurses, Chaplain, Senior Tutor and counsellor throughout the year. They organised events such as the Valentine's Day arts and crafts session and distributed hot chocolate and brownies. One of the most exciting events of the year was organised by Jai, who worked with the Terrence Higgins Trust to run an STI-testing event, which included a Cambridge Crepe Van discount giveaway for participating students. This was widely appreciated by the College community and helped to remove the stigma around STI testing.

Yusuf, the Mental Health Officer, created catch-up sessions for medics with the Tutor for Medicine to discuss exam results, an initiative that we hope will be replicated for more subjects. Welfare Officer, Bernice, continued the free sanitary product scheme at John's and a cupcake decorating event to help ease the stress of exam term.

Our fabulous Publicity Officer, Zahir, sent out weekly JCR bulletins (with a revamped format) and updates concerning College



JCR welfare tea

events on JCR social media. He also met with companies in Cambridge to organise new partnerships, such as the Cubitt Photography contest, the winner of which is given a free eye exam and free Cubitt Glasses.

As JCR Co-Presidents, we have witnessed 'behind-the-scenes' of College life, liaising with staff and communicating the views of the student body. We worked with the accommodation team to organise new photos of John's accommodation, creating an easier balloting process with more



Maggie's Pyjama Ent

information for students, and organised the distribution of the much-loved John's puffer jackets. The life of a JCR president is filled with meetings, and we did our best to represent the John's community in these situations. We took part in Senior and Junior Members' committee meetings to discuss student wellbeing and College facilities. Alongside our Treasurer, we attended multiple Fees and Charges meetings, discussing rent and food prices with key College staff. We also had the privilege of attending College Council, as well as liaising with Communications about how best to reach those within and outside the John's community. We even filmed a video to contribute to St John's Giving Day, outlining the importance of student support for the collegiate community.

All in all, our time at St John's has been amazing, and although we're only just

finishing our second year, it feels as if the terms are going incredibly quickly. JCR meetings are weekly highlights, full of snacks, laughter and passionate discussion, with lots more to come. We want to thank the Master, the Senior Tutor and the Domestic Bursar for their continued support. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our predecessor, Paula, whose dedication to College and enthusiasm for the JCR are infectious. She responded to our enquiries with grace and knowledge, and we couldn't be happier to follow in her footsteps. We can't wait to see what else the JCR does and to welcome our eventual successor(s). We sometimes have to pinch ourselves to remember how privileged we are to be in such an influential position. 🍷

**Maryam Khan and Sarah Adebite, Co-Presidents**

# The SBR



Postgraduates enjoying lunch on the Backs

The effects of the coronavirus pandemic posed new challenges for student life at St John's, though, perhaps unlike last year, we remained cautiously optimistic for the return of in-person events. Indeed, the SBR Committee worked tirelessly with the COVID Silver team to ensure that our postgraduates could once again safely meet one another in person and not just from behind a computer screen.

We celebrated the end of the second national lockdown in the summer of 2021 by organising a Pimm's garden party in the Scholars' Garden with the help of two of our fantastic Social Officers, Christina and Lucy. They also organised a baking challenge for

our culinarily inclined friends to showcase their best bakes. Of course, it wouldn't be a true Cambridge experience without a wine-tasting session. We had a sneak preview of the new wines being served in College, accompanied by a delectable assortment of cheeses.

Perhaps our most anticipated series of events were those in Freshers' Fortnight. Thankfully, we saw many of our flagship events largely return to normal, with just a few changes in order to greet our new postgraduates safely. We required people to pre-book for events and bring their vaccine passports and a negative lateral flow test. For those wanting to make new friends in



**Bob Ross tutorial in the Master's Garden**

smaller, safer group settings, we had 'Six in the City' (not to be confused with the hit TV series!), where they were randomly assigned to groups of six for a safe night out of their choosing. Historic walks with the Borderer made a comeback, but with smaller groups. Additionally, we were able to host our classic wine reception again, as well as our cherished port and sherry nights after BA Table and the graduate symposium with Tim, Anna and Zala, our Academic Officers. We also hosted popular new events this year, including a karaoke night, which we hope will become a tradition over the coming years.

During Michaelmas, we hosted our first 'Ent' in almost two years in the Old Divinity School. To celebrate the end of a successful term, we danced the night away after a Christmas Formal with a traditional ceilidh band. Unfortunately, over the holidays and heading into Lent term, we saw the highest-ever number of COVID-19 cases in the nation, so our indoor mingling was put on hold. To keep morale high during this time, especially for those stuck in Cambridge over the holidays, we organised scavenger hunts with Mark Wells and online pub quizzes with our very own University Challenge winner, James Devine-Stoneman. Our hardworking Secretary, Elizabeth Bearblock, also took a group ice-skating on a cold night at Parker's Piece.

This year our Welfare and Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) team really stepped up when they were needed most. Together we used generous funding from the Annual Fund to support our postgraduates and tackle mental health issues during these difficult times. Rita, one of our Welfare Officers, worked with the JCR to provide free menstrual hygiene products throughout College for students to access at any time. She also put together running groups for the virtual Cambridge half-marathon and hosted a Bob Ross painting party on a sunny afternoon in the Master's Garden. Elwin, another of our fantastic Welfare Officers, organised a cleverly named event, 'Say aloe to my little friend', an initiative where we gave plants to nearly 100 postgraduates. Additionally, he negotiated with Jack's Gelato to subsidise free ice cream for anyone who tested during the national HIV Testing Week



in February. February is also LGBTQ+ History month, so we decided to organise free tickets to a drag show at the ADC Theatre. Together, the three of us hosted a Wellness Workshop Series covering topics like diet and exercise, sleep and sexual health during Mental Health Awareness month in May. The committee also arranged an in-person Eid Garden Party for students to break their fast together. Finally, we are very proud to have worked closely with the JCR Committee to implement anti-racism and gender-based violence-prevention training during induction.

The College prides itself on its globally imaginative approach to education and fostering a diverse and inclusive community. We are grateful to have seen friends from Trinity College Dublin and the Södermanlands-Nerikes Nation of Uppsala University once again, and we are looking forward to greeting more friends from Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia University this autumn. More locally, we also had formal dinners with Sidney Sussex, Emmanuel and St Catharine's Colleges, thanks to the efforts of our Social Officers, especially Alva.



Tea in handbuilt garden

In line with the College, the SBR also acknowledges the current climate crisis and is taking steps to create a sustainable future. Our environmental team, Margherita and Tom, hosted pumpkin-carving events and a seminar on decarbonising the College energy grid, and they have worked hard to set up a Gardening Society that will ensure the future of our allotments.

Sasha, our Sports Officer, assembled a group of postgraduates to enjoy some casual tennis on the playing fields. He also worked closely to renovate our free weights room in Cripps. Finally, although football didn't end up coming home for the delayed 2020 Euros, we hosted plenty of watch parties on the big screen in Palmerston to show our support for the Lions. We hope to have renovated the SBR, thanks to the Annual Fund, in time to be able to cheer them on again during the World Cup later in 2022.



Dillon Rinauro (2019; far left) and Jascha Achterberg (2019; far right) in Uppsala, Sweden

The SBR would not be the same without the support of its alumni network and donors, and especially the College's staff and administration team. Time and time again, we witnessed their unwavering dedication and commitment to ensuring that the student experience continued unhindered. I cannot thank them enough for their trust and support. In particular, thanks are due to the Postgraduate Office (Sylvana Tomaselli, Mark Nicholls and Angela Mansfield), the Domestic Bursar's Office (Helen Murley and Jessica Tearney-Pearce), the Senior Tutor, Richard Partington, and the Master, Heather Hancock, for their tremendous efforts. The catering staff, led by Bill Brogan and Ean Hogg, also deserve a special shout-out for their outstanding service; many of our events would simply not have been possible without them.

Finally, I would also like to thank the SBR Committee for their commitment to improving the postgraduate experience at St John's College; a leader is only as good as their team, and my team was pretty darn good. So much more work has taken place behind the scenes, often without thanks, so it's incredibly important to acknowledge the efforts of Jascha, Elizabeth, Sally and Charlotte. I remain optimistic that my successors, James Lazenby and Julia Acker, will see an even smoother year, and I am sure that this extraordinary community will continue to thrive in their hands. I look forward to seeing what the next SBR Committee accomplishes. 🍷

**Dillon Rinauro, SBR President**

# The Chapel



Chapel life, as for the whole of the College, this year resumed something like its normal pattern and – to some extent – its traditional feel as pandemic restrictions eased. It was wonderful, for example, to begin the year with a proper, full Matriculation Service. Other choral service highlights were the All Souls Day Requiem: a powerfully beautiful and moving way to remember those who had died, especially in the previous year. The Choir sang the Fauré *Requiem*, and on a wooden cross in the nave an array of candles burnt, one for each person being remembered.

At the end of term were the Advent Carol Services, the second of which was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3. By way of contrast, a couple of weeks later we were able to resume the annual tradition of a Christmas Carol Service, to which we especially invite members of staff with their children or

grandchildren. There was then a very pleasant tea in Hall, including a visit from Santa. Both Chapel and Hall rang happily with noise.

Amid the daily round of choral services in Lent term were the annual Epiphany Carol Services and Lent meditation. These services differ from Evensong, with their own structure based on readings and music chosen for the season.

Thence to the Easter term, which began with two broadcast services: Choral Evensong live on BBC Radio 3 and a recording of ‘Sunday Worship’. The latter was led by the Dean and focused on the seventeenth-century poet-priest George Herbert. This received a hugely positive response from listeners. Hot on its heels, Evensong on 12 May was video live-streamed by Classic FM on their Facebook page, with a wide international reach.

We also held what is usually an annual, festive occasion: a service of Baptism and Confirmation, with candidates both from the School and from College. This was conducted by the Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr Dagmar Winter, and was the first time that a female bishop had presided in Chapel: an important milestone.

Sunday Evensong resumed its place as the principal choral service of the week, a vital part of which is the sermon. Each term we have a specific theme, often with a visiting preacher. In Michaelmas it was 'Desert Island Books'; in Lent it was 'Doctors and the Divine: the human search for God', in which College Fellows spoke from their own academic discipline; and in Easter we took inspiration from the recently deceased Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in a series entitled 'No Shame in a Tutu', addressing the areas for which the late Archbishop was famous.

Other notable events included a Vigil for Ukraine, in response to the beginning of the invasion, as well as memorial services for two former Fellows: Dr Peter Linehan and Professor Roger Griffin. We were also able to resume occasional weddings and baptisms in Chapel.

The worshipping life of the Chapel extends beyond choral services, of course. Every Sunday morning, at the bracing time of 8.30, there is Student Communion. This brings together a broad cross-section of students and is followed by cooked breakfast in Hall. There is also Morning Prayer at 8.30 every weekday. Then we have three or four late-evening



'Compline by Candlelight' services a term: sung by the Chaplain and some of the Choral Scholars, this centuries-old monastic service is a wonderful way to end the day. Here we follow it with port and hot chocolate, the latter being one of the College Catering Department's finest achievements.

During the year the Dean continued to oversee the work of our department, as well as the College's relationship with College Livings. He maintained his work as a Tutor and member of Council and several committees, and gave lectures and addresses near and far, including contributing to a BBC Radio 4 programme on John Donne and our Radio 4 'Sunday Worship' on George Herbert. He was made an Honorary Fellow of King's College London.

Both the Dean and the Chaplain take part in the College's welfare provision. The Chaplain also organises reading and Bible study groups for students. Our hope is that all of this is wholly continuous with the life of the Chapel, that everything we do serves the whole College community, and always with our core values in mind – faith, beauty and justice. 🕯️

**Andrew Hammond, Chaplain**

# The Choir



Credit: James Beddoe

First rehearsal with alto Nina Vinther and probationers Amelia, Ingrid and Martha, 26 April 2022

What a busy year it has been for the Choir! Everyone returned very enthusiastically for what we hoped would be 'back to normal routine' in October 2021. We were delighted to welcome the new Junior Organ Scholar, Alex Trigg, along with Hamish MacGregor and Carlos Rodríguez Otero (Tenors), Henry Montgomery (Bass) and Probationers Arthur Cobb and Aiden Wee.

Two weeks into the Michaelmas term, the College made the exciting announcement that women and girls were to be admitted to the Choir. At the start of the Easter term, we were joined by Nina Vinther (Alto), along with Probationers Ingrid Birchall, Amelia Crichton-Stuart and Martha Gritten.

Just before the start of the Michaelmas term, a group of Choral Students were invited to take part in a service in Stamford to

celebrate the 500th Anniversary of William Cecil, the first Lord Burghley. In November a small group of Choral Students took part in a ceremony at the Senate House, when His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, was conferred with an Honorary Degree.

The Michaelmas term started promisingly, but the latter part of the term was severely hampered by COVID-19, with several Choristers and the Director of Music testing positive in the few days leading up to the live Advent Carol Service. George Herbert, the Herbert Howells Organ Scholar, very ably stepped into the breach with two days' notice to conduct the services, while former Organ Scholar, Joseph Wicks, returned to play the organ. George also conducted the Christmas concert, which took place in Chapel a few days later. The Choir travelled to Birmingham



Credit: Stephen Stokes

Joint Evensong with the Choir of St John the Divine, Kennington, 12 June 2022

Symphony Hall for a concert; unfortunately this was cancelled during the rehearsal because of concerns over contact with a COVID-19 case. Uncertainty over pandemic-related travel restrictions also caused us to cancel the Christmas tour to the Netherlands and the Easter tour to Sweden.

The Advent Carol Services contained two commissions (one postponed from the previous year) by Cheryl Frances-Hoad and Helen Grime.

The Lent term started with three days of recording and included three special services – the candlelit Epiphany Carol Services, Bach Cantata Evensong with the St John's Sinfonia, and the Lent Meditation.

In April Tom Butler (Bass) was invited to sing the national anthem before the Varsity

Match at Twickenham. Unfortunately his singing didn't bring much luck to the Cambridge team!

Four days of recording preceded the start of the Easter term. There then followed a busy period of broadcasts. BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong was broadcast live on Wednesday 4 May, with a recording of BBC Radio 4 Morning Worship being made the following day (broadcast on Sunday 8 May). Classic FM Facebook-livestreamed Evensong on Thursday 12 May.

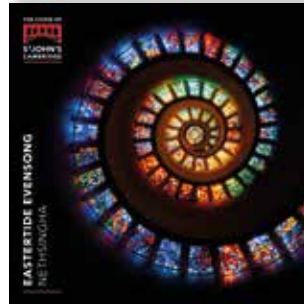
We also had a busy year of joint Evensong with other choirs – Clare College Choir at the end of the Lent term, and St John's Voices and King's College Choir during the Easter term. It was a particularly joyous occasion to welcome back the very enthusiastic children's choir from St John the Divine Church in Kennington in June.

Three albums were released this year: *The Tree* – a compilation of live recordings conducted by former Directors of Music Christopher Robinson and David Hill, and myself. The final tracks on the album were recorded during the Choir Association Reunion Evensong held in July 2019 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of the Chapel. Over 500 people were present, including the Choir, Choir alumni and congregation. It was a big sound! The second in the series of recordings by alumni musicians was Schubert's *Die schöne Müllerin*, performed by Iestyn Davies with Joseph Middleton at the piano. This was the first commercial release of the song cycle by a countertenor. Following on from the success of the live *Ash Wednesday* album, *Eastertide Evensong*, a live recording from May 2018, was released on Good Friday.

Choir alumni who were recognised this year include Hugh Cutting, who is the first countertenor to win the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Award, and Andrew Carwood, Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral, who was awarded an MBE for Services to Choral Music in the New Year Honours List.

My thanks go to everyone in the Chapel and Choir Department, and to the Headmaster and School staff for their support during yet another year severely hampered by the pandemic.

As with every year, we sadly had to say goodbye to a number of our singers: Francis Bamford, Tom Butler, Richard Decker, Alec D'Oyly, Alex Hopkins, Hamish MacGregor, Euan O'Connor, George Vines and Nina



This year's three 'St John's Cambridge' label releases: *The Tree* (11/21), *Die schöne Müllerin* (01/22) and *Eastertide Evensong* (04/22)

Vinther; and Choristers Adam Ahmad, Felix Bamford, Joshua Davidson, George Ducker, Lorenzo Granado and Lucas Nair-Grepinet. We thank them for their contribution to the Choir and send our very best wishes for the future. 🎨

**Andrew Nethsingha**  
Director of Music

# St John's Voices



Emerging from the horrors of the COVID-19 lockdown, I was concerned that a large amount of the inherited knowledge which naturally accumulates in our choirs would have been lost. I need not have feared! We gathered at the start of the Michaelmas term with a good quorum of singers remaining from the previous year, alongside some fine new singers, both from within the College and from the University more widely. The choir seemed to gel beautifully right from the first rehearsal, and there was a tangible joy at being back in the stalls without social distancing.

In normal times the year's first performance by our choir is a Grace Anthem for the

Matriculation Dinner. Given the reduced numbers in Hall, this was split into two events, with half the choir singing on each occasion, putting real pressure on our less-experienced members, who weren't able to hide behind their more confident colleagues. Happily these performances were well received and gave the new choir a boost in morale going into our barnstorming first Evensong (Dyson in D and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*). Shortly afterward we began learning music by Pavel Chesnokov for recording later in the year. This new repertoire posed challenges both to lungs (incredibly long phrases) and for pronunciation (Chesnokov wrote exclusively in Church Slavonic). But the beautiful



musical style, combining an austere spaciousness with richness and sumptuousness, proved an instant hit with our singers. A number of other events took place during the Michaelmas term: we provided music for the University Commemoration of Benefactors at Great St Mary's; we sang Grace anthems for the first of two Foundation dinners; and the last week of term opened with the popular Christmas Carol Service and closed with a sell-out performance of *Messiah* (not that we feel competitive, but it's worth mentioning that we sold more tickets than Clare College Choir and the OAE the day after!).

The Lent term focused, alongside our regular evensongs, on Chesnokov's music. This project, for which we joined forces with the University Chamber Choir, came to fruition in a very well-attended concert in March, followed by three days of recording at the end of the month. We were badly affected by the COVID-19 resurgence and by a virulent cold/flu virus doing the rounds in March, so there were some last-minute changes in personnel, but I'm extremely grateful to our students for their fortitude and patience, and for delivering such an incredibly beautiful set of performances. I have had the great privilege of listening to the first edits over the last few days, and the CD will be a thing of great loveliness.

Shortly before the Easter term, we sang two services in London at St Paul's Cathedral. This vast space is a challenge to choirs, as it can feel like singing into a

void, but our singers relished the opportunity to demonstrate their skill, and to be away together and cement friendships. We gave a debut concert with the London Mozart Players in June (Haydn *Nelson Mass* and Duruflé *Requiem*), with a tour to Switzerland and Italy to follow. In a piece of news that may interest any younger readers, we also started an SJV TikTok account, which runs alongside our active presence on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. I would encourage Johnnians and members of the College community to follow our posts to keep in touch with our ongoing and forthcoming projects.

It has been a remarkably busy and successful year all round, which would not have been possible without the endless support of Caroline Marks, Stephen Stokes, John Boulter, Mark Oakley and many others. We are hugely grateful to them all, and to alumni who have continued to support our work. 🎨

### Graham Walker, Director



# Music Society



Josephine Cowley (2020) playing the piano, with Emily Trubshaw (2019) turning pages

Following the disruption that COVID-19 caused to so many of us at St John's, the Music Society was finally able to spread its wings and take off with a wonderful variety of projects and events. For me, the most successful of these by far was the establishment of our new chamber music scheme, the idea for which has been brewing for several years. Whereas previous attempts had been somewhat short-lived, with the appointment of our wonderful Chamber Music Director and forthcoming President, Josephine Cowley, this concept finally came to fruition. The first of its kind in the University, this scheme attempts to fill a gap in the Cambridge music scene:

despite huge efforts to make music-making accessible to all students, regardless of ability, orchestras and groups usually consist of those who are already at a high level. Our new programme is open to the whole College – students, staff and Fellows alike – and is designed to improve inclusivity, allowing like-minded people with a love of music to meet and play together in whatever setting they feel most comfortable. After receiving over fifty sign-ups (who knew we had so many musicians in College?), Josephine put people in touch with one another at the end of Michaelmas term and organised our very first informal chamber music evening in the Master's

Lodge in March. Alongside the obligatory cheese and wine, we were entertained by several musical groups, some of which consisted of students who had started learning their instruments only a year ago. This wholesome branch of our society is bound to attract more musicians, inspiring music-making in the College for years to come.

In addition to the success of the chamber music scheme, I must also acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Francis Bamford (Vice-President and Lunchtime Recitals Curator) for unfailingly organising weekly lunchtime concerts in the College. Ranging from performances of traditional Chinese music to jazz and classical guitar, Francis transformed this series into an extremely exciting display of the breadth of music-making in Cambridge. Similarly, Joseph Hancock (Secretary), Tom Butler (Chapel Lates Director) and Richard Decker (Marketing and Communications Officer) produced a number of ambitious concerts in the Chapel this year, which were a testament to the musical talent at St John's. These included performances of Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* in Michaelmas, Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and a programme of choral music for the season of Lent. In June we presented a semi-staged production of Handel's *Xerxes*.

Aside from our concert series, SJCMS produced several one-off events, notably a joint performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto (with soloist Graham Walker) and Schubert's Symphony No. 8 (informally known as Schubert's 'Unfinished'). With

only three rehearsals, the orchestra, under the baton of our Artistic Director Max Todes, received a standing ovation. In Lent term, we invited Baha Yetkin, a master oud player, to the College for a performance of Turkish classical music, as well as some of his own compositions and improvisations. A similarly successful event took place at the start of Easter term in the Combination Room, where members of our committee and other performers from St John's provided an evening of musical entertainment for the rest of the College.

While the majority of our efforts go into organising this vast array of music-making, the committee is often happy to take a casual trip to the local pub, the Maypole, or to spend an hour or two in the College bar for coffee and cake following our weekly meetings. We also host an annual quiz night in the bar and a garden party in the Fellows' Garden for all those involved with the society.

It was a pleasure being President of SJCMS this year, and I am very pleased to be handing this responsibility over to Josephine Cowley. I have no doubt that she will continue to transform our society into the musically diverse and inclusive hub that we want it to be. With plans to introduce 'Come and Play' events in Michaelmas and Lent terms, as well as a potential chamber music festival in Easter term, next year promises to be even more successful than this one, and we strongly encourage everyone to come along and get involved. 🍷

**Emily Trubshaw, President**

# Adams Society



Adams Society committee


The Adams Society enjoyed another successful year, with many traditional activities resuming after the pandemic. We welcomed larger audiences from across the University to our talks and social events.

The Michaelmas term began with Professor Richard Samworth's lecture about Stein's lemma and some of its consequences. Later, Professor Kevin Buzzard from Imperial gave a very popular talk on formal proof verification entitled 'Can a computer do your problem sheets?' At the end of term, Professor Niranjana Balachandran from IIT

Bombay spoke about the Szemerédi regularity lemma.

Talks in Lent term explored Number Theory and were delivered by Professor Tom Fisher (University of Cambridge), Professor Gerd Faltings (Fields Medalist 1986; University of Bonn) and Dr Vicky Neale (University of Oxford). The first two lectures focused on Diophantine equations, while the last was about the relationship between scarves that Dr Neale had knitted and the roots of polynomials.

The freshers' squash session in Michaelmas and the garden party in Easter term were our first post-COVID social events. The Annual Dinner was the highlight of the year, with Dr Ivan Smith as guest speaker. Unfortunately the Adam's Society narrowly lost the annual cricket match against Trinity's Maths Society and the football match with St Catharine's Hyperbolics.

Thanks are due to the committee for their work throughout the year, and to our Directors of Studies and Fellows for their support. The Adams Society is on an upward trajectory and will celebrate its centenary next year under the leadership of the incoming President, Vishal. 

**Xuanang Chen, President**


## Architecture Society

The St John's Architecture Society maintained a strong presence throughout the year, providing an inter-year support group to help cushion a very intense degree. Student meetings were organised each term (with free pizza) to discuss problems, answer questions and generate helpful discussion between year groups. After such a long period without human contact, it was a relief to finally see people face to face, and these meetings created an opportunity for students, especially the first years, to de-stress and gain some feedback and general reassurance.

The St John's Art Room was maintained and thoroughly cleaned, with more materials such as plotter paper bought to stock it up. The room provides a useful resource – especially when we get close to deadlines – and having a College plotter is a huge

advantage and a source of envy from other colleges.

It was a year of transition as the Director of Studies role, which had been temporarily outsourced, finally passed to Dr Dhashil Shah. We organised a formal, which provided an opportunity outside meetings to get to know each other in a social setting.

We invited the previous St John's Architecture Society President, Barbara Urmossy (2018), who was working at Herzog de Meuron, to give a talk about what to expect from the industry in general but also to offer advice for our portfolios. We hope that the tradition of inviting St John's alumni back for talks will continue. 

**Sang Wee and Pantea Sarparast, Co-Presidents**

# Art Society



Art Society at Ai Weiwei's *The Liberty of Doubt* exhibition

At the Freshers' Fair we recruited a grand total of 105 members – an impressive amount, and one indicative of the College's enthusiasm to get involved in more creative exploits. However, we soon faced difficulties accessing the society's bank account and requisite materials because of the legacy of the COVID-19 years, and it was also difficult to organise times for informal meet-ups that worked for everyone. Even in the world of art, it seems that admin is never that far away!

But soon we got back into the swing. Early in Lent term we had a mixed-media session in the Fisher Building, where conversation flowed and people were

busy with pens and knitting needles. Later in the term we gathered to visit the fantastic Ai Weiwei exhibition at Kettle's Yard, *The Liberty of Doubt*.

I look forward to continuing to run the society next year while Hannah (my Co-President) is in Taiwan. Hopefully, with a little extra spare time and some additional money, even more successful opportunities lie ahead. And, in the not so distant future, the new art centre in the College should give us a dedicated space to enjoy art at St John's. 🎨

**Jai Pantling, Co-President**

# Beekeepers Society

The Beekeepers Society, along with its apiary, continued to grow and thrive this year. Throughout 2021, our bees were extremely busy keeping their hives tidy, flowers pollinated and honey abundant – so abundant, in fact, that across spring and summer, we harvested not once, but twice. Harvesting in June and September, we amassed more than 150 lbs of honey. Considering that nectar from over a million flowers is needed to produce a single pound of honey, we are very proud of our wee bees. With this stockpile, we provided the College Buttery and bar with jars to sell to students, staff and Fellows.

Not all was good fortune, though, as winter proved difficult for our apiary. Two of our newly ‘re-queened’ hives struggled to develop and were sadly lost come February. Understanding seasonal fluctuations in

colony activity and development is an essential skill that a beekeeper must learn, and this experience was an important teaching moment for us so that we can ensure it does not happen again.

At present, our apiary hosts three colonies, one of which was a recently acquired swarm from the College’s own sports grounds. Swarming is a frequent cause for concern during the spring and summer when the bees are most active, and it is a sign that they do not like their accommodation. As we have had no swarming incidents this year, it seems our little tenants are happy.

Our honey crop is picking up, and, with good weather, we expect an early summer harvest! 🐝

**Kyle M. Reid, President**



# Christian Union

Over the past twelve months, St John's Christian Union had regular in-person meetings, growing a community of faith in the College and encouraging one another to live for Jesus in university life. Through the year we enjoyed sharing meals together, including pre-church breakfasts, picnics on the Backs and dinners in the Buttery.

At the start of the 2021/22 year we had the pleasure of welcoming freshers to CU and continued our weekly meetings. In both Michaelmas and Lent terms we put on 'Text-a-Toastie' outreach events in collaboration with Magdalene College CU, in which members of both college communities were invited to explore

questions about Christianity and faith with us, accompanied by a toastie delivery.

During Lent term, St John's CU joined with other Christian unions across Cambridge to share the good news with a week of events called 'Pursuit: what are we searching for' (all of which are available to watch on the 'CICCU' YouTube channel).

We look forward to the coming year and expect more great events, especially as we formally join with Magdalene CU. We're always happy to see new faces: feel free to get in touch if you have any questions. 🍷

**Chris Spain, President**





# Dobson Society



'The Mudcubs' installation

The newly founded Education Society of St John's College was named after the late Master, Chris Dobson, because of his joyful and inclusive outlook towards education and his steadfast championing of the study of Education at St John's. The society would not exist without the determination of its first President, Hetty Opayinka, whose idea it was to bring Fellows, undergraduates and graduate students together in this way.

For our inaugural event, with the help of the Director of Studies for Education, Dr Morag Morrison-Helme, we co-ordinated the instalment of 'The Mudcubs' by award-winning sculptor Nicola Ravenscroft. The exhibit features seven life-size, bronze figures of children – along with two penguins – representing children from the seven continents of the world. The unveiling of the statues and the fact that they currently reside in the College Chapel

demonstrate the College's continued celebration of diversity.


The society has been instrumental in establishing the ethnic minority focus groups in College and in officialising the cultural dress formal halls which began in Michaelmas 2021 and will take place every term. The society celebrated its first year with a dinner in the Easter term, to which all St John's education students were invited. Some speaker events, networking events and access schemes are already in the pipeline for next year.

Thanks is due to Hetty for her hard work and leadership, and to Morag and Matthias Dörrzapf for their continued support. I am sure that the Dobson Society will continue to make a positive impact on the College and wider Cambridge community. 🐧

**Chani Merrell, Secretary**

# Economics Society

St John's Economics Society enjoyed a successful year, running several events, which culminated in the Annual Dinner, held in the Combination Room for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic. In Michaelmas term we organised a Games Night to welcome the new fresher cohort and to help integrate them into the society. We then hosted an exclusive networking event with a large management consultancy

in Lent term, leading several members to secure further opportunities with the firm afterwards. In Easter term we were fortunate to have Nobel laureate and Honorary Fellow, Professor Eric Maskin, as the guest speaker at our Annual Dinner, where first-year student Lasith Siriwardana was elected as the new President of the society. 

**Bruno Ramsden, President**

# Feminist Society



**Feminist Society Committee**

St John's Feminist Society had a successful year, one in which we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to St John's. It was thrilling to see renewed interest in the society and to resume some in-person events, including the freshers' event at the start of the year. The theme for discussion this year was 'Women in Academia.' We invited a number of speakers across Michaelmas and Lent terms, including Professor Jane Heal (first female President of St John's), Heather Hancock (first female Master of the College), Professor Laurie Maguire (Professor of Shakespeare at Oxford) and Andrew Nethsingha (Director of Music at St John's), and we also hosted a panel discussion with Professor Helen McCarthy, Dr Jessica Gardner and Dr Ann Kennedy Smith.

Collaborations with the groups Where are the Girlbands, The Minerva Festival, Pink Week and CAMWIB led to successful joint events, including our Women in Music panel, Pink Week talk and International Women's Day event. Socials included a freshers' event, bar quiz (with winners taking home Consent John's stash and Maggie the bear!) and International Women's Day formal hall. Finally, our logo competition for the 40th anniversary attracted some wonderful entries; the winning design by Daisy Gemmel can be seen on our Instagram. It was wonderful to be President of the Feminist Society alongside an amazing committee this year, and I hope to see more exciting events for the society in the future. 🍷

**Abigail Walker, President**

# History Society

Over the last year, the History Society emerged from the shadow of coronavirus with gusto, hosting a series of insightful talks. Topics included Prince Leo of Armenia, Paraguayan art and literature, Mao's 'Mango Fever', and the Scottish Wars of Independence, the last of which was presented by the new Senior Tutor, Richard Partington.

The society also ran a range of social events, including our Christmas quiz, co-hosted by Fitzwilliam College and Trinity Hall, and a Pimm's and strawberry-laden summer garden party. Perhaps the highlight of the year was the annual History Society Dinner in the Combination Room, featuring guest

of honour Professor Richard Bourke. He prompted a thought-provoking discussion on moralisation and teleology in the study of imperial history, which stimulated conversation over the delicious meal, for which we thank Dr Tomaselli, Professor Atatüre and Dr Arsan for their assistance. Thanks are also due to the outgoing committee: Social Secretary Natina Nesbeth, Treasurer Geordie Cheetham, and Secretary Yasmin Homer. It was a great pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents this year, and we wish our successors the best of luck. 🍷

**Rupert Gardiner and Jonny Fox,  
Co-Presidents**



# Johnian Entrepreneurs



At the Johnian Entrepreneurs' Club (JEC) we are passionate about bringing entrepreneurial opportunities to St John's members and the wider Cambridge community through next-generation projects, business competitions, powerful networking opportunities and targeted real-world learning experiences.

We launched the year with an EnergyTech event in the Fellows' Garden, with over 150 attendees and three exciting talks, including one by St John's Fellow Laura Torrente Murciano about her work on chemical storage of renewable energy. We further co-organised ten events in collaboration with societies such as CUTEC and CUVCPES. Our speakers this year ranged from *Forbes 30 Under 30* founders Cliff Weitzman (Speechify) and Jean Verpilliere (Echion) to academic spin-out founders, including St John's Fellow Eric Miska (STORM Therapeutics) and Alessio Ciulli (Amphista Therapeutics). We also learned from successful founders Andrew Masanto (Hedera, Good Money, Nillion) and Marcel

Gehring (Cyted), and venture capitalists Alex Hamilton (Syncona) and Johnian Nathan Benaich (2010; Air Street Capital). A highlight of the year was the Innovation and Entrepreneurship workshop led by Johnian Dr Liisa van Vliet (2002) – scientist, entrepreneur and mentor – where students improved their knowledge of intellectual property, markets and clients, and business models. JEC also established a partnership with the Creator Fund, Europe's largest investor in university-based start-ups, and participated in the Cambridge Pitch Deck Competition.

We would like to thank Nathanael Espinha, Olivia Dovernor, Tara LeBlanc, Bernice Cheung, Kisso Selvan, Satoki Shimamune, Taran Sabharwal, Marina Lirintzi, Mary Letey and JEC advisers Liisa van Vliet and Mark Wells (1981). To join the club, please reach out to next year's president, Olivia Dovernor, at [JohnianEntrepreneursPresident@gmail.com](mailto:JohnianEntrepreneursPresident@gmail.com). 🐉

**Diana Arman, President**

# Larmor Society



Three generations of committee. From L to R: Ellery Gopaoco (Secretary 2021/22), Koji Shukawa (President 2021/22), Dilyara Sabirova (Co-President 2020/21), Kyanna Ouyang (Co-President 2020/21), Noah Grodzinski (President 2022/23), James Birdson (Secretary 2022/23)

During the past year life at the College mostly returned to normal and the Larmor Society managed to bounce back.

Once the academic year had started, we revived the pre-COVID ritual of welcoming freshers by luring them in with free pizza and connecting different year groups. In fact, we hosted a record number of formal swaps with NatSci societies from other colleges throughout the year. The sheer excitement and energy brought to the table were encouraging to behold after a year of limited social contact.

Finally, the long-awaited Annual Dinner took place at the end of Lent term in the Combination Room. The four-course meal

was chosen by our Secretary and was very popular. We started with seared Scottish scallops, followed by lobster shepherd's pie. As the night wore on, we enjoyed venison wellington as the main course and wrapped up with the College's signature Sussex Pond Pudding.

At the dinner, the society was handed over to the new committee to thunderous applause. Thanks are due to all of the Fellows who supported the society throughout the difficult years, and we also wish the new committee the best of luck. 🍀

**Koji Shukawa, President**  
**Ellery Gopaoco, Secretary**


# Linguistics Society

As College life slowly returned to pre-pandemic normality, the Linguistics Society continued to provide entertaining academic and social events for language enthusiasts at St John's.

We started the academic year with a 'Meet & Greet' event for freshers before delving into proper linguistic material at academic talks and events. In Michaelmas term, Dr Oliver Mayeux, Junior Research Fellow at Trinity College, gave a language tutorial on Louisiana Creole. It was a wonderful example of the ways in which Creoles provide insight into the emergence of languages in extreme contact scenarios. Later in Michaelmas, our very own Tim Laméris (2018) prepared a language-themed pub quiz.

Our LaTeX for Linguists workshop in Lent term (co-organised with the Cambridge University TeX Society) was particularly well received. This taught the basics of

type-setting documents with LaTeX and introduced some linguistics packages, which proved helpful for those wanting to write dissertations or papers with LaTeX or to draw syntax trees and phonetic symbols in a straightforward manner (many of us love syntax trees, but drawing them in Word can be a real nuisance!). Dr Bert Vaux, Fellow at King's College, joined us at the end of term to present his work on 'the evolution of phonological scope', a topic especially fascinating to those interested in the intersection of language change, acquisition and phonological theory. Lent term ended with a subject advice session with refreshments.

We finished the academic year with a society dinner and garden party as well-earned celebrations after exams. Here's to another stimulating year of linguistic events in 2022/23! 

**Núria Bosch Masip, President**

# Medical Society



The St John's College Medical Society had a busy and fruitful year. The committee worked hard to embody the welfare aims and academic and social values that define our community of medical students.

Notable events over the year included the return of the renowned Linacre Lecture, in which we had the pleasure of hearing the fantastic talk of Professor Sheena Radford (1984) on her work on protein folding. We also hosted our Annual Medical Society Dinner, with guest speaker and alumnus Professor Roger Kirby (1969) giving an insightful talk on his career. It was heartwarming to see alumni return to pass on advice to undergraduate students during the Summer Placement Information evening, recounting their experiences as

medical students at this college and fielding questions to offer guidance. More informal social events were regularly and brilliantly held, with pizza, Christmas, Valentine's prosecco and strawberries enjoyed by all six years of students. Meanwhile, the welfare team worked to provide welfare packages throughout the various exam periods and wrote individual cards for medical students over Christmas. It goes without saying that the work of every individual in this committee should be highly commended, and it was an immense pleasure as Co-Presidents to work with them and engage with the College's community of medical students in a brilliant year for the Society. 🍷

**Will Tan and Annabel Poon,  
Co-Presidents**



# Palmerston Society



The Palmerston Society gradually returned to its normal order of functions following two years of disruptions due to the pandemic. The Annual Dinner was held in Easter term this year, later than normal, and a joint garden party with the History Society was planned to take place after examinations. The society is currently in the process of securing speakers for the new academic year, and we are looking forward to welcoming freshers in

Michaelmas with a society brunch. The committee would like to thank everyone who has been instrumental in the smooth running of the society throughout the pandemic and in laying the groundwork for many more exciting events. 🐉


**Kerem Mumyakhmaz, President**

# Parsons Society

The Parsons Society was back in full swing this year with a shiny new bank account following the disruption caused by COVID-19. Our first event was the annual Parsons' desserts in February 2022. This provided a great opportunity for freshers to meet older Johnian engineers, and to improve bonding within their own year group. It also marked the first desserts for the second-year engineers as it had not been held since late 2019. The turnout was fantastic, and the Wordsworth Room was filled to post-COVID capacity, with all first-years present.

The welfare event 'Cookies and cribs' returned each week this summer, following on from its success last year. This was a great opportunity for first- and second-year students revising for their exams to go outside and enjoy snacks and ice cream, discuss any concerns they may have had

about exams or their specialism choices with older students, or just forget engineering in general and have a moment to clear their heads.

The remainder of the summer was particularly action-packed. The annual dinner took place on 13 June, sadly just before the first and second years' last exams, so it was more of a send-off for the fourth years before they graduated and headed into the real world. The combined Larmor and Parsons Society Garden Party also returned on 17 June in the Scholars' Garden. Following these events, the new committee was elected for 2022/23. 

**Angus Harrington, President**

# Poetry Society



The St John's Poetry Society, established at the end of Michaelmas term 2021, enjoyed all of the excitement of a new society in its infancy. Beginning our proceedings with a casual games night, we were delighted to see not only friends and friends-of-friends getting involved but also those who had found us through our Instagram page ([@stjohnscampoetry](#)).

To kick off 2022, we hosted a *Dead Poets Society* evening, where we invited guests to bring their favourite poem by a dead poet to share with the group, before we settled down to enjoy the eponymous film. More recently we hosted a port and cheese night with readings of poetry themed around food and drink, with some attendees sharing their

own work. We were pleased to have been asked to contribute to the production of this year's St John's Poetry Pamphlet, and we hosted a writing workshop in Easter term, which gave both novices and well-practised poets the opportunity to write anonymously in a range of styles and on a range of topics. We were particularly excited to attempt some collaborative efforts for submission to the pamphlet. Alongside welcoming new members with each event, it was wonderful to develop a coterie of familiar faces, who will no doubt take the future of the Poetry Society in hand next year. 🍷

**Elena Napier, President**

# Punt Society



Punt Society Committee 2021/22

The St John's College Punt Society has long been a celebrated staple of College life and is notable for its financially self-sustaining model, world-class punt fleet and dominance on the waterways from the high towers of the College towards the green pastures of Grantchester. The pandemic dealt an inevitably heavy blow to our financial structure, but over the last year we took great pride in rebuilding it.

It was a pleasure to provide punting as one of the few remaining permissible activities for students and staff during the closing stages of the pandemic, as we tried to restore the society to full strength. The committee this year should be commended for their resilience

in the face of a plethora of challenges. Notable examples include bailing out the punts during the pandemic, ingenious and thorough financial modelling, rigorous risk assessments, and the sinking and sudden passing of Punt 500. Further acknowledgement and thanks are owed to the incredible porters of Cripps Lodge, and to the Domestic Bursar, for their assistance over the year. It is fair to say that we succeeded in returning the red vessels of the College to the River Cam once again, and it is with enormous pleasure that I hand over to the next President (née Admiral) of the society with much to look forward to in the coming year. 🍷

**Will Tan, President**

# Wilkes Society



It was my second year as President of the Wilkes Society, and this year we decided to invite members of Girton College to join the society. With COVID-19 restrictions finally over, we made sure to hold plenty of events.

We began the year with a meet and greet, where we welcomed new members over drinks and snacks. Later in Michaelmas term, we held a software engineering workshop for the Part IA students, where they could learn about agile development by using LEGO to build a car for an indecisive customer. We also held an interview practice workshop, run by one of our PhD students, which gave members the chance to practise programming interview questions in preparation for their job applications.

At the start of Lent term, we held a presentation session, where the Part II students showcased their projects, which ranged from adaptive graphics rendering to

homomorphic encryption. Later that term, we invited Pali Surdhar from nCipher, a company that builds hardware security modules (HSMs), to give a talk to the society. Pali discussed the supply chains that we implicitly trust in cybersecurity, and he explained how we could make them more robust and trustworthy.

We concluded the year with our annual dinner, which we had been unable to run for the past two years because of the pandemic. Held in the Combination Room, the dinner gave us an opportunity to celebrate the end of the year and allowed us to elect our new committee for the year ahead.

It has been an absolute privilege serving the Wilkes Society. I wish good luck to all the computer scientists and hope that the society enjoys many a prosperous year ahead. 🍷

**Henry Caushi, President**

# Winfield Society

This year the Winfield Society committee passionately and committedly promoted law as a field of study and a potential career option for those studying Law, as well as for students reading other subjects. The year began with Slaughter and May hosting a drinks reception for first-years, which was designed to introduce them to the idea of a career in law.

Our Mistress of Moots (Mooting Officer), Emily Bell, took on a significant role in the society. Overseeing every round of our Winfield Moot, she encouraged an unprecedented number of students not studying Law to moot this year, with HSPS student Kacper Nowak reaching the final. Law student Pearl Ng performed brilliantly and won the Winfield Moot, and she will succeed Emily as Mistress of Moots next year.

Our Social Officers, Sophia, Elliot and Bernice, alongside our Treasurer, Gerry, worked tirelessly to organise our annual Winfield Dinner. Sophia played a huge part in securing sponsorship from Slaughter and May. Alumni attended, and the evening was a joyful celebration of the law. We were again delighted to be joined by many who are not lawyers.

Our Communications Team, Muqaddas, Samson and Aribah, created a new Winfield Society logo and started a society Instagram account. Their work in bringing the Winfield Society into the social media sphere ensured that events, such as a talk on 'Life at the Bar' by alumnus Andrew Simmonds QC (1976), were well attended and celebrated via social media. 🎉

**Andrew Neziri, President**



# Men's Athletics

St John's Athletics Club had a strong start this year, with our men's squad earning second place at Cuppers. Following this, some of our students were selected to represent the University at the 75th Freshers Varsity Match in Michaelmas term, including Anna Kelly (3000m), Alexander Kuszytk (200m, 4x100m and 4x400m), Lucca Martins (400m), Kerem Mumyalmaz (hammer throw), Satoki Shimamune (100m and 4x100m) and Shani Wright (pole vault). Our combined performances helped both the men's and the women's Cambridge squads to secure overall wins over Oxford.

In Easter term a number of students from St John's went on to represent the University

at the 147th Varsity Match, including Peter Cameron (mile), Breanna Deutsch (2000SC), Angus Harrington (400m, 800m, 4x400m), Anna Kelly (5000m), Gemma King (javelin throw), Maciej Maruszczak (shot put), Ikechi Mere (discus throw), Kerem Mumyalmaz (hammer throw), Dillon Rinauro (200H and 400H), Satoki Shimamune (100m) and Shani Wright (pole vault). The Cambridge men's squad beat Oxford and the women's squad finished in a draw. To conclude, I am happy to report that St John's Athletics had a great season, with our athletes performing exceptionally well at both collegiate and University levels. 

**Alexander Kuszytk, Captain**

# Badminton

It was exciting to get the St John's College Badminton Club up and running again this year, with both new and familiar faces. Having been promoted in the last year that the league ran, the team had a good season playing some tough opponents. In Michaelmas term, we had some excellent wins, including a terrific 7-2 victory against Girton, resulting in a second-place finish in the league. The team was delighted at the thought of a further promotion, but a temporary rule change meant that only the top team from each division qualified, so we had to try again in Lent term. The whole team got behind the prospect of being promoted for a second year in a row, and we managed to achieve another second-place finish to ensure this.

Credit is due to our new players this year – with honourable mentions to our match commentator, Shikhar Asthana, resident teacher, Joanna Stell, battery protector, Rayaan Hector, mascot, Jaehon Sim and novice player, Sai Mong. We must also mention our veterans, Tamnay Dixit, John Zhu and Anosh Bonsani, who have contributed hugely to the College's success over the past few years. It was great fun playing this year: we could not have asked for a better group to keep the College Badminton Club moving to new heights. 

**Nasser Chowdhury and  
Rohan Mudkavi, Co-Captains**

# Basketball

After an eventful past year, it was a relief to return to competitive play again. This year St John's had a strong mix of both new and returning players with varying levels of experience, as well as good representation at the University level. Six Johnnians played across the four teams at this year's Varsity.

Starting Michaelmas term in Division 3 (out of five) in the college league, we faced Jesus in our first game, narrowly winning 47-45 – a great start to the year! The remaining games that term weren't such a challenge for us: we won them comfortably and topped the table to join Division 2 in Lent.

Division 2 was a big step up, and out of the four teams that we played we could secure a win only against Queens', which was enough to keep us off the bottom of the table. Our place in Division 2 was secured by beating Wolfson by one point in a thrilling promotion-relegation match.

Lastly came Cuppers, where we faced Wolfson again in the first round. Unfortunately, this took place the day before Varsity, and so we were unable to take any University players with us. The remaining team, however, gave a solid effort, but it wasn't enough to triumph, and Wolfson went on to win the whole tournament.



Playing College basketball has been great fun this year. I wish all the best to next year's team, which hopefully will come back even stronger and make a mark on Division 2. 🐞

**William Wright, Captain**



# Eagles and Flamingos



The Eagles and Flamingos enjoyed their return to normality this year, with most events held as before. The hotly anticipated dinner in the Combination Room took place in Lent term, with over thirty junior and senior members convening to celebrate the achievements of students excelling in University-level sports. Good food, wine and port were enjoyed, followed by the ever-enjoyable indoor cricket, ably umpired by Keith (it was a draw – shock!).

Easter term began with the annual Colours Dinner, and once again the Hall was full and bustling with chatter, with all gathered together to celebrate our College's sporting prowess and dedication to sport. It made us all very proud to be at St John's. At this dinner, Connor Bennett was the first person in College history to receive both the Bob Fuller and the Jim Williams trophies, the former being awarded to the

person who made the best contribution to College sport and the latter chosen by the Head Groundsman for their contribution to field sports. No one could be more deserving.

The Garden Party went ahead again in the garden of the Master's Lodge, marking the end of exams for many and the celebration of a year of successful College sportsmen and sportswomen.

Alongside many triumphs in College sport, a number of members were successful in achieving Blues this year across a vast multitude of team and individual sports. With a strong sporting heritage, it is great to see that one of the reasons we chose St John's is still very much alive, with students performing at the highest levels. 🏆

**Tom Walton, Eagles President**  
**Lily Mainwaring, Flamingos President**

# Men's 1st Football

This year the first team had a mixed season. We finished the league on 11 points from nine games, winning three, drawing two and losing four. Given that we were in Division 2 only three seasons ago (our first two in Division 1 being affected by COVID-19), we have taken heart from several impressive victories: a 5-3 win over Robinson, a 3-2 victory over Churchill and a 3-2 win over Queens' on the final day of the season. With only four players in their final year of study, our team lacked experience, so these victories involved a great amount of fortitude, which I hope will inspire the team next season. Sadly, the Cuppers run ended with our first game against King's, who absolutely outmatched us on the day. Regarding social events, we had excellent visits from both the Old Boys and the Old Old Boys, a team dinner with the women's team and a tour to Newcastle.

Our top scorer this year was central midfielder and Vice-Captain Lucca Martins, who consistently chipped in with important goals from in and around the box. The player of the season, as voted for by the team, was Jacob Davies. He and Lucca made an exceptional central midfield duo, both combative and able to advance the ball in games against excellent opposition.

Particularly impressive was Jacob's prowess, in tandem with his technical consistency. Other notable mentions include Mark Robinson's exceptional shot stopping and Rob Ritchie's impressive leadership from defence.

Lastly, thanks are due to Josh Adeyemi, Sang Wee and Ben Tatters, who will all be leaving this year after spending the last three as essential members of the club, both on and off the pitch. Here's hoping that next year's team will be able to sustain that possession-based, physical football we have become known for across whole matches. Playing like Liverpool in one half and Sunderland in the next won't cut it if we want to compete for that elusive Division 1 title next season. 🏆

**William Pocock, Captain**


# Men's 2nd Football

The season started slowly with losses to the eventual top two teams in Division 3 and a goalless draw at Fitzwilliam.

Fortunately, soon came the first win, 4-2 against Caius' 2nd team, with two goals from Walker. This started a run of five wins. We won 6-1 in Oxford against Balliol's 2nd team, 3-1 on Homerton's lovely 4G pitch (including the goal of the season – Saxena's top-corner, left-footed curler from outside the box), and 4-1 against Caius' 2nd team. The last of these included a twenty-five-yard free kick from yours truly, immortalised on camera by my successor Herring.

Lent term began with a 5-3 win over Jesus' 2nd team. Three losses unfortunately followed, including one that knocked us out of the Shield. The season came to a close with an extremely impressive 4-1 win over Christ's 1st team, with Nayak tapping in his seventh goal of the season for the golden boot.

Deserving of a mention are the entire backline – Paisley, French, Lee and Higgins. With an average height of 6'3", they were immovable in many low-conceding games. Goalkeeper Poddar made some wonderful saves; a point-blank stop on the last day of the season springs to mind. Green, up from the 3rd team, was an addition of real quality. And Lopez, a Wolfson student and Cambridge 2nd team midfielder, added a touch of class, having turned down numerous offers from 1st teams because the St John's 2nd team 'just felt right'.

Overall, we finished the season in fifth place in the league, the highest-placed 2nd team in Cambridge. It was an honour to captain this team, and I can't wait for what next year holds. 

**Benjamin Conway, Captain**

# Men's 3rd Football



A season that began with lofty aspirations of a 3rd Team 'double' ended in disappointment in Division 6, with fourth place not sufficient to gain promotion. But it will be remembered for an incredible cup run, which ended with a second-place finish after a closely fought final.

The high point of the season was undoubtedly the Cup, an epic semi-final comeback against Emmanuel, which saw us turn a 0-3 deficit into a 5-3 victory, despite a broken collar bone for winger Cameron Mumtaz-Wong and a dislocated shoulder for striker Kevin Huang. In the league, those who were there will long treasure a heroic draw away at Homerton, played with nine men in sub-zero temperatures following a calamitous week 5 turnout.

The best goal was scored by Mikhail Schneider for his thirty-yard screamer from right midfield, struck with awesome power from a tight angle to give us the lead against Emmanuel. 'Player of the season' was shared by fresher recruits Kevin Huang and Ed Brewer, more often than not making a difference with their offensive and defensive capabilities. They will surely share a great future. Toth Balász was a standout performer, proving time and again that he was the fastest player in Division 6. Special praise must go to one-time captain Elwin Marshall, who finally found his best position as striker after five years of College football and who is looking forward to his final season after becoming a doctor this December. 🏆

**William Boyde, Captain**

# SBR Football



At the end of my second season at the helm of this club, I lifted up the MCR Cup after an emphatic 7-0 victory in the final. The season was a resounding success, with St John's at the top of the league yet again and bringing home the first piece of silverware in the club's history. I would like to thank all members of the team, the College, the ground staff (including Keith) and all the supporters who came out to watch us, especially in the final. I also want to make special mention of my Vice-Captain, James Clark, a PhD student at St John's, who really stepped up this season to help out when (annoyingly) I had to prioritise preparing for my medical finals.

Season highs include our entire cup run, which saw us annihilate all opposition:

5-0 in the last 16 vs Pembroke, 4-1 in the quarter-final, 6-1 in the semi-final, and a 7-0 demolition to bring the trophy and medals back to St John's. In the league, our record finished with twelve wins, one draw and two losses – a league points tally record for our team.

I could not have asked for a better group of players or occasion to mark my last football match with St John's, having represented the undergraduate 3rd, 2nd, 1st and SBR teams. I wish the team all the very best in the future and will certainly support them from afar, as being involved with this team has without doubt been a highlight of my time at Cambridge. 🏆

**Adil Lakha, Captain**

# Women's Football



Women's Football Team from semi-final against Jesus

The joint St John's and King's Women's Football Team had a very successful season this year. We emerged from COVID-19 stronger than ever, with enthusiasm and dedication from returning and new players alike. We won all four of our league matches, ending the season top of the league and with an impressive +21 goal difference. This means that we will be promoted next season and will have our names engraved in the clubhouse for many decades to come. Highlights included our 8-1 win over a very strong Newnham/Pembroke side, and a 7-2 win away at Girton. The two Co-Captains from King's, Melissa Rybicki-Villalba and Libby Woods, are skilled players as well as coaches, and this is a major factor behind the team's success.

The team had a lovely atmosphere all season, and we enjoyed many socials together, the

highlight of which was a whole club dinner with the men's teams. The St John's side was also invited to spend a fun day in Oxford, playing against our sister college, Balliol, and we enjoyed meeting our rivals. We were also successful in the knockout Cuppers competition, which runs throughout the season. We reached the semi-finals before narrowly losing (1-0) in the rain of storm Eunice against Jesus College, which went on to win the competition. The *Varsity* article written about the event rightly praised our goalie, Jasmine Rush, for her 'outstanding saves', and our top goal scorer, Fran Mangeolles, who clocked up an impressive nine goals throughout the season. We are hoping for more success next season. 🍷

**Jenny Dunstan, Captain**

# Men's Hockey

By strengthening ties with the 'Mags' (the Women's Hockey Club), aided by a few Newnhamites, the Men's Hockey Club (the 'Mogs') was able to field four full-strength teams in this season's solely mixed-hockey leagues. This was an incredible feat, especially considering that only one other college could field a second team for the year.

Starting off the St John's domination, the First Team was unbeaten in League 1, claiming the Michaelmas League title. In Lent the whole club went from strength to strength, with the Second Team finishing fifth in League 1, the Fourth Team managing to pick up some precious points and the Third Team remaining unbeaten, thus being crowned as League 2 Lent Champions. The League 1 Lent title was awarded to our First Team.

We then turned our attention to Cuppers, and despite a 4-3 loss in the semi-final against the

eventual winners from Jesus College, we finished the season with arguably our best performance of the year.

The club had many great social events this year, none better than our AGM Dinner, an evening that showed the rich tradition and camaraderie instilled in the club. It also revealed a nice problem: the Wordsworth Room is now too small to fit all of us! Rounding off the year, the club attended the Colours Dinner, where Connor Bennett was awarded both the Bob Fuller and the Jim Williams Awards.

Thanks are due to Keith, the League Secretaries, and both the 'Mogs' and the 'Mags' committees for their hard work in enabling hockey to prosper. I wish all the best to next year's committee. 🍷

**Ben Foster, Captain**



The 'Mogs' and the 'Mags' at the Colours Dinner


# Women's Hockey

What a fantastic year for the 'Mags', the Women's Hockey Club of St John's! The team dominated the college leagues and, with a total of thirty members, we even rival the Boat Club in number. This year we fielded four mixed 7-a-side teams, two in Division 1 and two in Division 2.

Our triumphs this year are the result of the hard work and motivation of all team members. The First Team was unbeaten in Division 1, the Second Team finished fifth place in Division 1, and the Third Team won the Division 2 Lent league. Despite a well-fought 4-3 loss in the semi-final against Jesus in Cuppers, the entire Hockey Club should be proud of an amazingly successful year.

We had a number of swaps, including ones with other colleges, as well as with the 'Mogs'. Our AGM dinner was the highlight of the

year, with new committee members elected, awards presented and an all-round celebration for everyone's enthusiasm and hard work. It was nevertheless a bittersweet occasion, with a number of members saying farewell – but this is a testament to the community created by the club.

I have been Captain of the 'Mags' for two years, and it has been a pleasure to see the team go from strength to strength, and increase in number, and to see devotion to the club from old and new members alike. Thanks are due to the committee for all their hard work, and to Keith and all the groundsmen, who work all year to keep our facilities in the best condition. I wish all the best to the next year's committee – 'Go the MAGS!' 

**Emily Smith, Captain**



# Lacrosse

The 2021/22 season for the St John's Mixed Lacrosse Club saw the team improve, train hard and finish top of Division 2 to secure promotion.

With many key players leaving over the summer, the team had to rebuild a squad at the beginning of Michaelmas term. It was a rocky start to the league in Division 2, as we suffered several losses, but a close 3-2 win against Downing broke the losing streak. A series of victories followed, and we finished in fourth place at the end of the term.

In the Lent league the team was almost unstoppable. The opening game resulted in an easy 8-1 victory against Churchill, followed by an 8-0 win against Clare/Homerton. Jesus, Magdalene, Corpus/Newnham and the fabled 'DJ soc' team all conceded to our superior squad. Even the loss to Emmanuel couldn't topple us from pole position in the league. Superb performances from Towhid Ahmed, Oscar Saharoy, Lenka van der Grinten, Ed Lucas and Levente Kovacs ensured that St John's finished top of Division 2 and were promoted.

Nerves were high going into Cuppers, as our group stage featured Division 1 teams Girton and Queens', along with the newly formed Pemwyn and Christ's. But some



amazing play from our team, especially by Rob MacLennan, took us through to the quarter-finals undefeated in the group stage. We came up against the 'Mighty Medics' team (featuring several St John's players who had forgotten where their loyalties should be!) and, sadly, they knocked us out of the tournament.

Nevertheless, 2021/22 was a fantastic year for St John's Mixed Lacrosse. So many who picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time at the beginning of the year grew to become brilliant players. I am proud of every member of the team and cannot wait for Division 1. 🍷

**George Whittome, Captain**

# Mixed Netball



Known for being the sport in Cambridge with the lowest amount of commitment necessary for playing in competitive matches, Mixed Netball was as popular as ever at St John's this year. This was a special season, as we launched the inaugural campaign for our 2nd team, following on from an unprecedentedly high level of uptake in 2020/21. The 2nd team finished in the top half of the league in Division 4 in both Michaelmas and Lent terms, cementing themselves as one of the best 2nd teams in the league structure. The 1st team was relegated in Michaelmas – a reflection of the high standard of mixed netball in the top division – before posting a mid-table finish in Division 2 in Lent.

The season was punctuated by very passionate and some impressive play, and the standout occasion was the fixture in Oxford against Balliol College. In front of a large and spirited audience, SJCMNC saw off Balliol with a score of 29-7, a result which contributed to the overall victory for St John's on the day. Next year promises more high-quality netball under the stewardship of new Captains (and this season's star players) Jai Pantling and Marcel Bedeau, and I envisage Mixed Netball maintaining its status as one of the most widely played and enjoyed sports at the College. 🍷

**Benjamin Conway, Captain**

# Women's Netball



As for many sports teams across the University, the 2021/22 season saw SJCNC's return to a (nearly) normal sporting year, with the college league and Cuppers resuming for the first time since before COVID-19. The St John's team could not have made a more impressive comeback.

Despite some disruptions in Lent because of COVID-19 absences and some rather aggressive storms, the Ladies' 1st team managed to conquer the college league, winning each of its matches and boasting an impressive 194 goals overall, as well as a goal difference of 125. The Cuppers tournament, delayed until the start of Easter term, provided an opportunity for a double victory for the team; however, after a day of incredible netball, Jesus College managed to steal the title from St John's by one goal in the final. Despite this first defeat, the women stayed positive and

represented the team at the Colours Dinner in high numbers.

This year has seen incredible performances from all the players, with many of them also playing for the Cambridge University Netball Club: India Foster (who was awarded her Full Blue this year), Thea Krumins, Emilia O'Connell, Jenny Dunstan and Alis Wyn Francis (this year's only new arrival to the St John's team). However, every player on the College team has shown outstanding ability and should be immensely proud of their performance.

It has been an absolute pleasure to captain the team this year, and I'm so grateful to have had a chance to play with such a stellar team. I wish the women luck next year under Alis' leadership. 🍀

**Claire Forey, Captain**

# Men's Rugby



Credit: Dik Ng

The Redboys entered the season eager to make up for the lack of fixtures last year, kicking off with a summer 7s tournament in London. After linking up with some ex-Redboys for some prosecco rugby, the focus switched to the social aspects of the day. The summer concluded with an intensive pre-season training camp ahead of what was to be a challenging but fruitful season.

The team welcomed 20+1 new players, and the league kicked off with a strong win over old rivals Downing. The term saw an outstanding comeback against Pembroke-Girton but also some disappointing hard-fought losses. With thirteen Redboys representing the University 1st and 2nd teams this year, the lack of senior players available for league matches took its toll. When half returned for the Cuppers quarter-finals, normal service was resumed and St Catharine's were dispatched 41-0. The mixed results continued into Lent term, with COVID-19 cases disrupting the availability of players, allowing the league title to slip out of reach. However, it was pleasing to see junior players step up to the challenge and put on

gritty performances throughout, helping the Redboys to retain their rightful spot in Division 1, now as the only non-combined college team in the top division. Easter term began with the return of the Oldboys fixture, where the Redboys were at full strength for the first time in over two years. A resounding 33-12 victory put the team in great stead for the Cuppers semi-final against Churchill, who were swept aside 49-5. Attention shifted to the final against Fitzwilliam-Sidney, where the garçons were out for revenge. The Redboys' physicality, flair and die-hard passion dominated the opposition, producing a 41-5 victory. The Cuppers trophy was returned to its rightful home in St John's College Bar for a record thirty-fourth time.

It has been an honour to captain the Redboys, and I thank all the players for their relentless commitment. I look forward to seeing the glory continue for many years to come.

*Ad gladium.* 🏉

**Zac Bischoff, Captain**

# Tennis



This year was one of rebuilding for St John's College Tennis Club, following the departure of all but one of last year's team. We competed in the top division of the intercollegiate league in both Michaelmas and Lent terms, finishing fourth and third, respectively. After a strong start to the season with 6-0 wins against Jesus and Pembroke, the campaign faltered with losses to Trinity and Churchill, leaving us comfortably above relegation but cut adrift from the top half of the league at the close of play.

Our struggles with form continued into Lent term as the British winter and the Omicron variant limited the opportunities for practice. Despite these difficulties, our much-depleted squad battled to a 4-2 win against Jesus and a draw against Downing/Hughes Hall, but we also suffered a 4-2 loss against Trinity

(in particularly abhorrent conditions) and a heavy defeat to a strong Gonville and Caius side. The fact that the rest of the league also experienced difficult conditions meant that we finished third, thanks to our dedicated team members Matt Ball, David Low, Eugenio Castello, Kevin Huang, Runqiao Dong and Simon Brooks.

Following the challenging Lent term, Easter proved to be good for tennis. Despite an early Cuppers exit, better weather brought renewed enthusiasm. Regular training sessions returned, and a round-robin tournament organised by Jonny Fox offered a great opportunity for players of all abilities to experience some competitive tennis. 🎾

**Luke Mockler, President**

# Ultimate Frisbee



St John's College Ultimate Frisbee Club (SJCUF) had a great year, achieving promotion in Michaelmas before going almost unbeaten in the Lent term. The greatest joy this year, however, was the sheer growth of the team in terms of both numbers (with a community of almost fifty) and the togetherness of the squad.


Those on the mailing list became accustomed to the weekly email from Ray or Arefin, encouraging members to attend training, games and mildly fun get-togethers, including a Bridgemas-themed pre-Cuppers strategy takeaway.

Ultimately (pun very much intended), Frisbee has been a hotly contested sport in the Cambridge league. Highlights of the season included two gripping 9-8 victories against Corpus Christi and against Trinity, a true come-back story of grit, determination and belief. The victory against Trinity was the genesis of a four-game unbeaten streak as SJCUF fought hard to become league champions but were pipped at the final post on goal difference.

It seems a long time since the first game of the season against Jesus in Michaelmas. There were lots of ups and also a few downs

thereafter. But winning isn't everything: fighting for every point, fighting for your teammates and fighting to represent St John's is far more important. Genuinely enjoying putting on the blazing red jersey, and being proud of what it represents, was our guiding ethos all year long.

Playing against Balliol College (and winning 13-7) was arguably the highlight of the year, as it gelled us as a team and provided a

marker of how much the team had progressed. This sure progression and upward trajectory – in results, numbers attending training and followers of [@stjohns.ultimatefrisbee](#) – bode well for a bright future for the sport at St John's. 

**Rayyaan Hector and  
Arefin Haque, Co-Captains**

## Volleyball

The Volleyball club at St John's is proud to be one of the only teams purely made up of members from one college, including both seasoned veterans and fresh faces. Even following a disappointing end to our Cuppers journey, there are promising prospects for the club, and we hope to bring

it to the forefront of sports at the College. With a reinvigorated team for the league and Cuppers tournaments next academic year, we also hope to welcome many new members soon. 

**Kerem Mumyakmaz, Captain**

# Lady Margaret Boat Club – Men

The LMBC men had one of their most successful years in recent history. This was achieved thanks to excellent coaches, an experienced group of seniors and a large number of novice rowers, all of whom had the joy of committing to a year of rowing with the club.

The year began by focusing on rebuilding the club. The committee set out our key club values of respect, kindness, inclusivity and commitment, and we then worked hard to make these a reality by running regular socials, welfare events and workshops. We also asked for feedback and listened to complaints and concerns from our members.

We had record recruitment of novice rowers as a result of some excellent events and advertising run by our Lower Boats' Captains Rupert, Seb, Tibby and Billy, our Social Secretary, Naomi, and the rest of the committee. Our biggest men were selected for the first event of the year, QERgs. NM1 and NM2 both won their divisions by over twenty seconds. Emma Sprints was the crews' first race experience. NM1 narrowly lost by a quarter of a length in the final, and NM2 showed an excellent turn of speed when they weren't fishing for crustaceans at the start. We entered three crews into novice Fairbairns: NM1 came second overall, and NM2 and NM3 won their divisions – an excellent result and testament to all the work from the crews and their coaches.

The seniors started Michaelmas well, with an eight and some small boats going out every day the week before term kicked off. I was keen to make sure everyone felt welcome, and I encouraged them to set some rowing goals for the year. We entered two crews into Uni Fours, and although both had a convincing victory in the first round they then lost to a Caius boat, rekindling the rivalry. Our coach Pere continued to train M1 in the more technically challenging fours. At Fairbairns only thirteen seconds divided our two top crews, which finished fifth and seventh in the fours competition. M2, spurred on by the arrival of Jon Rhodes, placed as the third M2 at Fairbairns.

We got back on the river as soon as possible in the new year for an on-Cam training camp. Good weather and an excellent turnout allowed us to get three eights out most days. We mixed the novices up with the seniors and finished each day off with a side-by-side race down the reach. The newly set crews had their first challenge at the Winter Head to Head. M1 finished second, just a couple of seconds behind Magdalene. M2 and M3 also came second in their divisions, and we entered an M4 four.

Things were looking good two weeks before Lent Bumps: M3 and M4 won at Pembroke regatta, and M1 beat Caius convincingly in some sparring. M3 and M4 continued their success by both getting on, M4 being the only fourth boat to do so.





## M1

Day one of Bumps saw M1, at head, hold off Pembroke until they were bumped on the reach. M2 bumped Churchill M1, M3 bumped Trinity First and Third M3, and M4 rowed over. On day two, M1 confidently rowed over at head, M2 bumped up to secure a place in the first division, M3 also bumped up and M4 rowed over. Day three was a challenge in Division 1, M1 rowed over, M2's hopes of blades were dashed by a spooning crew two ahead, and M3 and M4 bumped up. The final day was triumphant for M1, M2 bumped Christ's M1, and M3 and M4 both rowed over. We finished Bumps with M1, M2, M3 and M4 headship, thanks to the commitment of the coaches, crew captains and crews themselves.

Training for Mays started the following Tuesday. M1 and M2 spent three weeks training for the Head of the River Race. Both crews finished 100 places ahead of where they had started, fastest first and second college boats. One month later, M1, M2 and M3 swept the Spring Head to Head, winning all three categories. M4 and the Rugby Boat had been training in secret, and the fact that both managed to get on to Mays meant we had the largest entry to Bumps again.

Day one of Mays was chaotic. M1 bumped up, M2 and M3 were bumped down, while M4 and M5 were given technical row-overs. Day two was no less dramatic. M1 kept on station with the headship crew, and M2



M2

rowed over as the crews ahead bumped out. M3 rowed past Peterhouse M2, who mistakenly thought they had bumped, and M4 crashed into the bank around Ditton corner, allowing M5 to bump them. On day three M1 got within half a length of Caius but failed to make the bump; M2 and M5 bumped up; and M3 and M4 rowed over. On the final day M1 made their move but were held off by a strong headship crew, M2 bumped FaT M1 for the first time in history, and M3, M4 and M5 all bumped up too.

M1 continued to train throughout May Week with their eyes set on qualifying for the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta. Alex Cooper stepped up to the plate at the last minute when our five-seat came down with COVID-19. The crew put in a strong effort but narrowly missed out on qualifying in a very competitive field.

I'd like to congratulate the five Maggie men who trialled for the University Boat Club



M3

this year: Harry Fieldhouse, Thomas Marsh, Maciej Maruszczak, Alex Kingston and Matt Parry. Harry was bowseat in the winning lightweight crew, and Tom and Maciej stuck it out until the end, narrowly missing out on selection. Once they returned they all fully committed to the boat and the club, which was really special for the rest of us.

Finally I'd like to thank our boatman, Lance Badman, and our coaches, all of whom invested countless hours and thereby helped us to achieve success. Our season would also not have been possible without the support and generosity of the College and the LMBCA. I'm really proud to leave the club in such a strong place, and I look forward to seeing its continued success in the years to come.

Viva Laeta. 🎉

**Francis Treherne Pollock,  
Men's Captain**

# Crews

## May Bumps

### *First VIII*

C: Matt Parry  
 S: Francis Treherne Pollock  
 7: Rupert Gardiner  
 6: Maciej Maruszczak  
 5: Freddie Ancliff  
 4: Seb Paisley  
 3: Thomas Marsh  
 2: Alex Kingston  
 B: Harry Fieldhouse  
 Coach: Père Gisbert

### *Second VIII*

C: Sam Hewson  
 S: Theo Langslow  
 7: Alex Cooper  
 6: Nikolai Madland Shorter  
 5: Will Hawkins  
 4: Sebastian Venter  
 3: Bruno Ramsden  
 2: Ashley French  
 B: Simon Heuveline  
 Coaches: Jon Rhodes,  
 Isaac Webber

### *Third VIII*

C: Grace Harvey  
 S: Peter Wildemann  
 7: Boris Young  
 6: Samuel Scalet

5: Adrià Segarra Torné  
 4: Tom Williams  
 3: Lennie Wells  
 2: Jan Derlatka  
 B: Will Strickland  
 Coach: Bill Budenburg

### *Fourth VIII*

C: Skye Wong / Daisy Holbrook  
 S: Jacob Hepkema  
 7: Ming Yang  
 6: Zahir Shah  
 5: Jai Pantling  
 4: Arnav Sharma  
 3: Zak Denucci Diarrassouba  
 2: Dan Lloyd-Davies  
 B: Yusuf Story/Matt Seah  
 Coach: Rupert Gardiner

### *Fifth VIII*

C: Chloe Felton  
 S: Nikhil Shah  
 7: Charlie Friend  
 6: Zac Bischoff /  
 Tom Walton  
 5: Hugo Lloyd Williams /  
 Finn Dawson  
 4: Kerem Mumyalmaz /  
 Arthur Graham  
 3: Jago Strong-Wright  
 2: Joshua Mackrill /  
 Oliver BurrIDGE-Dean  
 B: Hiroaki Endo /  
 Will Hardman  
 Coaches: Nordin Ćatić,  
 Florence Bradshaw  
 (Newnham), Xia Gray  
 (St Catharine's)



M4

# Lady Margaret Boat Club – Women



## W1

The LMBC women's side had a successful year on the water. Throughout the year, we trained and raced hard alongside running many events to enjoy the social side of the sport and increase integration with the men's side. I look forward to the continuation of the positive atmosphere in the coming year.

We had outstanding recruitment of novices to the women's side this year, beginning the term with six boats, thanks to the work of the Lower Boat Captains. The novices' first event was QERgs, with both NW1 and NW2 competing and finishing fifth and tenth respectively in their divisions. After getting to grips with the sport, they took to the water for their first race on the Cam, Emma Sprints, which saw the crews racing side by side down the reach. Much fun was had by

both NW1 and NW2 despite losing to strong crews in their races. Both crews also entered novice Fairbairns, putting into practice all that they had learnt to finish twenty-second and thirty-eighth respectively. This would not have been possible without the volunteer coaches who took the time to pass on their expertise to the novices.

For the returning seniors, the term started with a week of training after the summer break. The newly selected crews first took to the water for Autumn Head. W1 raced in fours in preparation for Uni fours, finishing second and third in their category, while W2 finished fifth in theirs. A mixed W1/2 crew went on tour to Oxford for some fun racing against the men and Oriel College at Wallingford, involving an unusual race



## W2

format that allowed us to compete fairly against the men. Sadly the women lost by a narrow margin. Those remaining in Cambridge took to the water in scratch crews to compete in Winter Head. As a result of injuries and illnesses, two scratch crews raced in Uni 4s. In the first round they raced against each other, with the winning four narrowly losing to Caius W1 in the second round. The focus then moved to training in eights in preparation for Fairbairns. A strong performance by W1 saw them finish tenth in Division 1, while W2 finished seventh in their division. The term ended with some fun racing in the Christmas Head, with two women's fours and a mixed eight. The mixed eight demonstrated the improved integration of the club and was topped off by winning their category. Impressive coxing by Sophie Evans meant she was awarded the best corner around Ditton.

The success of Michaelmas term led to the women's side having a record six boats for

Lent term. The newly selected crews competed in the Winter Head to start the term. All crews raced well despite a crash between W1 and W3. Despite COVID-19 removing half of the women's side, training continued as best as possible.

Storm Eunice wreaked havoc during Pembroke regatta. W3 raced a strong Pembroke crew, narrowly losing by half a length. W2 put in a valiant effort despite their stroke becoming hypothermic, eventually losing by two lengths to King's W2. Racing was called off for the rest of the divisions.

During Lent Bumps W3 performed well every day to hold off the chasing crew, maintaining their position in the division after four row-overs. The strength of W2 was also clearly displayed as they quickly moved up through the divisions. Day one saw them bump Clare and then Queens', followed by bumping Downing on day three and Queens' again on day four. Sadly their campaign for blades was

unsuccessful with Queens' managing to bump W2 back on the final day. W1 rowed over on days three and five and pushed the chasing crews to their limits before unfortunately being bumped on days two and four.

Following a successful Lent term, members from W1, W2 and W3 travelled to Somerset for a week of training on the beautiful Wimbleball Lake. Good weather allowed a focus on technical improvement in eights and sculling, with many learning to scull. Off-the-water activities included star gazing, walks and making campfires, building relationships to last.

Easter term began with a week of training to consolidate what was learnt during the training camp and prepare everyone for the term. W3 participated in the spring regatta, beating Clare in their first race and then losing to their rivals, Pembroke, in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, W1 and W2 travelled to Nottingham for a chance to race in a multiple-lane regatta. W1 pulled off an impressive row to win their race by seventeen seconds and W2 finished theirs third.

May Bumps began with row-overs for both W1 and W2, while W3 was bumped by Magdalene. Day two saw W1 put in a strong effort before being bumped by Pembroke W1 at Ditton corner. W2 bumped Queens' around Grassy Corner and then took to the course again, rowing over as sandwich boat. W3 put in their best effort but were bumped by Churchill. An exceptionally hot third day proved challenging, with all three women's

boats rowing hard to row over the course. The final day saw a valiant but unsuccessful attempt by W1 to catch Jesus. W2 rowed over in their first race before giving their all to attempt an over-bump. W3 also put in a strong race but were bumped by Emmanuel.

I'd like to congratulate Jo Matthews and Gemma King, who trialled for CUBC this year. Jo rowed in 6 seat in the victorious Blondie Boat, beating Oxford by 2.75 lengths, and Gemma rowed in 2 seat in the Lightweight Women's Boat, with an outstanding win over Oxford by 15 lengths. Special thanks are due to Jo, who, though unfortunately unable to row with us for May Bumps because of injury, passed on her knowledge to W1 to help our campaign significantly.

Finally, thanks are due to all those who coached the women's side this year: Lance Badman, Karen Wiemer, Anna Odorici, Jo Matthews, Josh Kershaw, Tibby White, Alexander Bird and Ben Langslow. Our achievement and enjoyment this year would not have been possible without the hours that they invested into the club and crews. We would also like to thank the Domestic Bursar, the College and The Lady Margaret Boat Club Association (LMBCA) for their support. Finally, thanks are due to the committee for the time and effort they put into the club alongside their studies, aiding our success this year.

*Viva Laeta.* 

**Chloe Felton, Women's  
Vice Captain**

# Crews

## May Bumps/term

### *The First VIII*

C: Sophie Evans  
 S: Eliza Leake  
 7: Chloe Felton  
 6: Katie O'Flaherty  
 5: Charli Hendy  
 4: Charlotte Magister  
 3: Naomi Jennings  
 2: Lois Kildea  
 B: Julia Fierek  
 Coaches: Lance Badman,  
 Karen Weimer, Jo Matthews

### *The Second VIII*

C: Tatiana Martin  
 S: Ellie Laughton  
 7: Hunter Ridley  
 6: Emma Beniston  
 5: Thea Krumins  
 4: Billie Williams  
 3: Millie May/Holly Clarke  
 2: Beccy Pickering  
 B: Jill Rusbridge  
 Coaches: Anna Odorici, Josh  
 Kershaw

### *The Third VIII*

C: Sneha Parmar  
 S: Lucy Mucklow  
 7: Julia Acker  
 6: Jasmine Regan  
 5: Yana Vetrova  
 4: Millie May  
 3: Annabelle  
 2: Charlotte Jiang  
 B: Lana Rogan/Olivia Searle  
 Coaches: Josh Kershaw,  
 Lance Badman



W3

### *The Fourth VIII*

Coxes: Yuliia Bykhovets,  
 Andrew Lim  
 Rowers: Kate Wright,  
 Blessings Doherty, Caroline  
 Park, Liza Potemkina, Rosa  
 Woods, Sera Bartman, Alice  
 Warrington, Charlotte Wilde,  
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 Coaches: Tibby White





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# Maintaining the alumni connection overseas

**Mark Ryan (1990) reflects on his continued connection to the College and the nature of alumni networks overseas, including his experiences as a St John's volunteer and a professional working for the Development Office in the USA.**

'Make a point to remember every moment you're there. You'll take the memories of those experiences with you for the rest of your life.' These were the words of advice my mother gave me as we said our goodbyes at the airport before my flight from Atlanta to London in autumn 1990. After a bus ride from Gatwick and a taxi to St John's, I arrived with those words in my head.

I had shown up a little early: ten days before the start of term on a warm, sunny late-September afternoon. By the time I had carried my two suitcases from the Great Gate Porters' Lodge to my new digs in Merton Hall, I had already surveyed nearly five hundred years of Johnian history. I still remember the feelings of pride and awe (not to mention a lingering bewilderment that I had been accepted in the first place) as I walked from court to court. As I looked around, I was immediately conscious that I had begun to catalogue my impressions of the place, that I had created something of a mental file of experiences that I would carry with me for the rest of my life.

Upon returning to the USA after graduation, I looked for ways to stay connected to St John's. In the early to mid 1990s, that was not particularly easy: the resources that exist now through the Development Office and

Cambridge in America were not as readily available then. Also, by virtue of living in Charlottesville, Virginia and then Charlotte, North Carolina, I was not physically close to a concentration of alumni from Cambridge, let alone St John's. I knew that if I wanted to continue to feel connected to the College it would take some work.

In the early 2000s new opportunities to experience a bit of Johnian life in America had begun to emerge. I travelled to New York several times a year to attend Cambridge in America events, and it was through those all-day programmes that I began to meet other Johnians living in the USA, as well as the team from the Development Office that was beginning to think more strategically about how to connect with and serve the community of Johnians living in North America.

Not long after his arrival at the College in 2007, Stephen Teal asked me if I wanted to be a part of a new US Development board that he was organising. I enthusiastically agreed because I could tell that the board (which would become the Johnian Society of the USA Board) would do much more than just organise and host parties; it would truly be, in its way, a means by which


Johnians living in North America could help the College further its mission on a global scale. Upon reflection, I see that my relationship with St John's was maturing at this time, that I was craving much more than a nostalgic remembrance of my student days in Cambridge. I wanted to have a meaningful role in furthering the College's ambitious plans for the future.

In 2015, when the firm where I was a partner was sold, I took something of a sabbatical from my career in private banking. At that time, the College had begun to embark on *Free Thinking*, the most ambitious capital campaign to date of any Oxbridge college. I took this confluence of events as an opportunity to talk to Stephen Teal and the Development Office about moving into a full-time role working on behalf of the College in North America. Over the next two years, I travelled across the USA and Canada, meeting with Johnians, organising social events and meetings, raising funds for the campaign, and generally working to strengthen the bond connecting the College to its community of alumni in North America.

While my work for the College chiefly centred on the Development Office, I also worked closely with the Senior Tutor's office, supporting their efforts to broaden recruitment in the USA and Canada. An important component of my activities involved working closely with schools, particularly in the New York area, which have strong STEM programmes. The relationships that were built resulted in our recruiting a number of talented students who otherwise

might not have known how to navigate the admissions process at Cambridge or even how to pick a college in the first place. These students have gone on to have distinguished academic careers at St John's, which has further reinforced the College's commitment to a global perspective in recruiting, especially at the undergraduate level.

In 2017 I returned to my banking career with a new firm and subsequently transitioned back to my previous role on the board of the Johnian Society of the USA, the membership of which had begun to grow and become appropriately more diverse as well. It was an exciting time to be part of this successful endeavour in the United States. As I reflect on my involvement with the College during the 2010s, I'm aware that much of my sense of the institution at that time was shaped by the Mastership of Chris Dobson. His passing in 2019 affected me more deeply than I would have imagined, and I was saddened by the realisation that he wouldn't be able to see our work continue to flourish.

Naturally, the COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on activities for an extended period of time, and to feel like a Johnian in America I had to draw on the reservoir of memories that my mother said would be so valuable. As I write this, I'm aware that I am now thirty years removed from my graduation day in 1992. It is with a great deal of pride that I look back on three decades of association with St John's in a number of forms. As COVID-19 restrictions ease and the world opens up again, I feel a renewed sense of excitement in the work ahead, now under a new Master, on behalf of this great college. 

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 Mr Richard Gaines  
 Mr Anthony Gould  
 Mr Keith Gowing  
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 Mr Gus Guest  
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 Professor Jane Heal  
 Mr Rob Heap  
 Dr John Henderson  
 Dr Gareth Jones  
 Mr Richard Kennett  
 Dr David Lawrence  
 Professor David Lowe  
 Mr Ian Marvin  
 Mr John Murphy  
 Mr Robert Park  
 Mr Tony Payne  
 Professor Keith Roberts  
 Professor David Rock  
 Mr Christopher Roose  
 Mr John Titford  
 Dr Roger Titman  
 Mr Bob Waterton  
 Mr Peter Webb

#### 1965

Mr John Apsey  
 Professor Rob Archbold  
 Dr George Clark  
 Mr Bruce Cleghorn  
 Mr George Darwall  
 Mr Peter Davies  
 Mr Paul Droar  
 Mr Gerald Gardiner  
 Mr Maurice Godfrey  
 Mr John Hakes  
 Mr David Hart  
 Mr Angus Hislop  
 Dr Tim Hudson  
 Dr Ed Hulme  
 Mr John Johnston  
 Mr Graham Kay  
 Mr Mike Leach  
 Mr Neil Lerner  
 Professor Gordon Mackerron  
 Mr David Moss  
 Mr Adrian Parker  
 Dr Geoff Roberts  
 Mr Dan Rootham  
 Mr Mike Samuel  
 Dr Jollyon Smith  
 Mr Stephen Stanley  
 Mr Peter Taylor  
 Mr Roger Terry  
 Mr Mark Thompson  
 Mr David Thunder  
 Dr Tony White  
 Mr Bill Whysall

#### 1966

Mr David Auger  
 Mr Brian Bence  
 Mr Roger Cave  
 Mr Tom Cogan  
 Mr Patrick Collin  
 Mr Brian Cooper  
 Dr Neil Davies  
 Mr Robert Erskine

Sir Nick Forwood  
 Mr Peter Gray  
 Mr Richard Griffith  
 Dr Allen Hancock  
 Dr Philip Hazel  
 The Revd Godfrey Holdstock  
 Mr Alan Hutchinson  
 Professor Peter Jackson  
 Mr Peter Johnstone  
 Mr John Lackington  
 Dr David Mason  
 Dr Philip Mayne  
 Dr Don Nicolson  
 Dr Clive Phillips  
 Mr John Rahtz  
 Mr David Ritchie  
 Mr Clive Sanders  
 Mr Richard Siddall  
 Mr Alan Swinburne  
 Sir Kevin Tebbit  
 Mr Peter van Went  
 Dr Christopher Ward  
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## 1967

Dr Martyn Agass  
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 Dr Trevor Bray  
 Mr Andrew Burr ridge  
 Dr Stephen Desborough  
 Dr John Doviak  
 Mr John Dudley  
 The late Dr David Dymond  
 Mr Colin Evans  
 Dr Richard Furze  
 Mr Ian Galbraith  
 Dr Alan Grant  
 Mr Martin Hill  
 Mr Neil Hufton  
 Professor John Irven

Dr Andrew Johnson  
 Mr Bernard Jolles  
 Mr John Kingston  
 The Revd Professor Andrew Lewis  
 Mr David Lindars  
 Mr Alan Martin  
 Mr Desmond McCann  
 Mr Tim Millward  
 Mr Roger Morgan  
 Mr Michael Neff  
 The late Mr Raymond Neinstein  
 Professor Jon Rhodes  
 Mr Rob Roseveare  
 Dr John Short  
 Mr Nigel Smith  
 Dr Peter Stacey  
 Mr John Stevens  
 Mr Chris Stokes  
 Dr David Thackray  
 Mr Dave Thomas  
 Sir Philip Thomas  
 Dr Simon Wassermann  
 Dr Ronald Webbink  
 Dr Simon Wilkinson

## 1968

Dr Ray Armstrong  
 Professor Alan Aylward  
 Mr Michael Bacon  
 Mr Keith Barron  
 Mr Mike Bowes  
 Mr Tony Bramley  
 Mr David Browne  
 Mr Tom Burnham  
 Professor Robert Dingwall  
 Mr Robert Gray  
 Professor Steve Gull  
 Mr Melville Haggard  
 Mr John Halliday  
 Dr Graham Harding  
 Dr Milan Hauner  
 Professor Ian Hutchings  
 Mr Peter Hyde

The Revd Canon Peter Jones  
 Mr Giles Keeble  
 Mr John Knee  
 Mr John Lees  
 Mr David MacLean  
 Dr Moojan Momen  
 Mr Richard Morgan  
 Dr Geoff Morrison  
 Mr Frank Neale  
 The late Dr Michael Neiditch  
 Mr Ray Newman  
 Mr Tony Nickson  
 Mr Peter North  
 Dr Nick Odom  
 Mr Adrian Palmer  
 Mr Stephen Pickford  
 Mr Pete Roberts  
 Mr John Robinson  
 Professor Emeritus Steve Royle  
 Mr Mike Shaw  
 Mr Jeremy Shepherd  
 Mr George Sim  
 Mr David Small  
 Dr David Smith  
 Mr Joe Taylor  
 Professor Robert Tombs  
 Mr Granville Walker  
 Mr Martin Wallis

### 1969

Mr Mark Addison  
 Dr David Bailey  
 Dr Leigh Bailey  
 Mr Jeremy Bannister  
 Professor Richard Beadle  
 Mr David Biddulph  
 Mr Julian Burgess  
 Mr David Cairns  
 Dr Martin Carter  
 Mr Nicolas Chisholm  
 Mr Jeremy Collis  
 Mr John Connell  
 Mr Chris Dean

Professor John Driffill  
 Mr Andrew Duff  
 Mr Anthony Edwards  
 Mr David Fryatt  
 Mr Perham Harding  
 Mr Simon Harris  
 Professor Geoff Horrocks  
 Dr Brian Jacobs  
 Mr Trevor Jones  
 Mr Gareth Kelly  
 Dr Richard King  
 Professor Ann-Louise Kinmonth  
 Mr Michael Lawton  
 Mr Tim Lockwood  
 Dr Graham Lovegrove  
 The Hon. Lloyd Macdonald  
 Mr Sean Magee  
 Mr William Mather  
 Mr David Murphy  
 The Hon. Sir Alastair Norris  
 Professor Peter Parham  
 Mr Hugh Parker  
 Dr Andrew Petrie  
 Mr David Quinney  
 Dr Andrew Risius  
 Dr Denny Scharf  
 Mr Duncan Smith  
 Professor Jim Staunton  
 Mr Nick Sutherland  
 Mr John Tudhope  
 Mr Frederick Utley  
 Dr Ian Veltman  
 Professor Rory Walsh  
 The Revd Nigel Warner

### 1970

Professor David Aldous  
 Professor Bill Alford  
 Mr Vivian Bazalgette  
 Sir David Beamish  
 Dr Sue Colwell  
 Professor Jeremy Cooper  
 Mr Mike Davis

Professor David D'Avray  
 Mr Derek Drummie  
 Professor David Ford  
 Mr Tony Fullwood  
 Colonel Keith Galbraith  
 Mr John Gilbert  
 Mr David Gray  
 Mr Richard Heath  
 Dr Jane and Mr Jonathan Hellyer Jones  
 Professor Howard Hughes  
 Dr Alan Jones  
 Mr Ken Jones  
 Mr Christopher Judson  
 Dr Roderick Lumsden  
 Dr Steve Martin  
 Mr Robin Masfield  
 Dr Edward Metcalfe  
 Mr Christopher Mockler  
 Dr Jim O'Connell  
 Professor Triloki Pandey  
 Mr Bob Parker  
 Mr Colin Percy  
 Mr Vaughan Pomeroy  
 Dr Dean Pope  
 Mr Paul Redhead  
 Mr Stephen Smith  
 Mr Paul Smyth  
 Mr Leslie Swann  
 Mr Dodge Thompson  
 Mr Stuart Walker  
 Mr Edmund Waterhouse  
 Dr John Wilson  
 Dr Francis Wright

### 1971

Mr Andrew Argyle  
 Mr Stuart Bell  
 Mr Ian Boulton  
 Professor Graham Burton  
 Mr Edward Davis  
 Mr Anthony Dawson  
 Mr Stefan Filipkiewicz  
 Mr Graham Fletcher

Professor Steve Furber  
 Mr Robert Hawkins  
 Mr Richard Holmes  
 Mr Sion Lewis  
 Mr David Lines  
 Mr Alan Lodwick  
 Professor Nick Manton  
 Dr Neil Margerison  
 Dr Joseph McDermott  
 Mr Andy Moore  
 Mr Patrick Mountain  
 Mr Roger Nicholson  
 Mr Alan Radford  
 Mr Jonathan Rennert  
 Sir Peter Robinson  
 Mr Adrian Savage  
 Professor Chris Spray  
 Mr Richard Suart  
 Professor Simon Swaffield  
 Dr David Tanton  
 Mr Andy Taylor  
 Professor John Waterton  
 Dr Des Watson  
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### 1972

Mr Martin Bailes  
 Mr Julian Barwick  
 Dr Richard Bates  
 Mr Jon Beckett  
 Dr David Bowers  
 Dr Henri Bybelezer  
 Mr Michael Connolly  
 Mr Richard Constant  
 Mr David Cooper  
 Dr Tim Cox  
 Mr Geoffrey Dawes  
 Mr Ruurd de Fluiter  
 Mr Lewis Duke  
 Mr John Gillbe  
 Mr Chris Hampson  
 Mr Peter Hartnell  
 Mr Felix Hodcroft

Mr John Hurst  
 Mr Peter Jackson  
 Mr Paul James  
 Mr Andrew Joyce  
 Mr Tim Lewis  
 Mr Nigel Llewellyn  
 Dr Jamie Macleod  
 Mr Mike Monk  
 Mr Timothy Norfolk  
 Mr Malcolm Parr  
 Mr Stephen Sargent  
 Mr Mike Smith  
 Mr Jeremy Snewin  
 Dr Oliver Stanton  
 Mr Peter Stickland  
 Mr Michael Turner  
 Professor Peter Webb  
 Mr Richard White  
 Mr Peter Williams  
 Mr Bruce Wilson

### 1973

Professor Richard Ball  
 The Revd Dr Christina Beardsley  
 Dr Alan Begg  
 Mr Robin Bloomfield  
 The Revd Simon Boxall  
 Mr Christopher Brain  
 Professor George Brooke  
 Mr Anthony Broomhead  
 Mr Mark Burton  
 Dr David Coppell  
 Mr Alan Coulson  
 Mr Edward Coulson  
 Mr Mark Cronshaw  
 Dr Dylan Davies  
 Mr Christopher de Grouchy  
 Mr Andrew Elliott  
 Professor Christine Gray  
 Mr Andrew Grenville  
 Mr John Grint  
 Mr Peter Hardyman  
 Mr Martin Hayton

Dr Tim Hunt  
 Mr Timothy Jacobsen  
 Mr Peter Le Voir  
 Dr Martin Marriott  
 Professor Andrew Masters  
 Dr Neil Mitchell  
 Mr Nicholas Morton  
 Mr Carl Olsson  
 Mr Richard Oughton  
 Mr Richard Roeder  
 Mr Louis Singer  
 Dr Kim Siew Tan  
 Mr Bob Taylor-Vaisey  
 Mr Stephen Thomas  
 Mr Geoff Tierney  
 Mr Keith Tilson  
 The Revd Dr Malcolm Torry  
 Mr Graham Urquhart  
 Mr Howard Walker  
 Mr Colin West

### 1974

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 The Rt Hon. Sir Jonathan Baker  
 Dr Michael Baron  
 Mr Robert Billing  
 Mr Anthony Blaiklock  
 Mr Gordon Branston  
 Mr Peter Burrows  
 Mr Peter Caddy  
 Dr Andy Cairns  
 Mr Paul Cobb  
 Mr Ian Cooper  
 Mr Ken Cornfield  
 Mr Chris Dale  
 Mr Roger Dix  
 Dr Martin Edwards  
 Dr John Fells  
 Mr Mike Gibson  
 Dr Paul Gurowich  
 Mr Tim Jones  
 Mr David King  
 Mr David Littlewood

His Honour Judge Michael Longman  
 Mr David Lynas  
 The Hon. Sir Stephen Males  
 Mr Peter Matthews  
 Mr Peter Ostojic  
 Mr David Pollard  
 Mr Paul Rathbone  
 Mr Jeremy Sargent  
 Mr William Schenck  
 Mr Tony Shiret  
 Mr Andy Sidwell  
 Mr Nick Slocombe  
 Dr Nick Starling  
 Professor David Stocker  
 Mr Graham Stroud  
 Mr Mike Taylor  
 Mr Stephen Wickham  
 Mr Christian Wignall  
 Dr Peter Wilding  
 Dr Owen Williams  
 Dr Clarke Wilson

### 1975

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 Group Captain Julian Andrews  
 Mr Nigel Bates  
 Mr Paul Bramley  
 Mr Richard Brown  
 Dr Mark Charter  
 Mr Martin Dickins  
 Mr David Dixon  
 Dr Mark Evans  
 Mr Gianpiero Franco  
 His Honour Judge Jonathan Furness  
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 Mr Colin Hardy  
 Dr Robert Higgins  
 Mr Peter Hockless  
 Mr Mark Jeffries  
 The Revd Mark Jones  
 Professor Duncan Kennedy  
 Mr Donald Mark  
 Mr Michael Medhurst

Mr Simon Meyer  
 Dr Paul Middleton  
 Professor Michael Moriarty  
 Mr Charles Naylor  
 Mr Philip Nightingale  
 Mr Anthony Nixon  
 Mr William Peters  
 Mr David Shilston  
 Dr Chris Smith  
 Dr Sandy Sutherland  
 Dr Sudhir Wanmali  
 Dr David Wilkinson

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 Dr Peter Arrowsmith  
 Dr Anthony Buonaquisti  
 Mr Anthony Butler  
 Dr Yen Chong  
 Dr Paul Cockerham  
 Dr Andrew Cole  
 Mr John de Boer  
 Mr Jim Dewes  
 Mr Huw Evans  
 Mr Jim Green  
 Lieutenant General Sir Andrew Gregory  
 Dr Andrew Hamilton  
 Mr Mike Hardyman  
 Dr David Hill  
 Mr Simon Holmes  
 The Revd Michael Horton  
 Dr Colin Hughes  
 Mr Aidan Huxford  
 Mr Michael Kraftman  
 Mr Richard Linnell  
 Dr Alastair Livesey  
 The late Mr David Manning  
 Mr Colin McKay  
 Mr Andrew McNulty  
 Mr Adrian Morgan  
 Professor John Murphy  
 Mr Kieran Murphy  
 Mr Malcolm Noble

Mr Simon Palmer  
 Professor John Plane  
 The Revd Ian Rawley  
 Professor Stefan Reif  
 Mr Robert Ross  
 Mr Alan Simpson  
 Mr Peter Smith  
 Dr Chris Stanley  
 Mr Richard Stradling  
 Professor Chris Summerton  
 Professor Simon Szreter  
 Mr Robert Torday  
 Mr Michael Tosdevin  
 Mr Martin Turner  
 Mr Nicholas Turner  
 Mr Nigel Turner  
 Professor David Whitford  
 Mr Phil Wild  
 Mr Les Wilson

#### 1977

Dr Nigel Bew  
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 Mr Mark Chichester-Clark  
 Professor Gilbert Cockton  
 Mr Andrew Crossley  
 Mr Nicholas Denyer  
 Mr Mark Evans  
 Mr Andrew Fogg  
 Mr Tim Foster  
 Professor George Garnett  
 Mr Phil Hodkinson  
 Mr Roger Howell  
 Mr Mark Hulme  
 Mr Adam Jollans  
 Dr Roger Jones  
 Mr Peter King  
 Mr Garth Lindrup  
 Dr Jeremy Love  
 Professor Paul McKechnie  
 Dr Simon Powles  
 Mr Simon Prosser  
 Mr Nigel Salisbury

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 Mr Stuart Southall  
 Dr Robert Stroud  
 Mr Andrew Tomlinson  
 Mr Anthony Wilson  
 Dr Matthew Witt

#### 1978

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 Mr Tim Arnold  
 The Revd Dr Andrew Cameron  
 Mr Alastair Crawford  
 Mr Alistair Davison  
 Mr Shayne Deighton  
 Mr Richard d'Souza  
 Mr David Edney  
 Mr Andy Foster  
 Mr Christopher Frazer  
 Mr Mark Harris  
 Mr Richard Hytner  
 Mr Graham Low  
 Mr Stephen MacDonald  
 Mr Colin Massey  
 Mr Warren McDavid  
 Mr Richard Pierce-Saunderson  
 Dr David Pollard  
 Mr Jervis Rhodes  
 Mr Steve Rozario  
 Mr Steve Settle  
 Mr Paul Shearer  
 Mr Andy Short  
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 Mr David Thompson  
 Dr Sylvana Tomaselli  
 Mr Paul Torrington  
 Professor Richard Verrall  
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#### 1979

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 Mr Wilfried Becker  
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 Mr Phil Brown  
 Mr Trevor Burton  
 Mr Nick Busvine  
 Mr Kevin Curtis  
 Mr Nicholas Dodds  
 Mr Gilbert Dunlop  
 Mr John Fishwick  
 Mr Devon Flynn  
 Mr Mark Gould  
 Mr Anthony Hui  
 Mr Andrew Lamb  
 Mr Stephen Langton  
 Mr Andrew Lawson  
 Dr Michael Leach  
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 Dr Hin Low  
 Mr Jeremy Macklin  
 Mr Andy Moore  
 Mr Tony Moran  
 Mr Ranjan Patwardhan  
 Mr David Roberts  
 Mr Steven Smith  
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Brigadier Bill Aldridge  
 Professor Eyal Ben-Ari  
 Mr Duncan Bigg  
 Dr Duncan Blackburn  
 Mr Mark Briegal  
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 Dr Steven Bunkhall  
 The Hon. Guido Calabresi  
 Mr Andrew Carrier  
 Dr Joddy Chapman  
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 Mr Geoffrey Davis  
 Mr Hugh Dunlop  
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 Mr Ed Matthews  
 Brigadier John McKeown  
 Mr Jeremy Mercer  
 Professor David Midgley  
 Mr Julian Molyneux  
 Mr Paul Nicholas  
 Mr Philip Oakes  
 Dr Emmet O'Connor  
 Mr Charles Pott  
 Mr Justin Ripman  
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 Dr Philip Satterthwaite  
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 Mr Colin Stone  
 Mr Andrew Taylor  
 Mr Richard Watson  
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 Dr Austin Forey  
 Mr James Fox  
 Mr David Game  
 Mr Kevin Gardiner  
 Mr Bruce Hamilton  
 Mr Charles Heard  
 Professor Graham Hillier  
 Mr David Hughes  
 Mr Jonathan Lancashire  
 Dr Marc Lipman  
 Dr Peter Mitchell  
 Professor Dan Reinstein  
 Dr Robert Ritchie



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 Mr David Rogerson  
 Mr Rupert Ross-Macdonald  
 Mr Mark Rothera  
 Mr Keith Scott  
 Mr Peter Steven  
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 Dr Will Watkins  
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 Mr John Zealley

### 1982

Mr John Aves  
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 Mrs Henrietta Butler (née Shaw)  
 Ms Sharon Chen  
 Dr Paul Digard  
 Mrs Fay Dodds (née Rowlinson)  
 Dr Laurence Drake  
 Mr Martin Evans  
 Dr Emad George  
 Dr Sue Heenan  
 Mr Roger Hill  
 Dr Bruce Howard  
 Mrs Dalla Jenney (née Cox)  
 Mr Oliver Jory  
 Professor John Kerrigan  
 Mrs Gabrielle Knights (née Hodgetts)  
 Mr Patrick Lane  
 Mr Patrick Litton  
 Mr Ben Macintyre  
 Ms Fiona McAnena  
 Mr Peter Moore  
 Miss Joanna Pitman  
 Mr Eamonn Price  
 Mr Robert Samuelson  
 Mr Murray Scott  
 Mr David Seers  
 Mr Robin Tam  
 Mr Peter Udale  
 Dr Carrie Walsh  
 Mrs Vicki Wienand (née Robertson)  
 Dr David Williams

Mr Robin Wilson  
 Mr Iain Young

### 1983

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 The Revd Vicky Barrett  
 Mr David Bertram  
 Mrs Nicky Bibby (née Shanks)  
 Mr William Bibby  
 Mr Stephen Boxer  
 Mr Sean Cameron  
 Mrs Tanya Castell (née Wade)  
 Mr Simon Chapman  
 Mr Paul Craven  
 Dr Heidi Doughty  
 Mr Steven Fobel  
 Dr Vivienne Fowler  
 Mr Guy Freeman  
 Ms Alex Gethin  
 Mr Gary Haigh  
 Mr Paul Haines  
 Dr Dimitrios Hatzis  
 Dr Richard Jarvis  
 Mr Duncan Jubb  
 Ms Judith Keeling  
 Mr John Krumins  
 Dr Ruth Le Sueur  
 Mr Stephen Munday  
 Dr Chris Perks  
 Mrs Kate Pinsent (née Bennett)  
 Mr Jeremy Podger  
 Ms Brid Rodgers  
 Mr Mark Thomas  
 Mr Martin Tod

### 1984

Dr Tim Allison  
 Mr Tom Backhouse  
 Mr Paul Baker  
 Mrs Pippa Bowden (née Weatherhead)  
 Dr Helen Bungay  
 Mr Jonathan Buston  
 Mr Brian Cahill

Mr Richard Chapman  
 Mr Peter Crossley  
 Mr Ian Cumming  
 Mr Christopher Dawe  
 Dr Helen Dignum  
 Dr Helen Duncan (née Wood)  
 Mr Iain Gibson  
 Mr David Gould  
 Mr Jon Gray  
 Mr Nick Gregory  
 Mrs Heather Hancock (née Wilkinson)  
 Dr Pete Henshaw  
 Mrs Sarah Jarvis (née Anderson)  
 Mr Nigel Jones  
 Mrs Tessa Leuchars (née Graham)  
 Mrs Joanna Lewis (née Singleton)  
 Mr Thomas Macartney  
 Professor Pete Nienow  
 Mrs Susan Palmer (née King)  
 Mrs Annamarie Phelps (née Stapleton)  
 Professor Dr Martyn Plummer  
 Mrs Melanie Pointer (née Shone)  
 Dr Peter Samuels  
 Mr Andrew Sandars  
 Professor Ben Simons  
 Professor Thomas Smith  
 Mr Stephen Spall  
 Mr David Stoyle  
 Dr Caroline Styles  
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Dr Neil Arnold  
 Dr Alison Ball  
 Mrs Raquel Bello  
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 Dr Julius Clayton  
 Mr Jonathan Davies-Jones  
 Mr Piers Dennison  
 Mr David Eagles  
 Mr Anthony Fobel  
 Mr Andrew Goodbody  
 Ms Claire Griffiths

Mr Andrew Ground  
 Mr David Hale  
 Mr Bill Harcourt  
 Miss Clare Hardy  
 Mr Andrew Holt  
 Mr David James  
 Mr Neil Jefferies  
 Mr Daniel Katz  
 Ms Miranda Kaye  
 Dr Becca Kenneison  
 Dr Kit Kilgour  
 Mr Elly Livingstone  
 Mr Iain McIntyre  
 Mr Nigel Moden  
 Mr Hui Ong  
 Professor John Rink  
 Mr Akhil Shah  
 Mr Ian Simm  
 Mr Ian Singleton  
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 Mrs Cathy Stubbs (née Davies)  
 Dr Ginny Tchakouté (née Wood)  
 Mr Peter White  
 Mr Ian Wilson

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Colonel John Adams  
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 Dr David Banks  
 Mr David Barr  
 Mr Richard Beales  
 Ms Rosie Bichard  
 Dr Tom Carrell  
 Mr Peter Cheung  
 Mr Mark Collinson  
 Mrs Amanda Davies (née Wilkinson)  
 Dr Andrew Gates  
 Mr Neil Hampson  
 Mr Richard Huntington  
 Professor Derek Leslie  
 Professor Nick McCave  
 Mrs Catherine McDermott (née Crook)  
 Mr James Miller

Dr Denis Mustafa  
 Miss Fiona Naughton  
 Mrs Caro Newton (née Redmond)  
 Dr Kamlesh Pithia  
 Mr Graham Pointer  
 Mr Piers Pressdee  
 Mrs Louise Rich (née Littlewood)  
 Ms Vanessa Richards  
 Mr Jon Saltmarsh  
 Mr George Schlich  
 Mr Ross Sharpe  
 Mr Nav Sheera  
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 Mr Pete Webster  
 Dr Clare Wood-Allum  
 Mr Mark Woodhouse

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Mr Neil Allen  
 Mr Amrit Bahra  
 Professor Alexander Bird  
 Miss Lisa Burton  
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 Mrs Katy Cherry (née Imlach)  
 Mr Richard Cobb  
 Mr Martin Davies  
 Professor Dr Giampiero Esposito  
 Mr Hilary Gee  
 Mr Colm Gibson  
 Dr Claire Grobecker-Bouttier (née Bouttier)  
 Mr Alistair Hancock  
 Mr Steven Harrold  
 Mr Olivier Hickman  
 Mrs Victoria Kitcatt (née Bishop)  
 Mr John Louth  
 Mr Sotiris Lyrizis  
 Ms Catherine Mangan  
 Dr Ricky Metaxas  
 Mr Andrew Nethsingha  
 Mr Richard Partington  
 Dr Jo Prigmore  
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Ms Helen Batten  
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 Mr Andrew Brindle  
 Group Captain Tony Cann  
 Dr Rachel Carol (née Cowling)  
 Mr Tim Chambers  
 Mrs Theresa Collier (née Salter)  
 Dr Fiona Creed (née Kelly)  
 Dr Khaled Dawas  
 Professor Steve Edgley  
 Professor Bob Evans  
 Mr Fabio Galantini  
 Ms Palo Gledhill  
 Dr Mark Harrison  
 Ms Michelle Ho  
 Mr Dan Kershaw  
 Dr Noriaki Kinoshita  
 Dr Charlie Line  
 Mr Ian Nichols  
 Mr Jeff Roskell  
 Ms Nicola Rushton  
 Dr John Seery  
 Mr Duncan Sinclair  
 Dr Feargal Supple  
 Dr Claire Sweeney  
 Mr Simon Taylor  
 Dr Karen Wiemer

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 Dr Sarah Danes  
 Dr Nikki Deards  
 Hon Ali Derrig (née Grade)  
 Mr Mark Farrar  
 Professor Steve Finnigan  
 Ms Sophie Green  
 Dr Ralph Grobecker

Dr Karen Harman  
 Mr Alec Haydon  
 Professor Rik Henson  
 Mr Simon Lacey  
 Dr Mary Laven  
 Mr Lindsey Matthews  
 Professor Emma Mawdsley  
 Mr Chris Meadows  
 Mr Gerald Montagu  
 Mr Simon Morris  
 Dr Liam O Súilleabháin  
 Mr Guy Rubin  
 Mr Steve Senior  
 Mr Stuart Shilson  
 Mrs Christine Smith (née Collins)  
 Mr Rupert Strudwick  
 Mr Christian Taylor  
 Dr Siân Thompson  
 Mrs Alison Turner (née Sanderson)  
 Dr Neil Turner  
 Dr Dan Wilkins  
 Mr Paul Williamson  
 Mrs Lindsey Wood (née Scutt)

### 1990

Dr Joss Adams  
 Professor Hiro Aragaki  
 Mr Andrew Bound  
 Mr Rob Bratby  
 Mr Sue Wan Chua  
 Mr William Clements  
 Ms Jessica Corsi  
 Mrs Lisa Davey (née Caulton)  
 Mrs Johanna Donaldson (née Jones)  
 Mr Darren Evans  
 Mr Owen Garrett  
 Professor Usha Goswami  
 Dr Andrew Grace  
 Dr Jonathan Halls  
 Professor Chris Jiggins  
 Mr Andy Jurgenson  
 Dr Dherminder Kainth  
 Dr Sylvie Lafon

Professor Christel Lane  
 The Revd Catherine Lomas (née Farris)  
 Dr Julian Lomas  
 Ms Niamh McKenna  
 Major General Tony Milton  
 Mr Matthew Moss  
 Ms Catherine O Súilleabháin (née Lappé)  
 Ms Vicky Peters  
 Mr Tom Pritchard  
 Mr Gautham Radhakrishnan  
 Mr Mark Ryan  
 Mr John Sheekey  
 Dr Jacqueline Sutherland  
 Mr John Vincent  
 Dr Helen Watson  
 Mr Charles Wilson  
 Mrs Alison Wise (née Verity)

### 1991

Mrs Helen al Hariri (née Flynn)  
 Mr Ali Ali  
 Mrs Anne-Frances Ball (née Foster)  
 Mr Ian Ball  
 Mr Jon Bell  
 Dr Sophia Bennett (née Pett)  
 Dr David Burns  
 Mrs Anne Campbell (née Martin)  
 Mr Declan Costello  
 Mr Doug Davis  
 Dr Matthias Dörrzapf  
 Mr Xabier Echevarria  
 Group Captain Andrew Gibbons  
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 Mrs Emma Gooding (née Butler)  
 Dr Nicholas Holliday  
 Mrs Claire Horwood (née Broadbent)  
 Dr Stacey Lee (née Anderson)  
 Dr Alistair Lumb  
 Captain Gregory Parker  
 Dr Navin Peiris  
 Dr Karl Pichler  
 Dr Hannah Quirk  
 Dr Christopher Robinson

Mrs Catherine Shepherd (née Martin)  
 Mr Stephen Tsang Kwong Hong  
 Mr Stephen Tunncliffe Wilson  
 Dr Christopher Van Houten  
 Mr Toby Watkin  
 Mr Keith Webster  
 Dr Ursula Weekes (née Mayr-Harting)  
 Dr Sam Williams  
 Mr Paul Wuensche

### 1992

Mr Aaron Armstrong  
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 Ms Emma Basker  
 Dr Harjoat Bhamra  
 Mr James Bowden  
 Mr Jon Burgess  
 Mr James Burton  
 Mr Joy Chatterjee  
 Mr James Davis  
 Mrs Sally Elliott (née Holt)  
 Professor Tom Gallanis  
 Dr Craig Goldsmith  
 Mr Jamie Griffith  
 Mr Christopher Hernandez-Roy  
 Mr Matthew Juniper  
 Mrs Kate Kent (née Aubury)  
 Mr Adam Kilgour  
 Mr Rob Mann  
 Dr Natalie Meara (née Morris)  
 Dr Simon Mera  
 Mrs Tilly Nydes (née Bagshawe)  
 Mrs Carrie Ricketts (née Allison)  
 Mr Graham Robertson  
 Mr Jim Standing  
 Dr Graham Stewart  
 Mr Tom Stokes  
 Miss Zanna Storey  
 Dr Joan Tumblety  
 Mr Vires Vireswer  
 Mr Frank Walden  
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 Mr Andrew White

Mr Dan Wright

### 1993

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 Mr Daniel Bennett  
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 Mr Thomas Cairns  
 Dr Rudolf Cardinal  
 Mr Wai Chiew Chik  
 Mr Stefan Crampton  
 Mr Jonathan Craven  
 Dr Lucy Crooks  
 Mr Daniel Garrod  
 Mr Carl Harris  
 Mrs Gemma Harrison (née Watts)  
 Mr Markus Irngartinger  
 Miss Sian Jones  
 Mr Adam Knight  
 Mr Russell Lethbridge  
 Professor Manucha Lisboa  
 Mrs Rachel Lord (née Tipping)  
 Ms Shiona MacPherson  
 Mr Peter Mallin-Jones  
 Dr Paul Milligan  
 Dr Rob Milner  
 Mr Reza Motallebzadeh  
 Dr Mark Muller  
 Mr Tosin Oguntayo  
 Dr Marion Palmer  
 Miss Karen Parkes  
 Mr Nick Pye  
 Dr Bernhard Sakmann  
 The Revd Dr James Saunders  
 Mr Mark Savage  
 Mr Nicholas Studer  
 Mr Gavin Taylor  
 Mr Tom Tweddell  
 Dr Sam Waddy

**1994**

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 Professor Steven Brenner  
 Mrs Katherine Burnett (née Legg)  
 Mrs Lucy Carver (née Milton)  
 Mr Peter Davis  
 Mr Methun De  
 Mr Richard De Silva  
 Ms Helen Garnons-Williams  
 Ms Rachel Harker  
 The Revd Professor Hugh Houghton  
 Dr Thomas Hulme  
 Mr Peter Jones  
 Mr Ian Kegel  
 Mrs Libby Knight (née Potter)  
 Professor Austen Lamacraft  
 Professor Nathan MacDonald  
 Mr Phil Makinson  
 Ms Laura McGaughey  
 Ms Catherine Milward  
 Mr Alex Moir  
 Ms Leslie Omana Begert (née Omana)  
 Mrs Sarah Pye (née Power)  
 Mr Ben Richardson  
 Mr James Samworth  
 Mr Brian Sivyou  
 Miss Elizabeth Sywyj  
 Ms Amelia Torode

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 Dr Graham Davies  
 Dr Keith Davies  
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 St John's Voices

# Recataloguing the College's manuscripts

**Sarah Gilbert joined St John's in November 2021 as Medieval Manuscripts Cataloguer. Here she tells us about her work updating the existing records and descriptions of the College's medieval European manuscripts and assessing their connections to former Johnians.**

*'How one's field of ignorance does widen the more one works at MSS. I hope my pretensions are lower and my standards higher than when I started.'*

M. R. James, the ghost story writer and medieval European manuscript cataloguer extraordinaire, wrote those words in December 1905 in a letter to Sir Sydney Carlyle Cockerell, manuscript scholar and James' successor in 1908 as Director of the

Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. James spent a significant portion of his working life cataloguing the manuscripts of medieval Europe held in Cambridge and beyond. By 1905 he had already catalogued the manuscripts of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Peterhouse, and Emmanuel, Jesus, Pembroke and Trinity Colleges, and he was probably working on the catalogue for Gonville and Caius College. James also



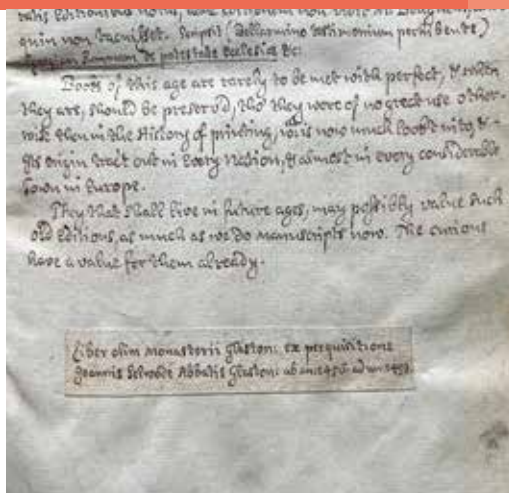
Close-up of *Book of Hours*, Portrait of Lady Margaret Beaufort by Meynart Wewyck (c. 1510)



catalogued the medieval European manuscripts held by St John's, and his catalogue, published in 1913, is still the official reference resource for anyone wishing to know more about the College's medieval volumes.

Since November 2021 I have been following in James' footsteps and so must reassess the acreage of my ignorance with each new manuscript that reaches my desk. Working in the Old Library, I have drafted updates to the existing records and descriptions of the College's medieval European manuscripts. Although James' manuscript catalogues are landmarks in the study of the history of the medieval European book, they are not without fault: James was almost completely uninterested in bookbindings and so did not habitually describe them, and his collation formulas are essentially unusable because of the frequent errors caused by the speed of his work.

Each day I work through our medieval manuscripts and James' descriptions of them, checking collations, describing bindings and expanding provenance information so that in due course our catalogue records will better reflect the details and delights of these ancient documents. In one case I was able to trace the name 'John Farnaby' in a beautiful thirteenth-century pocket Bible (MS N.8) with limited provenance information to former student John Samuel Farnaby, who joined the College in 1809 and died in 1813. It is likely that the book joined the College collection as the gift of either Farnaby or his family around the time of his death.



St John's College, Cod. li.3.39, *Augustinus Triumphus, De potestate ecclesiastica* with annotations in the hand of Thomas Baker (d. 1740)

In another case, having had the privilege of examining every page of the *Book of Hours* (MS N.24) of the College's Benefactress, Lady Margaret Beaufort, in order to correct James' collation formula, it became clear that this cannot be the book depicted in Meynnart Wewyck's portrait of her, at least if the artist portrayed it accurately. The book in that painting has text in two columns and narrow margins around the edges of the pages, but the manuscript itself has generous margins surrounding text almost exclusively written in a single column.

As the majority of our manuscripts were donated by Johnians, who in many cases also left substantial donations of printed books to the College, one of the best parts of the job involves teasing out or testing the connections between the manuscripts, printed books and other ephemera in our 'Special Collections'. Thomas Baker,



St John's College MS N.24, f. 13r, a demon trying to steal a pot of ink from St John the Evangelist and his eagle in a historiated initial in Lady Margaret's *Book of Hours*

Fellow of the College from 1680 until his ejection from the Fellowship in 1717, when he refused to swear an oath publicly rejecting the Stuart dynasty and the authority of the Pope in England, was one of the Library's great benefactors. Baker donated his substantial collection of manuscripts and printed books to the College Library, and his items are among my favourites of those I have worked on

because of Baker's habit of annotating every scrap of paper and parchment he came across, as well as his exceptionally readable handwriting, which is a rarity in this type of work. A visit to the Upper Library to explore the connections between a group of printed books and several of our manuscripts led me to Cod. Ii.3.39, a 1475 copy of Augustinus Triumphus, *De potestate ecclesiastica* ('On Church Power'), and the following note in Baker's hand:

*'Books of this age are rarely to be met with perfect, [and] when they are, should be preserv'd, tho' they were of no great use otherwise [than] in the History of printing [which] is now much lookt into, [and] its origins trac't out in every nation, [and] almost in every considerable town in Europe.*

*'They that shall live in future ages may possibly value such old editions as much as we do manuscripts now. The curious have a value for them already.'*

M. R. James' ghost stories are full of academics, antiquarians and manuscript scholars tormented by haunted libraries, restless spirits and cursed books. Mercifully, no phantoms emerged as I read that note, standing in a room Baker knew well, and with his book in my hands. Instead, I think he would be pleased to know that his books are still safely cared for and under the protection of inquisitive library staff, Johnians and researchers from Cambridge and beyond, all keenly expanding their knowledge one book at a time. 🍷

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# THE LAST WORD

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# Approaching half a century of women at St John's

**Neha Manoj (2021), who is about to begin her second year studying Law, is the Gender Equality Officer for the JCR. Here she reflects on the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to St John's.**



An article published in *The Eagle* in Easter 1982 dubbed the revising of the College Statutes in order to accommodate women as 'one change that is among the most profound in our history'. This could be contrasted with the sentiment expressed by an alarmed adviser in 1960, who compared the possibility of a co-educational future of the then-new Churchill College to the concussive force of 'dropping a hydrogen bomb in the middle of the University'. While

initial reactions to the admission of women to colleges varied over the years, it cannot be disputed that the women of this University, and especially those who are Johnnians, are among the most prodigious luminaries this institution has ever nurtured.

I distinctly remember a conversation I had with our Master last summer, during which we spoke of the severe lack of male applicants for the position of Mistress of



Girton College. The reason for this, we speculated, might be a reluctance among men to hold such a role because of its inherently female job title. With her time at the College reaching two years this October, the Master recalled, with admirable vehemence, her firm opposition to the idea of changing the title of her own office on account of her being a woman. This belief mirrored my opinion (and that of many others) that those applying for the equivalent position at Girton should be prepared to hold the rightly unchanging 'Mistress' title.

I know I am not alone in being unable to identify a point in my degree thus far when the novelty and beauty of this College have no longer left me a little in awe. Perhaps this is because such a point does not exist. However, upon joining the JCR Committee this past year as Gender Equality Officer, I can confidently say that St John's feels warmer and more tightly knit than I had expected of a college of this size. To try and convey exactly how feels impossible, but perhaps it could be attributed to the fact that St John's immediately dismantles so many stereotypes of how and what a large college ought to be. While initially consumed by the bubble in which freshers tend to exist, a universal realisation dawns when you recognise that although this university is one of the most prestigious institutions in the world, the people here are also normal. Normal cannot be defined objectively, but it involves a realisation that you chose this college for a reason and that you have this in common with all your peers. Building on this, the presumed gap between the years, specifically first and second years, is quickly


bridged; for me this occurred through my time on the JCR Committee. Soon I began to see connections between each person at St John's, reinforcing that once far-away notion that the College would rapidly feel small and one might feel at home.

My time so far on the JCR Committee has proved to be rewarding in ways I hadn't predicted. The people are perhaps the biggest boon. Working alongside other committee members, all of whom have become friends, has led to experiences ranging from organising meetings with other university-wide committees to the setting up and clearing away of College 'Ents', and all of these have given me something to look forward to. Formerly titled Women's Officer but reformed in the constitution by my predecessor to Gender Equality Officer, the name of my role and the duties associated with it now match. My responsibilities extend to all genders, ensuring not only that every member of our student body feels they have a voice but also that their voices are heard. This year I have rewritten and edited the Consent Campaign for St John's, which saw the revision of a lot of implied and assumed pronouns throughout the document, so that we can monitor and deal with issues of consent to the best of our ability. Consent John's, overseen by my role, is a programme that makes certain that such topics are addressed and members of the College are informed and educated regularly – especially those who represent St John's, such as members of sports teams. This role is pivotal in ensuring that rights never go unprotected or actions against one's rights unchecked.

An event that beautifully encompassed this year's reflective tone was the International Women's Day celebration, organised collaboratively by our JCR, St John's Feminist Society and Cambridge University Women in Business (CamWIB). Hosted at St John's, this event was very well received, with the art of accomplished Johnian students exhibited alongside performances of the spoken word, a cappella music and dance, in addition to a keynote speech by Harriet Green. To visually experience, in a collective, the talent, intellect and power of the women of this College and University was overwhelming. The spoken word delivered by a third-year Law student from Trinity Hall was brimming with acknowledgements of the constant barriers that women face, from the quiet expectancy of raising a family to the pernicious assumption that a woman's aspirations are secondary and disposable in comparison to a man's ambitions. Listening to this, my mind wandered to the countless articles that write almost comically of the men of this institution, not so many years ago, wearing black and burning life-size dolls in the streets to memorialise the days when this University admitted only males. But without the gift of hindsight, that almost comical factor is lost when remembering that everything is 'normal' until it is not. The idea of women obtaining degrees on the same basis as men was so ludicrous that such ardent protests against this often went unquestioned and many actively encouraged these demonstrations. I would like to remind all that although it may feel silly, trivial and even unnecessary to question the little or big things in our lives

everyday, you must do so, for that is how we made this College more inclusive forty years ago.

In this way, we honour the legacy of our Foundress – the unwavering Lady Margaret Beaufort – who was one of only two women to have founded colleges at Cambridge.

A year ago, Erin Hudson (2018) entitled her own 'Last word' 'a year of closing.' This year, in contrast to the previous one, has been a year of opening. We have been encouraged to open our minds and to recognise and acknowledge the many ways in which women have contributed to our community. In her article Erin wrote of the opportunity we have to water the seeds of the future. We have made this a priority this year by avidly continuing our consent campaigns and our celebrations of women and their contributions to this College. We need to ensure that this work carries on at St John's. It is, after all, a college founded by a woman, which is currently led by a woman and with a student body represented by two women of colour. This is perhaps the most compelling form of authentication that might be offered, in conjunction with acknowledgement of how far we have come since women gained admission here. It will be exciting to see the next female Fellows arrive at St John's, further positions of authority being occupied by women and increased admission of women to often male-dominated subjects. These prospects make me eagerly anticipate what else might lie ahead for our remarkable College. 





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