UNIV ALUMNI BENEFITS

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SUBJECT GROUPS

Subject reunions invite Old Members back to College in their subject groups (and occasionally profession) together with tutors and students; the programmes include a talk by a Univ Fellow.

Current subject groups include:

Beveridge Society – For all current and former students and tutors of PPE, Philosophy, Economics, Geography, Politics, IR, Management, Social Studies, Theology and Education.

Boyle Society – For all current and former students and tutors of Physics and Engineering.

Chemistry & Life Sciences – For all current and former students and tutors of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Plant Sciences, Biology and Anthropology.

Classics – For all current and former students and tutors of Classics, Archaeology and Oriental Studies.

Eldon Society – For all current and former students and tutors of Law and also legal professionals.

English and the Arts – For all current and former students and tutors of English, Art and Music.

History Society – For all current and former students and tutors of History, the Colonial Service Course and the Foreign Services Programme.

Maths & Computer Sciences – For all current and former students and tutors of Maths and Computer Science.

Medical Sciences – For all current and former students and tutors of Medical Sciences, PPP, Physiology and Psychology and also medical professionals.

Sollas Society Dinner – Jacket & tie dinner for all current and former students and tutors of Earth Sciences (Geology) and their partners.

To be added to the relevant emailing lists, or for further information, please contact the Development Team.
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Univ alumni networks flourish around the world, helping us to organise social and networking events for OMs and friends living overseas, allowing us to host travelling Fellows and students, and extending Univ’s Annual Fund participation to a global audience.

If you have suggestions for developing further worldwide societies, or if you would like to help with any overseas events or fund-raising, please contact the Development Team. E: development@univ.ox.ac.uk

**AMERICAN FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD**

The American Friends of University College Oxford (AFUCO) have been actively fund-raising for the College for almost 30 years with the kind help of Paul Chelgren (1966).

The AFUCO works closely with OMs and the Development Office to accommodate the wishes of our USA donors and to facilitate support for Univ and its students. As a registered 501(c)(3) corporation, they are able to accept checks, appreciated securities, matched gifts and – in conjunction with the other Oxford colleges and the University – Planned Gifts to the College or the Univ Old Members’ Trust. As one particularly special example of American Friends’ support, USA OMs have a proud tradition of funding Master’s Scholarships for current students to travel to America and many alumni offer to host the scholars whilst they are State-side.

The College has a network of more than 720 Univ members, past and present, living and working in the United States, including many Rhodes and Marshall Scholars. Amongst these are President Bill Clinton (1968) and Olympic Silver medallist Emily deRiel (1996).

Recent gatherings have taken place in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Chicago and Boston.

**UNIV ASIA**

The College has a network of more than 350 Univ members living and working across Asia. We are always delighted to hear from OMs throughout the continent and, where we can, to help you meet and network with other Univ alumni and students. We now hold regular gatherings for Univ members and friends in Hong Kong, Singapore, and mainland China.

**UNIV EUROPE**

Our network of OMs across Europe ensure that we are able to maintain contact with our closest of continental neighbours; several Univ Europe dinners have been held in Brussels, Paris and Berlin and further gatherings are planned for the near future.
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND FRIENDS

Established during our 750th Anniversary celebrations, the Australian Friends chapter now features a regular programme of events including the annual Sydney Dinner organised by Sarah Strasser (1991) and Rawdon Dalrymple (1952), and additional gatherings in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide. The current secretary to the society is Stuart McCulloch (1982) who makes a special request by letter each May to Australian OMs for support of the Annual Fund.

Amongst our most prominent antipodean OMs are Politician Josh Frydenberg (1996) and former Prime Minister Bob Hawke (1955).

The Univ Australia Old Members’ Scholarship Fund has been set up to encourage Australian graduate students to study at Univ. Since 1999, it has supported a number of graduates and our goal is now to grow this fund significantly, to enable more aspiring students to follow in their footsteps. Gifts to this objective, via the Australian National University, are tax-deductible for Australian taxpayers.

CANADIAN FRIENDS

Our Canadian Friends chapter was established during the 1990s and the current secretary to the society is Robert Grant (1977). Each November he makes a special request to Canadian OMs for support of the Univ Annual Fund.

We also organise events for our Canadian Old Members, which currently number around 125 active participants.

Canadian taxpayers can make tax-deductible donations to Univ (by either cheque or credit card) via the "The University of Oxford Development Trust", which receives its charitable donation status under Section 118.1(F) of the Income Tax Act of Canada and Regulations (Section 3503). Tax effective gifts can be designated towards Master’s Travel Scholarships to Canada or any other part of the College’s Annual Fund.

To make a tax-efficient gift to Univ from outside the UK, see the Give Back to Univ page on our website.

In addition to the networks listed above, Univ has established the programme of Roger Short Travel Scholarships, which promote travel too, and greater cultural understanding of, Turkey and its surrounding neighbours. Details can be found on the Your Impact pages of the Univ website.
All Old Members and students are welcome to join our wide range of special interest clubs and societies. You do not have to have been a participant whilst a student at Univ to be able to sign up to these societies, which include:

**SPORTS**

**Cricket** – Participate or simply come and watch the Old Members versus current students cricket match at the Sports Ground.

**Football** – Our Old Members’ Football Day welcomes back over 100 OMs, across four decades, and their families, for a tourney with current students.

**Golf (USPGA)** – The Univ Society Peripatetic Golf Association meets regularly for Univ Golf Days and the Inter-College tournament.

**Rowing (UCBC)** – The highlight of the rowing calendar is Saturday of Summer Eights when many OMs return for a day of racing, culminating in the Boat Club Dinner.

**ARTS AND MUSIC**

**Drama (Univ Players)** – The Univ Players Committee presents an annual Garden Show, featuring current Univ dramatists in the Master’s Garden.

**Fine Arts** – The Fine Arts Committee presents an annual exhibition of art by current and former Univ members in College during Arts Week.

**Music (UCMS)** – The College Music Society host a number of concerts throughout the year, including performances by the Univ Choir.

**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Dinosaurs & Cassandrians** – The men’s (Dinos) and women’s (Casses) societies host an annual dinner for current and former 1st Eight Univ rowers.

**Roger Short Scholars** – A society dedicated to the memory of Roger Short (1963), which exists to foster good relations with Turkey.

**William of Durham (Legacy) Club** – The College provides an annual luncheon for those OMs and friends who have very kindly made provision for Univ in their Will.

**1249 Society** – The 1249 Society was established in 2014 to recognise and thank those donors who, through their generosity, lead the way in supporting future generations of students and advancing the interests of the College. Find out more about how to become a member by contacting the Development Office E: development@univ.ox.ac.uk

**Major and Principle Benefactors** – The Major Benefactors’ Society is for donors giving between £25,000 and £249,999 in their lifetimes, whilst The Principal Benefactors’ Society is for those giving between £250,000 and £999,999 in their lifetimes.
Foundation Fellows – Foundation Fellowships are awarded to those individuals who have made exceptional benefactions to the College, with donations in excess of £1 million in their lifetimes. Their philanthropy ensures that the essential elements of Univ are securely resourced to advance the academic excellence of the College.

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Old Members and friends of the College are always welcome at Univ. To make the most of your visit, please have a look at our visitor information below.

**DINING & GUEST ROOMS**

You and a guest are entitled to dine at Univ High Table free of charge twice per year (subject to available space). To make reservations for dinner, please email the Domestic Bursary or call 01865 267787 at least two days before you wish to dine. Sunday evening in Term (the only night on which black tie is worn) is usually the most popular night for dining, both for Old Members and for Fellows. There are also guest rooms in Univ which Old Members may use. For bookings please email the Domestic Bursary or call 01865 276620. These are subject to availability, and are often booked months in advance - so please make your booking early to avoid disappointment. The cost is £50 per person per night.

**PARKING**

We regret that there is no parking available in Univ for visitors to the College (except by special permission), including for events. Parking in Merton Street is now metered from 8am - 10pm every day. There is however an excellent Park & Ride system in Oxford from all major roads. From the Thornhill Park & Ride (near the end of the A40) buses stop in the High Street across from Queen's Lane, near Univ's front gate. The Oxford Tube and X90 Express also stop directly outside Univ for easy access to and from London. Alternatively, there is a metered car park just after the Plain on St Clements.

**COLLEGE CHAPEL**

The College Chaplain, Revd Dr Andrew Gregory, is always pleased to see OMs at services in the College Chapel, to which we welcome people of all faiths and of none.

The main service is on Sundays of Weeks 1 to 8 each term, 5.45-6.45pm, and is followed by refreshments. It is usually Choral Evensong, although sometimes we have a Sung Eucharist or other service. Information about all our services, including short biographies of preachers on Sunday evenings, is on the chapel web page here.

**LOCAL GUESTHOUSES**

Unfortunately we cannot always offer accommodation to Old Members during events, as our rooms are fully booked throughout most of the year. We can however provide you with the following list of local guesthouses and hotels in Oxford.

The Oxford Alumni Office has negotiated discounts for Old Members at several Oxford hotels and guesthouses, including The Oxford Hotel, Best Western Linton Lodge, MacDonald Randolph, Mercure Eastgate, Rewley House, The Old Bank Hotel, The Old Parsonage and The University Club.

Oxford Rooms offers an opportunity to book reasonably priced bed and breakfast accommodation in several Oxford colleges (from £30 per night).

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Oxford Visitor Information Centre can provide advice on accommodation, transportation, parking, etc. They can be reached at: Oxford Visitor Information Centre, 15-16 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AS; T: 01865 686430. On the Internet, there are also the following useful web sites: oxfordcity.co.uk and stayoxford.co.uk

If you would like further information about visiting the college, or if you are planning a trip to Oxford, please contact the Development Team – E: development@univ.ox.a.c.uk