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(1956-2025)

Emeritus Fellow



PROFESSOR EDMAN TSANG

(1962-2025)

Fellow and Praelector in Inorganic Chemistry

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Inside this issue of the *University College Record*, you will find a factual account of the year – academic results, Fellows' news, College reports and news of departing Fellows and staff. Obituaries for members of the Univ community we have lost – or whose death we have been informed of – in the last twelve months are also included in this edition. I would like to thank the spouses, partners, families and friends who kindly supplied obituaries and photographs. I would also like to thank my colleague Manuela Williams, Executive PA to the Master, who compiled the obituaries for this edition of the *Record*. Where news did not reach us in time for this year's edition, we will ensure that those people are included in the 2026 *Record*.

I am grateful to all those who contributed to this issue, in particular: Dr Ian Boutle, Julie Boyle, Kenneth Campbell, Professor Michael Collins, Joanna Cooper, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, Karen Franklin, Sharlene Matharu and Louise Watson.

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

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MASTER'S NOTES



Univ has had another very successful year with academic colleagues continuing to gain distinction in their careers through the quality of their teaching, research and publications. Our students also had a successful year with excellent academic results and continue to be strong in extracurricular activities including music, sport, social, political and subject-specialist societies. In this report, I focus on the milestone we have reached with Univ North and the challenges posed by the geopolitical context in which we operate.

In almost every communication you have received from us over the last few years, we have updated you on the development and expansion of our North Oxford site, Univ North. The project has gone through many phases, including the decision to buy the land surrounding "Stavertonia", and the initial "Six Pavilions" project which was rejected in favour of a more ambitious vision for the site. What then followed was the choice of an architect, application for planning permission, and a successful fund-raising campaign which saw over six hundred of our alumni contribute funding to enable us to develop the site, including our Foundation Funders David Frederick and Sophie Lynn. Thank you. There was then a pause during the Covid Pandemic whilst we tested our vision again in light of changes to ways of teaching and learning in universities, as online teaching grew to enable the continuation of teaching and knowledge-sharing during periods of lockdown and restricted interaction between tutors and students. But online teaching and learning cannot replicate the experience of being in an Oxford College, the sense of community with opportunities for sustained academic engagement among talented people, some of whom are the best in their field, and the access to a myriad of extracurricular activities giving students the opportunity to grow and develop. It cannot replicate the distinctiveness of the tutorial system in encouraging critical thinking through exposure to diverse perspectives and it cannot replicate the engagement of students with each other which is integral to the student experience.

Construction work on Univ North began in Spring 2023 and two and a half years later we welcomed our first students at the beginning of Michaelmas term, ten years after discussions first began. The buildings are lovely with well-appointed kitchens and bathrooms in what will become a beautiful landscape. I hope students will enjoy their time there. The nursery will open in early 2026 and the final buildings will be handed over to the College in time for occupation in Michaelmas term 2026. It is the biggest expansion in the College's footprint, in our history, as we look to the future with confidence.

Univ North is not just about providing additional student accommodation and a nursery, it is a much bigger vision. Over the years, we hope that an intergenerational community will grow and that conversations between different generations will become the norm. That will be a first for any Oxford college. We are also proud that environmental sustainability is a priority at Univ North with a focus on landscaping to increase biodiversity. This will significantly increase the College's sustainability investments.

Our focus at Univ continues to be on academic excellence and maintaining a College culture which is respectful and supportive of staff and students. To achieve this, we have navigated our way through the impact of wider debates about the purpose of universities and their responsibility to society. Universities in the United Kingdom and the United States have faced intense criticism from some quarters about perceived moves away from protecting freedom of speech in a social and political environment in which views have become increasingly polarised. There is questioning of the initiatives being taken by Universities to open up access and promote inclusion and diversity, challenging what is perceived as "woke" culture and questions around academic freedom. At Univ we want to continue to promote a culture in which we respect each other and where debate and discussion are encouraged. That is core to our mission as a place of teaching and learning.

I end on a sad note. We lost two esteemed colleagues during the year. Emeritus Professor Lisa Kallet, who was the George Cawkwell Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History between 2006 and 2021. We also lost Professor Edman Tsang, who was Professor of Inorganic Chemistry from 2007. Our thoughts are with their families.

BARONESS VALERIE AMOS LG CH PC
Master



FELLOWS AND STAFF

THE GOVERNING BODY

2024–2025

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* Old Member
↘ Intermitted from Governing Body for 2024-2025

NEWLY ELECTED FELLOWS

Visiting Fellows



PROFESSOR NANCY CARTWRIGHT FBA FAcSS was appointed Centenary Visiting Professor in PPE for Michaelmas term 2025 and Trinity term 2026. Nancy Cartwright is Professor of Philosophy at Durham University and a Distinguished Professor at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). In the first half of her career at Stanford University she specialised in the philosophy of the natural sciences, especially physics; in the second half, at the London School of Economics and now Durham and UCSD, she has specialised in philosophy and methodology of the social sciences with special attention to economics. Her current research focuses on objectivity and evidence, especially for evidence-based policy.



PROFESSOR ANDREW O'SHAUGHNESSY FRHS joins Univ as Visiting Fellow in History for Michaelmas term 2025 and Hilary term 2026. Professor O'Shaghnessy specialises in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World and the British Empire. He is the author of *The Illimitable Freedom of the Human Mind, Thomas Jefferson's Idea of a University* (UVaP 2021); *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the Revolutionary War and the Fate of Empire* (New Haven: Yale UP, 2013) and *The Founding of Thomas Jefferson's University*, eds. John Ragosta, Peter Onuf and Andrew O'Shaughnessy (UVaP, 2019).

Tutorial Fellows



DR NATHAN GOEHRING was appointed Old Members' Fellow in Biochemistry. Dr Goehring is currently a Senior Group Leader at the Francis Crick Institute where his laboratory works on the specification of cell architecture and identity during early animal development. He will take up an Associate Professorship in the Department of Biochemistry (Oxford) in August 2026.

Junior Research Fellows



DR LAUREN DOGAER joined Univ as Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology on 13 October. Ms Dogaer's research explores the religious and funerary practices of Graeco-Roman Egypt, with a particular focus on the Theban region.



DR ROWAN DOWLING was appointed Salvesen Junior Research Fellowship in Russian and Slavonic Languages. Dr Dowling's DPhil project was the first to trace the specific cultural history of bisexuality in Russia, charting three decades of bisexual sources and voices (1993-2023).

Beacon Junior Research Fellows



DR TAREEQ JALLOH was appointed Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy and/or Jurisprudence. Dr Jalloh joins us from the University of Manchester, where he was a Postdoctoral Researcher of "Histories and Futures in the Post War Black British Popular Music Archives."



DR JORDAN SCOTT was appointed Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy and/or Jurisprudence. Mr Scott's research interests are in epistemology and the philosophy of race.

Non-teaching Fellows



MRS FRANCES WRIGHT was appointed Domestic Bursar. Frances joined on 9 April from Pangbourne College, where she was Director of Operations, prior to which she was Domestic Bursar at Balliol College.



The College has appointed **DAVID LAND** as Finance and Investment Bursar. David was the Head of Investment Strategy at Rothesay and was formerly a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs. He joined Univ at the end of September.



DR ANDREW GRANT will remain in a role of part-time Project Director for Univ North until its completion in 2026.

THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM

2024–25



The academic year 2024–25 continued the new range of activities which commenced in 2022. The growth and development of the Early Career Research Group, co-ordinated for the SCR by Dr Lea Rees and Dr Yanan Zhang remain an important focus.

The ECRG provides a well-needed support group for College lecturers, research associates and JRFs, and the SCR remains committed to providing support and a welcoming home for this important group of academics. We must acknowledge the tremendous support provided to the wider SCR by ECRG members Dr Yanan Zhang, who continues to provide invaluable administrative support to the SCR, and Dr Nikolaos Kanellakis who represents the SCR on the DB Committee.

Our Subject Lunches continue to take place three times a term – The Science Lunch in second week, Humanities in fourth Week and Social Science, Policy Lunch and Health Lunch in sixth Week – bringing together Univ researchers to learn more about colleagues' research, explore synergies between research agendas, and share concerns. Presentations this year have included "Winning the first Demography Ig Nobel by asking uncomfortable questions" by Dr Saul Newman, "Possible harms from school-based mental health interventions" by Dr Jack Andrews, and "Thoughts on Astrophysics" by Dr Caroline Terquem. We are grateful to Nikolaos Kanellakis, Polly Jones, Joe Moshenska and Yanan Zhang for all their work in organising these successful lunchtime gatherings.

The SCR continue to enjoy the stimulating events of the Shakespeare Society co-ordinated by Professor Joe Moshenska and the inspiring programme of events from Pireeni Sundaralingam, Univ's Poet Laureate. This year featured "Poetry and the origami of space-time: an interactive poetry tour of University College," a Poetry Share-in and an Interdisciplinary Improvisation Session. The SCR also enjoyed the online seminar series on historical anxiety arranged by Professor Nicholas Halmi, featuring the philosopher Jeffrey Andrew Barash, historians François Hartog and Stefanos Geroulanos and the sociologist Hartmut Rosa.

We continue to value the music evenings and lunchtime concerts, arranged by Giles Underwood, this year involving instrumental recitals, including a cello recital by Deniz Yoruk-Mikhailov and an organ recital by Helen Birch, choral works, and a very special evening at the Holywell Music Room for the Mendl-Schrama Prize Recital.

SCR Fellows also appreciated the 2025 HLA Hart Memorial Lecture given by Professor Elizabeth Anderson, Max Shaye Professor of Public Philosophy, John Dewey Distinguished University Professor and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor at the University of Michigan, on the subject "The Forgotten Political History of Utilitarianism." They also enjoyed the Annual Hilary Term Dinner to celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert, honouring the academic achievement of persons associated with the College and special guests.



The Trinity Term Domus Dinner saw the celebration of the career of Professor Jotun Hein, Professorial Fellow, and Professor of Bioinformatics, who retires after 23 years at Univ. As a Senior Fellow, Jotun has regularly presided at High Table, and we very much valued his welcoming manner and the variety of stimulating academic and personal guests he regularly brought to the College.

Congratulations go to several SCR members this academic year: Professor Laura Herz, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, on receiving the 2024 Michael Faraday Medal and Prize, and Professor Peijun Zhang, Supernumerary Fellow in Structural Biology, on being elected as a member of the European Molecular Biology Organization, a recognition awarded to life scientists who have made outstanding contributions to their field.

Professor Nandini Das was appointed an OBE for services to Interdisciplinary Research in the Humanities and to Public Engagement, and Professor Ros Rickaby, Professor of Biogeochemistry, was appointed an OBE for services to Biogeochemistry.

Dr Laura Varnam, Lecturer in Old and Middle English, came first in the Univ Poetry Competition with her poem *Backsliding*, and Dr Nikolaos Kanellakis, Stipendiary Lecturer in Pathology, represented Oxford in the Varsity Race against Cambridge during the London Marathon.

We also remember SCR member Dr Lisa Kallet, George Cawkwell Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History in 2006-21, and Emeritus Fellow of the College, and Professor Edman Tsang, Fellow and Tutor in Inorganic Chemistry, who sadly died this year.

The academic 2024-2025 year saw the end of a long-held tradition of High Table Guest Nights on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These have moved to Wednesday and Friday. While this sadly disrupted the SCR routine of pre-dinner events, we hope that, in the new academic year, SCR members will get used to the new dining nights, and will be able to attend literary, music and speaker events before dinner again.

As usual, the SCR has been strongly supported by colleagues in the Domestic Bursary, the Master's Office and the wider College community, which is very much appreciated. Louise Watson and Manuela Williams in the Master's Office provide invaluable support around the SCR Term Card, new Temporary SCR Members and answering many queries from the SCR President. Thank you, Louise and Manuela.

The SCR must pay particular thanks to Fran Wright, our new Domestic Bursar, Darren Lomas, Executive Chef, Sami Amor, Head Steward, Kostyantyn Besha, Wine Steward, Alvydas Andrejauskas, Hall Steward, Marila Arezes in the DB Office, and all the catering and Domestic Bursary team. Their support is invaluable to the SCR.

PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE
SCR President
Supernumerary Fellow in Gerontology

FELLOWS' NEWS

THE MASTER

BARONESS AMOS LG CH PC, Master of University College, has been appointed Chair of the Independent Investigation into Maternity and Neonatal services in England.

The Master chaired/participated in several events on current issues including:

- Harvard Ministerial Forum
- UN General Assembly
- Millennium Fellowship Global Graduation Ceremony
- Roundtable discussion with former President of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern
- Eurasia Group Geopolitical discussion and dinner
- Davos Debrief Discussion: "Doom & Gloom or… Bloom?"
- Discussion and dinner with the President of Guyana on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainability
- Nuffield/FCDO Humanitarian Forum
- Foreign Secretary's External Foreign Policy Board
- University of Oxford Roundtable on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Centre for Corporate Reputation Visiting Fellows Dinner on national defence and security issues
- Opening speech – Arthur Ashe Anniversary Dinner
- Education Dinner with Secretary of State for Education
- Chaired online talks with: Professor Trevor Sharp, Associate Professor Aneurin Ellis-Evans, Rebecca Kuang and Patrick Rebeschini

Black History Month Events

- Closure of the London Stock Exchange
- Speech and Evening Reception with the UK Foreign Secretary
- Changing the Narrative – event for Townley Grammar School
- Hosted the Black Freshers Event in Oxford

The Master met and hosted Old Members, Emeriti and Friends of Univ at several events including:

- The Chancellor's Court of Benefactors and Clarendon Arch Inscription Ceremony
- Milestones Anniversary Lunch
- The Annual St Cuthbert's Dinner
- The Founders and Benefactors Evensong and Dinner
- Met Old Members and friends of Univ in New York, Washington, San Francisco, Boston, Dublin, Edinburgh and London
- Devas Club visit and football matches
- Summer Eights
- The HLA Hart Memorial Lecture and Dinner
- The George Cawkwell Memorial Lecture and Dinner
- The Roger Short Memorial Fund Dinner
- The Brian Loughman Dinner
- The Univ London Dinner

During the year, the Master took part in several interviews for national and international radio, television and broadcast media as well as participating in a documentary on slavery, colonisation and reparations. She was also interviewed for the new BBC Civilisations Series.

In her role as a Lady Companion of the order of the Garter, the Master attended the St George's Day Evensong and the annual Garter Day service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

THE FELLOWS

PROFESSOR BILL ALLAN, Dean, McConnell Laing Tutorial Fellow in Greek and Latin Language and Literature and Professor of Greek, has been appointed to the REF 2029 Classics expert sub-panel. As the UK's system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions, the Research Excellence Framework (REF) plays a crucial role in determining the allocation of around £2 billion per year of public funding for universities' research.

PROFESSOR AMRO AWAD is Weir Tutorial Fellow in Engineering Science, Associate Professor in Electrical Engineering (Focus on Digital Technologies) and Director of the Oxford Secure Computer Architecture Research (OSCAR) Group at Oxford. Recent publications include, "Revisiting Virtual Memory Support for Confidential Computing Environments", IEEE Computer Architecture Letters (A Awad et al, IEEE, September 2025); "SpecMPK: Efficient In-Process Isolation with Speculative and Secure Permission Update Instruction", 2025 IEEE International Symposium on High Performance Computer Architecture (A Awad et al, Las Vegas, IEEE, 8 April 2025) and "THEMIS: Time, Heterogeneity, and Energy Minded Scheduling for Fair Multi-Tenant Use in FPGAs", IEEE Transactions on Computers (A Awad et al, IEEE, 5 May 2025).

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BARNES, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Professor of Physics, contributed to several papers, including, "Stripping losses measurements at ELISE during hydrogen and deuterium operation" in the *Journal of Instrumentation*, IOP Publishing 20:08 (Barnes et al, 2025); "Measuring the beamlet divergence in NBI systems for fusion: A diagnostic comparison" in *Fusion Engineering and Design*, Elsevier 215 (Barnes et al, 2025) and "Suppression of temperature-gradient-driven turbulence by sheared flows in fusion plasmas" in the *Journal of Plasma Physics*, Cambridge University Press (CUP) 91:2 (Barnes et al, 2025).

PROFESSOR JUSTIN BENESCH, Tutorial Fellow in Physical Chemistry, published several journal articles including, "Light-induced conformational switching and magnetic sensitivity of Drosophila cryptochrome" in *Structure* (Benesch et al, Cell Press, 28 August 2025); "Measurements of molecular size and shape on a chip" in *Science*, Vol, 388, Issue 6747, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Benesch et al, 8 May 2025); "Filamin C dimerisation is regulated by HSPB7" in *Nature Communications*, Vol. 16, Issue 1 (Springer Nature), (Benesch et al, 1 May 2025) and "Mass Photometry" in the *Annual Review of*

Biophysics, Vol. 54, Issue 1 (Benesch et al, 1 May 2025).

DR NATALYA BENKHALED-VINCE, Sanderson Tutorial Fellow in Modern History and Associate Professor of the History of Modern France and the Francophone World, supervised three interns on the University of Oxford's UNIQ+ postgraduate scheme in the summer, planning an exhibition about women, colonialism and decolonisation. She delivered two keynote lectures, one on "Gender and anti-colonial conflicts" at the Center for Military History and Social Science of the Bundeswehr, Potsdam, Germany, the other on "Sensitive matters" in oral history at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. She also served on several national and European research evaluation panels this year, in France, Belgium and for the European Commission.

DR JAMES BRYSON, Sollas Tutorial Fellow in Mineralogy and Associate Professor of Mineralogy, published "The source of hydrogen in earth's building blocks" in *Icarus, 436* (Elsevier, April 2025) with TJ Barrett and K Geraki) and "Early and elongated epochs of planetesimal dynamo generation" in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, Vol. 648 (Elsevier), (with HR Sanderson and CIO Nichols, 22 October 2024).

PROFESSOR RUTH CHANG, Chair and Professor of Jurisprudence and Professorial Fellow, spoke at the HowTheLightGetsIn philosophy and music festival at Hay in January 2025, on "The values of AI: Should we let AI make decisions for us?" Professor Chang appeared as herself in the December 2024 BBC mockumentary series *Cunk on Life*, discussing philosophy.

DR ANEURIN ELLIS-EVANS, George Cawkwell Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History, is to publish his second book, *Alexandreia Troas in the Hellenistic Period: War, Finance, and Civic Identity* (American Numismatic Society). Dr Ellis-Evans also published an article, "An Athena Ilias tetradrachm overstruck at Maroneia" in the *Numismatic Chronicle*, January 2025. Dr Ellis-Evans delivered a Univ Online Talk, "Kleo Was Pregnant for Five Years": How Did Women Experience Medicine in Classical Greece?" on 10 February 2025, followed by questions facilitated by the Master.

PROFESSOR MARINA RUCSANDRA FILIP, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Associate Professor of Condensed Matter Physics, was awarded the title of Professor of Physics in the University's 2025 Recognition of Distinction exercise. Professor Filip is a co-author on a recent publication in *Advanced Materials* (Wiley, 2025) titled, "Ruddlesden–Popper Defects Act as a Free Surface: Role in Formation and Photophysical Properties of CsPbI 3."

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS HALMI, Margaret Candfield Tutorial Fellow in English and Professor of English and Comparative Literature, organised a public online seminar series, "Historical Anxiety" in January and February 2025, involving discussions with four internationally prominent academics. The series is now on YouTube. In June 2025 he participated in another public online seminar, also available on YouTube: "AI and Human Creativity", with Dr Audrey Borowski and Univ's Poet Laureate Pireeni Sundaralingam. In March 2025 he presented the plenary lecture at the conference Romanticism across Borders in Paris, and in July his first article in German, "Fürst Franz und die englische Kultur", was published in a volume on literary culture in Enlightenment Germany.

PROFESSOR BEN JACKSON, Leslie Mitchell Tutorial Fellow in History and Professor of Modern History, published "Social Democracy without Foundations? David Marquand and the Historiography of the 'Keynesian Welfare State'" in *The Political Quarterly*, Volume 96, Issue 3, (Wiley, 23 April 2025) and several articles on *The Political Quarterly Blog*. He published "Thatcherism on a European scale? The Lost World of British Pro-European Neoliberalism" in *Conservatism, Christian Democracy and the Dynamics of Transformation: Traditions, Cooperation and Influence in North-West Europe, 1945-91*, (Manchester University Press, 2 September 2025) (eds. G Love and C Egander Skov). Professor Jackson was a guest on Melvyn Bragg's "In Our Time" on BBC Radio 4 on 20 October 2024.

PROFESSOR PETER JEZZARD, Vice Master, Professorial Fellow and Herbert Dunhill Professor of Neuroimaging, published "Few-shot learning for highly accelerated 3D time-of-flight MRA reconstruction" (with H Li H, M Chiew, I Dragonu and TW Okell), in *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, 19 April 2025; "Code review facility in Magnetic Resonance in Medicine" in *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine* (Jezzard, et al), 16 October 2024 and "Posthospitalization COVID-19 cognitive deficits at 1 year are global and associated with elevated brain injury markers and gray matter volume reduction" in *Nature Medicine*, (Jezzard etc al, 23 September 2024.

PROFESSOR POLLY JONES, Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellow in Slavonic and East European Studies and Professor of Russian, participated in numerous events in connection with the publication of her book, *Gulag Fiction* (Bloomsbury, 2024), including a talk at the Jordan Center, New York University, interviews with the New Books Network podcast and Radio Svoboda, and a conference on Gulag narratives that she organised with Univ DPhil Jake Robertson in College in January 2025. She also gave the keynote lecture at the conference Cultures of Trauma in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, held at the University of Warwick in May 2025.

PROFESSOR SOPHOCLES MAVROEIDIS, Tutorial Fellow in Economics and Professor of Macroeconomics, published "Empirical evidence on the Euler equation for investment in the US" in the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, Volume 39, Issue 4, (Wiley, June 2024).

PROFESSOR JOE MOSHENSKA, Beaverbrook and Bouverie Tutorial Fellow in English, organised several Shakespeare Society events at Univ, including conversation events with

Peter Boxall and Kate Briggs, Neel Mukherjee and Rebecca F Kuang. Professor Moshenska discussed "Muses and Models: Virgil, Spinoza, and Critical Theory" with Dr Tom Phillips (University of Manchester) for the 11th Annual Adam and Anne Amory Parry Lecture at Yale University on 25 November 2024. He organised (with Leah Whittington, Professor of English at Harvard University), "The Renaissance in Collaboration" at the Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Annual Meeting, 21 March 2025 in Boston, at which he presented and chaired a discussion.

PROFESSOR TOM POVEY, Tutorial Fellow in Engineering, Tacchi Fellow in Engineering Science and Professor of Engineering Science, published "Impact of Trailing Edge Damage on Nozzle Guide Vane Aerodynamic Performance" in the *Journal of Turbomachinery* (with Z Raduev, D Jackson, N Chowdhury, 20 March 2025); "Low-order-model-based design of additive-manufactured heat exchanger" in *Engineering Research Express* Vol. 6, No. 4 (with A Dass Naidu, L Rey, N H K Chowdhury, IOP Publishing, 19 November 2024) and "High-accuracy experimental study of performance characteristics of optimised Ranque-Hilsch vortex tube" in *Applied Thermal Engineering*, Vol. 251 (with N H K Chowdhury, 15 August 2024).

PROFESSOR PATRICK REBESCHINI, Tutorial Fellow and Professor of Statistics and Machine Learning in the Department of Statistics, has published several papers, including five accepted for presentation at the 39th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), to be held in San Diego in December 2025. One of these papers, "Does stochastic gradient really succeed for bandits?" (co-authored with D. Baudry, E. Johnson, D. Vary, and C. Pike-Burke), has been selected for an oral presentation – one of only 77 papers chosen from 21,575 submissions. In addition, Professor Rebeschini received an Amazon Research Award worth $120,000 in 2025 and will host a workshop on Game-Theoretic Statistics and Online Learning in Oxford in November 2025.

PROFESSOR GAVIN SCREATON, Professorial Fellow and Head of the Medical Sciences Division, joined the Board of British multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company GSK plc as a Non-Executive Director on 1 May 2025. Professor Screaton is an expert in the field of immunology and infectious diseases, two areas of science critical to GSK. On appointment, Dr Screaton became a member of the GSK Board Science Committee and the Corporate Responsibility Committee.

PROFESSOR TREVOR SHARP, Radcliffe Medical Fellow and Tutorial Fellow in Neuroscience, remains active in neuropharmacology research, with a particular focus on serotonin signalling in the brain. This year, he has published several research articles, including one in the *British Journal of Pharmacology* examining the serotonin signalling properties of psychedelic drugs. In collaboration with colleagues from the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, he co-authored a study – published in *Nature Communications* – that discovered neurodevelopmental effects of antidepressant treatment. He also delivered a keynote lecture on mechanisms of antidepressant withdrawal at the 21st International Society for Serotonin Research meeting in Vienna. Beyond his academic work, Professor Sharp participated in endurance sporting events, notably completing a cycle climb of the iconic Mont Ventoux in Provence.

PROFESSOR ADAM SMITH, Professorial Fellow, Edward Orsborn Professor of US Politics and Political History, and the Director of the Rothermere American Institute, published *Gettysburg* (Oxford University Press, 2025). *Gettysburg* explains the battle's place in the Civil War, why two vast armies clashed there, and how, in the century and a half since, it has been re-imagined, re-created and re-enacted.

PROFESSOR MARTIN D SMITH, Helen Martin Old Member's Fellow in Organic Chemistry, Professor of Organic Chemistry and Director, EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Synthesis for Biology and Medicine, published, "Photocatalysis as a mechanistic probe for the Staudinger β-lactam synthesis" (M Smith et al) in the journal *Chem Catalysis* (Cell Press, 18 August 2025) and "Visible light-promoted construction of cage-like frameworks by sequential [2 + 2] cycloaddition" in the journal *Organic Letters*, Volume:27, Issue:26, (American Chemical Society, 22 June 2025).

DR SOPHIE SMITH, Tutorial Fellow in Political Theory and Associate Professor of Political Theory in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford, published, "Sleeping Women" in the *London Review of Books*, Vol. 46, No. 24, 26 December 2024, an article about the Pelicot trial. Dr Smith is writing a book about women and the history of ideas and continues as Executive Editor of the *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

PROFESSOR TIAN YUAN TAN 陳釅沅, Professorial Fellow, Chair and Shaw Professor of Chinese, published, "Do the Parts Add Up? Textual Systems and Segments of *Sijieji* 四節記 (Four Seasons) in Ming Anthologies," in the *Journal of Chinese Ritual, Theatre and Folklore* (*Min-su ch'ü-I* 民俗曲藝), No. 225 (September 2024): 17-57. Professor Tan serves on the Board of Advisors for the *Renaissance Studies* journal. He was guest speaker at the launch of the Oxford University Press Hsu-Tang Library of Classical Chinese Literature, which took place at the University of Oxford China Centre in July 2024.

In addition to her role as Tutorial Fellow in Physics, Professor of Physics and Chair of the Joint Supervisory Committee of the Master in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, PROFESSOR CAROLINE TERQUEM delivered a lecture on the "Interaction between fast tides and convection" at the Isaac Newton institute for Mathematical Sciences on 16 January 2024. Professor Terquem also gave a talk on extrasolar planets at the Oxford University Physics Society on 8 May 2024.

*PROFESSOR NICK YEUNG, Sir Jules Thorn Tutorial Fellow in Psychology and Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, published research articles that include "The impact of the timing of advice on its utilisation" in the *Journal of Behavioural Decision Making*, Vol. 38, Issue 3 (with S Aiyer, July 2025) and "Normative and informational confidence matching" in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (with M Friedemann and D Bang, March 2025). He developed and taught a new undergraduate course on Collective Intelligence. New projects this year are investigating the use and trust of emerging AI systems in medical decision-making, and variations across people in how they judge the quality of their own decisions.

SUPERNUMERARY FELLOWS

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BENEDIKT, Supernumerary Fellow in Computer Science and Professor of Computer Science (ULNTF), published "Almost Surely Asymptotically Constant Graph Neural Networks" in *NeurIPS*, (M Benedikt et al, March 2024). He delivered a tutorial on "Analysis of Graph Neural Networks via Graph Query Languages" at the 16th Alberto Mendelzon International Workshop on Foundations of Data Management, from 30 September to 4 October 2024 in Mexico City, Mexico. Professor Benedikt currently serves on the steering committee for the European Association for Computer Science Logic (EACSL).

*PROFESSOR JON BLUNDY FRS, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences and Royal Society Research Professor, published several articles including, "Experimental assessment of sustainable lithium extraction from geothermal reservoirs" in *Geothermics*, Volume 132 (J Blundy et al, Elsevier, November 2025); "Interconnectivity of Magmatic and Hydrothermal Systems of Aluto Volcano in the Main Ethiopian Rift Inferred From Seismicity" in the *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, Volume 130, Issue 6 (J Blundy et al, AGU, 20 June 2025) and "Improved Precision and Reference Materials for Stable Carbon Isotope Measurement in Basaltic Glasses using Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry" in *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* (J Blundy et al, Wiley, 1 June 2025).

DR RAJENDRA CHITNIS, Ivana and Pavel Tykač Fellow in Czech, oversaw the translation by Univ undergraduates of correspondence written in Czech to the uncle of an Old Member, Paul Adler (1975, Physics), relating to the uncle's escape from Czechoslovakia following the 1948 Communist takeover (see "Unlocking some family secrets of the past", univ.ox.ac.uk/news/unlocking-some-family-secrets-of-the-past/). He contributed a chapter on Slovak fiction after Stalinism to *Home and the World in Slovak Writing: A Small Nation's Literature in Context* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2025), a major new history of Slovak literature since 1945. In July he was elected the next president of the British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies.

PROFESSOR TAO DONG, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, is also Professor of Immunology in the MRC Human Immunology Unit at Oxford University, Ita Askonas Professor of Translational Immunology, Founding Director (Oxford), CAMS-Oxford joint International Centre for Translational Immunology and Founding Director (Oxford), Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Oxford Institute (COI). Recent publications include, "Pleural fluid proteomics from patients with pleural infection shows signatures of diverse neutrophilic responses: The Oxford Pleural Infection Endotyping Study (TORPIDS-2)" in the *European Respiratory Journal* Vol. 66 (T Dong et al, European Respiratory Society (ERS), July 2025). Authors include Univ Fellows Dr Nikolaos Kanellakis and *Professor Najib M Rahman.

In addition to teaching, DR ROGER GUNDLE, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, examines regularly for the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Some projects have come to fruition of late including publication of a multicentre trial in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showing that most complex musculoskeletal infections can be treated with oral antibiotics in addition to surgery rather than the current normal practice which is long courses of intravenous antibiotics; this has the potential to save the NHS large sums of money and resources. A collaboration with the Haematologists has been fruitful: "Selective advantage of mutant stem cells in human clonal hematopoiesis is associated with attenuated response to inflammation and aging" has been published in *Cell Stem Cell* and "Detecting and quantifying clonal selection in somatic stem cells" has been published in *Nature Genetics* in July 2025.

PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE FMedSci FRAI, Supernumerary Fellow and SCR President and Professor of Gerontology, published several papers including: "Community-based person-centred integrated care networks for healthy ageing in place", *BMJ Open*, Vol. 14, Issue 5 (with Potter and Malli); "The Human Rights of Older People", *Journal of Population Ageing* (23 April, 2025); "Population Ageing and the Demographic Deficit" in *A Research Agenda for Ageing and Social Policy*, Leichsenring & Sidorenko (ed.) (Elgar, 2024) (with Zhang) and "Functional Transitions among Older Adults in Rural China", *The Journals of Gerontology* (August, 2024). She presented her work at various international conferences, and her research was covered by media outlets including the *Financial Times*, BBC Radio 4's Today Programme, and BBC radio and television News.

PROFESSOR LAURA HERZ, FRS, FInstP, FRSC, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, published several articles, including, "Control Over the Microstructure of Vapor-Deposited CsPbBr3 Enhances Amplified Spontaneous Emission" in *Advanced Optical Materials* (L Herz et al, Wiley, 2025); "Optically Determined Hole Effective Mass in Tin-Iodide Perovskite Films" in *ACS Energy Letters* (L Herz et al, American Chemical Society (ACS), 2025); "Highly Crystalline and Oriented Thin Films of Fully Conjugated 3D-Covalent Organic Frameworks" in *Angewandte Chemie International Edition* (L Herz et al, Wiley, 2025) and "Impact of Charge Transport Layers on the Structural and Optoelectronic Properties of Coevaporated Cu 2 AgBiI 6" in

Applied Materials & Interfaces (L Herz et al, American Chemical Society (ACS), 2025).

DR INE JACOBS, Supernumerary Fellow in Byzantine Archaeology and Stavros Niarchos Foundation Associate Professor of Byzantine Archaeology and Visual Culture, published, "Late fifth-century CE wall mosaics from the Tetrapylon Street in Aphrodisias. Evidence for a wall mosaic habit in late antiquity" in the *American Journal of Archaeology*, Volume 128, Issue 4 (Archaeological Institute of America, 17 September 2024) and "More than 'the last monument of Byzantine rule in Cyrenaica'" in *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*, Volume 117, Issue 3 (De Gruyter, 1 September 2024). In December 2024, Dr Jacobs described her discovery of an underground sanctuary at Aphrodisias, in which she found bronze lamps, incense burners and small-scale statues of pagan gods, for a feature on the University website.

DR EMILY JONES, Supernumerary Fellow in Public Policy is also Professor of Practice in Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, where she co-directs Executive Programmes and leads the Case Centre on Public Leadership. Dr Jones wrote several book reviews for the *Times Literary Supplement*, including, "Authentic intelligence: The maverick founder of the world's first $4 trillion company", a review of *The Thinking Machine* by Stephen Witt (3 October 2025); "Techno challenger: The Chinese company that competes with the West's best", a review of *House of Huawei* by Eva Dou (21 February 2025) and "Digging for victory? The trade-offs between rare earth mining and green objectives" a review of *The War Below* by Ernest Scheyder (18 October 2024).

PROFESSOR CHRIS MACMINN, Supernumerary Fellow in Engineering Science, and Postdoctoral Researchers Dr Callum Cuttle and Dr Liam Morrow were selected by the American Physical Society (APS) as the 2024 winners of the François Frenkiel Award for Fluid Mechanics. Their paper "Compression-driven viscous fingering in a radial Hele-Shaw cell" was selected from 33 evaluated for the award. Professor MacMinn published, "Bulldozing an immersed granular material in a confined channel" on arXiv (C MacMinn et al, 8 May 2025) and "Solute transport due to periodic loading in a soft porous material" in the *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* (with M Fiori and S Pramanik, Cambridge University Press, 14 April 2025).

PROFESSOR PETER MAGILL, Supernumerary Fellow in Neurobiology, Professor of Neurobiology and Director of the MRC Brain Network Dynamics Unit (MRC BNDU) at Oxford, is the founding Director of a new Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) in Restorative Neural Dynamics. The centre, which opens in November 2025, aims to transform the use of medical devices for the treatment of brain conditions including Parkinson's, dementia, stroke, and epilepsy. The centre will receive up to £50 million over 14 years and will be led by researchers at the University of Oxford, Cardiff University, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Imperial College London and Newcastle University.

PROFESSOR TAMSIN MATHER FRS, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, has appeared on US radio twice this year (NPR and American Urban Radio Networks), given public lectures at New Scientist Live in London and in Oxford at Florence Park Talks, the Alumni weekend and the Literary Festival, and written for *Nautilus* online science magazine. In April she presented her book *Adventures in Volcanoland* at the Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) book at lunchtime. From September to July, she was seconded to the Ministry of Defence covering parts of the Chief Scientific Advisor role. In June she was invited to speak at the Interior of the Earth Gordon Research Conference in the US on "New Constraints on the Environmental Impacts of Large Igneous Province Volcanism."

PROFESSOR PETER J MCHUGH, Supernumerary Fellow in Biochemistry, Professor of Molecular Oncology and Deputy Director of Molecular Oncology, MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, published, "Transcription-coupled repair of crosslinking DNA damage" in *DNA Repair*, 152 (with R Roddan, L R Henderson and M Ratnaweera, Elsevier, July 2024); "The dual ubiquitin binding mode of SPRTN secures rapid spatiotemporal proteolysis of DNA-protein crosslinks" in *Nucleic Acids Research*, 53 (13) (with W Song, Y Zhao, A Ruggiano, OUP, July 2025) and "Molecular insights into the stimulation of SNM1A nuclease activity by CSB during interstrand crosslink processing" (with Roddan, W J Nathan, J Newman and A El-Sagheer, September 2024).

PROFESSOR JOHN MORTON, Supernumerary Fellow in Engineering Science, published *The Mechanics of Biological Materials* (co-authored with M. Elices and G. Guinea), (Routledge CRC Press, July 2025). Professor Morton is a former Senior Research Associate at NASA Langley Research Centre. Following a period as Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics at Virginia Tech he returned to the UK as Director of the Structural Materials Centre in the Defence Research Agency (DRA) (part of the Ministry of Defence), which was eventually privatised as QinetiQ.

PROFESSOR PETER NORREYS, FInstP, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, Dean of Degrees and Professor of Inertial Fusion Science, has been awarded the Société Française de Physique and Institute of Physics Prix Fernand Holweck. The gold medal recognises his outstanding contributions to fundamental studies of high energy density plasmas using high power petawatt-class lasers, including fast ignition inertial fusion, particle acceleration and ultra-bright X-ray sources. Professor Norreys has devoted his career to conducting a series of fundamental experiments to characterise energy transport in solid-density and compressed targets using petawatt-class lasers, pioneering many first studies of electron and ion beam acceleration, neutron beams and ultra-bright X-ray sources.

PROFESSOR BARRY V L POTTER, FMedSci, Supernumerary Fellow in Pharmacology, testified in the High Court as an Expert Witness in Medicinal

Chemistry for a pharmaceutical patent case. Using his synthetic molecules, he continued his inter- and multi-disciplinary collaborations on calcium signalling in Oxford and published articles with international research groups. One of these with Tianjin, China, reported in *Metabolism* an approach to attenuate atherosclerosis in metabolic dysfunction-related cardiovascular disease, suggesting a potential new drug target. A collaboration with the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, showed his hormone-targeting drug Irosustat to be a potential therapy in high-grade serous ovarian cancer; and with groups in UAE, he published results for two of his drugs attenuating cisplatin-related toxicity without compromising its anticancer activity.

*PROFESSOR NAJIB RAHMAN, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, published several articles, including, "TCF1 and LEF1 promote B-1a cell homeostasis and regulatory function" in *Nature* Vol. 646 (N Rahman et al, Springer Nature, 20 August 2025); "'Not-So-Simple': Rethinking Pleural Effusions in Cancer, Heart Failure, and Pneumonia" in *Chest*, Vol. 168, Issue 2 (with M Bhatnagar, Elsevier, August 2025); "Burden of Respiratory Syncytial Virus infection in older adults hospitalised in England during 2023/24" in the *Journal of Infection*, Vol. 91, Issue 3 (N Rahman et al, Elsevier, September 2025) and "Thoracic Ultrasound – EFSUMB Training Recommendations, a position paper" in *Ultraschall in der Medizin – European Journal of Ultrasound* (N Rahman et al, 2025).

PROFESSOR ROSALIND RICKABY FRS OBE, Professorial Fellow, and Chair and Professor of Geology, was appointed an OBE for services to Biogeochemistry in the 2025 New Year Honours. Professor Rickaby published several articles, including, "Interactions of CO2 with sedimentary blue carbon: the fate of leaked CO2 from a geological storage site" in the *International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control,* Volume 145 (R Rickaby et al, Elsevier BV, 1 July 2025) and "Exogenous diatoms ameliorate thermal bleaching of symbiont bearing benthic foraminifera" in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, Volume 292, Issue 2049 (R Rickaby et al, The Royal Society, 18 June 2025).

PROFESSOR MAREN SCHENTULEIT, Lady Wallis Budge Fellow and Associate Professor of Egyptology and Coptic Studies, published, "Egyptian cross-gender names in Graeco-Roman Dime and beyond," in A. Almásy-Martin and Y. Broux (eds.), *Greek Personal Names in Egypt. Oxford Studies in Ancient Documents* (Oxford 2025) and "Demotica Selecta 2023" in *Archiv für Papyrusforschung und verwandte Gebiete* 70 (2024). Professor Schentuleit was appointed Director of the Griffith Institute at Oxford for the academic year 2025-26. The Griffith Institute was established in 1939 as the centre for Egyptology at Oxford by Francis Llewellyn Griffith, the first Professor of Egyptology at the University.

PROFESSOR NICOLA SIBSON, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Professor of Imaging Neuroscience, has continued her work on permeabilising brain metastases for earlier and more effective treatment, and translating this to the clinic. She has now successfully conducted preclinical toxicology studies and has recently applied for a MRC Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme grant to take the agent into a Phase I/IIa clinical trial; following a successful Stage 1 application, the team have just submitted a Stage 2 application. Beyond her academic work, Professor Sibson is currently setting up a social enterprise microbrewery and taproom/café, with the aim of helping veterans who are finding the transition from service to civilian life difficult.

DR LAURA STEVENS, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences and Associate Professor of Climate and Earth Surface Processes (ULNTF), published, "Seasonal evolution of the subglacial hydrologic system beneath the western margin of the Greenland Ice Sheet inferred from transient speed-up events" on *EGUsphere*, (L Stevens et al, 28 January 2025); "Elastic Stress Coupling Between Supraglacial Lakes" in the *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface* , Volume 129, Issue 5 (L Stevens et al, Advancing Earth and Space Sciences (AGU), 10 May 2024).

*DR NICK TALBOT, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Associate Professor of Physiology, was part of a team awarded an EPSRC grant in 2025 to develop a novel method for the assessment of lung function in a community setting. Publications include: "Intravenous iron for the treatment of iron deficiency in adults with cystic fibrosis: a prospective observational cohort study" in the *European Respiratory Journal* (Talbot et al, September 2025); "Hypertonic saline or carbocisteine in bronchiectasis" in *The New England Journal of Medicine* (Bradey et al, September 2025) and "Computed cardiopulmonography: Effects of physical characteristics on lung parameter estimates" in the *Journal of Experimental Physics* (Alamoudi et al, May 2025).

PROFESSOR PEIJUN ZHANG, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, published several articles, including, "Structural basis for HIV-1 capsid adaption to a deficiency in IP6 packaging" in *Nature Communications* (Zhang et al, 1 September 2025); "HIV-1 nuclear import is selective and depends on both capsid elasticity and nuclear pore adaptability" in *Nature Microbiology* (Zhang et al, 7 July 2025); "Unveiling the structural spectrum of SARS-CoV-2 fusion by in situ cryo-ET" in *Nature Communications* (Zhang et al, 3 June 2025) and "Adaptive multi-epitope targeting and avidity-enhanced nanobody platform for ultrapotent, durable antiviral therapy" in *Cell* (Zhang et al, 27 November 2024).

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

PROFESSOR GIDEON HENDERSON FRS, Senior Research Fellow in Earth Sciences, finished his term as Chief Scientific Adviser and Director General for Science and Analysis at Defra (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Oct 2019-June 2025), and returned to a full teaching and research portfolio. He also started as Chair of the UK Met Office Science Advisory Committee (April 2025), as a

Non-Executive Director at Fera Science Ltd (July 2025), and as the Senior Independent Member for the Natural Environment Research Council (Sept 2025). He was elected an Honorary Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge (June 2025). His present research focuses on the science and policy of a range of approaches to remove CO_2 from the atmosphere, and on changing use and conservation of the ocean.

PROFESSOR NGAIRE WOODS CBE, Senior Research Fellow and founding Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government, published "3 opportunities to strengthen good governance and corporate resilience" on *World Economic Forum* (with Klaus Moosmayer, 13 October 2025); "Unsustainable Development Goals" on *Project Syndicate* (15 September 2025); "How to Use AI Without Losing Our Minds" on *Project Syndicate* (29 August 2025) and "Order Without America: How the International System Can Survive a Hostile Washington" in *Foreign Affairs* (22 April 2025). Professor Woods was a guest on BBC *Newsnight* on 7 April 2025. It was announced in September 2024 that the UK Foreign Secretary had appointed Professor Woods to lead a review of global impact for the UK government.

STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

In an episode of Off the Beaten Track, a project founded by the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences at the University of Oxford, *MX ALEX BENN, Stipendiary Lecturer in Law, explored how personal experience can shape a better scholar, student, and friend. Mx Benn published, "In Crisis: the 'Constitutional' Right to Jury Trial" (UK Constitutional Law Association, 18 July 2025); "'Biological Sex in the UK Supreme Court: Four Problems with For Women Scotland v Scottish Ministers" on the *Oxford Human Rights Hub* (17 April 2025); and "Universities Should Stop Calling the Police on Peaceful Student Protestors" in *The Political Quarterly* (with Daniella Lock, 10 October 2024).

DR NIKOLAOS I KANELLAKIS, Lecturer in Medicine, continued his translational research on pleural disease. Dr Kanellakis was awarded an Asthma and Lung UK research grant to investigate the role of neutrophils in pleural infection. He published in the *European Respiratory Journal* the first study showing the different biological endotypes of pleural infection, and "TCF1 and LEF1 promote B-1a cell homeostasis and regulatory function", a collaboration between Dr Kanellakis's lab and Carola Vinuesa's lab at the Crick Institute, in *Nature*, Issue 646 (with N Rahman, 16 September 2025). Dr Kanellakis has also been racing with Oxford University Athletics Club representing the University at the London Marathon and continued to support University College Boat Club as Treasurer.

DR FRANZ LANG, Stipendiary Lecturer in Physics, published "Magnetoelastic Dynamics of the Spin Jahn-Teller Transition in CoTi2O5" in *Physical Review Letters*, Volume 134, Issue 25 (F Lang et al, American Physical Society, 25 June 2025).

THE REVD DR MATTHEW CHEUNG SALISBURY, Lecturer in Music, published, with Jennifer Rushworth (UCL), the first book-length English translation of the writings of Christian de Chergé. De Chergé was the prior of the Trappist community of Our Lady of Atlas in Tibhirine, Algeria, until his assassination with six of his fellow monks in 1996. Drawn from the last two years of his life, the chapter talks to his brothers, published here as *God for All Days*, and are a treasury of inspiration for those interested in Benedictine spirituality, and a valuable source of reflections on Muslim-Christian relations to accompany those who engage in religious encounter in a pluralistic environment.

DR LAURA VARNAM, Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature, gave readings from her *Beowulf*-inspired poetry at venues including the Cheltenham Literary Festival and the Oxford Poetry Library. She appeared on the Halloween episode of *Backlisted* on Arthur Conan Doyle and she was in conversation with Daphne du Maurier's grandson Rupert Tower at a screening of *Don't Look Now*. She won the Univ library poetry prize and had a poem published in *The Rialto*. She launched the Guild of Medievalist Makers with Kristen Haas Curtis and Eleanor Baker. She wrote the afterword for the Suntup Press edition of *Rebecca*.

EMERITUS FELLOWS

DR STEPHEN GOLDING, DMRD, FRCR, LRCP, MRCS, FBIR, FHEA, Emeritus Fellow, continues to publish reviews of opera productions in *Opera* magazine.

PROFESSOR ROBIN NICHOLAS, Emeritus Fellow, published, "Doping Carbon Nanotube Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate Thin Films for Touch-Sensitive Applications" in *Applied Electronic Materials*, Volume 7, Issue 11 (R Nicholas et al, American Chemical Society, 2025). Univ graduate scholar Bernd Sturdza (2018, DPhil Physics) is one of the authors.

PROFESSOR MARK SMITH, Emeritus Fellow, led a tour "Egypt Beyond the Pyramids", in October 2026: a journey from Cairo to Luxor, including visits to the pyramids at Giza, the Step Pyramid at Saqqara, the treasures of Tutankhamun in Cairo, early pyramids at Dahshur, Meidum and Hawara, a safari to Wadi al-Hitan UNESCO World Heritage site where fossil whale remains have been found, and to the Middle Kingdom tombs at Beni Hasan. Highlights included a visit to Tell el-Amarna, Abydos, Dendera's Hathor temple en route to Luxor, where the tour ended with spectacular templates and the iconic tombs of the Valley of the Kings.

THE HON. DAVID SOSKICE published *Macroeconomics: Institutions, Instability and Inequality*, with Wendy Carlin (Oxford University Press, 2024).

PROFESSOR ADRIAN ZUCKERMAN, Emeritus Fellow, was appointed Honorary King's Counsel (KC honoris causa) in February 2025. Honorary KC is awarded to those who have made a major contribution to the law of England and Wales, outside practice in the courts. The Lord Chancellor presided over the award ceremony, which took place at Westminster Hall in March 2025. The Ministry of Justice citation for Professor Zuckerman's appointment says:

"Professor Zuckerman is a scholar in civil procedure and evidence law. He is Emeritus Professor of Civil Procedure at the University of Oxford and Emeritus Fellow of University College, Oxford. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Civil Justice Quarterly* and a Consultant Editor of *Halsbury's Laws of England*. Professor Zuckerman is a prominent commentator on the administration of civil justice. He has influenced legislative policy and judicial practice, notably through contributions to the Woolf Report, Access to Justice, and the Jackson Review of Civil Litigation Costs. He has campaigned for improving access to court and for making justice available to all at proportionate cost. His work on criminal evidence refocused evidence scholarship around fundamental normative principles. He was nominated for his contributions to the Civil Procedure Rules in England and Wales. His academic work, particularly 'Zuckerman on Civil Procedure,' is cited in courts across the common law world."

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

DR JACK ANDREWS is the Stevenson Junior Research Fellow in Medical Sciences (Psychology) at Univ and a Wellcome Trust Early-Career Fellow in the Department of Experimental Psychology. His research focuses on adolescent social development and mental health. Dr Andrews published, "How do you change the behaviour of the world?" in *The Psychologist* (The British Psychological Society, 2 January 2025) in which he discussed research into collective and societal identity theory and behaviour in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr Andrews contributed to the inaugural Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) journal debate, "Where to next for universal school-based mental health interventions?" on 2 June 2025.

DR CONNOR KEATING, Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism, recently published articles in *Autism*, *Molecular Autism*, and *Cognitive Psychology Bulletin* focusing on: (1) the role of knowledge and cultural orientation in autism-related stigma; (2) bidirectional mentalizing between autistic and non-autistic people across cultures; and (3) a new theoretical model of emotion processing. In early 2025, Dr Keating was awarded both the Experimental Psychology Society's Frith Prize and the International Society for Autism Research's Dissertation Award in recognition of outstanding doctoral research.

DR LYN KOUADIO, Beacon Junior Research Fellow, has a forthcoming article with *International Political Sociology*, a journal of the International Studies Association. She is also working on two books, one on Africanising transitional justice and the other on the RDA as a civil rights movement in colonial French Africa. Dr Kouadio organised the annual Univ Beacon Conversation with Professor Iyiola Solanke, Jaques Delors Professor in European Union Law at Oxford, on "Decolonisation in Practice? From widening participation to pedagogy" in October 2025.

DR LEA REES, Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology, received two grants from the G A Wainwright Fund to support her research in the tomb of Ramesses III (KV 11) in the Valley of the Kings and one from the Gerda Henkel Foundation to fund her excavation project at Dahshur. A landscape biography of Dahshur, co-authored with Hana Navratilova, will be published with Oxford University Press. She has presented her research in Munich, London, Durham, and Prague.

HONORARY FELLOWS

SIR IVOR CREWE, DL, FAcSS, Former Master of Univ 2008-20, was appointed President of the Coram Group of children's charities in 2024.

*PROFESSOR JOHN FINNIS, Honorary and Emeritus Fellow (1962, Law), published the British Academy's biographical memoir (vol. 22, pp. 307-341) of the eminent Oxford philosopher *Joseph Raz, FBA (1964, Law).

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER PELLING, Honorary and Emeritus Fellow, published a translation, introduction, and commentary on Plutarch, Alexander in the OUP Clarendon Ancient History Series, a sister volume to his 2011 commentary on the paired Life of Caesar. He also published five papers, including, "Literature as evidence: the case of Herodotus", in C. Carey, M. Edwards, and B. Griffith-Williams (eds.), *Evidence and Proof in Ancient Greece* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 26 March 2024) and "'I want to be great too – but how?' Alexander, Augustus, and Livy" in J. Chaplin, I. Peirano Garrison, and C. Stray (eds.), *Commenting on the past: Essays in Honor of Christina Shuttleworth Kraus* (De Gruyter, 2025).

*PROFESSOR SIR SIMON WESSELY, GBE, FMedSci, FRS, (1977, Medicine), Honorary Fellow, published, "The changing prevalence of ADHD? A systematic review" in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*, Volume 388 (S Wessely et al, 1 November 2025); "Futureproofing the healthcare workforce in Europe" in *The Lancet Regional Health – Europe*, Volume 57 (S Wessely et al, Elsevier, October 2025); "Relative income and its relationship with mental health in UK employees" in *PLoS One*, Volume 20 (S Wessely et al, 23 April 2025) and "Adverse Mental Health Outcomes and Alcohol Misuse Among UK Armed Forces Personnel" in *The Lancet* (S Wessly et al, Elsevier, 13 December 2024).

SENIOR COLLEGE LECTURERS

DR AYLON COHEN, Departmental and College Lecturer in Feminist Political Theory, gave a talk at the University of Amsterdam on "A Queer-Feminist History of Manhood Democracy in England" in February 2025. Dr Cohen published "Grooming Authoritarianism: Anti-Trans/Queer Panic as Pedagogy for Democratic Decline," co-written with Dr. Samuel Galloway, in *PS: Political Science & Politics* in July 2025.

NON-STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

*DR ROBERT CONWAY, Non-Stipendiary Lecturer in Medicine, currently acts as a Chief Registrar in Emergency Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. From September 2025 he is undertaking an NHS England Global Health Fellowship at Mitchells Plain Hospital, Cape Town.

DR IRIS PEARSON, Non-Stipendiary Lecturer, continued to assist Joe Moshenska in running Creating Criticism, a project dedicated to examining the overlap between creative and critical practice. The most recent product was a co-edited cluster of essays on creativecritical.net, which featured academics from the UK, Europe and the US experimenting with the form of a conference write-up. In addition to teaching responsibilities, Dr Pearson published an essay in the journal *Modernist Cultures* and undertook a four-month postdoctoral fellowship in Tokyo, where she worked on on a project about Japanese writer and poet Mieko Kanai. Her first book, on "middle feelings" in modern and contemporary novels, is currently under consideration by a publisher.

FORMER FELLOWS

PROFESSOR DR TIM BROOK, former Shaw Professor in Chinese, was Francesco de Dombrowski Visiting Professor, John Selden's Library of the World 2023-2024 (January - March) at The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy.

A panel discussion "Voting Paradoxes, Failure, and Mistakes" honouring PROFESSOR DR IAIN MCLEAN FBA FRSA, former Univ Fellow and Praelector in Politics (1978-1991), was held at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society in Dallas, Texas.

VISITING FELLOWS

*DR CHRISTIAN A MAMMEN (1993, Law) returned to Univ as a Temporary Member of the Senior Common Room and Academic Visitor in the Faculty of Law during Trinity term 2024. He led a multidisciplinary working group on artificial intelligence and creativity, resulting in the publication of a white paper titled "Creativity, Artificial Intelligence, and the Requirement of Human Authors and Inventors in Copyright and Patent Law," of which Dr Mammen is lead author. Dr Mammen was also a panelist at the Univ Seminar in July, alongside Pireeni Sundaralingam.

POET LAUREATE

*PIREENI SUNDARALINGAM, Univ's poet laureate, published a catalogue chapter on neuroscience and sculpture for the Anish Kapoor retrospective at Denmark's ARKEN Museum of Contemporary Art, a chapter "Designing with the Brain in Mind" for the book *Cultivating Futures Thinking in Museums* (Routledge, 2025) and was a co-author on Dr Christian Mammen's white paper on AI and Creativity. Talks include keynoting for Denmark's GRASP Festival of change-making ideas; a conversation about war poetry with Channel 4 Editor Lindsey Hilsum at the London Literature Festival and speaking on the neuroscience of human-AI interaction at the Univ Seminar. In College, Pireeni led the second College Poetry Tour, shared her own poems about Univ's history at the William of Durham lunch, led creativity workshops, and curated the inaugural Percy Bysshe Shelley Dinner in Michaelmas term 2024.

*Old Member

LEAVING FELLOWS AND STAFF



PROFESSOR JOTUN HEIN
Professorial Fellow and Chair and Professor of Bioinformatics
2001-2025

Jotun Hein has retired from his post as Professor of Bioinformatics at the University of Oxford and has also retired from his role on Univ's Governing Body after 24 years of service. Jotun joined Univ as a Statutory Professor of Bioinformatics in 2001 and has led the Evolutionary Bioinformatics Group within the Department of Statistics ever since. He had been a Lecturer at Aarhus University in Denmark for the preceding decade, and prior to that held a number of post-doctoral positions in locations as diverse as North Carolina, Montreal and Japan. His area of research is in the algorithmic aspects of molecular evolution, the origins of life, and population genetics.

At Oxford Jotun has made major contributions in these areas, bringing a statistician's eye to key problems in biology. His study of stochastic processes related to the gene genealogies, an area known as coalescent theory, has led to efficient new algorithms for genealogical reconstruction. He co-wrote the first textbook on the topic in 2004, now a standard reference. He has also done pioneering work in the areas of sequence alignment and RNA structure prediction – a little like the well-known protein folding problem, but for RNA: given a sequence of nucleotides, can you predict how they are arranged in their three-dimensional conformation? Not to avoid a challenge, Jotun has also tackled the origins of life, a problem once described as "beyond science", contributing to an influential review article arguing for the importance of "autocatalytic" sets of reactions. Finally, Jotun has been closely involved in bringing evolutionary insight to many organisms, working with biologists on diverse data sources like HIV, coronavirus, various cresses, chimpanzees, plant pathogens, and of course humans.

Jotun has always had very broad interests, something which is in his DNA. He is the son of Piet Hein, who was himself a prominent Danish polymath, with interests and output in a range of areas including mathematics, design, and poetry (Piet Hein popularised the "superegg"; invented the "soma cube"; and also created "grooks", a well-known form of aphoristic poetry in Denmark). In the same way, Jotun's range of interests cannot be contained, and he has regularly stretched himself (and any students willing to join in) with lecture series and book clubs that strayed far from his area of expertise, simply because he likes to challenge himself, and because he finds many topics

interesting. For example, he mentioned to me one day that he planned to give a series of talks on how the brain worked and wanted recommendations for books and local experts in the field. He also devoured vast quantities of knowledge and research about COVID-19 during the global pandemic and became an expert in the area. He has also run "extreme" book clubs, in which lengthy books on economic theory, computational complexity, or the origins of life on earth, would be read and digested in an intensive way and discussed and summarised by the reading group.

An active member of the Senior Common Room, Jotun has been a regular attendee at High Table and plans to visit Univ as often as he can once he has retired. We wish him a long and happy retirement!

PETER JEZZARD
Vice-Master

With contributions from Professor Paul Jenkins, University of Warwick, a former student of Jotun.

STAFF



REIJA FANOUS, PA to the Finance Bursar, retired at the end of March 2025. Dr Grant has written the following tribute: It is with heartfelt thanks for her 23 years of dedicated service and friendship that many of us gathered in the Alington Room on 13 March 2025 to wish Reija a happy retirement. This event marked the end of her continuous quality support to the College Bursar. I had the pleasure and privilege of having been assisted by Reija over the past eight years. Alongside her energetic support – she is quite notable for having the lowest resistance to getting into action of anyone that I have encountered in my career – I can testify to many engaging and hilarious discussions as completing committee papers all too often pushed us deep into Friday evening. As I look back over her career, Reija's service to the Bursar's office expanded notably between 2011 and 2018 with the administration and later project management of the Global Economic Governance programme, which was latterly housed in the Blavatnik School of Government, and Reija split her time between the High Street and the ROQ (Radcliffe Observatory Quarter). In College, Reija handled the major demands of recording the property estates and the curation of the many title deeds and leases as a vital part of estates bursary tasks. Our gratitude for her huge contribution to the College was marked with a beautiful silver necklace and matching earrings and, of course, our sincerest best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

2025 saw the departure of two long serving members of the Treasury Team. Tim Croft, College Accountant, has written the following tributes:

MARIA DRUCE, payroll officer, retired after nearly 24 years at Univ. Maria initially joined the College as Purchase Ledger Clerk in 2001 but when the opportunity arose to become Payroll Officer in 2012, she was a natural fit given her previous wider experience. Since then, she diligently ensured everyone was paid on time and (usually) the correct amount! She was always willing to explain the intricacies in the workings of HMRC and to point people in the right direction to resolve tax, pensions or National Insurance issues. We wish her and her husband all the best for their retirement.

DENISE UPTON joined the College initially on a temporary contract in 2012 and then permanently in 2013 as the Treasury Assistant responsible for the Purchase Ledger. She has quietly and efficiently ensured our suppliers get paid for the past 12 years. In that time, she has overcome the challenges of the move to "e-invoicing" for the College's food supplies and overseen the rolling out of the College's own "e-authorisation" system, not to mention the complications arising from Univ North invoicing through the Design & Build company to achieve VAT savings. We wish her all the best for her retirement with her husband.

OTHER LEAVING STAFF

TARA CAIRNDUFF, Domestic Bursary Administrative Officer, left Univ in August 2025 to embark on a period of travel with her family.

BERNARD CHYLINSKI, Porter, left Univ to take up the post of Deputy Head Porter at The Queen's College, Oxford.

ROBERT CIOBANU, IT Support Assistant, left Univ in February 2025.

CHRIS DAVIES, Head Porter, left Univ in December 2024 to take up the post of Head Porter at Mansfield College, Oxford.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) FLEETWOOD, Assistant Librarian, left Univ in October 2025 to take up the role of Deputy Librarian at Keble College.

HARI PANKHANIA, Alumni and Donor Relations Officer, left Univ in March 2025.

LIZA RAICHYNETS, Conferencing and Events Administrative Assistant, left Univ in February 2025.

ANGELA UNSWORTH MBE, Domestic Bursar, left Univ in 2024 to take up a post of Director of Accommodation, Catering and Conferences (Home Bursar) at Jesus College Oxford.

EPONINE WONG, Academic Services officer, left Univ in September 2025 to take up a more a senior role at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

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

ACADEMIC RESULTS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC RESULTS AND DISTINCTIONS

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

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

In the Schools of 2025, results were:

Class I and Distinction	32
Class II I	61
Class II ii	8
Class III	0
Pass	2
Merit	3

The details of the Firsts and Distinctions are as follows:

Chemistry (MChem)
Cameron Brown
Andrew Christian
Bertie Coomber
Josephine Forsythe
Sam Power
Alexander Wallop

Chinese
Laura Fulton

Chinese with Japanese
Liberty Osborne

Computer Science (MCompSci)
Oscar Lok Tim Mui

Earth Sciences (MEarthSci)
Julia Johnson
Beth Scrivens
Max Wylder

Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Baris Ozdemir

Engineering Science (MEng)
Panu Hietanen
Joshua Pearson

History and Politics
Caroline Sheehan

Jurisprudence
William Freestone
Max Thomas

Literae Humaniores - Course I
Maeve Dever

Mathematics (MMath)
Elijah Chew
Joshua Lau

Mathematics and Computer Science (MMathCompSci)
Aidan Healy

Medicine – Preclinical (3 year)
Jack Grivvell

Modern Languages (Italian and Russian)
Alice Blackmore

Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry (MBiochem)
Bára Cihlová

Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Tara Narayan
Ruitao Yang

Physics (MPhys)
Molly Hammond

All of the above students were awarded Finalist Scholarships to commend their academic results in the Final Honour Schools.

In the first Public Examinations there were 26 Firsts or Distinctions in Prelims/Moderations in 2024-25.

Ancient and Modern History
Sebastian Collins

Chemistry (MChem)
Evi Bukata
Nicole Kim
Alex Lake
Pijus Tamosiunas

Computer Science (MCompSci)
Mariam Elantably
Duncan Ng

Earth Sciences (MEarthSci)
Pippa Nowers
William Raichura
Elliot Yu

English Language and Literature – Course I
Ruby Davis
Anna Hagan

History
Daniela Braw-Smith
Elijah Wahl-Nahmias

Jurisprudence (with Law in Europe)
Umberto Spezi

Mathematics and Computer Science (MMathCompSci)
Cagan Yanmaz

Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics (MMath)
Shuhao Tian

Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry (MBiochem)
Clara Hagstroem
Albert Ma

Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Tori Chittmittrapap
Leo Marinopoulos
Bastian Rung-Hansen
Julian Wong

Physics (MPhys)
Xiaochuan Cheng
Gyan Seah
Silas Shi

POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

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

Alvaro Arroyo
Incorporating Sequential and Geometric Structure into Deep Neural Networks

Hannah Asiki
Target Discovery and Mode of Action Studies of Dehydrodieugenol B Analogues in Leishmania

Ebenezer Azamati
Realpolitik Internationalism: the Essence of Non-liberal states Engagement with UN War-ending Measures

James Cartlidge
Scaling of Overall Cooling Effectiveness from Typical Laboratory Conditions to Engine Conditions

Rachel Conway
Topochemical Cation Exchange Reactions of Ruddlesden-Popper Oxides

Matthew Cotton
Models of Protein Organisation

Jess Crompton
Hydrogen Borrowing Methods for the Synthesis of Quaternary Stereocentres

Rosie Eaves
An Energy and Enstrophy Constrained Parameterization of Mesoscale Ocean Eddies Over Topography

Marine Eviette
Application of Formal Modelling to Mitigate Metadata-Driven Privacy Violations

Bronwyn Gavine
Brain stimulation as a therapeutic tool for Cerebral Palsy: a multimodal study

Harry Hicks
Exploring oxonium ion chemistry in natural product synthesis

Susannah Holliman
The regulation of alpha-like globin gene expression throughout development and differentiation

Naroa Ibarra Aizpurua
Investigating the role of astrocytes in Parkinson's disease pathogenesis in GBA-N370S iPSC-derived neural cultures

Esther Jones
Sjögren's Disease Autoantigen TRIM21/Ro52 is Exposed During Lytic Cell Death, Facilitates Immune Complex Formation and Activates Macrophages

Eduard Krkoska
Information and Behaviour in Labour Markets

Cameron Lang
Investigating the role of IGF-1 on the anti-cancer immune response

Naomi Mburu
Free Surface Liquid Metal Flow in a Surface Normal Magnetic Field for Fusion Applications

Bei Bei Morrison Evans
Chemical Differentiation of Subduction Zone Magmas

Alizeh Paracha
Manifesting the Modern Muslim World: Pakistan's 'Muslim' Foreign Policy, 1947-1977

Ethan Petrou
The utility of barium isotopes as a tracer of methane cycling in continental margin settings

Malitha Ratnaweera
Structure-Function Analysis of SLX4 and Its Scaffolded Nucleases

Jorin Riexinger
Patterned delivery of chemical signals from 3D-printed synthetic tissues

Jake Robertson
Stages of Captivity: Creativity & Colonization in the Professional Gulag Theaters of Vorkuta and Magadan

Alice Robinson
Identification of key intermediates for the spatio-temporal regulation of TLR2 and TLR3 signalling

Emily Rowland
Decoding receptor selection and specificity in Class 3 Semaphorins

Diana Shi
No and Ga in Old Japanese: A Synchronic and Diachronic Study

Lisa Spiering
Control and causal learning in the human brain and their links to mental health

Thomas Tendron
Non-equilibrium fluctuations for a spatial logistic branching process with weak competition

Dixa Thakrar
Role of mammographic density and other risk factors in the development and detection of breast cancer

Andrea Vitangeli
The Work of Art and Its Fate in Heidegger's History of Being

Steve Webster
Rhodium Catalyzed Regio- and Enantioselective Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Couplings

Ashley Wright
The President Proposes, but Congress Disposes: The Role of Congress in Foreign Aid as American Foreign Policy

2025

The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the summer of 2025.

Bachelor of Law

Piero Craney
Raphaelle Martinez
Fionn McFadden
Bukola Oloyede

Master of Philosophy in Economics

Vikram Patil

Master of Philosophy in Egyptology

Andy An

Master of Philosophy in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature

Simona Thompson

Master of Philosophy in Politics – European Politics and Society

Emma Rath

Master of Philosophy in Russian and East European Studies
Natalie Navarrete

Master of Philosophy in Theology
George Anthony Pratt

Master of Science in Law and Finance
Adenike Adekanmbi
Daniel Erasmus

Master of Studies in English (650-1550)
Judah Millen

Master of Studies in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
Marcus Wells

Master of Studies in Music (Musicology)
Helen Birch

2024
The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the summer of 2024.

Master of Public Policy
Thin Thin Htet

Master of Science in Applied Cancer Science
Alice Barocco
Gift Gwawawa
Melville Nyatondo

Master of Science in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation
Takhona Hlatshwako

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AWARDED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were awarded a Graduate Scholarship in 2024. (Please note that students who have opted to make their award private are not listed below.)

Clarendon Award
Grace Roodenrys
Eliel Koivisto Stenstrom

Duke of Cambridge Scholarship at Oxford University
Sah Hee Lee

Edwin Arnold Davis and Run Run Shaw Scholarship
Chen Chen

Henni Mester Studentship
Eliot Johnson-Hall

Mastercard Foundation AfOx Scholarship
Adenike Adekanmbi
Aderinsola Adelaja
Azeezat Ajose
Bukola Oloyede
Ibiwunmi Oluokun

Oxford Graduate Scholarship through the Black Academic Futures*
*Univ's contribution is made through The Beacon Scholarship
Tracy MacCarthy

Oxford-Anderson Scholarship in History
Samuel Rubinstein

Oxford-Anderson Scholarship in Humanities
Shatha Abd El Latif

Oxford-Ashton Scholarship in Engineering
Gabriel Pereira

Oxford-Berman Scholarship in Physics
Ruby Khondaker

Oxford-Cawkwell-Faculty of Classics Scholarship
Max Buckby

Oxford-Chellgren Scholarship in Economics
Jakob Kalb
Luca Rampoldi

Oxford-Finnis Scholarship in Law
Harry Botterill

Oxford-Marshall Scholarship
Richard Allen

Oxford-Radcliffe Graduate Scholarship
Ben Aldridge
Deepro Choudhury
Archi De
Robert Douglas
Ciaran Duff
Rowan Haslam
Shubhankar Kashyap
Julius Kiln
Ashley Newton
Ahren Sampath
Megan Taylor
Yuxuan Zhang

Oxford-Rothermere American Institute Scholarship at University College
Maurice Hirt
Eszter D Kovacs

Oxford-University College-Burma Graduate Scholarship
Thu Thu Aung

Rhodes Scholarship for University College
Madison Jennings
Liso Zenani

Swire Graduate Scholarship for University College
Yu-An Chen

War Memorial Scholarship
Naeem Abdul Ghafoor

UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND OTHER AWARDS

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

UNIVERSITY PRIZES

AWE Prize for Best Fourth Year Performance in Geophysics
Julia Johnson

Brewer-Loughman Scholarship for Outstanding 4th Year Project
Julia Johnson

British Pharmacological Society Clinical Undergraduate Prize 2024
Jamie Adams

Burdett-Coutts Prize for the Best Fourth Year Performance in Palaeobiology
Max Wylder

Commendation for Individual Presentation (Physics)
Adam Coleman

Commendation for Practical Work in Part B (Physics)
Enrico Martinez

Commendation for the Compulsory Paper CP1 (Physics)
Gyan Seah

Commendation for the Compulsory Paper CP3 (Physics)
Xiaochuan Cheng

Department of Computer Science Group Project Prize 2025
Anna Flett

EEDI Award for Outstanding Contributions to Improving Equality, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in Earth Sciences
Max Wylder

Elizabeth Anscombe Prize for the Best Undergraduate Thesis in Philosophy
Maeve Dever

Gibbs Book Prize in Biochemistry Part II
Bára Cihlová

Gibbs Engineering (Group) Prize 2025
Charlie Gundy

Gibbs Prize for Best MPhys Research Project
Molly Hammond

Gibbs Prize for Computer Science and Philosophy 2025
Nicholas Leung

Gibbs Prize for Mathematics 2025
Joshua Lau

Gibbs Prize for Mathematics and Philosophy 2025
Pedro De Oliveira Lengruber Lack

Gibbs Prize for Practical Work in Physics Part B
Nick Dight

Gibbs Prize in Engineering Science Awarded to the Team that Submitted the Best Design Project (3YP) in Part B of the Final Honours School
Rory Millard

Gibbs Prize in Engineering Science for Best Performance in Combined Parts A and B Examinations of the Final Honours School
Rory Millard

ISC Prize for the Best Performance in First Year (Earth Sciences)
William Raichura

Law Faculty Prize for Criminal Law
Max Thomas

Medical Sciences Wronker Grant 2024
Jamie Adams

Outreach Prize for Extraordinary Commitment to Public and Schools Engagement
Katy Griffiths

COLLEGE PRIZES 2025

Alan Urbach Prize 2025
Max Thomas
William Freestone
Will McCaffery

Allen Prize 2023-24
Ardeel Hussain

Cawkwell Prize 2025
Li An Tan

Cunningham Prize 2025
Heli Sanghavi

Frederick H Bradley Prize (Finals) 2025
Caroline Sheehan

Frederick H Bradley Prize (Thesis) 2025
Leo Warner
Yasmin Beed

Gerald Meier Prize 2025
Ruitao Yang

Harold Wilson Prize (Finals) 2025
Ruitao Yang

Harold Wilson Prize (Thesis) 2025
Finn Walshe

Helen and Peter Dean Prize (Modern Languages Joint Schools) 2025
Tatiana Smart

Helen and Peter Dean Prize (Modern Languages Single Honours) 2025
Alice Blackmore

John and Ruth Deech Law Prize
Max Thomas

Kramer Prize 2023-24
Kate Whitaker

Nathan Prize 2025
Cagan Yanmaz
Jeremy Liu
Pedro De Oliveira Lengruber Lack
Shuhao Tian

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part A) 2025
James Kennedy

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part B) 2025
Leo Yang

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part C) 2025
Molly Hammond

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Prelims) 2025
Silas Shi

Nicholas Prize in Physics (Progress) 2025
Katie Edwards

Peter Rowley Prize 2025
William Freestone

Plumptre Major Exhibition 2023-24
Julia Johnson

Plumptre Minor Exhibition 2023-24
Ivan Shatrov

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

The following undergraduates were elected Scholars and Exhibitioners for the academic year 2024-25, based on their academic performance during the 2023-24 academic year:

CHEMISTRY (MChem)
Scholars
Cameron Brown
Andrew Christian
Paolo Cicuta
Bertie Coomber
Ziying Han
Ed Neville
Samuel Power
Ivan Shatrov
Alex Wallop
Deniz Yoruk-Mikhailov

Exhibitioners
Kelvin Cheung
Charlie Chubb
Josephine Forsythe
Suzanne Lim
Rory Proudfoot
Tomoya Shiina
Yuhan Wang

CHINESE WITH JAPANESE
Scholars
Liberty Osborne

COMPUTER SCIENCE (MCompSci)
Scholars
Oscar Lok Tim Mui
Kathy Sui

Exhibitioners
Adam Paksy

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY (MCompSciPhil)
Scholars
Nicholas Leung

EARTH SCIENCES (MEarthSci)
Scholars
Julia Johnson

Exhibitioners
Maeve Burton
Max Wylder

EGYPTOLOGY AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES
Scholars
Baris Ozdemir

ENGINEERING SCIENCE (MEng)
Scholars
Panu Hietanen
Rory Millard
Joshua Pearson
Adam Thomas

Exhibitioners
David Chen
Will Hough
Isaac Markovitz
Viktor Mihaylov
Chenwei Wu

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – COURSE 1
Exhibitioners
Hazel Dovey
Scarlett Fountain-Wilkinson
Maximillian Ren

EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
Exhibitioners
Mohammed Amara
Elena Manchorova

HISTORY
Scholars
Eloise Cooke

Exhibitioners
Will Chantry
Alana Cottey
Isaac Dean
Eve Reynolds
Rachel Turner

HISTORY AND POLITICS
Scholars
Caroline Sheehan
Leo Warner

Exhibitioners
Julian Wang

LAW (Jurisprudence)
Exhibitioners
James Hadfield
Esomchi Iruloh
Max Thomas

LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE 1
Scholars
Maeve Dever
Isabella Penna

Exhibitioners
Natalya Keller
Olivia Rankin
Li An Tan

LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE 2
Scholars
Marcus O'Connor

MATHEMATICS (MMath)
Scholars
Elijah Chew
Joshua Lau
Jeremy Liu
Yifu Zhang

Exhibitioners
Shing Fung Chan
Tom Forster
Aaron Gong
Dominic Seymour
Callum Young

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (MMathCompSci)
Scholars
Aidan Healy
Danny Wheeler

Exhibitioners
Annabel Flett
Sidharth Puthiyedathu Suresh
Yiyang Xu
Richard Yu

MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY (MMathPhil)
Scholars
Pedro De Oliveira Lengruber Lack

Exhibitioners
Inha Choi

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
Scholars
Ahmed Ali
Yuhong Chen

MEDICINE – PRECLINICAL (3 YEAR)
Scholars
Ayman Ahmad

Exhibitioners
Jack Grivvell
Jia Xin Li

MODERN LANGUAGES (French and Czech)
Exhibitioners
Jamie Hopkins

MODERN LANGUAGES (Spanish and Russian)
Exhibitioners
Jake Manketo

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY (MBiochem)
Scholars
Bára Cihlová

Exhibitioners
Manraj Bura

PHILOSOPHY AND LINGUISTICS
Exhibitioners
Thomas Campbell

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS
Exhibitioners
Shaaon Bhattacharya
Ariana Islam
Ava Lamb
Heloise Picolet
Ruitao Yang

PHYSICS (MPhys)
Scholars
Josh Briggs
Molly Hammond
Enrico Martinez
Matthew Simpson
Leo Yang

Exhibitioners
Siobann Bouyer
James Kennedy
James Li
Julian Mathe
Kush Patel
Pijus Sapnagis
Hamsin Tan
Rohan Tse
Eddie Waugh
Henry Xu
Nemo Xu
Ethan Zhou

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students were awarded a Scholarship for travel in the summer vacation 2025.

ROGER SHORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL TO TURKEY
Sebastian Collins
Leah Fogarty
Raphaelle Martinez
Mia Muxlow
Xiangying Ye

The following students were awarded a Scholarship for travel in the summer vacation 2024, but their details were omitted from last year's *Record*.

ROGER SHORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL TO TURKEY
Andrew Christian
Josephine Forsythe
Thomas Freeman

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE FINANCE BURSAR



The annual review prompts a traditional pause and reflection on the last twelve months of academic and financial progress. It is a process which has particular poignancy for me in 2025 as this Bursar's Report will be my last as I step down to retirement.

Over the year, we have continued to manage our property and financial assets, working them hard to ensure that they grow and provide the returns the College needs to cover its academic activities and initiatives. Carefully selected investments in property have been delivered for enhanced returns and well-advised steps taken to reposition our equity holdings into funds with more robust prospects. The all-too-evident disruptions to the world order and to economic progress have challenged our existing paradigms but incremental rebalancing of the College's investments has been our effective response, supported by valued advisors from many quarters.

We note that UK inflationary pressures persist and that Oxford inflation continues to operate in its own bubble. Alongside the efforts to improve investment returns, we have therefore borne down on costs and worked to improve efficiency in all our business processes. For example, although inflation in services' salary remains stubborn, energy costs have fallen for the second year in a row and lower insurance costs have been secured. Attention to costs does impact our junior members. Very creditably, the College was able to keep this year's annual increase in student room rent to just +2.5%, which was particularly well-received by the student body following a similarly sub-inflationary increase of below +2% last year. College-wide financial processes for payments and receipts, and for payroll and HR, have all been improved, through streamlining, digitisation and reinforcement of roles and responsibilities.

The collective drive to address the underlying deficit in our operating account has seen the delivery of the more straightforward savings. However, further progress now rests on "big moves." Excitingly, the summer months witnessed the acceptance of three new student residential buildings and the nursery as the first completed buildings of the Univ North development project. This delivery has enabled the first of these big moves to be taken because, even with only the first buildings of Univ North in operation, we have not needed the bought-in accommodation that has been necessary hitherto to meet our accommodation pledge. This avoids some material expenditure for 2025/26 and beyond.

In addition, the successful sale of two surplus student accommodation properties has released functional capital back into the investment portfolio where it has been put to work for additional returns. Three further functional properties are on also the market. Repositioning capital in this way swaps costs for income and chips away at the deficit.

As Univ North comes to completion, the College's largest single expansion of its functional premises in three centuries affords Univ an exceptional opportunity to further rationalise its functional estate into two centres: High Street and Univ North. Efficiencies should flow from such a move and, ultimately, Univ North, with its enhanced accommodation for additional out-of-term business, will be the key to turn the underlying operating deficit into a small, and hopefully sustainable, surplus. It is a big challenge and there is still much to be done.

The Univ North development is a huge testimony to a decade of hard work for many staff and members. It is very pleasing, therefore, to note how well received the new buildings have been. They have been delivered closely to budget and on time for Michaelmas 2025 occupation: they are already housing over 60 second years in en-suite study bedrooms. Phase 1 build will complete mid-2026 with delivery of three more buildings and final landscaping.

In closing, it leaves me to thank you for reading these past Bursar's Reviews. I have stepped down as Bursar with mixed feelings as my time back at Univ has been a huge pleasure and privilege; it remains an exceptional college. There have been many significant achievements and equally memorable periods of profound disruption and challenge during my tenure. Numerous governance and process improvements have been delivered, and a recovery from the pandemic is now well established despite its super-inflationary aftermath and the recent global turmoil. Univ North, with consent for over 150 new bedrooms, ancillary facilities and a nursery, enabled with Old Member generosity and an innovative philanthropic structured financing, speaks powerfully to Univ's appetite to keep progressing, moving forward and being willing to be different.

I hope that you also find yourself confident of your future, and that the above narrative has been helpful. I am delighted to introduce my successor, David Land, who has been leading the College's bursarial business since October 2025. Please do reach out to either of us if you wish for any more detail which is not able to be published at this time.

It is also a privilege to record again the College's deep and evergreen gratitude for the generosity of its Old Members and supporters. There is no doubt as to the impact of your support, whether in cash or kind: it allows our College to do much more than it would have the resources to do otherwise. Thank you.

DR ANDREW GRANT (1977)

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE DOMESTIC BURSAR



It has been a quite a year for the Domestic Bursary. Angela Unsworth moved on in August 2024, and the reins were held wonderfully by Nick French (a retired Domestic Bursar) for six months before I started in April 2025. Nick kept morale high and everything steady through those six months and we are all extremely grateful to him. The team have, as you would imagine, remained calm and collected through all these changes. They have helped me tremendously and have guided me through the Univ uniqueness!

I was delighted to be invited to the St Cuthbert's dinner shortly before starting my role and what a delicious introduction to the College. The Hall looked fantastic with its candlelight and beautiful sunflowers, and the menu was mouthwatering. It was an opportunity to see the kitchen and front of house teams in operation and what a wonderful job they did.

I have been reflecting on my first six months, and two things have stood out for me. Firstly, Univ has been the most welcoming place anyone could ask for. Everyone has made me feel welcome and, very importantly, included. Univ is a beautiful college, but the community is what makes it a special place to work. People took time to show me the College, Robin Darwall-Smith took me on one of his splendid tours which was informative as well as containing some juicy moments in Univ's past. The Master and the Senior Officers made sure I knew where I was going, who I might meet and any acronym that might have come my way! Every staff member and Fellow I have encountered has made time for me and the students have been a delight to work with.

The second is Univ North. It is rather nice to start a new role that includes a building project at this stage! The Domestic Bursary team, particularly the accommodation and operations team, have worked wonders this summer to enable the College to have the first three buildings ready for students to live in this academic year. We had a very hot day of moving beds and mattresses in the summer, but we had a gang of staff working hard, with sweat and laughter playing an equal part.

The buildings are stunning and the students who moved in this October are so lucky – the 64 new rooms are beautiful but also functional with some splendid views across North Oxford. We cannot wait for the rest of the project to be completed.

I think we are in for a very exciting new academic year.

FRANCES WRIGHT

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



The academic year 2024/25 has felt like an important and forward-looking milestone in the life of the College. As Trinity term ends, we are looking forward to the first new buildings at Univ North being occupied in Michaelmas. They are the product of years of hard work and generous giving by current and former colleagues and current and former students, and they will enhance our sense of community both at our enlarged Staverton site and by extension on the High Street too.

As the year began, we continued to celebrate 775 years since our foundation. This included our 775 Festival Day in September, when Old Member the Revd Dr Janet Williams (1979, Classics, Theology) preached at our Festival Evensong. Janet's sermon was, for me, one of the highlights of our celebrations, when she challenged us to reflect on what the College stands for, drawing on Bible readings about Jacob's dream (Genesis 28.10-19a) and Jesus's visit to the home of Mary and Martha (Luke 10.38-42), each of which is depicted in a window in the College Chapel.

REVD DR ANDREW GREGORY

The text of Janet's sermon is as follows:



Shall we begin with Martha?

I've always enjoyed the way she is depicted in our window: she has been in the middle of kitchen work, fuming over having to do it all without her sister's help, until at last she snaps and doesn't even bother to down tools, smooth her hair, take off her pinny. She just marches into the room where the men are, still holding what looks like a long-handled colander as if she was in the middle of straining the beans, and demands that her sister come and help.

All this housework is because of Jesus – the hungry traveller, with his hungry hangers-on. There's a meal to be prepared, a table to be laid, dishes and cups to be found, chairs or benches to be brought in from different corners to make enough places. Perhaps beyond that, beds to be prepared if they're staying the night.

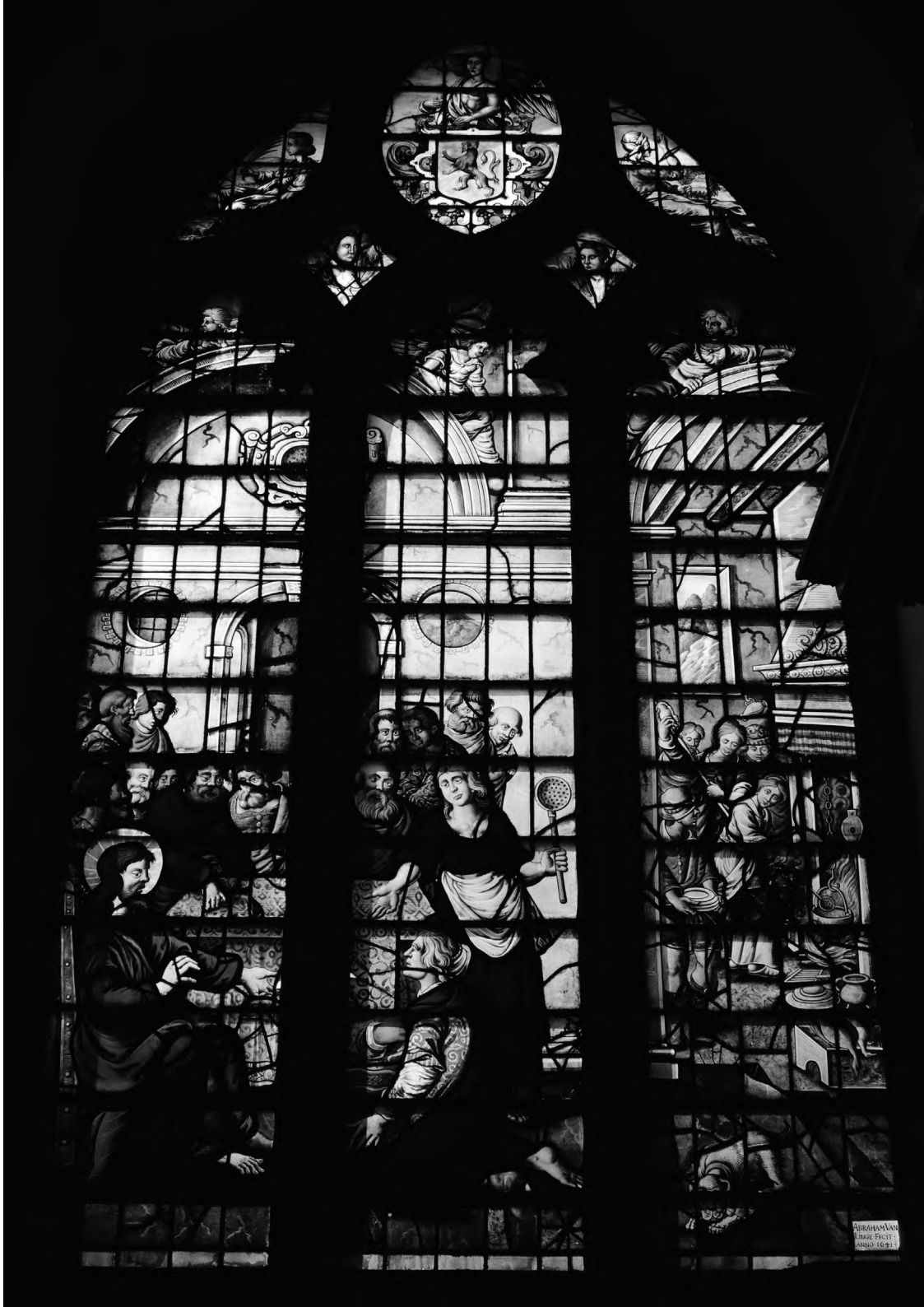
All this because of Jesus. And yet Martha isn't thinking about Jesus right now – her focus is on her sister, and the unfairness of being left to do the work while Mary sits at her ease. Martha is prepared to go to considerable expense of goods and time and energy to make Jesus welcome, and yet she doesn't really seem to need to hear what he's saying. I wonder why? What kind of friend is Martha to Jesus? And what kind of relationship does she seek from him?

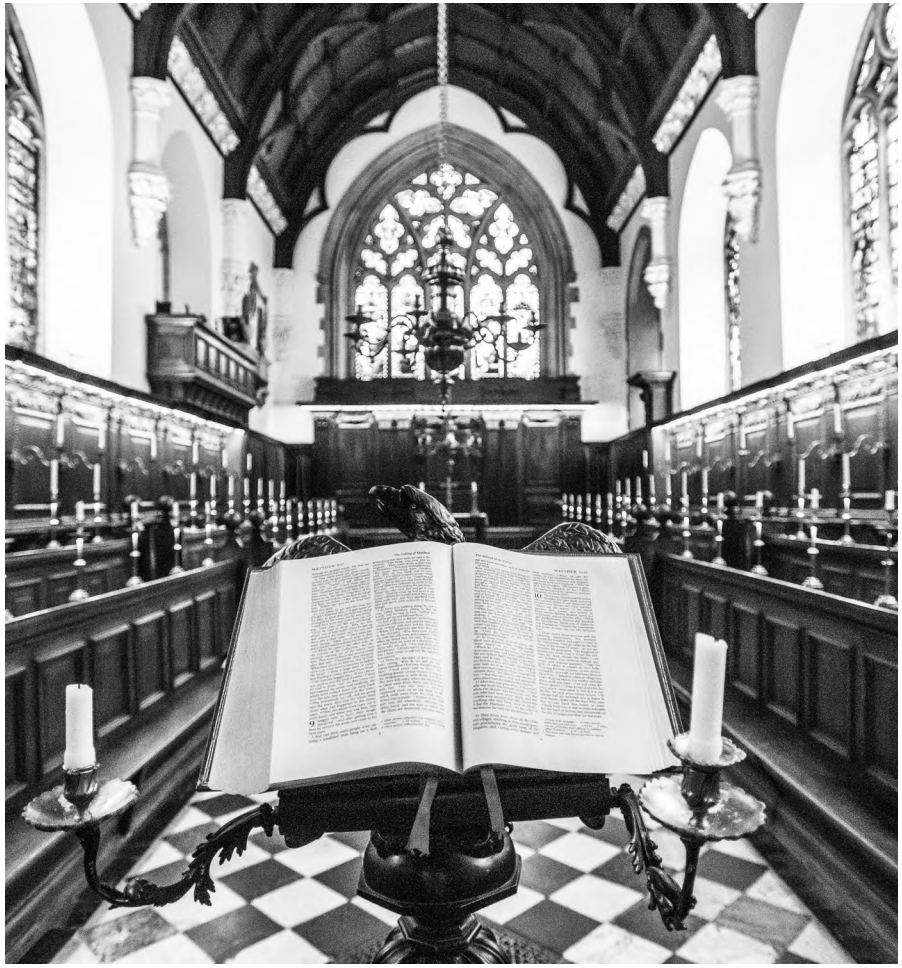
What strikes me in this little story of Luke's is that Jesus in Martha's house is behaving exactly as he might have been expected to. He is teaching – that's what he does. But, against the norms both of wider society and evidently of this particular household, he is welcoming women as his students alongside the men. Luke's gospel emphasizes Jesus' spirited subversion of cultural norms, his joyous and principled disruption of boundaries of gender, status, and creed. It could conceivably have been the case that Martha knew of all this in general, even approved it in principle, but that it never occurred to her the revolution would apply to her own household too. Or was she indeed so ignorant that she thought she had given welcome to a wandering holy man of an entirely conservative disposition? What a fool she is, to welcome a teacher without due consideration of what he might teach. As a Jewish woman she surely knew the old adage about entertaining angels unawares, yet here she is with the Holy One of God sitting in her front room, her own domestic burning bush moment, yet she pays no mind to that, being utterly focused on her sister's maddening indifference to those beans that need straining.

There's a moral there for us, isn't there – but let's not rush to it. First, let's go back to our other reading – the dream of Jacob's ladder.

The key phrase here is "the house of God", or in Hebrew, Bethel. What we have here is one of the founding myths of the shrine of Bethel, which in the period of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah was one of the great cultic centres of the region. There is always a sense of ambivalence about this shrine's claim to be a "House of God". Jacob, our reading tells us, set up a stone pillar as a sign of Yahweh's presence; yet Leviticus tells us that God forbids the setting up of pillars. The book of Judges tells us that, for a while, the Ark of the Covenant itself was housed at Bethel; but King Solomon later allowed his foreign wives' native deities to be worshipped there alongside Yahweh. King Jeroboam went further, making Bethel one of two centres for the worship of Baal under the sign of the Golden Calf. Finally, around six centuries before Christ, Bethel was one of the shrines to be desecrated in King Josiah's campaign of religious cleansing. In Josiah's desire for sacred legitimation for his reign, the Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem was to be the unrivalled centre of worship and Bethel must be destroyed. And all of this chequered history is already known to those responsible for the final editing of the founding story of Bethel as we just heard it.

The Gospel stories which reflect something of Jesus' ambivalence about the Jerusalem Temple's status as a House of God are well known; but John's Gospel in particular also has





him refer more than once to the story of Bethel, and the dream of Jacob's ladder. In response to Nathanael's cry of recognition "Teacher, you are the Son of God!" John tells us Jesus replied, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man". Jesus appears to be claiming that he himself is now a true House of God, a place where divinity works in space and time, acts in flesh and blood. Like that of the Bethel shrine, Jesus' claim too will be contested, will be seen as idolatrous, potentially a rival to the powers that control Jerusalem. Like Jacob's foundation, he too must be broken, dispatched.

These readings tell two stories that you may have pondered many times if you have prayed here before, sitting beneath their representations in our windows. I wonder what was in the mind of those who made this selection of scenes. Was it the windows' designer or those who commissioned him who decided to include these two particular scenes? And what did they intend by them?

Take the Bethel window: is it an encouragement to us to conflate this place, among Oxford's dreaming spires, with the place of Jacob's dream? Are we meant to reflect that this great College too is an awesome place, a House of God? To note perhaps that like the angels ascending and descending, Univ members have laboured to bless humanity, whether through their scientific discoveries, their political, spiritual and civic leadership, their services to education and health, their contributions to culture and commerce. Are we to satisfy ourselves that the heavenly ladder finds a footing in our quads and staircases every bit as much as it once did under Jacob's drowsy head?

And what of the Bethany window, where the story of Mary and Martha might charmingly and conveniently underline for us the superiority of the life of study over domesticity and practical busyness?

Or are these scenes represented here as a challenge to those with eyes to see? To prompt us to reflect on the complex and troubled history of Jacob's shrine and ask ourselves whether the worship offered here is entirely free of taint. Has this College ever bowed the knee to other powers beside the God of mercy and justice, who blesses wanderers, protects the poor, frees captives of every kind? What is it we dream of, and are our visions holy?

And then to ask us to picture Jesus as a guest among us just as he was a guest in Bethany. Jesus, that homeless man, presenting himself to us as the new House of God. The House of God who offers to be at home with anyone who will welcome him – so long as they are prepared for a domestic revolution. Is this window also a challenge? A question, whether like Martha we would prefer to seat Jesus in a place of honour and then busy ourselves with dinner arrangements, or will like Mary have the courage to listen to what he has to say, to learn, and play our part in the revolution he is still intent on bringing.

We gather this evening in the midst of celebrations of this house's 775 years of scholarship, of truth-seeking, of good-fellowship, of life well-lived and of service to others. It is our duty and our joy to praise God and give thanks for all the good that has been. It is our solemn responsibility to acknowledge the challenges facing this generation, and to pray that Univ women and men will continue to be inspired with the courage, wisdom and resilience to work for the well-being of all God's creation. In Univ we have this splendid house of prayer; we even have wonderful staff who strain our beans for us. But in a story of a dream and a story of a dinner, we may hear a holy invitation and a holy warning. May these stories, inscribed in our windows, continue to inspire and challenge us to be faithful to the promise and dream of God, and to welcome the teacher who would draw us away from our own agendas, to follow him in the way of life in all its fullness.

REVD DR JANET WILLIAMS (1979, Classics and Theology)
Vice Principal, St Hild College

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE LIBRARIAN



In the lead-up to the academic year, we were finally able to see the full effect of the two-year project to refurbish the Old Library. As the scaffolding came down in the Poynton Reading Room, we saw how the new lighting shows off the clean stonework and the repainted ceiling. The gold trusses and ribs make much more of a feature of the high ceiling than the previous off-white paint. A new carpet with insulated underlay has lowered the noise levels, creating a more comfortable working environment for our students. Newly cleaned and varnished bookcases draw the eye to the beautiful botanical carvings at the top of each bay. The eagle-eyed reader may even spot the occasional martlet making an appearance above the books!

During Michaelmas term, we instigated a new series of pop-up exhibitions aiming to showcase our historic collections. We've called the exhibitions "Rarities Revealed", with each event showing a handful of items relating to a theme, with the Library team on hand to explain the relevance of each item and answer any queries. The pop-up exhibitions, held in the lobby of 10 Merton Street, have been popular with our community, particularly with College staff, and have now become a permanent fixture of each term. Some of the themes we have covered so far include: illustrated books on animals (both real and imagined), Valentine's Day, books with imperfections, huge books, tiny books, and books which were lost but now found again. We're very happy to take suggestions for future "Rarities Revealed."

We would like to thank Nick Perry (1974) and his wife Jane for very generously supporting the production and publication of our planned two-volume manuscript catalogue. Their donation will help scholars around the world discover our collections. With the help of the Perry's contribution, our manuscript cataloguer, Peter Kidd, has finished a first draft of his descriptions of our medieval manuscripts. The draft currently runs to 414 pages of detailed descriptions, adding enormously to the body of knowledge about our manuscripts.

As Trinity term was winding up, I travelled to the University of Newcastle to speak on a panel at a conference dedicated to Queer Bibliography. Wildean scholars from Oxford, Vancouver, Pennsylvania, and Paris discussed "Oscar Wilde and the Queer Archive" using a particular archive as a case study. The Robert Ross Memorial Collection, put together by Walter Ledger from the late 1890s, was not only one of the very first collections dedicated to the works of Oscar Wilde, but also one of the most complete in terms of the published works. Establishing the relevance of Ledger's collection, and making it more accessible to scholars, has been a priority since its return to Univ in 2013.

I'm sad to report that in late June we suffered two unrelated floods in our rare book storage areas. The first was caused by a tap left on in a bathroom and the second by a Thames Water leak which first affected a storage cupboard before progressing into one of our book-stores. Luckily, none of the books were directly affected by the water, but they had to be evacuated quickly to prevent mould growth caused by the spike in humidity. The floods would have been a great deal worse if it were not for the quick-footed reactions of the Library team, the Works Department, and our colleagues at the Oxford Conservation Consortium. Together, we mopped and vacuumed the standing water before arranging an evacuation plan. Two hundred and eleven crates of our most precious books were removed over four days. They will be kept securely off-site while the book-stores are dried out and the damage repaired. After that, there will be a waiting period to check that the temperature and humidity of the rooms are stable before we are able return the books. I'd particularly like to thank my colleagues Liz Fleetwood and Nicola Bell who so ably stepped in to take over the recovery process, allowing me to head off as planned on my summer holiday on the day following the discovery of the floods.

Thanks are also due to the four students who have helped in the Libraries this year. Jess Nixon and Tiancheng Wang, one of our longest serving graduate helpers, continued the job of transcribing our early library handlists. Allyson Dawe reliably started work early enough to return and re-shelve books before the arrival of the library regulars. Allyson also proved herself an excellent baker, winning a prize in the 2024 Univ Bake-Off for her Candian-inspired tray-bake. As many of the Univ students left for the long vacation, Jess Nixon and Hadiya Hewitt began the painstaking job of scanning every barcode in the libraries for our annual stock-check.

Just after the beginning of the academic year, we said a sad farewell to our Assistant Librarian Liz Fleetwood. Liz joined us in April 2022 and rapidly became a valued member of our small team. We wish her the best for her new role as Deputy Librarian at Keble College.

In the coming academic year, we will be focussing on raising the funds to complete our catalogue of medieval manuscripts, raising the profile of our other historic collections, and continuing to respond to the changing needs of the Univ community.

ELIZABETH ADAMS

BOOKS DONATED BY OLD MEMBERS

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

Liz Barnes on behalf of her father, Barry (Arthur W) Barnes (1941)
City of Oxford (1939)

Richard Morgan (1957)
The book of the Morgans: a Scottish family around the world by Richard Morgan (Pagoda Tree Press, 2023)

Andrew Robinson (1975)
Einstein at Oxford by Andrew Robinson (Bodleian Library, 2024)

Colin Whorlow (1983)
Puzzles for spies, GCHQ (Puffin Books, 2022)
The Times mindset puzzles: 450 brainteasing challenges from The Times, Colin Whorlow, Chris Pringle, Daniel Shiu (Harper Collins, 2024)

Frank Thurmond (1990)
Lottie Deno: a novel of the civil war and the American Southwest by Frank Thurmond (Parkhurst Brothers Publishers, 2024)

Tim Taylor on behalf of his father Nigel, 1939
A history of the Taylor family of Castle Combe and Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, England by Tim Taylor (2024)

Adil Jussawalla (1960)
Body of evidence in sickness and in health: selected prose (1966-2002) by Adil Jussawalla (Red River, 2024)
It remains to be said: poems in time, in wilderness by Adil Jussawalla (Paperwall, 2025)

Graeme Scott Baber (1990, BA Medicine
International law changes in light of the invasion of Ukraine by Graeme Baber (Nova Science Publishers, 2025)

Claire Horisk (1988)
Dangerous jokes: how racism and sexism weaponize humour by Claire Horisk (Oxford University Press, 2024)

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Music continues to be one of the most visible aspects of student life at Univ. From the Chapel Choir to concerts, gig nights, Master's Lodgings concerts and more, Univ students are engaged in a wide variety of musical endeavours.

In August 2024, the Choir once again made its annual pilgrimage to Lucca in Tuscany. This now-traditional trip gives the choir the opportunity to bond; singing and living together in a remote villa in the Tuscan hills. William fforde (1975, Classics) generously allowed us to use his house, where we squeezed 26 into a house where 12 can comfortably sleep. This didn't deter us though, as choir members bunked down in all sorts of places; from the floor of the garage to tents in the garden! We were not deterred by the heat or the biting insects, and we performed a concert of secular music to a select audience in the private chapel of another villa, on the other side of the valley. New choral scholars were invited, as well as leavers, so extending the choir community even further.

The choir were then able to hit the ground running for the 775 anniversary events at the beginning of September, where they sang an Evensong, and led a "Come and Sing" event earlier in the day. A variety of Old Members (and some of their children!) joined in a rehearsal and concert of lighter music. This seemed to prove very popular and is definitely something on the agenda for future Old Member celebrations.

Michaelmas term started well with a wide variety of musicians among the incoming first-years. Early in the term the musical life of the College began, with Master's Lodgings concerts, where students perform an eclectic mix of pieces, followed by wine and chat. The student-run Fidelio Orchestra put on a concert of Weber's *Clarinet Concerto in F minor*, with soloist Tom Kwok (Magdalen). The conductor, Max Ren (our junior organ scholar and English student) also formed an ad hoc choir to perform three of the four Poulenc Christmas motets.

Members of the choir then staged a concert of songs to texts by War Poets, including Housman (with music by Butterworth, Somervell, Muriel Herbert and Vaughan Williams), Ledwidge (Michael Head) and Sassoon (Gurney), as well as poetry about war by Apollinaire (Poulenc) and Rellstab (Schubert). There is such a rich seam of music to mine that this concert of fourteen songs only really scratched the surface of the available repertoire.

Soon after this, Martlet Voices gave a concert entitled "A Wintry Journey: wintertime music from around the

world". This gave our professional and student singers the opportunity to perform some less well-known, seasonal music, as well as music without any connection to Christmas at all! From new music by Dominic DiOrio, Reena Esmail and Emily Doolittle, to more standard fare by Debussy, Mouton, Britten, Warlock and Poulenc, this was a concert full of atmospheric, snowy music spanning seven centuries.

The Advent and Christmas season was upon us, and the choir was once again able to lead the College (and its Old Members) in the singing of carols in the Chapel. Sadly, our schools' event, which has turned into a diary staple over the last few years, was called off due to storm conditions. We have decided to change venue for this event in the future, and it will now take place in 9th week, in the Hall, where we will have two events on consecutive evenings, catering for the larger number of schools involved. This cancellation meant that the Director of Music spent the following morning driving to all the eight participating schools, delivering mince pies and specially made seasonal gingerbread men to all the children who were not able to attend and sing us their Christmas songs. Thanks to Darren Lomas and his catering team for going the extra mile to make this event even more special.

The annual Mendl-Schrama Prize Recital was given in January by Edward Freeman, a baritone from Queen's. Ed put on a recital of English Song and Lieder, and the concert in the Holywell Music Room was well attended by friends and family as well as by members of Univ. Thanks as ever go to Heleen Mendl-Schrama for making this prize possible. The new winner was announced at this event, this year being Divine Simbanegavi, a first-year mezzo-soprano from St Catherine's College. We look forward to her recital on 31 January, 2026.

One of the most significant happenings in the academic year was the Giving Day, which raised enough money for the long-awaited Band Room to be refurbished, soundproofed and kitted out. During the day, there was a 7.75 hour piano-thon in Hall, livestreamed, with tag-team pianists (and a few non-pianists!) showing just how rich in musicians Univ is. We are immensely grateful to all the donors who specifically gifted money for music at Univ. The Band Room is now in constant use and gives students a space to put groups together, play the drums at all hours and generally make the kind of noise which is frowned upon in other places!

On 2 May, two of our students, Isabella Li-Yan-Hui (director) and Toby Ward (conductor) staged a production of *Carmen* in the Sheldonian Theatre with a mixed cast of young professional singers and students and a student orchestra. This had been a dream of theirs for some time and it is testament to their drive and energy that they not only pulled it off, but produced one of the finest shows of the year in Oxford.

The Fidelio Orchestra returned at the beginning of Trinity term, again conducted by Max Ren, with a performance exclusively for the William of Durham Club, with an all-Bellini programme; Oboe concerto with soloist Tom Kirby (LMH) and extracts from Norma.

The coming year sees another intake of musicians into the College, and as ever, it is exciting to see who will arrive. We have the largest influx of new choral scholars ever for the choir, as well as a new organ scholar, and I'm sure there will be instrumentalists and singers alike who will be looking to make their mark on College life. Extra-curricular activities, and music in particular, are an essential part of student life, giving our students the opportunity to express themselves, find creative outlets and de-stress in an ever more worrying world.

We say goodbye to the following musicians: music student and choral scholar, Toby Ward; choral scholars, Tom Campbell, Charlie Gundy, Emma Jeffries, Zoe Shah, Flora Wilson; organ scholar, Helen Birch; choir members, Barnaby Burleigh, Zeph Ford, Joshua Lau, Georgi Pilz, Beau Swallow.

Highlights of the coming 2025-2026 musical calendar include:

Mendl-Schrama Prize Recital in the Holywell Music Room, 31 January

Brahms *Sextet no.3*, with The Martlet Ensemble in Chapel, 3 February

Rupert Egerton-Smith (1992, History) piano in the Holywell Music Room, 11 February

Homages – modern responses to classic works, Chapel Choir and Martlet Voices in Chapel, 7 March

And more!

GILES UNDERWOOD

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE ARCHIVIST



The most exciting development in the archives this year has been the creation of an online database giving access to our catalogues (https://archives.univ.ox.ac.uk/). We have recently started to use a new archive cataloguing database called Epexio, which is designed in such a way that it is a straightforward matter to create a publicly accessible version of our catalogues online. We currently have over 26,500 records on our archives database, as well as almost 8,500 names, so there is a great deal of material there, which represents over thirty years' worth of cataloguing.

Quite a lot of time, therefore, has had to be spent getting our archives ready to meet the public. I had to go through the entire collection making sure that records relating to living people did not appear on the public database during their lifetimes, and more generally checking that there were no glitches with any of our catalogues.

The Univ archives database went public in February this year. I am not yet sure whether our new website has generated more enquiries for me, but it has certainly created much more focussed ones. Now, rather receiving an e-mail with a vague enquiry along the lines of "What have you got about X?", I am now starting to receive ones like "I see that you have such-and-such a document. Can I arrange to see it/have it photographed?". Such enquiries, of course, take far less time to answer. There may also be times when people go to our website and find that there is nothing there to help them – which in itself can be useful for their research.

Several other College archivists are also using Epexio and have also created websites of their own. These websites have completely changed how researchers can now find out about the contents of the archives of the Oxford Colleges and now make them so much more accessible. Back in the 1990s, when all my catalogues consisted of documents created in WordPerfect, I could not have imagined that such a day would come.

Meanwhile, the ordinary life of the archives goes on. This year, we have received several generous donations. Geoff Ryman, partner of our late Honorary Fellow David Hawkins (matr. 1958), gave us a collection of David's splendid caricatures dating from his student days. I also thank Arthur Bridge (matr. 1976), Simon Chester (matr. 1968), Harriet Flower (matr. 1979), Grant Lawrence (matr. 1968) Chris Mammen (matr. 1993), Henry Noltie (matr. 1975), and others for their kindness in donating material to the archives.

Perhaps the most remarkable recent donation, however, came from the son of George Wilkinson (matr. 1899), who gave us three photograph albums kept by his father when he was up at Univ. George was a Football Blue, and two of the albums were kept by him as scrapbooks when he went with the University Team on footballing tours in Budapest, Vienna and Prague in 1902 and 1904. You may be wondering, as I was, how I could correspond in 2024 with someone whose father was born in the 1870s, but George's son explained that he was born when his father was in his sixties, and he himself is clearly a lively octogenarian.

Although Univ's archives rely mainly on transfers from other College departments and donations from Old Members and their families, we do occasionally buy documents if they are special enough. Earlier this year, a letter written by Clement Attlee (matr. 1901) to our long-serving Head Porter, Fred Bickerton on the occasion of his retirement in 1950, came up for auction in Oxford. We agreed that this was a very significant document for College history, and I am delighted to say that we were able to buy it.

One unexpected user of our archives this year was the singer and actor Will Young. Will was featured on an episode of the BBC television series *Who do you think you are?* in which someone learns about their family history. Will's grandfather, Digby Young, had been up at Univ in the 1930s. He therefore came to Univ with a TV crew and an interviewer, and I brought out for them his grandfather's entry in the Admissions Register, and a group photograph which included him. I myself did not get to appear on film, but I was there during the shooting, being on hand to explain the documents, and make sure that they were properly looked after. It was an enjoyable occasion, and the programme itself proved fascinating, not least when Will himself admitted that he had worked for a while as a waiter at the Grand Café!

DR ROBIN DARWALL-SMITH (1982)

2024-25 IN REVIEW

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ALUMNI RELATIONS



One of the many privileges of having been a student at Univ is lifelong membership of the College community. Whilst some of the Old Members that I have met studied at Univ for many years, as either an undergraduate, a postgraduate or both, others spent less than a year at the College. The range of experiences is as wide as the number of alumni, and yet for so many, Univ features as a pivotal time in their lives. They often recall their 18-year-old selves and the hard-earned, enduring skills they learned, which have accompanied and equipped them in their lives and careers.

Alumni relations have featured extensively in the past year, during the remainder of our 775th Anniversary and into 2025. The 775 Festival in September 2024 was perhaps the most ambitious College event that we have produced in recent history. Welcoming over 400 guests of all ages throughout the day and evening, we treated the Univ community to a plethora of activities: from academic tutorials to graduate poster sessions, exhibitions to entertainment, fabulous food, drinks and fun, and a spectacular "Son et Lumière" in Main Quad, to wrap-up the festivities. I was immensely proud of the huge team effort that ensured its success.

Two Development trips to the US allowed the Master and senior Development staff to meet Old Members on the West and East coasts. These occasions are a reminder of how appreciative our alumni and friends are when we bring a piece of Univ and Oxford to their home towns. We are so grateful for the hospitality and generosity we encounter on these trips and always return to Oxford with a renewed sense of the connectedness of our global alumni community.

We entered 2025 riding on the crest of the 775th Anniversary wave, affirmed by the calibre and engagement of Univ's people. What better foundation, then, for our renewed focus on teaching? Without exceptional teachers (or "tutors" as many undergraduates know them) – each of whom is an expert in their field, undertaking often world-class research – the Oxford education would not be what it is. Students benefit from small-group teaching led by these remarkable tutorial fellows who not only challenge, guide and expand their knowledge, but also offer critical pastoral support. It is experiential learning at its best. Students at Univ, and Oxford, are *known* by their tutors (and usually by the Lodge porters too!) They arrive, brimming with aspiration and potential, and over the course of their time here, are steered and shaped by great minds. It is this model that we are working hard to protect for future generations.

Delivering exceptional teaching and an outstanding student experience is at the heart of what we do at Univ. These have been prime motivators in the evolution of Univ North. In the past year, we have seen the new accommodation develop rapidly on the expanded Stavertonia site in Summertown. The first building to be completed was the Nursery, which in the months to come, will allow graduate students and staff with young children to benefit from first-class, affordable childcare. The new academic year will see second-year undergraduates living in distinct spaces on the same site as elderly residents of the Fairfield Residential Home and preschool children in the Nursery. The gardens and orchards at Univ North are already being planted and will grow as the year goes on. Univ is the only Oxford college to provide this landscape-led, multi-generational living experience, which intentionally and thoughtfully supports student wellbeing, amidst a rather uncertain post-pandemic world. What an outstanding vision for the 600+ donors to Univ North – Old Members and friends of the College – to support.

The year-on-year fundraising led by the Development team continues, bringing in vital income to support the College's financial sustainability. Philanthropy has been part of Univ's history since its founding in 1249 – a proud tradition of alumni and benefactors generously providing financial aid to ensure that all students, especially those most in need, are well supported. When I talk to Old Members and friends of the College about why they give to Univ, a recurring theme emerges: it is because Univ represents excellence on so many levels, and it is profoundly inclusive. These values often motivate donors who give regularly, as well as the major gifts we receive and that final act of philanthropy, gifts left in Wills. The College remains so grateful for the extraordinary support we receive from our donors – thank you.

We have continued to provide a programme of engaging events and communications for our wider community, to support our connectedness and keep people in touch. A series of online talks was introduced during the 775th Anniversary year, a format we have continued. Zoom events allow us to share the talent of our faculty and staff with the Univ community worldwide, with recordings regularly saved to the Univ website. Storytelling – whether it is news items, College publications, social media, or even expressed by Univ's Poet Laureate – has always been a powerful way to encourage engagement and remind people of the lasting impact Univ and its people have, individually and collectively. One of my favourite stories from this past year was the launch of the Dr Michael Nicholson Prize, established to honour one of Univ's most fondly remembered and impactful people in recent years. With funds raised from our Old Member community, the inaugural prize was awarded to Tim Auth, who designed a garden project at Univ, where members of the College community will be encouraged to develop their gardening skills and connect with nature. A unique way to bring our community together, improve wellbeing and, again, celebrate Univ's people.

FELICE NASSAR

2024-25 IN REVIEW

THE CHALET



Jenny Russell (sitting, third from right) with members of Second Party

This year Univ had the distinction of topping and tailing the season out on the Mont Blanc massif. Following the opening of the Chalet by Jack Matthews, our first group of the season comprised Old Members, with eleven former chaletites making their return to the mountain. The years when these had attended as students ranged from 1969 to 2024, but age is no divide at the Chalet when everyone can bond over shared stories of hiking routes, cold waterfall showers and interesting conversations around the fire. The group chose to follow the traditional mix of walking days and reading days, which were sustained by a high standard of cooking. True chaletite spirit was also shown by the Old Members in their flexibility in the face of adversity; a temperamental new boiler required that, for the entirety of the party, all hot water needed to be warmed on the stove.

Following the departure of the Old Members, First Party got underway and soon acclimatised themselves to the ways of Chalet life. Perfect weather allowed a full schedule of walking days, including the Col de Tricot and the descent to Servoz. Reading mornings were well observed, with the afternoons filled by chalet tennis, cricket and shorter hikes around the Prarion. First Party also excelled in the mantra of leaving the Chalet better than they found it – tidying up the garden and totally reorganising the wood store. The culinary innovation of Univ Parties remains strong, treats including borek and naan cooked inside the wood stove.



Sir Jeremy Lever at the chalet in 1969, with Nick Warren in the background

The Second Party was the last of the season, under the leadership of Keith Dorrington, Stephen Golding and Simon Phillips, and had the duty of putting the Chalet to bed for winter. We faced the collapse into autumn weather of the unusually fine summer but were able to skirt around colder days, nights and Alpine storms yet still achieve a good programme of walks. We had the great pleasure of welcoming (for five days) Jenny Russell, the great-niece of Sir Roger Mynors, honouring us with a direct link to the ownership of the Chalet after Sligger's death in 1934. There were three croissant runs to St Gervais, the first notable for a sub 43 minute first-timer and that before acclimatisation. A memorable walk to Tête Rousse encountered snow (for the third successive year) after the Désert de Pierre Ronde (with some slippery moments) but succeeded in arrival at the hut before breakfast. A return descent over Col des Rognes and le Dérochoir is not for the faint hearted, involving single file tracks and a free-floating four metre ladder.

Univ continues to direct the maintenance and restoration of the Chalet. This year the base of a crumbling front porch was resurfaced with very fine granite (from Val d'Isère) and the kitchen floor and step were re-mortared (the tiles had been laid directly on earth).

Poignantly, Second Party received the sad news of the death of Sir Jeremy Lever KCMG KC at the age of 93. His many accomplishments have had due attention elsewhere but here we pay our tribute to his role in the life of the Chalet. He was a leader of Univ parties from 1966 until 1988 and never lost his interest in and support for the Chalet, even in his fading years. Most of all, it was his legal mind which saw how a path could be created through French law of the time to open up a way for a British charitable trust to own a property in France. In 1971 he became one of the first three members of the Chalet Trust and continued a trustee until 1994. Without him, the Trust would not have existed and we might not be enjoying the Chalet today. Everyone who has been at the Chalet owes him and his memory a tremendous debt of gratitude.

STEPHEN GOLDING, KEITH DORRINGTON, JACK MATTHEWS AND SIMON PHILLIPS

2024-25 IN REVIEW

JUNIOR COMMON ROOM



This year, the Junior Common Room committee continued to bring together and advocate for the College's undergraduates. As JCR President, I attended College meetings and events, which showed me the inner workings of College life. I also had the pleasure of attending Univ's fantastic 775 celebrations, both in Oxford and at the Royal Automobile Club in London where I really enjoyed speaking to alumni and learning about life at Univ over the years.

Univ's "Welcome Week," where the new cohort arrive and settle in, is the first task of each year, and would not be possible without the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment of not only the JCR Committee, but also our wider student community at Univ. I am so grateful for those who volunteered to ensure everything ran smoothly. We worked closely with College staff from the end of Trinity and over the Long Vac to put on a jam-packed schedule. From darts to tiddlywinks to ice skating, there was something for everyone to try. Univ's thriving set of student societies and clubs is one of its greatest strengths, and we showcased this at Univ's own Fresher's Fair.

One of my priorities was making day-to-day life at Univ as easy as possible for every student. To help busy students, we worked with the Domestic Bursar to set up a "grab and go" food option in the Buttery. I also met with Univ's Executive Chef, Darren Lomas, to discuss food deals to encourage students to eat in Hall and we also opened the bar as an informal study space to create more options for people to gather when living off-site. Given the enduring cost of living crisis, a priority was making College food as affordable as possible. We were also grateful to be part of the conversation around the exciting introduction of the Univ North buildings next year. We met with the Accommodation team to discuss which buildings would be allocated across year groups.

As part of efforts to continue to strengthen the Univ community we looked to formals, social "Entz" events and welfare activities. We worked with the hospitality team to put on more "family and friends" formals – one a term – giving students the chance to show family College life. Other highlights include an International Women's Day formal where Professor Charlotte Deane spoke, and a joint BAME formal with Keble. These are just two examples of events organised with the help of the JCR Liberation Officers.

Alongside discussions about bar renovations, our fantastic Entertainment Reps, Lucia Gates, Liv Rankin and James Hadfield, put on countless events at amazing venues such as the Town Hall and the Isis River Farmhouse. Welfare is another priority of the JCR, led by Alex Fusa, Alana Cottey and George Abaraonye who organised an impressive termly "Welfare Week" and weekly "Welfare Teas". Another strength of the JCR committee is its collaborative and supportive nature, exemplified by our Sports Reps, Ellice Chen and Sebastian Collins, who highlighted the sporting achievements of our rowers, swimmers, netball and football players and encouraged everyone to get involved in the Town and Gown 10km (and, impressively, ran in Martlet Costumes!).

I would like to thank every member of the JCR Committee for all the effort they have put into this busy year. I am also very grateful to all the members of College staff who I had the privilege of working with for all their help and support. Finally, this year would not have been possible without my two Vice Presidents, Shaaon Bhattacharya and Isadora Drago, whose ideas, advice and work has been invaluable. It has been a wonderful year for Univ JCR and I wish all the best to my successor Robert Mylne and his committee. I'm sure they will continue to ensure that Univ is a truly special community to be a part of!

MANON GRAHAM (2023, HISTORY)
President, Junior Common Room

2024-25 IN REVIEW

WEIR COMMON ROOM



It has, once again, been a lively year for the WCR community at Univ. The academic year began with a busy and eventful Freshers' Week, which made excellent use of our refurbished common room. The updated space provided an ideal backdrop for welcoming new graduate students to the Univ community, helping them settle into life at the College.

Throughout the year, our programme of events continued at pace. WCR pizza nights have proven particularly popular, as were our DIY cocktail/mocktail night and our Grad-Formals. The WCR continued its strong tradition of formal exchanges, and it's clear that other colleges are always keen to visit us at Univ! We enjoyed a brunch exchange with New College in Michaelmas term and the ever-popular exchange with Campion Hall also offered a memorable Oxford experience. It isn't every day you dine with Franciscan friars after all! The Brian Loughman Dinner proved to be a particularly successful event, bringing together WCR members with supervisors and principal investigators for post-formal drinks and socialising in the WCR. A highlight was hosting Trinity Hall, Cambridge last November, following our visit to them in the summer. We hope this is the start of what will be a long and engaging relationship with our light-blue sister college.

Trinity term brought not only a new WCR committee but also, more importantly, warmer weather and opportunities to enjoy both Univ and Oxford in the sunshine. Fridays spent enjoying the sun in the Master's Garden were a highlight, particularly with the ice-cream on offer one day. Thank you to the Master for her generosity in opening this beautiful space to WCR members. Our WCR punting outing captured a quintessential Oxford summer experience, as did Pimm's in the Fellows Garden at the SCR/WCR Garden Party.

As we look ahead to the 2025/2026 academic year, we remain committed to building on the last few years, continuing to revitalise the WCR as both a community and a space. The success of the WCR this year would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of both past and present WCR Committee members. The WCR simply would not function without these collective efforts, and I am deeply grateful for the time and energy that committee members have invested in building our community. I would like to offer particular thanks to my predecessor, Holly, and the former WCR Vice President, Cathy, for their work. Their dedication has left the WCR in excellent condition.

Thank you also to all the College staff, fellows, and officers who make Univ such an exceptional place to study and live. Your support and commitment to the graduate community does not go unnoticed. Special thanks to the Master, Baroness Valerie Amos, and the Domestic Bursar, Frances Wright, along with the entire Domestic Bursary team, for all their support.

We look forward to 2025/2026 and to welcoming new graduate students in Michaelmas term.

BEN WILLIS (2023, HISTORY)
President, Weir Common Room

OBITUARIES

FELLOWS



Professor Shik Chi EDMAN Tsang, Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry from 2007 to 2025, died on 20 May 2025 aged 62. Professor Tsang's brother, Larry Tsang, kindly provided the following tribute.

Edman Tsang was the Professor of Inorganic Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry from 2007. He was a loyal and successful member of the department for many years. Last autumn in Hong Kong, while he was attending an Alumni ceremony of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, he suddenly suffered from a cardiovascular attack and fell into a coma. Sadly, Edman passed away in early May of 2025 in Hong Kong.

Edman was born in Hong Kong in 1962. As his elder brother, we grew up together and shared plenty of common interests. Young Edman was naturally interested in the subjects of science and history, but his talent remained largely unexplored. However, as he studied at Hong Kong Polytechnic University's department of applied Chemistry in 1987, his attention and direction quickly turned into a laser-like focus. This opportunity had ignited his latent interests and transformed it into a lifelong dedication and passion for the field. Upon graduation, Edman moved to the UK and held research positions at the University of Reading, completing his PhD in 1990. His main research interests were in nanomaterials and heterogeneous catalysis, focusing on research with applications in the fields of energy and the environment.

When he first arrived in the UK, Edman was alone and faced many challenges adjusting to the difference in culture, food and social life of his new life. Nonetheless, his deep passion for learning made these challenges feel small by comparison. In his second year, he got married, and the stability from his marriage helped him focus and grow his career. Over time, he became an expert in the design and architecture of nanocatalysts – his contributions to in situ diffraction and spectroscopic characterization has led to a better collective understanding of catalytic surfaces and interfaces. He was the Head of the Wolfson Catalysis Laboratory. He also founded OXGRIN, a spin-out company for the development and commercialization of breakthrough catalytic technologies in green energy applications.

Throughout his career, Edman established a variety of connections and relationships across multiple organizations and universities around the world, focusing on joint research and development programs and the mentorship of research students. According to the memories shared by his many students and colleagues, Edman was a real pleasure to work with. Not only was he a brilliant scientist in his own right, but he was also a warm and cheerful person. His unwavering kindness, positivity, and wisdom left a lasting impressing upon his research students. They never saw him angry or disheartened – only smiling, laughing and lifting others up with his presence. In total, he had mentored more than 150 research students across the globe.

Edman was always a great and enthusiastic person to be around, and an inspiration for the many people in his life. From owning over 16 patents to holding hours-long whiteboard discussions around 6pm most evenings, he was full of ideas, passion and persistence, never shying away from deep dives to solve the most difficult hurdles. Edman frequently demonstrated how a scholar can illuminate an entire research group with his extensive knowledge of chemistry. His pioneering research in catalysts was world-renowned and deeply impactful, driven by both a profound curiosity and a desire to benefit the world. He has left us too soon. His legacy will live on through his scientific contributions and the many lives he had touched. We will remember him always, grateful for the time we shared and the memories we created together.

FORMER FELLOWS AND JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS



Dr Lauchlan GLENN Black (St Andrew's, Grahamstown, University of Cape Town and Trinity College) died on 12 January 2024 aged 80. He was Salveson Junior Fellow at Univ from 1969 to 1971. Dr Leslie Mitchell, Emeritus Fellow, kindly provided the following tribute.

Glenn was born in 1943 on one of the two farms that had been started by his grandfather in Southern Rhodesia. Together the properties covered some 8.000 acres. It was a world of vervet monkeys, cobras, African wall paintings, weaver birds, the occasional leopard, flame lilies, and reading of an evening by the light of kerosene lamps. It also meant two-or-three-day train journeys to Grahamstown and Cape Town for school and university education, across the empty veldt. This was a landscape that very much left its mark on Glenn. And if all this sounds a little Rider Haggard, that would not be unfair. On one occasion, a family picnic was interrupted by the necessity of rescuing a family dog from the coils of an enormous rock python.

Of course, Cape Town and a Rhodes Scholarship to Trinity quickly overspread the African inheritance with layers and layers of literary sophistication and finesse, but its shadow never quite went away. Regular holidays and visits to Zimbabwe were undertaken until the cattle grazing farm was sold to a

tenant farmer. Family pets were given the names of Zimbabwe's rivers. Above all, boyhood and teenage experiences left Glenn with a profound feeling for nature, land, and sea. Long walks along rugged coastlines or following the pilgrim way to Compostela were the thing. Most surprisingly, in his late seventies, when most of us ask for nothing more than an armchair and a gin-and-tonic, Glenn would still be surfboarding in the breakers of a Cornish cove that was the preferred setting for family holidays. Perhaps there was Africa, too, in his decision to build a tree house as a study.

Encounters with pythons provided a welcome training for the serpentine twists and turns of college and university politics, but Glenn had more substantial qualities too. These were recorded by referees supporting Glenn's application for university posts. These were people, who did not necessarily like each other, but they were unanimous in identifying Glenn's strengths. Apart from obvious academic ability, they agreed that Glenn had judgment, tact, and a certain charm. Some survive in academic life without any of these. To find all three so strongly noted in one person was indeed compelling. Lord Redcliffe-Maud, the Master of Univ, thought that Glenn's judgment was "invariably sound." Dame Helen Gardner, not one to overuse compliments in describing other people, was of the same opinion.

Armed with these attributes, Glenn because a natural choice to hold college and university office. In Univ, in Oriel, and in Wellington Square, the list of jobs done reads like a roll of honour: Junior Dean, Dean, Senior Tutor, Vice Provost, Proctor, membership and chairmanship of the General Board. Not that this service indicated a love of bureaucracy *per se*. His was perhaps the last generation to think that academics were best advised to run their own ship. So, simply there were jobs to be done and he did them. Whether negotiating with revolutionary students in the 70s, managing budgets, or steering central committees, his skill in the conduct of affairs was exemplary.

Laudable though this record is, I don't think that Glenn would want to be principally remembered as a committee man, let alone a university fixer. First and foremost, he saw himself as a tutor and a champion of the literature of Elizabethan and early Student England. In Univ, Redcliffe-Maud descried his undergraduates reading English as "an interesting mixture of clever, idle, stage-struck, mixed-up, normal individuals." Perhaps people reading English always into one or more of these categories, but Glenn could manage them all. In Univ, he had to cope with a future Poet Laureate, a head of comedy at the B.B.C., clergymen and Guardian journalists. No doubt the mix was as demanding in Oriel, where, as the first, full Tutorial Fellow in English, he had a particular responsibility to establish the subject in that college.

None of this Glenn found daunting. In tutorials, in suppers in Wytham Street, in reading parties, he was always happy to associate with undergraduates, and to quietly suggest to them how things might be done better. Oxford was inevitable a kind of *Vanity Fair*, and Glenn was glad to be of the company. He often said that he would not wish to live anywhere else in England. Of course, to construct a notion of Fellowship in these terms might today seem a little old-fashioned. Glenn was not a conference-goer, and nor did he spend weekends writing proposals for research grants. He wasn't interested in academic titles or in any of the other baubles that are now trailed before the eyes of lecturers. He had other gods, who in their day were thought good enough.

To do so many things so well demands a firm anchorage, and in Glenn's case, this was provided by family. In writing to the Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office about some difficulty concerning a passport, Lord Redcliffe-Maud pointed out that Glenn had married someone whom he called "a distinguished English girl." I hope Alicia will recognize herself in this remark. Together with two intelligent children, it was a family that kept close, harbouring a menagerie of pets that, at a minimum, included cats, dogs and tortoises. Free from the allure of television, this was a family that cooked, gardened, read, and talked. As I have said, the British seaside was adopted for holidays, where Glenn proved an adept at building sandcastles.

From family life and a sure sense of his own values, Glenn drew strength and a composure that carried him through all the jobs he undertook. There was never any hectoring. Not overimpressed with radical solutions, he preferred to concentrate on what was known to work and then set out to make it work better. All this made him the most outstanding of tutors, the most diligent family man, and the most dependable of friends, in my case for over fifty years.

Oxford and the best of its traditions have never had a more effective and loyal servant that Glenn. One of his favourite modern poets was Keith Douglas, the Merton man killed in Normandy in 1944. Douglas described Oxford as follows: -

This then is the city of young men, of beginning,
ideas, trials, pardonable follies,
and lightness, seriousness, and sorrow of youth.
And the city of the old, looking for truth,
browsing for years, the mind's seven bellies
filled, they become legendary figures, seeming
stones of the city, her venerable towers;
dignified, clothed by erudition and time.
For them, it is not a city but an existence,
outside which everything is a pretence;
withing, the leisurely immortals dream,
venerated and spared by the ominous hours.

I am quite sure that Glenn, quietly but firmly, would have agreed with every word.



Dr Lisa Kallet, Emeritus Fellow, died on 15 February 2025. She was George Cawkwelll Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History at Univ from 2006 to 2021. Erich Gruen, Professor of History and Classics Emeritus at The University of California, Berkeley, has kindly written the following tribute:

Lisa Kallet – 1956-2025
Lisa Kallet, the Cawkwell Fellow and Praelector in Ancient History at University College from 2006 to 2021, died after a month's illness on February 15th in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her family was at her side.

She was born in New York City

and grew up in New Rochelle, NY. Her favorite reading as a youth was mythology, an auspicious harbinger of her future profession. She was a gifted musician and began her undergraduate years at the University of Colorado as a piano major before switching to History where she encountered Thucydides and was inspired to learn Greek to read his work in the original. This life-long passion for Thucydides stood at the center of her PhD studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she enjoyed the good fortune of working under the tutelage of Ronald Stroud, Raphael Sealey, and Erich Gruen.

Her special expertise lay in the 5th century Athenian empire as disclosed by Thucydides and in Attic inscriptions. The topic, a central one in Greek history, was well worked over, but Lisa brought fresh insights and deeper understanding that invigorated the subject. Her first book, *Money, Expense, and Naval Power in Thucydides' 1-5.24*, boldly challenged the scholarly consensus that Thucydides inadequately understood the impact of financial resources upon naval power in Athenian history. Her scrupulous dissection of the text and her thorough command of the epigraphic record reassessed Thucydides' depiction of the Archaeology, the Pentakontaetia, and the Archidamian war. She demonstrated the historian's full comprehension of the link between finance and empire, missed by historians operating with modern notions of economy and finance. Her second book, *Money and the Corrosion of Power in Thucydides*, focused upon the ill-fated Sicilian expedition. Lisa drew out illuminatingly the narrative features of Thucydides' account, his echoes of Homer and Herodotus, and she explored the historian's treatment of money in its insidious role of both expanding and undermining Athenian power. Her approach relied as much on her keen literary analysis as her command of the inscriptional testimony, a combination of gifts that makes the book an exceptional achievement.

These important and influential books, as well as an array of articles in the top classical journals, brought Lisa to the attention of the scholarly world and earned her a plethora of accolades and awards in the US, including a Fulbright fellowship, a National Foundation for the Humanities award, and appointments to the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and a Whitehead Professorship in the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Her distinguished teaching career took her to Smith College, Swarthmore College, UC Santa Barbara, the University of Texas, Austin, and ultimately to Oxford University, succeeding to the beloved Greek historian George Cawkwell at University College.

She shared Cawkwell's deep care for students, offering both challenge and inspiration to them. She annually received from them cards of gratitude acknowledging her enrichment not only of their academic experience but in several cases invaluable support at time of personal crises.

Among her many tasks discharged as a member of the Classics community, Lisa became an indispensable help to Cawkwell in his final years and played a selfless role in preparing his collected papers for publication. In her final Univ years, she published her third book, *The Athenian Empire: Using Coins as Sources*, in collaboration with her husband, the eminent numismatist Jack Kroll, a work of scholarly expertise but geared to a wider public of enthusiasts for ancient history.

Upon leaving Oxford she was anticipating a long and rewarding retirement back in Northampton, Massachusetts, where her teaching career began. Instead, after just three years her health unexpectedly gave way.

Lisa's passing is a serious loss to the world of scholarship, but even more to family, friends, colleagues, and a multitude of former students. Her wit, humor, forthrightness, and acute intelligence, her nourishment of students, and her sensitive appreciation of both the qualities and foibles of fellow human beings put her in a rare class.

ERICH GRUEN
BA Merton Lit. Hum. 1957-1960.
Professor of History and Classics Emeritus, The University of California, Berkeley



Professor Alexander (Alasdair) Chalmers MacIntyre died on 21 May 2025 aged 96. He was Fellow and Praelector in Philosophy at Univ between 1963 and 1966. An obituary by Jane O'Grady is available to read on the Guardian website.

OLD MEMBERS

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

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

1946

John MICHAEL Anthony Gurney (Winchester) died on 3 October 2017 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1946 to read History. He rowed with the University College Boat Club First Eight. According to our records, he was a Senior Partner at Fawcetts Chartered Accountants in Salisbury for many years. He was the son of His Excellency Sir Henry Gurney KCMG KStJ (Univ, 1919).



Professor Roy McWeeny (Grange H.S. and Leeds University) died on 29 April 2021 aged 96. He came up to Univ in 1946 to read for a DPhil in Chemistry (Mathematical Physics and Quantum Theory) under the supervision of Charles Coulson.

During a long and distinguished academic career, he served as Lecturer in Theoretical Chemistry at King's College, University of Durham (1948-1957); Lecturer in Theoretical Chemistry in the Department of Maths and Physics, Keele University (1957-1965), rising to the position of Professor of Theoretical Physics and Theoretical Chemistry; Professor of Theoretical Chemistry at the University of Sheffield (1966-1982) and in 1982 he moved to the University of Pisa, Italy where he remained an Emeritus Professor until his death. In 1996 a celebratory festschrift volume was published in his honour containing original papers by 132 scientists from 19 countries. He was awarded the 2006 Spiers Memorial Medal by the Faraday Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

1947



Dennis John Trevelyan FRSA FCIPD CB (Enfield G.S.) died on 19 July 2024 aged 94. He came up to Univ in 1947 to read History. He entered HM Civil Service in 1950 as an official in the Home Office. He served as Private Secretary to Lord President of the Council of State in Northern Ireland from 1972. He was Director-General of HM Prison Service from 1978 to 1983. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the 1981 Birthday Honours. In 1983, Trevelyan was appointed First Civil Service Commissioner. Trevelyan retired from the civil service in 1989 and was elected Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, serving from 1989 to 1996. During that time, Trevelyan was credited with leading the effort to make Mansfield a Full College of the University of Oxford.

1948



Michael David Neal (Winchester) died on 10 May 2024 aged 97. He came up to Univ in 1948 to read History and Education (PG Dip). Mr Neal served as a Captain in the Rifle Brigade in the British Army between 1945 and 1948. His first teaching job was at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth between 1952 and 1953. He was History Master at Eton College from 1953 to 1969 and Housemaster at Eton from 1963 to 1968. In 1969 he was appointed as the first male headteacher of Cranborne Chase school for girls in Wiltshire, where he stayed until his retirement in 1983. An obituary written by his daughter, Lucy Neal, is available to read on the Guardian website.

1949

David Noble CBE (Buckhurst Hill County H.S.) died on 18 June 2024 aged 95. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read English. He was a member of the Univ Players, and the Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS). He played football, cricket, and squash for the College. According to our records, following a period in the Royal Navy in 1947, he completed a traineeship for hospital administration at University College Hospital in London. He was an Operational Research Assistant for Nuffield Provincial Hospital Trust in 1958 and was working on research for the ten-year hospital plan in 1962. He worked as the Head of Administration at the Medical Research Council from 1952 until his retirement in 1989.

1950



Kenneth Dick Anderson (Glasgow Academy) died on 12 July 2024 aged 92. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Classics. His son, Mr Malcolm Anderson, has kindly provided this tribute:

Kenneth (Ken) Anderson, former Rector of Grove Academy (1981-1992) died peacefully at his home in Broughty Ferry with his family by his side.

Born in Glasgow, the oldest of three boys and raised in Kilmacolm, Ken was educated at Glasgow Academy and then at University College, Oxford where he studied Classics. His reason for choosing University College was that he was the nephew of George Hope Stevenson who was a recently retired staff member at Univ. Indeed, many Stevenson family members have subsequently studied at the College. He then returned to Scotland to do his teacher training at Moray House in Edinburgh. His first teaching role was at Dunfermline High School from 1956. During his time in Dunfermline he met Heather Wood, another member of the Classics department and they married in Edinburgh in 1967.

Ken was promoted to Head of Department in Cowdenbeath and then moved in the same capacity to Robert Gordon's college in Aberdeen. He became Assistant Rector at Portobello High in 1972 before becoming Deputy Rector at Perth Grammar School in 1975. Ken was appointed Rector of Grove Academy in 1981 and remained there until he retired in 1992.

Ken was an outstanding teacher who fully immersed himself in the fabric of each school he worked in – coaching sporting teams, directing school productions and leading school trips both at home and abroad.

He spoke fondly of all his schools but unsurprisingly, Grove Academy was a very special place to him. He was most touched in his final weeks by the many cards and visits from former Grove colleagues and pupils and in his typically modest and self-effacing manner, deflected the praise and gratitude that was heaped upon him.

Ken was someone with a great interest and concern for others, thoughtful, wise but never one to push his opinions. He has repeatedly been described as a true gentleman which is very fitting.

Ken was a football fan and was a season ticket holder at Tannadice since 1982. He was interested in many sports and took a keen interest in politics and current affairs. He sang in a number of Choral Unions and church choirs with music being one of his great passions. He was also a former President and long serving member of Broughty Ferry Rotary Club.

He was a committed member of the Church of Scotland all his life and served as an elder for over 60 years.

Ken travelled extensively with particular focus on regular trips to Australia. This had particular significance since 2015 with the arrival of his grandchildren and his final visit was in January 2024.

Ken faced with great courage what he knew was terminal cancer. He is survived by his wife Heather, son Malcolm and three grandchildren.

1951



Lionel James Bunn (Bishop Vesey's G.S.) died on 21 March 2025 aged 93. His daughter, Mrs Adrienne Duggan, kindly provided the following tribute:

Lionel came up to Univ to read Physics in 1951 on an ICI Scholarship. After completing his degree, he was commissioned to the Royal Signals for National Service; stationed at Catterick and Aldershot. After National Service, in 1956, he went on to spend 26 years with ICI, latterly as an Industrial Planner, before taking early retirement at the age of 50. At this point in 1982, he returned to Univ to collect his MA and was delighted to be recognised by the head porter. He then embarked on a PGCE at King's College London and went on to teach physics for 10 happy years at Londean School in Hemel Hempstead before finally retiring in 1992.

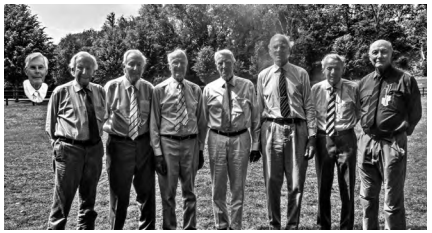
Lionel died peacefully at the age of 93. He was a man of integrity and modesty with a highly developed sense of humour. He held a deep love of learning, a keen interest in the world's affairs, and was a much-loved husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by Audrey, his beloved wife of 68 years, his children: Julian and Adrienne; and his five grandchildren, Jessica, Georgina, Jeremy, Imogen, and Isabella.

Derek Reginald Chapman LLB (Buckhurst Hill County H.S.) died on 23 April 2023 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read Law. According to our records, he worked with a firm of solicitors from 1954 and joined Edwards & Noice in Billericay in 1987. He retired in 1995 after 41 years as a country solicitor.

Dr Michael Robin Dunwell (Shrewsbury) died on 5 May 2022 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read English.

Edmund JOHN Bernard Leach (Harrow) died on 30 June 2025 aged 94. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read English. He was the son of Captain A. Leach, J.P. He was a member of the Univ Players, the Univ Shakespeare Society, and he played cricket and hockey for the College. He was also a member of the Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS) and the Oxford University Experimental Theatre Club (OU ETC). According to our records, he completed a traineeship in ICI's personnel department in 1954 and was a Personnel Director at ICI from 1954 to 1964. He had a consultancy with Adkins Group for three years and was the Human Resources Director at C.T. Bowring & Co Ltd (Insurance) in London from 1982 to 2004.

1952



Survivors of Univ's 1952 & 1953 VIIIs – at Henley Regatta in July 2015

From the left – insert, Jim Cook (who left early to watch St Pauls race) – Rawdon Dalrymple, John Davenport, John Hoult, Jeff Howles, James Bruxner, Malcolm Menin & Hugh Perry

Frederick RAWDON Dalrymple AO (University of Sydney) died on 29 September 2023 aged 92. John Davenport Esq. (1951, History) kindly provided the following tribute.

When Rawdon Dalrymple arrived at Univ in 1952 as a Rhodes Scholar from Sydney, he sat down for dinner in Hall and gazed up at a portrait of Lord Rawdon. He discovered that Lord Rawdon had been Governor General of India in the early 19th Century, and he hoped that his parents had found a family connection.

Rawdon had learnt to row in Sydney and rowed in the successful Univ VIII – which made four bumps in 1953 and then reached the semi-finals at Henley after beating Eton in the quarterfinals. Rawdon and I rowed in an ISIS IV at Henley in 1954 and Rawdon was elected Captain of the Univ Boat Club for the following year, which was a successful one.

On his return to Sydney University, Rawdon lectured in moral and political philosophy for a year but spent much of his time rowing in a Sydney University IV which came very close to being selected to represent Australia in the 1956 Olympics.

In mid-1956, when I was in Baghdad, I received a letter from Rawdon in which he described how his IV had won several rounds of Olympic trials but in the final race had lost by a few feet.

In 1957 Rawdon joined the Department of External Affairs and he also met and married Ross Williams. Rawdon's first Ambassadorship was Israel in 1972, followed by Indonesia from 1981 to 1985. He was then appointed Ambassador to USA and in 1987 my wife, Wendy, and I stayed with Ross and Rawdon for a few days in the magnificent ambassadorial residence in Washington. Rawdon's last Ambassadorship was Japan, from which he retired in 1993. Rawdon was a keen squash player and in 1992 he was elected Chairman of the Japan Squash Rackets Association.

After retirement from foreign service Rawdon kept very busy serving a term as Chair of the Australian Centre for American Studies and he was appointed a visiting professor in the department of Government and Internal Relations. In 2005, his book "Continental Drift: Australia's Search for Regional Identity", was published and was much praised.

Rawdon received the Order of Australia in 1985, and was awarded an honorary doctorate of sciences from Sydney University in 2007. The lengthy obituary in The Sydney Morning Post is headed: "Friend of Hawke" and describes how Hazel Hawke had typed Rawdon's thesis at Oxford and that many years later Bob Hawke met his second wife, Blanche, at the Dalrymple home.

Ross and Rawdon were quite frequent visitors to England and on each occasion, we had a reunion of the

1953 VIII. Their last visit was in 2015 when we got together with some from the 1952 VIII which had also made four bumps. We had a picnic lunch in the Leander meadow at Henley and one of our wives took this photograph.

Rawdon is survived by Ross and their three children: David, Patrick, and Laura.

1954

Alan Alexander Burnett (Wanganui Collegiate School and Victoria University College) died on 27 November 2020 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read PPE. According to our records, his appointments included Third Secretary in the New Zealand Commissioner's Office, London (1956); Assistant Registrar of the Australian Nation University in Canberra (1971); Assistant Secretary in the Australian Department of Trade and Industry (1981-1984); he worked in the External Affairs Section of the New Zealand Government Offices in London (1983-1994); a Fellow of the Department of International Relations, at the School of Pacific and Asian Studies (1983-1994) and from 1993 he worked as an independent writer and businessman for Nexus Consultancy until his retirement in 1999.

John Stuart Lowrie (Bromsgrove) died on 25 September 2024 aged 89. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Classics (Literae Humaniores). According to our records he received a call to be a missionary while at Univ. During military service he was posted to Saudi Arabia and Oman, after which he joined the Church Missionary Society in 1960 and was posted to Cairo and Lebanon between 1962 and 1963. He completed a study course of Islam, Palestinian Archaeology, and the Eastern Churches in Jerusalem in 1963. He was a Missionary with the Church Mission Society (CMS) in Beirut in 1974. He ran the Family Book Group from 1988.



David Anthony (Tony) Viney (Westminster School) died on 16 February 2024 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read PPE. According to our records, he was a management trainee with Electrical and Music Industries (EMI) where he was based from 1957 to 1966. He ran his own educational book publishing agency in London from 1966 to 1993, before moving to Dorset, where he set up a craft workshop and developed his own techniques for turning polished Purbeck stone plates and bowls to individual designs which could be cut as thin as a ceramic. He set up a studio at Sandy Hill Workshops, Corfe Castle in Wareham. He lived in an isolated old stone barn, generating his electricity from the wind and the sun at Worth Matravers within easy reach of the quarries where he sourced his stone. He sold his output throughout the world including America and Japan where a short film was made about him. He was a huge presence in the local arts and music scene and was responsible for setting up, and running, many of the local arts organisations and projects, including the Boilerhouse Gallery. He was Chair of several trusts, including the Purbeck Radar Museum Trust, Purbeck Art Week, and the Purbeck Film Festival Charitable Trust Ltd. The Purbeck Film Festival is one of the UK's longest-running rural film festivals.

1955



Colin Robert Coulson (Dover College) died on 23 May 2024 just before his 90th birthday. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Engineering. While at Univ, he was a member of the Oxford University Sailing Club. He was involved in the planning and design of the initial system of the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway in 1976, which was featured in Issue 13 of the Univ magazine, *The Martlet* (2021) (pages 30-33). He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for L.G. Mouchel & Partners (Consulting Engineers) in Weybridge from 1989 until his retirement in 1999, with responsibility for the Hong Kong office. Over the years he was Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Consulting Engineers, Council/Treasurer for the Association of Consulting Engineers, Deputy Chair of the British Consultants Bureau and Chairman of Elsted and Treyford Parish Council.

The Revd Timothy Jon Ganz (Ellesmere College) died on 16 February 2025 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Modern Languages and Theology (from St Stephen's House, matriculating in 1958).



Neil Ellison Wilkie Huxter (University of Cape Town and Diocesan College) died on 29 May 2025 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read English. His wife, Angela Huxter, kindly provided the following tribute:

Neil came up to Univ in 1955 from Cape Town University where he spent two years after school before winning the Bishops' Rhodes Scholarship. His Headmaster, Hubert Kidd advised him to apply to Univ. Happily, when he met Angela Booth in 1957, he discovered that eight of her family had been at the College, and this may have prompted him to marry her soon after he graduated in 1958!

For over 50 years Neil and his family lived happily on Boars Hill outside Oxford. He was a friendly, playful, kind, and gentle man who welcomed new members of the family and new friends with charm and warmth.

After several years running an Oxford restaurant Neil and his wife set up a small catering company, but his heart was really in literature and the study of languages. As his younger son, Will, said in his eulogy: "Neil read and learned things voraciously, with an extraordinary memory for obscure facts and quotations from a daunting range of languages, cultures, and periods of history. Even in his last few months he would pluck an obscure crossword answer from his head when nobody else could get it. Neil never lost the passion to track down a rare book that was referenced in the

footnotes of some equally rare book he had just read." Neil's book of sonnets *The Ebbing Tide* was published in 2002.

Stephen Sidney Ernest William Love (Woodley Hill G.S.) died in April 2024 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Modern Languages and Education (PG Dip). According to our records, he spent a period in 1961 as a schoolmaster in Canada, after which he was Housemaster and Head of the French Department at Forest Hill Comprehensive School in London from 1964 to 1970, Deputy Headmaster and then Headmaster from September 1970 to 1995 of Boundstone Comprehensive College in Lancing, West Sussex. He stood as a Labour candidate in the 1979 election. He was Co-Founder and Life President of the Disabilities Trust, Co-Founder and Chair of the Love Trust for Indian Children in Need, which runs an orphanage for abandoned babies, and on the Council of Ambassadors for the World Wildlife Fund UK.



Professor Martin (Marty) Cyril McGuire (West Point) died on 26 February 2024 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read PPE as a Rhodes Scholar. John H Morrison OBE (New Mexico and Univ 1955, Law), kindly provided the following tribute:

Martin Cyril McGuire ("Marty") was born in Shanghai, China, on December 12, 1933, and died in his home in Irvine, CA, on February 26, 2024, age 90. Marty and I met at Univ as the Class of 1955 Scholars arrived for Michaelmas term. Like the other West Pointers in our class, Marty arrived in England by military transport, thus avoiding the personal cost of passage on SS United States. Our friendship grew close over the decades post-Oxford.

In 1934, Marty and his parents moved to the United States. The family lived in California and for one year at Fort Benning, GA, before settling in St. Paul, MN, where Marty attended St. Thomas Military Academy for high school. In 1951, he received an appointment to the USMA at West Point. There he studied engineering and graduated with distinction in 1955. He was elected to a Rhodes Scholarship from Minnesota, alongside Kenneth Fisher from Carleton College. At Oxford, Marty studied PPE. Serving in the US Army thereafter, he attained the rank of Captain and earned a US Army Commendation Medal in 1961. He earned his doctorate in economics from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1963. It was there that Marty and I developed our close friendship. We shared a third-floor flat in an old Cambridge house for the 1961-62 academic year, my final year at Harvard Law School and Marty's first year at the Littauer Center, later renamed the Kennedy School.

With his PhD in hand, Marty held appointments in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Analysis (1964-65) and in the US Economic Development Administration (1965-67). In 1967, he joined the Department of Economics at the University of Maryland, College Park. He taught and conducted research there until 1992, while acting as a consultant to the IMF, the Department of Defense, and the Agency for International Development, as well as to several non-governmental organizations including RAND Corporation.

In 1992, Marty moved west to the University of California, Irvine, as the Clifford S. Heinz Professor for Economics and Global Peace and Security. He taught there until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his life, Marty was a prolific writer and publisher. He was well known in the field of public choice theory, linking issues of defense and political economy.

Marty had a serious interest in Asia. He studied Japanese and was a visiting scholar at Osaka University (1984) and a Fulbright Scholar at universities in Kyoto and Tokyo.

From 1965 to 1983, Marty was married to Mary Delaney McGuire with whom he had three children who survive him: Walsh, John, and Connie. He also is survived by three grandsons. From 1987 to 1990, Marty was married to Sumiye Okubo. Marty cherished his West Point experience, attending reunions and maintaining friendships with numerous 1955 classmates.

1956



Robin Somervell Salvesen VL (Fettes) died on 16 March 2025 aged 89. He came up to Univ in 1956 to read Engineering. His son, Mr Francis R. C. Salvesen, kindly provided the following tribute:

My Father always said that the best thing he got out of Oxford was his wife, my Mother, Sari (Clarke), who was at St Hilda's at the same time and won a half Blue in the Ladies Cricket XI. He played in the 1st XV Rugby, which was undefeated, and enjoyed punting! Beyond that, he studied Engineering and was a member of the St Columba's "Iona" Presbyterian society, which my Mother also attended, along with Hugh Cairns, who eventually married my father's sister Hilary. His great friends at Univ were largely Rugby players: John Rees, John Wolstenholme along with Frank Pearson.

My Parents settled at Eaglescairnie House, East Lothian, a beautiful stone house with massive gardens that they ran as a market garden. Their plan, according to my Mother, was to have "a whole cricket team" of children but only made it to seven! Home life was full of country pursuits, from playing tennis and bridge, to shooting (archery and shotguns), croquet and French cricket.

My Father was very insistent that "education is expensive, but ignorance is more expensive!". This stretched to making massive donations to the College.

He had an extraordinary career rising from ship's Engineer to Chairman of the largest Shipping company in Europe, Christian Salvesen Ltd, with thirty ships under his remit, thirty commissioned by him. With each new ship, he incorporated better designs, improving tonnage, improving communications, introduced automation using techniques not used in Europe and only recently trialled for the US Navy. He improved efficiency and effectiveness, arranging long-term contracts with the Coal Board that

allowed a decent, but not excessive profit. And he improved the living and working conditions for the men: giving them their own bedrooms for the first time!

During the miners' strike, the dockers also went on strike. He was a hands-on Manager, much admired and respected by his subordinates. He walked to the docks and spent a few hours talking to the men. He had convinced the dockers to load the ships with coal. This kept the power stations running and the lights stayed on.

A self-taught expert in shipping insurance; he was SO well versed in insurance that he not only insured his own ships and made more money from the insurance claims than he paid in premiums, but he also wrote insurance for other shipping companies! His book, *A Ship's Husband* is in the Univ College Library.

Learning does not stop at University, he was always reading books and understanding new areas of strategy and industry, becoming an amateur expert on Scottish history and on Danish commerce. He was made a Member of the Order of Dannebrog and then Knighted by Denmark for his services as Danish Consul.

He took on many shipping charities, including the Leith Nautical College and the Glasgow Nautical College. He was Chairman of The King George's Fund for Sailors (now Seafarers UK) for decades. When he finally reached the retirement age of 70, the Patron, Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, broke his own rules and asked my Father to "Keep Going!". Other charities that he ran include the Scottish Veterans, equivalent of Chelsea Pensioners. There he improved the living accommodation of the old soldiers, airmen and sailors.

The Scouts in Edinburgh amalgamated with the Borders Region and all were chaired by my Father, for which he was awarded their Silver Acorn, twice!

He had an extraordinary appetite for hard work, diligence and duty. Public Service combined with the enormous diligence of a Businessman who ran a successful business while ensuring that his suppliers and customers all did well, and his employees were well looked after too.

Richard Derek Anthony (Tony) Woode (St John's, Leatherhead) died on 20 October 2024 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1956 to read Chemistry.

1957



Stewart Dakers (Fettes) died on 15 December 2024 aged 85. He came up to Univ in 1957 to read Theology. His son, Mr Ewan Dakers, kindly forwarded the following eulogy to us, which Stewart Dakers composed:

As I put this together, I have no idea of the situation in which it will be delivered or who will be present to receive it. I only know that I will only be with you in spirit, not in body.

I remain however as perverse a cultural luddite in death as in life. I prefer to talk than to be talked about. So, I wish to offer a brief eulogy to those whose kindness – and longevity – have brought them together to see me off. I imagine that there are those among you who will have known me in the sunlit days among the blue remembered hills and will understand why I wish to avoid the usual eulogy. Until two moments in time, I lived a libertine life, self-centred, self-indulgent, careless, and many of you will have been victims of my offences; to them In particular I owe an apology, and they will understand in their hearts why I wish to avoid being talked about.

You have all been my companions – and such companions – and for that you have needed patience, forbearance, graciousness. Sometimes I have acknowledged your goodness and value to me; too often I have taken it for granted. I have trodden on your toes, offended your sensibilities, and disregarded your ground rules. Yet you have ever treated me with affection, attention, and enormous generosity, in spite of my restlessness. Thank you for your friendship; without it my life would have been infinitely poorer.

I mentioned two moments in time. The first was meeting a woman of extraordinary spirit, unusual integrity, impervious courage and exceptional emotional literacy, whose understanding and endless accommodation gave me such space, comfort, reassurance, who taught me with her exemplary honesty how to admit to weakness and error. With her friendship, I experienced almost unbearable joy in life, and by her example, she challenged the self-righteousness in me which is the worst of my many shortcomings.

The second, I met a true hero in our son. What makes him so is that where the rest of us can shelter behind our strengths, he has had to lead a life constantly exposed to his weaknesses. He has climbed his mountain with an awful courage and humour and never once complained or backed off, even when too often he had to carry me and my anxieties on his back as well. It has been an extraordinary privilege to have attended his drama, to have witnessed his growth into the finest of true warriors.

These two encounters redeemed me from my selfful irresponsibility. To both, may I say that we shall meet again in the cosmic roundel of karma as we have probably already met before. We may not recognise each other next time, but however many times I come back, the whole cycle will have been worth it for our one, brief but entrancing encounter.

I am convinced in my hope of this, that we go somewhere each time, where we will be renewed and sent back to learn more, to become more, I know that you will both be in special pain, but it will ease because there is no outstanding business between us, and once joined by real love like this, we can never be eternally separated. Trust me, I am a theologian – 4th class.
So, thank you for all the wonderful times, all of you, until we meet again.



Robert (Robin) Trench Fox CBE died on 25 December 2024 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1957. His wife, Mrs Lindsay Fox, kindly provided the following tribute:

Educated at Winchester College, Robin Fox won a Scholarship to University College, Oxford to read

Chemistry. After two years, he changed to reading PPE as test tubes had lost their appeal after his time serving his National Service in the Royal Navy. During that time, he was Navigating Officer on the first ship into Port Said during the Suez Campaign. He played numerous games for the College, and his favourite game was squash which he blamed for his bad knees in later life. He also played in the water polo team and was accused of cheating because he was tall enough to stand to shoot a goal! He was President of the Gridiron Club and a member of the Bullingdon and Vincent's Dining Clubs. He was also a member of the Wine and Food Society and tasted for it against Cambridge. Oxford won!

He joined Kleinwort Benson from 1961 to 2000, ending up as Vice Chairman. During this period, he was also Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Bankers' Association (BBA) from 1992 to 1994 and was awarded a CBE for services to Banking in 1993. He was Chairman of the Export Guarantees Advisory Council from 1992 to 1998 and held many other positions in the financial sector both in the UK and in Europe.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by City University Business School Executive Committee. He was also on the Council of University College London from 1988 to 2004, Honorary Treasurer of Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, a board member of the Royal National Theatre Foundation and a Fellow of Winchester College between 2003 and 2011, culminating as Sub Warden.

He married Lindsay (née Anderson) in 1962 who survives him, together with two daughters, two sons and 11 grandchildren.

In his spare time, he enjoyed logic problems, travel, and wine.

Anthony John Arthur Green (Ampleforth College) died on 13 April 2025 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1957 to read PPE. According to our records, in 1960 he went into farming, specialising in pigs. He was also Treasurer for Great Cornard Parish Council for a period. He retired in 2024.

1958

Malcolm Stuart Oxley (Leeds G.S.) died on 10 May 2025 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read History and Education (PG Dip). In 1962 he joined St Edward's School, Oxford as History Master, which over time grew to include English and Economics. He also became Director of Studies, Housemaster of Segar's House and Director of Plays at the School. He retired in 1999 as Sub-Warden, a position he held for fourteen years, after thirty-seven years of service to the school.

1959

Dr Cedric Charles Barfoot (Chatham House G.S.) died in 2022 aged 85. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read English.



John Brian Fox MBE (Hymers College, Hull) died on 11 March 2025 aged 86.

John Fox was an experimental theatre director, artist printmaker, song writer, poet, musician, and film maker. Born in Hull in 1938, he completed National Service Officer in Ghana, 1957-59. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read PPE and Education (PG Dip). According to his family, he often worked all night building theatre sets and scenery for student theatre. After Univ, he completed a fine art degree at Newcastle upon Tyne University, 1963-67. After graduation, he worked at Bradford School of Art as Tutor/Librarian in 1967. With his wife Sue Gill, he started small street theatre company Welfare State 1968. This soon became Welfare State International when invitations to make site specific performances on a huge scale came in the 1980's, from Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia. A nomadic lifestyle meant travelling with the company and his family – and their two children, Dan and Hannah, were home schooled on the road.

Returning to England they settled in Ulverston, Cumbria and never left. The focus shifted to community related work, notably the Ulverston Lantern Parade which has been successfully taken up by arts communities worldwide – from Norway to South Africa and USA.

With National Lottery funding, he refurbished The Old National School to create Lanternhouse National Centre for the Celebratory Arts in 1999. Wound up WSI in 2006.

John Fox was awarded an MBE in 2012 for his "unstinting contribution as an inventor of forms of creative participation and celebration". Many now familiar modes of artistic practice – immersive theatre, site-specific performance and community engaged celebratory arts – were trailblazed by him and his company.

He is survived by his widow Sue Gill, son Dan Fox, daughter Hannah Fox and by five grandchildren Reuben, Rosa, Rowan, Luca, and Bel.

John Fox died at home on 11 March 2025, supported by his family and Hospice at Home, at the age of 86.

A further tribute is available here: culturednortheast.co.uk/p/a-tribute-to-john-fox-of-welfare

Dr Kenneth (Ken) John Mills (St Albans School) died on 30 June 2024 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Chemistry. According to our records, he worked in research for Monsanto (American agrochemical company) for one year, in 1963. He completed his PhD at Guy's and St Thomas' Medical School (University of London) between 1964 and 1970. In 1970 he joined Pye Unicam (manufacturers of scientific equipment) in Cambridge, initially as an Applications Chemist. He was a Product Manager at Pye from 1974 to 1978. From 1978 he was a Product Manager for Norton Chemical Process Products Ltd of Fenton. Between 1986 and 1999 he was responsible for new product marketing and development of Norton Co in Ohio, USA. From 1999 he was a Business Development Manager for Norton (later Saint Gobain Norpro) in Ohio until his retirement in 2009.

1960

Roger Michael (Mike) Davies FRCS (Cardiff H.S.) died on 12 November 2024 aged 83. His son, Mr Chris Davies, kindly provided the following tribute:

Mike was born in Aberystwyth in June 1941, the elder of two boys. His father was a research scientist for the Ministry of Supply, moving the family

to Oban, Scotland, to conduct research in collaboration with Lily Newton, later Acting Principal at University of Wales Aberystwyth.

After the war, the family ultimately settled in Cardiff. From Cardiff High School, Mike came up to Univ in 1960 to read medicine. He was a very keen rugby player, going on to play for the Greyhounds. Playing for the college rugby team meant that he also ended up in the Rugby Eight coxed by Stephen Hawking.

After Univ, Mike completed his medical training at University College Hospital London, securing Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1974, and specialised in orthopaedics, particularly joint surgery. After his time in London, he went on to consultant roles in Bristol, Cardiff, and Swansea, retiring in 2001.

Mike married Karin, née Hodgkiss (St Hilda's, 1960; d. 2001) in 1965. The family lived in south Wales from the mid-1970s, where Mike had the opportunity to link professional and sporting interests by acting as team doctor for several Welsh rugby teams, at both club and national level. At his funeral, several Welsh internationals commented on "Mr Davies's" ability to get them back on the field after even the most punishing of encounters with the opposition.

Mike is survived by his three children, and two grandchildren.

Iain Donald Spey (Sebright) died on 29 February 2024 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1960 to read Maths, obtaining a BA and MA. According to our records, he served as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Army Educational Corps (RAEC). In 1964, he served with the 17th/21st Lancers, a cavalry regiment of the British Army. He taught at Harwell Primary School in Didcot.

1961

His Honour Judge Michael Evered Buckley (Arnold School, Blackpool) died on 22 February 2025 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read Law. He was the brother of Peter Buckley (1966, Law). While at Univ, he was a member of the Eldon Society, and the Oxford University Dramatic Society (OUDS). He was admitted as a solicitor in 1968 and entered private practice. He started as an articled clerk and eventually became senior partner at Blackhurst, Parker and Yates solicitors between 1978 and 1996. According to our records, he also taught church history in Columbus, Ohio. He was Joint District Judge from July 1995 to 1999 and District Judge on the Northern Circuit from 1999. He retired in November 2013.

Richard (Ricky) Marcel Jean Dammann (Ampleforth College) died on 26 December 2023 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read Classics (Literae Humaniores).

1962

James Norris Beaumont Cook (Charterhouse) died on 28 July 2024 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1962 to read Chemistry. While at Oxford he was Treasurer of the University Christian Union. He went to Eton College in 1967 to teach Chemistry, after a spell with John Laing Construction and as a supply teacher. From 1983 to 1998 he was a house master at Eton and in 1999 was elected Vice-Provost. He retired in 2006. He was a council member of the Windsor Festival Society in 2007.



Michael (Mike) Ronald Ratledge (Simon Langton G.S., Canterbury) died on 5 February 2025 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1962 to read PPP.

1963

Jonathan Salis Daiches Seres died peacefully at home in February 2024 after a long illness. He lived his 78 years to the full.

He attended St Paul's School and came up to Univ in 1963 to read PPE. He joined Sacker & Partners in London in 1967, where he remained until his retirement in 2011. As senior partner Jonathan was at the helm for many of the most important events in Sackers' development. He always led by example, with honesty and integrity and putting the interests of the firm first – a true partner.

Jonathan also made an important contribution to the wider pensions world. He was the second APL (Association of Pension Lawyers) Chair, from 1985 until 1988, and a firm believer in the APL's ethos of sharing knowledge with fellow practitioners. Jonathan served on government liaison committees relating to various aspects of pension law. He advised large public companies and institutions with pension funds of £50m to £11bn. Similarly active on the international stage, Jonathan sat on the APL's International Sub-Committee and in 2011 became chair of IPEBLA (the International Pensions & Employee Benefits Association).

A prolific writer, Jonathan's practical guide to pensions is a seminal work and still provides useful insights into the history of knotty pensions topics, *Pensions Risk and Strategy* (co-authored, July 2005) in the wake of the then new Pensions Act 2004 and the lead chapter in *Pension Scheme Deficits: Practical Solutions* (September 2007).

In his retirement he became very active in Hampstead Garden Suburb (HGS) where he had lived since the 70s, taking up numerous roles including becoming Vice Chair and then Chair of the Residents Association and was instrumental in the launch and success of the HGS virtual Heritage Museum. He was a trustee of Lively Minds for a number of years, a low-cost UK charity training volunteers to run educational playgroups in Ghana and Uganda.

Jonathan had boundless energy and a staggering ability to get things done to support his family and wider community. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and is greatly missed.

1965

Michael Ralph Nicholas Roth (Latymer Upper School) died in 2025. He would have turned 77 on 11 March 2025. He came up to Univ in 1965 to read Modern Languages.

1966



Professor Dr Andrew Hamnett (William Hulme's G.S.) died on 20 May 2025 aged 77. Professor Hamnett's daughter,

Dr Hilary Hamnett, kindly provided the following tribute:

Dr Andrew Hamnett was born in Stockport to Albert and Dorothy Hamnett in 1947. He attended William Hulme's Grammar School in Manchester and came up to Univ in 1966 to read Chemistry, taking a First in 1969. He moved to St John's to complete his DPhil in electrochemistry and held a JRF at Queen's before returning to Univ as a Lecturer in Chemistry in 1973. During that time, he visited the University of British Columbia in Canada where he met his wife of 49 years, Suzanne, with whom he had three daughters, Erica, Hilary (St Catherine's, 1999, Chemistry) and Gillian (LMH, 2004, Ancient History).

He was a Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry and Fellow by Special Election at St. Catherine's from 1980 to 1989. After that, he took up a Chair in Physical Chemistry at Newcastle University where he continued to author and co-author many publications including translating the textbook *Electrochemistry* from German into English. He continued his research in this area, and together with Professor John Goodenough, Andrew laid the foundations for electrocatalysis in direct methanol fuel cells. After taking on the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor in 1997 at Newcastle, he moved to the University of Strathclyde as Principal and Vice-Chancellor in 2000 and stayed there until he retired in 2009. During his time at Strathclyde, he was responsible for guiding them through a period of significant transformation, growth, and modernisation.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Society of Chemistry. Andrew received honorary degrees from Newcastle University, and Łódź University of Technology (Poland), and in 2024 was awarded the title of Emeritus Principal at the University of Strathclyde.

In his retirement, he completed an Open University degree in Mathematics and Statistics (another First) and rediscovered various hobbies from his younger days including Meccano, model railways and stamp collecting. A dedicated church organist, he played regularly in Morpeth, Northumberland where he and Suzanne retired. He was also heavily involved in community organisations, including the local Rotary club, the Mid Northumberland Chorus, the Newcastle and District Society of Organists, and the United Reformed Church. In his final years, he enjoyed playing with his model railway alongside his two grandsons, Ralph and Luke.

Russell Egdell, Paul Christensen, Hilary Hamnett

1967



John Bussell Evans (Emanuel School) died on 21 August 2024 aged 76. He came up to Univ as a Burn Scholar in 1967 to read Modern History. The following tribute was kindly provided by his sister, Anne Walters.

John very much enjoyed his time and the friendships he made at Univ, his academic potential recognised in his first term by his Tutor, who suggested All Souls. John, however, took his perceptive analysis of the world around him (a piece of his student journalism incurred but escaped the full ire of Robert Maxwell: tarring and feathering was not a pleasing prospect) into a career in publishing in London. It began at Europa Publications, and continued at the Royal Commonwealth Society, before he found his niche in Bath as a Senior Editor at Keesing's Contemporary Archives. Bath then became his permanent spiritual home: latter years nearer London felt like an exile. John's *magnum opus* for Keesing's was his meticulously researched encyclopaedic reference volume *OPEC, its Member States and the World Energy Market*, published in 1986.

He applied the same attention to detail to his consuming interests: we treasure the photographs he shot and developed for their artistic and direct engagement with his subjects. When he became fascinated with all things Chinese (logographs, calligraphy, history, religion and philosophy) he amassed dictionaries and scholarly works. John came to identify himself as a Taoist. He felt a great affinity with the quest of the seventeenth-century polymath Bishop Wilkins to create a universal language. The librarians of Bath, the University of Bristol and Wells Cathedral knew no peace when John pursued his research. Even during the very long walks he took us on he was always challenging his nephew and niece to make new discoveries, to go and look things up: he was a true educator. His overarching passion was music: his deep empathy with jazz and his insights into all performed versions of the *St Matthew Passion* were astonishing.

John remained unworldly, with no material gains except his vast library of books and music. He met his long, last illness with impressive reserves of inner strength. He had lived alone for half his life (he married twice but neither union stood the test of time) as an island when he really belonged to the main, not always in the place he wanted to be most, defiantly self-sufficient but sustained by his beloved recordings and his Taoist sense of his place in the cycle of the universe. For all his tendency to a night-owl existence, he was a very convivial individual. He loved cricket and the radio – endearingly for such an intellectual he rarely missed *The Archers* – and would always follow a Test Match, especially if it went through the night. He just missed England's triumph last summer when Death bowled him out so unfairly: he certainly had more time to play.

John had time in his last year to confront his own mortality. The music he ordained for his funeral was of searing spirituality, from the threnody of three jazz pieces to the plangency of Mahler's *Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen* and hope of renewal in Tippett's *A Child of Our Time*: it said everything about him, just as he had wanted it to.

Peter Francis Arnold Knowles CB (Whitgift School, Croydon) died on 11 January 2024 aged 74. He came up to Univ in 1967 to read Law. His tutors included Univ Honorary Fellows Lord Hoffmann and John Finnis (1962, Law). According to our records, Mr Knowles was a Barrister who was Parliamentary Draftsman to the Parliamentary Counsel between 1991 and 2013. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in the 1991 New Year Honours.

1968

Robert David Jones (Rugby) died on 31 August 2024 aged 74. He came up to Univ in 1968 to read PPE.

Alan Charles Weston Peck (Sherborne) died on 20 June 2024 aged 75. He came up to Univ in 1968 to read Law. His wife, Mrs Anne Peck, kindly provided the following tribute.

On leaving Univ, Alan joined Freshfields, a leading firm of international lawyers, in 1972, where he stayed, apart from a brief spell at S.G. Warburg & Co in the 1980s, for his entire career. On his return from Warburgs he moved into full-time management of the firm, becoming the Managing Partner in 1993 and the Chief Executive in 1996, remaining in that role until 2004 when he retired.

During his time as Chief Executive, working alongside a small team, he oversaw the merger between Freshfields, Deringer Tessin Herrman Sedemund and Bruckhaus Westrick Heller Löber in 2000. This unprecedented merger brought together more than 270 years of experience. Alan's contribution both to the negotiation of the mergers and to their successful implementation was crucial.

An article in *Legalweek*, dated 25 June 2003, stated: "The decision to retire from the firm next April, when Peck's term as chief executive expires, will come as no surprise to Freshfields' partnership.

"He had long maintained that his game plan was to retire at 55 and, in sticking to his guns, he looks set to follow one of the golden rules of leadership – to bow out when people still want you around.

"He has been managing the firm for more than a decade – first as managing partner… then as [chief executive].

"… Not only has he played a major role in developing strategy, but he has also been willing to play the less glamorous role of enforcer – a job that few 'heavyweight' lawyers either have the inclination or the talent for."

Alan retired to Dorset in 2004 to follow his many interests which included gardening and country pursuits. He is survived by his wife, Anne, his son, Alexander, and his daughter Fran Young.

1969



Dr John Flett Brown (Edinburgh University) died on 7 January 2024 aged 78. He came up to Univ in 1969 to read Geology. His wife, Mrs Cynthia Brown, kindly provided the following tribute, written by Dr Adrian Hall, Honorary Research Fellow of the University of Edinburgh:

Orkney has a long tradition of raising and training fine geologists. Consider Hugh Miller who christened Orkney the "land of the fishes" for its abundance of Old Red Sandstone fossils. Or Matthew Forster Heddle, the pioneer mineralogist of Hoy. Or else John S Flett, schooled in Kirkwall, and later Director of the Geological Survey. And Harald Drever, professor at St Andrews and later champion of Inuit culture in west Greenland. John Flett Brown was very much part of that.

John was educated at Stromness Academy, part of an exceptionally gifted year, several of whom, like John, went south to complete PhDs. His early interest in geology was stoked by Ted Kellock, the Customs and Excise Officer at the Scapa Distillery, who was very active in the study of the rocks of the Orcadian basin – he took John on outings and field work to explore the stratigraphy of the Stromness shore. John went on to complete a doctorate at Oxford on Rb-Sr isotopes and geochemistry of the Caledonian calc alkaline igneous rocks in Argyllshire. This was followed by teaching and research at Florida State University as assistant professor of geology and then lecturing at St Andrews. Leaving academia, John first took up a post as geologist with Gearhart Geodata in Aberdeen and went on to become chief geologist and exploration superintendent for Mobil Oil in Libya. He later moved to Veba Oil, still in Libya, where he oversaw production, and later still was a consultant for oil plays in Kuwait. John was a steady hand during expeditions to Afghanistan and east Greenland, where his practical skills with kit, electrics, and boats were much valued.

Returning to Stromness in 1990, John switched roles, focussing on the affairs of Orkney. He served on Stromness Community Council, then Orkney Islands Council, and on the boards of several Orkney companies. Yet John retained his interests in Orcadian geology and promoted new research and popular understanding in many ways. Not least John, and his wife, Cindy, welcomed a steady stream of geological and archaeological pilgrims to their home at The Park to discuss the Orcadian sandstone basin, the Ice Age history of the islands, and much else. John guided field trips to Orkney from the Open University, the Quaternary Research Association, and a string of oil companies. John was the driving force for the re-opening of Liddle's Quarry, the source of the original flagstones in the Stromness streets, and the ripping up and replacement of its inappropriate post-war concrete slabs. He also helped set up the Orkney Fossil and Heritage Centre in Burray, becoming chair of its board, and supported the Stromness Museum and its collection of rocks and thin sections which he had inherited from Ted Kellock. He put together, with Jan den Blaauwen, the geology and fossil pages for the Orkney Landscapes web site, recently relaunched, and lately produced an acclaimed series of podcasts and short films on Orkney geology for the renowned Orkney Science Festival. Not least, he authored and co-authored a series of papers on the geology of Orkney, with all its multiplicity of algal stromatolites, lobe-finned fish, varved sediments, and Norwegian glacial erratics. John was working on several new papers at his untimely death in January 2024.

Adrian Hall, Edinburgh

1972



Robert Grenville Brockbank (Merchant Taylors') died on 17 June 2024 aged 70. He came up to Univ in 1972 to read Engineering. His sister, Mrs Jill Schofield, kindly

provided the following tribute:

I am sad to report the death of my brother, Robert, on 17th June 2024 aged 70, after an illness bravely borne.

Robert was educated at Merchant Taylors' Northwood and was awarded an Exhibition to University College to study Engineering Science, achieving a double first. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at the College, becoming President of the Music Society and encouraging a love of musical performance in fellow students. He used to relate the story of a group of friends manhandling a piano up two twisting flights of stairs to his college room. The dents in the staircase were still visible years later!

He received the Edgell Sheppee Prize for his Finals results and joined the Post Office Research Station, later BT. His work spanned many changes in technology from designing repeaters for analogue submarine cables to performing the world's first fibre optic submarine cable testing to designing ClickDial applications. His group won the Queen's Award for testing optical components and he co-authored many patents and journal articles on his work.

He is greatly missed by his wife, Elizabeth, daughters Ruth and Anna, grandchildren Iris and Henry, many family members and a whole host of colleagues and friends.

1976

Dr Jeremy Holland's (Brighton College) death was reported in May 2025. He was born in August 1956. He came up to Univ in 1976 to read Biology. According to our records, in 1981 he was working towards a PhD at Imperial College Field Station, Silwood Park.

1980

Howard Stanley Turner (Prior Pursglove College) died on 25 May 2024 aged 63. He came up to Univ in 1980 to read Physics. He was a member of the 1981 Univ University Challenge team. According to our records, from 1984 to 1985 he was a technical assistant at Newburn, Ellis & Co, a patent agent firm in Bristol. He read for a PhD in Theoretical Physics at Liverpool University from 1985. He worked as a Russian translator before joining the Department of Health in 1990 as a Principal Operational Research Analyst.

1983



Simon George Carling (Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington) died suddenly on 10 April 2025 aged 59. His brother, Mr Martin Carling, kindly provided the following tribute:

Simon went up to Univ in 1983 to study Chemistry, staying on after his BA to study for his DPhil. His thesis was on "Structural and Magnetic Properties of Some Layered Phosphate and Phosphonate Materials". For this research one of his core tools was a Superconducting Quantum Interference Device (or SQUID for short) – but more of that later.

At university he made some lifelong friends. He was treasurer of the OU Parachute Club. He said that a key skill to master in parachuting was the ability to fall over without breaking too many bones. This training served him well when his attempts at home bicycle repair proved unsuccessful and he had to deliberately crash an out-of-control bike heading down a steep hill with no working brakes.

He loved to travel and went interrailing with friends on trips across Europe and North Africa around this time.

After university he continued his research at the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory at the Royal Institution of Great Britain – eventually becoming an Assistant Director there. He was proud to be associated with an institution where such important historic scientific research had been carried out.

When questioned about his research, he liked to quote a story about an earlier researcher at the RI: when Faraday demonstrated his experiments in electromagnetism to an audience at the RI in the 1850s, William Gladstone (at that time Chancellor of the Exchequer) said "This is all most entertaining sir, but what is it for?" to which Faraday replied "One day, Sir, you may tax it".

Simon helped out at the RI social club – which took him on at least one occasion to a wine tasting event to select wines for the club. It speaks volumes for his rigorous scientific approach that he tried many wines up to around £100 a bottle before deciding once again to stick with something very much cheaper.

When his research funding eventually dried up, it took Simon a while to find a new role which fitted his (admittedly quite niche) skill set. It was really a remarkable piece of good fortune that one of only two companies in the world making SQUIDs is based in Acton Park, around five miles from Simon's home. He became a Project Engineer at Cryogenic Ltd – helping to create better SQUIDs and travelling the world setting them up in various research facilities.

He was always loyal to his family, travelling north for Christmas and Easter gatherings as well as regular meet-ups in London, and rarely missing weekly family zoom calls. He was extremely fond of his nephews and niece Thomas, Anna, and George, and was surprisingly smitten in recent years by Angus Dog (his brother and sister in law's puppy).

His death came far too soon, but his life held adventure and friendship and fun. And also, lots of beer.

Dr Andrew Mark Thornton (Woldgate School, Pocklington) died on 27 January 2024 aged 58. He came up to Univ in 1983 to read Physics. According to our records, he read for a PhD in Theoretical Physics at the University of Edinburgh from 1986.

1984

Dr Clare Louise Yeoman (St Margaret's School, Newington) died on 18 January 2022 aged 55. She came up to Univ in 1984 to read Biology. According to our records, she studied at Sheffield University from 1985 to 1988 and read for a PhD at the School of Pharmacy, London University, from 1988.

1992



Ian Martin Buckett (University College, Swansea) died on 9 July 2024 aged 56. He had been diagnosed with dementia and was later

found to be suffering from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, external (CTE), a brain condition thought to be linked to repeated head injuries and blows to the head. His son, who is training to be a lawyer, has raised awareness of the condition in the national press. In December 2024, the Welsh Rugby Union launched a scheme to help former elite players detect brain injuries.

Ian Buckett came up to Univ in 1992 to read Social Studies. While at Univ he played for the Oxford University Rugby Club and gained his Blue in the Varsity Match. As well as playing rugby for the University, he played for London Welsh and the Barbarians. He made 186 appearances across 10 seasons for Swansea rugby club, including against New Zealand and South Africa. He won three senior caps for Wales in the 1990s. In his post-playing days, he was involved in running Flint RFC and RGC14 (Rygbi Gogledd Cymru, 14+1). Between 1994 and 2002, he held several positions, including Land Buyer at David McLean Group in Swansea, Barrister at Messrs McClure Naismith in London and practised as a solicitor.

1998

The College was recently informed of the death of **Sophia Paraskevi Koveos** (Christ's Hospital) in 2018. She would have been 40 on 29 December 2018. She came up to Univ in 1998 to read English.



Robert (Bob) Maskell, Head Porter at Univ from 2006 to 2018, died on 16 April 2024 aged 68. His brother, Chris Maskell, kindly provided the following tribute:

My Brother Bob (aka Bobby Bad Back) and I came from a forces background so we would travel around the world with me living in Singapore and Bob at boarding school in England. For a couple of years, we attended the same boarding school in Abingdon spending short holidays with our cousins, and longer ones in Germany with our parents, including our annual summer camping holiday on the banks of Lake Wörthersee in Clagenfurt, Austria.

When we moved to Abingdon permanently, we used to go to Billing Aquadrome where Bob first honed his shooting skills. One of the stalls involved knocking things off a perch with an air rifle, with one prize being a packet of Woodbine cigarettes. Bob realised that, by studying the barrels, he would know which way they had been bent and won a packet almost every time. This was short-lived as the stallholder got wise, paid him a tenner, and told us to bugger off!

After school, Bob followed the family tradition and joined the Army, becoming a Radio Operator in the Royal Signals. I believe this was the changing of him. He'd become a man and one of the most generous people. With his first wage packet, he bought me a cassette recorder for Christmas, which made me the envy of my classmates.

When it was time for me to join the Royal Signals, Bob drove me all the way from Cornwall for my attestation and then back again, giving me a leaving present of a gold and silver ring which I've worn so much over the years that it has become very thin.

Not long after this he met his beautiful wife Pauline whilst serving in Wildenwrath, Germany. I When Bob made up his mind about something, that was it. He announced to Pauline's dad Jim "I'm going to marry your daughter." Jim's response was unprintable, but Bob pursued Pauline and the rest is history, and over the years Jim and Bob became the best of friends. Bob and Pauline went on to have two beautiful children, Vicky and Tracy who had Grace, Harry, Charlie, and Amber, all of whom Bob absolutely adored.

Bob had an outstanding career in the Army including tours of duty in Northern Ireland attached to bomb disposal. He reached the rank of sergeant, followed by an even more outstanding career in the police where he mostly worked as a close protection officer. He organised the protection of some very high-profile public figures and played a significant role in the Queen Mother's funeral.

When Bob retired from the police, he became Head Porter at Univ. where he stayed for quite a while. He switched to a part-time role at the Music Faculty, and eventually fully retired. He and Pauline took up caravanning in a lovely luxury caravan, where the grandkids would often join them. Bob had a passion for motorbikes and owned a beautiful Harley. We enjoyed going on bike trips together, often down to Blandford to the Royal Signals Museum.

Bob really did live life to the full – he packed an awful lot into his life and will be very fondly remembered.

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