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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to *The Eagle* 2016.

Chief among the many exciting developments in College this year was the launch of the new St John's Studentships in April, designed to fund the living costs of students from low-income backgrounds. Many staff, Fellows and alumni have been involved in planning these bursaries over the last few years, so there is a great feeling of shared accomplishment as new students start to arrive and actually benefit from this support. The Senior Tutor explains the thinking behind the studentships on page 42.

Regular visitors to St John's may have noticed that the stone yales on the pillars of Kitchen Bridge Gate disappeared for a short time last winter. After 300 years in this exposed position, the original carvings were in desperate need of replacement. You can read the full story of their design, and the history of yales at St John's, on page 19.

We always try to bring you stories of inspiring and fascinating Johnnians, and for this issue we look at two alumni who fit the bill perfectly. Our inspiration comes from student Holly Mason, who took on the enormous challenge of training for and riding in the Varsity Horse Race earlier this year. And your curiosity will surely be piqued by Dr Mary Dobson's investigations into Sir Robert Talbor – a seventeenth-century 'quack' who claimed to have discovered a 'secret remedy' for malaria, and who attracted the attention of two kings.

The Editors would like to thank Anna Hollingsworth and Jonathon Simpson for their hard work as Editorial Assistants on this year's *Eagle*, and alumnus Colin Greenhalgh, who very kindly volunteered to edit our reinstated alumni obituaries section. As ever, the whole editorial team wish to thank the alumni, Fellows, students and staff who have contributed to this issue.

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EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS, JONATHON SIMPSON AND ANNA HOLLINGSWORTH

## MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER



Photo: Ben Minnear.

Welcome to this year's edition of the Eagle. I hope very much that you enjoy reading about the activities of a wide range of members of the College, and learning more about some of the many events that have taken place in St John's during the last twelve months.

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed into his office the newly elected President of the College, Dr Frank Salmon, Fellow in the History of Art. The position of the President is a vital and increasingly important one, as it involves not just ensuring that our large Fellowship feels well informed and well looked after, but also acting as a key source of advice and wisdom to the College

Council and the Governing Body on just about every aspect of College business. Frank took over from the Revd Duncan Dormor, Dean of Chapel, when the latter completed his four-year term as President, a role in which he served the College with deep commitment and great skill. I cannot thank him and his wife Catherine enough for all the support that they have given to me and to Mary, and indeed

to so many others in the College community, over the past four years. I am happy to say that Frank and his wife Catharine are proving to be very worthy successors indeed, and both have adapted to the changes in their lifestyles with supreme ease and remarkable cheerfulness!

One of the very special occasions during the year took place in October when HRH the Duke of Cambridge, a member of the College, visited St John's to open the refurbished School of Pythagoras, the new home for the College's magnificent collection of archival documents. This visit was the fulfilment of a generous promise made during the Duke's stay in the College in 2014, and was a highly appropriate way of celebrating the completion of this award-winning project. Many of the items within the collection predate the foundation of the College and include records of the Hospital of St John the Evangelist that, like the School of Pythagoras itself, started its life some eight centuries ago on the site now occupied by the College. One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to show the Duke an early copy of the Magna Carta, a wonderful document in the College archives, the full significance of which was identified by a visiting scholar just a few months before the Duke's visit. It was a particularly timely discovery, emerging during the year in which many celebrations were held to mark the 800th Anniversary of the sealing of the original document that laid the foundations for the rights of the individual in this country and beyond.

A key focus of the College Council, and indeed of the Fellowship in general, over the course of this year has been to continue to develop a coherent strategy for all aspects of the future development of the College. As this year is the 500th anniversary of the admission of the first undergraduates to St John's, following its foundation five years earlier, it is particularly appropriate that high on our list of priorities has been the intellectual well-being of their modern successors. And although one should not put too much emphasis on league tables it is very pleasing that this year the College has risen yet higher in the intercollegiate 'Tompkins Table' with some brilliant performances by our students across the whole range of subjects. Indeed, my arm has been aching recently as a result of writing letters of congratulation to the very large number of our students whose efforts have been recognised through prizes and awards from the University and from a host of external societies and other bodies.

One of our top priorities as a world-leading centre of academic excellence is to ensure that we can continue to attract the most outstanding applicants to the College regardless of the increasing financial pressures that are associated with reading for a degree. I am therefore thrilled that we were able to launch in April a pilot scheme involving the most comprehensive package of financial support offered by any college in Cambridge or Oxford. As well as covering the living costs of those of our undergraduates from families with particularly modest incomes, we shall be

supporting many more of our students in a wide variety of different ways, for example through a new 'summer bursary' scheme to promote activities ranging from academically focused research projects to career-related internships, including several that are linked to the highly successful St John's Innovation Centre. Our Senior Tutor, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, has more to say about these ventures in his own report on the year's activities. All these initiatives have been made possible as a result of the tremendous generosity of members of the Johnian community, and they represent the beginnings of a transformation in the way that we hope to be able to help all our undergraduates during their time at St John's.

St John's is, however, much more than an outstanding undergraduate teaching establishment, and our support of a vast array of research activities is an increasingly vital part of the international impact of Cambridge University in the modern world. Ensuring that St John's can continue to play a leading role in the challenge of attracting the very best graduate students, research associates, visiting scholars and, of course, permanent faculty to Cambridge, and then supporting their research ambitions through the provision of a unique interdisciplinary environment within the College, is another of our very highest priorities. As there is a wealth of evidence that outstanding teaching goes hand in hand with excellence in research, there is no conflict between these two activities except for that created by the increasing demands on everyone's time. Finding the right balance for

the individuals involved, and ensuring that we provide the best possible infrastructure and the most enthusiastic and capable support staff, is another of the challenges that the College is addressing with its usual energy and vigour. Enhancing the resources available to the College for these purposes will be one of the many aspects of our next fund-raising campaign, which will focus very strongly on the development of the academic objectives of the College.

As well as placing great emphasis on academic endeavour, the College is steadily maintaining and extending its commitment to the many other aspects of life that make St John's such a vibrant and cohesive place in which to live and work. One of the particular contributions that activities such as music, sport and drama make to collegiate life is that they bring together particularly strongly the various members of the College community, and indeed engage our current students with their predecessors. Such interactions not only help to broaden the impact of the education that our students receive within Cambridge but are of huge importance in career development, in which context an increasing range of alumni events now take place, all of which are very greatly appreciated by our students. With a host of victories in cuppers tournaments St John's was last year described in the *University Yearbook* as 'the most successful in college sport', showing that academic achievement and engagement in extra-curricular activities are indeed very closely linked, through the confidence that the latter engenders, coupled

with its impact on time management, health and fitness, and indeed interpersonal skills.

There have been exciting developments too in the musical life of St John's during the course of the year, of which the most dramatic has perhaps been the launch of the College's own record label, an event involving much discussion of an appropriate name and logo! The first recording has just been issued, and is a performance by the College Choir of the works of the late Jonathan Harvey, an undergraduate and Honorary Fellow of the College. It has received an array of enthusiastic reviews from across the musical world, a really wonderful achievement for the works of a composer of modern choral and church music that include a piece for organ and tape recorder! Subsequent recordings will include a range of performances (instrumental as well as choral) by our students and our distinguished alumni. There is no shortage of available talent for such a venture as, in addition to the College Choir and the recently established St John's Voices, whose detailed reports appear later in this volume, we have an astonishing array of brilliant young instrumentalists and composers amongst our students whose talents are becoming increasingly widely recognised both within and outside Cambridge.

After such a splendid Johnian year, something really special was needed to bring it to a close, and it was provided by the Lady Margaret Boat Club on the last day of the May Bumps when the men's first boat overhauled Caius in spectacular fashion, right in front of a sea of

red blazers just before the Railway Bridge, to go Head of the River. This feat was the culmination of a concerted strategy over several years to enhance the fortunes of LMBC, involving not just tremendous efforts by the crews themselves but also extraordinary dedicated encouragement and coaching from many alumni as well as students, staff and Fellows. Regaining the magnificent headship trophy was recognised in a traditional boat-burning (of an ancient and disused wooden craft, I hasten to add) on the Backs after a celebratory dinner in Hall. The evening was particularly special as we were able to welcome back all the members of the 1991 women's first boat, who were celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their own headship triumph. Their wise advice, yet another example of the importance of information transfer between alumni and current junior members, as to the safe way to jump over the burning boat (everyone jumps from the same side, thereby avoiding any unfortunate mid-air collisions!) ensured that all those present had an enjoyable and memorable time.

Let me finish this brief introduction to the latest volume of *The Eagle* by saying yet again how very much Mary and I enjoy the chance to meet so many Johnians of all eras, and how much pleasure we take in keeping up with such a vibrant community. And let me add once more that none of the activities that make us so proud would be possible without the astonishing support of our wonderful College Staff. 🍷

**Christopher Dobson**

# ARTICLES



HOLLY MASON (2014) AND REALT NA MARA LEADING THE 2015 VISION VARSITY HORSE RACE.



## A NEED FOR SPEED

Holly Mason (2014) is in her final year studying Geography. In 2015 Holly was one of the five-strong Cambridge team who took part in the Vision Varsity Horse Race at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse.



jockey Michael Tebbutt must have laughed at the clueless bunch of wannabe jockeys who turned up at the British Racing School, Newmarket, in March. After being put through our paces on the equicisor – a mechanical horse designed to simulate a galloping racehorse – Michael marked us out of ten based on whether he thought we would stay on a racehorse. We were all between minus six and two.

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*Lesson number one:  
'If you're not fit enough,  
you will fall off and die.'*

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Having ridden horses since I was tiny, and considering myself to be an experienced rider, I naively thought that racing would be easy. I have always had a bit of a 'need for speed', coming from an eventing background, where nothing beats the adrenaline rush of flying round a cross-country course. Perhaps this was the reason I was not fazed by the thought of travelling at speeds of 40mph on a racehorse ten times my size, and only felt excitement at the opportunity to try it out. Little did I know what the process would actually involve, and just how challenging it would be, both mentally and physically. However, it was decided – the Vision Varsity Horse Race was to be my next challenge and I would do everything to ensure I made the team.

The initial assessment day was certainly a sharp reality check. Trainer and former

Lesson number one from Michael: 'If you're not fit enough, you will fall off and die.' This was probably the moment I realised it was going to be a lot tougher than I expected. Before any of us could start riding out for a trainer we had to increase our core and leg strength, learn how to change hands at a gallop and master the basics of the race position. The crouched 'martini glass' racing position involves sliding your hips back, so that your back becomes horizontal, whilst keeping your lower leg vertical – simple, right? It certainly took some of us a lot longer to get used to than others! After a couple of sessions with Michael, I was given the go-ahead to find a trainer to ride for. Time for the fun and games to begin!

While I was back home in Oxfordshire over Easter, I contacted Mick Channon, whose stables are based in West Ilsley, and arranged to meet his assistant trainer. I'm still not quite sure what they were expecting, but the first thing they asked was, 'Have you ridden before?' before chucking me on-board one of the older horses on the yard. By the end of that afternoon it had been established that I could ride, and I started riding out the following morning. I spent the rest of the holidays getting up at 5am six days a week to go and ride two 'lots' (two sessions on different horses) up the gallops. It was a steep learning curve and I certainly provided a fair amount of entertainment for the other jockeys! It was not just the speed of the horses I had to get used to, but the speed of the most basic things such as tacking up and adjusting stirrup leathers. I learnt pretty

quickly that trotting round the warm-up arena with your stirrups at gallop length is not the most pleasant experience, especially on a Monday morning when you are sitting on a three-year-old who has decided to test out whether you can stay on. Lesson number two: 'Ride long, live long.' After this first taster of race riding I was excited to be back in Cambridge to continue my training with the other trialists.

Balancing revision with riding out and training was always going to require discipline, and some days I did wonder if I could fit it all in. Once a week the Cambridge squad attended a training session at the racing school, where we worked on refining our skills on the equicisors and increasing our fitness. I also began riding out daily for Gay Kelleway in Newmarket, who



Holly is an experienced eventing competitor, but had never raced before.

let me ride several different horses to increase my experience. The horse I rode the most was a rather sprightly two-year-old. He did not yet have a competition name so was simply called Angel – a name I sometimes questioned whether he deserved. Some days Angel would be positively angelic to ride; on other days he seemed to be convinced he would rather be a jump horse. He certainly had an impressive leap and was keen to show it, with Gay remarking, ‘He looked like he was coming over the last at Cheltenham’ after cantering out one Monday morning. Lesson number three: ‘Keep one finger in the neck strap at all times.’

Once exams and May week were over I could really focus on putting the hours into

training and riding. Back home again, I began riding four horses a morning for Hughie Morrison, alongside working on my cardiovascular fitness and continuing with the strengthening exercises. Throughout this period there were a few thrills and spills, and I took a couple of tumbles! By this point I had been riding racehorses for the best part of three months, meaning I was pretty competent and no longer got to ride just the very easy horses. I did spend a six-hour stint in Oxford’s John Radcliffe Hospital with concussion. However, all was fine, with the only injury sustained being a rather pathetic broken toe. Despite this minor setback, and being forced to take a few days off training, I was desperate to get back in the saddle and managed to do so the following week.



Although not great for my parents’ nerves, the fact that Hughie pushed me to ride some of the trickier horses definitely did wonders for my riding and massively improved my ‘stickability’.

After putting all those hours into riding, I just had one hurdle left to go to make the team: the fitness assessment. Because of a field trip, I couldn’t make the Cambridge team’s fitness assessment, so I joined the Oxford riders for theirs at Oaksey House. Fuelled by Lucozade and fruit pastilles, somehow I managed to complete all the exercises to above the required level, which, combined with my extensive riding experience, secured my spot on the team. Final preparations were now underway. Hughie offered me the ride on Realt Na Mara, who at twelve years old certainly knows every trick in the book. I spent most of September thinking I had finally got the knack of holding him, before promptly discovering I hadn’t when he would run off with me the next day, much to everyone’s amusement. He is undoubtedly the safest racehorse I have ever sat on though, and I knew that whatever happened I would make it down the Rowley Mile in one piece.

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Luckily the nerves didn’t kick in until race day, when it all began to feel a bit too real. Michael Tebbutt met us first thing to walk the course and discuss team tactics. More

than anything I was nervous of letting the team down. I believed at the time it was an entirely likely possibility that Realt and I could finish last. He was both the oldest and lowest-rated horse in the race, and was carrying a handicap of two-and-a-half stone of dead weight in his saddle, due to me being a very light jockey. Not only that, but I was wearing the same colours as the rider who had finished last the year before, who also rode a twelve-year-old ‘lead horse’ – an old racehorse who is kept on at the yard to help lead the youngsters up the gallops. It could be said I didn’t fancy our chances. The Cambridge team did have a bit of luck on its side, however, as we all had the opportunity to ride our horses at the trainers’ yards in advance. Some of the Oxford team didn’t get to do this, so the first time they sat on their horse was on race day! It wasn’t until we were cantering down to the start that we realised what an advantage this was, when one of the Oxford team lost control of his horse and came unstuck, meaning he couldn’t ride in the race. After that point it all became a bit of a blur. There was a long wait and a lot of confusion until eventually the starter called us up. I don’t really know what happened next, other than we were off, and I was flying down the Rowley Mile in the lead. It was a truly exhilarating experience. Not for one stride did Realt falter or slow down; he just kept going straight, all the way to the end, and never gave up. I think it was the roar of the crowds that spurred Realt on through the final furlong, and it was certainly a shock to be the first past the finish posts. The realisation that I had won didn’t actually sink in until I had pulled Realt up and the Cambridge Captain, James Alexander,



The winning Cambridge team, with Holly far right.

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cantered past me, shouting, 'Yes, Holly!' Even then I still didn't fully believe it until the results were up on the board, due to all the confusion at the start of the race. All the Cambridge team finished in the top half of the placings, which secured us a comfortable victory. The individual win was just the icing on the cake. I mean, everyone dreams of winning, but I had never really thought it could actually be possible!

The Varsity Horse Race was certainly the best start to my second year. I still feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to take

part, and I cannot thank everyone enough who helped me to get there. I have since faced the Dark Blues again in the 2016 Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, where Cambridge Ladies were victorious and I achieved my Half Blue. Riding still continues to be a big part of my life and I am regularly out competing on my horse, Molly. I am unsure about exactly what I want to do after graduation, but it may mean I have to take a few years' break from riding at this level. I know riding will always be something I come back to, and I hope eventually to compete in eventing at international level. For now, though, I am going to enjoy the rest of my time at Cambridge and make the most of every opportunity offered to me. 🐾

**Holly Mason**

## THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA

Dr Frank Salmon is the President of the College and a University Senior Lecturer in History of Art. An architectural historian, he is a member of the national Historic England Advisory Committee.



Photo: Ben Lister.

Since the early eighteenth century the western entrance to the College's old courts has been protected by the Kitchen Bridge Gates, their piers surmounted by a pair of yale sentinels. These mythical beasts, the heraldic supporters of the arms of the Lady Margaret Beaufort, were carved by Francis Woodward in 1711–12. After 300 years of service, however, their condition had become parlous and, when the head of the northern yale fell into the River Cam in September 2010, action could clearly be delayed no longer. I was tasked by the Buildings Committee with researching the historical background to the College's yales as a basis for decision-making, the necessary

permissions subsequently being sought and granted during 2013/14. The commission was then offered to the sculptor Corin Johnson, whose distinguished work could already be found in such prominent places as the west front of Westminster Abbey. The new southern yale was installed in October 2015 in time for a visit to the College by our member, HRH the Duke of Cambridge. Its northern counterpart arrived in February 2016 and was made available for a week's close inspection in the Fellows' Lobby before being elevated to its gate pier.

Whilst this whole episode and its happy outcome may sound straightforward, the

research actually raised some interesting questions about the nature of the St John's yale – and revealed that, for a significant period of the College's history, our heraldic beast was probably misunderstood by us. Part of the problem stems from the variation in the way the yale has been conceptualised throughout its long history. Pliny the Elder was the first to describe it in the first century AD:

Among the [Ethiopians] is also found the animal called the yale, the size of a water-horse [hippopotamus], with an elephant's tail, of a black or tawny colour, with the jaws of a boar and movable horns more than a cubit in length which in a fight are erected alternately, and presented to the attack or sloped backward in turn as policy directs.<sup>1</sup>

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From this we learn that the beast was supposedly African in origin, but the word 'yale' itself (*eale* in Latin) apparently derives from the Hebrew *'yael'*, referring to the ibex, a subspecies of goat. Goats are hardly the size of hippopotami, and their stubby tails are not long and tufted on the end like those of an elephant. Nor do they have the tusks of a boar. They can, however, be black or brown in colour and can have curving horns of about a cubit's length (1.5 Roman feet, or about 44.5 centimetres), corrugated on the



Sculptor Corin Johnson helping to position one of the new Kitchen Bridge Gate yales in October 2015.

forward-facing edge – though none is known to have the swivelling, oppositional capacity described by Pliny as so useful in battle! Moreover, goats have other features not mentioned by Pliny, including beards and hooves.

Yales seem first to have entered English heraldic usage when, in 1414, one appeared as a supporter of the arms of John, fourth son of King Henry IV, when he was created Earl of Kendal (possibly a pun on 'Kend-eale'). In 1443 the Earldom of Kendal was taken by Sir John Beaufort, Lady Margaret's father. Sir John's beast had a stocky equine body (medieval bestiaries and armorialists had never seen hippopotami) but goat-like hairy legs and a short tail. The feet, however, appear to have paws rather than hooves, and a lion's mane was introduced down the back. The head features a beard, the boar's tusks and the horns, now curving and corrugated on the front and clearly depicted to show

their opposition – the outer one of the profile curved back and the inner one swivelled forward. Finally, Sir John's yale was white or silver in colour, the coat covered in large gold spots or, to use the correct heraldic term, '*bezanté d'or*'.

Lady Margaret was apparently very enthusiastic about yales, since she took not one but a pair as the supporters of her arms. On one of her seals they are robust, horse-like creatures, hooved, maned, tusked and with a stubby tail. The horns are fully ringed (ribbed) and placed in opposition, curving inside the rim of the seal with the outer one back and the inner one forward. Indeed, Lady Margaret was evidently known to feel so strongly about the yale that one is represented at her feet on her tomb in Westminster Abbey. This, though, is a small creature, seemingly modelled on a doe and hooved – though with a mane. There are no tusks or beard, suggestive of a late-in-life feminisation of her father's more aggressive beast. The horns were lost long ago, not present even in early illustrations. However, as they were evidently made from a separate piece of bronze and fitted on to a cylindrical mount, they may have rotated in order to reinforce the identification of the animal as a yale. A similarly diminutive (though more goat-like) yale appears on the College's great seal, now with a long tail, forked at the end, and with corrugated horns, though both curving back.

Today we have sixteen pairs of yales within the built fabric of the College – as well as the lone beast on the newel post of A Staircase Chapel Court. All are hooved and almost all



The College's arms, as they appear in Frederic Wace's 1889 article for *The Eagle*, with yales almost identical to those painted by George Gilbert Scott Junior in the Master's Lodge dining room.

are maned and bearded, but tusks only appear once and the tails vary considerably from short and goaty to long and elephant-like. Lady Margaret did not, of course, live to see the first of the St John's yales – those carved on the Great Gate and on Bishop Fisher's oriel – but we can perhaps assume that the sculptors worked with some guidance from Fisher or from the Comptroller of Lady Margaret's household and executor, Hugh Ashton. The oriel beasts have equine bodies with long, tufted tails but over-scaled goats' heads. Those on the Great Gate are genetically similar, albeit with under-scaled heads. Today they are painted brown with gold bezants. Almost all other yales around the College, if coloured, are white with gold bezants, except for the

rampant examples of the Jacobean achievement now in the Fellows' Lobby, where the powerful, very horse-like creatures are brown with gold bezants. In all three of these early versions the horns are not just corrugated at the front but fully ringed, and also shown in their characteristic opposition, the outer one back and the inner one forward.

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The Kitchen Bridge yales were found to be in such poor condition after 2010 that it was hard to make a proper assessment of them until Ben Bailey from the Maintenance Department moulded a cast of the southern one, from which Corin Johnson modelled a wax version. This process revealed trace evidence that these relatively small-scale beasts, which had appeared smooth and Labrador-like after three centuries of exposure, had originally been maned and also bearded in the manner of goats. The new animals have thus been made suitably hirsute. What could not be so readily ascertained, however, was the form that the horns had taken, for all of these had disappeared from their owners' heads before the invention of photography, apparently between 1811 and 1814. At least four pre-1814 prints show the Kitchen Gate Bridge, but the horns are represented inconsistently, varying between long ones bifurcated like deer antlers and horns swept back in parallel like those of an antelope (as is the case with the yales that support the coats of arms on both sides of the Kitchen Bridge itself, dated

1710 and probably also carved by Francis Woodward, not to mention on the College's first two Library bookplates of 1700 and 1710). The College therefore found itself on the horns of a dilemma: whilst the bodies of the Kitchen Bridge yales could be replicated fairly closely, there was no firm basis on which to attempt a precise reconstruction of their horns and, in any case, what had become of the ringed and independently swivelling horns that are the yale's most distinctive identifying feature?

The answer appears to lie in the mid-1660s, when the mason George Woodcroft was paid 14 shillings by the College for carving 'two Antilopps heads', possibly the supporters of the shield over the Screens Passage in First Court (above the statue of Lady Margaret, perhaps also by Woodcroft).<sup>2</sup> Despite their ruinous condition, it is clear that these have antelope horns, sweeping straight back and slightly up. In further confirmation of the misunderstanding, the yales supporting the arms inserted in the 1670s on the west front of Third Court also have antelope horns (spirally ribbed). Notwithstanding Victorian versions of the 1860s, which looked back to our Tudor and Jacobean yales for precedents, when, in approximately 1889, George Gilbert Scott Junior painted yale supporters on the fireplace of the Master's Lodge dining room, their heads were given lyre-shaped antlers (as well, incidentally, as reintroducing the tusks of Sir John Beaufort's yale, abandoned for Lady Margaret's tomb and in all other College versions). Scott was evidently working in tandem with a former Fellow, Frederic Wace, for in 1889 Wace published an account of 'The Arms and Badges of

St John's College' here in *The Eagle*.<sup>3</sup> The frontispiece promulgated an image of the arms, the supporters appearing almost identical to those painted by Scott. Wace, evidently unaware of the derivation of the Beaufort supporters from those of the Earldom of Kendal, described these beasts as borrowed from the supporters of the arms of the last Lancastrian King Henry VI, and as being 'Two Antelopes'. Indeed, Wace's (and Scott's) tusked antelopes were to continue to serve as the supporters of the College arms on various pieces of silver, as well as on the Library's bookplate until 1937.

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We should, perhaps, not be too hard on Wace, for it was not until 1911 that a detailed assessment was made of the difference between the often-confused heraldic antelope and yale by George C. Druce. He concluded that 'the Beaufort yale [had] showed more resisting power, but eventually ... succumbed, and was regarded as an antelope or goat', notwithstanding the 'principal difference' of the horns.<sup>4</sup> As it happens, however, we know exactly what Lady Margaret herself would have thought of this mix-up, for when her manor house at Collyweston was being fitted with armorial glass in approximately 1503, the yale was erroneously represented as a heraldic antelope. 'One can almost sense the eruption as Lady Margaret inspected the great chamber window', write her biographers –

and one John Delyon was paid seven shillings for the 'changing of Antelope into an Ivell'.<sup>5</sup> As the former Master of our College, Professor Robert Hinde, put it at the decisive meeting of the Governing Body on 15 May 2014, if Lady Margaret was so particular about maintaining the identity of the yale then we should be no less so in giving the beasts on the Kitchen Bridge their uniquely distinctive horns, ringed and shown in opposition – the outer one back and the inner one forward. In doing so, the College has honoured the memory of our foundress in the five hundredth year since the Chapel was (re)consecrated by Bishop Fisher and the first students admitted, whilst also commissioning an outstanding example of twenty-first-century figurative stone carving to guard our bridge for the next few hundred years against marauders on foot or on punt. 🦌

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# AN INTRIGUING LIFE AND A 'SECRET CURE' FOR MALARIA

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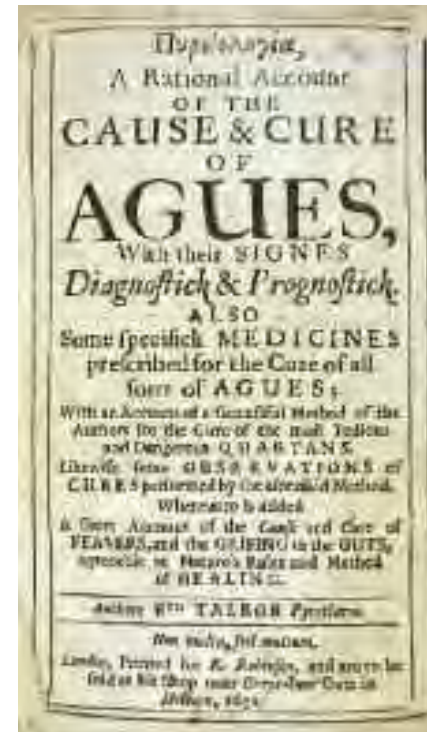
*I consider that any man, if such there be amongst mortals, who, either by any sure line of treatment or by the application of any specific remedy, can not only control the course of these intermittents [i.e. malaria] but cut it short altogether, is bound by every possible bond to reveal to the world in general so great a blessing to his race.*  
English physician,  
Thomas Sydenham (1624–89)

News in October 2015 that a Chinese physician, Tu Youyou, had been awarded a Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 'for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against Malaria', was tremendously exciting and richly deserved. Using a fourth-century recipe, Tu Youyou found a method of extracting an active ingredient, artemisinin, from the herb *Artemisia annua* (sweet wormwood, or qinghao in Chinese). Qinghao has been used for more than 2000 years in China to reduce fevers and as a remedy for haemorrhoids. Artemisinin and its derivatives, often in combination with other anti-malarials, are now widely

prescribed to treat malaria, helping to save the lives of millions of sufferers across the globe.

Malaria – a mosquito-borne parasitic disease – is one of the most devastating diseases of the tropical and sub-tropical world, killing one child in Africa every two minutes. Malaria was once endemic in the marshlands of south-east England and the Fens of East Anglia and, although the English parasites were less dangerous than the tropical form, malaria was, nonetheless, a cause of great sickness and mortality. The disease was known in the seventeenth century by a host of different names, including intermittent fever, ague and marsh fever. The term 'malaria' was introduced in the eighteenth century, from the Italian 'mala aria', literally meaning 'bad air' – the supposed cause of the disease at the time. In 1902 Ronald Ross was the first British scientist to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for his discovery of the role of the mosquito in transmitting malaria.

In the 1970s, as I began to research the history of malaria in England, I came across the intriguing story of a seventeenth-century 'quack' called Robert Talbor (also spelt Tabor or Talbot). He had started and ended his career as a member of St John's College, Cambridge, and had discovered a 'secret remedy' for malaria. On visits to the Old



The frontispiece of *Pyretologia* (1672), held in the Old Library. Talbor had the title set in Greek letters to impress his readers and he opened with a verse:

*The Learned Author in a generous Fit,  
T'oblige his Country has of Agues Writ:  
Physicians now shall be reproacht no more,  
Nor Essex shake with Agues as before,  
Since certain health salutes her sickly shoar.'*

Library, I was especially fascinated by a little book by Talbor with the title *Pyretologia: a rational account of the cause and cure of agues*, published in 1672. Talbor had, according to his book, found what he described as 'a perfect knowledge of the cure of the most inveterate and pertinacious Agues'. The exact composition of the 'cure' was not revealed. Talbor would go on to achieve the fame and fortune of the seventeenth-century equivalent of a Nobel Prize laureate. So my interest was piqued. Who was Robert Talbor? What was his connection with St John's? And what was his secret remedy for malaria?

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Son of John Tabor (1607–45), Registrar to the Bishop of Ely, and his wife, Elizabeth (née Maltwyde), Robert was baptised on 30 January 1642 at Holy Sepulchre Church (The Round Church), Cambridge. He was educated at the Perse School and then apprenticed to Peter Dent, a local apothecary. On 19 May 1663 Talbor was admitted as a Sizar to St John's College. There is no evidence that he received a degree from Cambridge, but it is clear from his 1672 book that he was extremely well-versed in medical matters, the knowledge of which he claimed came not 'by reading' but from conversing with 'that sort of people, from whom a Physician may learn more of the true and experienced virtues of Medicines in a few dayes'. As an apothecary's apprentice he had used a wide range of herbal remedies. We can picture Talbor with his

pestle and mortar, grinding up any number of herbs, spices and vegetables, trying and testing them, and selling the drugs to local customers.

While at St John's, the devastating Great Plague of 1665 – 6 hit Cambridge. Talbor's contemporary at Trinity College, Isaac Newton (of the apple tree fame), and many other members of Cambridge colleges were 'forced' to leave the city, but whether Talbor stayed and witnessed the horrors of plague we do not know. But it was finding a cure for another disease – the ague – that sparked his interest, and continued to obsess him. He may, indeed, have been intrigued by a rare plant that Mr Dent had acquired for this purpose. In Cambridge Talbor met folk suffering from malaria. He recounts a story of observing a countryman sitting in an inn, who was shivering with a fit of a Quartan ague (a fever that recurs every fourth day), and being shocked by a smith who claimed to have a cure that turned out to be a fatal 'charm'. On going down from St John's around 1668, Talbor went to Essex to live near, he explained, 'the seaside where the agues are the epidemical diseases'. While there, he 'resolved to do what study or industry could perform, to find out a certain method for the cure of this unruly distemper ... by observation and experiment'.

Increasingly confident that he had perfected his cure, he moved to London around 1671, set up his sign next door to Gray's Inn Gate in Holborn and enjoyed a lucrative practice. He clearly had a genuine desire to help cure patients with his medicines, as well as offering dietary advice. But he already had ambitions for himself! As he says in his 1672 book, he would not, yet, reveal his methods and

medicines 'till I have made some little advantage my self, to repay that charge and trouble I have been at, in the search and study of so great and unheard of secrets'.

It was around this time that Talbor had an opportunity that would change his life. King Charles II was visiting the coastal fort of Sheerness on the Thames Estuary in Kent – a district described as the 'most fever-ridden



King Charles II by John Riley.



Louis XIV by Charles Le Brun.

place in the whole of England'. A French nobleman, who had already been treated successfully by Talbor in Essex, was in the royal party and related to the king the virtues of Talbor's remedy. Talbor was summoned. Talbor's reputation advanced rapidly, though, accordingly, 'in proportion as he gained the favour of the great world, he lost that of the physicians'. Indeed, the elite physicians of the day, such as Thomas Sydenham, jealously resented this 'apothecary's man' for his secretive and lucrative practices. To protect Talbor from the scorn of the Royal College of Physicians, the king had a letter written in 1678 in which he commanded them not to cause Talbor 'any molestation or disturbance in his practice'. He was knighted in Whitehall on 27 July 1678 and married Elizabeth Aylet the following year.

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King Charles was so impressed that he appointed Talbor as one of his Physicians-in-Ordinary.

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We know only a little about Talbor's wife and their son, Philip Louis. But we do know that, over the next few years, the ambitious (by now, Sir) Robert Talbor achieved everything he could have hoped for. He was sent by King Charles to royal households in Europe, where he proceeded to cure the Dauphin of France, son of Louis XIV (the 'Sun King'), of his 'pernicious fever', and the Queen of Spain of her intermittent fevers. With his new continental title of Chevalier Talbot, he travelled the courts of Europe with his amazing remedy. As success followed success,

the secret of Talbor's cure became a subject of intense interest and scrutiny. In a curious part of his story, in 1679 Louis XIV offered to pay Talbor a large sum of money – some 2000 Louis d'or and a substantial pension for the rest of his life – to obtain the knowledge of this secret cure. Talbor agreed to accept the gold crowns on the provision that the secret formula should not be made public during his lifetime.

Talbor – the 'ague-curer' and 'physician of Kings' – returned to England a wealthy man. In 1681 St John's College elected him a Fellow Commoner. He arranged for a handsome family memorial to be erected in Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, following his death, so that his achievements would be remembered for posterity. In fact, Talbor died not long after his election to St John's, so his time back as an honoured member of the College was even more brief than his undergraduate days.

There was, however, one especially significant legacy that Talbor had, supposedly, left behind – the recipe of his secret cure. King Louis XIV kept his promise to Talbor and it was only after his death that a book was published in French, which was quickly translated into English under the title of *The English Remedy: or, Talbor's Wonderful Secret for Cureing of Agues and Fevers*. Physicians were, of course, eager to discover Talbor's secret. But to the surprise and resentment of many jealous physicians who read the 1682 publication, it was claimed that Talbor was simply using the Jesuits' Powder (Peruvian bark or quinquina) as the basis of his cure. The bark, which was



Talbor's memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge.

later found to contain the alkaloid quinine, came from the South American cinchona tree, and was introduced into England in the 1650s; it was originally treated with suspicion, and some, including Oliver Cromwell, refused to take the Jesuits' bark, believing it to be a 'Popish poison'. Talbor, showered with honours in his lifetime, was vilified by some as a 'flagrant charlatan' and 'seller of secrets', and any credit for subsequently popularising the bark was

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more often attributed to physicians such as Thomas Sydenham.

But was the bark the only basis of Talbor's remedy? I suspect not! And why were his results so successful? Re-reading Talbor's

little 1672 book in the Old Library remains both illuminating and frustrating, and there are many tantalising clues in the English and French accounts that are worthy of further research, including his use of *Artemisia absinthium* (one of the wormwoods) and opium. Alternatively, did Talbor really write down his secret for the King of France or did he continue to disguise it in exchange for a pot of gold? In a final twist to the story, a French magazine, *Mercure Galant*, announced in 1679 that the king had bought the secret from Chevalier Talbot and had requested that 'Mr Daquin, Premier Médecin de sa Majesté' guard the secret faithfully, as per Talbor's bequeathed instructions. Shortly after this article was published, a French aristocrat named Madame de Sévigné, who worshipped the 'divine' Englishman Talbor, wrote a letter to her daughter, saying, 'I do not believe the first physician of the King has the true secret.'

In light of Tu Youyou's remarkable rediscovery of sweet wormwood as an anti-malarial, there is surely more to discover about this extraordinary Johnian and his wonderful secret. 🌿

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## WHY DON'T YOUNG DOCTORS WANT TO BE PSYCHIATRISTS?

Dr Alan Gibson (1944) is a retired neuropsychiatrist and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

I completed my Natural Science Tripos in 1946, having studied Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology. Brain function was very little understood, except for nerve conduction, and

Professor Edgar Adrian had just made a big breakthrough by demonstrating that the brain produced an electric discharge of its own. It is known that at least part of the cause of some

mental illness is that there is disorder of the chemicals which cross the tiny spaces between the connections between cerebral cells. These chemicals are numerous, but in 1945 only two were known, adrenaline and acetylcholine. These were understood to play a role in the connections between nerve and muscle. In those days Addenbrooke's Hospital had no teaching facility, and medical students went to various medical schools of their choosing. I went to St Mary's in Paddington, where I learnt very little psychiatry. The psychiatrists forbade students from attending their outpatient sessions, saying that it would spoil the rapport with their patients. There was a course of ten rather mediocre lectures, and in any case description of the subject gave the seeker of truth little idea of the reality of the subject. For practical experience we had two bus trips, one to Hanwell Mental Hospital and one to Leavesden Mental Deficiency Hospital, as it was then called. At each we were shown extreme and severe examples of mental disorder: at Leavesden, I remember, there was a patient who would eat soap. In our final written and oral exams there were no questions relating to mental health, so in 1949 I could write 'MB, B.Chir' after my name with no inkling of illnesses that would trouble one in three of the population.

I did four years of general medicine and neurology, including one year as a Senior House Officer at St Mary's in the post of Casualty Physician. This was a marvellous job, for I not only saw everyone who walked in from the street who had not had an accident, but vetted everyone sent in for emergency admission to see if it was really necessary. One young woman was clearly

psychotic, and I referred her to the psychiatric outpatient department, saying that I thought she was suffering from general paresis, an advanced form of syphilitic brain disease. Looking back, she had all the symptoms of schizophrenia, but in fact she really had general paresis. The psychiatrists were impressed: 'How did he know?' they asked!

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After four years general medicine looked as if it was going to get boring. All the patients with valvular heart disease were getting better through heart surgery, there were drugs appearing for the only too prevalent peptic ulcer, and rheumatoid arthritis patients were going to the new specialty of rheumatology. There were already chest physicians and haematologists, and, in any case, chest infections were no problem because of the antibiotics that we had had for four years. But there was psychiatry – an unknown land whose practitioners, on the whole, had no contact with their fellow medics and were secluded in vast Victorian buildings looked upon as suitable places to send 'nutters'. What little the psychiatrists had to tell us was mostly psychoanalytical, hard to understand and even harder to believe. Moreover, the subject of psychoanalysis could neither be proved nor disproved. No wonder that the specialty carried a stigma, as it seemed divorced from the rest of medicine.

At the beginning of the twentieth century Sigmund Freud had been impressed by the number of neurotic young women that he saw who claimed that, as children, they had been sexually interfered with by their fathers. He thought this was ridiculous, but what, in fact, he had discovered was that incest was rather more common in Vienna than he imagined. From this observation the theory of psychoanalysis grew, and psychiatry laboured under the delusion that if you could discover the suppressed experiences of childhood, so you could effect a cure.

Alongside this was the belief that if you could induce a series of epileptic convulsions in a mentally sick person, he or she could be improved. This treatment was based on the entirely erroneous observation that schizophrenics never had fits, and epileptics never developed a mental state similar to schizophrenia. However, it proved successful in cases of severe depression and catatonia, and produced a remission in schizophrenia. Another treatment that produced remission in schizophrenia was giving large doses of insulin to bring on a deep hypoglycaemic coma. This was based on the theory that schizophrenia was an expression of thyroid deficiency, and that insulin would stimulate the thyroid. This theory was, of course, entirely mistaken. So, we had a branch of medicine where the two demonstrably effective treatments were based on 'moonshine'. More reason to regard it nearer to witchcraft than therapeutics!

It seemed to me that the subject should become less mysterious in the future, so I became a psychiatric registrar in 1954.

My prediction almost immediately came true as chlorpromazine (trade name Largactil) was invented, and synthesised, as an antihistamine. As such it had proved worthless, but, because of its sedative properties, it was marketed as a tranquilliser. Some doctors used it to calm psychotic patients and were amazed to discover that it reduced or cured their hallucinations and delusions. Papers were published to this effect, which were frankly not believed, but in the next five years it became apparent that chlorpromazine was, in fact, a highly effective antipsychotic drug. Many manufacturers succeeded in producing similar medicines; one of these was imipramine, which proved to have no antipsychotic properties, but was capable of producing a significant improvement in depressed patients. So the remarkable advances in psychiatric treatment came about entirely by chance. Working backwards from the drugs, it was thought that schizophrenia was due to the excessive production of dopamine, causing the synapses of parts of the brain to be overstimulated.

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To repeat, in 1954 the specialty of psychiatry carried a considerable stigma, as it does today. This was entirely understandable back then, bearing in mind the strange psychoanalytic theory and bizarre and potentially harmful physical treatments.

But the appearance of effective antipsychotic drugs changed all that, for not only did it lead to the rehabilitation of long-stay patients, but also to an understanding that schizophrenia was a disease caused by distorted brain chemistry. For centuries it had been believed that incurable insanity was part of the human condition, and although we did not quite realise it at the time, we had done what mankind had dreamed of doing for centuries, with the unwitting help of the drug companies – we had made the mad sane. This is evidenced by the dozens of Victorian asylums that stand empty or have been converted into flats.

Yet, society was not particularly grateful. The groups representing patients who had blamed us for not curing their relatives now campaigned for their return to hospital. The plans we had made for patients' aftercare and housing fell apart, to some extent through lack of money. If a psychotic person committed homicide, the media blamed it on him or her having been released into the community, even though the rates of the mentally ill committing violent crimes had not changed in fifty years.

Nowadays we are told that 'people with mental health issues', whatever that means, have to wait months for treatment. Because people have an antipathy to taking tablets, particularly for a long time, new forms of psychotherapy have become popular, administered by non-medical people. Their value is by no means certain.

In the 1960s, to the horror of the old nursing staff, we unlocked all the wards in the hospital.



Insulin shock therapy.

Against the predictions, there was no rush for freedom, as patients were too afraid to cross the threshold of their wards. The greatest difficulty in rehabilitating people was that they did not want to leave hospital, which had been their home for many years. Perhaps they were right.

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I believe there is a real risk that the specialty will fragment. It has become apparent that schizophrenia and bipolar psychosis represent chemical imbalance in the brain, and the abnormal brain pathology of people suffering from dementia is indisputable. Therefore, it could be argued that these patients should be looked after by neurologists. MRI scans may soon be able to identify areas of the brain involved with specific psychiatric disorders, and their treatment will be in the hands of neurosurgeons. There is recent evidence that

schizophrenia may be a disorder of the immune system.

The public seem no more sympathetic to ‘nutters’ than they were sixty years ago, and it seems to be part of the human condition that people believe that whatever illness overtakes them in the future, it will not be mental illness. In fact, one in three of us will have some psychiatric trouble in the course of our lives.

Methods of teaching medical students have changed. Teaching used to be at the patient’s bedside, and it was there that the student learned by example the way of talking to patients. There is a lot of talking to patients in psychiatry, and a lot of empathy, and perhaps a feeling that one lacks these skills puts people off the subject.

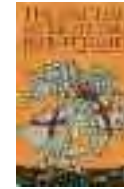
We know how to control schizophrenia and bipolar psychosis, but not how to cure them. We know next to nothing about how to tackle dementia, the treatment of eating disorders is not very advanced, and obsessional illness is hard to help. There are a lot of challenges in the specialty that I would enjoy confronting if I were a young doctor starting out.

The subject of forensic psychiatry is fascinating and would be the basis of a happy career. What one reads in the newspapers about a serious offence gives little information as to what was going on in the offender’s mind, and people are not as wicked as some would have you believe. The courts have become sympathetic to psychiatric opinion, and acting as an expert witness is as stimulating as it is useful.

The brain is the most complicated structure in the body, and the hardest to understand. To do this we need clever people. And do not forget, we did make the mad sane. It is sixty years since there was a real advance in psychiatric knowledge, and we are due for another revelation. 🧠

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## BREXIT: THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



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The word ‘historic’ is often used loosely, but by even the most exacting standards, the British referendum vote of 23 July 2016 was doubly historic. It will mark the future history of both Britain and Europe. And it was itself a consequence of a long history, which may help us to understand what has happened and why.

For most of the first 1400 years of Britain’s recorded history much of it was part of some wider European entity. These entities have included the Roman Empire, the Scandinavian realm of King Canute, William the Conqueror’s Anglo-Norman kingdom, and the Angevin empire, which included half of modern France. Its language, architecture, art and gene pool were European, and so were its politics: Magna Carta was influenced by European models, and the very word ‘parliament’ comes from the French. England’s most charismatic king, Shakespeare’s hero Henry V, also claimed the French throne. Neither he nor his subjects would have thought of themselves as outside Europe. From 1689 to 1837, Britain was linked through its monarchs first with Holland and then with Germany, and it

played a full, and often bloody, role in Continental power struggles. Viscount Castlereagh, a Johnian, played a leading role as Foreign Secretary in reorganizing Europe after the defeat of Napoleon.

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But two profound changes had been taking place that would fundamentally transform Britain’s ancient relationship with Europe. With the rise of a succession of European superpowers -- Spain in the sixteenth century, France in the seventeenth, Germany in the nineteenth, and Russia in the twentieth – English and later British policy aimed to organize and often lead other European states in opposition to these Continental hegemony. Unlike France or Germany, Britain never came up with a plan to organize or unify Europe. Even Castlereagh rejected Tsar Alexander I’s idealistic plan for unity as ‘sublime mysticism and nonsense’ – not the last time a British politician rubbished a

European master plan. Instead, to put it bluntly, the United Kingdom has for centuries aimed to keep Europe divided, so that it cannot threaten the islands' security and trade. Something of this suspicion towards what Margaret Thatcher called a 'European superstate' still remains. Britain has long been the country most resistant to ceding greater powers to the EU: opinion polls in the lead-up to the referendum showed that only 6 per cent of people in the UK (compared for example with 34 per cent in France and 26 per cent in Germany) favoured increased centralization. In contrast, two-thirds wanted powers returned from the EU to the British government, with a majority even among the relatively Europhile young. Simple arithmetic suggests that half of Remain voters opposed greater powers being given to the EU.

The other great historic change from the seventeenth century onwards was that Britain became much more global in its contacts, trade, and culture than any other part of Europe. Maritime, commercial and, finally, political links went further and further round the globe, creating first an 'Atlantic nation' and eventually a world-wide network of trade, culture and politics which created what some today term the 'Anglosphere'. An often angry debate between those who wanted closer engagement with Europe and those who wanted what was called a 'blue water policy' based on overseas trade has now been going on in Britain intermittently for three centuries. Is a 'blue water policy' today just nostalgia for a past age, or rather a recognition of present and future realities? Only time will tell.



The BBC results boards for the 1975 Referendum in Earl's Court, London.

Because Britain's experience of the twentieth century was less negative and less frightening than that of most of Europe, it was far less attracted by the ideal of a federal Europe as an escape from the nightmares of conquest, dictatorship and civil war suffered by much of the Continent. Yet Britain too had its fears in the post-war period, which explains why in the 1960s and 1970s it changed its traditional policy and knocked plaintively at the door of the European Economic Community. It was no longer the great imperial power. Its

politicians and diplomats were desperate to avoid becoming merely what they called 'a greater Sweden'. Economically, it seemed to be failing, with growth rates much lower than in France, Italy or Germany. Membership of 'Europe' became the official remedy for decline. Britain, some said, was the sinking Titanic and Europe the only lifeboat. In a referendum in 1975, sixty-seven per cent voted to stay in the EEC.

What has changed? One answer is the politics of the EU itself. In the 1970s, it was left wing politicians and poorer voters in less prosperous areas who were suspicious of 'Europe' as a creation of big business, international banks and the political elite. And as prime minister in the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher indeed promoted free trade and deregulation with her plan for a Single European Market. But French Socialist Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, responded with a raft of social and environmental protection measures designed to restrain Thatcherite neo-liberalism, flipping the politics of the EU on their head. The Left was mostly converted to Europeanism while Tories took umbrage.

Meanwhile, Britain's post-war fears largely evaporated. Faster Continental growth rates were temporary phenomena due to post-war recovery and modernization of agriculture. Since the mid-1980s, Britain's economic performance has been better than that of most of Europe, and over the last few years it has been markedly better than that of the Eurozone. The fear of Britain's declining power in the world was a panicky response to decolonization, and now in a multipolar

world, people have got used to Britain being what it has been for the last 300 years: one of the planet's half-dozen or so richest and most powerful states. Consequently, the idea of the EU as Britain's lifeboat has been widely replaced with a vision of it as the *Titanic*, subject to successive crises it is powerless to solve. An official Eurobarometer opinion poll in 2013 showed the British as the only people in Europe most of whom believed that their country could better face the future outside the EU – a view repeated exactly in the referendum vote.

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Yet without the catalyst of the referendum offered by David Cameron, the EU issue might have been kept in the political background, at least for a time. Precisely because exit from the Union suddenly became a real possibility the referendum campaign brought out, or even created, divisions whose emotional depth has been a surprise and a source of alarm. This is not the first time British politics have been dominated by relations with Europe. Bishop John Fisher might be considered an ideal patron saint for 'Remain' – he was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to accept Henry VIII's split from Catholic Europe. Eighteenth-century ancestors of the Brexiteers, who pulled Britain out of the War of the Spanish Succession, ended up being impeached or locked in the Tower of London – including another Johnian Matthew Prior.



Matthew Prior by the artist Alexis Simon Belle.

It is no longer the case that the United Kingdom is uniquely Eurosceptic: disapproval of the EU is as high in Germany and the Netherlands as in Britain, and

higher in Spain, France, and Greece. If some of those countries had held a referendum, they might well have made the same decision as Britain. The strong pro-EU votes in Scotland and Northern Ireland, which have particular domestic explanations, now make them unusual in a comparative European perspective. Indeed, Scotland's vote makes it stand out as one of the most pro-EU countries in Europe.

If the UK as a whole is exceptional within Europe, it is not in the level of its present-day disaffection from the EU nor in the political divisions the referendum vote has exposed (if France, for example had such a vote, one could expect blood in the streets). Rather, its exceptional characteristic is a long-standing scepticism about European integration in principle, greater than in any other country. The simplest reason is that its experience of the twentieth century was far less traumatic. But a much longer history of resistance to European hegemony and of links with the non-European world have helped to shape a mind-set that made membership of an integrated Europe seem relatively unappealing, and which now has made leaving the EU seem both desirable and possible.

**Professor Robert Tombs**



Bishop John Fisher.



# THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2016: 'STARS OVER NEW COURT' BY AARON TAM.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR: THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

When I picture my role as Senior Tutor, what do I see? Firstly I see our students, all 900 of them, both undergraduate and graduate, and I try to put myself in their shoes. If I were a student at St John's College, what would I need in order to thrive? Both in terms of what I already know I need, and what I might be encouraged and inspired to strive for. Put simply, as Senior Tutor I am responsible for the education and welfare of all the College's students, and over the last few years in my messages for *The Eagle* I have tried to explore a variety of ideas and issues related to supporting and nurturing our students. After all, it is my fundamental aim and responsibility to ensure that all of our students, regardless of their background and irrespective of need, feel they are welcomed, encouraged and supported.

A university education, and more importantly a St John's education, is all about possibility and opportunity, and, for me, that word 'education' encompasses the entire student experience. When a new student steps through our door, we need to ask ourselves what possibilities and/or opportunities they can already see and what possibilities we can give them. Although many would argue that a Cambridge degree puts you in high standing on the world stage, a Cambridge education is not simply a student reaching the end of their three or four years with us and adding BA (Hons) or PhD to their name; it combines opportunities, potential and, we hope, excitement to be here, and the feeling that being here can, and will, lead to an even more exciting future.

Previously I have written about how we have been working hard to support our students –



Photo: Ben Lister

financially, academically and culturally. Some of the biggest obstacles faced by students today are financial: tuition fees are high, living costs are always rising, government grants for low-income families in the UK have been withdrawn and all our

students, whether UK, EU or overseas, are simply unable to fulfil their potential without some form of financial support. Ensuring their own financial security will

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always be uppermost in the minds of our students, and even those who do not have to provide a financial guarantee before entering their courses (currently all overseas undergraduate applicants must do this) will have 'How much will it cost to be at St John's?' at the top of their list of questions.

Student finance is not just about everyday costs and tuition fees. Our students are some of the brightest currently studying in the UK, but we want to excite them academically and give them opportunities to take part in research projects, learn skills on internships and join international exchange programmes. Going beyond the tripos and taking part in these new activities incurs significant costs and we have been working hard in recent years, in partnership with the Development Office, to ensure these activities can be part- or fully-funded for our students. In last year's *Eagle* I noted our vision that by 2018 every undergraduate student will have, and want to take, the opportunity to participate in at least one fully funded academic activity during his or her time at the College. We continue to

encourage students along these lines, and in order to raise awareness we now have our students giving talks to other students about their experiences. The best way to foster excitement is to share stories.

I am also tremendously excited that we have finally launched the first phase of the St John's Undergraduate Funding Programme.

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The ideas for the programme have grown over the last four years, from their earliest beginnings in the Undergraduate Bursaries Awards and Scholarships Working Group (which I wrote about in 2014), and I am so pleased that on 14 April 2016 we were able to put into place the first two schemes for our students – St John's College Studentships, starting in October 2016, and St John's College Summer Bursaries, which started in summer 2016. Both schemes utterly embody the need for financial security and support that we have been aiming to provide.

The studentships will fund the living costs of students from low-income backgrounds, giving home and EU undergraduates whose household income is below £25,000 grants worth £9570 per year – the combined total of a St John's Studentship and a Cambridge Bursary. The summer bursaries, available to

students whose household income is below £66,154, will allow undergraduates to study and pursue educational interests or career development opportunities during the summer vacation without any financial concerns. Students will be able to apply for up to £1970 for use over the vacation, provided that they can demonstrate that it will finance a worthwhile activity. Both schemes will initially run for five years (2016–21). Further initiatives to provide studentships, bursaries and prizes for undergraduates from overseas are also being planned, and a small number of programmes, including schemes for the United States, Singapore and Malaysia, will come into effect in October.

This has proved to be one of the most exciting years yet in terms of undergraduate student support and development for the College, and I am so proud and thrilled to be leading these projects, alongside my colleagues. Students come to St John's to discover new ideas, to discover themselves and to discover bridges to the outside world that St John's can build for them. Every new experience brings with it excitement, new friends and new ways of thinking, and I hope that this is just the beginning, for the College and our students, as I truly believe that the future really does start here. 🌟

**Dr Matthias Dörrzapf**

## SOMEONE TO TURN TO

Professor Mete Atatüre is a man of many hats. Since arriving at St John's College in 2009, he has been a Physics lecturer, a supervisor, a director of studies and one of Turkish *GQ Magazine's* 2015 'Men of the Year', in recognition of his pioneering quantum physics research. In the midst of this hectic schedule, he has also taken an interest in the pastoral life of the College, acting as Tutor for Modern and Medieval Languages, History and Linguistics students since 2010. *The Eagle's* Editorial Assistants talked to Professor Atatüre to learn more about what this role entails.



Photo: Katie Eitting Photography

### What does a tutor get involved in?

What I like to say to new students is that your director of studies is your academic contact and he or she takes care of your academic well-being. But if there is anything

that gets in the way of your study, I'm here to take that problem away from you, so you don't have to worry. If you come to me with a problem that I haven't seen before, I will create a solution for you. That is why the role



is unique, because it gives me so much freedom to explore uncharted territory and to come up with a way forward for the student.

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### **You started out as a tutor in an acting capacity – what made you decide to stay on?**

It's not a structured task or job. Being a director of studies, for example, was very structured. You know when you're meeting the students, you know what the topics are and there are very few surprises. Lecturing is also like that: you know when you're lecturing and you know what the topic is going to be. Research is not like that. Research is very open-ended; you go wherever the road takes you. I like that contrast. Being a tutor brings the same contrast to College activities. You really don't know what the issues will be when a student knocks on your door, but if you can solve them and provide support, you will have a direct impact on that student's life.

### **Why is it important to have tutors?**

As a student you have an engagement with academics: you take their lectures, you write essays, and you sit down and talk to them on purely academic grounds. If anything gets in the way of that interaction, then of course the relationship will suffer. A tutor is someone with whom there is no conflict of interest,

who does not need to know too much about a student's academic life, just as a director of studies doesn't need to know too much about a student's personal life. Students can talk to me and reveal as much as they like, knowing that everything will remain confidential. All I need to do is to inform the student's supervisors and director of studies that this is not their best week, but that it's okay. Then I can get the ball rolling on the various support mechanisms that exist within the University.

### **Did you have any specific training before starting out?**

The University has a basic training programme to tell us about the most common issues: what to look out for and what to do. It's rather basic, but it gets you going. Most of the training is actually more of an apprenticeship through other tutors who have been here for a long time. When in doubt, you're always in contact with other tutors, and that builds up your knowledge and confidence.

### **Is it difficult to balance your role as a tutor with your other University responsibilities?**

Sometimes they clash, because almost everything else is scheduled. As a tutor, when there's a situation, you drop whatever you're doing. In Cambridge this is not a problem. Everyone knows what being a tutor means, so if you're in a meeting and you get a phone call, you can apologise and off you go. The same thing happens at two o'clock in the morning. I am woken by a phone call, I take my jacket and I go. So that, of course, is impossible to plan for. Some terms are very busy; some terms are very quiet. But that's

the commitment that I'm agreeing to – that whatever happens, I am going to be available.

### **What are the best aspects for you personally?**

If you create any positive effect, you see the impact, and that's great. It's an immediate reward. Being a tutor gives us a personal link to students beyond normal lecturing, which means that when there are no problems and they do well, you artificially take on reward. You say, 'Yeah! My History students are doing great!' That personal link to student life is quite valuable and I enjoy that part.

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### **What are the most challenging aspects?**

When someone comes to me and says, 'I need your help', I have to deliver it. I keep a straight face and say, 'Don't worry, let's talk through it. There are almost always more options than you think.' But in the back of my mind, I'm thinking, 'I hope I can deliver.' I'm always thinking of solutions on the spot as I'm talking, but I can't show that; I have to have a calming effect. The biggest challenge for me is finding the right way to offer support without the student having to be involved too much. I want to detach them from the problem, so that they can focus on their work and personal well-being.

### **Has the role changed since you took it on?**

It changes very slowly. In the future I see the role of the tutor shifting more to the truly

pastoral side. I would like to see tutors dealing with fewer routine, mundane tasks, so that they can spend more time on the specifics of student well-being. Rather than tutors being in charge of everything, as was the case many decades ago, we're now working with a more networked structure whereby academic well-being, pastoral well-being and day-to-day administration are all working together.

### **What advice would you give to someone just starting out as a tutor?**

The most important thing is to avoid worrying that you have to solve everything. Sometimes your role is just to listen, because the solution is already in the hands of the student, and it's simply a matter of talking things through. Also, with the permission of the student, when in doubt, share the problem with other tutors. Make use of the apprenticeship system. Don't try to solve the problems all on your own; figure out how others would do it too.

### **What would you say to current students?**

The tutorial system in Cambridge is unique. Having seen how students can be left alone in other universities, I hope that our students do their best to actually make use of their tutor when needed. You really don't have to 'white-knuckle it' yourself. Talk to us, we are here for you and are ready to offer support so that you can really enjoy your time here. 🍷

### **Anna Hollingsworth and Jonathon Simpson**

# THE MASTER AND FELLOWSHIP

## COLLEGE OFFICERS

The College Officers, as of 1 October 2016, will be:

The Master	Professor C. M. Dobson
The President	Dr F. E. Salmon
Senior Tutor	Dr M. Dörrzapf
Senior Bursar	Mr C. F. Ewbank
Dean of Chapel	The Reverend D. J. Dormor
Dean of Discipline	Professor E. D. Laue
Domestic Bursar	Mr M. N. Wells
Librarian	Dr A. M. Nicholls
Praelector	Professor P. T. Johnstone
Director of Music	Mr A. M. Nethsingha
Chaplain	The Reverend C. Barrett Ford

## THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

From 1 October 2016, the following will be members of the College Council:

	The Master	
The President		Professor Best
Professor Tombs		Dr Gowers
Professor Burton		Miss Tomaselli
Dr Hynes		Mr Ewbank
Dr Watson		Mr Teal
Professor Simons		Dr J. J. W. A. Robinson

## THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship of the College, as of 1 October 2016, will be (in order of seniority):

The Master (Professor C. M. Dobson)  
The President (Dr F. E. Salmon)

Dr E. D. James	Dr R. E. McConnel
Professor R. A. Hinde	Professor D. R. Midgley
Dr J. A. Charles	Professor P. H. Matthews
Dr D. J. H. Garling	Dr M. Richards
Dr G. A. Reid	Professor J. F. Kerrigan
Professor P. Boyde	Professor G. J. Burton
Dr J. A. Leake	Professor G. C. Horrocks
Dr P. A. Linehan	Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta
Dr A. J. Macfarlane	Dr H. R. Matthews
Professor D. L. McMullen	Professor B. J. Heal
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Professor J. Iliffe	Professor R. A. Evans
Professor M. Schofield	Dr S. M. Colwell
Dr G. A. Lewis	Dr H. E. Watson
Professor R. F. Griffin	Dr J. P. McDermott
Professor T. P. Bayliss-Smith	Professor C. O. Lane
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Dr H. P. Hughes	Professor Y. M. Suhov
Dr P. Goddard	Professor S. R. S. Szreter
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Dr J. B. Hutchison	Professor B. D. Simons
Dr D. G. D. Wight	Dr K. C. Plaisted Grant
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Professor R. P. Tombs	Professor C. D. Gray

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 Professor S. C. Reif  
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 Professor M. Atatüre  
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 Dr J. F. J. Bryson

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 Dr H. C. Martin  
 Dr G. Santangelo

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 Dr Manmohan Singh  
 Sir Harpal Kumar  
 Sir Douglas Wass  
 Sir David Wilson  
 Sir Bryan Cartledge  
 Sir Derek Jacobi  
 Professor Sir Roger Penrose  
 Professor Sir David Cox  
 The Hon. Mr Justice R. J. Goldstone  
 The Rt Hon. Lord Hope  
 Sir Timothy Lankester  
 The Rt Hon. the Lord Browne  
 Professor Lord King  
 Mr J. M. Brearley  
 The Hon. Mr Justice Frank Iacobucci  
 Ambassador A. J. Jacovides  
 Sir Michael Scholar  
 The Most Revd P. F. Carnley  
 Sir Mark Moody-Stuart  
 Mr D. M. Burt  
 Mr C. N. Corfield  
 Professor E. S. Maskin

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 The Rt Hon. the Lord Justice Aikens  
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 The Rt Hon. Sir Jack Beatson  
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 Mr D. W. Pountney  
 The Rt Hon. the Lord Crisp  
 Mr S. J. Keenlyside  
 Professor R. M. Goody  
 Professor L. Cha  
 Professor Lord Hennessy  
 Professor A. D. Hamilton  
 Professor D. W. Harvey  
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 The Most Revd B. Ntahoturi  
 Professor B. J. Stapleton  
 Mr M. A. Feigen  
 Mr T. J. E. Adès  
 Professor M. Castells  
 Dame Louise Makin 



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2016: 'BRIDGES AND BOATS' TAKEN  
IN VENICE BY AARON TAM (2015)

# MEMBERS' NEWS

## MEMBERS' NEWS

The following pages are dedicated to sharing the news of alumni, Fellows and Honorary Fellows, 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 they are correct, and cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies.

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1941 STURROCK, Professor Peter published *Late Night Thoughts About Science* (Exoscience: Palo Alto, California, 2015).

1946 HORRIDGE, Professor Adrian has returned to training bees and testing them to analyse their colour vision. He has several new publications on this topic, which can be found at [www.adrian-horridge.org](http://www.adrian-horridge.org). In July 2015 Adrian spent a month working in the warm weather in Cambridge, where four of his former PhD students have become professors and Fellows of the Royal Society. The surprising results showed that bees see neither the shapes nor the colours of flowers. Instead, they detect changes in the light at the edges, and measure whether the petals are more or less blue than background green. Adrian was a speaker at the International Society of Invertebrate Biology, Tihany, Hungary, in August 2015, and at a conference on bees at the National Autonomous University, Mexico City, in December 2015. In September 2015 he was a plenary speaker at the Seventh European Congress of Apidology (Bee Research) at Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and a keynote speaker at the International Congress of Entomology, Orlando, Florida.

1946 LENNON, Derek has been granted a provisional US patent, with a full patent application filed for a new ammonia production process. Major ammonia plants are costing between \$800 million and \$1 billion to achieve economies of a scale of a 3000 tonne-per-day capacity. The new patent will eliminate the scale effect and enable plants producing 200–500 tonnes per day to be competitive with larger plants. This is important for small countries with

neither the gas reserves nor the financial capability to be able to produce the nitrogenous fertiliser necessary to deal with the world's burgeoning population. Ammonia is the largest production chemical in the world, with ethylene.

1948 BRYAN, Patrick and his wife, Georgina (née Burt), celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 19 November 2015.

1948 DUKES, Professor Graham is now writing for a broader public audience, after writing and editing a long series of medico-legal books. In January 2016 the London Press published his book *A Short History of Eating*, co-authored with Dr Elisabet Helsing.

1949 CLARK, Professor Harold has completed his autobiography, *A Man From Ohio*, published in three volumes. Volume 1, subtitled *Home and Beyond*, appeared in 2013; volume 2, subtitled *At Home and Abroad*, in 2014; and volume 3, subtitled *Home in the World*, in 2015. Volume 2 contains an account of his year at St John's. The volumes were published by Montpelier Press, Somerville, MA, and are available for \$15 each, plus \$4 postage, from [www.amanfromohio.com](http://www.amanfromohio.com)

1953 EBERLIE, Richard (Dick) Frere published *District Officer in Tanganyika 1957-1960* in November 2014, and *The Winds and Wounds of Change 1961 to 1965* in February 2016.

1955 ANDREWS, Dr Peter has, together with his wife, Mügül, published *Tentage at the Calico Museum and its patterns* (Ahmedabad: Sarabhai Foundation, 2015).

1955 PHILLIPS, Professor Ian has written a guide to the stained glass windows in the College Chapel, with special reference to the windows made by Clayton and Bell in the late 1860s/early 1870s. A copy is available in the College Library and also online at [www.joh.cam.ac.uk/guides-st-johns](http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/guides-st-johns)

1960 HOUSTON, The Reverend Dr Walter published *Amos: Justice and Violence* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, Phoenix Old Testament Guides) in September 2015.

1960 SMITH, Jonathan's novel *The Churchill Secret KBO* (Abacus 2015) was used as the basis for a film called *Churchill's Secret*, which was shown in February on ITV1. It starred Michael Gambon, Lindsay Duncan, Romola Garai and Matthew Macfadyen.

1961 CLARKE, Professor Malcolm jointly edited and authored the second edition of *Principles of European Insurance Contract Law* (Munich: Sellier, 2015).

1961 CROW, Robert recently completed his PhD on the British pictorialist and portrait photographer, Walter Benington (1872–1936). His sitters included Einstein, Maynard Keynes, Ellen Terry and Jacob Epstein, as well as the renowned Johnian mathematician Joseph Larmor, who reputedly opposed the building of a College bathhouse because, 'We have done without them for 400 years, why begin now?' Robert's thesis can be found online at <http://eprints.glos.ac.uk/id/eprint/2996>

1962 MOORE, David was twice a headmaster, but retired some years ago, and in the intervening time has enjoyed being a governor of two schools, being President of the Old Bradfordian Association and writing the history of Bradford Grammar School 1949–63, *Haec Egimus* ('All This We Did'). He recalls fondly his time as an undergraduate at John's, especially that spent on the cricket field, and he had a huge regard for John Crook and Guy Lee. He also stayed in contact with his room-mate, Peter Burt-Jones.

1963 RUSSELL, Dr Michael was editor and author of ten chapters of the fourth edition of *Mucosal Immunology* (Academic Press/Elsevier, 2015), alongside co-editors J. Mestecky, W. Strober, M. W. Russell, B. L. Kelsall, H. Cheroutre and B. N. Lambrecht.

1963 WALLACE, John is studying for a Doctorate in Theology and Ministry at St John's College, Durham, following the completion of an MA in Theology and Faith-based Organisations at King's College London. He has again been elected Chair of the House of Laity of St Albans Diocesan Synod for the next triennium.

1963 WATERS, Brian has been reappointed as Chairman of the National Planning Forum, and is also Chairman of the Architecture, Planning, Engineering and Construction (APEC) Forum of the Cambridge University Land Society. Alumni are invited to join the University's oldest alumni organisation at [www.culandsoc.com](http://www.culandsoc.com).

1964 BAINES, Stephen's new book, *Captain Cook's Merchant Ships*, published by The History Press, covers the histories of the eight ships that Captain Cook sailed in or with, and which began as merchantmen. The lives of these vessels and those who sailed in them are set in the contexts of their contemporary politics, history, trade, science, philosophy and religion.

1964 TITFORD, John is compiling an illustrated biographical listing of Johnian bookplates from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century, for publication by the Bookplate Society. He would love to hear from alumni who wish to submit their own bookplate or who could provide information on other Johnian bookplates. John notes that the collection so far consists entirely of men, and that it would be particularly nice to be able to add some plates from Johnian women. You can contact John at [j.titford@zen.co.uk](mailto:j.titford@zen.co.uk) or on 01773 520389.

1965 HEYWORTH, Dr Martin composed a sinfonia in A Major that was rehearsed by the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia in November 2015.

1965 MOGGRIDGE, Professor Donald Edward was admitted as an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, University of Toronto, on 8 September 2015.

1967 NAPIER, Robert was appointed a patron of the International Farm Management Association during the twentieth congress of the association in Quebec City, Canada, in July 2015.

1967 WILKINSON, Dr Simon has become an ex-pensioner, as he currently develops, or assists in developing, self-learning networks of child and adolescent psychiatric in-patient units for Norway, Sweden and Estonia.

1968 HAGGARD, Melville was elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers (one of the 'Great Twelve' livery companies of the City of London) for the year 2015–16. To mark his year, he commissioned an anthem, composed by Johnian James Burton (1992), for a text written in Latin by Father Hugh Barbour, to be performed at the St Thomas's Eve carol service of the Clothworkers' Company, which was held at St Olave Church, Hart Street. The anthem was sung at the St John's College Epiphany Service 2016 and as part of the repertoire for the College Choir's tour of the USA in April 2016.

1969 DOWNES, Professor Andrew's Symphonies Nos 1 to 4 and his Overtures, 'Towards a New Age' and 'In the Cotswolds', were recorded in March 2015 in the Dvořák Hall of the Rudolfinum, Prague, Czech Republic, by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. The recording was directed by Ondrej Vrabec, as part of a double CD and DVD set on the ArteSmon label. On 24 March a movement from this recording of two of the symphonies was broadcast on Czech Radio, during an interview with Ondrej Vrabec. The UK launch took place on 17 April at the National Film Theatre, London, where excerpts were played and the documentary DVD was shown, together with Paula Downes' films portraying Andrew's *Songs from Spoon River* and

also an excerpt from the DVD of Andrew's opera, *Far from the Maddening Crowd*. The CD set can be purchased from major book/music shops, from amazon.co.uk or from Andrew himself at downlyn@gmail.com

1969 JONES, Trevor retired in 2013 and since then has been a Trustee of Cats Protection, the UK's largest feline charity. In April 2016 he became the first ever non-medical Trustee of the British Society for Haematology, which is embarking on an ambitious strategic development programme.

1970 MARTIN, Dr Stephen retired as Commandant of the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force in 2016.

1971 HANNAH, Gavin recently published *Summer Fields: The First 150 Years* (Third Millennium Publishing, 2014).

1972 HURST, John has been elected Chair of Tunbridge Wells Green Party.

1973 HEYES, Francis continues to work as an A&E Consultant at Rotherham Hospital. He recently received a medal for services in West Africa during the ebola epidemic, having taken a sabbatical to work in Malawi in 2012.

1973 SPRIGGS, Professor Matthew has been awarded a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship at Cambridge for 2016 and 2017. He will spend three months during each of these years in Cambridge at the University's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and the McDonald Institute, researching the history of Pacific archaeology and contributing to teaching.

1974 MELCK, Professor Antony has retired from the University of Pretoria, and is now fulfilling a hobby full-time by working for the pipe organ manufacturer Rieger Orgelbau in Austria.

1974 POLLARD, David has completed his first year as a consultant with Freshfields Bruckhaus Derringer LLP and has written a new law book, *Employment Law and Pensions* (2016). He anticipates sales into the tens, 'if lucky'.

1975 MARCOFF, Anthony has an essay in *A Silver Tapestry: The Best of 25 Years of Critical Writing* from The British Haiku Society. An article about his life and poetry was commissioned by the leading international haiku journal *Presence*.

1976 REIF, Professor Stefan has recently published three volumes. Two of these were papers given at conferences that he organised with Professor Renate Egger-Wenzel of the University of Salzburg, who was a Visiting Scholar at St John's in 2014. They are *Elements of Jewish Religious Identity in the Second Temple Period*, edited by Renate Egger-Wenzel and Stefan C. Reif, *Biblische Notizen 164* (Herder: Freiburg, 2015), and *Ancient Jewish Prayers and Emotions*, edited by Stefan C. Reif and Renate Egger-Wenzel (Walter de Gruyter: Berlin and New York, 2015). The other is his latest study of medieval Jewish liturgy: *Jewish Prayer Texts from the Cairo Genizah* (Brill: Leiden and Boston, 2016).

1977 LAMONT, Stephen was awarded a doctorate in History from the University of Nottingham in December 2015.

1982 DIGARD, Dr Paul was appointed Head of Division (Infection & Immunity) and Deputy Director of the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh, in early 2015.

1982 KERRIGAN, Professor John published *Shakespeare's Binding Language* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) and spoke at the Wells Shakespeare Lectures at the University of Oxford during 2016.

1983 ATKIN, Professor Chris took over as President of the Royal Aeronautical Society in May 2016, the society's 150th year, for twelve months.

1983 SHAW, Michael was appointed as the Group General Counsel of the Royal Bank of Scotland, with effect from 19 April.

1986 SHARPE, Ross won the 2014 Georgian Group Award for a New Building in the Classical Tradition. Later in 2014, the Princess Royal opened a new clock tower and gatehouse, designed by Ross, at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, which is thought to be the first new clock tower at Oxford in sixty years. Ross runs his own practice, Ross Sharpe Architects, and is also Design Director of Yiangou Architects in Cirencester.

1987, ESPOSITO, Dr Giampiero published a new book with Cambridge University Press titled *Advanced Concepts in Quantum Mechanics*, co-authored with G. Marmo, G. Miele and G. Sudarshan.

1988 POWELL, Alison was elected a Partner in the International Commercial Practice of Baker & McKenzie on 1 January, based in Palo Alto, California. Alison advises on export

controls, trade and investment sanctions, anti-terrorism controls, anti-corruption and anti-money-laundering rules, US anti-boycott laws, and US foreign investment restrictions under the Exon-Florio Provision.

1988 RUBBLACK, Professor Ulinka published *The Astronomer and the Witch* (Oxford University Press, 2015), which is being turned into an opera by another Fellow of the College, Tim Watts, and other College musicians, to be performed on 29 October 2017. Professor Rublack also co-edited *The First Book of Fashion* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2015).

1989 JENTSCHURA, Dr Ulrich has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society and a Member of the Editorial Board of *Physical Review A*, and promoted to (Full) Professor of Physics at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

1990 ROYLANCE, Colonel Jaimie of the Royal Marines was made an OBE for his services in command of the UK's Task Force Jaguar in Afghanistan between September 2013 and May 2014.

1991 DAVIS, Bruce was appointed a Visiting Research Fellow of the Bauman Institute at the University of Leeds, and also a Trustee of the Finance Innovation Lab.

1994 MACDONALD, Dr Nathan published *Priestly Rule: Polemic and Biblical Interpretation in Ezekiel 44* (De Gruyter, 2015).

1996 MURPHY, Noel married Hannah Ashfield on 2 April. Hannah studied Classics at King's College, London, and then took an MPhil at Newnham College, Cambridge.

1996 SAMWORTH, Professor Richard was elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 2015.

2000 HARDING, David now works at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the Economics Unit. He is married to Helen and has a beautiful baby girl called Rosie. David looks forward to taking Rosie to visit the College sometime soon.

2004 GAROFOLI, Chiara received the European Counsel Award for Litigation in March, at a gala dinner hosted in London by Lexology and the International Law Office (ILO), together with the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC). The European Counsel Awards celebrate the achievements of in-house counsel recognised by their peers as excelling in their fields.

2006 ELDRED, Alice and CHIGBO, Thomas got married in August.

2009 EAVES, Thomas was awarded one of the University's Smith-Knight and Rayleigh-Knight Prizes for 2015, for his essay titled 'Disruption by stable stratification of the self-sustaining process of vortex-wave interaction for turbulent transition in plane Couette flow'.

2011 APTHORP, James was commissioned into the RAF Volunteer Reserve as an Acting Pilot Officer in July 2015. He also won the 2014 Forder Finlay Cup, which is awarded to the Cambridge University Air Squadron student who has shown the greatest endeavour to succeed.

2011 PAIGE, Kirsten was awarded a 2016/17 Dissertation Fellowship from the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities at the University of California, Berkeley.

2011 REDMOND, Joan was awarded a Scouloudi Fellowship, a fourth-year doctoral writing fellowship, from the Institute of Historical Research in London, for the academic year 2015/16.

2011 TOLAND, Professor John was awarded an Honorary DSc from the University of Sussex and another from the University of Bath during 2016.

2011 WANG, Andi was the joint winner of the 2015 Thomas Bond Sprague Prize for distinguished performance in the Master of Mathematics/Master of Advanced Studies in Mathematics examinations, in the areas of actuarial science, mathematics of operational research, probability and statistics.

2012 DEVINE-STONEMAN, James received the Part II Armourers and Brasiers' Prize.

2012 FRANZE, Dr Kristian's second son, Lauri Franze, was born on 22 October 2015.

2012 GEIGER, Martha received the MET IIA Major Project Prize, coming third in the overall rankings.

2012 ILLIG, Steffen was awarded an Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council Doctoral Prize for his PhD results.

2013 GILL, Sophie received an award from the Mary Euphrasia Mosley Fund during 2015.



2013 NOWER, Mary was a recipient of a David Richards Travel Scholarship in 2015.

2015 CONDON, Pdraig was awarded a Robert Gardiner Memorial Scholarship for 2015/16.

2015 HEYMANN, Theo received a four-year IMechE Undergraduate Scholarship in September 2015.

2016 EDWARDS, Susan received an Honorary MA degree from the University of Cambridge and was made a member of St John's College in April. Susan was awarded this honour for outstanding service, having worked as Executive Assistant to thirty-four Mayors of Cambridge over a period of almost forty years. She was described as an outstanding servant of the city and of the local community by former Mayor of Cambridge and College Fellow, Dr George Reid (1959). 🌱



Photo: Paul Everest

Fellows, students and staff gather to celebrate the Quincentenary of the opening of the College in July 2016.



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# OBITUARIES

A VIEW INTO SECOND COURT

## The Revd Professor (William) Owen Chadwick, OM, KBE, DD, (Hon.) LittD, FBA, FRSE, 1916–2015

An Honorary Fellow of St John's for over half a century, Owen Chadwick, who died in his hundredth year on 17 July 2015, was a man so lavishly blessed by the gods and so remarkable for the range of his achievements that even a full-scale obituary could not begin to do him justice. Chadwick was one of the leading figures of English academic life in the twentieth century and an ornament of British historical scholarship, enjoying access to the resources of an intellectual hinterland which placed him beyond the reach of such of his contemporaries as strayed towards his magnetic field.

His first two years as an undergraduate of the College (1935–7) gave no indication of such a future. Agnostic in religion at the time, he had chosen St John's for its rugby football and was principally notable as the team's hooker. He would later remark that 'In the scrum you can do your good anonymously, with no sense of display on the field where people could watch you doing noble things.' Others, by all accounts, remembered his work thereabouts rather differently, as befitted the minatory, almost square, physical presence revealed in photographs of the period, so strikingly at

variance with the slender figure of later years whose graceful movements more closely resembled a dancer's step.

The prospects seemed unpropitious. Not even a tutor as perceptive as Bede Howland could have foreseen a brighter future for the racketsy Chadwick. But the President, Martin Charlesworth, did and, in meetings with the rusticated second year in pubs beyond the University's jurisdiction, drilled enough Ancient History into him to secure a Third in Part I Classics.

Then, in his third year, came the seismic change. Nurtured by both the Master, E. A. Benians, and Charlesworth, with whom he walked Hadrian's Wall and to both of whom he remained permanently indebted, and stirred in 1938 by the enormities of Nazism and its persecution of Pastor Niemöller, which, as he himself observed, drove others to communism, Chadwick embraced Christianity. As P. G. Wodehouse (incidentally an author dear to him) would doubtless have put it, Saul of Tarsus might have taken his correspondence course. 'I thought that [Nazism] was about the most



Photo: Courtesy of the Master and Fellows of Selwyn College

hellish thing possible, so suddenly I woke up to Hitler', he later recalled. Coinciding with his change to History (securing a First), followed by Theology and training for the priesthood, this astonishing transformation set him on course for all that followed.

Not that all that followed excluded rugby, in which he captained the University in his third year. As chaplain of Wellington College during the War he coincided with Raymond Carr, who had been recruited to teach the lads History: a remarkable juxtaposition. At Trinity Hall as Fellow (from 1947) and Dean (from 1949), in 1950 he embarked upon his publishing career with his work on *John Cassian: A Study in Primitive Monasticism*. Elected Master of Selwyn at the age of forty in 1956, after John Boys Smith had declined the office, he exemplified the Head of House, whose members knew him and he them. In the

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University he was successively Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History from 1958, and Regius Professor of Modern History from 1968 to 1983. As Vice-Chancellor between 1969 and 1971 he helped steer the University through some of its choppiest waters. Although thought of as a future archbishop during these years (Ladbroke was offering odds of 6-1 for Canterbury in 1974), he firmly opted for the study rather than the episcopal throne, although that course was to include chairing the Archbishops' Commission on Church and State (the Chadwick Commission, 1966-70). For his 'notable contribution to the writing of history' he was awarded the Wolfson History



The 1937 College rugby first XV, with Owen seated in the light blue jacket.

Prize in 1981. In 1982 he was appointed KBE and in 1983 admitted to the Order of Merit. His way with both senior and junior members of both his college and University was well illustrated by a couple of obiter dicta expressed in what some would regard as the principal masterpiece amongst his publications, *The Victorian Church* (1966-70): of a Victorian professor: 'It is undesirable to make a regius professor of someone who commands no confidence amongst his colleagues' (Vol. I, p. 115), and likewise, regarding the prohibition published against attending the same professor's lectures (p. 120): 'It is often a mistake to forbid undergraduates to go somewhere.' He possessed an uncanny understanding, born of his pastoral activity, of both the counter-suggestibility of young people and the tendencies of undergraduates in particular.

His entry in the University Library catalogue lists 107 items published between 1950 and 2010 on a wide range of historical subjects from between the Reformation and the present day. This, however, is not the place to expatiate on the splendours of his works, from *Victorian Miniature* (a widespread favourite) to the studies of Acton, Newman and the Oxford Movement and the lives of Michael Ramsey and Hensley Henson. Even without all his other activities the extent of all this defies belief. 'How did he do it?', John Morrill asked at his memorial service at Great St Mary's. Although he certainly greatly regretted his misspent undergraduate years, to suggest that his enormous output was somehow

intended to make up for that lost time seems altogether too facile an explanation and anyway unequal to the scale of his achievement.

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Forever laconic, with the passage of time the prose became even more so, all in accordance with the precept of never writing a five-word paragraph when a four-word one would do. Such was the character of an 'Owen': the telegraphic postcard of consolation or congratulation, staccato and very much to the point. Somewhere I have the first of these, received after my own début addressing a Cambridge historical gathering fifty years ago. The best of listeners, he always gave you his full attention. Fifty years later one remembers him heaving himself on crutches up the Wordsworth Room staircase for the annual lunch of a journal with which we both associated. In his mid-nineties he remained indomitable, with the clearest of recollections of conversations of seventy years before (though also, inevitably, with a tendency to lose track of the teacup he had just put down). Then, in January 2015 Ruth, his wife and support for sixty-five years, died, and six months later Owen followed her. 🌿

**Peter Linehan**

## The Revd Professor John Adney Emerton, FBA, 1928–2015

John Adney Emerton died on 28 September 2015, aged eighty-seven. He was not a Johnian 'by birth' but, according to the old understanding, he became such by adoption and grace; for in 1968, then a Reader in his *alma mater*, Oxford, he was elected by the University of Cambridge to the ancient and prestigious Regius Chair of Hebrew (founded in 1540). It was in this connexion that St John's elected him to a professorial fellowship in 1970.

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'JAE' was born on 5 June 1928 in the Enfield/Southgate area of north London. He was educated at the nearby Winchmore Hill School, and from there, in 1947, he went up to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, to read for the Theological Schools. He graduated with first-class honours in both Theology (1950) and Oriental Studies (1952), winning a number of associated prizes. Between 1950 and 1952, additionally, he underwent ordination training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was duly ordained to a title at St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham (Deacon, 1952; Priest, 1953). For one year he also held an appointment as an Assistant Lecturer in



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Theology at Birmingham University, leaving for a lectureship in Hebrew and Aramaic at Durham in 1953. Two years later he became a Lecturer in Divinity in Cambridge, where he remained until his appointment in 1962, as a Reader in Semitic Philology at Oxford and election to a fellowship of St Peter's College. Thence he returned to Cambridge, as already indicated.

Emerton was admitted to the BD degree of Cambridge (one of the higher degrees) in 1960, and to the DD degree in 1973. In 1977 the University of Edinburgh conferred on him an honorary DD. Election to a fellowship of the British Academy followed in 1979, with the award, in 1991, of a Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies. The fruits of his research were displayed not in books or extended treatises, but rather in the extraordinarily large number of articles which he published. It has been estimated that in this, his chosen genre, he completed 1727 printed pages. He excelled, too, in editorial work, and was for twenty-five years editor of the journal *Vetus Testamentum*. This enabled him to assist many of his younger colleagues in the effective presentation of their scholarly work. He was assiduous in paying tribute to many of his colleagues, at home and internationally, by contributing to and editing *Festschriften*. JAE was a conscientious lecturer, and he was adamant that the undergraduate syllabus for which he was responsible was effectively covered. The devoted care that he lavished on his many research students was exemplary, and there are many warm testimonies to this particular aspect of his work.

In the late 1960s and the years following, professors were relatively few in number, and those holding professorial fellowships, debarred from College teaching, were decorative rather than official. Emerton, if largely and properly committed to his research and his research students, enjoyed

hugely the social side of College life. Apart from once stepping in briefly as (Acting) Praelector, he did not hold any College office, yet he was consistently admiring and supportive of the work of his colleagues in the Fellowship. As a clergyman, he gave great support to the work of the Chapel and regularly assisted the official clergy with its

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services until 2003. He was particularly at home as a celebrant and preacher at the early communion service on Sunday mornings during term-time. He dined frequently and entertained many colleagues and friends as his guests at the High Table. Wine circles were a favoured scene for his social relaxation, and vintage port was the object of his profound devotion. In this connexion, and not surprisingly, he served a term as President of the College Wine and Food Society. John Emerton was an accomplished raconteur and many of his favourite stories and jokes were Irish in origin. His ability to reproduce accurate verbal sequence may be illustrated by a typical incident: thus, rising from a wine circle to obey a call of nature, and necessarily interrupting a sentence that he had begun, in five minutes he returned to his seat, resuming the interrupted sentence with exactly the correct grammatical continuation.

John Emerton was always glad when circumstances enabled him to go to Jerusalem. His feet were accustomed to stand, if not in the temple, then in the old British Governor's cathedral church of St George, described as 'a little bit of Surrey on Salah-addin Street'. Significantly its neighbour is the illustrious Dominican École Biblique, with its magnificent library and a cellar of excellent Cremisan wine. So John was able to live and work in an atmosphere that was greatly congenial to him. Again, his loyalty and devotion to St George's resulted in his being made an honorary canon of the cathedral. This appointment was, perhaps, one of the most treasured of his life, for it afforded some recognition of the priestly vocation that constituted an essential part of his being.

Emerton's greatest contribution to the Church at large was his chairmanship of the panel of scholars which produced the (modern language) liturgical Psalter of the *Alternative Service Book* (1980). The version was excerpted in a Penguin classic *The Psalms in English* as one of only two versions chosen to represent the twentieth century, and it went into six national prayer books. It is still in print. Of the nine persons on the panel, three were members of St John's.

JAE is survived by his wife, Norma, and three children. 🌿

**The Revd Dr Andrew Macintosh**

## Professor Sir John Rankine 'Jack' Goody, FBA, 1919–2015

In *Death, Property and the Ancestors* (1962), Jack Goody informs us that 'The composition of the obituary ... involves, directly or indirectly, a public reformation of social norms.' It would appear, then, that in having been asked to write Goody's own obituary for this issue of *The Eagle*, I have been endowed with a weighty responsibility: not only to celebrate an incredible life and honour a monumental figure in the cognate disciplines of anthropology and comparative history, but to distil from Goody's writings and life history a fresh, reformational perspective on our contemporary social norms.

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I do so as an admiring PhD student, several generations removed from Goody's peer group, acquainted with him all too briefly in the later years of his long and productive life. Before coming to St John's in 2011, to read for what was then the Archaeology and Anthropology Tripos, I had already read about Jack Goody and the importance of his work. To us newly minted undergraduates, he was a central figure in the origin myth of British social anthropology. I came to think of him as one of the crucial progenitors of the



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anthropological lineage. His work marked a starting point, a moment of genesis, the legacy of which is built into the very fabric of the discipline.

Such was the aura of the man, that this reputation long preceded his passing, as is perhaps reflected in the fact that the society for archaeologists and anthropologists at St John's, the Goody Society, was named in Jack's honour during his lifetime. With all of this in mind, I hope that I can be forgiven for only discovering several weeks into my undergraduate degree that not only was Jack

still alive and well, but could be found in the College Bar every day, poring studiously over his manuscripts with a glass of red wine.

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I first met Jack at the Goody Society's annual dinner in my first year as an undergraduate. I had the great fortune of sitting not only next to Jack, but also his younger brother, Richard, who is an Honorary Fellow of the College. Both brothers have enjoyed fantastically successful lives in academia, with Jack appointed to the William Wyse Professorship in Social Anthropology in 1973, and his brother taking up the Mallinckrodt Professorship in Planetary Physics at Harvard. Needless to say, the dinner conversation was intense, but Jack's warmth and genuine interest in my thoughts made it a pleasant and humbling encounter. Aside from discussing the need for a post-Marxist social programme rooted in a scientific understanding of society, I mentioned to Jack that I had plans to travel to the Republic of Benin that summer, and was somewhat worried about the health risks that are apparently abundant in equatorial West Africa. An hour later, I left Hall with assured confidence in the efficacy of West African traditional medicine. Fortunately, I have not thus far needed to put Jack's assurances to the test.

Of course, Goody's advice that evening was not borne out of naive romanticism towards African traditional knowledge systems. His work exhibits a nuanced understanding of the differential development of the world's polities, economies and societies. Writing against the evolutionist tendency to characterise 'development' as a matter of linear progression in which the West had proceeded furthest owing to its innate ingenuity, Goody's work points to several key factors responsible for transforming societies in such a way as to enable the accrual of power by a ruling class and technological advancement. These factors included, most prominently, intensified agriculture (*Production and Reproduction*, 1977), and the development of written communication and literacy (*The Domestication of the Savage Mind*, 1977). Noting that such developments were never limited to Europe alone, Goody's later work aimed to dethrone Europe as the epicentre of modernity, as reflected in works such as *The Theft of History* (2006) and *Renaissances* (2010), among others. Goody also examined how more mundane, everyday practices, such as cooking and horticulture, could teach us something about the development of class society and world trade, as in *Cooking, Cuisine and Class* (1982) and *The Culture of Flowers* (1993). Never one to slow down in his later years, he published his final book, *Metals, Culture and Capitalism* (2012), a grand synthesising foray into the origins of the modern world, at the youthful age of ninety-three.



Maggi Hambling's 2011 portrait of Jack, which hangs in the Old Divinity School.

From reading some of Goody's memoirs, it seems that he viewed his work, as well as that of his contemporaries, as the outcome of an early life lived under the shadows of fascism and in the throes of the Second World War. Goody himself fought in North Africa, before being captured and escaping twice from prisoner of war camps, living among peasants in the Abruzzo region of Italy while in hiding. Following the War, Goody went on to conduct fieldwork research for his PhD in Northern Ghana, just as the anti-colonial movement began to gather momentum. During this time, Goody joined Kwame Nkrumah's Convention People's Party, which campaigned for the independence of the Gold Coast in the 1950s. Reading his account of this period in *The Expansive Moment* (1995), it appears that Goody's career was inseparable from his generation's sense of obligation towards rebuilding a just, post-war society.

Those formative years of Goody's life are far removed from the experiences of my generation. And yet, at a time when demagoguery is on the rise throughout the

Western world, and the refugees of war and despotism are frequently disparaged by the media as economic scroungers, it appears that the obligations of which Goody wrote are just as relevant to scholars today. Speaking of the transferral of obligations between generations, Goody writes in *Death, Property and the Ancestors*: 'A person does not simply make an offering to a dead man's shrine because of a general obligation between members of the same wealth-holding corporation; he does so because he sees the ancestor as an actual or potential troublemaker, as liable to cause him great misfortune because the obligations are not fulfilled.' If this obituary is to serve as 'a public reformation of social norms', then I will finish with the reminder that Professor Sir John Rankine Goody lives on through his writings. It is through these writings that Jack becomes the ancestral troublemaker, reminding us that our obligations to our fellow humans are not yet fulfilled. Long may he trouble us to honour his life's work. 🌿

**Sipke Shaughnessy (2011)**

## The Rt Hon. The Lord Griffiths of Govilon, MC, 1923-2015

Hugh Griffiths' long and colourful life embraced several careers. He was, by turn, a decorated officer in the Welsh Guards, a professional cricketer, a barrister and QC, judge of the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords, an international arbitrator, and, to round things off, a distinguished administrator in two sports: cricket and golf. Yet he wore his distinction modestly.





William Hugh Griffiths was born on 26 September 1923, the son of an eminent surgeon, Sir Hugh Ernest Griffiths, and his wife, Doris. He was educated at Charterhouse, where he became renowned as a fast bowler. He was commissioned into the Welsh Guards aged eighteen and became a tank commander. It is said that when his tank once broke down during training, he rang his father's chauffeur to seek help.

In 1944 Griffiths was a lieutenant in the 2nd Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion during the British Army's advance from Brussels. On 8 September the Welsh Guards group was in the van of the battle for the Belgian town of Hechtel and was being held up by murderous anti-tank fire. Four German Panther tanks were reported to be approaching the British position from the west and Griffiths volunteered to investigate. His light tank set off, unaccompanied. After a shot from a German Panther missed his tank, Griffiths directed his tank into a wood and lay waiting until the German tank came into range.

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For this courageous attack Griffiths was awarded the Military Cross.

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When it did, Griffith's tank destroyed it with three shots, and three other Panthers soon made off. Later that evening Griffith's tank also destroyed two enemy transport vehicles. For this courageous attack Griffiths was awarded the Military Cross. The citation

stated that his taking on the German tank single-handed had broken up an attack on the British left flank, 'which might have menaced our entire position at Hechtel and altered the decision of the battle.'

In April 1946 Griffiths came up to St John's to read Law. He won three Blues for cricket, in 1946, 1947 and 1948, when he was the opening fast bowler. On one occasion in 1948, when Griffiths was playing for Cambridge at Fenner's against the famous Australian touring side, he jokingly said over a drink with the Australian captain Lindsay Hassett: 'I don't think much of your fast bowlers.' Hassett told his bowlers to 'sort the boy out', which they promptly did the following day, dismissing him for a single. Whilst an undergraduate, he played for Glamorgan and was part of the side that won the County Championship in 1948. That same year Griffiths also won a golfing Blue.

Griffiths was called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 1949. He became pupil to Ronnie Armstrong-Jones (the Earl of Snowdon's father) at 5 Essex Court, a set of chambers that dealt mostly with motor and factory accidents. Armstrong-Jones preferred to deal with factual disputes rather than legal ones, which also suited Griffiths' temperament. He soon gained a large practice as a member of the South East Circuit and was appointed QC in 1962. His reliable gut feeling for a case, combined with persuasive advocacy, formed a winning combination. His cunning tactical senses did not desert him either. On



one occasion when appearing in a Privy Council appeal against the rather earnest Ted Eveleigh QC, he said to his junior: 'Just grab one volume of the Appeal Cases and bring it to court.' 'Why?', the puzzled junior asked. 'To get our opponent worried', Griffiths retorted.

Griffiths' judicial career began whilst at the Bar by being appointed part-time Recorder of Margate in 1962 and then of Cambridge in 1964. He was appointed to the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, in 1971 and he heard both civil and criminal cases. He gained some unfortunate publicity when, pending an appeal against sentence, he granted bail to the editors of the satirical magazine *Oz*, who had been found guilty by an Old Bailey jury of offences under the

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Obscene Publications Act and had been given savage sentences. Griffiths' decision led Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, to send him a tart note saying, 'it is not our policy to grant bail [pending appeal]'. Griffiths thought that his judicial career would falter. He must also have wondered whether the fact that he was a judge of Edward Heath's ill-fated National Industrial Relations Court (NIRC) would mar his chances of promotion. Indeed, it was not until after the return of a Tory government that the NIRC's President, Sir John Donaldson, and then Griffiths (in 1980) were promoted to the Court of Appeal.

In the Court of Appeal, as in the High Court, Griffiths gained a reputation for being a sound lawyer with a common-sense approach to cases. His statement: 'never vote for the shits' encapsulated this, although his self-confidence about how to decide a case was also summed up in his line: 'convince me I am wrong'. It was these robust qualities that led to his appointment as a Law Lord in 1985. Griffiths sat on appeals to the House of Lords and the Privy Council until 1993. In the notorious *Spycatcher* case, he alone of the Law Lords held that there should be a complete ban on any publication of Peter Wright's memoirs.

Upon retirement from the judicial committee, Griffiths began a further legal career,

becoming a much sought-after international arbitrator and mediator. There he was again served well by his shrewd assessment of the merits and his ability to deal with parties with both firmness and charm. He continued to sit until well into his eighties.

Griffiths was elected to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in 1951 and became President in 1991–2. He was instrumental in the negotiations that led to the readmission of South Africa to international cricket after the fall of apartheid. In 1993 Griffiths was appointed Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club; it was the first time one man had achieved the distinction of having held both this role and that of President of the MCC.

Griffiths enjoyed fast cars, good wines and good company. He was married three times.

He married his first wife, Evelyn Krefting, with whom he had three daughters and a son, in 1949. She died in 1998. In 2000 he married Baroness Brigstocke, the former High Mistress of St Paul's Girls' School. She was killed in a car accident in Athens in 2004. Griffiths married Greta Fenston in 2009. Like Griffiths, Greta is a great connoisseur of wine, particularly Bordeaux. When he presented her with a Chateau Petrus one evening, she said, 'this is very good, but the vintage four years earlier would have been better'. To celebrate his ninetieth birthday they had a dance in Inner Temple (where he had been Treasurer) and he and Greta led the dancing.

Griffiths was elected an Honorary Fellow of the College in 1985. 🍷

**Sir Richard Aikens (1967)**

## Sir John Horlock, FRS, FREng, 1928-2015

The opening paragraph from John's obituary notice in *The Independent* reads:

John Horlock was one of the heavyweights of science and engineering in the second half of the 20th century. He was the second and consolidating Vice-Chancellor of the Open University, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford, Professor of Engineering at the Universities of Liverpool and Cambridge and Treasurer and Vice-President of the Royal Society.



John was born on 19 April 1928 in Edmonton, North London and attended Latymer School, where the then Headmaster V. E. Davis, a Johnian, advised him to take the Qualifying Examination for the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. John came up to St John's in 1946 and was much influenced by his Director of Studies, Harry Roden. He developed an interest in Harry's field, the aerodynamics of turbomachinery, which became one of his life-long research interests. After achieving firsts in Prelims, Part I and Part II (and being awarded the Rex Muir prize for coming top of the Part I class list), he went to work for Rolls-Royce in Derby. With help and a certain amount of sponsorship from Rolls-Royce he returned to St John's in 1952 to study for a PhD in the aerodynamics of jet engines, supervised by Sir William Hawthorne. His thesis proved to be a seminal study in compressor design methods and he stayed on as a College Research Fellow, University Demonstrator and then Lecturer to continue the work. At the tender age of thirty, John left Cambridge in 1958 to take up the Harrison Chair of Engineering at Liverpool, where he built up a strong research group.

John returned to Cambridge and St John's to take a Chair in Engineering in 1967. He became Deputy Head of Department with responsibility for teaching, and oversaw a revision, and considerable broadening, of the engineering course, directing it to the more interdisciplinary one that we have today. He

also initiated some taught Masters courses to aid the transition from undergraduate study to research degrees. His turbomachinery research flourished and with Hawthorne, his former supervisor, he persuaded the Science Research Council (now the EPSRC) to provide funding for a specialist laboratory to study turbine aerodynamics at West Cambridge. The Whittle Laboratory, opened in 1973 with John as its first Director, rapidly became the centre of excellence for aerodynamics that it remains to this day. In College, he served on the Council and as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee during the period of student restlessness in the early seventies.

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John left Cambridge in 1974 to become Vice Chancellor at the University of Salford, where he did much to raise the profile and academic standards of a young University, including overseeing the introduction of a number of new Masters courses and a marked increase of its research output. He moved from there to be the second Vice-Chancellor of the Open University (1981-90) and steered that institution through a tricky political period when its funding, and to some extent its existence, were under considerable threat. John's health was not



Sir John Horlock (right) and Sir Frank Whittle at the opening of the Whittle Laboratory in 1973.

perfect, he suffered for most of his life with sarcoidosis, and he retired in 1990 at the age of sixty-two. This retirement was, in practice, something of a theoretical one as he became a very active Treasurer and Vice President of the Royal Society (1992-7), while spending a day a week in the Whittle Lab pursuing his research into advanced power cycles to generate electricity more efficiently.

In addition to his learned papers, John wrote eight books, which are all formidable pieces of scholarship. Each is an elegant summary of the important work in the field to date, in which he describes the work of others and fills in the gaps with work of his own in an approachable, authoritative style. In my own field, 'It's in Horlock' is a phrase still used around the planet to steer young researchers

towards the results of fundamental early studies. Indeed, my career in Engineering started with the instruction 'Here's Horlock, read it.'

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John's passions were engineering, education and the provision of opportunity. A polite individual with a quiet demeanour, he was nevertheless keen to see things move on. Possessing a keen analytical mind, once convinced of the logic of a need to change, he often became impatient at the slowness of

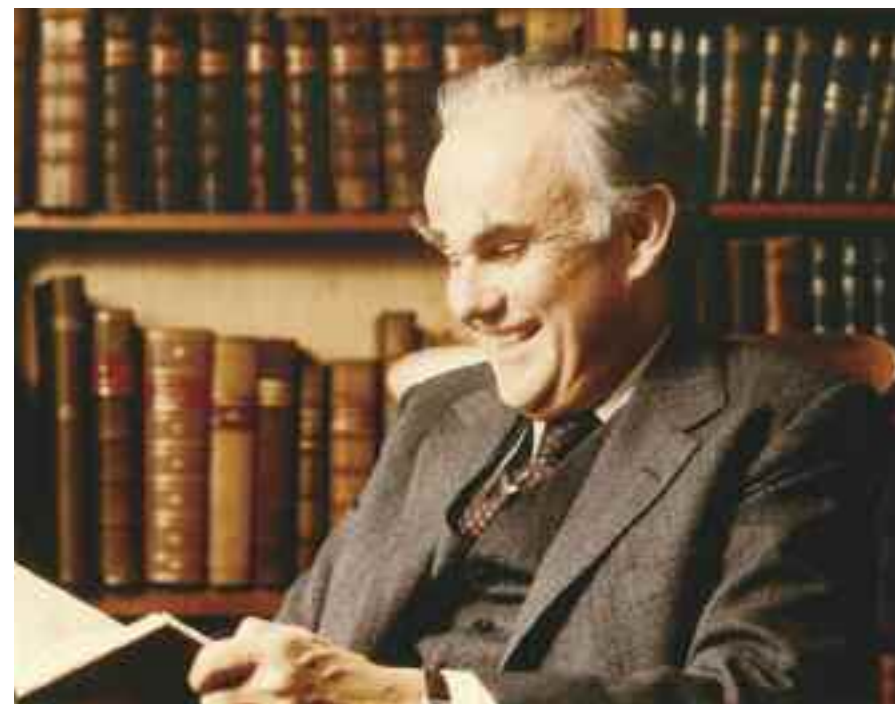
others, and of organisations, to implement it. This led him, to some extent, to have mixed feelings about Cambridge, although not about St John's. He always spoke warmly of the periods he was based here and was delighted to be elected to an Honorary Fellowship in 1989. He was also touched by the generosity of the College in hosting a Symposium in 1998 to celebrate his seventieth birthday, which attracted eminent speakers from around the world.

During his career, John made significant contributions in a wide variety of areas. At the national level he was active as a member of the Finniston Committee, the Science Research Council and the Engineering

Council and as chairman of the Aeronautical Research Council and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Safety. At one time or another he was a Director of seven engineering companies. As an acknowledgement of the debt that they feel they owe to him, three educational establishments have named buildings after him: Salford University has a Horlock Court, the Open University has a Horlock Building and the Whittle Lab, here in Cambridge, has a Horlock Wing. John was knighted for his services to science, engineering and education in 1996. He died in May 2015 and is survived by his wife Sheila and their three children. 🌿

**Tom Hynes**

## Professor Stroud Francis Charles 'Toby' Milsom, QC, FBA, 1923–2016



S. F. C. Milsom was born on 2 May 1923, younger son of Harry Lincoln Milsom, Secretary of the London Hospital, and Isobel Vida Milsom (née Collins). He died on 24 February 2016.

Excluded from active service by a serious head injury in his mid-teens, he went from Charterhouse to Trinity College, Cambridge,

in 1941, hoping to read Natural Sciences. Debarred by a weakness in mathematics, he opted instead for Law. Upon graduation, after a year in Naval intelligence, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1947, and took up a Harkness Fellowship to study legal history at the University of Pennsylvania. The resulting dissertation earned him, in 1948, a Yorke Prize, and a Prize Fellowship at Trinity.

In 1955 he married Irène (née Szereszewski), formerly wife of the criminologist Leon Radzinowicz, also a Fellow of Trinity. Milsom's sensitivity led him to leave Cambridge in the same year for a lectureship at the London School of Economics (LSE), and then, in 1956, for a fellowship and tutorship at New College, Oxford. At this time he began a series of summer visits to New York University Law School.

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In 1964 he returned to the LSE as Professor of Legal History in succession to T. F. T. Plucknett, whom he also succeeded in 1965 as Literary Director of the Selden Society, holding office until 1980. Milsom was President of the society from 1985 until 1988. Elected to the British Academy in 1967, his final move was a return to Cambridge in 1976 as Professor of Law, and Fellow of St John's. He retired in 1990.

As the Faculty Board of Law put it in 2002, nominating him for his honorary Cambridge LLD, 'Professor Milsom has only allowed his work to be published when he has something important to say', and what he said was indeed important. His published work began with a series of articles in the *Cambridge Law Journal* and the *Law Quarterly Review* between 1954 and 1958 on the history of trespass. These

were written, as he put it, at a time when legal history was seen in law faculties 'as a cultural extra, its uselessness conferring some gentlemanly virtue. Serious enquiry had all but ceased ... Only unworrying details remained to be settled; and generations of students wrote indistinguishable essays summarizing the literature on questions such as the precise manner in which actions on the case developed from the action of trespass.'

Milsom's work on trespass destroyed the premise of those essays. The key developments in the early common law of wrongs had been, not conceptual, but jurisdictional. Actions of trespass on the case (in time the basis for much of the modern law of obligations) were not derived from conceptually distinct actions of trespass, but were a 'second helping' of wrongs taken by the king's justices in the fourteenth century from the same local justice from which they had taken the subject matter of actions of trespass in the thirteenth. Actions of trespass on the case – complaining of wrongs – gradually superseded many earlier actions which asserted rights (such as the action of covenant for the breach of an agreement); and this supersession was devised by lawyers, focusing simply upon today's client and today's problems, and accepted by judges who, as Milsom put it, had to be persuaded that what they were doing was 'intellectually defensible' – a process of twisting, traces of which persist in the law.

In the 1960s Milsom's attention turned to the early history of the common law of real

property, his arguments first set out in his introduction to the 1968 re-issue of Pollock and Maitland's *The History of English Law before the time of Edward I*. He was, in respect of F. W. Maitland, the 'devoted heretic', and the 'lonely figure in some Bateman drawing, the man who thinks that Maitland was wrong.' The 'heresy' was further expounded in his 1972 Maitland Lectures, published as *The Legal Framework of English Feudalism* (1976). Maitland, perhaps influenced by his early work on Bracton, had supposed that Roman or modern concepts of ownership and possession could be applied to the common law of land-holding in England in the period following the Norman Conquest. Milsom suggested another framework, for a common law as yet too young for sophisticated Roman ideas. The early tenant of freehold land had neither ownership nor possession in a Roman or modern sense, but simply seisin, understood as the fruit of a 'vertical' relationship with his feudal lord. Ownership of land was not aboriginal with the conquest, but a side-effect – both unforeseen and unintended – of attempts by Henry II to make the feudal structure 'work according to its own assumptions.'

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His legal talents and down-to-earth human sympathies were combined to good effect.

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Milsom also wrote a 'textbook', *Historical Foundations of the Common Law*, published in 1969, with a second edition in 1981, which is still in daily use and certain to remain so for the foreseeable future, as one of the classic works on the common law. Later scholars have questioned aspects of Milsom's analysis – his denial, for example, of the possibility of Roman influence on the early common law – but his insights have changed English legal historiography irrevocably. And perhaps this brilliant, kind and unassuming man would not have been dissatisfied: as he put it in the preface to his Maitland Lectures, 'I shall be content if it is agreed that the questions arise, and therefore that the world cannot have been quite as we have supposed.' 🌱

**Dr N. G. Jones (Magdalene)**

# Dr Reginald Hesketh Prince, 1927–2015

Reg Prince was born in Newport, Monmouthshire (as it then was), in February 1927. His early academic career followed a path common to many able men and women in the first half of the twentieth century who came from less wealthy families. On leaving St Julian's High School in Newport he continued his education in chemistry at the City of Cardiff Technical College. In 1948 he graduated with a BSc degree in Chemistry awarded by University College London (UCL).

After graduation Reg took a job with British Nylon Spinners in Pontypool, where he worked on the development of new analytical methods mainly connected with polyamides and related processing accessories. This was a period when there was a massive shift in the spinning and weaving industries towards the use of modern synthetic polymers instead of natural fibres. The work was carried out in an industrial laboratory, so Reg's contributions were not published in the scientific literature. Clearly, however, he stood out as an exceptionally bright, young industrial chemist, because at the age of 27, in 1954, he was admitted to UCL to work for a PhD degree in Chemistry.

As a further mark of his outstanding promise, Reg transferred to Cambridge after two years of research at UCL, to continue his work in the research laboratory of Professor Harry Emeléus.

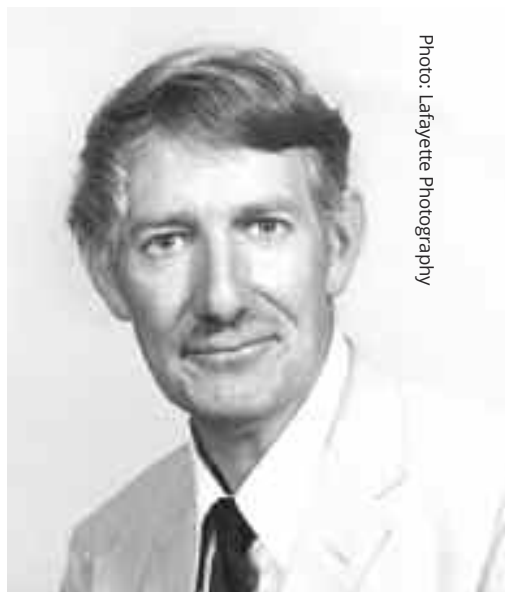


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This was an exceptional move, not just because it took place part-way through a PhD degree course, but even more so because Emeléus was one of the top inorganic chemists of the day and his research group was a world-leading organisation, with many students going on to distinguished careers. Reg had clearly made a very favourable impression, despite having no academic connection with Cambridge. In yet another mark of approval, Emeléus ensured that Reg was admitted as a research student to his own college, Sidney Sussex, with the support of a British Titan Products Research Studentship. In 1958, two years after being admitted as a

research student at Cambridge, Reg was awarded a PhD degree at UCL. The authorities at UCL were clearly very cooperative in these unusual arrangements put in place by Emeléus. Reg's meteoric rise through the ranks continued with his immediate appointment to a Cambridge University post as a Demonstrator in Chemistry. This was the standard first rung on the academic ladder in those days. Normally, however, individuals were expected to complete two or three years of postdoctoral work before being appointed.

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Reg's career received another major boost two years later with a Fellowship at St John's. The College recruited Reg from Sidney Sussex, presumably with the encouragement of Emeléus, and admitted him in August with the associated post of College Supervisor in Organic and Inorganic Chemistry, in which he succeeded Dr Palmer. His next significant step was promotion from the short-term post of Demonstrator to an established post of Lecturer in Organic and Inorganic Chemistry in 1963. At the same time he was appointed a College Tutor, a post he held for the next seven years.

His subsequent career followed an unexceptional path, with appointments to a

College Lectureship in 1967, and as Director of Studies in Chemistry in 1968, holding both offices with very short breaks up to his retirement in 1988. His Fellowship was converted from Title B to Title D in 1987 in recognition of his long service to the College as a teacher and Tutor.

Another honour he received was the award of an ScD degree from the University in 1990, which attests to the outstanding quality of his research. In Reg's own words, his research interests included kinetics and mechanisms of reactions on metal complexes, zinc chemistry and function in zinc metalloenzymes, and coordination chemistry of metals and metalloenzymes.

This range of topics was unusually broad throughout the period of Reg's active independent research work in Cambridge, in that it covered organic, inorganic and biochemistry. From the 1950s onwards, chemistry as a whole underwent a major revolution in both theory and practice. On the theoretical side, there were major advances in the understanding of the electronic basis of chemical bonding, and the nature of the electronic processes involved in making and breaking bonds during chemical reactions. The technology used to investigate such processes was revolutionised by the rapid advances in many spectroscopic methods. Reg made the most of these new opportunities in his research work and established himself as an important, pioneering member of an adventurous group of bio-inorganic and

bio-organic chemists, who opened up the multidisciplinary approach to solving the chemical aspects of many biological processes.

Away from the laboratory Reg was deeply committed to his family. He and Merna were married in August 1953 at St Mary's Church, Malpas, Newport. They had two children, and the great enjoyment of varied activities shared with their father was enthusiastically recalled during Reg's funeral service.

Perhaps Reg's major source of relaxation was golf. He was an accomplished golfer and won the President's Cup in College on four occasions. A colleague who played with Reg in several competitions remembers that 'the competitors could be classified in one of two ways – those who were good golfers, like Reg, Guy Lee and Dyfrig Morgan, and those who were enthusiastic but not good'.

Yet chemistry was never very far away. It came as a surprise to many to discover that, for a long period, Reg was an examiner in A level Chemistry for the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board (known to generations of schoolchildren, their parents and their teachers as O&C), and was an O&C Board member from 1980 to 1989. One of his co-examiners recalls the positive influence he had in discussions:

Reg was an excellent member of the panel. Devising, discussing and eventually agreeing on the wording of a set of examination questions can, all too often,

be fraught with fixed opinions and personal sensitivities, but happily Reg, always genial, friendly, amusing and accommodating, helped to lighten the tone ... We needed more people like Reg on many committees and panels I have experienced over the years!

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These warm words concerning Reg's cooperative approach to academic life are echoed in many comments from his College and departmental colleagues. He was unflappable and good-natured, with a seemingly inexhaustible fund of jokes to ease tense moments in discussions. His gentle good humour also buoyed up numerous students in times of anxiety, many of whom remember being plied with a never-ending supply of fig biscuits to nourish their tired, young brains in College supervisions.

Reg was a true gentle man in every respect. 🌱

**Dr John Leake (1958) and  
Professor Jim Staunton (1969)**

## ALUMNI OBITUARIES

Compiled by Colin Greenhalgh, CBE, DL (1960)

**1935 STEELE-PERKINS**, Dr Peter Edward, died 27 July 2015, aged ninety-eight. After Wellington School, Somerset, he read Natural Sciences at St John's and then trained as a doctor, qualifying at Guy's Hospital in 1942. After war service with the Royal Army Medical Corps, where Peter rose to the rank of Major and was awarded the Croix de Guerre, he spent three years as a venereologist in post-war Germany. Peter later became a single-handed GP in Bradninch in Devon, formally retiring in 1977 but continuing to work until 1982. He was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians. Recreational interests included shooting, hunting and sailing. Peter was much involved in country life and in the community as Mayor of Bradninch. His marriage to Joan, who survives him, lasted for seventy-three years. They had two children, Anthony and Gillian.

**1937 CARNELL**, Canon Geoffrey Gordon, died 14 November 2015, aged ninety-seven. Coming up from City of Norwich School as a Scholar, he read History in Part I and Theology in Part II and was awarded a Naden Research Studentship by the College and a Lightfoot Scholarship by the University. After Cuddesdon College, other than four years as Chaplain and Lecturer in Divinity at St Gabriel's College, Camberwell, Geoffrey's

ministry from 1942 to 1986 was in the Diocese of Peterborough: Curate at St Peter and St Paul, Abington; Vicar of Isham with Great and Little Harrowden; Rector of Boughton; Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough; Director of Post-Ordinand Training and Director of Ordinands; Canon of Peterborough Cathedral; and Librarian of the Peterborough Diocese. He was Chaplain to the Queen 1981-8. Keenly interested in ecclesiastical history and records, Geoffrey published *The Bishops of Peterborough, 1541-1991*. In 1945 he married Mollie, who predeceased him. Geoffrey is survived by his sons, Martin and Andrew.

**1937 DICKSON**, Edward Chambre ('Teddy'), TD, DL, died 9 November 2015, aged ninety-seven. He came up from Marlborough College and read Part I Economics before enlisting after the outbreak of the Second World War in the 88th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, where he was a Captain. During the War Teddy was reported missing but later found to be a prisoner of war. Returning to civilian life with a firm of solicitors, he subsequently held a number of important roles and distinctions, including Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire; High Sheriff of Lancashire 1986-7; Director of the North Western Chamber of Commerce, 1991-3; Territorial Decoration. Teddy's wives, Pip and Bella, both predeceased him, as did his son Peter. He is survived by his daughter Daphne.

**1937 HODGETTS**, Robert Bartley (Bobby), father of Gabrielle (1982) and uncle of Charlotte Brown (1987), died 15 November 2015, aged ninety-seven. After Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby, he was admitted to read History as an Exhibitioner, became a Scholar and was an occasional 'Paper' speaker at the Cambridge Union. Serving in the RNVR Fleet Air Arm 1940–5, Bobby was interned at Koulikoro, French Sudan, 1941–2. Subsequently, he joined the Civil Service, working for many years in the areas of National Insurance and Health. Bobby rose to become Under Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, 1973–8. On retirement, he was appointed Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Glaziers, 1979–85. His recreations included watching cricket and rugby. He married first in 1945 and they had one daughter. In 1949 he married Frances (Tansy), who predeceased him in 2007. They had two daughters, Sarah and Gabrielle.

**1938 ELEY**, Professor Daniel Douglas (Dan), OBE, FRS, brother-in-law of Hugh (1935), died 3 September 2015, aged 100. After Christ's College, Finchley, he studied for a BSc, MSc and PhD at Manchester University, before a second PhD at St John's, supervised by Eric Rideal, resulting in the Eley-Rideal mechanism for hydrogenation on heterogeneous catalysts. During the Second World War Dan researched on explosives and served in the Home Guard. A distinguished career at Bristol and Nottingham Universities culminated as first Professor of Physical Chemistry at Nottingham (1954–80).

Pushing the boundaries of chemistry across the discipline, he demonstrated that organic compounds can act as semi-conductors and that molecules of DNA can conduct electricity, significant for a whole area of biophysical research. Dan was appointed OBE (1961) and FRS (1964). He was regarded with affection by his students, who set up a web page of bon mots. His interests included hill-walking and music. In 1942 Dan married Brenda (died 1992). They had one son, Rod.

**1938 MORGAN**, Glyn James, died 6 April 2016, aged ninety-six. Coming up to St John's from Manor House School, Clapham, he read Law, winning the George Long Prize for Jurisprudence in 1941. Glyn was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple and became Senior Legal Assistant at the Department of Education and Science, 1952–74. He was then Assistant Commissioner at the Charity Commission from 1974 to 1978. In 1953 Glyn married Mary, who predeceased him.

**1939 BOYES**, (Albert) Edgar, died 24 January 2016, aged ninety-four. Coming up from High School for Boys, Scarborough, he read Natural Sciences, winning a College Scholarship and the Wright Prize in 1941. After St John's, Edgar spent thirty-six years with Imperial Chemical Industries before taking early retirement in 1978 after six years as Research Manager in the ICI Plastics Division. When he left ICI he became Vice-Principal of Luton Industrial College, an organisation founded to promote Christianity in the workplace, and served on the Methodist

Church Home Mission Board and in other roles. Edgar married Joyce, with whom he had a daughter, Miriam, and a son, Martin. After Joyce's death, in 1966 he married Mary. He and Mary loved to travel and enjoyed many holidays together in retirement. They lived in Welwyn Garden City for many years prior to moving to Letcombe Regis in Oxfordshire. Mary died in 2014.

**1939 GREEN**, Dr (Charles) Roger Heyden, nephew of Reginald (1918) and Donald (1924), died 9 March 2016, aged ninety-four. He attended Lydgate House School, Hunstanton, and Oundle School before coming up to St John's, where he was awarded a BA in 1943. Roger then undertook medical training, taking his MB and BChir in 1944. From 1945 to 1948 he served as a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps based in Egypt and Palestine. On leaving the Army, Roger entered General Practice in Bury St Edmunds and practised for thirty-eight years, the last twenty-one as Senior Partner. He married Joan in 1945, who predeceased him. They had three daughters, Caroline, Libby and Katharine.

**1940 FAIRHURST**, Jack, OBE, brother of Harry (1947), died 21 January 2016, aged ninety-three. Having attended Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, he read History as a Sizar, rowed and was captain of the football team. His studies were interrupted by the Second World War, when Jack served with the 1/8 Gurkha Rifles, British Indian Army, in Burma and Java. After completing his degree,

from 1949 to 1966 he served in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia and Zambia and was appointed MBE (1961) and OBE (1965) for public service in Northern Rhodesia and the Order of Distinguished Service, Zambia (1966). Jack returned to Cambridge as Deputy Director (Administration) in the University's Estate Management and Building Service before moving to an administrative role at the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research. He married Pam, who survives him. They had three sons and one daughter.

**1940 SANSOM**, Kenneth John, brother of Hugh Wilfred (1942) and great uncle of Jonathan David Tuckwell (1996), died 12 September 2015, aged ninety-three. After Windlesham House School and Stowe School, at St John's he read Geography. In 1955 he married Alison, who survives him. They had two daughters, Jane and Vivien, and one son, Paul.

**1941 ANGEL**, Dr Joseph Harold (Joe), died 1 May 2015, aged ninety-two. After Doncaster Grammar School, he came up as a State Scholar reading Natural Sciences, and was a member of the College Medical Society and Secretary of the University Inter-Collegiate Debating Society. His clinical training was at University College Hospital and he served his National Service in the RAF as 'Flying Officer Angel'. Joe was Assistant Professor of Medicine at State University, New York; Medical Officer at the WHO/MRC Tuberculosis Research Unit; and from 1964 to



1989 Consultant Physician at Watford General Hospital and Harefield Hospital, Middlesex. Appointed MRCP, FRCP and FRSM, in 1959 he won the Raymond Horton Smith Prize for his Cambridge MD thesis, and researched and published extensively on thoracic medicine. A Francophile with a farmhouse in the Dordogne, Joe appeared on *Mastermind*, answering questions on the Austrian Habsburgs, and loved music. He is survived by Helen, whom he married in 1962, and by their children, Jessica and Jonathan.

**1941 BRIERLEY**, Alan Corns, father of Paul Norris (1969), died 22 March 2016, aged ninety-two. He attended Hulme Grammar School and then read Modern and Medieval Languages in Part I and History in Part II, completing his degree in 1947. Alan's studies at St John's, where he represented the College at Lawn Tennis, were interrupted by the Second World War, when he served from 1942 to 1945 as a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. His career from 1948 to 1982 was spent with United Steel Companies, subsequently British Steel Corporation. In 2002 Alan remarked that during his lifetime the College had changed as much as it had between Victorian times and the year of his matriculation. In 1949 he married Val, whom he had met at Cambridge in his first year when she was a student at Girton College. They had two sons, Paul and Mark, and one daughter, Sarah.

**1941 EVANS**, David Dunston Silian, died 1 January 2016, aged ninety-two. After attending St John's School, Leatherhead, and

St Peter's School, York, he read Economics. In the Second World War David served as a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF and trained in Canada, which eventually became his home. Enjoying a career as an entrepreneur, he ran an advertising agency and then created a business in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Southern Ontario, supplying crested products to universities and schools. David was a member of the International Rotary Club for many years. Married to Barbara for fifty-nine years, they had three children, Tony, Mark and Gillian.

**1941 FREEMAN**, Alan Douglas, died 8 July 2014, aged ninety. He came up from Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke, on a Minor Scholarship, read Mathematics and was a member of the University Gliding Club. Alan's studies were interrupted by the Second World War, in which he served as Lieutenant, then Captain, in the 8th Army Troops Royal Engineers in Italy and Austria. He was involved in the building of bridges at Incononata (the first railway bridge built with Bailey equipment), Sangro (the longest fixed bridge in the Italian campaign), the Congo Bridge at Cassino and the Po Bridge at Pontelagoscuro (the longest floating bridge). After Cambridge Alan qualified as a chartered accountant and combined this with his interest in aeronautics, holding important financial roles, directorships and consultancies for a number of companies in the UK and abroad, including Vickers, BOAC and British Airways. He married Maxine in 1950. They had one daughter, Andrea, who matriculated at Newnham College in 1974.

**1941 GEORGE**, Bryan Henry, died 15 January 2016, aged ninety-two. After Kilmarnock Academy and Strathallan School, he read Engineering and was Lance-Bombardier in the University STC Gunners. Unfit for military service because of a hearing impairment, Bryan worked in the south west of England on development work for military equipment, also making frequent visits to London and the Midlands to repair blitz-damaged roads and railways. He later worked in a senior managerial position in a public company before founding his own company and undertaking business in Italy, Spain and Australia. Regarding his impairment philosophically, Bryan never allowed it to embarrass him or to limit his professional and social activities, remarking wryly that his headmaster had suggested he become a diplomat. His first book, *Fifteen Easy Tales and Strange Stories*, was published when he was eighty-six and is based on everyday life and supernatural events experienced during his time abroad and travelling in the UK. He was married to Peggy and they had children.

**1942 DAVIES**, (David) Edgar, died 1 April 2016, aged ninety. After Alsop High School, Liverpool, he read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Spanish) and played cricket. His studies were interrupted by the War. Hilary Jackson, a niece, writes that Edgar 'found himself on D-Day wading ashore to the Normandy beaches with a rifle held over his head and shoes tied round his neck' and was 'very proud of his veteran's medal'. Most of his Army life was spent in Brussels as an

interpreter. After completing a first-class degree, he worked in Liverpool and London for ICI and later for Harrods, leading several departments and meeting many famous people. A lifelong love of the theatre peaked in 1992 when Edgar was the only non-professional actor in *Philadelphia, Here I Come!* at the King's Head in Islington. After excellent reviews, the play transferred to Wyndham's. He was also Director of the Tower Theatre in Islington, playing and directing many parts.

**1942 FORSTER**, Charles Arthur, died 17 January 2016, aged ninety-one. After attending Manchester Grammar School, he read Mechanical Sciences as a Baylis Scholar and was awarded the John Bernard Seely Prize by the University in 1944. Charles played rugby and chess for the College, as Captain in the latter. He enjoyed a long career in the aeronautics, defence and IT industries, working successively at de Havilland, English Electric, Ferranti, Elliotts and Sema, where he was Senior Consultant from 1968 and concluded his career. While working for de Havilland, Charles completed an external BSc and an external MSc at the University of London. He married Barbara in 1948. They had three children, Christopher, Roger and Elizabeth.

**1942 GOODE**, John, brother of James (1949), died 8 July 2012, aged eighty-seven. After Spalding Grammar School and Worksop College, he read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and German). John then taught at Rossall School. One of his former pupils comments, 'He taught me French and

German to O Level. I managed to pass both, despite being a less than studious boy!’

**1942 KENT**, Alan, died 10 September 2015, aged ninety. He came up to St John’s from Pocklington School to read Natural Sciences and Chemical Engineering, and became a member of the Cambridge Union Society. His career was as a chemical engineer involved in research, development and design, including employment with the long-established firm of Albright and Wilson. Alan was Birmingham Local Secretary of Mensa, 1963–4, and founder, organiser and editor of the Trethewy Society from 1983, in which role he published articles in various genealogical journals. In 1964 he married Barbara, who survives him. They had two children, Phoebe and Jasper.

**1942 MAJOR**, Donald (Don), died 17 February 2014, aged eighty-nine. After Sale High School and Manchester Grammar School, he was a Baylis Scholar, reading Mathematics in Part I and Natural Sciences in Part II. Embarking on a career as a research engineer and physicist, in 1959 Don became Assistant Chief Engineer in the Scientific Apparatus Department at Associated Electrical Industries at Barton Works, Trafford Park, Manchester, and in 1976 Principal Physicist at the Christie Hospital, Manchester. He was awarded an MSc degree in Medical Physics at the University of Leeds in 1973. In 1948 Don married Lilian, who died in 2011. They had two children, John, who died in 2013, and Janet, who survives him.



Ted Newman (1942) in a Spitfire Mk XI probably in 1946 at West Malling.

**1942 NEWMAN**, Edward Frederick George (Ted), died 26 April 2015, aged ninety-one. After Northgate Grammar School, Ipswich, he pursued the Special RAF Course at St John’s, joined the University Air Squadron and learned to fly Tiger Moths. Sent for training by the RAF to No. 6 British Flying Training School, USA, Ted remembered the kindness and hospitality of his American hosts. He was posted to 287 Squadron and flew Hurricanes, Spitfires and Tempests. In 1945 he married Anne. He once visited her in hospital in a Spitfire, performing aerobatics overhead. After demob Ted worked as General Manager of AMG, supplying materials, equipment and servicing to Kent’s hop and fruit industry. A keen gardener, he cooked his own produce and made enticing wines. Ted and Anne were generous hosts who enjoyed family life, their dogs and travel. Their son David writes, ‘Ted was proud of his Cambridge connection and always wore his St John’s tie at formal occasions and funerals.’

**1942 STOKOE**, William Geoffrey (Geoff), died 21 March 2015 aged ninety. He came up from The Grammar School, Darlington, to read Natural Sciences at St John’s with a particular interest in Physics. Geoff’s undergraduate studies were interrupted during the Second World War. Nevertheless, he excelled in Parts I and II of the Natural Sciences Tripos, with a Distinction in Part II. After a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Geoff followed his father into the teaching profession and gave long service to Bournemouth School as a teacher of Physics, Form Tutor, Housemaster and Headmaster. He was also a trustee of St Peter’s Church, Bournemouth. Geoff remembered his time at St John’s with continuing affection.

**1943 BLAKE**, David Eustace, brother of John (1936), died 21 May 2015, aged ninety. After Aldenham School, where he opened the batting with John Dewes (1945), at St John’s he was a Royal Engineers Cadet, 1943–4, and represented the College at hockey and squash. After the War, David qualified as a dentist, becoming a partner at Earl, Blake and Blake in Portsmouth. He played in seventy-three first-class cricket matches as batsman and wicketkeeper for Hampshire (Cap 1953), Marylebone Cricket Club, Free Foresters, E. W. Swanton’s XI, the Gentlemen of England and the Duke of Norfolk’s XI. David was the last batsman to open a first-class innings with Len Hutton, and in 1956 played against a West Indian XI at Queen’s Park Oval, Trinidad, and the touring Australians at Lord’s. He scored 2909 first-class runs at an

average of 24.24, including two centuries, and claimed 121 victims, 91 caught and 30 stumped. David married Sally in 1954.

**1943 DORWARD**, Arthur Fairgrieve, brother of Adam Paterson (1941) and uncle of Richard Munro (1962) and James Fairgrieve (1964), died 4 August 2015, aged ninety. After Sedbergh School, he read Modern and Medieval Languages, played rugby and squash for the College and rugby for the University (three Blues, Captain 1949–50). Winning fifteen caps for Scotland (Captain 1952–3) as scrum-half, Arthur was highly regarded as both motivator and tactician. Gifted with blistering pace, he once dropped a prodigious goal when it was said the cheers of the crowd reached Princes Street from Murrayfield. He played for and captained his beloved Gala Club, making his debut aged seventeen. A talented all-rounder, Arthur also represented Gala at cricket, hockey, tennis, squash and golf. Working for the family textile and clothing firm, Messrs J. and J. C. Dorward, he rose to become Director. Arthur is survived by Christine, whom he married in 1960, and by their children, daughter Lesley and son Campbell.

**1943 ELGOOD**, Ronald Lloyd (Ron), died 3 September 2015, aged ninety. After Bradfield College, he read Law, interrupted by RAF service. Trained in Canada and commissioned in May 1945 as a Navigator, Ron missed active service. Returning to St John’s, he played University cricket, fives and

squash, winning a Blue in the latter two. A Minor Counties cricketer for Berkshire, Ron also competed twice in the Berkshire squash championship final against his brother. Qualifying as a solicitor, he worked in London, Worcester and Kenya before establishing Elgoods, in Cheltenham. On retirement from Elgoods, Ron worked for other firms in Cheltenham until the age of eighty. He was a keen collector of cricket books and cigarette cards, a keen gardener and a volunteer for the Samaritans. He married Kate in 1961. They had three daughters, Lucy, Sophie and Jess, and one son, Matt.

**1943 TOMLINSON**, Professor Rolfe Cartwright, father of Andrew David (1977), died 10 October 2015, aged ninety. After Merchant Taylors' School, he read Mathematics as a Major Scholar, followed by a Diploma in Aeronautics at Imperial College. Attracted to operational research, he joined the National Coal Board, becoming Director of Operational Research, before moving to the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis near Vienna. As Head and first Professor of Operational Research and Systems at Warwick Business School, Rolfe enjoyed an international reputation and was President, European Federation of Operational Research Societies, 1982–5. The Operational Research Society appointed him Companion in 1990 and awarded him the Beale Medal in 2005. Rolfe was inspiring, aspirational and committed to teamwork. He published and spoke extensively and authoritatively. A committed Anglican, he

was a fine singer and Deputy Chair of the Coventry Health Authority. Two wives, Jill and Helen, predeceased him. He is survived by his third wife, Margaret, his children, Kate, Philip and Andrew, and several stepchildren.

**1943 WILMOT-DEAR**, Peter William, father of Michael Raymond (1980), died 9 December 2013, aged eighty-eight. After Dulwich College, he read Natural Sciences, coxed for the LMBC and was a founding member of the Lady Margaret Players. Peter then served on HMS *Formidable*, which was returning servicemen from the Far East. He proved adept at repairing equipment and joined the Research Department at Mullard Radio Valve. Peter completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Education in 1949 and after posts at Westminster City School and Dulwich College, he became Head of Biology at King's School, Peterborough. Peter was remembered as an inspirational teacher and producer of school plays. Subsequent appointments were Head of Sciences at The Girls' Grammar School, Stevenage, and Head of Chemistry at Wyndham School, Egremont. Peter retired to Wiltshire, where he enjoyed gardening, the theatre and amateur dramatics. In 1949 he married Jean, also a thespian, who survives him. They had three children, Ann, Christine and Michael.

**1944 CARTWRIGHT**, Dr David Edgar, FRS, died 2 December 2015, aged eighty-nine. After Worthing High School, he read Natural Sciences at St John's and Mathematics at King's College London, receiving a

doctorate. His career as a leading marine physicist, interested in waves, tides and sea levels, began at the National Institute of Oceanography. David also worked at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, California, and became Assistant Director of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences at the Bidston Observatory. In 1987 he moved to the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland and was involved in the launch of the Topex-Poseidon satellite. His honours included Honourable Member of the Royal Society of New Zealand; Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society; Fellow of the Royal Society; and a doctorate from Toulouse University. David published numerous articles and, in 1999, *Tides: A Scientific History*. His recreations included music and walking. Anne-Marie, whom he married in 1952, and their children, Marie, Bruno and Natalie, survive him.

**1944 COLLINSON**, Michael, died 4 October 2015, aged eighty-nine. Coming up from Oundle School, he read Law. After his first year at St John's, where Michael was an RAF Cadet, he spent three and a half years in the RAF Regiment and then returned to Cambridge to complete his degree. Boxing at bantamweight, he won a Half Blue in 1949 and was elected a Hawk. From 1952 until retirement in 1990, Michael was a solicitor in private practice in Halifax, West Yorkshire. Michael married Sue in 1989. He had one son, Adam, one daughter, Charley, two stepsons, James and Nick, and one stepdaughter, Juliet.

**1944 ROTHWELL**, Richard William, died 18 October 2015, aged eighty-nine. After Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby, he read Mechanical Sciences and rowed for the LMBC. Enjoying a long career in civil and military engineering, Richard started with W. S. Atkins, then moved to John Howard and Co., before joining Sir William Halcrow and Partners, where he rose to be Group Chairman, 1988–91. Numerous projects in various parts of the world included sea and river defence, ports, tunnels and military installations. Keen to make a difference to the communities in which he lived, Richard was a Member, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, 1973–87; Member, Board of Hammersmith and West London College, 1990–2000; and Member, Surrey County Council, 1993–2001. Widely travelled for business and pleasure, he was an experienced raconteur who enjoyed good music, food and wine, attended church and loved playing bridge. Richard married Mary; they had two children, Michael and Carolyn. He was grandfather to Matthew, Thomas, Jack and Harry.

**1944 SHARDLOW**, Ambrose John, died 15 December 2015, aged eighty-nine. After St Peter's School, York, he came up to St John's to read Mechanical Sciences and was Captain of the LMBC. Ambrose then served with the Corps of Royal Engineers as 2nd Lieutenant before joining the Central Electricity Generating Board as a civil engineer working with power stations in the Midlands. A committed Christian, he was heavily involved

with the running of his church, making a particularly strong contribution in financial matters. A keen gardener, growing both flowers and vegetables, when Ambrose retired to North Yorkshire he became involved with RHS Harlow Carr Gardens near Harrogate. His daughter, Shirley Morris, comments, 'He was a quiet man but well respected in all he did.' Married in 1952 to Patricia, who survives him, they had three children, Shirley, Ruth and Jonathan.

**1945 DEWES**, John Gordon, died 12 May 2015, aged eighty-eight. After Aldenham School, he read Law and Geography and won a Larmor Award. As a schoolboy John scored a century at Lord's, his innings interrupted when a German flying bomb landed. Enjoying a distinguished record as Eagle, Hawk, Quidnunc, cricket Blue and hockey Blue, he was a prolific batsman, scoring 2432 first-class runs in 1950 – third in the national averages. Arguably, Dewes, Sheppard, Doggart and May led the University's strongest ever batting order. John represented Middlesex and England, playing in Don Bradman's last Test. After teaching at Tonbridge and Rugby, he became Headmaster of Barker College, NSW. Returning to Dulwich College, as Careers Master he advised Nigel Farage to become an auctioneer. His final appointment was Lecturer in Social Science and Vocational Guidance at the Open University. He married Shirley, who survives him; they had five children, Timothy and Jim, both Johnians (as were some ancestors), and Debbie, Sarah and Pippa.



John Dewes (1945, right) batting for the University.

**1945 RIACH**, Donald James (Don), died 6 July 2015, aged eighty-eight. After Oldham Hulme Grammar School, he read Geography, played cricket and football, and was a member of Cambridge University Geography Society. After serving for four years as Flight Lieutenant in the RAF Education Branch, Don taught Geography at Wellingborough Grammar School from 1953 to 1959. The remainder of his career was as Head of Geography, Housemaster and Head of Middle School at Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon, retiring in 1987. A former pupil fondly remembers him as 'a good teacher who did his best to fill our heads with important knowledge'. In a lesson on world population Don walked round the classroom clicking his fingers and saying, 'Every time I click my fingers a baby is born.' He contributed a chapter on 'Field Excursions in Eastern

England' to *Field Studies for Schools, Volume 5*. In 1960 he married Nancy, who survives him. They had one daughter, Jeannie, and one son, Alastair.

**1945 SNOW**, (John) Brian, son of Sir Harold Snow (1919), died 25 June 2015, aged eighty-seven. He came up to St John's from Sherborne School to read Mechanical Sciences and subsequently added the professional qualifications CEng and FIEE. Enjoying a lengthy and successful career between 1948 and 1990 in the electrical engineering industry, Brian worked successively as Sales Engineer for British Thomson-Houston Company; Commercial Manager for Associated Electrical Industries; Sales Manager, Projects Manager, Projects Director and Commercial Director for GEC Transportation Projects; and Commercial Director of GEC General Signal. Brian is survived by Elaine, whom he married in 1958, and by their two children, John and Rosamund.

**1946 KRONHEIMER**, Dr Erwin Heinz, died 19 January 2016, aged eighty-seven. He came up to St John's from City of Oxford High School as a Baylis Scholar and read Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Erwin rowed for the College and was Honorary Secretary (1948–9) and Vice-President (1949–50) of the P Club, which met to read plays, poetry and prose. He enjoyed a long career (1953–93) as Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer, in Mathematics at Birkbeck College, University of London, during

which time Erwin published papers in various mathematical journals. In 1956 he was awarded a PhD by the University of Southampton. In 1960 Erwin married Janet. They had one daughter, Claudia, and one son, Peter.

**1947 EVANS**, Michael David Thompson, brother of Roland Thompson (1931) and grandfather of Thomas Louth (2012), died 26 September 2015, aged ninety-one. After Shrewsbury School, he enrolled on a War Office course in Turkish at SOAS, University of London, before serving as a Foreign Office Official in Turkey from 1944 to 1946. At St John's Michael read Law and enjoyed beagling, rowing, squash and tennis. A practising lawyer for more than thirty years, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn and became a partner at Cameron Markby. At the British Property Federation, Michael served as council member and spokesman on Rent Acts. He was also a Director of Property Holding and Investment Trust and Chairman of Local Village Conservatives. In retirement Michael was awarded an MA in Modern Turkish Studies at SOAS. He is survived by Anne, whom he married in 1960, and by their four daughters, Caroline, Susan, Jane and Gillian.

**1947 HEYWOOD-WADDINGTON**, Dr Michael Broke (Mike), died 17 February 2016, aged eighty-six. After attending Epsom House, he read Natural Sciences as a Major Scholar and played cricket for the College. Mike then qualified to practise medicine, taking his MB and BChir in 1953. A

substantial part of his career was spent as Consultant Orthopaedic and Traumatic Surgeon at Chelmsford and St Helena Hospital (1967–92). Esteemed by his colleagues, he served as President of the Orthopaedic Section, Royal Society of Medicine, and Regional Orthopaedic Adviser, Royal College of Surgeons. Mike was married to Virginia, who survives him. They had one son, John.

**1947 McGREGOR**, Dr (Charles) Malcolm, brother of Angus (1944), died 26 February 2016, aged eighty-seven. After Solihull School, he read Natural Sciences and then completed a BChir and MB. A keen sportsman, Malcolm played badminton for the College and the University. National Service in the RAMC led to time in the Kenyan bush ministering to The King's African Rifles, and work at the British Military Hospital in Nairobi. He also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. After demob, Malcolm worked in the Children's Ward at George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton, and in public health in Wolverhampton and Birmingham. Changing his specialism to psychiatry led to appointments at Scalebor Park Hospital, Wharfedale; Towers Hospital, Leicester; Maudsley, London; and as Consultant Psychiatrist, Doncaster Royal Infirmary. His retirement pursuits included reading classic novels, history and science fiction; crafting wooden furniture; supporting Doncaster Rovers FC; building a model railway; holidays in the UK and the Mediterranean; and Malcolm's beloved family life. Married to Pat,

who predeceased him, they had triplet sons, James, Alan and Neil.

**1947 SOLLER**, Maximilian Frederick, died 30 June 2015, aged ninety-one. After Repton School, he read Economics at St John's.

**1948 FINLAY**, Dr David Thornton, died 5 November 2015, aged eighty-five. After Epsom College, he read Natural Sciences, represented the College at squash and rowed for the LMBC. He then studied for a BChir and an MB before undertaking National Service in the Royal Army Medical Corps, first as Lieutenant and then as Captain. After further medical training at St Thomas's Hospital, he became a GP at Countess Wear, near Exeter. He leaves his wife, Patricia; son, John; daughter, Jane, and her husband, Valerio; and grandchildren, Alessandro, Elena and Laura.

**1948 GARBETT**, Peter, died 21 April 2016, aged eighty-eight. After Lisvane School, Scarborough, and St Peter's School, York, he studied Mechanical Sciences and rowed in the second boat for the LMBC. His son, Jonathan, writes, 'His years at St John's were amongst his most precious and happiest times I believe.' Specialising in tunnelling, Peter enjoyed a long career (1951–90) working for Mott MacDonald. He married Ann in 1963, who survives him, together with their two sons.

**1948 O'BRIEN**, (Charles) Ian Milward, died 2 June 2015, aged eighty-seven. After Bedales School and National Service as a Royal Engineers Sapper, he was admitted to St John's

as an Exhibitioner reading Geography. A passion for maps, of which Ian was an avid collector, led to a career with the Directorate of Colonial Surveys and the Directorate of Overseas Surveys until its merger into the Ordnance Survey in 1984. An authority on air photography and space imagery, he was much in demand internationally and in important cartographical and geographical societies. Ian was a founding member – President in 1980 – of the Charles Close Society devoted to study of the Ordnance Survey. His last appointment was in Rome as consultant to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. Subsequently, he identified important Ordnance Survey files for safe keeping at the University Library. An equable man with a quiet sense of humour, Ian never learned to drive, preferring walking and trains. In 1963 he married Marion, who died in 2009.

**1948 SIDE**, Dr David Erle, died 4 February 2016, aged eighty-eight. After King's College School, Wimbledon, he read Natural Sciences and was Captain of the LMBC's third boat. Following Westminster Medical School, where he was Captain of Boats, in 1960 David became a GP in Basingstoke. His duties included being an on-call doctor and working in the Shrubbery Maternity Home. On Christmas Day David saw patients, mothers and babies, and carved turkey: 'He gave joy, love and encouragement to all the expectant and delivered mothers.' Other interests included promoting ambulance defibrillators; Basingstoke Lions Club (Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, 2015); Founding Member,

the Probus Club, Deane (President 1998–9); Governor, Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College; and Chairman of Governors, Maple Ridge Primary School. A generous man of warmth, wit and wisdom, David once donated a new Mini to raise funds for charity. He enjoyed going on cruises with Margaret, whom he married in 1957 and who survives him. They had one daughter, Mary.

**1948 TREACY**, Professor Peter Bradley, died 22 June 2014, aged eighty-eight. Born in Sydney, he attended Scots College and Sydney University, taking BSc and MSc degrees. Entering St John's in 1948 as 1851 Commission Overseas Scholar, Peter read Natural Sciences and won swimming Blues in 1949 and 1950. He completed a PhD in Physics and was awarded an ScD in 1981. At the Australian National University, in a long and distinguished academic career, Peter rose to become Professor and then Emeritus Professor of Physics. Research papers were published on experimental nuclear physics, theories of nuclear reactions, beam-foil X-ray spectroscopy and atomic collisions in solids. Important Australian and international appointments reflected these interests and Peter's continuing involvement with Cambridge. He was Honorary Secretary, Australian Committee Cambridge Commonwealth Trust 1986–92, and Foundation Secretary, Cambridge Australia Trust 1986–95. In 1951 Peter married Barbara, who survives him. They had four children, Ann, Richard, James and John.

**1948 WEDD**, George Morton, CB, died 1 April 2016, aged eighty-six. After Ernest Bailey Grammar School, Nottingham, he read History as a McAulay Scholar and rowed for the LMBC. A distinguished civil servant in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (later Department of the Environment), George rose to become Undersecretary and South-West Director, Departments of the Environment and Transport. He was appointed CB in 1989. Committed to recycling, George pioneered bottle banks and recognised the cost effectiveness of transporting crushed glass. A frequent contributor to Her Majesty's Stationery Office and other publications, in retirement he was a planning consultant and inspector. His stepdaughter, Catherine, remembers him as 'a much prized member of his local quiz team, The Stars ... his historical knowledge was nonpareil'. George married Kate in 1953. They had two sons and one daughter. He is survived by Joan, his partner for more than thirty years.

**1949 de la TORRE**, Fernando, died 27 May 2015, aged eighty-eight. After the Perse School, Cambridge, he read Economics, Geography and Modern Languages and represented the College at athletics (Colours), rugby and rowing. Fernando then reported for the BBC Overseas Service and Reuters in South America; covered world motorsport, interviewing 'El Maestro' - the Argentinian Juan Fangio - and Stirling Moss; and commented on the 1948 London Olympics to Spanish-speaking countries. As Export Sales

Manager for a Sheffield steel firm, he met his wife, Gillian, and travelled in South America. Gillian describes him as 'loving, kind, generous, emotional and immensely loyal'. Fernando cherished family life and never forgot the Spanish Civil War, which forced his family to emigrate to Cambridge, where they were welcomed into the home of a University professor. For many years, wearing his Basque beret and carrying the Republic's tricolour, he honoured the memory of Spanish slave workers in Jersey. Fernando and Gillian, who survives him, had three daughters, Joanne, Elena and Alicia.

**1949 HEUGHAN**, Donald Malcolm (Don), died 5 April 2015, aged eighty-eight. After Wheelwright Grammar School, Dewsbury, and King's College, Durham University, at St John's he took an MSc in Aeronautical Engineering. A varied career included appointments with the de Havilland Aircraft Company, the Furniture Development Council and the Furniture Industry Research Association. In 1991 Don was appointed Freeman of the City of London and Honorary Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers. A trustee of the MacRobert Trust from 1964 to 2006, in 1942 he sent Lady MacRobert a model of a Stirling Bomber following her gift to the RAF of MacRobert's Reply in memory of her three sons, who were killed flying with the RAF. In 1967 Don initiated the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award for outstanding innovation in the fields of engineering and other physical technologies, serving on the Evaluation

Committee for many years. He married Margaret, with whom he had two children, Malcolm and Anne, and later married Jer, acquiring two stepdaughters.

**1949 RADFORD**, Matthew Frederick, died 12 May 2015, aged eighty-six. Born near Cambridge and attending Kimbolton Grammar School, he served for two years in the Royal Signals Research and Development Establishment before reading Mathematics at St John's, regarding this as an excellent foundation for a career in electronic wave research. Joining the Marconi Company on leaving College, Matthew worked in the Research Centre at Great Baddow, rising to Chief Engineer of the Radar Research Laboratory. He presented national and international conference papers, established a number of patents, primarily in wideband antennas, and was awarded the Nelson Gold Medal for Innovative Technology in 1987. An active member of the Church of St John the Baptist, Danbury, Matthew was licensed as a Reader in 1990. Often returning to College with his wife, Mary, he greatly enjoyed the services and music in Chapel. He is survived by Mary, with whom he had two children.

**1949 READ**, Lionel Frank, QC, died 9 November 2015, aged eighty-six. After Oundle School, he read Economics and Law. An Eagle and a Hawk, Lionel played rugby for the first XV and rowed for the LMBC. Awarded the Mons OCS Stick of Honour, he served in 4th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn

(Bencher 1981, Treasurer 2001) and taking silk in 1973, appointments from 1974 to 1998 included Recorder of the Crown Court; Member, Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar; General Commissioner of Income Tax, Gray's Inn Division; Chairman, Local Government and Planning Bar Association; Member, Bar Council; Member, Council on Tribunals; and Deputy High Court Judge. Landmark Chambers colleagues remember his 'prodigious work rate, his elegance and charm' and him playing cricket well into his sixties. Lionel enjoyed travel and was a member of the Garrick Club. In 1956 he married Shirley, who survives him. They had three children, Nigel, David and Alexandra.

**1949 SCHNEIDER**, Professor Ben Ross, died 24 July 2013, aged ninety-three. After Winchester High School, Massachusetts, and Williams College, Williamstown (BA), he served in the US Army Signal Corps in the Pacific. After the Second World War, Ben began a PhD on William Wordsworth at Columbia University, New York, spending the academic year 1949/50 at St John's and publishing an article in *The Eagle*. He held various academic posts in the USA before appointment in 1955 as Professor of English at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin. On retirement in 1983, Ben was appointed MA *ad eundem* and Emeritus Professor. A pioneer in the use of computers for research in the humanities, he favoured the Socratic method in teaching and published extensively, including on Shakespeare and Restoration comedy. In 1949 Ben married Mackay (Kay),

who predeceased him, as did his daughter, Mackay. He is survived by two sons, Ben and Nick, and his daughter, Devon.

**1949 SHAKESHAFT**, Dr John Roland, died 6 July 2015, aged eighty-five. After Caterham School, he was awarded a Minor Scholarship to read Natural Sciences, became Vice-President of the Natural Science Club and represented the College at tennis. John remained at St John's to complete a doctorate and to take up a Research Fellowship in Electrical Engineering. In 1961 he was appointed a Fellow of St Catharine's College and retained that association for the rest of his life. John was Director of Studies (1961–94), Fellow Librarian (1962–2004) and President (1990–4), becoming an Emeritus Fellow in 1997. From 1964 to 1997 he was Assistant Director of Research in Radio Astronomy in the University's Department of Physics and was a leading researcher in this field. John also held several posts at the Royal Astronomical Society, including Editor and Secretary.

**1949 van der LEE**, Dr Jacob Jan (Jaap), died 8 December 2013, aged ninety-five. He attended Latin Grammar School, Apeldoorn; the Faculty of Law, Sorbonne; and Amsterdam Free University before he came to St John's on a British Council Scholarship to take an MLitt in Public International Law. A distinguished career followed in Dutch and European politics. After the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Jaap joined the European Commission as Director, Associated Overseas Countries, playing an

important role in relationships with Third World countries. Subsequently, Jaap became Burgomaster of Dordrecht, Burgomaster of Eindhoven and, by Royal Decree, Member of the Council of State, 1979–88. Significant honours included Knight of the Order of the Netherlands Lion; Commander, Order of Orange-Nassau; Honorary Director General, European Commission; and Honorary Citizen, Dordrecht. A Dutch obituary described Jaap as an 'erudite courteous gentleman with great cultural interest'. He enjoyed visual arts and collected antique glass. In 1962 Jaap married Johanna, who predeceased him.

**1951 FOGG**, Eric Geoffrey, died 5 June, 2015, aged eighty-three. After King's School, Peterborough, he read History as a Sizar. Following teacher training, Eric taught in independent schools before committing himself to the principles and practice of comprehensive education, first as Principal Teacher of History and Modern Studies at Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, and then at Perth High School. His family remember a



Eric Fogg (1951)

kindly, generous man with a strong sense of social justice, influenced by the childhood presence of an orphaned Jewish child from the *Kindertransport* evacuation, who became a lifelong friend. He staunchly supported trade unions, regarding them as the only means for working people to ensure fair pay and conditions. Eric was President of the Golden Retriever Club of Scotland, and ran the rescue and rehoming service for two decades. He was married to Edna, who survives him; they had three children, Geoff, Lucy and Alistair.

**1951 JOHNSON**, Dr Leslie Cyril, died 17 November 2015, aged eighty-three. After Mercers' School, Holborn, he read Natural Sciences as a Major Scholar, winning a Tripod Prize in Part II, and played badminton for the College and the University (Treasurer of the College Badminton Club 1952–4). Leslie completed a PhD in Chemistry, including research in Moscow, and spoke fluent Russian. His career was spent as Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Southampton, where he was also Stage Manager and occasional Director for the University Players, and a member of the Russian Club. Other interests included music and worldwide birdwatching. A regular worshipper at St Michael and All Angels, Southampton, Leslie took communion to the old and sick on an elderly bicycle. He never learned to drive and had no television, keeping a full set of annual licence reminders: 'I told them in 1972 I didn't have a television!'

**1951 LEWIS-BOWEN**, Edmund Harold Philip, son of Gerard Arthur (1924), died 6

June 2014, aged eighty-two. After Haileybury College he came up to St John's to read Law and was a member of the LMBC. He is survived by his wife, Anita Harriet, and their son, Alister David Gerard.

**1951 PRICE**, Anthony John (Jasper), brother of David Brookhouse (1955), died 23 April 2015, aged eighty-one. After Woking Grammar School, he read Natural Sciences (Chemistry) and was awarded a Roger Neville Goodman Travel Exhibition. After an appointment as Technical Officer at ICI Nobel Division and three years in the Royal Navy, where Jasper reached the rank of Lieutenant, he enjoyed a long and varied career in school teaching. He was Assistant Master and House Master at Repton School for twenty years and then became Assistant Master at Cheltenham College. The remainder of his career was spent abroad as Principal, Karachi Grammar School, Pakistan; Headmaster, Khartoum International High School, Sudan; and Director, Beaconhouse School System, Pakistan, from where Jasper was seconded for a year as Director of New International School, Dubai. In 1961 he married Peggy, who survives him. They had three children, Richard, Meg and Pennie.

**1951 VICENTE**, Professor Raimundo Oliveira, died 3 April 2015, aged ninety-one. Educated at the Liceu D. Joao Castro, Lisbon, and in the Faculty of Sciences at Lisbon University, where he studied Mathematics, Geophysics and Surveying Engineering, he enjoyed a distinguished academic career.

Awarded a PhD and appointed Lecturer in Astronomy at Lisbon University in 1947, Raimundo later studied at the Royal Greenwich Observatory and for a PhD at St John's with Sir Harold Jeffreys, Plumian Professor of Astronomy. Subsequently he was Reader and Professor of Applied Mathematics at Lisbon and visiting professor at California (LA), São Paulo, Louvain, Texas, Panama, Harvard, Darmstadt and at observatories in Brussels, Mizusawa and Rio de Janeiro. In 1988 Raimundo published a compendium of his publications, *Geodynamics Geodesy and Astronomy*. His honours and awards included a Fulbright Scholarship, a British Council Scholarship and the Charles Lagrange Prize of the Royal Academy of Sciences, Belgium. He was married to Nelly, who predeceased him.

**1951 YOUNG**, Michael Thomas, died 23 June 2015, aged eighty-five. After King's College, Taunton, he read Modern and Medieval Languages and became Secretary and Captain of Rugby, later playing for Eastbourne RFC and at county level. A teacher of modern languages for thirty-five years at Eastbourne College, Michael published several books on French topics. As Housemaster of Pennell House, he was generously supported by his wife, Lisa, whom he married in 1960. A major contribution to school sport included master-in-charge of boxing and swimming and assisting with rugby, hockey, cricket and rowing. Michael also commanded the College Cadet Force and sang in the Chapel Choir. When

Michael retired in 1990, the Headmaster described him as 'an intelligent, kind, sensitive and charming man with an impish sense of humour'. Michael and Lisa, who survives him, then lived permanently at their house in St Germain-sur-Ay, Lower Normandy. They had three children, Richard, Rosamund and Bob.

**1952 CAMPBELL**, Dr Alistair James Peter (Sandy), brother of Ian (1955), died 27 January 2016, aged eighty-one. After Stowe School, he read Natural Sciences, rowed and won full athletics Colours. Medical training at St Bartholomew's Hospital led to Sandy joining his father's GP practice in Tarporley, Cheshire, where he was held for more than thirty years in great respect and affection. Other important roles included Justice of the Peace, Deputy Chairman of the Bench and Chairman of the Youth Court, Chester; Medical Tribunal Member, Department of Justice; Honorary Medical Officer and Trustee, Tarporley War Memorial Hospital; Medical Officer, Territorial Army; Deputy Chairman, Mercia Regional Committee, National Trust; Liveryman, Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards; Freeman of the City of London; Council Member, Royal Archaeological Society; Chairman, Grosvenor Club; and Governor, Huxley School. An expert on Anglo-Saxon coins and Chester silver, Sandy was interested in church architecture and lived in a medieval farmhouse. He married Helen in 1963, who survives him. They had three children: Alison, Andrew and Sally.

**1952 DUTTON**, James Edward (Jim), son of Harold (1907), died 31 October 2015, aged eighty-one. After The Friends' School, Saffron Walden, he read Natural Sciences, followed by a Diploma in Agriculture, and played football for the first team. Jim objected to National Service and was assigned to look after a dairy herd at Writtle Agricultural College before returning to his parents' Sunnymead Farm near Colchester. After Harold died, Jim managed Sunnymead as predominantly arable land, the



Jim Dutton (1952) holding a buzzard chick

extraction of ballast in later years allowing him to develop a range of wildlife habitats across the farm. A cricketer for, and Chairman of, Wivenhoe Town, he also won numerous trophies for Wivenhoe Bowls Club. He enjoyed seeing the flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands, the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest and South Africa. Jim married

Gwyneth, whom he had known since school days. She died shortly after him. They had four children, David, Matthew, Richard and Lucy.

**1952 WARD**, David Christopher, father of Thomas James Christopher (1979) and brother-in-law of William Rennie Smith (1952), died 6 August 2015, aged eighty-two. After King Edward's School, Birmingham, he was a Scholar reading Classics. Awarded College prizes for tripos examinations and a Henry Arthur Thomas Travel Exhibition by the University, David was Treasurer of the College Classical Society and Captain of the third football team. Enjoying a long career in university appointments services, he was the first Careers Centre Director at the University of East Anglia (1965–88). David developed a database of recruiters' requirements, pioneered the first computerised careers guidance system for students and helped launch the first directory of employers for universities. In 1966 he helped found the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, which in 2005 presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award. David married Janet in 1959 and subsequently Alison, who survives him, as do his children, Chris, Rob, Fran and Fee.

**1953 CLAYDON**, David Anthony, died 27 February 2016, aged eighty. He came up from King Edward VI School, Southampton, as an Exhibitioner reading Natural Sciences and Chemical Engineering, and was Chairman of the Natural Sciences Club,



Captain of Lawn Tennis (1956–7) and a first XV rugby player. After beginning his career in various technological and managerial positions at Distillers Company, between 1969 and 1993 David held a succession of important management roles with BP in the UK, the United States and Canada. These included Commercial Vice-President, New York; Chief Executive, BP Gas, London; and Chairman and Chief Executive, BP Canada. After retiring from BP he became a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of Chesham Building Society. An outstanding tennis player, David played at county level until well past the age of seventy. In 1959 he married Gay, who survives him. They had three daughters, Jo, Mandy and Kate, and one son, Chris.

**1953 CONSTABLE**, Richard Golding, died 27 September 2015, aged eighty-three. After Marlborough College and Millfield School, he read English and History. His National Service was as a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery when he served in the Korean War. Richard was a great-great-grandson of John Constable, RA, and the younger brother of John Charles Constable, the painter and teacher who campaigned for the preservation of the landscape around the River Stour immortalised by their illustrious ancestor. For many years Richard taught art in Suffolk and held one-man shows in East Anglia and London. A prolific artist who continued working beyond his eightieth year, his gouache 'Puerto de la Cruz' was exhibited at the Ipswich Art Club

Centenary in 1974. He was married first to Elaine in 1954, with whom he had four children, and then to Valerie in 1970, with whom he had two children.



Geoffrey Dunn (1953)

**1953 DUNN**, Geoffrey David, died 3 October 2015, aged eighty-two. After attending Hereford Cathedral School, from 1952 to 1953 he undertook National Service, serving with the Durham Light Infantry in Korea. A keen photographer, Geoffrey took many photographs during active service and recently contacted his regiment to share these with the regimental archive. His connection with Korea also continued when Geoffrey was honoured with a South Korea Veterans Ambassador Peace Medal. After demob from the Army, Geoffrey came up to St John's to read Classics as a Somerset Exhibitioner. He then trained as a cost accountant and worked in Southampton, Nigeria, Croydon, North

Wales and Pitstone, Buckinghamshire. Always an active man, Geoffrey coached women's gymnastics at county level, ran a gym club and played tennis. In 1960 he married Patricia. They had two daughters, Jayne and Elizabeth.

**1953 TROTT**, Dr Peter Alan, son of Alan Charles (1913), nephew of Francis William (1912) and brother of John Michael (1949), died 6 November 2015, aged eighty. After Repton School, he read Natural Sciences, followed by his MB and BChir, played water polo (Colours, 1954–5) and football for the College, and swam for the College and the University. Peter undertook medical training at Guy's Hospital. Deciding to specialise in pathology, his appointments included Consultant Cytopathologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital and Director of Pathology at the London Clinic. Peter was Joint Editor of the journal *Cytopathology*, and author of the book *Breast Cytopathology*, published in 1996 by Chapman and Hall. His eminence was recognised by colleagues, who appointed him Treasurer, 1986–92, and President, 1992–5, of the British Society for Clinical Cytopathology. He leaves two children, Katharine and Linky.

**1954 BLANSHARD**, Professor John Michael Vivian, father of Hannah Jane (1986), died 19 January 2016, aged eighty. After Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester, he read Natural Sciences, specialising in Chemistry, and played squash. John was awarded a College Prize in 1955 and a College Scholarship and Wright Prize

in 1956. His career was in Nottingham, first at Boots Pure Drug Company and then in academic appointments at Nottingham University, culminating in Professor of Food Science (1989) and Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Science (1992). He published several books and approximately 140 scientific papers and reviews. In 1996 John was awarded the Loncin Prize by the American Institute of Food Technologists. A council member of the Faith Commission (1965 to 2005) – Vice-President 1983–2005 – and of the University and Colleges Christian Fellowship (1983 to 2004), he served from 1998 to 2003 as Associate Pastor in St Albans. John married Jean in 1964. They had three daughters, Rachel, Ruth and Hannah, and one son, John.

**1954 PLATTEN**, Christopher John (Kit), son of Thomas (1919), died 29 October 2015, aged eighty. After Haileybury College, he read Architecture, rowed for the LMBC and represented the College at athletics (Half Colours). After qualifying at Birmingham School of Architecture, Kit held various positions in local government and architectural partnerships before forming his own architectural practice. He then spent more than twenty years with the Peabody Trust in London, retiring in 1999. In retirement, Kit's great passion was sailing. He bought and renovated a wooden gaff-rigged cutter, built in 1935, named *Deirdre*. The craft was moored near to his home in Maldon, where Kit was an active member of the local sailing community

and participated in many regattas. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; his sons, Mark, Julian and Guy; his stepson, Alan; and his stepdaughter, Sheila.

**1954 ROBERTSON**, Hamish, CB, MBE, died 10 September 2013, aged eighty-two. After Gordon Schools, Huntly, he studied at Aberdeen University, where he was awarded the Forbes Medal and the Caithness Prize. After National Service in the Royal Artillery, Hamish joined the Colonial Service and came to St John's to take the Overseas Service Course. Appointed to the Colonial Administrative Service in Nyasaland, from 1964 he made a critically important contribution in the first three years of the renamed Malawi's independence and was appointed MBE. Hamish then held appointments in Scotland's civil service, becoming Undersecretary at the Education Department, where he worked with Professor John Howie reviewing Highers and was appointed CB. In an active retirement Hamish proudly served on the Aberdeen University Quincentennial Appeal Committee and the Carnegie Trust; enjoyed walking, skiing, gardening and family life; and was an engaging raconteur. In 1955 he married Susie, who survives him. They had four children, Helen, Barbara, James and Gavin.

**1954 STICKLAND**, Captain Peter James, Second Cousin of Michael Colin Calviou (1987), died 5 September 2015, aged eighty. After King Edward VI School, Southampton, and Royal Naval College,

Dartmouth, he read Engineering and then served for thirty-seven years in the Royal Navy, rising to the rank of Captain. His appointments included the Royal Naval Staff College at Greenwich and the NATO Defence College in Rome. During the latter years of his naval career Peter returned to St John's to study for an MPhil in International Relations, which he completed in 1987. On retiring from the Navy, Peter became Managing Director of Peter Stickland Consultants Ltd (1990–7) and then spent a year as General Manager, Rakmulti Technology. In 1963 he married Sue, who died on 7 February 2016.

**1955 FAIRHEAD**, Dr Russell Wale, died 30 September 2015, aged eighty-eight. After Exeter School, he was a Sizar reading Natural Sciences. He played hockey for the College and was Honorary Secretary of Cambridge University Christian Union. His medical training was at Westminster Hospital. Russell subsequently became a General Practitioner in Exeter for more than thirty years, played for East Devon Hockey Club, was a founder and elder of Beacon Heath Chapel, and Chairman of Trustees, Centre for Christ, Bow, Devon. Other medical appointments included Physician at Royal Western Counties Hospital Group; Police Surgeon, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary; Surgeon Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve; Divisional Surgeon, St John Ambulance Brigade; and President, Devon and Exeter Medical Society. After leaving the NHS, Russell worked for three years in a rural

hospital in KwaZulu Natal in South Africa before retiring to Charmouth, Dorset. He married Heather in 1955, who survives him together with their son, Tony, and their daughters, Jo and Harriet.

**1955 FOWLIE**, Ian Marshall, died 24 July 2015, aged eighty-three. After Morrison's Academy, Crieff, and St Andrews University, where he took an external degree, Ian read Moral Sciences at St John's and was awarded a Burney Studentship by the University in 1957. From 1958 until retirement he held the post of Lecturer in Moral Philosophy at the University of Aberdeen. He married Mary, who predeceased him. They had three children, Caroline, John and David.



David Nobbs (1955) speaking at a College event in 2010

**1955 NOBBS**, David Gordon, son of Cyril Gordon (1921) and nephew of Douglas (1927), died 9 August 2015, aged eighty. After Marlborough College and National Service in the Royal Corps of Signals, he read Classics and English, wrote for *Varsity* and *Granta* and

captained the Willows Cricket Club. Initially a journalist with the *Sheffield Star*, David moved to London, where he contacted David Frost, wrote scripts for *That Was The Week That Was* and became a leading comedy writer for The Two Ronnies, Tommy Cooper, Frankie Howerd and Les Dawson. His novels formed the basis for popular TV shows, notably *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin* (1975), the story of a man desperate to escape a dull marriage, disappointing children and the daily grind of work. David was President of The Writers' Guild of Great Britain, 2004–7. He married Mary in 1968, and then Susan, who survives him together with three stepchildren from his first marriage and a stepdaughter from his second.

**1955 WILLIAMS**, Professor Peter Fredric, died 20 March 2016, aged seventy-eight. After Wolverhampton Grammar School, he read Music and English and completed a PhD, researching the organ in Georgian England. Subsequently, Peter received a LittD. Bach, the organ and the harpsichord were his professional passions. He held positions at Edinburgh University, becoming the UK's first professor of performance practice, Duke University, North Carolina and Cardiff University. One of the world's most distinguished Bach scholars and biographers, Peter's prolific publications subjected Bach and other great composers to forensic criticism, as well as the customary reverence. Generous, inspiring and challenging, Peter questioned every word in J. S. Bach's 'Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor for Organ'. He suggested that darker

moments in Bach's works were influenced by public executions in Leipzig. He married Helen in 1963 and they had a daughter and a son. In 1982 he married Rosemary, who survives him. They had two sons.

**1956 BRADSHAW**, Peter Shipley, died 25 May 2015, aged seventy-nine. Born in Croydon, he attended Newbury Grammar School from 1943 to 1945 and Whitgift School from 1945 to 1954. After National Service in the RAF, Peter read Modern and Medieval Languages at St John's. Much of his career was spent with the Plessey Company, where he was employed for twenty-three years. Subsequently Peter worked for ESL Services until his retirement in 1998. He married Barbara in 1959, whose health in recent years required full-time care. Friends, Ken and Janet Baker, write, 'He became a full-time carer for the last twelve years of his life, a responsibility he never shirked.'

**1956 HUSSEY**, (James) Hugh Patrick, died 21 November 2015, aged eighty. He came up from Stonyhurst College to read Natural Sciences and Economics. Hugh then undertook National Service in the Royal Corps of Signals. Subsequently, he became an IT Manager. He is survived by Ann and Robert.

**1956 MURRAY**, James Renton Brown, died 7 October 2015, aged eighty-one. After attending Latymer Upper School, he read Natural Sciences and rowed for the LMBC.

James enjoyed a career as a civil engineer, taking his family to live with him on overseas assignments. He worked in Canada for three years for a pre-cast concrete firm, and then for nine years in Saudi Arabia, where he was employed by the Saudi government and was involved in building the new King Faisal University campus. In retirement, James renovated Victorian writing slopes and work boxes. He was married to Jan, who survives him and says, 'We were married for fifty-two wonderful years.' They had two daughters, Jacky and Jenny, and two grandchildren, Ben and Rebecca.

**1956 OAKLEY**, Michael Alfred, son of Edgar Handel (1921), died 25 November 2015, aged seventy-nine. After King's College School, Wimbledon, at St John's he studied for the Certificate of Proficiency in Christian Theology, and umpired in College cricket matches. Michael's working life was shared between the priesthood and an appointment as a Clerical Officer for British Rail/Sealink UK from 1970 to 1986. He served as a priest in Rochester and Weybridge from 1962 to 1966; became Honorary Lay Assistant at Our Lady Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Whitstable, in 1990; and was appointed Special Minister of the Eucharist by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark in 1992. Michael also served as a Reader in the Roman Catholic Church. Married twice, to Pat Walton in 1963 and to Pat Law in 1971, he was the father of two children, Carol and Neil.

**1956 REMINGTON**, Roger George Alexander, died 12 November 2015, aged seventy-nine. After St Paul's School, London, he read Natural Sciences as an Exhibitioner. Roger then worked for twenty years as Lecturer in Biological Sciences, Bromley College of Technology, and Lecturer in Zoology and Physiology, South London College and City of London Polytechnic. He completed an MSc (London) in 1967. Roger inherited his mother's interest in art and in later life undertook portrait work for academic and other institutions. The College owns his paintings of the Bridge of Sighs and of the mid-nineteenth century Johnian Prime Minister, Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston. Roger was commissioned to paint the Right Honourable William, 7th Earl of Cadogan, by the 8th Earl, for presentation to the United Grand Lodge of England. Other topographical works feature Penschurst Place and Leeds Castle in Kent.

**1956 WARD**, Dr (Richard) Humphry Thomas, died 18 December 2015, aged seventy-seven. After Shrewsbury School he read Natural Sciences and in 1959 rowed in the LMBC first boat. Humphry remained at St John's for medical training, taking his BChir in 1962 and his MB in 1963. He quickly progressed to Consultant Surgeon, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, at University College Hospital, where he practised from 1972 to 2000. Humphry published articles for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Press on

Multiple Births; Early Fetal Growth and Development; Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance; First Trimester Screening; Biology of Gynaecological Cancer; and Ethics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He married Hilary in 1965, who survives him. They had three children, Harvey, Charlotte and Jeremy.

**1956 ZICHY-THYSSEN**, Count Federico Augusto, died 13 August 2014, aged seventy-seven. Born in Aachen, his family later moved to Argentina. After various schools in Buenos Aires and Switzerland, Federico read Economics and Modern and Medieval Languages. As heir to a large European metallurgical empire that bears his name, he was one of the richest men in Argentina. With an eye for equine beauty, Federico bred world-class Arabian horses at his ranch, El Atalaya, a palatial estate built with every consideration for the horses. He also became one of the largest landowners in Argentina, owning more than 60,000 hectares, and took great pride in his ranches and herds of cattle. Federico's colleague and friend, Judith Forbis, said that she and her husband 'would fly from farm to farm, with the Count piloting his King Air plane, and landing on dirt airstrips. He was fearless.' Married six times, Federico had six children.

**1957 LLOYD**, the Revd Peter Vernon James, brother of Brian Rodney (1957), died 28 July 2015, aged seventy-eight. After Bournemouth School, he read History and Theology, and played football for the first

team. Following Ridley Hall and the General Ordination Examination, Peter became a priest. His first appointment was Curate of Keynsham in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. He subsequently entered the teaching profession, becoming Head of Religious Studies at three comprehensive schools, including Ferndown Upper School in Dorset. Towards the end of his teaching career Peter became a non-stipendiary minister in Bournemouth, first at St John's and St Michael's, and then at St Peter's with St Swithun and Holy Trinity. For many years he was a member of the Bullnose Morris Club and was a regular attendee of rallies and a renowned stockist of bullnose spares. In 1962 Peter married Anne, who survives him. They had two children, Katharine and Robert.

**1957 THOMAS**, David William Ernest, died 17 April 2016, aged seventy-eight. After King Edward VI School, Bath, he read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Classical Latin) and captained the hockey second XI and the Willows Cricket Club. After completing his degree David took a Postgraduate Certificate in Education and then entered the teaching profession, where he served for thirty-four years. His appointments included Deputy Headmaster, Verulam School, St Albans; Headmaster, Raine's Foundation School, Stepney; and Headmaster, Enfield Grammar School. In 1960 David married Carole, who survives him. They had one son, Nicholas, and one daughter, Joanne.

**1958 BRITTON**, Peter Ewart, died 11 April 2016, aged seventy-nine. After Lewes County Grammar School, he read Modern and Medieval Languages as an Exhibitioner. Peter then flew jets in the RAF whilst undertaking National Service. Subsequently, he was Head of Modern Languages at Tideway School, Newhaven, and a church organist. Becoming an author, he used the nom de plume Peter Lemesurier and published extensively on the sixteenth-century apothecary and seer Nostradamus, including *The Nostradamus Encyclopaedia*. He wrote other books on religion, spirituality, astrology, science, Shakespeare and the Great Pyramid. His books have been translated into several languages. Peter appeared on television and radio and in films, including productions by the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, the National Geographic Channel and Channel 4. He was also invited to lecture in French in Nostradamus's home town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and at the Higher Institute of Translators and Interpreters in Brussels.

**1958 COLLEDGE**, Professor Malcolm Andrew Richard, brother of Richard Anthony (1976) and uncle of Joel Royce (2009), died 22 June 2015, aged seventy-five. At Dulwich College, he was inspired to study Archaeology after hearing Sir Mortimer Wheeler lecture. A Minor Scholar, Malcolm read Classics and Archaeology and remained at St John's for his doctorate on the art of Palmyra, first visited in 1962 and his greatest passion. After an

Assistant Lectureship at University College, Swansea, he became Lecturer, Reader and Professor of Classics at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London. Malcolm travelled and worked extensively and sometimes dangerously, in Syria, Iraq, North Africa, Jordan, Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen, Turkey and Turkmenistan. Appearing on television, he contributed to David Frost's *Crossroads of Civilisation* series. His publications included *The Art of Palmyra*, *Parthian Art* and *How to Recognise Roman Art*. Malcolm married twice, Margaret, and then Maria-Jesus, and had two children, Alexander and an adopted stepdaughter, Caroline.

**1958 KEFFORD**, Michael Edward Kingsley, grandnephew of Edward (1890), grandson of William (1894), son of Edward (1924), nephew of Harry (1921) and of Richard (1927), and brother of Neville (1958), died 14 October 2015, aged seventy-eight. After a scholarship to Lancing College, he served in the RAF for three years before reading Classics and Archaeology and Anthropology and taking a Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Oxford. Michael progressed quickly in the teaching profession, becoming Headmaster of Colston's Preparatory School, Bristol, and then Headmaster of The Pilgrim School, Winchester – the Cathedral's choir school. Greatly respected and liked, Michael believed that a school environment should be pleasant for pupils and staff. With a strong religious faith, in 1974 he became a Licensed Lay Reader at Wells Cathedral. His other passions were family life, Southampton FC,

singing, running and country pursuits. In 1964 he married Elizabeth, who survives him. They had two children, Rupert and Alison.

**1958 POWELL**, John Frederick, died 14 September 2014, aged seventy-six. After Diocesan College, Rondebosch, and the University of Cape Town, at St John's he read Mathematics and was awarded the Wright Prize. John represented the College at squash and rowed for the LMBC. During his career he held various strategic management positions with South African companies before forming his own IT consulting business in his sixties and working until his early seventies. In Cape Town in 1966 John married Lovette, who survives him. They had three children, Nicola, Jeremy and Michaeljohn.

**1958 SHAW**, Andrew Paul, son of the internationally renowned gynaecologist, Wilfred (1916), and brother of John Humphrey Wilfred (1950), died 28 July 2015, aged seventy-six. After Marlborough College and National Service in the RAF, where he won his 'Wings', Andrew read Mechanical Sciences at St John's and then pursued a career in business, deploying his engineering and management skills in a variety of contexts. These included Executive Director, Chairman and MD of Vosper Thornycroft, boat and ship builder and ship repairer, and culminated in his appointments as CEO of Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners and CEO of Atlantic 361. In 1978 Andrew became Chairman of the British Shipbuilders Committee for

Coordination of Small Ship Design. His interest in shipbuilding led to a number of publications, including *Capital Projects in Shipbuilding*, written with Arthur Sayer, in 1972. He was father to David, Stephen, Catherine and the late Josephine. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Biz).

**1958 VAUGHAN**, Selwyn Michael (Mike), brother of Douglas Brian (1942) and of Geoffrey Parton (1947), died 14 March 2016, aged seventy-five. After Blundell's School, Tiverton, he read Natural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, winning several awards and prizes and becoming President, Cambridge University Vet Society (1963). A talented rugby player, Mike was awarded first XV Colours, was elected an Eagle and played for Cambridge University LX Club. He worked as a vet in Boston Spa and then in Tavistock, becoming Sole Principal at J. C. Mackellar. In retirement he was a correspondent for the *Veterinary Times* and *South West Farmer*. Winner of the William Hunting Prize in 1969, in that year he published *A Case of Equine Lymphosarcoma*. Mike was President, Western Counties Veterinary Association, 1979–80; British Cattle Veterinary Association, 1985–6; Cornwall Veterinary Association, 1996–7; and Chairman, Cambridge Vet Graduate Association, 1982–5. In 1965 he married Jill, who survives him. They had two sons, Ashley and Richard.

**1959 CARSON**, Dr Roland Annan, died 28 November 2012, aged seventy-six. After

attending Mfantsipim Secondary School, Cape Coast, Ghana, he never forgot his roots, often returning to Ghana. Roland came to St John's as a Scholar to read Natural Sciences, rowed for the College and remembered Cambridge with affection. After qualifying medical studies, he moved to Canada, practising as a paediatrician for more than forty years in London, Ontario. Roland was Chief Resident at the War Memorial Children's Hospital and then Paediatrician at the Child and Parent Resource Institute before establishing a private practice. A skilled diagnostician, he was unrelentingly committed to providing accessible, high-quality medical care to patients from every background. Families and colleagues commented on his kindness, warmth and good humour. Roland enjoyed music and reading, and was a huge fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Married to Gail, who survives him, they had a son, Kofi, and a daughter, Akua.

**1959 CUNNINGTON**, Paul Crane, died 20 September 2015, aged seventy-five. Coming up from Bristol Grammar School, he read Mechanical Sciences, rowed for the LMBC and was a member of the Cambridge University Air Squadron. The son of an aeronautical engineer, Paul enjoyed a long and varied career in the RAF, rising to the rank of Squadron Leader. In addition to postings at a number of RAF bases, he served at HQ Strike Command; the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, where he was a member of the design advisory team for the

Sky Flash air-to-air missile; and the Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive. In 1977 Paul was awarded The Queen's Jubilee Medal. After retiring from the RAF with thirty-seven years' service, he worked as a consultant for ten years. He is survived by Iris, whom he married in 1972, and by their son, Colin.

**1960 COX**, Martin Jonathan Graham, grandson of Percy Henry Winfield (1896), died 18 October 2015, aged seventy-four. After Eton College he read Economics in Part I and Law in Part II. As his obituary in *The Guardian* commented, Martin worked as a labourer during vacations, 'keeping in touch with the real world'. After a few years at National Opinion Polls, he was recruited to BBC Radio, bringing a new understanding of polling and a successful appetite for editing and producing news and current affairs programmes, including *The Week at Westminster*, *Today*, *The World at One*, *PM* and election specials. Later, Martin was a co-founder of BBC Radio 5; a consultant reviewing the radio commissioning process; Chairman of the BBC Pensioners' Association; and Chair of the London Borough of Camden Standards Committee. He married Sue, with whom he had three children, Jonathan, Matthew and Susie; and then Margaret, another BBC lifer, who survives him and with whom he loved to travel in retirement.

**1960 HOOLE**, Christopher Gledhill (Chris), died 16 February 2016, aged seventy-four. He

came up from Cheltenham College to read Economics, played rugby for the first XV, rowed for the LMBC and represented the College at cricket and squash. Chris was a Hawk and later became Chairman of Rosslyn Park RFC. His career involved a series of managerial positions, punctuated by periods of consultancy, with a particular emphasis on specialist office systems and storage products. In a career spanning more than forty years, his appointments included General Manager, Ault and Wiborg; Operations Director, Eastlight; Managing Director, Egidius Janssen, Belgium; and Director and then Managing Director, Railex Systems. Chris married twice, on the second occasion to Shirley, who survives him. He had three sons, Seamus, Robin and Timothy, and three stepchildren.

**1960 LEWIS**, David Murray Rhodes, son of Percy James (1903) and brother of Robert James Pinson (1968), died 23 August 2015, aged seventy-five. After Michaelhouse, Balgowan, and Rhodes University, he read History, and rowed and played hockey for the College. He captained the College at squash, and played for the University with the Ganders. Returning to South Africa after a DipEd at Balliol College, Oxford, David taught at Port Natal School, Durban, and Bishops Diocesan College, Cape Town. Returning to Michaelhouse from 1976 to 2003, he made a valuable contribution in the classroom, on the games field and as Housemaster, Head of History and Senior Master. A trustee of Asi-thuthuke School, Balgowan, from 1978 to 2005, David received

the St Michael Award for Community Service. A Christian committed to truth and justice, and a hospitable man who loved classical music, a friend described David as 'a very good bloke from South Africa.' He is survived by Fleur (Boo), and by their children, James, Murray and Catherine.

**1960 NICHOLLS**, Richard Vaughan (Dick), died 15 December 2015, aged ninety-two. After Auckland Grammar School he was a Scholar at Auckland University, where he gained a First in Greek and Latin despite the Second World War interrupting his degree studies. A distinguished academic career began at the British School in Athens, researching and publishing on late Bronze Age, Dark Age, Archaic and Classical Attic terracottas and excavating in Laconia, Old Smyrna and Chios. From 1958 successively Senior Assistant Keeper and Keeper of the Department of Antiquities at the Fitzwilliam Museum, then Senior Keeper, Dick completed the museum's catalogue of Greek and Roman sculptures, remodelled the Greek, Roman and Egyptian Rooms with ingenuity and visual flair, and created a West Asiatic Gallery. Retirement in 1983 did not diminish his appetite for research, publishing and giving time generously to younger scholars. He became a member of St John's in 1960 and a Fellow of University (later Wolfson) College in 1968. In 1959 Dick married Marion, who survives him. They had one daughter, Julie.

**1960 WILSON**, Dr Richard Harris, son of Harris (1930), died 25 April 2015, aged

seventy-three. He came to St John's from King Edward VII School, Lytham, to read Natural Sciences. A keen interest in genetics led to an academic career in the human sciences. Richard became Senior Lecturer in Genetics at the University of Glasgow and was part of a team that worked successfully on developing an understanding of the human genome. He was also responsible for a number of biotechnology patents. Richard's recreational interests included the pentathlon, in which he participated in a team that won the John Player Highland Pentathlon on four occasions, an achievement recognised in 1976 by his appointment as an Honorary Member of Bearsden Ski Club. Richard was also a keen curler and represented the curling section of the club.

**1961 FENTRESS**, Professor John Carroll, died 22 August 2015, aged seventy-six. After attending Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, he graduated at Amherst College, Massachusetts, where he interviewed Carl Jung. At St John's he studied for a PhD in Ethology, rearing a wolf cub to assist his research and winning an oar. A distinguished academic career included Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon; Professor in the Department of Psychology at Dalhousie; and founder of the Canadian Centre for Wolf Research, a facility with an international reputation. Publishing extensively on behaviour and brain sciences, John gave numerous international presentations and won the College's Kenneth Craik Award in 1993. An inspiring

and warm personality, his vision of 'seeking mortar between the bricks of psychology and neuroscience' was recognised when Dalhousie created a department of Psychology and Neuroscience. In retirement he pursued a wide range of cultural, business and community interests, and founded Etholife Health Coaching, a health programme designed to bring mind and body together.

**1962 WAYWELL**, Professor Geoffrey Bryan, died 16 February 2016, aged seventy-two. After Eltham College he read Classics and Archaeology, played hockey and completed a PhD. An academic career at King's College London culminated in his appointments as Professor of Classical Archaeology (1987) and Director of the university's Institute of Classical Studies (1996). Geoffrey published widely on classical sculpture and architecture, notably *The Free-standing Sculptures of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus in the British Museum* (1978); *Sculptors and Sculptures of Caria and the Dodecanese* (1997); and important catalogues of sculpture in British private collections, including the *Lever and Hope Collections* (1986). A long association with the British School at Athens gave the opportunity for excavations at Lefkandi, Knossos, the Roman Stoa and the ancient theatre at Sparta, and studies of sculpture from the Sanctuary of Demeter. Regarded with respect and affection by colleagues and students, Geoffrey was the recipient of a Festschrift in 2009. He married Elizabeth in 1970. They had two sons.

**1964 CROSBY**, Richard Anthony Charles, died 22 October 2015, aged sixty-nine. He came up from Ardingly College to read History as an Exhibitioner, and was Captain and Secretary of the squash team when the College built new courts. To celebrate their opening, Richard persuaded world champion Jonah Barrington and British number one Peter Stokes to play an exhibition match. Richard always remembered his time at St John's with great affection. Qualifications in accountancy, finance and personnel led to a career in executive recruitment, human resources and consultancy. His appointments included training and HR roles at Ford, Stone Platt Industries and as Business Adviser at Business Link for London. A lover of sport and music and a generous host, Richard liked to entertain guests at the Phyllis Court Club in Henley, especially at Regatta time, and enjoyed his involvement with All Saints Church, Marlow. He was married twice: to Diana in 1976, with whom he had two daughters, Joanna and Caroline; and to Stephanie in 1991.

**1965 VEST**, Michael John, died 24 January 2014, aged sixty-nine. After St Aidan's Grammar School, Sunderland, Welbeck College and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Michael read Production Engineering (Mechanical Sciences) at St John's. He played rugby and cricket, and rowed Bow in 'Hoggers II' during the May Races of 1966. His wife, Irene, reports, 'Michael always felt extremely privileged to have been able to spend three years of his life

at the College.' Michael served as an officer in the Army, and then worked successively for Rank Xerox, MGVS and Matsushita, rising to be Managing Director of Matsushita Graphics UK. He married Irene in 1970 and they had three children, David, Nicholas and Elizabeth.

**1965 WHEATLY**, Richard John Norwood, died 22 April 2015, aged sixty-nine. After Watford Grammar School, he read Economics, played rugby for the first XV and rowed. After a career in global advertising, Richard combined his love of jazz with an entrepreneurial style as Chief Executive of Jazz FM, building a successful business. Leaving when the station was sold to the Guardian Media Group, he returned as head of a consortium that negotiated a management buyout for £1 and re-launched Jazz FM as a digital-only product, broadcasting a Sunday night show himself. Later Richard co-founded and directed the Love Supreme Jazz Festival at Glynde Place in Sussex and became Chair of Trustees of the National Youth Jazz Collective. His outstanding contribution to jazz players and fans was recognised posthumously by a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards. Appropriately, Jazz FM was a co-recipient. In 2006 he married Denise, Baroness Kingsmill, who survives him.

**1966 DAVIS**, Robert Edward, died 17 June 2015, aged seventy-one. He attended Bedminster Down Comprehensive School and Bristol College of Science and Technology.

Robert then studied at St John's for one year before taking an apprenticeship with Bristol Siddeley Engines at Filton, Bristol. The retired research engineer leaves a widow, Joyce.

**1966 THOMAS**, Howard John, died 4 July 2015, aged seventy-two. After Romilly Secondary School and Coleg Harlech, he read Archaeology and Anthropology before beginning a long career as Investigator and then Senior Investigator for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales. Howard worked on the Inventory of Glamorgan and was elected Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Aged twelve he developed a lifelong interest in Glamorgan local history and archaeology, and directed excavations for Barry and Vale Archaeological Group on medieval village sites at Barry, Porthkerry and Highlight. In 1977 Howard co-directed emergency excavations at Barry Old Village. A trustee of the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust and founder member of the Barry Preservation Society and Civic Trust, he published many articles and notes in local and national journals on local history and archaeology. Howard is survived by his wife, Kate, and by their two daughters, Ceri and Charlotte.

**1970 HANDS**, Roderick Kirton (Rory), died 2 April 2015, aged ninety-six. He attended St Marylebone Grammar School, excelling in Modern Languages. Rory then studied at King's College London, the Sorbonne and the University of Berlin, which he was forced to leave in 1939. Invalided out of the Royal

Artillery as a result of tuberculosis, Rory trained as a teacher. Disliking the 11-plus examination, which his brother had failed, when appointed Head of Chiswick Grammar School, Rory's vision and inclusive values drove the school's transition to comprehensive status. During his time as Schoolmaster Fellow Commoner at St John's, an opportunity greatly valued for the rest of his life, Rory attended Chapel and acted in the School of Pythagoras. In retirement he became Chairman of Froebel Teacher Training College and an Honorary Fellow of Roehampton University. In 1947 Rory married Kate, who predeceased him. They had two children, Judith and Timothy, who followed their parents into teaching.

**1971 GEACH**, Professor Peter Thomas, died 21 December 2013, aged ninety-seven. After Clifton College, from 1934 to 1938 he studied Classics and Philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford, where he converted to Catholicism. After philosophical research at Cambridge, in 1951 Peter became Assistant Lecturer in Philosophy at Birmingham, rising to Reader in Logic. From 1966 to 1981 he was Professor of Logic at Leeds. He was also Visiting Professor at Warsaw. Admitted to St John's by the College Council in 1971, Peter gave the Stanton Lectures in the philosophy of religion from 1971 to 1974. Between 1948 and 2006 he published prolifically and with analytical clarity in the areas of logic, language, mind, religion and ethics. Peter married Elizabeth Anscombe, who died in 2001; they became two of the most important Catholic philosophers of the

twentieth century. In 1968 they toasted the *Humanae Vitae* encyclical with champagne, and in 1999 he was awarded the papal medal, *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. They had three sons, John, Charles and More, and four daughters, Barbara, Mary, Jennifer and Tamsin.

**1971 JEFFERY**, Professor Keith John, died 12 February 2016, aged sixty-four. After Methodist College Belfast, he read History (Exhibitioner), followed by a PhD, winning the Prince Consort Prize and the Seeley Medal. Leading the LMBC to Head of the River (1974), Keith was an Eagle and Larmor Award winner. A distinguished career followed at Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast, where he became Professor of British History (2005). With passionate interest in Ireland and the British Empire, Keith was Joint Editor of *Irish Historical Studies*, elected to the Royal Irish Academy (2009) and a Parnell Fellow at Magdalene College, Cambridge (2003–4). His authorised – and sometimes colourful – history of MI6 covered 1909 to 1949. His last book, *1916: A Global History*, was completed in 2015. Much in demand as a visiting scholar, Keith was gregarious, good-humoured and well-liked, with a talent for storytelling and a fine voice. In 1976 he married Sally, who survives him. They had two sons, Ben and Alex.

**1971 WESSON**, Professor Paul Stephen, died 16 September 2015, aged sixty-six. After Chandos School and Arnold and Carlton FE College, Nottingham, at Portsmouth

Polytechnic he took a London University degree in Physics. At St John's Paul read Mathematics, completed a PhD in Theoretical Astrophysics and enjoyed a summer job studying seismic activity in the Hindu Kush Mountains. For a time he lived in Norway, where he met his first wife. Canadian academic posts followed in Ontario, Alberta and Waterloo, where Paul became Professor of Astronomy and Geophysics. Other distinctions included Visiting Professor at University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University; Science Director of the California Institute for Physics and Astronomy; and association with the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Victoria, Canada. Paul published prolifically on space, time and matter, and wrote a science-fiction trilogy. He loved music, English humour and Gabriola Island in British Columbia. Paul is survived by his partner, Pat, and by four children, Amanda, Emily, Jasper and Sterling.

**1972 DUTTON**, Colonel Jonathan Richard William (Jon), died 7 September 2015, aged sixty-five, in Lyminster. After education and training at Kent College, Canterbury, Welbeck College and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, in 1970 he was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery and ultimately attained the rank of Colonel. Jon came to St John's in 1972 to study Engineering. On leaving the Army in 2001, he joined Accenture as Procurement Director. A keen sailor, Jon was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Royal Artillery Yacht Club. In the

latter, he was awarded the Gallipoli Trophy in 1992 and 2000, and the Barden Trophy in 2012 and 2014. In 2011 Jon and his wife, Carol, embarked upon a circumnavigation in their yacht, *Armentia*, but this was cut short in New Zealand in July 2015 when Jon was diagnosed with inoperable cancer.

**1972 McLAREN**, Robert Wallace (Bob), died 23 January 2016, aged eighty-eight. After degrees at the University of Western Ontario and various positions in the Canadian government between 1948 and 1973, at St John's he studied for a Diploma in Development Economics. In a distinguished diplomatic career, Bob served Canada successively as Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Washington; High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Tanzania, Mauritius and the Seychelles; Ambassador to Somalia, Madagascar and the Comoros; High Commissioner to Zimbabwe and Botswana; and Ambassador to Mozambique and Angola. His career culminated as Assistant Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Other appointments included President, University Extension Association, Victoria; Advisor on Aid Coordination to Namibia; Director, Victoria International Airport; and President, Victoria Branch, Canadian Institute of International Practitioners. Colleagues regarded Bob highly for his leadership and humanity. His son Rob writes, 'He loved his family and his country.' Married in 1951 to Marion, who survives him, they had three children, Margot, Andrea (Andi) and Robert (Rob).

**1973 BURTON**, Warwick Royston, died 30 November 2015, aged sixty. Coming up from Manchester Grammar School, he was a Patchett Scholar reading Archaeology and Anthropology. Joining British Rail, Warwick held management positions in Newcastle, Middlesbrough, York and Whitby (as the last Stationmaster) and published books on local railways in Marple, Malton and Driffild. His career took a different direction when he was appointed Lecturer with the Workers' Educational Association and subsequently at the University of Hull Department of Adult Education, combining the latter role with the position of Lecturer for the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies. For many years Warwick was also involved with Yorkwalk, an organisation providing historical and archaeological guided tours in the snickleways of York, of which he became Director in 2003. He loved travel, particularly to Italy, where he led tours. A devout Christian, his funeral service in York Minster was attended by friends and colleagues, who regarded him with warmth and affection.

**1973 HOLLINS**, Kevin, OBE, died 1 December 2015, aged sixty-one. After Longton High School and Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College, he entered St John's as an Exhibitioner to read History and became a Scholar. Kevin was later awarded an MSc in Education Management. After a Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Keele University, he taught history in Staffordshire and Cheshire and was then Deputy Headteacher,

Poynton School, Cheshire; Headteacher, Leek High School; and Headteacher, Knutsford High School (later Academy). Described by colleagues as 'a first-rate teacher' who 'conveyed his passion and enthusiasm for the subject to the children', and 'an inspirational leader' who 'always put the students at the heart of what he did', Kevin was appointed OBE in 2015 for services to education. Too ill to go to Buckingham Palace, he received the honour at East Cheshire Hospice, three days before he died, from the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. In 1981 Kevin married Valerie, who survives him. They had two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth.

**1974 SCOTT**, John Gavin, LVO, died 12 August 2015, aged fifty-nine. After Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, he read Music at St John's, where he was a gifted Organ Scholar. Early promise was fulfilled as Organist and Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral, the Royal Academy of Music and St Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York. John played the organ at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer in St Paul's Cathedral and in 2000 conducted the choirs and orchestra in the pageant to mark the 100th birthday of the Queen Mother. He was appointed LVO in 2004 and Hon FRSCM in 2005. Many other honours included the John Stewart of Rannoch Scholarship in Sacred Music, University of Cambridge 1974-8; First Prize, Manchester International Organ Competition 1978;



First Prize, Leipzig International J. S. Bach Competition 1984; and prizes awarded by the Royal College of Organists. John was father to Emma and Alexander from his first marriage to Jane. At the time of his death his second wife, Lily, was expecting their first child.

**1976 HURLOCK**, Group Captain William John, died 20 October 2015, aged ninety-four. After Dyevor Grammar School, he joined the RAF and enjoyed a distinguished career, rising successively through the ranks as Flying Officer, Flight Lieutenant, Squadron Leader and Wing Commander to become Group Captain 97 Squadron. In 1976 William began a second career as Secretary in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science at the University of Cambridge, a position he held until 1984. On taking up this appointment he was admitted to membership of St John's by the College Council. William was an Associate Member of the British Institute of Management. He married Freda (Fred), who survives him. They had two children, Richard and Andrew.

**1976 POË**, Professor Anthony John, died 23 August 2015, aged eighty-six. After Chichester High School, he read Chemistry at Brasenose College, Oxford. Choosing an academic career, Anthony was proud to be involved in six decades of scientific research, publishing and teaching. In 1955 he became Senior Lecturer at Imperial College, London, before a long association as Professor and Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the

University of Toronto, Canada. Sabbaticals were spent as Visiting Fellow at Northwestern University, USA, and in 1976–7 as an Overseas Visiting Fellow at St John's, where Anthony was awarded an ScD degree in 1990. His obituary in the *Ottawa Citizen* spoke of the high regard in which he was held by colleagues and students for his commitment to science and his kindly and thoughtful manner. Anthony is survived by his second wife, Donna, and by Simon, Sarah, Kate and Mathew, his children from his first marriage.

**1978 BOLTON**, Professor Geoffrey Curgenvin, AO, died 3 September 2015, aged eighty-three. After Wesley College, Perth, the University of Western Australia and Balliol College, Oxford, he enjoyed a distinguished career as a historian and socio-political commentator, primarily in Australia, and held degrees and honorary degrees from the universities of Western Australia, Oxford and Cambridge, and Murdoch University, Perth. Geoffrey was resident at St John's as a Commonwealth Fellow 1978–9. His great contribution to Australian history at the Australian National University, Monash University, the University of Queensland, Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University will long be remembered with huge respect and affection. He wrote numerous books and articles, was General Editor of the *Oxford History of Australia*, won prestigious prizes and awards, including the Centenary Medal 2001, and held fellowships of several

learned academies and societies. In 1984 Geoffrey was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia. In 1958 he married Carol, who survives him. They had two sons, Patrick and Matthew.

**1978 TIDSWELL**, Dr Philip, cousin of Roger David (1981), died 2 September 2015, aged fifty-six. After The Judd School, Tonbridge, he read Medical Sciences at St John's and added an MB BS (London) in 1984. Specialising in neurology, after completing his registrar training in Sheffield and Leeds, Philip became Consultant Neurologist at Royal Blackburn and Royal Preston Hospitals, and served as Treasurer of the North of England Neurological Association. Robert Tidswell's obituary in the *BMJ* describes Philip's flamboyant dress sense, rigorous views on upholding clinical standards and enjoyment of cryptic crosswords. His love of solving puzzles extended to his passion for neurology, especially the complexities of neuropathology and the human condition. His interests included cooking, wine, tennis, two allotments, playing violin in the local orchestra and bell ringing. In 1983 he married Alison. They had two children, Katharine and Robert. In 2000 Philip married Anne, who survives him and from whom he inherited a stepson.

**1986 LINARES**, Dr Olga Francesca, died 2 December 2014, aged seventy-eight. After Vassar College, New York, and Harvard University (PhD 1964), she became a Lecturer

at Harvard and taught classes at Pennsylvania University. Her association from 1973 with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, as Research Scientist and Senior Staff Scientist, continued until her death. A distinguished anthropologist, archaeologist and tropical ecologist, much of her research undertaken in Panama and Senegal was concerned with historic cultural, social, economic, political and migration issues in tropical agrarian systems. A warm and good-humoured personality, Olga published prolifically and was a valued member of many learned societies on different continents, including the US Academy of Sciences. She came to St John's as an Overseas Visiting Fellow in 1986 and was also Associate Professor at the University of Texas, 1974, and Fellow and Visiting Professor at Stanford University between 1979 and 1982. Olga was married three times.

**1990 HULF**, Robin Anthony, died 12 November 2015, aged seventy-one. After St Paul's School, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Open University, he came to St John's in 1992 to study for an MPhil in International Relations and rowed for the LMBC. During a career in the Army, Robin served in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, where there was a mention in dispatches in 1973 and 1979. His Company Sergeant Major in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the USA and BAOR (British Army of the Rhine) described him as 'a superb soldier, brilliant officer, outstanding Borderer, and a

wonderful man of absolute integrity'. In later years Robin worked as a political consultant. He married first Penny and then Isobel, who survives him. There were two children, Camilla and Toby.

**1992 WOOR, Hannah Mary**, died 20 July 2015, aged forty-one. After Thorpe House School, Norwich, and Norwich High School for Girls, she read Natural Sciences and Mathematics Tripos Part III. A career in the nuclear power industry began in 1996 as Reactor Physicist at Magnox Electric. After various roles at British Energy, Hannah became Continuous Improvement Manager at Sizewell B Power Station and Head of Design Authority for EDF Nuclear Group after their takeover of British Energy. A Chartered Physicist, Member of the Institute of Physics and with a Certificate in Engineering Management (Distinction), Hannah won various awards, including the IEE Prize for Best Performance, the Halcrow Prize for the Business Environment and two United Steel Companies Scholarships. Hannah's commitment to the development of younger colleagues was reflected in her doctoral research at Bristol University on the role of middle managers in achieving successful change. She was married to Andrew Hotson and they had two sons. 🌱



by Paul Everest

Buttercups line a path in the Fellows' Garden.



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# COLLEGE LIFE

## PAR FOR THE COURSE

Kathryn Wingrove (2013) has played for the Cambridge University Golf Club since her first year at St John's and has been Ladies' Captain since 2015/16. She graduated in the summer with a degree in Human, Social and Political Sciences, and is staying on to study a postgraduate course.



Apart from perhaps St Andrews, Oxbridge is probably the best place to play university golf. For one thing, Cambridge and Oxford are two of only a few British universities to have a Ladies' Team. Secondly, we have a brilliant fixture list. We spend our weekends playing at some lovely courses, including Rye, Deal, Brancaster, Hunstanton, Walton Heath, the Berkshire, Sunningdale and many more. This is probably the greatest difference between golf and other university sports: apart from the Varsity match, we do not play other students. I enjoy this aspect because we truly leave the Cambridge bubble every week.

Cambridge University Golf Club (CUGC) is split into three teams: the Blues (handicaps under 5), Ladies (handicaps 4–15) and Stymies (Men's Second Team, handicaps 5–12). All three teams play separate fixtures for the most part, but come together for social events and friendly games. We are all members and have coaching at our home club, Royal Worlington & Newmarket, near Bury St Edmunds, with whom CUGC is incredibly privileged to have a close and long-standing relationship. For any golfers reading this, I suggest going to play a round at Worlington – it is surprisingly tricky!

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The ladies have eighteen fixtures and six official coaching sessions in Michaelmas and Lent terms, before our Varsity match in

March. As you can imagine, this involves a lot of travelling and a huge time commitment. The majority of our matches are six-a-side and we usually have seven to nine people to draw on each week. Most of our team have played golf 'since forever', but we have some newer players who just attend coaching sessions. This is something we have really tried to encourage this year, as we hope to develop and coach new players so that we have a larger squad to draw on in future.

After two back-to-back Varsity wins during my first year, at Rye in 2014 and then by an 8–1 margin at Hoylake in 2015, I decided I wanted to become more involved in the running of the team. As the 2015/16 season draws to a close, I can certainly say that I have learnt a lot in my first year as Captain. The Captain is responsible for pretty much everything – perhaps if I had known the sheer volume of emails I was letting myself in for I would not have taken on the role! I organise coaching sessions and liaise with the different teams we play. One of the most challenging aspects is organising transport. It is quite difficult to arrange for six girls, six overnight bags and six sets of clubs to get to golf courses located on the Kent coast, the outskirts of Liverpool, the Norfolk coast and the south-west of London. One of the most enjoyable tasks as Captain is choosing the team kit for Varsity. I am also responsible for writing thank-you cards and Christmas cards to all the clubs that we play. One of the hardest aspects for me personally is the after-dinner speeches. I find speaking in front of



The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster hosted the 2016 Varsity match.

people quite a nerve-racking experience, but my year as Captain, and more broadly my time with CUGC, have improved my confidence a huge amount. By the time of the Varsity match in March I felt at ease speaking in front of a large group. This year I have been supported by my twin sister, Emily (Sidney Sussex), who is our Treasurer. She has done a wonderful job dealing with all of the hurdles posed by the bank and keeping track of our petrol costs, chasing subs, paying bills and generally staying on top of our team finances.

From the outside, golf may seem like more of a mental game than a physical one. It does, of course, require a fair bit of mental strength; I personally find it tough to maintain my composure and play my best golf with a crowd watching. However, I believe the physical aspect is somewhat overlooked. Each round of eighteen holes entails roughly five miles of walking, so we end up walking five or ten miles while carrying a golf bag every Saturday or Sunday.

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The University Golf Match (our Varsity match) dates back to 1878. It is the oldest amateur event in golf, as the first Amateur Championship was played in 1885. It is also the oldest team event in English golf. This year was the nineteenth Ladies' Varsity match and we played in March at Brancaster, hosted by the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club. I cannot thank the club enough for all their generosity and support. The morning portion of the day takes the form of an eighteen-hole foursomes match. As I am sure every golfer knows, hitting every other ball with a partner can be a trying format! Unfortunately, Oxford led 2–1 by lunchtime, but the Cambridge girls went into the afternoon singles event determined to win. With six points available in the afternoon, there was certainly all to play for. The singles turned out to be a 6–0



Kathryn (third from left) and her sister, Emily (third from right), with the rest of the Cambridge team before the 2016 Varsity match.

Cambridge victory, so we won overall. So far, Oxford have won ten of the nineteen Ladies' Varsity matches, but I look forward to playing next year and hopefully levelling the series at 10–10.

Overall, I have had a great three years with CUGC, and it has shaped my time at Cambridge. I have enjoyed my first year as

Captain and I'm very pleased to have been re-elected for the coming year, as I continue my studies. 🍷

**Kathryn Wingrove**

## THE JCR

The enthusiastic enquirer would be pleased to learn that undergraduate life at St John's remains assuredly exhilarating and enjoyable, punctuated by a flurry of activities and unique opportunities. The Junior Combination Room Committee (JCRC) has but played a part in the evolving Johnian experience.



The regular meetings of the Senior and Junior Members Committee, complemented by individual meetings with the Senior Tutor, Domestic Bursar and Dean of Discipline, meant that the JCRC was able to work closely with the various College bodies. This immense support allowed us to negotiate a trial period, with robust outcome metrics, for the mixed room-sharing initiative, an equal opportunities policy the JCR have pursued for several years.

This year the JCRC set out to enhance the College's connections with its alumni. We were pleased to be invited to Johnian Society Day in September, giving us the opportunity to forge invaluable links, as well as to enjoy the annual lecture and dinner. The JCRC also assisted the fantastic Development Office team in organising several events for alumni and junior members, including the extremely successful Careers Fair.

We were satisfied by the outcome of the fees and charges meeting, which led to the lowest increase in rents for more than a decade (1.24 per cent, with one per cent savings carried into next year). A large part of this success lay in the efforts of Mark Wells, the Domestic Bursar.

The JCRC also pursued a number of innovative initiatives. Ben Whitby, Ethical Affairs Officer, worked tirelessly to create a new interactive website for the junior members. The website was subsequently considered by Cambridge University

Students' Union as the gold standard in communications strategy. Moreover, we pushed to encourage entrepreneurial activity at St John's, and appreciated the collaboration between the College and the St John's Innovation Centre to create summer opportunities for students at start-ups in Cambridge.

Led by Ben, the ethical affairs subcommittee organised Green Week, as well as the British Heart Foundation and Cambridge Foodbank donation drives. The subcommittee also negotiated a simplified recycling system, and backed the University-wide movement for positive investment. Emma Plowright, Communications Officer, organised a collection for refugees on Lesbos. The JCRC thus continued to serve as an effective body for charitable work.

Access Officer Sophie Gill worked with the College's Admissions Office to create a new alternative prospectus. She also recruited over fifty new junior members to help run access tours, led workshops in Shropshire for more than 800 prospective students, and managed the Cambridge shadowing scheme in College. Meanwhile, the welfare subcommittee, led by Hannah Bush, organised regular drop-in welfare sessions and created a new anonymised system for requesting welfare supplies, which proved to be highly beneficial for junior members. Katherine Smith, Facilities Officer, resolved the outstanding issues with the newly refurbished Cripps residential areas,

supervised the installation of new gym equipment and negotiated the re-banding of the price structures of College rooms. She was also involved in overhauling the accommodation website, with support and guidance from Jessica Mackenzie and Gemma Leavens in the Accommodation and Bookings Office.

Brett Wilson, Sports and Societies Officer, oversaw the acquisition of new sporting equipment by the JCR and the reopening of the billiards room. We were also pleased to note the creation of the new Blues fund by the Domestic Bursar. Soteris Soteriades, Academic Affairs Officer, worked with the Senior Tutor to improve feedback systems and to streamline supervisions. Additionally, Harry Bruges played a crucial role in reviving the St John's Ents, after a lengthy hiatus, by organising several well attended bops.

Whilst the list of the JCRC's achievements is almost inexhaustible, and the support of Louise Han, Roxana Mihai, Alfie Wallace,

and Josh McQuail has been particularly important, the role of Aneesh Aggarwal, Vice-President, is of special note. He was instrumental in organising the largest Freshers' Week in recent memory, which was lauded throughout the University for its inclusivity, diversity and entertainment. He also served as the returning officer for an electric election that drew the largest turnout in decades. I hope Ben, the new president, can guide the JCRC to new levels of success.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Senior Tutor, Domestic Bursar, President and Master for their invaluable support, insight and advice. The success of the JCR lies with them, the College staff and my dedicated committee. I was honoured to be invited to the inauguration of the Archive Centre by the Duke of Cambridge, but most of all, I was honoured to serve the dynamic and diverse community of St John's College. 🍷

**Minaam Abbas,**  
**President**

## THE SBR

The Samuel Butler Room (SBR) has had another successful and entertaining year. As always, Easter term was spent frolicking in the sun, with the highlight being the annual SBR garden party. We feasted on paella, sampled some exotic ice creams and played croquet and tug-of-war, all to the tunes of the Cambridge Steelpan Society. To maintain a sense of community during the summer break, we hosted the first SBR summer Hall, attended by 200 graduates and friends. The fact that so many graduates maintained their involvement with the SBR over the summer break is a testament to how hard the committee has been working. The academic year was initiated with our traditional Freshers' Fortnight, where new members were welcomed with a gruelling programme of tightly packed activities over the course of fourteen days. This year's fortnight included a wine reception, a barbecue in Corfield Court, pub crawls, graduate talks, pub quizzes, board game nights, tea and cakes, and a scavenger hunt.



We can boast that the SBR attended and swapped with no fewer than twenty-eight colleges in Cambridge, Oxford, Italy and Dublin, giving students the chance to meet and interact with other students from around the world. As always, the SBR rooms serve as the epicentre of graduate student life in College. Sherry and port continue to be served before and after BA tables, which take place every Tuesday and Friday during term. The SBR was also used for many celebrations throughout the year, including a welcome party, a boat race event, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas dinner and New Year's Eve. Welfare events in the SBR calendar included weekly yoga (with one session out on the Backs in the sun), movie nights, tea and coffee, puppies to relieve stress during the exam period, and a new online sexual health supplies system.

We launched a new format for academic talks, holding them before dinner over port and sherry, and we were also successful in obtaining a grant from the Annual Fund to run our own graduate symposium, where invited graduate speakers gave conference-style talks to the College community. The SBR has also been heavily involved in helping the College work towards its sustainability aims, with a whole week dedicated to environmental awareness, a green super Hall, sustainable cheese and beer tasting events, and bike rides around the local countryside.

The SBR continues to thrive as a vital hub for graduates. This year we enjoyed more interaction with the undergraduate community, as well as early career Fellows, through events in the SBR. During Lent term we were lucky enough to host three Junior Research Fellows and three College Research Associates, allowing graduates to not only gain insights into future career plans, but also to interact with the Fellowship on a more informal level.

I am grateful to the other members of the committee for all their hard work and help in making this year so eventful for graduates. My thanks go to those Fellows most closely associated with the society – Dr Sue Colwell, our Senior Treasurer and Professor Patrick Boyde, Borderer – as well as to the Master, Professor Christopher Dobson. Thanks also go to the College staff who helped facilitate SBR events, with special thanks to Bill Brogan and the Catering Department. Lastly, I wish incoming President Jonathan Shanahan and the new SBR committee the best of luck for the forthcoming year. 🍷

**Nathaniel Davis, President**

## JOHNIAN SOCIETY

The Johnian Society was established in 1923 to ensure alumni could keep in touch with each other and the College after graduation. Today, the society has some 11,000 members, representing alumni interests and supporting current students through bursaries and travel grants. To find out more about the Johnian Society and its committee, please visit [johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian-society](http://johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian-society).



Alumni at the London Dinner.

The society has an established programme of events, which are listed below, but is also keen to facilitate initiatives from Johnians to meet on a more informal basis. Under the current Chairman, Graham Spooner (1971), there has been an emphasis on a wider geographical spread of events and this has continued in 2016.

These included:

### EDINBURGH DINNER

A new event in Scotland, held in May at the New Club – arranged by Ian Roberts (1975) and attended by the Chairman.

### LONDON DINNER

This well-attended dinner for Johnians and their guests in April is becoming an annual event, and was held again at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. The Chairman gave the toast to the College, with the Master responding with the toast to the society.

### GOLF

Committee member Dr Nigel Snaith (1979) organised five matches, including the Annual Johnian Society Golf Day at The Gog Magog Golf Club, an inter-collegiate match against colleges from Oxford and a



match against Christ's College. Christ's have contributed, with ourselves, towards a cup presented to the winners of this annual contest, which has been named after our joint benefactress, Lady Margaret Beaufort.

### NORTH WALES PROGRESS

A well-attended, two-day event in April organised by our Vice-President, Professor John Wyn Owen (1961) saw Johnians and guests, including College Librarian Dr Mark Nicholls, attending lectures and visiting properties in North Wales. The locations were associated with two prominent sixteenth-century Johnians, Archbishop John Williams and William Morgan (the translator of the Welsh Bible published in 1588). A full report on the event, written by Huw Lewis (1961), is lodged in the College archives.

### ANNUAL DAY

Johnian Society Day in September is held in College and incorporates the annual lecture in the afternoon, following tea in the Old Divinity School. This year we invited Sir Bryan Cartledge (1951), former ambassador to Russia, to reflect on 'From Perestroika to Putin – the challenges facing the West?' After the general meeting and dinner in Hall, Sir Roger Palin (1959) gave the toast to the College, with the Master responding with the toast to the society.

Johnian Society events are included in the events calendar at [johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/events](http://johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/events) and are listed on the back page of *Johnian News*. Please contact Colin Burrows (1978), at [ColinBurrows@me.com](mailto:ColinBurrows@me.com), if you wish to host or organise an event for Johnians in conjunction with the society. We are particularly keen to hold events throughout the UK and to encourage more informal events, such as the recent track day at Goodwood and the clay shooting day in the Cotswolds.

We are also keen to extend our outreach to the current student body, and both the JCR and SBR Presidents serve on the committee ex officio. We continue to support the College's annual Careers Fair attended by current students and recent graduates.

Whilst not a fundraising body for the College, we provide open access bursaries and travel exhibitions (totalling £8000 in 2015/16) to current students, funded by our past endowments to the College and from our membership income.

Our committee membership spans the past seven decades (with matriculation years from 1957 to 2012) and we elect two new alumni members each year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email Graham Spooner at [gmspooner@mentoruk.com](mailto:gmspooner@mentoruk.com) 📧

**Colin Burrows, Secretary**

## THE CHOIR

This has been a busy but exciting year for the Choir, with two major tours, two recordings and two critically acclaimed CD releases. Returning for Michaelmas term 2015, we welcomed new Gents – Hugh Cutting, Gopal Kambo, Peter Lidbetter, Louis Marlowe and Organ Scholar Glen Dempsey – and new Probationers William Buttery, James Lewis and Thomas Watkin, who were all made full Choristers during the year.



The Choir prepares to sing from the balcony on Ascension Day.

As the year began in September, the Choir's last CD on the Chandos Record label, *The Call*, was released, gaining an Editor's Choice selection in *Gramophone* magazine the following month.

October saw the first of our termly Bach Cantata evensongs for the year. Accompanied by St John's Sinfonia, these special evensongs are now highlights of the College calendar, taking place once a term on a Saturday. Further Cantata evensongs took place in February, and as part of the Cambridge Early Music Festival in May.

The traditional Advent Carol Services at the end of November were again a great success, and the Sunday service was broadcast live on BBC Radio Three. As part of the Choir's continuing commitment to new music, the service once again included a newly commissioned work, *The Birth of Speech* by College Fellow Tim Watts, which included two violin parts, played by very talented undergraduates Julia Hwang and Stephanie Childress.

Other commissions this year included choral works by James Burton (1992), premiered at the Epiphany Carol Service in January, Nico Muhly and Benjamin Comeau, undergraduate Alex Woolf, and an organ work by Tarik O'Regan. Finally, on 1 July, the anthem sung at evensong was composed by thirteen-year-old Joel Branston, one of our senior Choristers!

Also in the current cohort of talented boys is David Bryson, who on 24 April became the first serving Chorister to give the Sunday organ recital in Chapel.

The programme for December included concerts at Eye in Suffolk and at Birmingham Symphony Hall, after which the Choir departed for a tour of the Netherlands, including concerts in Delft, Leeuwarden, Nijmegen, Elburg and Haarlem, all attended by large and very enthusiastic audiences. The repertoire included Russian music by Chesnakov and Rachmaninov.

The Choir was back in College just before the start of Lent term to record a CD of Christmas music. The recording, which includes both familiar seasonal favourites and lesser-known gems, will be released in the autumn.

A memorial evensong was held in Chapel on 6 February for John Scott, Organ Scholar 1974–8. John worked at St Paul's Cathedral for twenty-six years and was latterly Director of Music at St Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, before he died suddenly in 2015. He was a great friend and supporter of the Choir and is sadly missed by all who knew him. The evensong was preceded by an organ recital by his contemporary, Dr David Hill (1976).

Joint evensongs during the year offered a chance for collaboration with two of



Choristers at the BBC broadcast in April.

Cambridge's other college choirs – Gonville and Caius, and Clare – and with the College's mixed voice ensemble, St John's Voices.

The Lent term drew to a close with the very moving Meditation on the Passion of Christ and a pre-tour concert in Chapel on 13 March.

During the Easter vacation the Choir undertook a major two-week tour of the US – their first visit in five years. The fifteen-day tour saw the Choir appear in concert in seven cities. In California, as guests of Stanford University, where Robert Huw Morgan

(Organ Scholar 1985–8) is now Organist, the Choir joined with the University Chorale and Orchestra to sing to a capacity audience at the 800-seat Bing Hall. The Choir then made a much anticipated return to the Washington National Cathedral, where it last appeared with George Guest as Director and Andrew Nethsingha as Organ Scholar twenty-six years ago, followed by a performance at St Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, dedicated to the memory of the life and work of John Scott. In Atlanta the Choir sang at the Cathedral of St Philip, where Dr Dale Adelman (Choral Scholar 1987–90) is now Canon for Music, and there

were concerts in Greenwich, Connecticut, and St Louis, Missouri. The Choir also sang at Johnian dinners in San Francisco and Washington, rounding off a tour de force of organisation by Choir Administrator Caroline Marks.

In April, the Choir continued its excellent relationship with BBC Radio 3 when choral evensong was again broadcast live from the College Chapel. The music included Harris's 'Faire is the Heaven' and Christopher Robinson's 'Jesu, grant me this, I pray'.

Restoration work to the Chapel Tower did not spoil the Ascension Day tradition of singing a carol from the tower at noon, as the service was performed from the balustrades

instead. Beautiful weather brought crowds to First Court to see the spectacle.

In celebration of former Director of Music Dr Christopher Robinson's eightieth birthday, former members of the Choir, as well as singers from Clare College, Worcester Cathedral and St George's Windsor, joined the current Choir to sing evensong in May. This was a very special occasion, not just for Christopher, but also for the singers, who had a chance to renew old friendships.

We were pleased to welcome members of the Parents' Association of St John's College School to evensong on 19 May. The following day the College launched its new recording label with a special evensong and



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Performing at Birmingham City Hall in December.



Photo: Harrison Truong

In concert at Bing Hall with Stanford University Chorale during the US tour.

reception to celebrate the label's first CD, *Deo*. Featuring music by the late Honorary Fellow Professor Jonathan Harvey (1951), the CD went to number two in the classical charts in its release week and gained five-star reviews in *The Observer* and *BBC Music Magazine*.

The new recording label is an exciting venture with Signum Records, which will not only allow the College full artistic freedom over recordings by the Choir, but also the opportunity to release recordings by some of the outstanding musicians among College members and alumni. Following the Choir's release of the Christmas-themed disc, a recording by

undergraduate violinist Julia Hwang is due for release next year.

After May Week, including the Choir's contribution to the May Concert accompanied by harp, services resumed, including a joint evensong with King's College on 30 June, before the Chapel year ended on 3 July. The Choir's year was not quite finished as they returned to make a recording of Kodaly and Poulenc masses, due for release in 2017.

Throughout the year the Director of Music, Andrew Nethsingha, has been wonderfully supported musically by the

two outstanding Organ Scholars, Joseph Wicks and Glen Dempsey.

Joseph was awarded the prestigious Limpus Prize by the Royal College of Organists in February. The prize, considered one of the highest achievements in the instrument, is awarded to an outstanding candidate for Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

We say goodbye this year to five Choristers – Joel Branston, Oliver Brown, David Bryson, Sebastian Wade and Sam Williams – and to five Gents – Xavier Hetherington, Tom Lilburn, Louis Marlowe, Hamish McLaren and Theo Platt. We wish them all well as they go on to new schools, further study or to begin their careers! 🍷

**Helen Cocks, Choir Marketing and Communications Officer**

## ST JOHN'S VOICES

The third year of St John's Voices has continued the choir's remarkable journey from its beginnings in 2013 to a fully-fledged, confident choir with a strong musical identity.



St John's Voices at the Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna.

Michaelmas term got off to a great start with several excellent evensongs, followed by a performance of Faure's *Requiem* on All Souls' Day. By this time we had taken delivery of our very smart new cassocks and surplices. The cost of these was covered by a grant from the Annual Fund, from donations kindly given by the College's generous alumni and supporters.

In November we took our first overnight trip, to the College Living of Hadleigh, Suffolk, where we sang a full concert on the Saturday night, followed by a liturgical performance of Vierne's 'Messe Solennelle' on the Sunday morning. The parishioners offered us a wonderfully warm welcome, and we owe a large debt of thanks to the Reverend Martin Thrower and everyone

else at Hadleigh for making our trip so enjoyable.

In the most exciting development of the year, shortly after the end of term we flew from Heathrow to Austria for our first overseas tour. Staying four nights in Vienna, we performed at the Stephansdom and the Reformierte Kirche, as well as at the amazing Melk Abbey, and sang Christmas carols at the beautiful (but cold) advent markets dotted around the city.

At the start of Lent term we were delighted to be presented with a set of evening canticles by Alex Woolf (2013). The choir thoroughly enjoyed preparing for the world premiere, which took place near the end of term. Shortly after this, we joined with Corpus Christi at St Clement Danes as part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival. Though stricken by illness, the choir gave an excellent performance of Poulenc's 'Litanies à la Vierge Noire', with works by Faure, Bruckner and

Vierne. The College May Concert drew the year's singing to a close, but with the promise of exciting things ahead: we are visiting Hong Kong and Singapore in December, and early plans are afoot for a tour of Colombia in January 2018.

The core task of the choir remains our weekly evensong in Chapel every Monday. We are deeply aware of the extraordinary tradition of choral music in College, and are conscious of the privilege we have in becoming part of that remarkable institution. Personally speaking, it is a very proud thing for me to be able to walk in behind the choir every week, in the knowledge that we have opened this amazing place up to a whole new group of students, who will take away musical skills and knowledge for their future lives, as well as memories of happy, rewarding and fulfilling hours singing in our beautiful Chapel. 🌸

**Graham Walker, Director**

## ADAMS SOCIETY



The Adams Society had another successful year, engaging Johnian 'mathmos' with interesting speakers and social events. We welcomed a large audience from across the University to our talks, thanks in part to the great work of the committee, and also to having a stall at the Freshers' Fair for the first time, improving our mailing lists and creating a new website.

We commenced the year with the Freshers' Squash in the triple set in Second Court – the

first of many opportunities for different year groups at St John's to get together. Michaelmas was a busy term with four excellent talks, three of them by Johnians: Sir John Ball (1966) from Oxford introduced students to some interesting facts in the calculus of variations; Fellow Dr Quentin Berthet gave a talk entitled 'Small Mathematics for Big Data'; Fellow Dr Austen Lamacraft gave an interactive lecture on the combinatorics underlying models of random growth; and Dr Rob Hall from the University of East Anglia spoke

about his work using autonomous underwater gliders to study waves. For Christmas, we had another action-packed party, including a sack race that went past several puzzled porters.

In Lent, Professor Richard Weber spoke about his research in rendezvous search games, Dr Julia Goedecke gave a fascinating introduction to category theory, and Dr Anthony Ashton talked about the remarkable properties of solitons. On the social side, we enjoyed the company of Professor John Toland at our annual dinner, which featured possibly the first public rap performance the Combination Room has seen, delivered by Maria and Omer.

The Adams Society garden party was another success. Despite being set back by

some unfortunately timed rain, we were able to get the barbecue running and had a pleasant afternoon of Pimm's and croquet, with music from Cambridge a capella group Over the Bridge. Although we showed a strong fighting spirit against the Trinity Mathematical Society in the annual cricket match, we were narrowly beaten once again, but we made up for it in the football with a stunning performance against the Hyperbolics, beating them 8-5.

We would like to thank the committee for sharing the pleasure of running one of the oldest student societies in Cambridge, and we wish next year's committee all the best. 🍷

**Maria Tang and Omer Tastemur,  
Presidents**

## CHESS CLUB

With the current Captain, Anna York-Andersen, winning the presidency of the University Chess Club for 2015/16, St John's Chess Club has been given an exciting opportunity to be more heavily involved in competitive chess.



We have held a number of coaching sessions, including sessions from international masters Daniel Fernandez and Richard Weaving. These proved to be very popular, as did a lecture by international master Yang-Fan Zhou. Events such as these enabled the society's members to gain insight into the game at the highest levels.

Furthermore, there have been plenty of opportunities for competitive chess. We held a well-attended Winter Blitz tournament, which helped players practice developing strategies under time pressure. St John's

continues to participate in the College League, with steady progress.

Next year, the club plans to provide more coaching sessions and lectures given by international players, since these have been such a success.

Away from the chessboard, this year we held a dinner, which was very well received, and we hope to make it an annual tradition. 🍷

**Anna York-Andersen,  
Captain**

## CHRISTIAN UNION (CU)

The beginning of this year was a joyous one for the St John's Christian Union (CU). A wave of enthusiastic new faces arrived ready and willing to throw themselves into the work of the society, which is to make Christ known in the College and to support, cherish and encourage all those who seek to follow Him.



Providing refreshments outside the Library during exam period.

Throughout the year we have been keeping up our practice of meeting on Wednesday evenings for Bible study, prayer time and making the most of spending time together as a group. This year has seen some fascinating and quite deep discussions, and I think many of us have learnt a lot!

Just before everyone returned home for Christmas, the CU hosted a very successful mince pie and mulled wine party – the mulled wine was particularly strong this year, and was soon dubbed 'mulled port'! We then headed down to Great St Mary's church for a carol service organised by the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union. It was great to see so many people from St John's there.

During Lent term we put on a 'Text-a-Toastie' event, which seemed to go well, with some

constructive discussions about faith ensuing. Many people involved with the CU also hosted get-togethers with their friends to explore Christianity, with some very positive feedback.

In Easter term, when exam stress is at its height, it was a delight to provide free tea, hot chocolate, coffee and biscuits outside the Library to everyone studying there, as we did last year.

Massive thanks to my co-representative, Jasmine John, who has worked extremely hard this year for the CU. It has been wonderful to see our new reps, Jack Payne and Katherine Ladd, dedicate so much time to the society already. An exciting year lies ahead! 🍷

**Daniel John Burton, Treasurer**

## CLASSICAL SOCIETY

St John's Classical Society has gone from strength to strength this year. We have enjoyed our usual events, including a reading of Plautus and our annual Classics Dessert in the Wordsworth Room, which was very well attended.



Tom Holland.

In Lent term we hosted an evening titled 'In conversation with Tom Holland'. We were delighted to welcome the award-winning author and presenter to answer questions from Tim Whitmarsh, Cambridge's A. G. Leventis Professor of Greek Culture, as well as from members of the audience.

At the beginning of Easter term we held our inaugural Newell Classics Event, titled 'Why read the Classics? Ali Smith and Charlotte Higgins in conversation'. Ali Smith has won numerous awards for her writing and has

been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize three times. Charlotte Higgins is Chief Culture Writer at *The Guardian* and author of several books on classical topics. The night was a success and I'm sure this annual lecture will be remembered for years to come.

As usual our final event of the year was our post-tripos lunch. I wish the new President, Jenny Griggs, every success in continuing to improve the Classical Society. 🍷

**Natalie Spong, President**

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The Economics Society has enjoyed another successful year, beginning with the welcome evening for first-year Economics students in October. The economics costume themed evening (with several cringeworthy puns) consisted of a general welcome and advice reception, followed by an enjoyable meal as a way of promoting discussion between different year groups.



During Lent term the society hosted its Options Desserts evening in the Wordsworth Room. This was a particularly useful night in terms of insight into optional papers to choose in the second and third years. Advice on Part IIA and IIB paper choices from lecturers Dr Petra Geraats and Dr Meredith Crowley proved invaluable, as well as additional information and anecdotes from the second- and third-year students present.

At the beginning of Easter term the society welcomed James Vause (1997), Lead Economist at the United Nations

Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, as a guest speaker at our annual black-tie dinner and AGM. Mr Vause gave a very down-to-earth and anecdotally insightful speech about how environmental economics has been neglected and how significant it is likely to be in the future. After dinner, we introduced our successors, Vignesh Rajesh, President, and Nihaar Udathu, Treasurer, to present some of their thoughts and ambitions for the society in 2016/17. 🍷

**Edmond Cheng, President,  
and Henry Stevens, Treasurer**

## ENGLISH SOCIETY

In October 2015 Director of Studies Dr Stacey McDowell began the St John's College English Society, together with a group of English Literature students. Throughout the year, the society has hosted a number of events, including poetry readings and a joint formal Hall for Fellows and students.



Alan Jenkins.

Notably, the new College Poet in Residence, Alan Jenkins, read his poetry to an audience of students and Fellows in November. This was followed by an evening of poetry from the College's Library Assistant Adam Crothers, who released his debut collection of poetry in January 2016.

As the new academic year begins, the English Society hopes to organise more events for the staff, Fellows and students of the College, as well as to increase the range of events to encompass all interests of those involved in the society. 🍷

**Laura Day, President**



## FISHER SOCIETY

The Catholic presence at St John's has grown over the past year, with several new graduate members joining the College. The highlight of the year was the Roman Catholic Mass celebrated in Chapel by Father Philip Moller SJ, a new PhD student at St John's. This was a wonderful occasion for the College, as we were joined by many Catholics from across the University and also by a significant number of non-Catholic Johnnians. The votive Mass of St John Fisher celebrated the crucial role that he had in the foundation of this College, as is recognised in our Fisher Building.



Father Philip Moller SJ at Mass in Chapel.

College members continue to play a significant role in the day-to-day life of the Catholic Chaplaincy as a whole, with Johnnians in high positions in both the undergraduate and graduate committees at Fisher House. Fisher Society students also play active roles at St John's, particularly Father Philip, who has joined the SBR Committee (a first for a Catholic priest at St John's).

The society is always happy to welcome new members, including those just interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. 🍷

**Theo Sharrock**

## HISTORY SOCIETY

This has been a year of consolidation for the History Society, continuing to build upon the previous committee's efforts in improving the society's efficiency and direction. This year's committee – Paul Myatt, Charles Fisher, Jacob Heath and Helena Christensen – all worked effectively together in order to deliver a full schedule.



The new committee's first event was the annual garden party in the Fellows' Garden, which provided a much needed break for those still revising and an opportunity for students to talk to the Fellows outside of a supervision setting.

We began Michaelmas term with a welcome gathering for the first-year students, which included a historical discussion and an introduction to the Historical Argument and Practice paper. This was followed by a talk from Tristram Hunt MP on Marxist history and its utility to modern historians.

The next talk, by Dr Richard Serjeantson, was titled 'May subjects defending themselves in case of religion take up arms against their sovereign?' and was held in the Lightfoot Room of the Old Divinity School. This was followed by Fellow Dr John Slight's presentation on local and transnational experiences in the Middle East during the First World War. Lent term was concluded by the annual society dinner in the Senior Combination Room; we were delighted to hear from Professor Mark Goldie on the benefits of democracy by lottery, a notion that most in the room had not seriously considered before.

My thanks go to my committee and last year's President, George Hallas, who has always been helpful in answering any queries I might have. I wish the new committee headed by Lizzy Galloway all the best for the year ahead. 🍷

**Paul Myatt,  
President**

# JAZZ@JOHN'S

Jazz@John's organised seven events during the academic year 2015/16, hosting eleven independent jazz bands and accommodating more than a thousand guests in total.



The highlights of the year were the collaboration with Cambridge Jazz Festival and, of course, hosting the annual Varsity show of Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra (CUJO) vs Oxford University Jazz Orchestra (OUJO).

The music presented at Jazz@John's has been more than satisfactory, with audiences coming back for the good quality music and enjoyable atmosphere. The bands we invited ranged from professional, national-level bands, such as Partikel, to student-run orchestras, such as CUJO and OUJO,

and the varieties of jazz played showcased everything from the funky and improvisational (Dead Hedge Trio) to the mellow but intriguing (Rcubed).

On top of that, our bar was a huge success, serving a wide range of drinks at a fair price and generating profits for Jazz@John's.

Looking back to the start of the year, our recruitment went exceptionally well. We welcomed twelve new members from different colleges to our working crew, doubling the number from last year, and also signed up more than 1000 new subscribers to our mailing list.

Last but not least, many thanks to our committee members, who have put their time and effort into organising a series of fantastic jazz nights and providing Cambridge with an irreplaceable leisure option.

Committee members:

President: Runqiao Dong (St John's),  
Treasurer: Anand Sharma (Jesus),  
Bar manager: Phil Sansom (Selwyn),  
Head technician: Plamen Ivanov (St John's),  
Publicity officer: Yilin Peng (Selwyn). 🇬🇧

**Runqiao Dong,**  
**President**

## MAY BALL

This year, St John's May Ball transformed the College into Tinseltown. We looked to recreate the bright lights of Hollywood, paying tribute to both iconic classics and modern greats, all with the aim of making sure every guest felt like the star of the show.



As guests strolled into the ball down the red carpet with champagne in hand, they were surrounded by flashing cameras. The Backs became an extravagant outdoor cinema, with gourmet popcorn, pick and mix, and other treats. As a new twist, a hot air balloon allowed lucky guests views over College.

First Court was transformed into the hazy city streets of classic film noir, complete with the ever-popular casino. In Second Court, we paid tribute to the Wild West, with many stopping to pose in our waggon centrepiece. Chapel Court was home to action and adventure – in addition to the return of the incredible projections directly onto the Chapel Tower, the area was decorated as a rainforest, with themed food and cocktail offerings for the more adventurous guests to enjoy!

Third Court was filled with colour, as an homage to Bollywood, and served again as home to the infamous rave tent. The theme for New Court was sci-fi, and it was also filled with colour, but in a somewhat more modern way. An amazing laser show, glow-in-the-dark cups and furniture, and incredible sets from Coasts and Basement Jaxx took guests to a whole other world.

Massive thanks are due to the students on the May Ball Committee, who worked tirelessly throughout the year to make the event a success. In addition, the help and advice of College staff was invaluable in planning and preparing the Ball. We are most grateful to them. 🍷

**Tom Zhang, President**

## MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Medical Society (MedSoc) has enjoyed a successful year marked by innovation and growth, organising a number of engaging academic and memorable social events in College.



The society hosted a number of speakers throughout Michaelmas and Lent terms with record turnouts. Professor Richard Gilbertson, Director of the Cambridge Cancer Centre, gave an illuminating talk on his research experiences and cancer treatment paradigms. We were delighted to discover that he subsequently accepted a Fellowship at the College and a position as our Director of Clinical Science. This was

followed by Professor Patrick Maxwell's insights into the HIF systems and renal diseases, at the lecture preceding the annual dinner. We also organised an exciting forum, in collaboration with the St John's College reading group, on 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Health Inequalities'. The discussion-based evening was chaired by Fellow Professor Ann-Louise Kinmonth and involved a number of academic speakers

from the medical, economics and sociology departments. We were also pleased to have Lord Krebs deliver the College's annual Linacre Lecture in its 497th year.

This year saw the creation of an updated website, leading to an unprecedented and unparalleled availability of academic resources for Medical and Veterinary Science Tripos (MVST) students. The resources were also employed by supervisors to create an interactive learning environment. We expect to further expand this initiative to include information on Part II and clinical medicine. The society also hosted a research evening with student speakers, which inspired a record number of our members to apply for summer research placements.

Moreover, we created the new post of Welfare Officer. This led to a number of successful tea, cake and advice evenings, enabling our members to form closer bonds. There were changes in the MVST administration, as we welcomed Malcolm Davis, Dr Fleur Kilburn-Toppin, Dr Graham Ladds, and Dr Teresa Cindrova-Davies, and bade a fond farewell to Wendy Redgewell and Dr Akhilesh Reddy.

On a personal note, I believe that MedSoc has firmly established itself as a leading collegiate chapter. This is in large part due to closer links with the medical Fellows and their enthusiastic interest in MedSoc, as well as the dedicated efforts of my committee: Emma Plowright, Ben Whitby, Natasha Chaudhury, Rory McFadyen, Katherine Wren, Madi Fairey, Aryan Sabir, Alex Sampson and Chantelle Doran. I have no doubt that this upward trajectory will continue next year under the able leadership of Natasha and Katherine. 🌸

**Minaam Abbas,**  
**President**

## MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

This year began with the Modern Languages Society's traditional gathering, welcoming back Part II students from their years abroad in places as diverse as Bogotá, Monaco and Beijing. As ever, the 'Year Abroad Meeting' was a popular event, and provided younger students planning their own trips abroad with advice, anecdotes and cautionary tales about some especially funny linguistic faux pas in the workplace. We also welcomed our newly appointed Director of Studies for Spanish at St John's, the wonderful Dr Paul Joseph Lennon.



Lent term was the most frenetic, with three theatre excursions and one cinema trip. Different groups of society members saw Peter Brook's *Battlefield* at the Young Vic and *Uncle Vanya* at the Almeida Theatre, both in London, and *Metamorphosis* at the Corpus Playroom in Cambridge. There was also a viewing of Pedro Almodóvar's acclaimed 2002 film *Hable con ella* at the Cambridge Picturehouse. Our Lent term discussion evening gave us an opportunity to review and share our opinions about all of these performances.

Inevitably, Easter was a quieter term for the society in the lead up to exams. However, our annual garden party and dinner, which always provide a light at the end of the tunnel, were extremely enjoyable events. The finalists in the society will be sad to leave, but we wish the remaining members all the best with their academic endeavours, especially the current second years embarking on their years abroad. 🌸

**Helena Clark-Maxwell,**  
**President**

## MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society has flourished this year, continuing to enjoy its prominent position at the heart of College life. Music Society events have been outstanding throughout the year – a particular highlight being our resident star violinist Julia Hwang’s sold-out recital in the Old Divinity School. Julia is a cultural ambassador for BRACE Alzheimer’s Research, and the concert raised more than £500 for this worthy cause.



This year we launched a free, regular lunchtime recital series, and we’ve been delighted to welcome the University’s finest solo and chamber musicians to the New Music Room every Thursday. The Combination Room Concert in Lent term was a real success, showcasing the great breadth of instrumental and vocal talent we’re so lucky to have here at St John’s. We also held a hugely popular Open Mic Night in the Bar in March; we’re very keen to keep building on our non-classical presence around College next year, and there are many exciting plans afoot. This year our practice room booking system has moved online, a change that has reaped tremendous rewards for students and staff alike.

I’m immensely grateful to the entire committee for their tireless support this year, much of which occurred behind the scenes. I’d like to extend particular thanks to the senior members of the committee, Professor Peter Johnstone, Dr Robin Glasscock and Andrew Nethsingha, for their wisdom, generosity and energy in making St John’s such fertile ground for making music. 🍷

**Alex Woolf, President**

My personal highlight of the year was a performance of my music in Chapel, for which I conducted musicians from St John’s and beyond, including performers from the Royal Academy of Music, the National Youth Orchestra and a local sixth-form college. All year we’ve been keen to broaden the profile and reach of music-making at St John’s, and this event really helped to achieve that goal. I have vivid memories of the Master himself fetching more wine glasses from the College kitchens, such was the popularity of the drinks reception that followed the concert!

## PALMERSTON SOCIETY

The Palmerston Society is the College’s society for students of the Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos. It is named after the last of the three Johnian prime ministers of Great Britain, Lord Palmerston.



The maintenance of a busy and exciting calendar of events was possible thanks to the support of the Associated Societies. This year the society hosted talks throughout Michaelmas and Lent terms with speakers from both Cambridge and further afield, all of which were well attended by undergraduates from within and outside the College. We welcomed Professor Mark Wheeler to the Old Divinity School for a talk on ‘Celebrity Outsider Politicians in the digital realm: Donald Trump and Jeremy Corbyn’. The EU referendum also provided another topical talking point, with the society hosting the ‘Great EU Student Debate’. The society was delighted to co-host a number of discussion events with the Wilberforce Society, and special thanks go to Nora Kalinskij for helping establish this relationship.

A highlight of our calendar was the annual black-tie dinner hosted at the beginning of

Easter term in the Combination Room. We welcomed back HSPS alumnus Josh Simons (2012), who graduated last year. He discussed his rapid transmission from undergraduate to Jeremy Corbyn’s Policy Advisor in the House of Commons.

It has been a privilege to be involved in the society and I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their dedication this academic year – Federica Lombardi (Treasurer) and Emma Ingham Clark (Secretary). I would also like to extend my gratitude to our Senior Treasurer, Miss Sylvania Tomaselli, for her continued support. And I wish next year’s committee of Yasmine Samsudin, Dongfan Yang and Rosie Lindup the best of luck. I look forward to seeing the Palmerston Society continue to flourish. 🍷

**Lucia Syder, President**

## THEOLOGY SOCIETY

During the academic year 2015/16, the St John's College Theology Society has enjoyed two talks from guest speakers, as well as several social events.

In Lent term, faculty member Dr Emma Wild-Wood spoke on 'Theology in World Christianities', and her engaging presentation, accompanied by artefacts and objects from her own travels and studies, was enjoyed by all. Later in the term we were honoured to welcome Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, who shared his thoughts on 'Eastern Christianity in the modern period'. His talk was as stimulating as one would expect, and the following

discussion on the subject was a wonderful way to further explore a fascinating area of theology with such a renowned theologian.

As one of the few college-based theological societies, we are grateful for support from the College, as well as from Fellows and graduate students, which enables us to continue arranging these talks and events. 🍷

**Candace Graham**

## WILKES SOCIETY

The Wilkes Society is the computer science society of St John's, named after the prominent Johnian Professor Sir Maurice Wilkes (1913–2010).

The society enjoyed a typically busy year and hosted a variety of events. We started with a new event, the inaugural Wilkes Society quiz night, which was an excellent opportunity for students from different years to get to know each other. This was followed by information evenings aimed at passing on knowledge of how to succeed in both one's studies at Cambridge and in the wider world of computing.

The calendar of events culminated in the annual dinner at the end of Lent term. This was the first annual dinner in several years to which all alumni were invited, with the aim of fostering links to the wider Johnian computer science community, and I hope this continues in future.

I was fortunate to be able to share the society's workload this year with the Secretary, Ying Liu, and I wish him and the new committee members, Secretary Al Taylor and Junior Treasurer Jared Kahn, all the best in the coming academic year.



I also want to thank Dr Robert Mullins for his outstanding work as Director of Studies, both in supporting the society at every turn and through his individual care for every computer scientist at St John's.

The St John's computer science community has always been very special, and has a closeness that is unmatched within Cambridge. I hope I have continued this tradition well in my year as Chairman. 🍷

**Alistair Fisher,  
Chairman**

## WINFIELD SOCIETY

This has been another full and fruitful year for the Winfield Society. Members have enjoyed attending numerous academic talks, cultural outings, and career and alumni events.



Petersburg Classic Ballet performance of *Swan Lake* in Cambridge.

During Lent term we went to hear Verdi's *Otello* in the beautiful King's College Chapel. The highlight of the term was the annual dinner, which was brilliantly well attended by students and alumni. This year we had the honour of welcoming back the Hon. Mr Justice Baker (1974) as our guest speaker. Again mootings was a feature

of this term and the first-year members competed amongst each other in the annual Winfield Moot. Congratulations go to Weishi Yang who won the first prize.

In Easter term the society organised a trip for members to the Royal Ballet's staging of *The Winter's Tale* at the Royal Opera House, kindly facilitated by Michael Byrne. Our annual garden party proved to be a delightful way to round off this busy academic year. 🌸

**Sarah Haddad,**  
**President**

At the start of Michaelmas term we welcomed our new members in College with a dinner in Hall. The term was filled with careers talks and dinners, which we were able to organise through our links with Johnians working at law firms and barristers' chambers across the city. We continued our Law Discussion Group Series, inviting speakers to talk to the society on a range of interesting topics. This was also the first year of the Beaufort Moot, which saw Winfield Society members emerge victorious. We would like to thank Sir Richard Aikens (1967) for judging the competition. Towards the end of term, society members enjoyed attending the Saint

## ATHLETICS

This has been another year of strong performances for the St John's College Athletics Club. The annual athletics Cuppers match in October was a chance for Johnians to test themselves in track and field events. With entrants in a large number of events, St John's was one of the best represented colleges in the field – a testament to a great spirit of participation. The highlight was the women's 4x100m relay team bringing home a big win for the College. Overall, the women's team came third and the men's team came fifth – a result to be proud of.

St John's has been well represented at University-level athletics as well. Ben Paxton, Laura Andrews, Daisy Irving-Hyman, Caroline Johnson, Anna Hollingsworth and Daphne Chia all competed in at least one of the three Varsity competitions held throughout the year (Freshers' Varsity, VFEAR and the Varsity match). Big congratulations must go to Laura Andrews (third-year Engineering) for achieving the Blues Standard in long jump, and to Caroline Johnson (first-year Natural Sciences) for achieving the Blues Standard in 200m. Laura was also awarded 'Most Improved Athlete' at the 142nd Varsity match.

The College has also been represented over longer distances in various cross-country competitions, including Cuppers, Varsity and BUCS. Anna Hollingsworth, Emma Shaw, Ben Paxton and Ernest Chen all participated in the Varsity match, whilst Anna Hollingsworth and Kyra Morris ensured Johnian representation at the BUCS Cross Country Championships.



Laura Andrews starting the 4x100m relay at the 142nd Varsity Match.

Ernest Chen also competed in the London Marathon, and Anna Hollingsworth came an impressive seventh in the Cambridge Half Marathon.

Congratulations to all Johnian athletes on a fantastic year. 🌸

**Daisy Irving-Hyman, Captain**

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2015/16 season was another tremendous one for the St John's Basketball Club (SJCBC). After a difficult start in Michaelmas term, with four straight but close losses, the club fought back with dogged determination in both Lent and Easter terms. During this period, the club went on an undefeated run of six games, securing promotion by winning Division Three and reaching the last four of this year's Cuppers.



a great opportunity to build a winning team. Although injured for most of the season, our tireless coach nevertheless attended every practice session and every game to spur on the players, and spent many hours devising plays that would ensure victory. Through these efforts, he turned a seemingly motley crew of undergraduate and graduate Johnians, aged between twenty and thirty-five, of every skill level and from all over the world, into a force to be reckoned with.

Despite the impressive results of this year's team, success was not guaranteed at the outset of the season. The end of the 2014/15 season signalled the end of an SJCBC dynasty, as many of its players moved on after graduating, leaving the team to rebuild. Fortunately, the club's great advertising drew a great deal of interest from freshers, who signed up to join the club for its bi-weekly training sessions and weekly games. While the confidence of some returning players was shaken by the arrival of fifteen new players, Coach Pavel Berkovich saw

With many players returning next year, the future looks bright for SJCBC. Next year, we look forward to welcoming new members to the club to help us make a run for promotion to Division One, and to win the elusive Cuppers championship.

If you are interested in joining the club, please email me at [jrl60@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jrl60@cam.ac.uk) 📧

**Jean-Robert Lalancette,**  
**Captain**

## MEN'S FOOTBALL

Having just been crowned Cuppers champions, and with several Johnians representing the University squad, expectations for the 2015/16 season were understandably high. A strong intake of freshers saw the arrival of goalkeeper and Player of the Season Noah Stevenson. Unfortunately, it turned out to be an underwhelming season, with the team finishing fourth in the league and failing to live up to last year's standards.

The season began with a home defeat to Churchill, but the boys bounced back the following week with an emphatic 7-0 victory away to Trinity Hall, courtesy of hat-tricks from Alex Gaskell and Charlie Selway. The first round of Cuppers saw John's dismantle Corpus Christi with a 5-0 victory.

A hard-fought win at home against Gonville & Caius left John's in a strong position to challenge for the league, but two dropped points at Fitzwilliam the next weekend meant that it was always going to be an uphill struggle. Notable mention goes to Milo Gordon Brown for scoring the goal of the season with a thirty-yard screamer against the Blues' goalkeeper.

A repeat of last year's Cuppers final fixture saw John's defeat Pembroke 3-2 away from home, in a performance that demonstrated the squad's great character. However, a 1-0 Cuppers defeat to Girton ended the prospect of retaining the trophy. A return to the league saw John's comfortably dispatch Selwyn 4-2, but this was followed by three disappointing defeats to Queens', Jesus and Downing, as injuries and Varsity took their toll on the squad. The season ended on a high note,



however, with John's triumphing 3-1 over Queen's Oxford in the Super Cuppers match.

Captaining the team this year has been an absolute privilege and a great experience. Deserved congratulations go to Andrea Filippa and Alex Gaskell for earning their first and second Blues, respectively. On behalf of the whole team, I'd like to thank Head Groundsman Keith Ellis and his colleagues for providing us with excellent facilities every week. I wish Captain-elect, Edward Gompertz, the best of luck next year, for what I am confident will be a very successful season, bringing John's back to the top of college football. 📧

**Martin Letrilliart, Captain**



## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The 2015/16 season saw the formation of a formidable college alliance in women's football, with St John's teaming up with King's College for the first time. Boasting five University players in our squad, we posed a serious threat in the Cuppers tournament. Unfortunately, a loss in the quarter-finals to an equally Blues-heavy Peterhouse/Clare team ended our campaign and ultimately led Peterhouse/Clare to take home the Cuppers trophy for themselves.

Conflicting player schedules on two separate occasions left us with low numbers against both Caius and a strong team from Christ's, and delivered our two league losses, which were unfortunately sufficient to leave us finishing in the middle of Division Two. Luckily, a mid-season player discovery brought fresher and future captain

Christy Palmer into goal, allowing Blues keeper Alice Farrell to play outfield. A strong midfield, consisting of Farrell, Blues striker Ceylon Hickman, Eagles' left-wing Taylor Lynn-Jones and myself (Eagles' right-wing), brought movement across the pitch, backed up by the returning Miriam Wagner, who led a fresh defensive line. Returning high scorer Paloma Navarro was this year supported up front by newcomer Karolina Hes, offering promise for future seasons.



Captaining the team alongside King's recruiter Lynn-Jones and Vice-Captain Farrell has been a pleasure. Thanks to Head Groundsman Keith Ellis and his colleagues for providing us with excellent facilities each week and managing our scheduling nightmare with such ease. I wish future captain Christy Palmer the best of luck for the 2016/17 season. With many players returning next year, we're set up for an exciting season. 🍀

**Hannah Sheahan, Captain**

## MIXED LACROSSE

St John's Mixed Lacrosse Club had a successful but challenging year as we faced stronger competition in the Second Division, following our well-deserved promotion last year.



Michaelmas started magnificently with a 3-0 win against Magdalene, and this gave us confidence that we were capable of playing excellent lacrosse together. The combination of old and new players worked to our advantage, and over the course of the term we developed as a team. We valued the experience and commitment of Kweku Abraham, Chris Brook and Amy Horrell, together with the new talent of freshers Delphine Veys, Rebecca Richmond-Smith and Emma Shaw. Our results were an even mix of wins, draws and losses, which reflects the difficulties we occasionally faced in getting enough players together to field a team.

The highlight of the year was our league match against Robinson early in Lent term, in which we played astoundingly well and won 8-0. Our goals came from six different players, which is testament to the spread of talent across the

team and our ability to work together to create scoring opportunities.

We ended the season on a high at Cuppers, which was in itself an impressive feat given that we have not played in Cuppers since 2013. Although we lost most of our matches, in a group that contained six-time winners Jesus, it was nevertheless a joy to see our players bringing enthusiasm and determination to make the day a success! It is equally noteworthy that we avoided injuries in the face of many wildly illegal checks, and maintained our stick skills through the scrappier matches.

Best of luck to Rebecca Richmond-Smith and Emma Shaw, who are taking over as captains – I look forward to seeing the team progress towards the First Division! 🍀

**Connie Parker, Captain**



Second eight after winning their blades on Day 4 of May Bumps with coaches Hugo Macklin (left) and Jon Rhodes (right).

## LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB-MEN

Lady Margaret's men's squad excelled this year. In the May Bumps the first men's boat took Head of the River after a twenty-seven-year hiatus and the second men's boat made four bumps, leaving them one bump away from the first division. Throughout the year we have boasted the largest number of crews of any college, training seven men's boats in May term. In both the Lents and Mays, the second and third boats currently stand as the highest of their respective boats. This performance is a testament to our committed alumni coaches, who continue to devote their time and energy to training these crews.

Alongside plenty of quality water time on the Cam, we were also lucky enough to fit in some rowing on wilder waters. In January the first and second eights enjoyed long, uninterrupted rows on the Kingston stretch of the Thames, where they were lucky enough to be coached by Guy Pooley, John Garrett and Mark Panter. This was followed by various off-Cam voyages later in the year, including Bedford Head and Regatta. Most notably, at the Tideway Eights Head, despite a string of oarsmen and coaches being ill in the run up to the race, the first eight walked away from Hammersmith as the fastest Cambridge college eight, missing out on a top 100 spot by 2.6 seconds. In the Varsity races, the club was well represented: Charles Fisher competed in the winning Blue Boat, Benedict Langslow was in the spare pair's race, Sneha Naik coxed the lightweight men's eight to victory, and Haofeng Xu won the lightweight spare quad fixture.

Roger Silk has, once again, been an influential driving force for this hugely

successful year; his dedication to our club is unparalleled and inspiring. For the whole year he has been joined by Paul Wright, whose tremendous wealth of rowing experience has provided invaluable direction to the squad. I am personally very grateful to them for their time, patience and unwavering support. Special thanks go to Donald Evans, who is in part responsible for creating the 'fittest LMBC first Mays crew since the invention of the Concept 2'.

We are extremely fortunate to be fully supported by the College, which is largely due to the efforts of Mark Wells, the Domestic Bursar, as well as the Master and Dean. The LMBCA must be thanked for their ongoing support of all our pursuits to create an excellent rowing programme. Lastly, the year would certainly not have been successful without the familiar faces of Lance Badman, John 'Fitz' Durack, Jon Rhodes, Tony Pryor, Bill Budenberg, Hugo Macklin, Hector William Gray and George Irwin.

The club has made huge progress this year and is in fantastic health. With the continued support of alumni and the College, I am confident the club will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

This year marks the final year in College of Wilfried Genest, the club's outgoing Honorary Secretary. Wilf has been an extremely loyal steward of the club for the past six years and has helped propel the LMBC to the strong position in which it now stands. He leaves the Lady Margaret Boat Club in the very capable hands of a fantastic committee-elect. In particular I wish the best of luck to Paul Myatt and James Alvey, the incoming men's co-captains, who I am sure will champion the club to unprecedented heights. I have no doubt that Lady Margaret will retain the headship for many years to come and our second boat will soon be making bumps in the first division.

Viva Laeta, Margareta! 🍷

**Hatem Sadik,  
Men's Captain**



Boat burning ceremony on the Backs after Lady Margaret's men took Head of the River.

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2015

### The University Fours

#### *The First Coxed IV*

Cox. Sarah Doré  
Str. Daniel Lauber  
3. Erlend Fleisje  
2. Wilfried Genest  
B. Hatem Sadik

Coaches: Paul Wright,  
Roger Silk

Lost to winners by three  
seconds.

#### *The Second Coxed IV*

Cox. Sinéad Lynch  
Str. Paul Glade  
3. Thomas Cowie  
2. Davide Martino  
B. James Alvey

Coaches: Paul Wright,  
Roger Silk

Won.

#### *The Third Coxed IV*

Cox. Samantha Royle  
Str. Pascal Grobecker  
3. Harry Cross  
2. Henry Stevens  
B. Steven Tilbury

Coach: George Irwin

Lost to LMBC Second IV.

### The Fairbairn Cup

#### *The First Senior Fairbairn VIII*

Cox. Sarah Doré  
Str. Daniel Lauber  
7. Thomas Cowie  
6. Wilfried Genest  
5. Hatem Sadik  
4. Paul Glade  
3. Christian Lund  
2. Henry Stevens  
B. James Alvey

Coaches: Roger Silk, Jon  
Rhodes, Paul Wright

Third-fastest college eight.

#### *The First Novice Fairbairn VIII*

Cox. Victoria Champion  
Str. Sean Sheppard  
7. Matt Ashman  
6. Joseph McAbee  
5. Yehia Amar  
4. William Drake  
3. Shashwat Silas  
2. Alexander Aits  
B. Cameron Wallis

Coaches: Davide Martino,  
Brett Wilson

Fifth-fastest novice eight.

#### *The Second Novice Fairbairn VIII*

Cox. Candace Graham  
Str. Felix Koninx  
7. Samuel Moore  
6. Laurence Mayther  
5. Henry Choong  
4. Charlie Prior  
3. Michael Baumgartner  
2. Sam Kim  
B. Ryan Limbocker

Coaches: Tom Cowie,  
Brett Wilson

Fourth-fastest second  
novice eight.

#### *The Third Novice Fairbairn VIII*

Cox. Iva Jugovic/  
Kiran Joshi  
Str. Theo Heymann  
7. Kieran Flannery  
6. Ruari Hurson  
5. Isaac Webber  
4. Manuel Nonnenmacher  
3. Murat Demir  
2. James Adams  
B. Ruben Duque do Vale

Coach: Gregor McMillan

Third-fastest novice  
third eight.



First eight on their row-down before bumping Caius and taking the Headship on Day 4 of May Bumps.

**The Fairbairn Cup** *cont.****The Fourth Novice  
Fairbairn VIII***

Cox. Shyam Dhokia  
Str. Robert Blyth  
7. Stephen Jones  
6. Nihaar Udathu  
5. Will Hardie-Brown  
4. Karthikeya Deshmukh  
3. Patrick Leiser  
2. Aditya Chauhan  
B. Boyko Vodenicharski

Coaches: Henry Stevens,  
Paul Myatt

Fastest fourth novice eight  
(by thirty-seven seconds).

***The Mixed Novice  
Fairbairn VIII 'NX Men'***

Cox: Kiran Joshi, Fenella  
McLuskie  
Oarsmen:  
Daniel Whitesman  
Suraj Patel  
Sam Gregson  
Stefano Martiniani  
Alexander Johnstone  
Michael Ita

Coaches: Josh McQuail,  
Madi Fairey, Daisy Driscoll

**LENT TERM 2016*****The First Lents VIII***

Cox. Sarah Doré  
Str. Daniel Lauber  
7. Thomas Cowie  
6. Wilfried Genest  
5. Hatem Sadik  
4. Erlend Fleisje  
3. Christian Lund  
2. Gregor McMillan  
B. James Alvey

Coaches: Paul Wright, Roger  
Silk, Donald Evans, John  
Garrett, Guy Pooley

+3. Bumped FaT I, Jesus I and  
Queens' I. Seventh to fourth  
in Division 1.

***The Second Lents VIII***

Cox. Faye Robertson  
Str. Henry Stevens  
7. Davide Martino  
6. Charlie Prior  
5. Sam Moore  
4. Alex Aits  
3. Paul Myatt/  
Cameron Wallis  
2. Sean Sheppard  
B. Robert Blyth

Coaches: Jon Rhodes, Tony  
Pryor, George Irwin, Paul  
Wright

+2. Bumped Selwyn I and  
Caius II. Fifth to third in  
Division 2.

***The Third Lents VIII***

Cox. Samantha Royle  
Str. Felix Koninx  
7. Patrick Leiser  
6. Florian Schnurr/  
Matt Ashman  
5. Ryan Limbocker  
4. Joseph McAbee  
3. Will Hardie-Brown  
2. Yehia Amar  
B. Steven Tilbury

Coach: John 'Fitz' Durack

+1. Bumped by Magdalene II  
(twice). Over-bumped  
Churchill II. Seventh to sixth  
in Division 3.

***The Fourth Lents VIII***

Cox. Kiran Joshi  
Str. Isaac Webber  
7. Stephen Jones  
6. Theo Heymann/  
Pascal Grobecker  
5. Murat Demir  
4. Laurence Mayther  
3. Alex Johnstone  
2. Kieran Flannery/  
Tom Walters  
B. Michael Baumgartner/  
Boyko Vodenicharski

Coaches: Hatem Sadik,  
Thomas Cowie, Erlend  
Fleisje, Gregor McMillan,  
Wilfried Genest,  
Henry Stevens

-4 (One of only four fourth  
boats to qualify). Seventh to  
eleventh in Division 4.

**The Head of the  
River Race*****The Tideway Head VIII***

Cox. Sarah Doré  
Str. Daniel Lauber  
7. Thomas Cowie  
6. Wilfried Genest  
5. Hatem Sadik  
4. Paul Myatt  
3. Erlend Fleisje  
2. Gregor McMillan  
B. James Alvey

Coaches: First Lents VIII  
coaches, Hugo Macklin

103rd (Fastest Cambridge  
College).

**MAY TERM*****The First Mays VIII***

Cox. Sinead Lynch  
Str. Daniel Lauber  
7. Charles Fisher (CUBC  
Blue Boat 2016)  
6. Benedict Langslow  
(CUBC Spare Pair 2016)  
5. Hatem Sadik  
4. Wilfried Genest  
3. Erlend Fleisje  
2. Paul Myatt  
B. Thomas Cowie

Coaches: Paul Wright,  
Roger Silk, Donald Evans

+2: HEAD OF THE  
RIVER 2016 Bumped  
Pembroke I and Caius I.  
Third to first in Division 1.

***The Second Mays VIII***

Cox. Faye Robertson  
Str. Gregor McMillan  
7. Haofeng Xu (CULRC  
Spare Quad 2016)  
6. Charlie Prior  
5. Sean Sheppard  
4. Felix Koninx  
3. James Alvey  
2. Henry Stevens  
B. Isaac Webber

Coaches: Hugo Macklin, Bill  
Budenberg, Hector William  
Gray, Jon Rhodes.

+4. Bumped St. Edmund's I,  
Homerton I, Trinity Hall I,  
Fitzwilliam I. Sixth to second  
in Division 2.



Giorgio Divitini

First eight after bumping Queens' on Day 2 of Lent Bumps.

### *The Third Mays VIII*

Cox. Victoria Champion  
Str. Alex Aits/Robert Blyth  
7. Steven Tilbury  
6. Davide Martino  
5. Cameron Wallis  
4. Dan Brackenbury  
3. Murat Demir  
2. Chris Russo  
B. Patrick Leiser

Coaches: John 'Fitz' Durack,  
Tony Pryor, George Irwin,  
Hatem Sadik, Thomas Cowie  
-3: Bumped by Peterhouse II,  
St Catharine's II, Trinity  
Hall II. Fourth to seventh  
in Division 3.

### *The Fourth Mays VIII*

Cox. Kiran Joshi  
Str. Stephen Jones  
7. Theo Heymann  
6. Ruben Vale  
5. Boyko Vodenicharski  
4. Jesse Allardice  
3. Daniel Whitesman  
2. Henry Choong  
B. Karthikeya Deshmukha/  
Ben Paxton

Coach: John 'Fitz' Durack  
-3. Bumped by LMBC V,  
Robinson III, FaT V.

### *The Fifth Mays VIII – 'The Banter Boat'*

Cox. Rosa Jenks  
Str. Paul Glade  
7. Nate Davis  
6. Florian Schnurr  
5. Christian Lund  
4. Patrick Flagmeier  
3. Brett Wilson  
2. David Jones  
B. Matt Ashman

+4. Bumped LMBC IV,  
Clare IV, Darwin III,  
Homerton III.

### *The Sixth Mays VIII – 'The Rugby Boat'*

Cox. Lydia Hudson  
Str. Patrick Calvert  
7. Phillip Kelvin  
6. Jack Morris  
5. James Gilchrist  
4. Russell Hughes  
3. Noah Stevenson  
2. Matt Cockerill  
B. Aryan Sabir

Coach: Wilfried Genest

Did not get on.

### *The Seventh Mays VIII – 'The Fellows Boat'*

Cox. Olivia Capewell  
Str. Michael Elliot  
7. Chris Jiggins  
6. Paul Wood  
5. Bhargav Narayanan  
4. Simon Martin  
3. Hugh Matthews  
2. Dave Kraszewski  
B. Renaud Lejosne

Coach: Haofeng Xu

Did not get on.

### **Henley Royal Regatta – The Temple Challenge Cup**

#### *The Henley VIII*

Cox. Faye Robertson  
Str. Haofeng Xu (CULRC  
Spare Quad 2016)  
7. Thomas Cowie  
6. Wilfried Genest  
5. Hatem Sadik  
4. Greg Tainter  
(Robinson College)  
3. Erlend Fleisje  
2. Isaac Webber  
B. Moritz Matthey  
(CULRC 2015)

Coaches: Roger Silk,  
Paul Wright

# LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB – WOMEN



W1 after Lent Bumps 2016.

This year the women's side has proven that the LMBC deserves its reputation as one of the clubs that possesses the most strength and depth on the Cam. Lance Badman, Maggie's indefatigable boatman, has been at the helm throughout this campaign. As Roger Silk stepped down from his position as Head Coach of the women this year, the time seemed right to refocus our efforts on developing long-term plans and trying new,

daring training strategies. We are happy to report some big successes this year.

In University Fours, our first boat won second place in their new Filippi shell, which was named after the late Professor Richard Perham. In the Lents, the benefits of being one of the largest women's squads on the Cam began to shine through, with W1 and W2 both making huge strides in their journey back

up the river. As we strode confidently through a stiffly competitive May Bumps campaign, we all kept in mind our very own Fiona Macklin's valiant performance in the two seat of the Blue Boat, and were grateful that the wash caused by the crew in front was not as bad as the waves on the Tideway.

The shouts of 'Great row Lady Margaret!' have not only echoed under the bridges of the Cam this year, but have also been heard at several national competitions, including the Women's Eights Head of the River Race (WEHoRR), Nottingham City Regatta and Henley Women's Regatta. A particular highlight was watching the crews behind us in the distance as we crossed the finish line in first place in the Novice Eights at Nottingham City Regatta. As the year drew to a close, W1 joined the best crews around the country at Henley Women's Regatta, narrowly missing qualifying for The Sharp Cup (Intermediate Academic Eights) by one place and less than a second's margin.

Dame Louise Makin's words in an inspiring talk at the start of the year advised us to enjoy 'where we are' but also to look forward to where we want to be. The women of Lady Margaret are working to regain their position at the head of the river by pursuing a long-term strategy emphasising an inclusive, efficient and effective training programme that we can pass on to our successors. The squad has benefited from a specially designed weights programme at the new University gym facility, a sports science lecture series in collaboration with Anglia Ruskin researchers, and a pre-Mays training camp that allowed us to get in extra miles at the Nottingham and Union Boat Club. Even with a limited number of small boats, every member of both W1 and W2 has learned to scull, developing sensitivity and independence on the water and learning how to put their newfound strength to best use. As always, it is not without huge support from the LMBCA and College that we are able to produce these results. We owe our



W2 rowing over on Day 2 of May Bumps.



gratitude to many familiar faces, notably Hugo Macklin, Catherine Mangan and Ellie Fielding. We are equally indebted to Donald Evans and Dan Janes for their coaching, and to Peter Maxwell for his help organising our Nottingham training camp. The College plays an enormous role in the continued success of our club, and our deepest thanks go to the Domestic Bursar and Master for their support. The LMBC also owes a huge debt of gratitude to Wilfried Genest for his many years of service to the club and for his extraordinary efforts as Honorary Secretary over the past two years.

We leave the women's side in the capable hands of Rachel von Maydell, and wish her every success next year. Her commitment in the seven seat of the first boat this year has been second to none, and we have no doubt that she will continue the charge back up the river.

Viva Laeta! 🍷

**Charlotte Abell and Katharina Clausius,  
Co-Captains**

## MICHAELMAS TERM 2015

### *The First VIII*

Cox. Carrie Soderman/  
Lydia Hudson  
Str. Fenella McLuskie  
7. Rachel von Maydell  
6. Skye Fletcher  
5. Katharina Clausius  
4. Patricia Martin  
3. Alice Anders  
2. Charlotte Abell  
B. Catherine Braithwaite

Coach: Lance Badman

### *The Second IV*

Str. Laura Day  
2. Kathryn Wingrove  
3. Olivia Capewell  
B. Isabelle Lorge

Coaches: Lucy Gould,  
George Irwin

## The University Fours

### *First Women's IV+*

Cox. Carrie Soderman  
Str. Fenella McLuskie  
2. Katharina Clausius  
3. Skye Fletcher  
B. Rachel von Maydell

Won against Clare and Caius  
Lost in final to Downing

### *Second Women's IV+*

Cox. Lydia Hudson  
Str. Charlotte Abell  
2. Alice Anders  
3. Patricia Martin  
B. Catherine Braithwaite

Withdrew in draw against  
LMBC First Women's IV+

## The Fairbairn Cup

### *The First Novice VIII*

Cox. Faye Robertson  
Str. Jenny Griggs  
7. Karen Hong  
6. Esther Luigi  
5. Anna Klucnika  
4. Lizzie Galloway  
3. Quan Lau  
2. Katie Spimpolo  
B. Sara Morrisset

Coaches: Lydia Hudson,  
Olivia Capewell

### *The Second Novice VIII*

Cox. Victoria Campion  
Str. Diane Vitry  
7. Isabella Doe  
6. Jessie Davidson  
5. Kate Belford  
4. Aliya Bagewadi  
3. Hannah Cusworth  
2. Grace Ding  
B. Rebecca Sillis

Coaches: Emily Conway,  
Alice Anders

Novice second boat category  
winners

## LENT TERM 2016

### *The First VIII*

Cox. Carrie Soderman  
Str. Fenella McLuskie  
7. Rachel von Maydell  
6. Skye Fletcher  
5. Katharina Clausius  
4. Patricia Martin  
3. Alice Anders  
2. Charlotte Abell  
B. Catherine Braithwaite

Coach: Lance Badman

+3 (Bumped Peterhouse,  
St Catharine and Caius)



*The Second VIII*

Cox. Victoria Campion

Str. Emily Conway

7. Isabella Doe

6. Jessie Davidson

5. Karen Hong

4. Hannah Cusworth

3. Grace Ding

2. Laura Day\*

B. Kate Belford

Coach: Hugo Macklin

-1 (Bumped Christ's W2)

*The Third VIII*

Cox. Shyam Dhokia

Str. Sophia Cruwell

7. Rebecca Sillis

6. Jenny Griggs

5. Ana Groom

4. Yasmine Shafiq

3. Charley Roberts

2. Charlotte Eves

B. Lizzy Galloway\*

Coach: Tom Turner

Did not get on

**EASTER TERM***The First VIII*

Cox. Carrie Soderman

Str. Skye Fletcher

7. Rachel von Maydell

6. Fenella McLuskie

5. Katharina Clausius

4. Alice Anders

3. Patricia Martin

2. Catherine Braithwaite

B. Charlotte Abell

Coach: Lance Badman

Retained place

(Bumped Christ's)

*The Second VIII*

Cox. Sarah Doré

Str. Emily Conway

7. Isabella Doe\*

6. Lizzy Galloway

5. Jenny Griggs

4. Hannah Cusworth

3. Kate Belford

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## MOUNTAINEERING

The St John's College Mountaineering Club continued its support of Johnians participating in mountain-related activities. Members undertook a number of activities, both Cambridge-based and further afield. Club members met at social events, such as bouldering meets and screenings of climbing and adventure documentaries, sharing inspiring experiences and planning future trips. The lack of mountains in Cambridgeshire did not dampen our enthusiasm, and we continued our training through indoor climbing, off-trail running, and cycling. These prepared us for the varied adventures we pursued, taking us to destinations from Morocco to Norway.



During the past year, the Alps were a popular destination for members to explore. In the Dolomites we followed the Alta Via 2, summiting peaks while traversing the range from the north to the south. The path guided us through the mountains on 'via ferrata' routes – protected climbs built during the great wars by Italian and Austrian forces to hold strategic mountain passes. Mont Blanc also drew the attention of members of the club, who hiked and scrambled all the way around the massif. During a stay in one of the Swiss mountain huts, they were dared to use the makeshift shower the hut-keeper had built as a joke, which was fed by glacier run-off

water. To his surprise, the whole contingent of Johnians obliged, and he later rewarded them with a bottle of wine. Over the Christmas break, club members and alumni returned to the Alps for a skiing trip on the Alpe di Siusi plateau. Experienced skiers were happy to introduce new people to the sport.

Many trips are planned for the forthcoming year. The club looks forward to the stories that will emerge from these adventures, and wishes the next committee all the best in continuing this tradition. 🍷

**Conrad Koziol and Jean Maillard, Captains**

## MEN'S RUGBY

The season started in an unpromising fashion for St John's with a disappointing 24-19 loss to Selwyn-Peterhouse, as the team struggled with early-season injuries to a number of key players. After a dominant win over Jesus (33-8) and hard-fought triumphs against Emmanuel (20-6) and Downing (20-5), St John's played out a scrappy match against Gonville and Caius, which resulted in a convincing victory (38-5). The team then obtained revenge in the return fixture against Selwyn with a 28-5 victory. A tense away match at close rivals Jesus came next, in which the team spent long periods of the game playing from behind. A late penalty was enough to seal an 8-6 victory.

The new year saw the squad bolstered by the return of a number of players who had been involved in various Varsity matches. Successive wins against Emmanuel (65-0), Downing (41-0) and Gonville and Caius (34-0) were enough to secure the league title for the second year running.

The second half of the season saw the start of the Cuppers competition. Expectations were high following last season's success, and the first game was a comfortable victory in a physical encounter against Hughes-Eddies under the floodlights at Grange Road. The team then suffered a heartbreaking loss against CCK (Clare, Corpus and King's) in the quarter-finals, as the opposition played a clever tactical game and John's suffered from an injury crisis.

Despite the unfortunate events in Cuppers, the team's dominance in the league throughout the season leaves little doubt that St John's remains the premier rugby club in Cambridge. As ever, the club owes



massive thanks to Head Groundsman Keith Ellis for his ongoing support. I would also like to thank Captain George Bilclough, whose passion and commitment has driven the club for the past two seasons. 🍷

**George Colgan, Vice-Captain**

## SWIMMING



The St John's swimming team has to be one of the strongest College teams ever seen, with four University swimmers – Dan Brackenbury, Ruairi Hurson, Dom Holloway (captain of the Blues team next year) and myself. At University level, we were vital to the first men's victory over Oxford in Varsity since 2009. Holloway and I won every race we competed in, breaking multiple University records in breaststroke and freestyle, and combining to break the seventeen-year-old 4x100m medley relay record. Over the 2016 summer vacation, Brackenbury will once again be taking on Oxford in the biennial open-water Varsity Channel Swim.

We participated in Cuppers 2016, aiming to defend our men's title from 2015, and, with a ladies' team this year, we were seeking to win the overall title as well. As Blues swimmers are not permitted to swim in individual races, we showed our sporting strength in depth by calling upon Blues athletes from other sports, such as modern pentathlon and water polo. Rapid swimming and a united team spirit led to us outclassing the other teams, and we recorded an emphatic victory over second-placed Churchill. Special

mention has to go to Hurson, who won all four of his events, including a tense, battling 100m freestyle where he triumphed by less than half a second.

I am indebted to all the swimmers who competed and helped us to a memorable victory for the College. I look forward to next year, when we can hopefully retain our titles and success in the water! 🏆

**Henry Choong, Captain**

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The 2015/16 season has undoubtedly been the most successful in recent years for the St John's Ultimate Frisbee team. Firmly established in the top division, after a strong 2014/15 season under the brilliant captaincy of Ian Leung, the team was further strengthened by talented first-years Jack Payne, Jeremy Knott and Andrew Derrett.

A storming run of six matches unbeaten, including decisive victories against Churchill and Trinity, took us to the Michaelmas League final against a talented Downing side. A strong wind made play challenging, but both teams coped well and struggled to four apiece with an hour gone. Half an hour later, with the deadlock still unbroken and darkness closing in, a turnover near the Downing end zone gave St John's an opportunity. A cunning set play, engineered by tactics guru Alex Jones, resulted in a smart score by Sam Harrison. With fresh legs on the field, St John's then scored quickly through the experienced Chris Berrow. The match ended 6-4, with St John's collecting the trophy. Our victory would not have been possible without the dedication and talent of the rest of the team members, in particular Martha Geiger, Ben Lin, Namir Asmar, Matt Naughton, Ben Woodhams, Joanna Starkie, Sarah Ashcroft-Jones, Clara Ding, James Gunton and Dan Lu.



As the newly-crowned league champions, St John's were the team to beat in the Lent League. Five wins from six matches saw us in the league final once again, but we were unable to overcome a very strong multi-college team known as the 'Penguins' and had to settle for second place.

It has been a pleasure captaining such a committed and gifted team, and I have no doubt that the successes will continue next season. 🏆

**Dave Bossanyi, Captain**

## MIXED VOLLEYBALL

After our volleyball team was started last year by founder Vicky Butt, we continued expanding and consolidating our membership, and participated in various tournaments. Although we reached a high division in Cuppers last year, we started this season in a tough position. However, we still managed to win several games. More importantly, we expanded our first-year intake significantly, often having enough players in training to play a full game.



Despite looming exams, many of us also made it to summer Cuppers games, which offered a nice break at the weekends.

We would like to thank members of the College, in particular the Domestic Bursar, Mark Wells, for supporting the development of the volleyball team. 🍷

**Edmond Cheng, Captain**

## WATER POLO

The College water polo team participated in Cuppers 2016, joining forces with Churchill College. Experienced players Adam Davies and Dan Brackenbury came back for this big occasion, while University swimmers Ruairi Hurson and Henry Choong made their first appearances for the team. Although initially counted as underdogs, having not been able to repeat the success of 2013 when St John's last lifted the trophy, we surprised most teams by emerging from the group phase undefeated, beating Queens'/Darwin (Cuppers winners in 2014 and runners-up in 2015) 7-5 on the way.

In the final round our team defeated Trinity/Downing without much difficulty, thanks to the team's experience and positive attitude. In the penultimate match we faced Queens'/Darwin once again, and it could not have been more dramatic. Neither team was winning by more than one goal at any time, and the game, tied at 5-5, was decided in the very last second by a penalty given against St John's/Churchill, resulting in a 5-6 loss. In the last match, the team displayed its full strength once more to secure a well-deserved second place in the competition, making full use of our combined swimming speed, solid defending from everyone and some stunning goals from Hurson and Davies.

I am very grateful to the whole team, including our friends from Churchill, for this successful weekend, full of close matches and a lot of suspense. I am looking forward to another year of College water polo and a potentially even more successful Cuppers tournament. 🍷

**Christoph Schmidhuber,  
Captain**



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# THE LAST WORD

## À LA CARTE

From preparing a festive meal for the Queen on the College's 500th anniversary, to plating up daily dinners in the Buttery for staff and students, the heat is on the Catering Department at St John's. *The Eagle's* Editorial Assistants interviewed Catering and Conference Manager and Michelin-starred chef Bill Brogan to find out the secret ingredients of successful menu planning.



Bill Brogan provided tours of the kitchens for Donor Day in May 2016.

A topic particularly dear to Bill Brogan and central to the food scene at St John's is sustainability. In 2015 St John's became the first college in Cambridge to be awarded a food sustainability rating. In practice, this is reflected in the focus on free-range food over mass production, and a preference for local produce. The pork and lamb on Johnian plates hail from Suffolk, as does the muesli, which is grown and milled in villages there.

However, as Bill cautions, at an institution dishing up 10,000 meals a week, there are unavoidable challenges to the dream of 'going to a little farm and buying two cows'. The burden of bulk orders can have drastic consequences for smaller suppliers: Bill recalls how two Cambridge giants, Trinity and St John's, placing orders with a Newmarket lamb supplier resulted in them running out of stock by the time of the next order.





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The availability of products reflects not only what suppliers have on offer. The seasons and the occasional surprise from nature shape the menus just as much as striving for sustainability. For dinners that can be privately booked, Bill offers two menus – one for winter and one for summer. While with the summer menus the chefs can work with an abundance of fruit, berries and seasonal vegetables, such as asparagus, broad beans and potatoes, the winter season calls for more creativity, as the limelight falls on the likes of red cabbage, spinach, kale and shallots. Sometimes all the chefs' planning may turn out to be in vain: a bad frost can leave beetroot stuck in the ground and the Catering team with a problem-solving task

of how to reinvent a beetroot dish for 200 hungry diners – without the beetroot.

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Bill identifies Spain and Scandinavia as the two biggest international trendsetters of the moment.

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However, menu planning is not all about the ingredients and the production. At the other end of the chain, diners can deliver the greatest, and certainly most surprising, challenges. This is also where changes in culinary and non-culinary trends are most acutely reflected. Dietary requirements are a case in point of societal change. At a major



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feast for current students, at least fifty per cent will be on a restricted diet of some type. Bill contrasts this figure with a recent Johnian dinner organised for alumni who graduated in the 1970s and 1980s, where only three of the 218 diners attending had dietary requirements.

The Catering Department is very much moving along with these dietary changes. St John's offers both kosher and halal options on a daily basis, which are not provided at all Cambridge colleges. As for allergy-related dietary requirements, St John's is now something of a trendsetter in the country, being the first college in the UK to start allergy training in 2006, and now undergoing annual audits by a former allergy auditor at Waitrose.

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Dietary requirements are a case in point  
of societal change.

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Dietary requirements aside, another recent change has been the increased demand for more international dishes. When Bill joined St John's in 2005, the menus were limited. 'We had students from all over the world and one of the comments I got back from them was that only English food was available here', said Bill. 'We have changed. Some of the chefs have been taught to cook in other styles, such as Japanese and Chinese. We've also had visiting chefs doing some work here, including the Head Chef from

Tokyo University.' Closer to home, some of the College kitchen staff have been to Birmingham to receive training in Chinese cookery.

The current main influences are not just Asian, though. Bill identifies Spain and Scandinavia as the two biggest international trendsetters of the moment. This new international focus also translates into travel in Bill's job description, with frequent visits to culinary centres either in London ('the most exciting food city on the planet') or abroad. His spring 2016 schedule included a trip to Denmark and Sweden, featuring a Swedish restaurant with a twist: the establishment is the first restaurant in the world to be absolutely allergen-free, even down to the staff uniforms. St John's may not follow suit in this regard, but Nordic flavours of fish and foraged food are definitely making their way to Johnian palates.

The promotion of nutritional awareness is a growing trend in the culinary world, and this is something that Bill hopes to see reflected in meals provided at St John's. The College's expertise in this area has already been acknowledged with 'Food for the Brain' accreditation – an award organised by the Russell Group and given to institutions that offer nutritionally balanced meals to support performance and well-being.

Another initiative under Bill's consideration is the introduction of a grab-and-go concept

to the Buttery. In future, peckish students and staff might be able to order and pay for their food online, and have their desired lunch waiting for them in College. This would catapult St John's to the forefront of grab-and-go nationally.

Whatever surprise frosts or technological advances life may throw at the Catering Department, one thing is for sure: St John's will continue to dish up food for thought. 🍷

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