

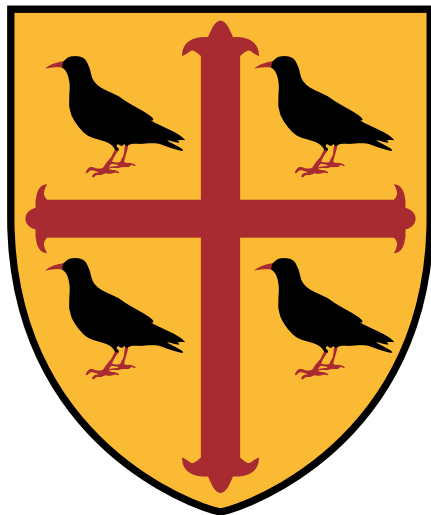


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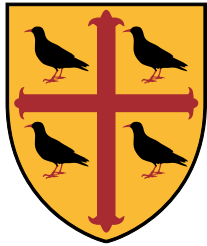
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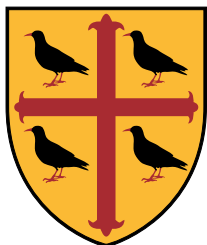
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SECTION 2

REPORTS ON THE YEAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This will be the last report I write, as Principal, for the *Magazine*. The main focus will be on the last year, but I cannot help but reflect on the events of the near decade of my Principalship.

This year the Fellowship saw significant arrivals, departures and retirements. Professor Stuart Ferguson continued as Vice-Principal and Professor Robert Wilkins as Senior Tutor.

We welcomed excellent colleagues to the Fellowship: their profiles are published later in this section of the *Magazine*. We are particularly pleased that the Hall was joined by Professor Eleanor Stride, who has been elected to a new Chair in Biomaterials in the University. This is an exciting development linking the Department of Engineering Science and the Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences. Professor Stride specialises in the fabrication of nano- and microscale devices for targeted drug delivery and will lead the creation of a new interdisciplinary institute in the University, holding a joint position between the two departments. Emeritus Fellowships were awarded to Dr Stephen Blamey and Professor Maryanne Martin.

The University Recognition of Distinction exercise conferred the title of Professor on Charlotte Stagg, Richard Willden, Roger Benson and Aileen Kavanagh. Also, the title of Associate Professor on David Dupret. The awards recognise their significant and sustained academic contribution to the University, based on criteria including research, teaching and involvement with the academic community. Further recognitions of distinction in our fellowship came from the award of international prizes to Professor Stagg who received the Sieratzki UK-Israel Early Career Researcher's Prize; Dr Hugh Jenkyns who was elected a Foreign Member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, following his geological research in Italy; Professor Dupret was awarded the 2018 Boehringer Ingelheim Federation of European Neuroscience Societies Research Award for his research on the dynamics of neuronal assemblies during memory processes; Professor Peter Bruce FRS received the 2017 Hughes Medal, from the Royal Society, for his distinguished work elucidating the fundamental chemistry underpinning energy storage; and Professor Mauro Pasta was awarded the Roberto Piontelli Prize for his work in materials science.

A most pleasing event of the year was the election of six new Honorary Fellows, all of them Aularians: Samira Ahmed; the Rt Hon Lady Asplin DBE, QC; Dr Sundeep Dhillon MBE; the Rt Hon David Gauke MP; Mark Haworth; and Mervyn Morris OM. Their profiles are included later in this section of the *Magazine*. Whilst an election to an Honorary Fellowship is a distinctly personal accolade, one cannot help remarking that, taken as a group, this year's set of Honorary Fellows is a wonderful reflection of the diversity of Hall alumni and their achievements — personally, and in their different careers.

While these are not elections to official fellowships, it is worth noting that the Hall has led the way in Oxford in providing hospitality and an academic home for short-term academic visitors to Oxford. We welcomed our first AfOx (Africa Oxford Initiative) Visiting Fellow, Dr Seifu Kebede-Gurmessa, to the College. Dr Kebede-Gurmessa is Associate Professor of Hydrogeology at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, and was in Oxford for six weeks, working with colleagues at the School of Geography & the Environment. AfOx is a University-wide programme designed to integrate and connect the many diverse connections that Oxford has with Africa. The AfOx programme appoints Visiting Fellows each year from African universities and research institutions to foster research or teaching in any field of study, and to facilitate collaborations between the University of Oxford and the individual appointed. St Edmund Hall supports AfOx Fellowships by providing accommodation and meals for visiting African academics. This initiative of college linking and support was led by myself, and has now also been adopted by other colleges. In a similar arrangement we have offered hospitality and accommodation in a programme that assists students from the Ukraine who are on short-term visits to Oxford. These and many other initiatives show how a modern Oxford college plays an integral part in the research and teaching of the academic departments of the University. Over my Principalship we have developed an excellent relationship with the Smith School of Enterprise & the Environment. Given the initiative of alumnus Sir Martin Smith and Lady Elise Smith in this venture, it is excellent that the Directorship's college association now sits with the Hall. That directorship changed with the retirement in summer 2018 of Professor Gordon Clark. The Hall will welcome the newly appointed Director, Professor Cameron Hepburn, next academic year.

We note the departure of Dr Mattéa Finelli, J&J Innovation JRF in Neuroscience related to Medicine, Professor Climent Quintana-Domeque, Tutorial Fellow in Economics, and Professor James Wolter, Fellow by Special Election in Financial Econometrics, who all left for further academic positions.

Sadly, we record the loss during the year of Professor David Pettifor FRS, who died in October 2017. In July 2018 a two-day Scientific Symposium was held in Oxford to pay tribute to David's many achievements. David was a brilliant scientist and held the Isaac Wolfson Professorship in the Department of Materials, and a Professorial Fellowship at the Hall. He was appointed to an Emeritus Fellowship here in 2010. We were also sorry to learn over the summer of the death of a long-standing Honorary Fellow, the Rt Hon Lord Browne-Wilkinson, one of the country's most eminent legal figures.

It is now impossible to capture the full portfolio of the news and events at the Hall in this *Magazine* introduction. To get a flavour of the Hall's year I suggest readers look at our new website at www.seh.ox.ac.uk and scroll to the news section towards the bottom of the page. A few minutes spent browsing

the photographs and headings gives a hugely impressive view of the breadth of activity at the Hall today. Hence, what follows below can only be a few observations from this wider panorama.

The Emden Lecture continues to be a regular part of the Oxford academic scene and was given in Michaelmas term by Professor Frank Trentmann of Birkbeck, University of London, on 'Empire of Things: a New History of Humans and their Stuff'. This year's Geddes Lecture was given the following term by Laura Kuenssberg, Political Editor, BBC News, on 'The State We Are In' and filled the Examination Schools auditorium. There followed a Formal Hall dinner where the Geddes Prize winners and the Geddes lecturer were hosted with Geddes Trust committee members, past awardees, friends and guests.

This year has seen some superb academic performances in Finals by undergraduates. Over the past weeks I have signed over 50 congratulatory letters with notifications of prizes and awards for achievement of Firsts, distinctions, best student and other indicators of academic success. Many of these prizes and awards are supported by Aularians and we thank you for this continuing support that allows recognition of our present students' achievements. To pick but one example of excellence, we note that three of our Fine Art students won prestigious prizes for their work. St Edmund Hall is known for its strong artistic cohort, and has a close relationship with the Ruskin School of Art: this year's Finalists continued a tradition of excelling in their field. Jessica Heywood (2015, Fine Art) won the Vivien Leigh Prize, awarded by Oxford's Ashmolean Museum. The prize is given for an outstanding work of two-dimensional art on paper by an undergraduate member of the University, whose work will then be displayed at the Ashmolean. Luke Dawes (2015, Fine Art) won the 2018 Platform Prize, awarded by Modern Art Oxford in collaboration with the Contemporary Visual Arts Network. The award is given to recent art school graduates and culminates in a two-week solo exhibition in Modern Art Oxford's Project Space, as a stepping stone between art school and life as a professional artist. Also, one of our Masters students, Alistair Debling (2017, MFA), has been awarded a Red Mansion Prize. The prize provides flights, accommodation and living expenses to travel to China for one month, allowing him to live and work alongside other artists.

During the academic year we hold a special dinner for Scholars, Exhibitioners and Prize-winners where we rightly recognise and celebrate their academic qualities and achievements. I instituted the tradition that the last Formal Hall of Trinity Term would constitute an Achievements Dinner where we would celebrate (via student nominations) individuals who have achieved success and recognition at a high level in areas such as drama, writing, music, art, performance and sport — be it individuals or teams. This final Formal Hall of the year now celebrates a sense of personal contribution and Hall Spirit as it honours excellence in the creative arts, sports and individual leadership within the Hall.

So, what of these non-academic activities? Music continues as a central feature and our Director of Music, Chris Bucknall, has provided a real sense of quality in his work with individuals and with the Choir. Aularians and friends provided support through choral scholarships, support of individual concerts and the choir tours. We thank all Aularians who support, in many varied ways, music and the other creative arts as a strength in the Hall's activities. This summer current and former members of the Teddy Hall community joined the Teddy Hall Choir on their tour to France as they performed in locations connected to the Hall's history. The Choir travelled from London to Pontigny via Paris, performing at the Collège des Bernardins in Paris and at Pontigny Abbey.

As always, sporting success was very evident this year with a fine clutch of Hall women and men gaining a Full Blue or a Half Blue. We recently received the yearly list of Blues showing that the Hall has 14 Full Blues — the most of any college — within a total of 28 Blues and Half Blues. Once again, the women (18) outperformed the men (10).

The Hall won the Pool League and the Women's 2nd Boat gained Blades in Summer Eights. In Cuppers there were mixed fortunes. The Hall won Basketball Cuppers 74-49 over a combined Green Templeton/St Antony's team. We won Cricket Cuppers last year but lost this year's final in a close match. However, in a reversal of fortunes the defeats in Men's Rugby Cuppers finals over the last few years were rectified and the SEH Men won Rugby Cuppers 20-17 against St Peter's. This was a dramatic extra-time victory for the Hall. In the last minutes the forwards moved the ball into the middle of the pitch on the Peter's 22 and fly-half Tom Dyer (2014, Biochemistry) produced a superb drop goal for 'Cuppers Glory', triggering wild celebration from Hall supporters. In conversations with Tom some time afterwards I remarked that he is likely to dine out on the telling of that story for the rest of his Aularian life.

Central to the Hall's community, of course, is over 8,000 Aularians who maintain contact with the Hall. Looking over the near-decade of my Principalship I am struck by the increasing connectivity of Aularians. I have felt that one thing my wife, Dianne, and I should do is to ensure that we provide an open and warm welcome for Aularians, both at the Hall and on our various visits around the UK and the world. I hope we have come close to achieving this. This year's Alumni events have been also, of course, opportunities to say goodbye as Principal. However, be it at the London Dinner with its highest attendance yet, the Aularian lunches in Edinburgh, Manchester and Bath, or alumni dinners in New York and San Francisco, the strength of feeling of 'Hall Spirit' is palpable. So too is the continuing interest of Aularians in the Hall's progress and the current student body. Dianne and I have been moved by the warmth and generosity of Aularians in the UK and abroad who have welcomed us to their cities and homes. It was made more special this year by private and public thanks. We are very grateful for these.

I cannot help but look back on the start of my Principalship. I was elected in late 2008 and it was a very uncertain period financially. The Hall's endowment stood at around £28m and there was growing uncertainty over university funding, fees etc. The Hall is not able to balance its books on the basis of its income from educational sources. As I learned quickly and have so often rehearsed, an Oxford education is much more expensive than the general, and opportunities for Hall students should not fall below an acceptable standard in comparison with colleges with great historic endowments. We needed to move quickly and progressively to improve the Hall's internal capabilities as well as to build fund-raising support that ensured both annual giving and support for our initiatives — be they academic or our buildings and infrastructure. There was much talk in the charity sector in 2009 that gifts would fall dramatically and support wither. In the Hall we did not see this. Aularians and friends responded to our initiatives, ambitions and needs. We have seen support grow over the years and this last year saw us raise over £5.06m, with over another £1m pledged. This is the highest amount in any year so far in the Hall's history. It is testament to Aularians and friends, plus the hard work within the Hall, that our endowment at the end of 2017-2018 will have doubled to around £56m. I am particularly grateful to colleagues in the Development & Alumni Relations Office for their great leadership in Aularian relations and development. A critical portion of support comes via legacies, and the Floreat Aula Legacy Society is one way that Aularians who have decided to support the Hall in their wills can become more acquainted with the impact of such gifts on the Hall and its students. We have secured the teaching of many disciplines in the Hall with endowments of Fellowships in such areas as Experimental Psychology and Neurosciences, Law and Economics. We have also been able to enhance our environment with renovations of Besse floors, the re-laying of the Front Quad and creation of the Benefactors' Square, the refurbishment of the Aularian Room in the Library, and the construction of oak buildings in the churchyard garden constituting a gardener's office, greenhouse, and furniture storage building, along with a bike area. These projects have enhanced the Hall's space with high-quality new buildings and refurbishments.

I noted last year that student accommodation, in terms both of provision and quality, remains the single most important need within the Hall. Most colleges now have the capacity to offer housing to all years of undergraduates and to new graduates. Given that we are far from that level of provision, through a variety of initiatives, we have started on a determined long-term strategy. Aularian giving and legacies enabled us to purchase 24 Norham Gardens, which is adjacent to our existing student properties; during this year it was refurbished to a very high standard in readiness for student occupation. This coming academic year we are beginning the more extensive redevelopment of our number 26 Norham Gardens house and its garden flats. An innovative project that we have termed 'The Town House Project' has developed over the last few years from my initial initiative to ask for alumni investment in Hall-managed, buy-to-let investment properties in Oxford.

This concept has been developed by work from many people, but particularly from Aularian Ian Busby, who has given generously of his time and expertise. This project offers an ability to increase our housing stock rapidly whilst we co-ordinate the longer-term strategy. I hope that via this mix of mid- and long-term approaches we can provide the much-needed quality accommodation that Hall students deserve.

Projects in the Hall take time: not only because of finances but also because of the complexities of working in old buildings with many intersecting interests and planning regulations. The Old Library Project is a prime example. I started this project over four years ago with an ambition to restore the woodwork and improve the heating and lighting of this most precious space in the Hall. Before doing this work, however, we had to raise the funds to catalogue the books in the Old Library. This cataloguing took two years and, at last, this summer the builders are starting the refurbishment. In early 2019 we will have the Old Library back in use as wonderful space and a library for this historic collection of books. I hope that, with further support from Aularians and friends, we can soon tackle the Old Dining Room and Chapel so that all these historic places are presented in a condition commensurate with their importance to life in the Hall.

So... a lot done, but much more to do. That will be for others to lead and I was delighted to learn that my successor will be Professor Kathy Willis. She is a talented academic with great experience and I am certain she will have a great impact in the Hall. I am also sure Kathy will have our full support as she defines her route forward and the issues she wishes to tackle.

During this year I was always conscious when it was the last time I would perform a particular duty or preside as Principal at a particular event. Oxford Heads of House jobs are difficult and challenging, yet they bring great friendships. One of the greatest privileges has been to meet a huge diversity of talented students and alumni. In particular, Dianne and I have made friends with Aularians who have travelled vastly different journeys after the Hall. The students at the Hall are a remarkable group of young people from a variety of backgrounds and over 70 countries. Much is written about Oxford students and much is written from ignorance. Having held Principal's Collections with all students over my time I can vouch for what a talented and diverse group those in the Hall are. Another particular pleasure has been the ability to work with a superb set of non-academic staff who have been hugely supportive of me and the projects we have developed. Over the last few months we have been able to say thank-you to these communities and the broader Fellowship at the various events organised to mark my retirement.

Institutions such as the Hall are precious; they have a great history and one recognises they are in one's hands for only a short period. It has been a privilege to be associated with such a distinctive and distinguished Oxford College.

Floreat Aula!

Professor Keith Gull

THANK YOU, KEITH

Keith Gull became Principal of St Edmund Hall in October 2009, bringing with him considerable experience of contributing to the administration of universities, major scientific charities and learned societies. The Hall has benefited greatly from a move to a greater professionalism in bursarial affairs and especially from his establishment of an enlarged office concerned with development and alumni relations headed by a full-time Director of Development. The latter has borne fruit since during Keith's time the endowment has increased considerably, with notable donations from alumni towards, for example, the cost of endowing tutorial fellowships in Law and Economics, alongside major gifts focused on improving student accommodation. More recently the Hall has just secured its largest-ever philanthropic gift of £2m, funds which allow the Hall to improve student accommodation as well as pursue other important initiatives. Keith has travelled widely, supported wonderfully throughout by Dianne, on behalf of the College and initiated many fundraising approaches which we can expect will bear fruit in the coming years. He has strengthened relationships with alumni, not least with the very enthusiastic Aularians in the USA. Seeking endowment is not easy: the present writer recalls an occasion when, suffering a heavy cold and jet lag, Keith dined in College only to find that two prospective supporters of an initiative had failed to appear with no explanation. Such largely unseen work was gladly shouldered by Keith.

The College fabric has improved during Keith's tenure. Most obviously the Front Quad has been repaved and all those unsightly manhole covers hidden away, with the underlying antiquated piping and wiring replaced. In addition, the disabled access to the Wolfson Hall, with accompanying enclosure of the area outside, has been completed. Less obvious to the visitor is the refurbishment of staircases and the shortly-to-begin reconstruction of one of the College's properties in Norham Gardens, following on from the work to adapt the recently purchased property at 24. Renovations to the Churchyard have led to an award from the Oxford Preservation Trust. The Old Library has finally been catalogued and is being emptied for a year so as to allow a complete refurbishment of its fabric, including replacement of what must be some of the only extant plugs which have cylindrical pins and dimensions half the size of modern plugs. You could say the work is overdue! Thanks to Keith, it is about to start.

Keith is passionate about both graduate and undergraduate education. He has driven an increase in the number of graduate students (both masters and doctoral students) such that the Hall now admits roughly equal numbers every year, while he has argued successfully for a small decrease in the number of undergraduates so as to be able to provide better for those we do admit, given the Hall's small physical size and its modest, by comparison with most other colleges, endowment. He has fostered the development of a very successful biennial Research Expo in which research fellows and non-Governing Body Fellows organise and showcase their work, alongside that

of graduate students and GB Fellows. Music has benefited from his attention, with the first appointment of a Director of Music. Keith has high standards and has applied those to fostering 'Hall spirit'. Just as Principal John Kelly did, Keith rejoices in students who can get a First and a Blue or a place in the major University orchestra. Keith has become a 'Hall Man'. But he has also been at the forefront of celebrating Hall women — the three thousandth matriculated during his time — and their achievements. Perhaps we should find a substitute for 'Hall Man'. 'Hall Person' does not sound right.

It is not only the Hall that has benefited from Keith's expertise. Over the last nine years he has played major roles in the wider administration of the University, in particular chairing both the University's consultative committee for health and safety and its management committee for health and safety, not to mention serving on the Research Degrees panel and the Graduate Education panel. Thus the University at large has many reasons to be grateful to Keith.

If all this was not enough, Keith has served on outside bodies, for example those interested in medical education in Africa where he has regularly taught a course in Ghana. Particularly noteworthy has been his appointment as a Trustee Board member for the Leverhulme Trust and its Charities Trust. Hitherto those so appointed have been chosen only from very senior employees of Unilever. He was also awarded a major medal by the Biochemical Society.

We warmly thank Keith and Dianne for all that they have done and wish them the best in what we hope will be slightly less hectic days (but not too much fishing Keith!) henceforth.

Professor Stuart Ferguson, Vice-Principal

At the end of the Formal Hall in 8th Week of Trinity term, the last such dinner at which Professor Gull was presiding, with minimal encouragement he made a farewell speech to the assembled company. His spirited words were received with acclamation and he and Dr Dianne Gull were applauded as they left the Wolfson Hall.



The Principal & Dr Dianne Gull receiving farewell gifts at the Aularian event in the Wolfson Hall on 7 July 2018. Far left is Dr Faith Wainwright and far right is Sir Jon Shortridge (both Honorary Fellows). Photo by Vance Tan (St Peter's College).

INTRODUCING THE NEW PRINCIPAL

In May 2018 the Governing Body announced with pleasure the election of **Professor Katherine Willis** to succeed Professor Keith Gull as Principal of the Hall from 1 October 2018.

At the time of her election, Professor Willis, Professor of Biodiversity in Oxford University's Department of Zoology and a Supernumerary Fellow of Merton, was completing a five-year secondment to the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew as the first Director of Science there. Her research examines long-term biodiversity responses to environmental change: in Zoology, Professor Willis headed the Oxford Long-term Ecology Laboratory. At Kew she was responsible for the co-ordination of a large science staff, management of the extensive plant collections, and the development and delivery of the organisation's science strategy.



Professor Katherine Willis

A graduate of Southampton University (in Environmental Science), Professor Willis completed a PhD in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Cambridge. She remained in Cambridge for ten years, first as a Junior Research Fellow at Selwyn College followed by an NERC Fellowship, and then as a Royal Society University Research Fellow (an appointment held alongside the position of Director of Studies for Biological Sciences in Selwyn College). She moved to a lectureship in the School of Geography & the Environment in Oxford, holding tutorial fellowships at St Hugh's College (1999-2003) and Jesus College (2003-2010) before taking up the Department of Zoology's Tasso Leventis Chair in Biodiversity in 2010, with a Professorial Fellowship at Merton College. To date Professor Willis has published some 160 papers in refereed international journals, three academic books, two books aimed at a popular audience, and four edited volumes. She serves on numerous committees and advisory boards. She was appointed CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2018 for services to biodiversity and conservation; and in August 2018 received the British Ecological Society's Marsh Award in recognition of her outstanding achievements in Ecology. Professor Willis's external fellowships and awards include an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Bergen, Honorary Fellowships at Selwyn College and St Hugh's College, the Royal Society's Michael Faraday Medal, Fellowship of the Geological Society, and Foreign Membership of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences & Letters.

She is married with three children (her daughter studies medicine at Barts, while the two boys are at school in Oxford). Her husband Andrew is a classical musician

and author of several books on the history of music. He is also a stipendiary lecturer in music at St Peter's College.

Professor Willis has written: 'I am delighted to have been elected to this exciting position. St Edmund Hall has always had a reputation as a friendly, forward-looking and high-achieving community. I look forward enormously to working with everyone in the College on the next phase of its history.'

The *Magazine* joins in warmly welcoming Professor Willis to the Principalship and wishes her a successful and enjoyable time at the Hall.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Professor Christopher Armitage, *St Edmund Fellow*, was back at the Hall in July 2018 accompanied by an enthusiastic group of 13 students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, here to study 'Shakespeare in Performance'. This followed the same practice as in every summer for over 40 years (two of this year's cohort were the children of participants in the programme some three decades earlier). Chris started bringing students to the Hall, where he arrived in 1950 to read English, a few years after he joined the faculty of UNC-Chapel Hill in 1967.

In addition to her teaching as a ***College Lecturer in Physics***, during the past year **Dr Joanna Ashbourn** has continued as the Director of the St Cross Centre for the History & Philosophy of Physics, which aims not just to focus on chronicling the history of the discipline as a retrospective exercise but also to engage critically with the philosophy and methodologies which inform how current research in physics is undertaken. The Centre goes from strength to strength, with each conference now hosting 230 attendees. It held three termly one-day conferences during the academic year, all fully booked, on 'Astronomy Across the Medieval World', 'Physics Controversies Past and Present', and 'From Space to Spacetime'. Details of these events, with videos of all the talks plus forthcoming events for 2018–2019 can currently be seen at www.stx.ox.ac.uk/happ.

The University awarded **Roger Benson, *Tutor in Earth Sciences***, the title of full professor as 'Professor of Palaeobiology' in its 2017 Recognition of Distinction exercise.

During the past academic year, **Alistair Borthwick, *Emeritus Fellow***, was appointed an Adjunct Professor at University College Cork, Ireland, and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China. He gave an invited lecture on 'Uncertainty and Chaos in Environmental Flows' at Peking University, during an extended visit in June 2018. Alistair's publications in 2017–2018 included contributions to 30 papers in peer-reviewed journals and the following book: Moñino A., Medina-López E, Bergillos R J, Clavero M, Borthwick A G L & Ortega-Sánchez, M, *Thermodynamics and Morphodynamics in Wave Energy*, 2018, Springer Briefs in Energy, Springer, Switzerland.

Dr Keith Bowen, *Honorary Fellow*, presented a paper at the 11th International Conference of Students of Systematic Musicology, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 6–9 June 2018 on 'Assessing the sound of a woodwind instrument that cannot be played'. Keith regularly plays bass clarinet in the British Clarinet Ensemble: this year's performances included a concert in Ostend in July 2018 at the International Clarinet Association's annual festival. In August, Keith ran the biennial Kammermusik Workshop in the Hall (producing what he described as 'a plethora of musical sounds coming from many rooms'). Some 40 attendees from around the world, seven distinguished musicians as coaches, and a resident string quartet participated in this chamber music workshop for adult amateur players of wind and string instruments and pianos. Keith hopes to finish his PhD at the Royal College of Music next year.

Adrian Briggs, *Sir Richard Gozney Fellow & Tutor in Law*, reports that it was not a brilliant year for someone whose primary interest in private international law was still paralysed by Brexit and the incoherent bewilderment which followed it, and whose supplementary interest, in the common law and legal education in Myanmar, found itself enripped by the unrest in Rakhine state and the consequent concerns in Oxford. He naturally hopes that it is true only of political careers that they all end in failure (but it's not looking good).

Professor Peter Bruce, *Professorial Fellow*, was co-founder of the new Faraday Institution at Harwell, supported by the Government to make the UK the number one go-to place for battery technology. Peter and his research group also won the first Faraday Institute Battery Challenge collaborative project in Solid State Batteries, worth £12m, to pursue the development of energy storage.

Sir Ian Byatt, *Honorary Fellow*, has continued to contribute to public policy through three papers and his continued membership of the Public Policy Committee of RSM Audit UK, a medium-size audit practice operating largely in the UK middle market.

In September 2017 Ian published an article in *Utilities Policy*, '25 Years of Regulation of Water Services; Looking Backwards & Forwards'. This examined the experience of a quarter of a century of the regulation of water companies, concentrating on what worked well and where further developments are needed to deal with changing circumstances. The following December he addressed a *Contre-sommet des climato-réalistes* in Paris, talking about UK climate change policy. Ian's paper, 'Economic consequences of Climate Change Policies: UK Economy mired in Green Aspirations', argued that we had fallen into a trap of our own making, damaging our economic performance while transferring purchasing power from the less well-off to the rich. Versions are available in English and French. In May 2018 Ian gave a paper to the UK Political Economy Club on 'What of Competition and Competition Policy', arguing that competition should be seen as a process, albeit a messy one, not as a state of a neo-classical paradigm. The paper ran through the

economy, dealing with Public and Private Sector situations, talking of both success and failure. These three papers have been sent to the Hall Library.

Ian believes that the regulation of Audit, itself a regulatory process, has become the wrong kind of regulation, simply increasing costs and providing a framework for ad hoc political intervention. Mergers were allowed, resulting in a four-firm oligopoly ('the Big Four'), where regulators are struggling to prevent the failure of the unrealistic expectations of audit which are driving increasing political intrusion into matters of corporate governance. This 'failure' (as seen by politicians) of audit to prevent the over-trading of HBOS and the incompetence of Carillion, has now precipitated a urgent review, by Sir John Kingman, successively of the Treasury and Rothschild's, of the situation; his report is scheduled for November 2018. Watch this space!

As a member of the RSM Public Policy Committee, Ian has argued for greater clarity in analysis, and clearer focus, by both the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on a strategic policy approach. In his view, merely trying to mend holes is a flawed approach.

Professor Maia Chankseliani, Fellow by Special Election in Comparative & International Education, successfully launched the report on *People and Policy: A comparative study of apprenticeship across eight national contexts* at the eighth World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) on the topic Co-exist, co-create: Learning to Live and Work Together, in Doha, Qatar, in November 2017. This report was featured on BBC Oxford Radio and other news channels. Maia went on to present the paper at the 62nd annual conference of the Comparative and International Education Society in Mexico City the following March.

As part of her work on higher education internationalism and student mobility, she published a paper on 'Four rationales of HE internationalisation: perspectives of UK universities on attracting students from former Soviet countries' (in *Journal of Studies in International Relations*). This year Maia has also delivered talks and keynote addresses at academic conferences and meetings in venues as diverse as: KAZGUU University in Astana, Kazakhstan; St Antony's College, Oxford; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; the University of Hong Kong; UCL Institute of Education, London; University of Bath School of Management; and the University of Cambridge's Centre of Development Studies.

Maia's research on HE internationalism was featured in *Times Higher Education* ('Student mobility may aid "democratic development"', 28 September 2017) and she published an article on 'How Russia Is Using International Students as a Weapon in the New Cold War' in *The Conversation* on 6 June 2018 — this had more than 33,000 views and up to 800 shares on social media.

Maia has been a member of the Educational Sciences Panel at the Portuguese Foundation for Science & Technology since June 2017.

Professor Nicholas Cronk, Professorial Fellow, was in New York in November 2017, as Director of the Voltaire Foundation and General Editor of the *Complete Works of Voltaire*, to celebrate Voltaire's birthday (probably on 21 November) and seek support for the ongoing major project to publish a full critical edition of the eighteenth-century philosopher's writings.

Kevin Crossley-Holland, Honorary Fellow, continues to fulfil a mixed diet of professional activities. Before suffering and after recovering from a stroke in October 2017, he spoke, led workshops and gave readings at Bath Festival, the Federation of Children's Book Groups, the Globe Theatre, Haberdasher's Aske's, Hay-on-Wye Festival, Kensington Prep. School, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Oakham School, Oxford Literary Festival, St. John's College Prep. School (Cambridge), Sea Fever Festival, the Spirit of Beowulf Festival, in Woodbridge, UEA Fly Festival, the University of Wales (Bangor) and Wimpole History Festival. He also co-tutored with Catherine Fisher a course at Ty Newydd in Norse and Welsh Mythology.

His *Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki* (Walker Studio) was very warmly reviewed on both sides of the Atlantic ('Kevin Crossley-Holland is the master': Neil Gaiman) and will be published in Chinese as well as several European languages.

David Cohen's film about Kevin's life and poetry, *A North Norfolk Man*, was shown at the Oxford Literary Festival and Sea Fever Festival. And his collaborations with composers have included a short cantata with Bob Chilcott, *My Perfect Stranger*, premièred by the BBC Singers, and with Cecilia McDowall *Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo* commissioned by the National Children's Choir of Great Britain.

Sir John Daniel, Honorary Fellow, has been appointed Chancellor of the Acsenda School of Management in Vancouver and has relinquished his role as Education Master in DeTao Masters Academy, China. He was a recipient of the *Médaille du cinquantième* struck by the Université du Québec to honour its pioneers on its 50th anniversary.

Nicholas Davidson, Tutor in History, Dean & Archive Fellow returned to teaching (and to the Dean's duties) in October 2017 after his sabbatical. In the following months, he completed an article on Greeks and Latins in later sixteenth-century Venice and a contribution to the new book on the Hall. He also prepared a paper about the radical epistemological scepticism of Sebastian Castellio, a Savoyard peasant who became personally close to John Calvin in Geneva in the 1540s, but who later turned against his autocratic views (Calvin retaliated by calling him 'an instrument chosen by Satan'). He also began working more seriously on a new project on censorship co-ordinated from the University of Chicago. This will take him to the United States in autumn 2018 for a series of public events, including a debate with scholars of several different historical and contemporary societies on the redaction of official documents by the governments that initially generated them.

At a ceremony presided over by the Chancellor (also the Hall's Visitor), Lord Patten, on 14 September 2017, **Jarvis Doctorow, Honorary Fellow**, was inducted into the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors. This honour was given in recognition of Jarvis's outstanding generosity to the University and the Hall. His daughter Suzanne Larson and her husband Robert accepted it on his behalf. Jarvis, who came up to the Hall in 1948, celebrated his 93rd birthday on 5 June 2018.

The University awarded **Dr David Dupret, Fellow by Special Election in Neuroscience**, and Programme Leader at the Medical Research Council Brain Network Dynamics Unit, the title of Associate Professor in its 2017 Recognition of Distinction exercise. David received the Boehringer-Ingelheim FENS Research Award 2018 for his research on the dynamics of neuronal assemblies during memory processes. This award, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim and announced at the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), is given every two years in recognition of outstanding and innovative scientific contributions in any area of neuroscience research. The award was presented during the 11th Forum of European Neuroscience 2018 in Berlin, where David gave the Boehringer-Ingelheim/FENS Special Lecture. His research is designed to reveal how populations of nerve cells provide the brain with internal representations of the world and to identify the mechanisms by which such representations persist in memory.

In addition to these research activities, David has continued his tutorials in System Neuroscience for Hall students studying Biomedical Sciences and Medicine. Over the past year David has delivered several other international talks including in Basel, Frankfurt, Helsinki, Taipei, Lisbon, Heraklion, Paris, Vienna, and the Keynote Lecture of the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) in Pécs, Hungary.

Steve Edwards, Honorary Fellow, crossed Baffin Island in winter this year and walked the last degree to the North Pole in April 2018.

Professor Michael Gill, Tutor in Organisation Studies, is based at the Hall and the Saïd Business School, where he teaches Organisational behaviour to both undergraduates and MBA students. His research explores how people experience work. Related publications this year included one sole-authored and three co-authored journal articles. One of these, 'Reconsidering the Value of Covert Research: The Role of Ambiguous Consent in Patient Participation', written jointly with T Roulet, S Stenger and G J Gill, published in *Organizational Research Methods* (vol. 20(3)), won the Best Paper award for 2017 for research methods: this was presented at the Academy of Management conference in Chicago in August 2018.

During the past year, **Dr Eva Gluenz, Fellow by Special Election**, was for the second time a mentor in a pilot scheme 'Destination STEMM' for black, Asian and minority ethnic London-based A-level students. This programme, run jointly by the Royal Society and Windsor Fellowship, aims to inspire high-potential students and support them in navigating their transition from school on to STEMM-focussed degrees. Eva meets once a month with her mentee, either in

Oxford or London. Over the course of the year, this mentee, who hopes to study Medicine, spent a day in her lab, attended a lecture, and talked to Oxford medical students. Eva found it a real pleasure to interact with him because his drive and focus and natural curiosity were really impressive. She was also very happy to learn that her mentee from the previous year achieved the dream of studying Medicine at King's College London.

Together with SEH student **Tom Beneke** (2015, DPhil in Pathology), Eva ran a genome editing workshop for parasitologists in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 16–20 July 2018. This one-week workshop, the 2nd Advanced School in Genetic Manipulation of Parasitic Protozoa, was organised by Eva together with Professor Jeremy Mottram (University of York), Professor Ana Paula Lima (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) and Professor Santuza Teixeira (Federal University of Minas Gerais). The event hosted 22 students and postdocs from South America and the UK, all of whom are engaged in research on protozoan parasites that cause a significant disease burden around the world. Invited speakers from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and the UK talked about the impact of new genetic tools on drug target identification and studies of the basic biology of these parasites.

Tom, a 3rd year postgraduate in the Gluenz laboratory, taught the students in a series of five practical classes how to use the CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing tools, which he has developed during his DPhil project in Oxford.

The workshop was funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Dr Andrew Graham, Honorary Fellow, has spent much of the last two years substantially reforming and reinvigorating the Europaeum. This body is an association of the leading universities of Europe, established by Roy Jenkins when he became Chancellor of Oxford after being the first President of the European Commission. Within this period the Europaeum has renewed its Trustees (Lord Patten, current Chancellor of Oxford and the Hall's Visitor, is now the Chair; and Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the World Trade Organization, is one of several distinguished new Trustees), has increased its membership from eleven to fourteen universities, has raised its subscription income by more than 50 percent and, most importantly, has established an entirely new two-year Europaeum Scholarship Programme. One of this programme's aims is to transcend Brexit by bringing together some of the most talented graduate students in Europe to work on common problems. (Anyone interested in finding out more and, especially, in helping through financial support is welcome to contact Andrew at andrew.graham@balliol.ox.ac.uk.)

Apart from his commitments to the Hall, the **Principal, Professor Keith Gull**, took forward his research on the parasites causing Leishmaniasis and African Sleeping Sickness, with a number of publications detailing the links between morphology of the parasites and pathogenicity. Another member of his research

group obtained a prestigious Fellowship to set up their own research group in Oxford. Keith remained a Trustee of the Leverhulme Trust, being engaged both in its grant-making and strategic planning. He also continued to chair the cross-academy committee co-ordinating a new funding initiative (spanning the Academy of Medical Sciences, the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society) to offer networking grants through the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). Keith continued to teach in Africa, running a course in January 2018 for young African scientists in Ghana and chairing the Advisory Committee for the West African Centre for Cell Biology and Infectious Pathogens in July. He was particularly pleased that this meeting could be held in the Centre's new building on the campus of the University of Accra in Ghana.

On 28 January 2018 **Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, Emeritus Fellow**, gave the 2018 Holocaust Memorial Lecture to the Oxford University Chabad Society for Jewish students. As a Jewish refugee, Peter came to Britain in a Kinder Transport from Berlin on 1 January 1939, aged 13. The subject of his talk, 'A Family Scattered', was the fate of his family, and the families of his mother's three sisters, during the Nazi period. (A video recording is currently available at oxfordchabad.org/multimedia/media_cdo/aid/3928980/jewish/A-Family-Scattered.htm)

The Hon. Justice Elizabeth Hollingworth, Honorary Fellow, enjoyed being back in Oxford in September 2017, to attend the celebrations of 40 years of Rhodes Women, and to spend a few days at the Hall. On the way over to the UK from Australia, she spent a couple of weeks in Uganda, travelling and teaching on a new training course for judges and magistrates. During the year, Elizabeth has continued to teach judgement writing skills on local and national judicial college courses, as well as teaching advocacy to new lawyers from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. She has been appointed Principal Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria's Criminal Division.

Dr Hugh Jenkyns, Emeritus Fellow, has been elected a Foreign Member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, Category IV — Geosciences. Founded in 1603, and headquartered in Rome, the Academy is the oldest scientific society in the world and numbers Galileo Galilei amongst its earliest members. As of 2017, the Academy comprised 525 members, of whom 191 were Ordinary Italian Members, 170 were Foreign Members, and 164 were Italian Corresponding Members. This further recognition of his geological research in Italy follows on Hugh's election as a Foreign Member of the Milan-based Istituto Lombardo Accademia di Scienze e Lettere in 2015.

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg, Senior Research Fellow, has enjoyed her first full year of leading the newly-established Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging (www.win.ox.ac.uk). The Centre aims to use brain imaging technology to understand brain function and improve health. It also has a vibrant programme of public engagement activities. Heidi has particularly

enjoyed engaging with local schools and museum audiences, including writing and performing in a comic play about the history of brain science. She has delivered non-comic lectures on brain plasticity (in Berlin, Paris and Montreal) and has engaged with policy-makers about the importance of physical activity for children's brain development, mental health, and educational outcomes.

A new novel by **Gabriel Josipovici, Honorary Fellow**, *A Cemetery in Barnes*, was published by Carcanet in Spring 2018.

In Trinity term 2018, **Professor Andrew Kahn, Tutor in Modern Languages (Russian)**, celebrated the completion of an eight-year project, when the Oxford University Press published *A History of Russian Literature*. He is one of four co-authors of this major work, which spans the medieval period to the twenty-first century. In July 2018 the OUP also published *Catherine the Great: Selected Letters*, co-authored by Andrew and Dr Kelsey Rubin-Detlev, in its Oxford World's Classics series. Andrew was a Visiting Professor for two months during the summer at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, a position to which he was elected in an open competition. He planned to give several lectures during his visit, collaborate with a team from the Institute of Texts and Manuscripts, and work on his new book on the Russian Enlightenment.

For **Dr Aris Karastergiou, Senior Research Fellow**, the 2017–2018 academic year saw a fantastic new development in the inauguration of the MeerKAT radio telescope in South Africa. Over the last nine years he has been privileged to work on this project with colleagues from Oxford and South Africa. His contributions have been in developing the capabilities of the telescope to conduct high-quality science in the field of Radio Pulsars and other fast transient astrophysical phenomena. The telescope is now ready to embark on an ambitious scientific programme, and Aris's research group in Oxford are centrally involved. In this context, he has hosted researchers from South Africa in Oxford, including Dr Marisa Geyer and Miss Isabella Rammala. Equally importantly this year, the consortium of universities and research institutes that he co-leads, set up to design the Pulsar search component of the international Square Kilometre Array telescope, successfully concluded its Critical Design Review. This is an essential step of design validation in every engineering project, which now allows them to prepare for the construction of this instrument.

Scientifically, 2017–2018 was also very productive, with key publications on Pulsars and Fast Radio Bursts such as 'ALFABURST: a commensal search for fast radio bursts with Arecibo' (<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/#abs/2018MNRAS.474.3847F/abstract>), by Foster *et al*; 'Low-frequency pulse profile variation in PSR B2217+47: evidence for echoes from the interstellar medium' (<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/#abs/2018MNRAS.476.2704M/abstract>), by Michilli *et al*; and 'The Galactic halo pulsar population', by Rajwade *et al*.

Aris continued teaching Special Relativity and Symmetry, as well as General Relativity and Cosmology, to the Hall's third-year Physics students: he found this as immensely satisfying as it has been every year.

The University awarded **Dr Aileen Kavanagh, Jeffrey Hackney Fellow & Tutor in Law**, the title of full professor as 'Professor of Constitutional Law' in its 2017 Recognition of Distinction exercise.

Professor John Knight, Emeritus Fellow, continued with his research hobby in the spare time left over after the exertions of retirement. In April 2018 his paper 'Is happiness infectious?' received the prize for the best article published in the *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* in 2017. The article provides econometric support for an argument in Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*. He contributed a chapter in *The World Happiness Report 2018*, entitled 'Rural-urban migration and happiness in China'. Despite its egalitarian history, China now has the highest income inequality in Asia. As befits a long-term tutor in the PPE School, he strayed into Philosophy and Politics in the recently published paper 'Fair and unfair inequality in China', a distinction that is rarely analysed in economic discourse. At the start of economic reform forty years ago, there was virtually no personal wealth in China. Now, if we are to believe the *Hurun Rich List*, China has more dollar billionaires than any other country. Inequality of household wealth has grown remarkably in the process of capital accumulation, marketisation and privatisation. John's current project is to understand this growth, posing the question: 'Piketty with Chinese characteristics?' Rising inequality of wealth was the subject of his keynote address to the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Economic Association, held in Edinburgh in June 2018.

This was the third year in the Hall for **Henrike Lähnemann, Professorial Fellow** and many of her activities were continuations or improved repeat performances from previous years. The annual 'Wassailing' on the last Friday of Michaelmas term 2017, i.e. singing medieval(ish) carols in the Chapel, took place for the third time, and (so Henrike was told) has automatically become an 'Oxford tradition'. Similarly, she used the Crypt for singing Compline, this time not only in English and Latin but also in German for the quincentenary of the German Reformation.

Unsurprisingly, much of Henrike's year was dedicated to the Reformation theme, particularly publishing Luther's 'Sermon of Indulgences and Grace' exactly 500 years after it was first launched in April 1518. This was the text which really made the explosive theology behind the '95 Theses' go viral since it provided a German summary. The full text of the 'Sermon' with a new translation and a comprehensive introduction is open access available on editions.mml.ox.ac.uk.

She also followed the link provided by the Hussites between the Reformation and St Edmund Hall in advising on the inclusion of the Hall in a Reformation tour around Oxford which can be accessed via oxfordstories.ox.ac.uk/reformation-walking-tour. The tour as booklet and app will be officially launched during the

Heritage Open Days in early September 2018, including links to the new *Life of St Edmund* by the Revd Will Donaldson that was launched in June. As Henrike writes her news for the *Magazine*, she is looking forward to the Choir's tour to Pontigny in September 2018 to continue the theme of engaging with the history of the Hall and its founder. This will certainly feature in the sermon which the Chaplain has asked her to preach on St Edmund's Day in November 2018 and Henrike hopes to see many Aularians there!

Dr Alex Lloyd, College Lecturer in German, took part in a series of talks to mark the 75th anniversary of The White Rose trials of anti-Nazi student resistance leaders in Germany. On 10 February 2018 she spoke about 'Hans and Sophie Scholl in Film'.

During this academic year **Professor David Manolopoulos, Tutor in Chemistry**, has continued to serve as a Deputy Editor of *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, and he has given talks about his research at meetings in Paris, Menton, Telluride, Bath and Berlin. Sadly he had to cancel a number of other invitations, as he has developed a medical condition that was treated appallingly by the crumbling NHS and which as a consequence has made it difficult for him to travel abroad since Christmas 2017. He reports that this is especially difficult for him because he is so disappointed by the xenophobic nature of the Brexit vote that he would now like to spend as much of his time in other European countries as his job as an Oxford academic allows.

Dr David McCartney, Fellow by Special Election in Clinical Medicine, was pleased to accept an invitation to speak at the Cheltenham Science Festival in June 2018 on 'High Blood Pressure and the Body', with plenty of opportunity for lively audience-led question and discussion. He takes up a new post in September 2018 as Director of Graduate Entry Medical Studies in the University's Medical Sciences Division.

In September 2017, **Professor Michael Mingos, Honorary Fellow**, gave a lecture at Heidelberg University on 'The Chemical Bond — 100 Years Old, But Still Making an Essential Contribution' and chaired an Editorial Board Meeting of *Structure and Bonding* at Springer-Nature. At the end of October he gave a lecture at the European Academy of Sciences Symposium on the Future of Science in the 21st Century held at the Lisbon Academy of Sciences, on 'Structural and Bonding Patterns in Gold Clusters and Nano-Particles'. He was formally inducted as a Fellow of the EurASc and received their Blaise Pascal Medal at a ceremony during the meeting. In December he returned to Lisbon to give a lecture to the College of Chemistry of the Universities of Lisbon which brought together professors and researchers from six chemistry departments of the University of Lisbon.

Closer to home, in May 2018 Mike organised and led two walking tours on the 'Historical Development of Science in Oxford', which included visits to many colleges and departments whose alumni contributed to the scientific revolution and led to the formation of the Royal Society. The tours also included lunch in the Abbot's Kitchen which was the University's first dedicated chemical laboratory

and was used as a laboratory until the 1950s. Architecturally it was based on the Abbot's Kitchen in Glastonbury.

Mike continued as Series Editor for *Structure and Bonding* published by Springer from Heidelberg, Germany and oversaw the publication of three volumes.

During the last academic year, the research of **Professor Philip Mountford, Tutor in Chemistry**, has focussed on the following areas: reactions of new transition metal hydrazide and borylimide complexes; development of new catalysts and approaches to the synthesis of biodegradable and biocompatible polymers; new Ziegler-Natta type olefin polymerisation catalysts; new compounds with unusual metal-metal bonds. Details of this work and the associated publications are given at research.chem.ox.ac.uk/philip-mountford.aspx. Thanks in part to sabbatical leave from the College in Hilary and Trinity terms 2018, Philip was able to spend time concentrating on research and, in particular, developing more technical skills regarding electronic structure calculations. Regarding conferences, Philip had an enjoyable two-week visit to several universities and the national chemistry society meeting in Japan, as well as trips to meetings in Canada, Germany and Spain, and seminars or other meetings in Holland, France and Switzerland. He tries not to think about the CO₂ footprint of his group's research!

Professor Lucy Newlyn, Emeritus Fellow, launched her fifteen-year memoir, *Diary of a Bipolar Explorer*, in February 2018 and has since done numerous talks and interviews arising from its publication (see section 6 of this Magazine). She continues to be very active on the Hall Writers' Forum, which celebrated its fifth anniversary this year with the launch of a Forum anthology followed by a highly successful auction. Since then Lucy has put the finishing touches to two poetry collections and has written her first novel — for which she is now seeking a publisher. She has also created a website, which brings together her various interests (creative and academic) and where she posts a poem every day (lucynewlyn.com).

Professor Mauro Pasta, Tutor in Materials, continued his research on materials for energy storage and conversion devices with an emphasis on lithium and sodium-ion batteries. His research group (pastagroup.org) has been growing and publishing articles in top journals in the energy field such as Chem and Joule. He is the Project Leader on the £12m SOLBAT (solid-state Li and Na metal anode batteries) fast-start project within the Faraday Institution (faraday.ac.uk/about-2). Bringing together expertise from academia and industry as part of the Faraday Battery Challenge (epsrc.ukri.org/funding/calls/iscffaradaychallengebatteries), the Faraday Institution endeavours to make the UK the go-to place for the research, development, manufacture and production of new electrical storage technologies for both the automotive and the wider relevant sectors. He has been awarded Oxford University's John Fell OUP Research Fund grant to investigate solid-state batteries for grid-scale energy storage. He is the Principal Investigator on the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Molecular Foundry proposal for

the project titled 'New battery materials from Prussian Blue analogues' supported by the Office of Science within the US Department of Energy. He has given several invited talks at international institutions and conferences, including: UC Davis (USA), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (USA), Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (South Korea), and the 4th International Conference of Advanced Electromaterials (South Korea). He was also a speaker at the Meeting Minds Oxford Alumni event held in Rome.

Following several years of research in the National Archives, Kew, and in libraries and archives in Germany, **Professor David Phillips, Emeritus Fellow**, has published *Educating the Germans: People and Policy in the British Zone of Germany, 1945-1948* (Bloomsbury 2018), a study of the work of the Education Branch of the Control Commission for Germany (British Element) to 'reconstruct' education in Germany after the Second World War. David's present book builds on much research he has previously undertaken to investigate the development of education in Germany during the post-war occupation.

Professor Philipp Podsiadlowski, Tutor in Physics, continued to spend a significant part of his time, about two months, at the University of Bonn, as part of the Humboldt award he received in 2015. He used part of his sabbatical leave in Michaelmas term 2017 for this purpose and also spent one month in China in Kunming, working with his long-term collaborator, Professor Zhanwen Han, and his group on a number of projects, mostly related to how binary stars interact and produce various types of supernovae. The scientific highlight of the year, in which Philipp participated actively, was the discovery of the merger of two neutron stars by the gravitational wave experiment aLIGO; this event was also seen in all other electromagnetic bands and has been deemed the Physics event of the year, leading to about 200 publications within the first week of the announcement of the discovery. With his group of postdocs and students, Philipp made important progress on a number of other topics, including the process by which low-mass stars lose their envelopes at the end of their lives, how stellar mergers can produce massive magnetic stars, which have only recently been identified as a separate group of stars, and how supernova ejecta affect the structure of a binary companion.

Professor Climent Quintana-Domeque, William R Miller Fellow and Tutor in Economics, was the Guest Editor on the special issue of *Review of Economics of the Household* in March 2018. This edition, entitled 'Consumption, Poverty and Inequality in the Household', was published in honour of the influential Nobel Laureate Angus Deaton with whom Climent had previously worked.

With eventual retirement in mind, **Professor Steve Roberts, Emeritus Fellow** has been gently unpicking his various commitments over the last few years — ceasing to be a Tutorial Fellow in 2014, and going down to two days a week in 2016. Over the last year or so his various responsibilities in the Materials Department have gradually been taken over by colleagues, and in July 2018 he took the final step



Ready to discharge his final duty with fellow FHS Examiners: picture courtesy of Steve Roberts (centre)

into the still-unknown world of full retirement. At times it has felt like the scene in *2001: A Space Odyssey* where HAL is disconnected card-by-card: if you find him in SEH brokenly singing ‘Daisy, Daisy...’, you will know why. Steve’s final duty was as an assessor for the Materials Part 2 examinations, where he saw the last cohort of Hall undergraduate Materials students he had had any contact with: their admissions interviews were with Professor Jonathan Yates and him at the end of 2014 — so that’s everything

rounded off nicely. With his new emeritus status, Steve hopes to see friends in the Hall over leisurely (for him at least) SCR lunches in the terms and years to come.

Professor Paul Skokowski, Fellow by Special Election, taught ‘Minds and Machines’ at Stanford in Fall 2017: this course is Stanford’s introduction to cognitive science and contained one in twenty of all the University’s undergraduates. Paul gave a paper at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting in San Diego in April 2018, entitled ‘Digitalization: Conscious and Unconscious.’ That month he was also a co-organiser of the International Conference on Quanta and Mind, held in San Francisco, where he gave a paper entitled ‘Introspection and Superposition.’ He is the organiser of ‘Nature and Time’, a conference held at Stanford’s Center for the Explanation of Consciousness (which Paul runs) on 14 and 15 September 2018 and will be giving a paper at this conference as well.

Martin Slater, Emeritus Fellow, published *The National Debt: A Short History* (Hurst & Co. 2018) at the end of May. This book explores the UK’s national debt from medieval times through to the impact of the First World War, up to the 2008 financial crisis and beyond. A launch event was held at the Hall on 11 June 2018. The book was chosen by Martin Wolf of the *Financial Times* as one of his ‘Summer books of 2018’!

Professor Charlotte Stagg, Fellow by Special Election in Neuroscience, was awarded the UK Early Career Researcher’s Prize in December 2017. This is one of four prestigious Sieratzki UK-Israel Prizes for Advances in Neuroscience made under an initiative by the Sieratzki family, supported by the British Neuroscience Associations and the Israel Society for Neuroscience, recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements of neuroscientists working in the two countries. Charlie was awarded a full professorship as Professor of Human Neurophysiology in the University’s 2018 Recognition of Distinction Exercise. Her research group studies motor plasticity in the brain, with the aim of developing new rehabilitation tools to maximise recovery after stroke.

In April 2017 **Paul Stanton, St Edmund Fellow**, became a School Governor at Northwood Community Primary School in his birth town of Kirkby. He was immediately appointed Chair of Governors at his first meeting! During the last twelve months the school has won the *Liverpool Echo* Primary School of the Year award (in a competition covering the whole of the North West of England) and Knowsley’s Most Inspiring Primary School 2018 award. Paul accepted an invitation from the University of Oxford to join the Vice-Chancellor’s Circle this year (as did Robert Venables — see below).

Dr Johanneke Sytsema, College Lecturer in Linguistics, has published two articles about the Dutch language this year, jointly with Aditi Lahiri. She convened the seminar series ‘Introducing Ancient Scripts’, comprising seven seminars held during Michaelmas term 2017 in the Taylor Institution Library. The topic was the development of the alphabet. John Coleman, Professor of Linguistics, opened the series with a seminar on the linguistic insights demonstrated by the use of various alphabets. The series went on from pictograms in Old Egyptian hieroglyphs, via syllabic script in Old Babylonian, to the Phoenician and Ancient Greek phonetic alphabets. The post-Greek alphabets Armenian, Glagolytic, Cyrillic were covered, as well as the Old Irish Ogham inscriptions which are based on the Latin alphabet (see the blogposts on Ancient Scripts at blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/taylorian/2018/02/19/ancient-scripts-ogham-old-irish-inscriptions). Korean was an interesting example of a phonetic script not related to the Middle Eastern-European tradition.

In his capacity as the University’s Director of Public Affairs & Communications, **Ceri Thomas, Fellow by Special Election**, gave a talk in the Doctorow Hall on 8 May 2018: ‘Do They Mean Us? What the World Thinks of Oxford’. In this he discussed research which has been conducted into the perception and reputation of Oxford among members of the public, politicians and policy-makers; and the political backdrop to the difficult public opinion environment in which universities have been operating.

Professor Jeffrey Tseng, Tutor in Physics, spent one part of his sabbatical this year in Sudbury, Ontario, working on the SNO+ neutrino experiment, and another part at the SLAC National Laboratory in Stanford, California, working on the data management system for the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST). While in Canada, he snapped this selfie, because otherwise no-one would believe that he spent part of his time there in a mine. (Note that he has not yet put his safety goggles on, so Magazine readers are advised not to walk in a mine this way!)



Photo courtesy of Professor Tseng

The reason for Jeff being down a mine was that the SNO+ experiment is located in a clean room 2.1km

underground. Besides helping to put the last few detector elements in place, he also worked in detector operations and (metaphorically) geared up, with Hall postgraduate **Jia-Shian Wang** (2017, DPhil in Particle Physics), for the analysis of upcoming data runs in which the ultra-pure water currently filling the detector will be replaced with almost a kiloton of organic liquid scintillator. This will make the detector behave very differently from before, but it is a critical step towards detecting lower-energy particles, whether from the Sun, outer space, nearby nuclear reactors, or heavy radioactive isotopes in the detector itself. One memorable experience of being underground was an evacuation because of a ‘rockburst’ — essentially a miniature earthquake which sometimes follows controlled blasts in the working part of the mine. The next Sunday at a local church, Jeff was assured by retired miners that as far as rockbursts go, it was a pretty small one. It turns out that excitement in Experimental Physics doesn’t come just from finding strange new particles.

Professor Dimitrios Tsomocos, Fellow by Special Election, had a busy time attending conferences and seminars this year. His overseas travels took him to Portugal, Austria, Russia, Crete, France, Colombia and Chile; within the UK, Dimitri participated in events held in Oxford, Cambridge and London (including the Bank of England’s London Financial Intermediation Workshop, and a meeting of the International Consulting Economists’ Association at which he gave an invited talk). It was another productive year for publications, too, with three co-authored journal articles, two co-authored book contributions (in the *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Central Banking* published by OUP and *The Changing Fortunes of Central Banking* published by the CUP), and an article on ‘Liquidity, Default and Macropprudential Policy’ in *SUERF Conference Proceedings*, November 2017.

Robert Venables QC, Fellow by Special Election, has been appointed a member of the Vice-Chancellor’s Circle. This body was set up in 2009 to recognise individual, foundation and corporate benefactors who have provided generous support to the collegiate University and to engage its members in the University’s life and work.

Having taken up her **Career Development Fellowship** in October 2017, **Dr Sareh Vosooghi** has used this academic year to start new research projects on International Environmental Agreements, working with collaborators at the London School of Economics, University of Oslo, and University of Oxford. She has presented her research at invited talks in Oslo, at Nuffield College, Oxford, and in Madrid. Sareh also presented a paper at the World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists in Gothenburg; and, in Spring 2018, visited the Department of Economics at the University of Oslo. She taught Introductory Microeconomics, Core Microeconomics and Game Theory at the Hall during the year and will be giving the Mathematics lectures on the Masters in Economics and Finance courses at the Saïd Business School and the Department of Economics.

During 2017–2018, **Professor Robert J Whittaker, Tutor in Geography**, delivered invited lectures at Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, a Treub Maatschappij symposium at University of Amsterdam, and an international summer school on the spatially-explicit modelling of ecological systems at the University of Würzburg, Germany. He also presented a paper at the International Biogeography Society meeting in Tucson, Arizona. These presentations covered aspects of his work on islands as model systems, including the long-term coupled dynamics of the geological and biological systems of remote islands and emergent patterns in island species–area relationships. Rob’s research collaborations continued with brief visits to the Centre for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate, University of Copenhagen, to the University of Amsterdam, and to University of La Laguna, Canary Islands. He and his colleagues have published nine research articles since Jan 2017 (including papers in *Science*, *Nature Ecology and Evolution*, *Journal of Biogeography* and *Biological Reviews*) and 2017 also saw the publication of the 5th edition of *Biogeography* (Sinauer; authors M V Lomolino, B R Riddle and R J Whittaker), which is widely recognised as a field-leading textbook in Biogeography.

Rob is completing a three-year stint as Academic Director of the MSc course in Biodiversity, Conservation & Management, and as Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Geography & the Environment, where he has oversight of the School’s four masters’ programmes.

Professor Robert Wilkins, American Fellow and Tutor in Physiology, Senior Tutor & Tutor for Admissions, was an invited speaker at a conference on medical school admissions held in Penang, Malasia, in November 2017. He visited Lingnan (University) College in Guangzhou, China, in March 2018 to coincide with the Chinese leg of the St Edmund Hall–Lingnan student exchange programme. Robert continues to act as the basic sciences editor for the journal *Surgery* and has completed work on the third edition of the *Oxford Handbook of Medical Sciences*, which will appear in 2019. (An article on ‘The Senior Tutor’s Year’ is included in section 4 of this Magazine).

Tutor in Engineering Science & Tutor for Graduates, Professor Richard Willden, was awarded a full professorship in Engineering Science in the University’s 2018 Recognition of Distinction Exercise. Richard’s specialist research field is advanced fluid mechanics for wind and tidal stream renewable energy systems.

Dr Emily A Winkler, John Cowdrey Junior Research Fellow in History, celebrated the publication of her first book in 2017 *Royal Responsibility in Anglo-Norman Historical Writing*. A launch event was held in the Old Dining Hall (pictured), attended by 80 colleagues and friends. Details about the book are currently



Dr Winkler’s book launch

available at www.seh.ox.ac.uk/news/dr-emily-winkler-launches-her-new-book (11 December 2017).

In March 2018, **Dr Linda Yueh, Fellow by Special Election in Economics**, published *The Great Economists: How Can Their Ideas Help Us Today?* A launch was held at the Hall on 5 March and among other book events Linda gave a Teddy Talk to Aularians in London in May. (The US edition appeared in June 2018 under the title *What Would Great Economists Do? How Twelve Brilliant Minds Would Solve Today's Biggest Problems.*) This is designed as an accessible book which covers the lives and ideas of the great economists who have changed our world and it applies their insights to our challenges, such as: do we face a slow growth future? Why are wages so low? Do trade deficits matter? Can China grow rich?

Professor Amy Zavatsky, Tutor in Engineering Science, spent the year on sabbatical leave, thinking, writing, computing, and recovering from a succession of administrative jobs held in recent years (notably Junior Proctor, Chair of Examiners, and Associate Head of Department & Director of Graduate Studies in Engineering Science). She travelled to New York City in Spring 2018 to present work at a conference on foot and ankle biomechanics (and to sample the wonderful art and music on offer) and to Dublin in early July to give a talk on the morphometry of the foot bones at an international biomechanics conference. She also participated in a workshop on the stratification of osteoarthritis using research and technology which was held on two very cold, but brilliantly sunny, spring days at the orthopaedic hospital in Oswestry, when the cherry trees in Shropshire were memorably 'hung with bloom upon the bough ... and wearing white for Eastertide' just as Housman described them.

Amy continued her stint as an external examiner for Oxford's undergraduate programmes in Biomedical Engineering and for a new intercalated BSc in Biomedical Sciences with Biomedical Engineering at Imperial College London. She also continued to serve as a Curator of the Oxford University Parks, and in Trinity term 2018 was elected as a Visitor of the Oxford Botanic Garden.

ARRIVALS IN THE SCR

The Senior Common Room has been delighted to welcome these new Fellows this year:

Award-winning journalist, writer and broadcaster with over twenty years' experience in the field, **Samira Ahmed** became an *Honorary Fellow* of the Hall in Trinity term 2018. Samira read English here from 1986 to 1989 and enjoyed working in student journalism during her time in Oxford. She edited *Isis* and the Oxford Union Society's *Debate* magazine, and was awarded the Philip Geddes Journalism Prize in her third year. She went on to obtain a postgraduate qualification in Newspaper Journalism from City University, London.

Samira began her career as a BBC graduate news trainee, going on to become a

News Correspondent, a reporter on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, and a reporter for the *Newsnight* TV programme. She was a presenter and news anchor at Channel 4 News for 11 years, winning the 2009 Stonewall Broadcast of the Year award for her film about the so-called 'corrective rape' of women in South Africa. Samira currently presents BBC Radio 4's flagship arts programme *Front Row* and the weekly BBC One TV programme *Newswatch*.

She is on the advisory board of the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford and is a trustee of several charities, including Action for Stammering Children, UK Feminista and the Centre for Women's Justice. She is also a Visiting Professor of Media at Kingston University, and lectures regularly on journalism at many universities.



The Rt Hon Lady Justice Sarah Asplin, one of Britain's most senior female Judges and one of the first women to be appointed a High Court Judge in the Chancery Division, was elected as an *Honorary Fellow* by the Hall in Trinity term 2018. She read Law at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge before matriculating through the Hall in 1982 to complete a Bachelor of Civil Law degree.

Sarah was called to the Bar (Gray's Inn) in 1984, specialising in pensions law, professional negligence, and trusts disputes. She was appointed both a QC and Master of the Bench in 2002. She became the Head of Chambers of 3 Stone Buildings in 2009 and was a deputy High Court Judge until her appointment to the High Court in 2012 as the Hon Mrs Justice Asplin.

In 2013 Sarah was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire and in 2017 her distinguished career continued with promotion to the Court of Appeal. She is also an Honorary Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.



David Bannerman, elected *William R Miller Fellow and Tutor in Behavioural Neuroscience* from the start of Michaelmas term 2017, is Associate Professor of Experimental Psychology in the University's Department of Experimental Psychology. He holds degrees from the Universities of Bristol and Edinburgh.

In his Department, David heads the Behavioural Neuroscience Unit. The group is interested in the neurobiological mechanisms of learning and memory, and emotion. He and his colleagues investigate how different neurotransmitters



and their receptors, and the plasticity between neurons, might help us to learn and remember. They are looking especially at how impairments in these neurobiological mechanisms might cause brain disorders such as schizophrenia, anxiety, depression, and Alzheimer’s Disease. The group is also investigating the relationship between sleep and behaviour,

again with a special interest in how these interactions might be disrupted in neuropsychiatric disorders.

Dr Sundeep Dhillon was made an *Honorary Fellow* of the Hall in Trinity term 2018. He previously came up in 1988 to read Medicine here.

While at the Hall, his already strong interest in exploration grew: he became Chairman of the Oxford University Exploration Club and led a research expedition to the world’s third-highest mountain, Mt Kanchenjunga. Since then Sundeep has travelled, climbed in, and visited over 40 countries on every continent, and in every environment from the deserts of Antarctica to the Sahara, and from the jungles of Africa to the high mountain ranges of the world. In the 1990s Sundeep became the youngest person in the world to climb the Seven Summits — the highest mountain on each continent.



Sundeep had a distinguished career in the British Army, serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Balkans and the Congo as a military GP supporting Airborne Forces. In 2000 he was awarded a medal by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for the best performance in the examination in Pre-hospital Care. He lectures on the BSc course in Space Medicine & Extreme Environment Physiology at University College London and is a member of the UK Space Biomedicine Steering Group. He has also been the youngest member of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of their Medical Cell. He is an Aspirant member of the Alpine Club.

In 2008 Sundeep was awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list, for his services to military medicine.

A Group Leader at Oxford’s Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine and an Honorary Consultant Neurologist at the Churchill Hospital, **Dr Benjamin**

Fairfax took up his appointment as *William R Miller Junior Research Fellow* at the start of Michaelmas term 2017.

Ben studied Preclinical Medicine in London, intercalating a BSc and PhD at University College London prior to finishing his clinical training in Oxford. He graduated in 2006 and has completed specialist training in Medical Oncology. Before setting up his own group he was a Wellcome MB PhD Postdoctoral Fellow with Professor Julian Knight at the Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics.



His work and that of his research group is primarily supported by the Wellcome Trust. Ben is interested in the genetic and epigenetic determinants of variation in human immunity, with a particular emphasis on identifying factors that regulate the response to checkpoint inhibitor therapy. On the teaching side, he provides tutoring in cancer therapeutics with a focus on immuno-oncology.

The Rt Hon David Gauke was made an *Honorary Fellow* of the Hall in Trinity term 2018 in recognition of his distinguished parliamentary career. He was appointed Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice on 8 January 2018: elected as the MP for Hertfordshire South West in May 2005, David went on to serve as a member of the Treasury Select Committee; as Shadow Minister for the Treasury; as Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Chief Secretary to the Treasury; and as Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.



David attended Northgate High School in Ipswich and matriculated through the Hall in 1990 to read Jurisprudence. After graduation he spent a year working as a parliamentary researcher before going to Chester College of Law to train as a solicitor. Qualifying in 1997, he worked for a leading City of London firm prior to entering Parliament.

Professor Michael Gill took a BA at Bath University and an MA at Warwick University before he obtained his DPhil as a graduate student at Jesus College and the Saïd Business School, having been funded by the Professional Service Firms doctoral scholarship programme. He went on to work at the University of Bath’s School of Management as an Assistant and then Associate Professor. Following this, Michael returned to Oxford where he joined the Saïd Business School and was elected to a *Fellowship in Management* at the Hall from September 2017.



Michael's research interests lie in the experience of modern work and qualitative research methods. He has explored these topics across different occupational groups, including accountants, elite chefs, lawyers, management consultants and police officers.

Prior to starting his academic career, Michael worked in sales and marketing management positions for FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) companies including Unilever and PepsiCo. He also worked at A T Kearney as a senior consultant.

(With acknowledgement to the Saïd Business School's profile page.)

Mark Haworth was educated at the King's School, Worcester, and came to the Hall in 1988 to read Modern History (he was awarded a First in 1991). He was elected as an **Honorary Fellow** in Trinity term 2018.

Based in the USA, his main businesses lie in emerging market and US-concentrated equity investments. In addition, he has extensive interests in: US commercial and residential real estate, West Texas oil-field water recycling, oil-well stimulation, the health and hygiene of the poultry and hog industries, and new hospital sanitation technologies. Mark also acts as the lead trustee for a fairly large UK charity.

His personal interests include riding, running, beekeeping, fishing and the late colonial/early US currency systems.

Dr Mandy Izadi received her BA at New York University and her MA at Maryland University before completing her doctorate at Oxford in 2016. She works at the Rothermere American Institute and was elected as the Hall's **Broadbent Junior Research Fellow in American History** from the start of Michaelmas term 2017.

Mandy's scholarship sits at the intersection of Indigenous history, environmental history, and African American history. Her current project investigates the history of North America's Southeast and the Greater Caribbean from the mid-eighteenth to mid-twentieth centuries.

Christopher Kitson served as the Domestic Bursar November 2017 — February 2018, managing the Bursary team who support the non-academic operation of the Hall. He was made a **Fellow by Special Election**.

After service in the Royal Navy, Chris studied for a BA (Hons) degree in Management & Business Administration at Northumbria University. This led him into a career in Facilities and Operations Management, working in both the public and private sectors. Having held appointments at Cranfield and Durham universities, he went to Bristol University to work at their Langford Campus (where the School of Veterinary Science is located).

Dr Edward Lamb became a **Career Development Fellow in Philosophy** at the Hall on 1 September 2017. He grew up in Brighton and is a graduate of Cambridge and

University College London (where, after working for several years in the field of homelessness, he completed his doctorate).

Ed's areas of research are Ethics and Political Philosophy. He works on the compatibility of equality and economic incentives as well as the relation between political institutions and ideals. His PhD argued for a Kantian conception of moral status and a particular type of Political Liberalism.

As the Organising Tutor for Philosophy, Ed oversees the teaching of Philosophy within the Hall. He also gives undergraduate tutorials for the university courses Introduction to Moral Philosophy and Theory of Politics and supervises graduate students. He is passionate about teaching and the practice of Philosophy.



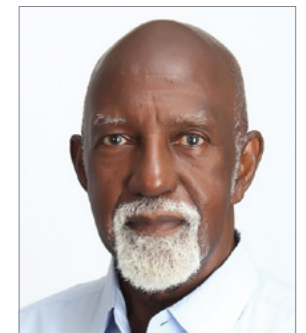
Dr Lenore J Launer is a Senior Scientist and Chief of Neuroepidemiology in the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute on Aging, at the US National Institutes of Health. She was made a **Visiting Fellow** at the Hall from March to September 2018 (coinciding with sabbatical leave being spent with the Translational Neuroscience Group in Oxford University's Department of Psychiatry) to facilitate academic collaboration.

Lenore's research interests address the neuroepidemiology of the risk factors for, and consequence of, brain ageing, including the links between brain disease and other common diseases of old age. Recent research has focused on the contribution of genetic, inflammatory, metabolic, and vascular factors to structural and functional sub-clinical and clinical outcomes as cerebrovascular disease evolves over time. Her work is based on large prospective population-based cohort studies that span from young adulthood to old age.



Mervyn Morris first came to the Hall as a Rhodes Scholar in 1958 and completed a degree in English Language & Literature. He had previously studied at the then University College of the West Indies (later the University of the West Indies: UWI). After leaving Oxford he returned to the Caribbean and has become a celebrated poet, critic and academic. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing and West Indian Literature. The Hall made him an **Honorary Fellow** in Trinity term 2018.

Mervyn was awarded Jamaica's Order of Merit in 2009 for his distinguished contribution to the field of West



Indian literature. Five years later he was appointed Poet Laureate of Jamaica (the first person to hold the position since the country's independence in 1962). A collection of his poetry spanning more than half a century, *Peelin Orange*, was published in 2017.

Ricardo Pérez-de la Fuente, Museum Research Fellow at the OU Museum of Natural History, was elected to a **Junior Research Fellowship** at the Hall in December 2017. He took degrees in Spain: BSc in Biology at the University of Barcelona, MSc in Palaeontology at the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona, and a PhD in Earth Sciences (for his thesis on 'Arthropod paleobiology of the Cretaceous amber from El Soplao (Cantabria, Spain)', also at the University of Barcelona. Before coming to Oxford, Ricardo was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.



His research focuses on the palaeobiology of fossil arthropods, namely insects and arachnids. Although it is founded on morphology and systematics, Ricardo's work aims at extracting palaeoecological, palaeobiological, and taphonomic data. Developing his doctoral interests, he puts special emphasis on the study of amber inclusions, particularly from the Cretaceous period, one of the most important periods for the diversification of terrestrial arthropods linked with the angiosperm radiation.

Ricardo has taught palaeontology, evolution and entomology at first- and second-year undergraduate level.

Professor Eleanor Stride became a **Professorial Fellow** of the Hall in Trinity term 2018. As Professor of Biomaterials she holds a joint university position between the Department of Engineering Science and the Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology & Musculoskeletal Sciences. She specialises in the fabrication of nanoscale and microscale devices for targeted drug delivery.

Eleanor obtained her BEng and PhD in Mechanical Engineering degrees from



University College London, where she was subsequently appointed to a lectureship and a Royal Academy of Engineering and Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council Research Fellowship. In 2011 she was awarded an EPSRC Challenging Engineering Grant and joined the Oxford Institute of Biomedical Engineering (where she was made a full Professor in 2014).

Her work has been recognised by several prestigious awards and she was made a Fellow of the ERA Foundation for her contributions to public engagement and promotion of Engineering, including through the 'Born to Engineer' series and documentaries for the BBC. In 2016 Eleanor was nominated as one of the top 50 most influential Women in Engineering and in 2017 she was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Dr Sareh Vosooghi has completed a BA in Economics at the University of Tehran, an MSc in Economics at Sharif University of Technology, Iran, an MPhil in Economics at the University of Cambridge and a PhD at the University of Edinburgh. Her doctorate was on 'Information and Transboundary Problems in Environmental and Resource Economics'. Sareh was elected a **Fellow by Special Election** by the Hall from the beginning of Michaelmas term 2017.



Her main research interest is in the field of environmental economics. In particular Sareh is interested in economic theory and game theory approaches to answering questions in natural resources and environmental economics. Her current research focuses on the role of information and learning in International Environmental Agreements.

Dr Thomas White took up his appointment as **SEH Open Junior Research Fellow/Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow** at the start of Michaelmas term 2017, having previously studied at Glasgow University and Birkbeck College London.

His research interests are in medieval and early modern studies, the material text and history of media, and critical theory. At the time of joining the Hall, Tom was completing a monograph on late medieval manuscripts and their treatment from the medieval period to the modern day. He is also working on a project 'Written in Trees', examining medieval and early modern horticultural manuals (books that artfully combine literary, theoretical and practical discourses to both provide useful directions and engage with a range of philosophical debates around material substance, physical change, and the thresholds and limits of life itself).

Tom also carries out some teaching for the English Faculty's course on 'English Literature from 1350 to 1550'.

He keeps a blog and writes for *MAP Magazine* and the *Glasgow Review of Books* (where he also edits an ongoing thread on ecology and ecocriticism).



AFOX VISITING FELLOW: DR SEIFU KEBEDE-GURMESSA

Each year the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx), in association with Christ Church, the Hall and St Peter's College, appoints up to three Visiting Fellows from African universities and research institutions. The aim is to foster research in any field of study and to facilitate collaborations between the University of Oxford and the individual appointed. This year the Hall was delighted to host **Dr Seifu Kebede-Gurmessa**, Associate Professor of Hydrogeology, from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Seifu's research interests are in groundwater hydrology and its multi-faceted functions for people and the environment. He took up his Visiting Fellowship from 9 July to 19 August 2018, during which time he stayed at the Hall and was attached to the School of Geography & the Environment.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR DAVID GODFREY PETTIFOR CBE, FRS (1945-2017), EMERITUS FELLOW

Born in Yorkshire, David spent his early years in Purley, Surrey, before his father's work as an engineer led to the family moving to Johannesburg. There, David attended St John's College and then the University of the Witwatersrand. His first-class degree in physics took him back to the UK, to Cambridge for PhD research at the Cavendish Laboratory on the crystal structures of certain metals. He embarked on an academic career, with posts at Imperial College London, the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, the Cavendish Laboratory, and Bell Laboratories in the USA. In 1992 David took up the prestigious Isaac Wolfson Chair of Metallurgy at Oxford and the Hall elected him to a Professorial Fellowship (which he held until his retirement in 2010, when he became an Emeritus Fellow). He died of multiple myeloma on 16 October 2017.

The Magazine offers condolences to David's partner, Di, sons Christopher and Thomas, and step-sons Matthew and Benjamin.

David's friend and colleague in the Department of Materials, Professor Steve Roberts (Emeritus Fellow), writes:

David's most celebrated work was in very sophisticated and insightful modelling of materials at the atomic and electronic level ('Pettifor structure maps'). It's perhaps less well known how much David influenced modelling at much larger length and time scales, and its link with experimental work. This is where I came into contact with him and where I and others in my growing research group benefited from his thoughts and encouragement. David was quite clear that the Materials Modelling Laboratory which he established should cover all types of modelling, not just his own specialisms. The idea was that each level of modelling could take information from the finer-scale level below, and in turn pass information to the next. Easily said — not so easily done!

In 2003 the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council started a major initiative in just this area of 'multi-scale modelling'. David rightly thought this an ideal opportunity and started to assemble a team of modellers of all types around the UK (including some past members of his group who worked at the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy). He then suggested I lead the project! This was a far bigger research effort than I had ever led before, but David was keen that I make the step up, supported me through a successful bid for funds and helped in making the project a success. It was typically generous of him: I didn't think I could do it, but *he* did — with his usual quiet charm and his faith in others' abilities he persuaded me, and it led to a growing link between Oxford Materials and the Culham Centre that continues to be a mainstay of our research.

It was always a pleasure to be hosted by David and Di at modellers' group events at their home in Charlbury. A long (but not too long) walk over the meadows, followed by excellent food, drink and conversation; and on one occasion, a cycle ride home based on a vague idea of the direction in which Oxford might be....

David will be missed, and remembered with much fondness by all of us who worked with him.



Photo from Royal Society website

The David Pettifor Scientific Symposium on 'Bonding and Structure in Materials' was held on 10-11 July 2018 at St Anne's College, Oxford, celebrating David's life and achievements.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON

The SCR was also saddened to learn of the death of an **Honorary Fellow, Lord Browne-Wilkinson**, on 27 July 2018 aged 88. Nicholas Christopher Henry Brown-Wilkinson was a lecturer in Jurisprudence at the Hall in the 1950s and went on to become an eminent legal figure, presiding in the Supreme Court as Senior Law Lord in 1998–2000. A full obituary will be included in next year's *Magazine*.

THE GEORGE RAMSAY PRIZE

The Faculty of History has decided to establish an undergraduate prize in memory of the respected economic historian **Dr George Ramsay** FBA (1909–1992). Ramsay was appointed by Principal Emden to a tutorship in Modern History at the Hall in 1937 and went on to serve as a Fellow, apart from a period during the Second World War, until his retirement in 1974. At different times he held the offices of Librarian, Senior Treasurer of Amalgamated Clubs, and Vice-Principal; he was also

a talented performer who promoted musical activities at the Hall. The George Ramsay Prize, value £250, will be awarded annually from 2019 for the best thesis on Early Modern History in the Faculty's Final Honour School examinations.

FROM THE SENIOR BURSAR (ESTATES & FINANCE)

The Hall continues to make solid financial progress, and as always, it is a pleasure to update readers on its latest financial and estate matters.

The timing of the *Magazine's* publication means that the 2017–2018 accounts are still a few months away from being completed; however, we expect the results to show a modest surplus from our normal operations (before accounting for legacy and donation income); and there is continued growth in the Hall's endowment. Past years' accounts for the College are available on the website; the 2016–2017 accounts, completed during this year, show that at 31 July 2017 our endowment stood at £51.6 million, net of our Private Placement loan.

Aularians will recall that in summer 2017, the Hall took out a Private Placement (i.e. a long-term, unsecured loan) for the purpose of modestly leveraging our endowment — as many colleges have done in recent years. We borrowed £20 million (after costs) over 50 years, at a fixed interest rate of 2.525%, and the proceeds have now been invested with Oxford University Endowment Management (OUEM), where the Hall already has a proportion of its financial endowment, for a year. We believe that over the years, OUEM's performance will significantly exceed the interest cost, and thereby provide incremental net income and capital gains for the Hall. The Governing Body set a firm discipline in relation to managing this investment, and agreed that it shall be managed as a ring-fenced fund, and that the return it yields shall be used solely to help permanently secure the College's academic, financial, and physical assets, by assisting the permanent endowment of Fellowships, reinvesting for growing the financial endowment, and contributing to infrastructure spending.

Each year, the Hall makes an application to the University's College Contributions Committee (CCC), which distributes income grants to less wealthy colleges, financed by wealthier colleges. This year, we made another successful bid, being awarded £159,500: £110,000 towards maintenance and refurbishment, and £49,500 (payable in three tranches) towards the cost of Medical Sciences teaching. This award brings our total income from the CCC over the past eight years to £1,334,500.

Turning to estates matters, I am delighted to report that the refurbishment of No. 24 Norham Gardens has been completed, and that the complete renovation of No. 26 Norham Gardens (also known as Brockhues House), and the refurbishment of nine garden flats, will begin in the next few weeks. More details of these and other works are described in the report from the Bursary below.

Finally, I would like to thank **Kevin Knott**, who has been the Hall's Interim

Domestic Bursar for many months, for the superb job he has done — in particular, in overseeing the major projects that we currently have underway. The Hall has appointed **Dr Charlotte Sweeney** as our new Domestic Bursar and we look forward to her joining us in Michaelmas term 2018.

C Simon A Costa

FROM THE BURSARY

The last year has been no less busy than previous years. Managing and maintaining the on- and off-site properties to ensure that they play their part in enabling the College to fulfil its objectives is a substantial challenge, particularly given the imbalance between supply and demand, and the Governing Body is fortunate to have a team which is committed to achieving this.

OUR PEOPLE

During the course of the year, Jimmy Carroll and Mick Warwick, two much-liked members of Maintenance staff retired, after 27 and 13 years respectively. They are both already missed. A number of senior and long-serving colleagues also left us: Ashley Walters, Academic Administrator & Registrar; Blanca Trepát-Martin, Librarian; Kevin Ward, Estates Manager; Jennean Pankau, Hall Butler; Jonathan Riley and Patrick Masih, Lodge Porters; and Stefan Caira in the Maintenance Department. The College would not be able to operate without the commitment, loyalty and team work of all its staff and is grateful for their contribution whilst they were here.

The vacancies created by the departures have all been or are being filled. After an open competition, Luke Bradshaw was promoted internally to succeed Ashley Walters. James Howarth was appointed the new Librarian and, within days, became an integral part of the team responsible for the refurbishment of the Old Library. Sophie Quantrell joined as Assistant Librarian. Particular gratitude is due to Steve Lloyd, who continues to be acting Estates Manager until a permanent appointment is made.

Dr Charlotte Sweeney joins the College on 15 October 2018 as the new Domestic Bursar, from her post as Head of Finance & Administration in the University's Department of Material Sciences. Charlotte's experience of another part of the collegiate University will be particularly valuable in the years to come.

I would like to thank all the College staff for their friendship, guidance and support over the last few months whilst I have been temporarily overseeing the Bursary.

PROJECTS

The College continued to be very busy on the building front during the last year. By the end of the 2017 Long Vacation, the windows in the listed Besse Building had



A refurbished ground-floor room at 24 Norham Gardens (photo by John Cairns)

all been replaced, repairs to the roof of the building undertaken and the second floor refurbished; and the plumbing at 17 Norham Gardens had been replaced and some of the bathrooms renewed. During the course of the academic year, the refurbishment of 24 Norham Gardens was successfully completed and now reflects the high standard of accommodation which the College is aiming to achieve for all of its properties in the future. The area behind the Chapel was also redeveloped to create Benefactors' Square. Major donors to the College are now commemorated in the square which is also a quiet place for people to sit under the magnolia tree. Finally, the gas kitchen range was removed and an electric range fitted over the Christmas period.

In addition to the above activity, considerable planning was undertaken and successfully completed on other projects. The works to the Old Library, primarily involving improved environmental controls and the installation of a display cabinet, are now underway and are scheduled to be completed by Christmas 2018. The College has now agreed the approach to the refurbishment of 26 Norham Gardens. The works to the main house are scheduled to begin towards the end of the year and to be complete in readiness for the 2019–2020 academic year. At the same time, the nine flats in the garden are to be refurbished three at a time.

EVENTS

As well as providing meals for Fellows, staff and students during term time, the College lets its facilities at other times of the year to third parties to generate

much-needed additional income. Sue McCarthy, Conference Manager, John McGeever, Head Chef, and the Hall staff have had a particularly busy year, exceeding the income earned in the previous year.

The requirement to continue to maintain and improve the College's properties reduces the scope to generate conference and other income from third parties. It requires considerable flexibility — and sometimes ingenuity — on the part of the team to achieve this. Everybody is now looking as far forward as possible to achieve availability whilst minimising the impact on conference and other income.

Kevin Knott

The Hall was delighted to receive recognition for the success of the Churchyard renovation project (described in last year's Magazine). At a ceremony held on 7 November 2017 at St Catherine's College, the project was awarded a certificate in the 'Environment and Landscape Enhancement' category of the Oxford Preservation Trust's annual competition. The awards celebrate and encourage good design that contributes positively to Oxford and its green setting.

FROM THE LIBRARY FELLOW

The latter half of the academic year witnessed a total changeover in Library staff. After 15 years at the Hall our Librarian, Blanca Trepas Martin, left us at the end of Hilary term 2018. At the same time, Caroline Legg, the Hall's Assistant Librarian since 2010, also moved to a new post. We wished them every success in their future endeavours: a moving send-off was held for Blanca in the Old Dining Hall, with cakes, tea, and speeches. Library services were ably maintained in Trinity term by Karen Marr, as temporary Librarian, and Paul Ivanovic as temporary Assistant. We were very grateful for their help during this transition period.

In spite of the loss of long-time staff, we have been immensely lucky with our new team of Librarian and Assistant Librarian, in place since Sixth Week of Trinity. They immediately commenced an impressive and large-scale engagement with all aspects of the Library, the Old Library, the different departments of the College (notably the Schools Liaison and Outreach programme), Fellows and their subject- areas, the staff and, above all, the students. There are several initiatives being discussed and implemented in order to first consolidate, and then enhance, the role of the Library as intellectual hub of the Hall, where the majority of our students (particularly undergraduates) spend much of their time over the course of their degree.

The Librarian, James Howarth, arrived from his role of Assistant Librarian at Balliol College; before that he was at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Lambeth Palace Library in London, and the Taylor Institution Library in Oxford. He holds MAs in Library and Information Studies from UCL and Medieval Studies from the University of York, and read English as an undergraduate of Exeter College, Oxford. Sophie Quantrell, our new Assistant Librarian, previously worked

as Library Assistant at the Philosophy and Theology Faculty Library, and at the Bodleian. She studied Theology at the University of Nottingham and is completing the dissertation part of an MA in Library and Information at Aberystwyth.

After one radical change, the next is a new Old Library, since the much-discussed refurbishment is finally underway. Many thanks to Kevin Knott for seeing through the final stages with enormous care and dedication, and to the Principal and the Development & Alumni Relations Office for making the longed-for refurbishment possible. The precious volumes were carefully packed up in July, and put in storage in Bodleian facilities until works are complete. The refurbishment includes the urgently-required installation of an environmental control system to protect the collections. It will also create new and useful display spaces for the collections, to enable a better use of our historic holdings, and to advance scholarly study and research, outreach, and the development and promotion of the Hall.

The cataloguing of the Old Library Collections was completed before the temporary transfer of the books to secure storage at Osney. More than 4,300 items have been catalogued since the project began in 2013, thanks to the efforts of project cataloguers Paul Nash and Paul Ivanovic, and our generous and committed donors. The final stage of this work involved the late nineteenth- and twentieth-century portions of the collections, highlights of which include a signed work by Eleanor Roosevelt, and a holding of nineteenth-century pamphlets relating to the admission of women into the University, including one by Lewis Carroll. Thanks to the availability of the catalogue records, and the detailed copy-specific information they contain, the Library has already seen an increase in the number of research and scholarly enquiries from Oxford, nationally, and internationally.

The Library itself has gratefully received more than 50 donations to its collection by Aularians and Fellows. This includes the generous gift from Roger Farrand (1958) of *Banksias*, a beautifully-illustrated series of watercolour paintings of every *Banksia* species by the Australian artist Celia Rosser, as well as several works by former Indian foreign minister Salman Kurshid (1974) and 12 musical compositions by Geoffrey Allen (1945). Those who donated books they have authored or edited to the Fellows' Collection were Will Donaldson, Andrew Kahn, John Knight, Henrike Lähnemann, David Phillips, Martin Slater, and Emily Winkler.

Thanks go also to our past and present members, as well as the wider academic community, for their donations to the undergraduate library: including Keith Gull, Frederick Biggs, Rohit Chakraborty, Roger Farrand, J Desmond Fitzgerald, Dianne Gull, Rob Harvey, John Nabett, Emily Steiner, Charles Storey, Vance Tan Zong Hao and Naomi Vanloo.

Professor Karma Nabulsi

DONATIONS 2017–2018

Over the year the Library was the beneficiary of many gifts for the Aularian Collection, which are listed below:

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Ampersound Editions 2016

Five Songs from "A Shropshire Lad"
Ampersound Editions 2017

Four Housman Songs: for Voice and Piano
Ampersound Editions 2016

Sonata for Flute and Piano No. 2

1) *Movements 1 and 2*

2) *Movements 3 and 4*

3) *Flute Part*

Ampersound Editions 2016

Suite No. 2 for Piano Solo
Ampersound Editions 2017

Three Songs to Poems of Dylan Thomas: for Voice and Piano
Ampersound Editions 2016

Suite for Harp Solo
Ampersound Editions 2017

From Earth's Almanac: Six Songs to Poems of Lucy Newlyn
Ampersound Editions 2016

Two Browning Songs: 'A Lover's Quarrel' and 'Home Thoughts From Abroad'
GG Allen 2016 revised ed

Stile and Stump: Four Songs to Poems of Kevin Crossley-Holland
GG Allen 2016 revised ed

ARMITAGE, Christopher M (ed)

Literary and Visual Ralegh
Manchester University Press 2013

BIGGS, Frederick M

Chaucer's Decameron and the Origin of the Canterbury Tales
D S Brewer 2017

BILLINGTON, John

Lady Magdalen Herbert and Two poets at Montgomery Castle
Privately published, 2016

DE VILLIERS, Neville

Doumar and the Doctor
Sea Legs Publishing 2017

DONALDSON, Will

The Servant Heart: Exploring the Life and Legacy of St Edmund of Abingdon
Grove Books 2018

ETGAR, Yuval (ed)

René Magritte (Or: The Rule of Metaphor)
Luxembourg & Dayan Gallery 2018

Conversations

Luxembourg & Dayan Gallery 2018

FARRAND, Roger (donor)

Rosser, Celia S (illustrations) and George, Alexander E (text)
The Banksias: Volume 1
Academic Press 1981

FITZGERALD, J Desmond

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JD Fitzgerald 2017

GULL, Dianne (donor)

Munhall, Edgar, et al
The Frick Collection: A Tour
The Frick Collection and Acoustiguide Corporation 2009

JONES, Jennifer F

A Year in the Life of Cheam: A Portrait of a 21st Century Preparatory School
Brackenhurst Press 2005

KAHN, Andrew et al

A History of Russian Literature
Oxford University Press 2018

KHURSHID, Salman

Triple Talaq: Examining Faith
Oxford University Press 2018

KHURSHID, Salman (preface)

Iqbal, Javid (Dr Justice), Farouqui, Ather (translator)
Modern Indian Muslims and Iqbal
Dr Zakir Husain Study Circle 2004

KHURSHID, Salman (donor)

Farouqui, Ather (ed)
Muslims and Media Images: News Versus Views
Oxford University Press 2009

KHURSHID, Salman (donor)

Bansal, Shweta
Courting Politics
EBC 2017

KNIGHT, John B

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Offprint from: *Economic and Political Studies* Vol 5 (2017)

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LÄHNEMANN, Henrike, McLelland, Nicola, and Miedema, Nine (eds)

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Jones, Howard (translator)
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METTERS, George Alan

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Norfolk Archaeology Vol XLVII (2015)

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Norfolk Record Society Vol LXXXI (2017)

MUTANOV, Galimkair

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Springer Verlag 2015 2nd edition

PEELING, Nicholas

Brilliant Manager: What the Best Managers Know, Do and Say
Pearson Education 2010 3rd edition

PHILLIPS, David

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REYNOLDS, Lucy (writer), and HERMAN, Jenna (illustrator)

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Doodles & Scribbles 2017

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SOCARD, Jean-Paul

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ARKA 2011

SLATER, Martin

The National Debt: A Short History
Hurst & Co 2018

SPILBERG, Michael

My Great Trek
The Ludo Press 2017

TEMPEST, Paul (ed)

The Bank of England Now and Then: Pearls and Diamonds
Medina Publishing 2018

TROTMAN, John

Both Brittle and Beautiful: Poems by John Trotman
Moat Sole Publishing 2015

TYTLER, Graeme

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Offprint from: *Brontë Studies* Vol 39 No 2 (2014)

'The Presentation of the Second Catherine in *Wuthering Heights*'
Offprint from: *Brontë Studies* Vol 42 No 1 (2017)

"'He's more myself than I am'": The Problem of Comparisons in *Wuthering Heights*'
Offprint from: *Brontë Studies* Vol 42 No 2 (2017)

WILSON, Andrew

Ukraine Crisis: What It Means for the West
Yale University Press 2014

WINKLER, Emily A

Royal Responsibility in Anglo-Norman Historical Writing
Oxford University Press 2017

YEOWART, William (ed)

The Diaries of Sapper Robert Poole: 2343 Royal Engineers Telegraphist
Footprints Press 2017

FROM THE ARCHIVE FELLOW & THE ARCHIVIST

Nine new accessions were received this year: seven from within the College, and two from external donors. Highlights include some further born-digital records created by the MCR; some archaeological remains donated by Emeritus Fellow **Jeffrey Hackney**; and further material relating to the late **Dr Bruce Mitchell**, English Tutor, and to the late **Dr Simon Porter**, the notable Aularian cricket player and administrator (whose obituary was published in last year's *Magazine*). Library records formerly housed in the Old Library have been brought into the care of the Archives, and some additional Fellows' files were passed on by the Development & Alumni Relations Office.

New catalogue entries are being created for these records, and the Archivist has continued the major task of re-numbering the archives in accordance with the new catalogue. Papers relating to Principalian elections and to the Hall's ownership of its properties have also been added, although these will not be searchable via the Archives portal on the website. Detailed lists of Aularian material are currently in progress.

It is hoped that further rationalisation of the archives will free up space within the Archives store. With the help of the Interim Librarian, the Archivist was able to clear some shelves in the Library Office, and papers relating to the Library itself and to the JCR have now been moved there, so freeing up a little more space in the Archives Store. We continue to plan for more such rationalisation and transfer in future.

A minor flood in the Vestry on 1 June 2018 was caused by the build-up of debris from the tree in New College garden which overhangs the Chapel; this had filled the gullies, gutters, and hoppers, making it difficult for the heavy rain of the previous few days to be transported away. The leak reached the Vestry though the Organ Loft in the Chapel. The problem was dealt with promptly by the Maintenance team, and no new mould outbreaks on our holdings have occurred.

The Archivist answered 65 enquiries during the year; 35 of these came from within the college (including some from old members), and 30 from external users. Three external researchers consulted the Archives, and the University Archives Assistant visited as part of her training programme. The Archivist undertook research for several contributors to the new book on the Hall, and wrote sections on the Hall in the twentieth century. He also helped to box up the Peter Farmer material (*see the Pictures & Chattels Fellow's report below*) before its transfer to the National Conservation Service storage at Upper Heyford.

Nick Davidson
Rob Petre



Peter Farmer's 'From Copellia, Birmingham (1994)' now in the Hall collection

FROM THE PICTURES & CHATTELS FELLOW

The Hall is very grateful to have received a number of significant donations over the past 12 months.

PETER FARMER

We have been entrusted with the archives of Peter Farmer (1941–2017), one of the leading theatre and ballet set designers. Twenty-eight of his paintings have been framed, and these are being fixed to the corridors of the Besse Building during the Long Vacation 2018. A short guide to the pictures, with a map to navigate Besse (no trivial feat!), will be made available once the pictures are in place.

KEITH VAUGHAN

Bill Dinning (2013, DPhil in Medieval & Modern Languages) presented the College with a landscape in oils by Keith Vaughan (1912–1977) entitled 'Amana Landscape III (Snow at Amana)'. Vaughan was a major figure in post-war British art. This work was painted in 1959 when the artist was living in the USA. Happily, during the year we re-located a figurative painting by Vaughan which the College had purchased in 1960 — also painted during his time in America. The two pictures are currently being hung side by side in the Senior Common Room.

FREDERICK YOCUM & ANA MARIA PACHECO

Cameron Brown (1966, Modern Languages) presented two paintings: the first by Frederick Yocum, the other by the Brazilian-born but UK-based artist Ana Maria Pacheco. She is a well-known sculptor and print-maker, who has been artist in residence at the National Gallery. The Pacheco is hanging in the SCR corridor, next to our Hockney print. (As an undergraduate, Cameron was part of the picture committee which purchased the Hockney.)

Professor Jonathan Yates

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

CHAPEL

We have had our regular Choral Evensongs at 5.30pm during term time, and the Choir has done a marvellous job at rehearsing and singing beautifully each week. We had had an interesting range of visiting speakers, mostly from Oxford, but some from further afield. We have kept our annual traditions of joint services with University College, Oxford, and Fitzwilliam, Cambridge, as well as taking part in the joint intercollegiate service at the University Church. We also did a return trip to sing Evensong at St Mary's, Calne, Wilts, where St Edmund moved to be parish priest in the thirteenth century before being appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, and a great local crowd of 150 came to worship with us. We had a choir tour in the West Country in September 2017, singing Evensong at Wells Cathedral and high mass at Downside Abbey. We are returning in summer 2018 for our tour to Pontigny, France, with visits to Canterbury and Paris on route, as we travel in the footsteps of St Edmund himself.

WELFARE AND PASTORAL

This academic year, undergraduate and postgraduate students had almost 1,000 medical consultations or pastoral meetings with the College GP, the College Nurse or the Chaplain. Roughly half were for welfare/mental health reasons and the other half for physical health. In addition to this, students have required ongoing advice and support via email. We have had termly lunch meetings with the student welfare and peer supporter reps, and been involved in renewing the Hall's Harassment

Policy, alongside the Dean. I have taken part in a variety of training courses run by the Hall and the University, including a Chaplains' Conference organised by the Oxford Diocese (May 2018). As always we have been well supported by the University Student Counselling Service, with regular supervision sessions from Jenny Leader, one of their senior counselling consultants. We have attended the Colleges' Welfare Forum, which draws together Welfare Officers/Chaplains and Deans from across the University, under the Counselling Service's umbrella.

WIDER HALL INVOLVEMENT

The Chaplain organised a Careers Advice session for the MCR, using the University Career's Advisory Service, and was also asked by Professor Lucy Newlyn to chair a university-wide conversation between her and Dr Richard Lawes, Consultant Psychiatrist OUCS and Lecturer in English, Regent's Park College, on mental health and bipolar, following the publication of her book *Diary of a Bipolar Explorer* (see section 6 of this *Magazine*).

SABBATICAL AND PUBLICATION

The Church of England encourages its priests to take time out every ten years, and I was very grateful to the Hall's Governing Body for allowing me to do this. One of my main projects was to do research on St Edmund, inspired by my connection to our College which carries his name, being one of our original Fellows, and because he was such an influential medieval figure who had a significant impact on church and state life during the reign of Henry III. I was aware that work had been done on him in the past, but it seemed to me that not much had been written on him in recent years which updated or pulled together all this previous research. I also discovered that interest in St Edmund went well beyond our Hall, with churches, schools and places of higher education sharing an intense interest in St Edmund in order to keep his legacy alive. I was able to visit a community of 'Edmundites' in Vermont, USA, who teach and serve on a university campus in Burlington and hold an important archive on St Edmund. I drew my research together in a published booklet *The Servant Heart: Exploring the Life and Legacy of St Edmund* (Grove Booklets, 2018) which was launched in the Old Dining Hall at Teddy Hall on 1 June 2018 (see the review in section 6 of this *Magazine*).

AND FINALLY...

... I want to thank some of the key people who have supported me in my ministry this past year: Chris Bucknall (Director of Music), Professor Jeff Tseng (Chapel Overseeing Fellow), Nick Davidson (Hall Dean), Professor Henrike Lähnemann (for her support and warm commendation of the *St Edmund* booklet), Susan McCarthy and the Bursary team, Claire Hooper (Hall Communications Manager), the Alumni & Development Relations Office, and the Hall Choir who have sung their hearts out in the worship of Almighty God.

Revd Will Donaldson
Chaplain and Co-senior Welfare Officer

FROM THE SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

Once again, the College has had a hugely productive year engaging with schools and colleges across the country. I am pleased to report that I have hosted 49 schools and colleges at the Hall, and engaged with over 3,000 students from over 90 different schools, in the last academic year.

Schools who visit the College come primarily from within St Edmund Hall's link areas: Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Leicestershire, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Rutland and Southampton. With students as young as 10 years of age visiting, it has been a very varied and engaging year. School visits are tailored to the age of the students attending, but all include a tour of the College, lunch in the Wolfson Hall, and the opportunity to meet current undergraduate students, who provide valuable insight for our visitors into what it is like to live and study here. I offer an introduction to university life for students still in secondary school, and a more in-depth look at the application process for those in the sixth form.

I continue to engage with schools who, in the farther reaches of our link areas, are unable to visit the College. To that end, I have travelled out to more schools and colleges this year than ever before, visiting over 40 schools across the country and engaging with students from a total of 64 different institutions.

The team of Student Ambassadors continues to offer terrific support, with a further 14 students joining the scheme in 2018. Through collaboration with this year's two JCR Access Officers, we have been able to re-design the student-written *Alternative Prospectus*, which offers a unique, first-hand insight into life as a student at Teddy Hall, and serves as a valuable asset for prospective students who are unable to visit us.

Our Open Days this year saw record numbers of students attending, with over 1,000 prospective students visiting over the two days in June 2018. The 20-strong team of Student Helpers did a stellar job of portraying Teddy Hall's friendly, active and diverse community on the beautiful summer days that that we were lucky enough to enjoy this year.

The Hall has been a long-time supporter of the intercollegiate outreach programme, Pathways, and this year we have increased our contribution further with my appointment as a co-ordinator for the programme in late 2017. The programme offers information, advice and guidance on higher education and Oxford in particular to academically able students and staff members in non-selective state schools with little history of student progression to Oxford. I co-organised the Year 12 Study Days, which offer students the chance to experience their chosen subject through a day of academic sessions run by Oxford tutors. Over three days, around 470 state school students from 265 different schools travelled to Oxford, with 180 of them visiting the Hall to participate in taster study sessions with our tutors in Materials Science, Psychology, Medicine, French and

Philosophy. The Hall provided accommodation for 90 of these students over the three Study Days, and over 45,000 calories of pizza were consumed each night!

I am always keen to work with Aularians now working in teaching. This year I have hosted students from schools in Solihull, Guildford and Southwark through links with teachers who studied at the Hall. Teachers are more than welcome to get in touch, should they wish to bring a group of students to the College.

Although, as I write this, schools and colleges are breaking up for summer, plans are already being made for the next academic year. I will be collaborating with my counterpart at Pembroke College, Cambridge, when we visit a number of schools in Leicestershire over a week in the autumn term, and our Outreach Roadshow will return for its third year this September, a week that is keenly anticipated by teachers, ambassadors and me. Funding has been secured to increase the provision of the Roadshow and the outreach programme at the Hall thanks to support from Aularian donations. I am very grateful that I will be able to continue to increase the reach of the Hall and the academic, community and social values that it embodies.

Luke Maw

FROM THE TUTOR FOR VISITING STUDENTS

We had 55 Visiting Students in College during the academic year 2017–2018 studying a wide range of the science, humanities and social science subjects we offer at undergraduate level. The three most popular subjects were Biomedical Sciences, Mathematics and Psychology. Visiting Students can apply to come for the whole academic year, or one or two terms: only a small minority (nine students) came for one term only.

As the Tutor for Visiting Students, I am informed about the academic standard of our programme, and it is good to report that this appears to be very satisfying. Based on tutors' reports, the students perform at a very high level academically in general, with a substantial number being described as 'impressive', 'outstanding' or 'excellent'.

Feedback from the students themselves has been very positive, and appreciative of the specific tuition that they have received in small tutorial groups, or one-to-one tutorials. One of the students whose comments I think are quite representative of Visiting Student experience explains (in her profile for our College website): 'Studying abroad at Oxford University has undoubtedly added to my holistic academic experience and personal growth, especially since its single-subject focus and tutorial system is a stark contrast from my interdisciplinary US liberal arts experience in the USA.'

While being thoroughly engaged in, and challenged by, serious academic study, Visiting Students are also active participants in extracurricular and social activities of all kind. I've been made aware of participation in College and University sports,

such as football, rowing, sailing and yoga classes, in student-run weekly creative writing workshops and joining the Alternative Choir in the College. Many students have also joined subject societies such as Oxford Women in Business, and country / regional societies at University level, and have even become engaged in charity work for the wider community in the City of Oxford, such helping at Barnardo's charity shop.

Visiting Students are full members of the JCR, and become well integrated with regular undergraduate student activities in College in that way. They often describe attending formal halls, the student ball and debates exciting and fun. With the help of our two Visiting Student Junior Advisors, **Mikko Lievonen** and **Trent Taylor**, I arranged and enjoyed a few special events for them. In Michaelmas term 2017, we welcomed them to the College in a Dessert Night, and we attended the Thanksgiving Dinner which is a popular event in the College calendar among American Visiting Students in particular. In Hilary 2018, Junior Advisors organised a Quiz Night to welcome that term's newcomers, and later in February we got together for another Dessert Night to further help them to make new friends. We ended the academic year with a well-attended Farewell Party with strawberries & cream and bubbly in Trinity term.

In my role as Tutor for Visiting Students, I have attended termly meetings of Directors of Visiting Student Programmes across colleges, and from the interactions and discussion with my colleagues at other colleges I am further assured that our programme is delivering excellent value to the students and the College alike. In sum, this has been a very rewarding year and I look forward to developing our Visiting Student programme further in future.

Dr Outi Aarnio

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It has been a fantastic year for music in the Hall. Our Tuesday lunchtime Student recitals have proved again to be a great success, providing students with a regular platform for performance. Particular highlights were the Freshers' concert in Hilary term 2018 and some stunning performances by members of the MCR, including from tenor **Alex Gebhard** (who goes on to study singing at the Royal Academy of Music this September). I also invited pianist **Elizabeth Burgess** to give Hall students a Performance Masterclass to help them in their presentation of performance. This proved incredibly popular, with a wide range of musicians and ensembles taking part.

On 8 March 2018 a recital was given in the Old Dining Hall by violinist **Professor Basil Kouvaritakis** (Emeritus Fellow) and pianist **Peter McMullan**.

I have also been busy developing ways of raising the College's profile within the rest of the City and University. This has seen us sharing our superb facilities

with various University ensembles, including visiting performances by the Bate Players and the Oxford University Symphonic Band and welcoming Oxford-based Baroque orchestra 'Instruments of Time and Truth' to the Hall to give a week of intensive tuition to university musicians. We also had a visit from the Principal Horn of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, who gave masterclasses to university players including Hall students **Leo Lerner** and **Bradley Young**.

In addition to these activities, the Choir continues to go from strength to strength, singing wonderfully in Chapel on a weekly basis and performing at both College and external events throughout Oxford and beyond.

Christopher Bucknall

*In December 2017, four Hall students toured the East Coast of the United States for ten days with the Oxford University Wind Orchestra, rehearsing and performing with various universities. They were: **Anna Fletcher** (2015, English), **Simon Upton** (2017, Philosophy, Politics & Economics), **Bradley Young** (2016, Materials Science), and **Leo Lerner** (2017, MSc in Nature, Society & Environmental Governance).*

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

President: Kusal Lokuge

Vice-President: Ollie Woodhall

Stewards: Siân Brooke & Ronnie Guthrie

Treasurer: Amy Chenzi Xu

FRESHERS' WEEK

The MCR calendar for this academic year kicked off with a range of events planned by both the MCR Committee and College over pre-Freshers' Week. To say that this year's Freshers were enthusiastic would be an understatement, with attendance reaching record levels — highlighted by our Freshers' BBQ which had over 100 attendees, something unheard of not just in the Teddy Hall MCR but across postgraduate common rooms throughout Oxford. The period also saw the first joint MCR/JCR BOP in recent times, something we hope to continue in the future. The success of Freshers' Week was a testament to both the hard work of the MCR Committee, and the support from College staff. A special mention should be given to the establishment of the Freshers' Week working group at the end of last year which has helped the College Office, the Bursary, and the MCR and JCR committees to work towards hosting a successful Freshers' Week.

MICHAELMAS & HILARY

The success of Freshers' Week was carried on to Michaelmas and Hilary terms, with attendance for MCR events reaching record numbers and the MCR booze cupboard stocks reaching record lows. Highlights of Michaelmas included the



The 1950s Cakes & Cocktails Party (photo courtesy of Kusal Lokuge)

MCR Halloween party, hosted in the St Peter-in-the-East graveyard for the third successive year, which offered a truly unique Halloween experience. The event attracted close to 80 attendees despite the large number of Halloween-related events happening around Oxford on the day. The term was capped off by the MCR Christmas Dinner, a highlight of every Teddy Hall MCR calendar, where Chef John McGeever and his team put on a five-course meal which was second to none of the restaurants let alone colleges in Oxford, amidst plenty of wine, port, Christmas carols and Teddy Hall camaraderie. Hilary term saw MCR Steward and token Scotsman **Ronnie Guthrie** lead the organisation of the Burns Night supper complete with an address to the Haggis prepared by Chef John, and post-meal whisky in the Old Dining Hall amidst the recitals of the Immortal Memory, Address to the Lassies, and the Reply from the Lassies. Later on in term, MCR Steward **Siân Brooke** brought a classier twist to the traditional MCR Cakes and Cocktails party by introducing a 1950s theme and hosting it in the Old Dining Hall — the first time the MCR has hosted a party there in recent times largely thanks to the support of SCR member **Dr Emily Winkler**. Other highlights of the term included NSE Rep **Hannah Sharpe** organising a pop art themed Arty Party where the artistic talents of MCR members were on full display. The rest of Michaelmas and Hilary was filled with multiple wine tastings hosted by **Dr Peter Collins** in the Old Library, exchange dinners hosted in the Old Dining Hall, Sunday brunches, weekly cake and coffee evenings as a part of the Teddy Hall bake-off, the MCR high tea, Thanksgiving Dinner and the traditional MCR welcome back and out-of-term parties.

On the academic front, the termly graduate academic seminars were organised by our Academic Rep **Tereza Pusca** and **Professor David Priestland** (who generously

provides a lovely home-cooked meal for attendees). Here MCR members had an opportunity to present their research. This year has also seen our graduate student journal, *Ex-Aula*, founded by MCR members **Tim Donnison** and **Trent Taylor**, continue to thrive, presenting a unique opportunity for graduate students to share their research with a non-specialised audience.

TRINITY TERM

The success of Michaelmas and Hilary terms continued with a number of events planned during the Easter Vacation, catering to the large number of MCR members who were not moving away from Oxford during the break, before moving on to the hustle and bustle of Trinity term. Trinity term played host to the Teddy Hall Ball, and a number of other MCR-related events including the annual MCR Garden Party and the highlight of the term — the MCR Trinity Dinner.

EQUALITIES WEEK

The Teddy Hall Equalities Week was held for a second successive year in Week 5 of Michaelmas with talks, debates, and panel discussions centered on the theme of equality and diversity. The organisation of the event from the MCR's side was led by former MCR President and inaugural MCR Equalities Officer **Linde Wester**. This was capped off by the first culturally themed Formal Hall in Week 6, organised by MCR BME Rep **Cherrelle Dacon**, where Chef John put together a mouthwatering Caribbean themed menu.

AULA NARRAT

In an attempt to further increase interactions between MCR and SCR members, this year's Pontigny Scholar **Václav Janeček** successfully initiated 'Aula Narrat', a joint SCR and MCR talk series with an underlying theme of turning failures into success. The inaugural talk saw both MCR and SCR members share stories on how they overcame adversities in both their academic career and life in general.

CONNECTIONS WITH SEHA

This year has also seen the MCR, along with the JCR, working closely with members of the St Edmund Hall Association, and the Development & Alumni Relations Office led by **Gareth Simpson**, to improve links between current students and alumni. Committee members from both common rooms were invited to dinner by SEHA President **David Waring** in Michaelmas term to discuss how alumni can help current students. At present we are working towards organising an SEHA careers evening in Michaelmas 2018, where Aularians from a broad range of career paths will be visiting the Hall to give current students an insight into navigating the careers choice minefield.

SPORTS

Participation of MCR members in College and University sport continued to be significant. Over ten MCR members were involved in Varsity games in Hilary term. At college level too, MCR members did their bit in ensuring that Teddy Hall maintained its reputation as a successful sporting college. Four MCR members were involved in the Cricket Cuppers campaign, where Teddy Hall narrowly lost in the Finals after tying the game; three made it into the Football Cuppers squad; two into the Cuppers-winning Rugby squad; while the Basketball Cuppers winning team was led by three MCR members. The MCR also kept up its tradition of contributing large numbers to the Boat Club, having ten MCR members in the four crews entered for Torpids. Support throughout sporting events was a highlight, with members from the MCR joining the JCR to ensure Teddy Hall maintained its reputation for having the loudest crowds.

FINAL THOUGHTS

While I've tried my best to outline what the Teddy Hall MCR is about, there are many things not included in our termly calendar but which make Teddy Hall a truly unique place. The camaraderie shown when supporting each other in sport and extra-curriculars, the supportive conversations we have with one another in the midst of deadlines, the countless hours spent in the MCR gossiping and planning how we'll take over the world, the countless memories we've made and lost in blurry Oxford nights out, and most importantly the friendships we've made that will hopefully last beyond our time at the Hall. The close-knit community that the MCR has cultivated, and the sense of belonging that MCR members feel towards Teddy Hall, are the result of a number of factors — including the hard work done by MCR committees in the past, the help extended to the MCR committee by SCR members and College staff, and the efforts of our **Principal, Keith Gull**, under whom the MCR has doubled its size in numbers and progressed towards being an integral part of college.

For me, as an international student coming to the UK, I heard countless speeches in my Freshers' Week about how your college will be your second home. Teddy Hall and the MCR has exceeded all of those expectations — for no other place has felt more like home, and no other group of people have felt more like family. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Hall over the past four years, and to function as its MCR President over the past year, for above all it has given me an opportunity to meet and work with an incredible group of people. To quote Professor Gull: 'You're at the Hall for an education, not just a degree.' That education will stay with me and hopefully other members of the MCR for the rest of our lives. *Floreat Aula!*

Kusal Lokuge (2014, DPhil in Health Economics)



JCR President Will Mason (photo by John Cairns)

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

*President: William Mason
Vice-President: Rebecca Jurdon
Treasurer: Natasha Whitham
Secretary: Barbara Tańska*

Once again, Teddy Hall students have demonstrated their diverse interests and talents, excelling in a variety of disciplines while fostering an incredible sense of community.

TEDDY HALL BALL

The Ball Committee, led by **Ella Penny**, worked tirelessly to plan an incredible Teddy Hall Ball on 28 April 2018 and was met with resounding success. Ticket sales indicated that over 700 guests attended the night. The theme was 'Chroma' (which is Ancient Greek for 'colour') and decorations definitely did not disappoint. Various sponsors contributed to making the night possible but none more exciting than the food sponsor (Nando's!). From dance machines to food stalls, incredible performances to exceptional music acts, the night was unforgettable and truly representative of Hall spirit.

WELFARE

The welfare reps **Mike Atkinson** and **Sophie Dangerfield**, as well as their Trinity term replacements **Will Ainsworth** and **Katie Dent**, have been working hard to make sure everyone's welfare concerns are addressed and everyone feels at home at the Hall. Fifth Week continues to be a time where lots of welfare events are offered in order to get everyone through the middle of term. JCR members were offered massages, free food with JCR teas, and film nights to chill out and get away from work for a while. Throughout the week they could also pidge handmade cards to others, with the cards donated by **Sophie Thomas**. As always, peer support drop-in sessions were held for students who might want someone to talk to confidentially about anything and everything.

MUSIC

Music at Teddy Hall is going from strength to strength. Our instrumental scholars have been giving a series of well-attended concerts on Tuesday lunchtimes. The Hall is well represented in University groups, with five members of the OU Wind Orchestra including four invited on the USA tour in December 2017 who were very grateful for the £1,900 funding from the College. Aularians were also involved in the performance of Mahler 5 given by the University's flagship Orchestra with

Bradley Young performing the famous Horn Obligato. The Chapel Choir has had the opportunity to perform in an intercollegiate service in the University Church as well as making a trip to Cambridge to perform with our sister college.

CHARITIES

The JCR is incredibly proud of **Molly Ross**, who ran this year's London Marathon to raise money for Oxfam. In support, the JCR donated £400 to her campaign.

Many Teddy Hallers are also very invested in providing aid and assistance to the homeless and rough sleeper population around Oxford through the On Your Doorstep campaign. **Alex Kumar**, now the leader of the campaign, has been instrumental in helping those in need, particularly during the cold spells that have hit in Hilary this year.

The JCR is also very proud of its Summer Vllls BBQ which managed to raise over £1,000 for cancer research.

JCR BUSINESS

This year saw the second annual JCR and MCR Equalities Week. Building on **Tom Dyer's** initiative from 2016, we had panels on Positive Masculinity, De-colonising the Curriculum, as well as mindfulness workshops, a talk from a Dutch Hip-Hop artist, and an international food fair. There was a noticeable shift this year in that students from other colleges attended the events, and we hope to push this Week to be recognised around Oxford as well as at Teddy Hall.

Avid fans of the JCR television, the JCR has voted this year to make Bradley Walsh and Ru Paul honorary members of the JCR (for providing countless hours of entertainment and education). Unfortunately, so far neither has responded to our letter informing him of his membership in the JCR.

Will Mason (2016, PPE)

FROM STUDENT CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Professor Roger Benson, Tutor in Earth Sciences, writes:

As Senior Treasurer of Amalgamated Clubs (the College's mechanism for supporting sports and cultural activities) I've been delighted by the many successes of our sports teams, and by the strength of musical, dramatic, artistic and literary activity. Students of the Hall continue to participate with great enthusiasm and commitment in a wide range of sports and cultural pursuits. The accounts of the students themselves, below, provide many highlights and speak for themselves. This year I was personally struck by the sheer volume of participation in Football, and the determination of many teams, including in Netball and Women's Rugby. I look forward to an equally great year ahead!

SPORTS CLUBS

Men's Association Football Club

President: Jacob Kearney

After last season's triumphs for SEHAFC, 2017–2018 was an underwhelming year for the Men's team. In the first round of Cuppers, the most important competition in Oxford, Teddy Hall lost on penalties to the eventual winners, Worcester. In the Hassan's Cup, reserved for those knocked out of Cuppers in the first two rounds, we were again defeated, this time in extra time. However, it was not all doom and gloom: we beat our main rivals in the League, Keble, both at home and away, and had a fantastic game with the Old Boys at Oxford City Football Ground. The second and third teams also had some success. The second team reached the reserve Cuppers final and, by managing to stay in the same League as the third team, continued a tradition of ending the season with the 'Family Day'. At this event, all SEHAFC members turn out for the last game of the season: the SEHAFC second team versus the third team, which always ends in lots of goals. Next season, the Club hopes for a good Fresher intake to reclaim what we deserve: Cuppers.

Jacob Kearney (2016, Biomedical Sciences)

Women's Association Football Club

Captain: Harjas Dhillon

The SEHWAFWC has had a great year, with regular training and matches throughout Michaelmas and Hilary, as well as a much-anticipated sports tour to Cambridge to end the season. The team kicked off the year with exceptional enthusiasm and brand-new kit, but with limited sporting success, losing their first match 10–1. Unfazed, and aided by excellent coaching from members of SEHAFC, the girls showed remarkable and consistent improvement, winning several games by the end of Michaelmas. Hilary term saw more of the same energy, along with many social activities off the pitch to help foster that famous Teddy Hall team spirit. The tour to Cambridge saw girls from both the football and netball teams heading off to play against our sister college and Cambridge Cuppers-winners, Fitzwilliam College. Although they were defeated, the team put in a strong performance and represented the Hall admirably. Women's Football has certainly picked up in the last year and created momentum for the club's promising new captains, **Josephine Levy** and **Ambre Bertrand**, to take the team to new heights.

Harjas Dhillon (2016, History)

Badminton

Captain: Harry Coday

Teddy Hall's Badminton club has gone from strength to strength. We started the year by securing a regular club training session, joining Magdalen College's club each week at Magdalen College School. These regular sessions have provided a

great chance for anyone at College and players of any level to play games with friends or practise for regular League matches. We had great success in these League matches, winning or drawing the majority of games and getting new players involved every time. Our Men's Cuppers campaign launched in the second half of Hilary term 2018. Unfortunately, due to a reshuffle in the fixtures schedule, we were required to start in the top 32 rather than the top 16 where we were originally placed. We began extremely well, winning all games in our first match against Hertford. Our second game saw competition from a very strong LMH team, and we sadly missed out on progression to the quarter finals by just two closely contested games. A huge thanks to the mixed team of both JCR and MCR players who represented the Hall.

Harry Coday (2016, Fine Art)

Basketball

Captain: Samuel Scott

The 2017–2018 season was the most successful in recent memory for Teddy Hall Basketball, culminating in Cuppers glory despite a slow start in the preceding League season.

With early-morning court times and a seemingly small base of recruits, the club sputtered through the early stages of the college basketball season, as is often the case.



Reaching high: the Basketball team (in coloured bibs) winning the Cuppers final. Photo courtesy of Jiachen Liang (2017, MSc in Oncology).

Despite 7:30am games of three on three often being the only competitive basketball on offer, promise was seeded early on thanks to the commitment of a small core.

Come Cuppers in Trinity term 2018, things would take a drastic turn after a hard recruitment drive in the MCR and the re-incorporation of some key JCR players. Headlined by Blue **Alejandro Prescott-Cornejo** and talented Americans **Andrew Older** and **Logan Dandridge**, a Teddy Hall side was assembled that stood above all other competition in the field. A dominant quarter-final win over Queen's was followed by an extremely tight affair against a stout Trinity/Wadham side in which the Hall came out on top by one point. A final against St Anthony's/Green Templeton proved easier work: the depth and quality of the Hall team led to an impressive 74–49 win. This Cuppers victory was particularly notable in that many combined college sides featured in the tournament.

Sam Scott (2015, Medicine)

Cricket

1st XI Captain: *Jeremy Steed*

2nd XI Captain: *Alex Swallow*

The 2018 season showed the great resurgence that Teddy cricket has experienced over the last few years. Despite rain interfering, five 2nd XI League matches, four 1st XI League matches, and six Cuppers games were played.

In its second season the 2nd XI has shown the great depth of ability in the Hall by going unbeaten in the League, with a last-ball chase against a good Wolfson/St Cross side being a highlight. The team was entered in the main Cuppers competition but unfortunately went out in the first round against Trinity/Somerville after having a very respectable score of 114.

The 1st XI fared well in the League finishing mid table after a term of rain and poor availability from both us and opposition. An end of season game chasing down Christ Church's 173 in 19 overs was a great highlight to finish the League on. The great success of the season was the Cuppers campaign. Easily seeing off Exeter (MOM: **Sam Henson**) and Balliol (MOM: **Fergus Neve**) in the first rounds set the stage for some tense later games. The first great challenge was a postgrad-packed St John's team, defending our 117 with help from some very tidy bowling (MOM: **Ben Jenkins**). The semi-final against Worcester was a tense, perhaps slightly hungover affair, but again we defended our total and bowled them all out with 20 runs to spare (MOM: **Jack Rogers**). This led us to the Parks. Bowling first we came out prepared, sporting our maroon and gold T20 kit. Jesus scored 122 all out off 20 overs. After 20 overs we finished on 122 for 9 off 20 overs. This was a historic tie. A super over followed, unfortunately our wickets fell (MOM: **Jack Rogers**). This season was a great triumph for cricket at the Hall: it has showed Teddy is one of the great contenders in cricket and it is heartening to see the progress the club has shown in the last few years. We look forward to next season.

Jeremy Steed (2016, Materials Science)

Men's and Mixed Hockey

Captains: *Bradley Young, Jeremy Steed, James Holder*

The Hockey Club had a friendly and enjoyable year — whilst coming agonisingly close to Cuppers success. The Men's team, supported by some of our Women, lost on penalty strokes after full time as Balliol knocked us out in the latter stages of Cuppers. Hope was high for our strong mixed team and the early matches showed promising signs, with big winning scores posted and strong performances in closer matches. Some excellent team goals were scored, with patterns of play that any University team would be proud of. The mixed team were denied their chance in the Cuppers final, however, in a closely-fought loss to St Peter's.

Whilst University fixtures disrupted team availability throughout the year, this gave the chance for the commitment and skills of others to shine through. It also meant that many Hall students deserve congratulations for their successes in University Hockey, with representatives playing in Varsity matches for Blues, 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams across both the Men and Women. A number of players were competing for the local Oxford Hawks club throughout the year.

The Club would like to thank captains **Bradley Young**, **Jeremy Steed** and **James Holder** for the work they put in this year and would like to welcome **Ross Perry** for next year.

Brad Young (2016, Materials Science)

Women's Hockey

Captain: *Rebecca Jurdon*

Vice-Captain: *Kate Fodder*

There was a huge amount to celebrate in the 2017–2018 Women's Hockey season for the Teddy Hall team. Team captain and vice-captain **Rebecca Jurdon** and **Kate Fodder** encouraged the team to separate from their partnership with Keble and enter both the League and Cuppers tournaments as an independent Teddy Hall team. A plan for success was hatched with a focus on finding players from within Teddy Hall's own JCR and MCR, and using the League matches in Michaelmas term 2017 to bring our fledgling team together. This new-found Hall spirit saw the team play with incredible confidence and self-belief. For the first time in the team's recent history we were able to put out a full team for every match and reached the Cuppers semi-final: here we unfortunately lost to a Keble/Brasenose team who later went on to win the tournament. With plenty of new talent entering both the JCR and MCR as well as three members representing Oxford University in Varsity matches, we are confident that next season's team will be able to take us all the way to the Cuppers final and win.

Rebecca Jurdon (2016, Medicine)

Netball

Captain: Tanisha Koshy

Teddy Hall Netball Club (THNC) had their most successful year yet — from firmly cementing themselves as the most popular girls' sports club at the Hall to travelling to Cambridge for the first-ever girls' sports tour! Teddy Hall Netball 1st and 2nd teams were very successful in their respective Divisions 2 and 5, with the 2nd team being promoted to Division 4 by the end of the year as a result of an undefeated season. The girls had a similar stint at Netball Cuppers, where we got a solid 5th place overall, and the boys lent a helping hand in Mixed Cuppers to clinch 4th place. THNC also has swanky new netball kit consisting of maroon and gold netball dresses and base layers, thanks to generous funding from the Sports Fund, as well as personalised stash in the form of jumpers and athletic leisure wear!

The real highlight of the season was the joint netball and football tour to Cambridge late in Hilary term 2018. Around 25 Teddy Hall girls travelled to Cambridge early in the morning to face our sister college, Fitzwilliam, in a sports day consisting of several football and netball games and culminating in a celebratory dinner and drinks session. We hope to continue this newfound tradition next year.

Tanisha Koshy (2016, Jurisprudence)

Pool

Captain: Thomas Morgan

The year 2018 was wonderfully fruitful for the Teddy Hall Pool Team Firsts. Stalwarts of the club who have proudly performed week in, week out in previous years for the sheer love of the sport finally got their recompense, triumphing as champions of the top Division against stiff competition.

Our team was composed mainly of scientists and mathematicians — by nature renowned for precision and dedication. All in all, we were aided by the expertise and insider knowledge of **Peter Hill**, maverick mathematician by day and a pool-ball-potting sensation by night; the somewhat ethereal presence of **Rory Boath** and **Daniel Hart**, which added an unpredictable element to our side that teams could not plan for, often leaving opponents head-scratching in defeat; troublesome Biochemists **Conor Lyster** and (this author) **Tom Morgan**; and finally, the ace up our sleeve, Fresher chemist **Sam Digby**.

Astonishingly, the League was fiercely contested right up until the final fixture against University College — famed for their ability to drag almost any evening fixture out into what seems like a five-day test series. We needed three frames from nine to win the League, yet we were losing 6–1. Up stepped Peter Hill to display a tactical masterclass, winning his frame with ease. One frame required for victory, and up stepped Conor Lyster, attempting once more to re-live (or even better) the glory of 2017's Football Cuppers win. The room fell silent as Conor

slid the black into the far-right pocket — his self-proclaimed favourite which has never let him down. Hurrah! However, the celebrations were put on hold as we realised we needed to hear the outcome of the St Catz fixture. Through the wonders of technology, the information came through that Catz were already 2–1 down, which meant we had finally achieved everything we came to Oxford to achieve. We were League champions.

Tom Morgan (2014, Biochemistry)

Rowing

President of SEHBC: Edward Baker

Men's Captain: Douglas Chesterton

Women's Captain: Madeleine Morrison

Treasurer: Benjamin Evans

Secretary: Dhaval Desai

This year has seen a huge change in the quality of Men's rowing at SEH. We have had the fastest M1 the club has seen in many years. This has been brought on by an incredible work ethic and some great talent in the M2 and M3, pushing up the standard of all of the crews. We have won at City of Oxford Royal Regatta, raced in all five of the IWL races, placed 13th in Intermediate University VILs at BUCS Regatta, finished as the 2nd Oxford College at Men's Head of the River and at time of writing we are making plans to enter a crew for Henley Royal Regatta. We did not lose one single head-to-head race this year, taking on the likes of Balliol, St. Catherine's, University and St. John's. The Torpids campaign was bittersweet, with all Men's crews bumping in every single race, but two of the days being cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. The main highlight was the M1 going +3 in two days and securing their place in Division 1 for the first time since 1997. Summer VILs saw some very controversial decisions made, with the M1 being denied their Wednesday bump due to an accidental concession from one of the coxes. Although there were no blades on the Men's side, all Men's crews went up (M3 +3, M2 +1, M1 +2), proving the strength and depth of our squad and the success of our system.

We also had three men compete for the University: **Iain Mandale** at no. 7 in the Oxford 1st VIII, **Dhaval Desai** coxing the Lightweight 1st VIII, and **George Spill** at stroke in the Lightweight 2nd 4+. With about 20 of this year's rowers returning next year, keep an eye on the Teddy Hall Men as we continue to climb.

Doug Chesterton (2015, Engineering Science)

A ceremony was held on Sunday 19 November 2017 to name a new boat in honour of Matt Greenwood, the Engineering student and SEHBC member, who had sadly lost his battle with cancer the previous year. Around 30 people attended the ceremony at the Boat House, including Matt's parents Michaela and Peter Greenwood. The coxed four boat was generously provided through fundraising by the Friends of the Boat Club.

Men's Rugby

Captain: Thomas Lawrence

Vice-Captain: Daniel Barley

Social Secretary: Toby Bunn

Treasurer: Henry Rees

The 2017–2018 season was undoubtedly a successful one for SEHRFC. Most notably, we beat St Peter's 20–17 to become the 2018 Cuppers Champions.

In Michaelmas term 2017 we showed encouraging signs with some well-ground-out wins. However, with 16 guys playing in one of OURFC's four Varsity Matches, the team was severely weakened at times. This all changed come Hilary term and the return of our strongest university-level players. After the start of 2018 the club played eight games — winning all eight.

Of note was the Cuppers Final. This was a closely-fought encounter with a strong St Peter's side. With five Blues on the pitch and most players having played in one of OURFC's teams there was a lot of quality on show. Both we and St Peter's had cruised into the final with none of the other teams offering much of a threat. St Peter's were winning 17–7 with ten minutes to go. However, a converted try by openside flanker **Eddie Gillow** in the 70th minute and a penalty by fly-half **Tom Dyer** in the 79th meant that the scores were tied at full time. So the game had to go to golden point extra time. Peter's had numerous attempts at goal, but none of them successful. Into the second half of extra time, we were deep in Peter's 22 when Tom Dyer dropped into the pocket to kick the winning drop goal. This was the Hall's 33rd Cuppers win in 62 attempts.

Congratulations must also go to the club's **Lisi Fifita** and **Dan Barley** for receiving Blues for playing in the 2017–2018 Varsity Match.

Tom Lawrence (2016, Economics & Management)



The Cuppers-winning squad. Photo by Helena Greening (2017, Fine Art)

Women's Rugby

Captain: Joanna Male

Women's Rugby at Teddy Hall this year has been a success. With the sport growing globally it was good to see it grow within the College as well. For the first time Women's Rugby held its own stand at the Freshers' Fair, encouraging players new to the sport to have a go. The players from Teddy Hall joined forces with Pembroke and Mansfield players for Cuppers, making it all the way to the final. This year was the first-ever Women's Cuppers final with a full 15 on each side. Excitingly we came away with the trophy... adding to the glory of Teddy Hall's rugby season this year.

At the 2017 Varsity Match, at Twickenham, Teddy Hall had three women in the squad. The team was captained by fourth-year Engineering student **Sophie Behan**, with **Laura Simpson**, first-year Medicine, making the starting line-up. Second-year Earth Scientist, **Joanna Male**, also made her debut on the pitch and was Pack leader for the 2nd Team's Varsity Match held at Iffley Stadium. We all cannot wait to see where Women's Rugby at the College is headed, with some exciting players coming through and more women finding love for the sport here.

Joanna Male (2016, Earth Sciences)

Hilarians Rugby

Captain: Alexander Swallow

The Hilarians' season was as short and sweet as ever. A team that lives for knockout Rugby, we only entered Cuppers. In a huge clash against our great rivals in the first round of the competition, we narrowly lost to Keble's 1st team 61–0. It was a big improvement on last year's first-round 126–0 defeat to New College.

This year's defeat put us into the bowl, where bright and early on a Sunday morning the Hilarians beat Oriel's 1st team 22–21. Sadly, owing to a lack of front-row players we were unable to contest the scrum and Oriel were awarded 10 penalty points, putting them through to the next round. It was a gritty, hard-fought and passionate game, giving Oriel a true sense of Hall spirit.

Watch out for more flair, grit and excitement next year!

Alex Swallow (2016, Engineering Science)

Tennis

Captains: Christopher Johnson & Alexander Swallow

It has been another stellar year for Teddy Hall's Lawn Tennis Club, which saw us reach a second consecutive Cuppers final and play competitively in division 1 of the League, a height for the Club.

The season began with successive losses to St John's and Balliol. However, things picked up in Cuppers, where we dispatched St Hugh's 6–3 after captains **Chris Johnson** and **Alex Swallow** came back from 5–3 down to win their crucial rubber 7–5, taking the tie to 4–2 after six sets had been played. We advanced through

Cuppers by beating last year's semi-finalists Merton by 7–2, with star performances coming from **Domagoj Fijan** in his last year with the Club and **Benedict Macleod** pairing well with **Ollie Jones** (a Fresher). In the League we continued to struggle, losing to Wadham in a whitewash and capping our season with a loss to Univ, with a discovery of **Jack Fagin's** tennis talent coming only too late. The height of the season was our quarter-final on grass against Mansfield, who proved too strong for the boys in maroon, brushing us aside 7–2.

A huge thanks goes out to all who have played this year and last, as well as to the players who are leaving us: **Ilona Mostipan Kaniewska**, **Domagoj Fijan** and **Edmund Richards** are three huge characters the Club will miss but hopes to see on the court again someday. Alex Swallow and Chris Johnson are stepping down after two years at the Club's helm, with Ollie Jones elected to head up the tennis co-ordination next year as the new SEHLTC captain.

Chris Johnson (2016, PPE)

The Hall's other sports clubs in 2017–2018 included: Athletics, Cross-Country, Darts, Golf, Mixed Lacrosse, Netball, Rounders and Squash.

CULTURAL, SOCIAL & VOLUNTEERING

Chapel Choir

In September 2017, the Choir went on what proved to be a well-received and enjoyable three-day tour to the city of Wells, Somerset. This included singing Evensong in Wells Cathedral and performing a varied programme of music in St Mary's Church, Croscombe, before finishing with a visit to Downside Abbey to take part in a Sunday Mass service. Particular thanks go to Josceline Dunne for helping to organise the tour, to Chris Bucknall for leading and directing it, and to St Edmund Fellow Michael Cansdale for hosting a reception for the Choir at Wells Cathedral.

Senior Organ Scholar, Viraj Alimchandani

The year 2017–2018 saw the Chapel Choir grow in number and quality, continuing the hard work of our still fairly new Director of Music, **Chris Bucknall**. In Michaelmas term, there were the familiar events of the St Edmund Feast, the Advent Carol Service, and Carols in the Quad, but also a Compline (night prayer) service sung by the Choral Scholars. It was a resounding success, with the chapel full of members from all the common rooms and many visitors.

During Hilary term 2018 more special events were held, including the Intercollegiate Evensong at the University Church; the joint service with the Hall's sister college, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge; and the joint Ash Wednesday service with University College. The term ended with an exploration of Lenten music through Buxtehude's extraordinary cycle of cantatas: *Membra Jesu Nostri*. The Choir was joined by members of the world-class period instrument ensemble Instruments of Time & Truth for a powerful performance of the first three cantatas in the cycle.

At the beginning of Trinity term a reunion dinner took place in the Old Dining

Hall and it was a great chance for current Choir members and alumni to meet and see how things have changed over the years. Many thanks go to **James King** for organising this; we hope to hold another one next year. Special thanks go to our departing Choral Scholars, **Lisa Haseldine** and **Amelia Gabaldoni**, for their commitment to the Choir throughout their time at the Hall.

In the summer of 2018 the Choir will return to Pontigny Abbey, where St Edmund is buried, and will sing some short concerts in Paris.

Viraj Alimchandani (2015, Physics)

Christian Union

Co-Presidents: Joanna Male & Hudson Hovil

The community in the Christian Union this year has felt stronger than ever as we have unpacked series such as the shortest books in the Bible and *Colossians* together. We have run text-a-toasties each term to try and answer any questions our fellow students around College may have about Christianity. The Inter-Collegiate CU ran its main event, Human, in Hilary term 2018, which was well attended by members of the Teddy Hall's CU and other students alike. In Trinity the roles of leading the CU were handed over to **Emily Lobb**, first-year English and **Emily Kilgour**, first-year Physics. They have already hit the ground running; organising text-a-toasties and providing cake and tea for Finalists. It looks to be an exciting year ahead for the CU.

Joanna Male (2016, Earth Sciences)

Drama

The Drama scene at Oxford is notoriously competitive, and can often seem impenetrable, but the Hall has been particularly active in all fields this year: directing, producing, and acting. Michaelmas term 2017 began with a creative bang: the Freshers produced a biting satire, *Oswald French*, for their Drama Cuppers. The play was headed by English student **Hughie Shepherd-Cross**, and starred **Gabriella Barnes** who is also a member of the Oxford Imps. St Edmund Hall made it into the final round but unfortunately was robbed of the victory. Second-year students **Alex Matraxia** and **Lottie Candy** also directed and produced *God of Carnage* in Seventh Week of Michaelmas, a play which scathingly critiques the veneer of politeness and civility; the production sold out each night at the Burton Taylor Studio. **Lottie Candy** deserves particular praise for having designed the surreal but eerily beautiful minimalist stage-set. Second-year student **Ella Kahn** also helped the production by assisting with marketing; Ella has also established herself as a thesp-in-demand within the Oxford drama scene, having starred in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Yellow* in Michaelmas, *13* in Hilary, and *Nell Gwynn* in Trinity. We may be typically stereotyped as the 'sport' College, but this year's student Drama has proven that the Hall is creatively charged, and has a lot more to offer.

Alex Matraxia (2016, English)

Other activities in 2017–2018 included charity fundraising by the Venus Committee.



SECTION 3

THE YEAR GONE BY

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR ANN TAYLOR, EMERITUS FELLOW

Following her death in February 2017 (reported in last year's *Magazine*), a memorial service was held for Dr Ann Taylor at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin on 19 October 2017. This service was conducted by the Hall's Chaplain, **the Revd Will Donaldson**, and **the Revd James Crockford**, Assistant Priest at the University Church. The Teddy Hall Choir also contributed; and the Bible readings were given by two of Ann's grandchildren. It was an affectionate, no-nonsense commemoration of the life of this remarkable woman: very much in keeping with her own character.

In the tributes paid by family members, Ann's son, **Daniel Taylor**, recalled the strength with which she had supported her children after their move to the USA for her husband's job. In addition to the difficult challenge of establishing her own research career in what was then the very much male-dominated scientific world of the 1960s and 1970s, Ann had to overcome divorce and the devastating death of her son Matthew in a motorcycle accident. Her daughter, **Dr Kate Cobbold** particularly recalled how caring and supportive Ann had been as a mother: but how she was also something of a risk-taker at times — as in turning down the offer of a post in Cambridge as the gateway to a return to the UK, gambling that Oxford would offer her a lectureship in Physiology coupled with a fellowship at the Hall.

In his address, **the Principal** stressed Ann's research eminence (her Oxford application in 1980 was accompanied by very strong references) and how during her career at the Hall she developed admirable skills in teaching, welfare, and pastoral support — not least for the women students whose numbers were gradually increasing here. But her interest was no means exclusively in women students, as demonstrated by her involvement with the Boat Club as a whole. A pupil of Ann's, **Dr Sundeep Dhillon** MBE (1988, Medicine: now an Honorary Fellow of the Hall), spoke warmly to the congregation about his experience of the close academic and pastoral care that Ann provided as a tutor (well beyond any notions of contracted contact hours), and her continuing interest in students' careers after graduation. Sundeep said that the unusual number of Medics opting to stay on at the Hall for the clinical part of their course was a tribute to the regard in which Ann was held. Her friend and colleague **Dr Gordon Ganz**, representative of the College Doctors association, also recalled the great patience and skill which Ann had displayed within the wider University in persuading Oxford to commit resources to the establishment of the Student Counselling Service (which over the years has developed as a model of its kind among UK universities).

After the service, family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and pupils reconvened in the Wolfson Hall to have tea and share further memories of Ann Taylor.

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The Hall is establishing a bursary in Dr Taylor's memory, supported by her family and other donors. It hopes to make the first award, for a female student in financial need, in Trinity term 2019.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Many admirable achievements of SCR members, current students and worldwide alumni during 2017–2018 are reported in sections 2, 4 and 8 of this *Magazine*. Here, special mention is made of some of these awards and prizes, and of other successes deserving to be placed on record.

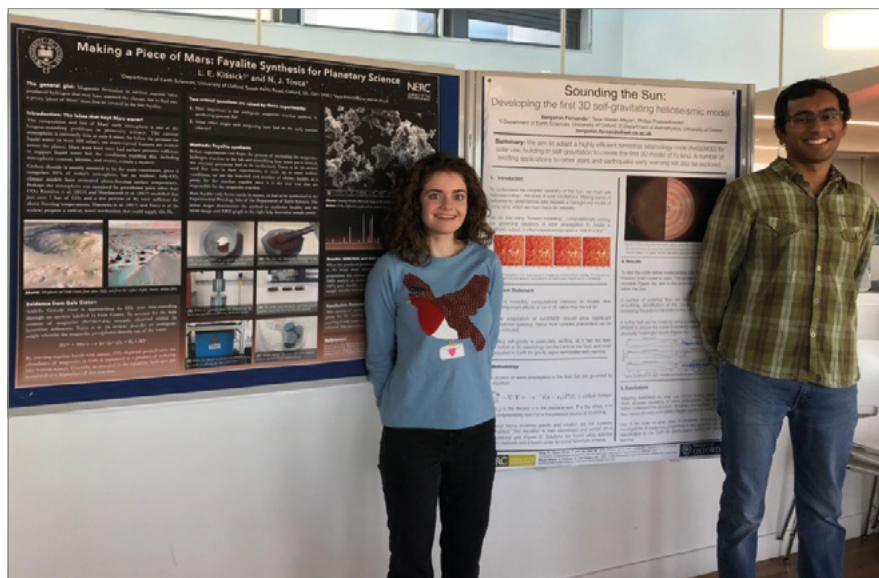
Within the SCR, particular congratulations are offered to **Professor David Dupret, Fellow by Special Election in Neuroscience**, for being awarded the biennial Boehringer-Ingelheim Federation of European Neurosciences Societies Award this year. This recognises David's outstanding and innovative research on the dynamics of neuronal assemblies during memory processes and follows the University's decision to award him the title of Associate Professor in a Recognition of Distinction Exercise. Elsewhere on the international scene, **Dr Hugh Jenkyns, Emeritus Fellow**, former Oxburgh Fellow & Tutor in Geology (pictured), had the distinction of being elected to membership of a second Italian scientific body — this time the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, founded in 1603 and based in Rome. There Hugh joins a membership which once included Galileo Galilei.



Nor have non-resident members of the Hall lacked recognition for achievements in numerous professional spheres. News has come, for example, of **Dr Bernard Bewley** (1980, Metallurgy & Materials Science) receiving the prestigious 2018 Coolidge Fellowship Award from General Electric for his technical leadership, research contributions and mentorship of others during his career with the company: just 70 such awards have been made in GEC's 125-year history. **Philip Clifford** (1986, Jurisprudence) was one of the five solicitors distinguished by appointment as a Queen's Counsel this year. Helping to save the planet, **Professor Andy Chadwick** (1974, Geology) was appointed MBE for services to the science of carbon capture and sequestration. Helping to save the nation, **Mark Sedwill** (1987, MPhil in Economics) was knighted and **Susanna Berry** (1982, Modern Languages) was awarded an OBE, both for services to national security. In the area of energy technology, **Professor Deborah Greaves** (1992, Engineering Science) received an OBE for her services to marine renewable energy (together with equalities and higher education — Deborah was an MCR Women's Adviser during her time at the Hall); while **Daniel McCullum** (1987, History), a champion of clean energy, was awarded an MBE for services to community energy in Wales.

The *academic achievements* of undergraduate and postgraduate students were recognised by several prestigious awards. These included a trio of prizes for the Hall's Fine Art students. **Luke Dawes** (2015) received the 2018 Platform Prize from Modern Arts Oxford in collaboration with the Visual Arts Network: this allowed him to stage a two-week solo exhibition in Modern Art Oxford's Project Space during October 2018, helping the transition from art school and life as a professional artist. **Alistair Debling** (2017, MFA) was awarded a Red Mansion Prize, providing him with flights, accommodation and living expenses for a one-month trip to Beijing, China at the end of 2018: Alistair's work takes the form of large-scale video installation and he is particularly interested in society's mediated relationship to violence. **Jessica Heywood** (2015), who previously received the John Farthing Prize for outstanding work in Human Anatomy, won this year's Vivien Leigh Prize awarded by the Ashmolean Museum for an outstanding work of two-dimensional art on paper by an undergraduate member of the University. She was awarded the Prize for her degree show piece called 'Oh My God! The Future!'. Another of Jessica's works, 'If Only Mummy Wasn't Insane #1', will be exhibited at the Ashmolean.

In December 2017, postgraduate students **Lucy Kissick** (2016, DPhil in Environmental Research) and **Ben Fernando** (2016, DPhil in Environmental Research) won Elsevier travel grants of £1,000 at the student conference on Environmental Research run by the Oxford Natural Environment Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership. In March 2018 it was announced that **Dom Lukauskis** (2015, Biochemistry) had been elected as one of this year's cohort



Lucy Kissick and Ben Fernando at the Elsevier presentations (photo courtesy of Lucy and Ben)

of 25 Laidlaw Scholars. This scholarship programme was established in 2016 by the University of Oxford to equip undergraduate students with research and leadership skills to help them pursue academic and professional aspirations beyond their current course of study. Dom planned to use his award for travel to Germany at the end of June 2018 to pursue a research project looking at computer simulations of proteins. In May 2018 **Loyal Liverpool** (2015, DPhil in Infection, Immunology & Translation Medicine) was awarded a British Science Association Media Fellowship, funded by the Society for Applied Microbiology. Loyal's research investigates how invading viruses are affected by the body's immune system; but alongside her doctoral studies, she is already a passionate science communicator and is frequently involved in public engagement activities. The BSA Media Fellowship will enable Loyal to spend a few weeks working at a well-known media outlet during the summer of 2018 being mentored by professional journalists, following which she planned to attend the British Science Festival in September to gain experience of working in the Press Centre alongside a range of UK media organisations.

This year the University's Department of Engineering Science established the *Matthew Greenwood Outreach Award* named in honour of the Hall's former Engineering Science undergraduate (see last year's *Magazine*). Matt was a highly committed, successful Oxford Engineering Ambassador and the new award is given to an undergraduate who reflects his qualities. The first recipient was one of Matt's contemporaries, Maruthi Malladi of University College. Meanwhile the second *Rebecca West Prize for Writing* went to Sophie Hardcastle, a visiting Provosts Scholar at Worcester College, for her essay 'Where the voices aren't: moral accountability at the end of the earth'. The runner-up was Amy Holguin of Hertford College. The Prize, which is open to all students at the University, is administered by the Hall: an awards ceremony was held here on 1 June 2018.

For this year's *sports achievements*, warm congratulations go to these students who were recognised for their participation at University level:

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| Samuel Acreman (2015, MSc in Surgical Sciences) Judo <i>Half Blue</i> | Rory Edwards (2017, Physics) Gymnastics 2 nd <i>Team Colours</i> |
| Dan Barley (2016, Engineering Science) Rugby <i>Full Blue</i> | Elizabeth Evans (2017, Chemistry) Lacrosse <i>Full Blue</i> |
| Sophie Behan (2014, Engineering Science) Rugby <i>Half Blue</i> | Lisiate Fifita (2017, MBA) Rugby <i>Full Blue</i> |
| Ambre Bertrand (2017, Engineering Science) Karate <i>Full Blue</i> | Kate Foye (2016, Jurisprudence) Rifle <i>Half Blue</i> |
| Hoi-Yi Cheung (2017, MSc in Pharmacology) Table Tennis <i>Half Blue</i> | Ioana-Florentina Grigoras (2017, MSc in Neuroscience) Pistol <i>Half Blue</i> |
| Dhaval Desai (2015, Mathematics) Lightweight Rowing <i>Full Blue</i> | Ravi Hayer (2014, Physics) Boxing <i>Full Blue</i> |
| Tim Donnison (2014, DPhil in Clinical Medicine) Ice Hockey <i>Half Blue</i> | Grace Jalleh-Sharples (2015, Jurisprudence) Ice Hockey 1 st <i>Team Colours</i> |
| | Jenny Jones (2015, DPhil in History) Golf 1 st <i>Team Colours</i> |

Alexandra Lindsay-Perez (2013, Medicine)
Korfball *Half Blue*

Jo Male (2016, Earth Sciences)
Rugby *Team Colours*

Emma Moreby (2016, Chemistry)
Karate *Half Blue*

Jack Mustafa (2015, Earth Sciences)
Gymnastics *1st Team Colours*

Abraham Chi Shun Ng (2016, DPhil in Mathematics)
Table Tennis *Half Blue*

Alexandre Prescott-Cornejo (2017, MSc in Biodiversity)
Basketball *Full Blue*

Rebecca Ramjiawan (2011, DPhil in Particle Physics)
Kickboxing *Half Blue*

Emma Rosier (2016, Earth Sciences)
Hockey *Full Blue*

A *Richard Luddington Prize for Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement* was awarded to **Sophie Spink** (2015, Psychology, Philosophy & Linguistics) for having obtained a First in her final examination this year and, in 2017, a Blue in Hockey.

And sports prowess does not come to an end when students leave the Hall. **Richard White** (1965, Jurisprudence) reports that 50 years after first playing Real Tennis in Paris, in June 2018 he represented GB Masters in the Over 70s Single at another competition there. Last autumn, **Jessica Bruce (née Leitch)** (2002, Engineering Science) broke her second official world record — for running a marathon while pushing her children in a double buggy.

Following auditions held with the Director of Music and Professor Henrike Lähnemann, the Hall's *Instrumental Awards* for this year were made to six undergraduates at the end of Michaelmas term 2017:

Will Austin (2014, English) *Piano & clarinet*
Lavanya Ganatra (2017, Law) *Violin & piano*
Clemens Teupe (2016, PPL) *Mandolin & guitar*

Simon Upton (2017, PPE) *Flute*

Toby Whitehead 2017, Biochemistry)
Clarinet

Bradley Young (2016, Materials Science)
French Horn

Laura Simpson (2017, Medicine)
Rugby *Team Colours*

Hector van Smirren (2015, Engineering Science)
Powerlifting *Half Blue*

Elizabeth Wallis (2014, Biochemistry)
Yachting *Half Blue*

Alice Watson (2017, MSc in Migration Studies)
Golf *Full Blue*

Nadine White (2014, Physics) Ultimate Frisbee *1st Team Colours*

Ailsa Williams (2017, Biomedical Sciences)
Ice Hockey *Half Blue*

Yasemin Zurke (2017, MSc in Pharmacology)
Hockey *Full Blue*



This year's Instrumental Award recipients with Director of Music Christopher Bucknell

Tuesday of Third Week of Hilary term, 1 February 2018, saw members of the JCR and MCR showing off their skills, musical and other, in this year's *Teddy Hall's Got Talent* competition in the Wolfson Hall. The eventual winners were judged to be **Cas Widdershoven** (2017, DPhil in Computer Science) who performed an ambitious piano piece, and **Robin De Meyere** (2017, DPhil in Materials) who broke

new ground with a remarkable pole dance. The sports competition was won by the Men's Football Team.

An *Achievements Formal Hall* was held on the last Friday of Trinity term, 15 June 2018, to recognise students' success across the spectrum of sports and other extra-curricular activities.

This year's *Simonian Prizes for Excellence in Leadership* went to **Tim Donnison** (2014, DPhil in Clinical Medicine) and former JCR Presidents **Tom Dyer** (2014, Biochemistry) and **Amelia Gabaldoni** (2015, English). Their names will be added to the honours board which has been affixed to the SCR building, opposite the Wolfson Hall.



MASTERCLASS FUND AWARDS

The aim of these awards of up to £1,000 is to facilitate further development and achievement, whether for individuals or College clubs. This year over £19,200 was awarded to the following 22 students to help them to pursue advanced training in the extra-curricular activities — creative or sporting — in which they excelled.

Bradley Young Music (French Horn)

Rachel Davies Marathon Running

Robin De Meyere Pole Sports

Dhaval Desai Lightweight Rowing (Coxing)

Leslie Dickson-Tetteh Music (Guitar and Vocals)

Faidra Faitaki Drama

Nikolaos Farmakidis Athletics

Lisiate Fifita Rugby

Lavanya Ganatra Music (Piano and Violin)

Alexander Gebhard Voice (Classical)

Sophie Greenfield Art

Daniel Hart Scuba Diving

Desola Kazeem Art

Leo Lerner Music (French Horn)

Archibald McNeillis Pole Vault

Scott Menzies Dancesport

Shayon Mukherjee Music (Piano)

Esme Sanders Drama

George Spill Rowing

James Tibbles Drama & Singing

Harris Vince Mountaineering

Christina Ziyen Zou Music

The Hall remains extremely grateful for the sponsorship which supports this successful Masterclass Fund Awards scheme.

ARTWEEKS EXHIBITION 2018

During May 2018, Oxfordshire Artweeks once again saw the staging of a series of exhibitions throughout the county to display a huge array of artistic talent. The Hall played its part, with an exhibition in the Pontigny Room from 14 to 19 May.

Current students, other Aularians, spouses and relatives, college staff, put on show an exceptional collection of art-work in forms ranging from photographs, paintings and drawings to textiles and silver-work. The title of the ink-on-paper piece by Aularian relative Vera Palmer, 'Flow of the Imagination', ably encapsulated the overall impression given to visitors.

Thanks go to **Emily Ding** and the staff of the Development & Alumni Relations Office for organising this year's exhibition, to **Professor Jonathan Yates** (Pictures & Chattels Fellow) for curating the works, and to all the volunteers who helped with setting up the room and welcoming visitors.

HALL PHOTOGRAPHY 2018

This year there were no separate categories for the Hall Photography competition: entrants were simply invited to submit photographs of their experiences of Hall life. The high quality of entries gave the judges a particularly difficult task. On 25 May 2018 the panel, comprising **Claire Hooper** (Communications Manager), **David Waring** (President of the SEHA), **Henrike Lähnemann** (Professorial Fellow) and **Kate Townsend** (Alumni Relations Manager) announced the following winners:

- 1st **Zhenbo Gao** (2014, DPhil in Organic Chemistry), for 'Teddy in the Sun'
2nd **Alistair Reed** (2010, Medicine), for 'Queen's Lane and St Peter-in-the-East'
3rd **Lewis Webb** (2016, Experimental Psychology), for 'Untitled'

Best Selfie **Annabel Elleray** (2017, Earth Sciences), for 'Teddy Hall's Secret Garden'



Zhenbo Gao's winning photograph

WRITERS AND WRITING AT THE HALL

Professor Erica McAlpine, A C Cooper Fellow & Tutor in English Language and Literature, writes:

It has been a terrific year for Hall writers — both within the current student body and among alumni and Fellows. The Hall Writers' Forum continued on its new server under the trusty stewardship of Emeritus Professor Lucy Newlyn, and the Facebook group 'Friends of the Hall Writers' Forum' picked up new members, too. (There was a particularly successful auction to raise funds, ensuring the HWF's future!) Teddy Hall's popular Wednesday Workshop — for students to share and comment on each others' creative writing — continued to flourish in its new setting in the college bar and was organised by third-year student **Alex Bridge** and second-year student **Alex Matraxia**. And *A Gallery*, Teddy Hall's own literary and fine arts journal, produced entirely by students, arrived in early June 2018 with the theme *Bounds*. Its publication was marked by another successful launch party in Trinity term.

This year also marked the inception of a poetry reading series called 'Meet the Poet'. Each term, a visiting poet comes to the Hall to give a reading and Q&A session to members of the audience (primarily Teddy Hall students, Fellows, and alumni). In Michaelmas term we were treated to poems by the formidable but happily accessible Scottish poet Kathleen Jamie. Another Scot, Robin Robertson, visited in Hilary term and gave a beautiful reading in the atmospheric Old Dining Hall from his new book *The Long Take*. He read to a full house despite there being a blizzard going on outside! And finally, on a lovely summer's afternoon in Trinity, the American poet and scholar Maureen McLane enchanted listeners with funny and heartfelt poems about love, life, and the Lake District. 2017–2018 was another banner year for writers and writing at the Hall.

The Hall Writers' Directory, which was set up by former English tutor, now Emeritus Fellow, Professor Lucy Newlyn, can be found at www.seh.ox.ac.uk/people/writers and features profiles of Aularians who are writers of various kinds — including poets, academics and journalists. Please contact webmaster@seh.ox.ac.uk if you would like to be added.

THE GRAHAM MIDGLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE POEM 2018

Pond, 6pm

You snatched them bitter Teich; mein Teich, you scratched
Them winglimp to your chest, then, wheedle eyed,
You licked their gammy lungs, you stroked their spines
And served them stewed: your prize, your flytime catch.
Starlings, two brown; in prodding through your reeds,

We found them tousled odd with beaks half shut,
 We found them hairballs coughed up from your gut
 Beneath the willow tree, the fishbone leaves.
 Above; the sullen tree, the shaky leaves,
 The threads, the intact web, the speechless blue,
 Our figures skinned in waves, the hanging seeds,
 A water muddled map, a fledgling moon.
 The boughs in frogspawn barked, in algae pressed,
 And look, and look down there: the upturned nest.

Katharina Dixon-Ward (2015, English)

The runners-up in this year's competition were **Alexander Bridge** (2015, English) and **William Davidson** (2015, English).

THE EMDEN LECTURE 2017

This year's Emden Lecture was delivered in the Doctorow Hall on 24 November 2017 by **Professor Frank Trentmann** (Department of History, Classics and Archaeology at Birkbeck, University of London). Professor Trentmann's work has focused on consumption, civil society, political culture and political economy. In an admirably lucid lecture well suited to an audience that included many non-specialists, he spoke about 'Empire of Things: a New History of Humans and their Stuff'.

As he wryly observed, the lecture to consider the rise of consumerism was taking place on a date which happened to be 'Black Friday', the start of the nation's pre-Christmas shopping spree.

During his talk, Professor Trentmann encouraged people to think about why (in the West) we have so much stuff. Where does it come from? What are the dynamics making us so attached to things? Where is this empire of things going?

At one level, the history of consumption is straightforward, a journey from the fulfilment of very basic needs, to the widening of expectations about what constitute the *basic* needs providing an acceptable standard of comfort, to the development of the desire for luxury goods. By the end of the nineteenth century, Professor Trentmann pointed out, the psychologist William James was able to argue that we have a material Self made up of all our possessions — our things are what allow us to be the people we are.

But shaping this history are some very important themes. Plato taught that things are outside the human soul and, so, dangerous; and the earlier Christians considered material things to be in opposition to the spiritual. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, however, perceptions changed, both religious and secular. If God had been responsible for placing things throughout the world, the argument ran, exploration and hunting for new objects were justified. As far as manufacture was concerned, greater production and

consumption could result in increased prosperity and a higher standard of living. Growing urbanisation encouraged the desire for more and more material goods, raising the baseline of what people considered to be the essential. The rise of imperialism connected Western European societies to sources of exotic goods and helped people to see themselves in a new relation to material things (although not always remaining clear-sighted about the ways in which those things were provided: Professor Trentmann pointed out the contrast between campaigns to abolish child labour at home and indifference to the working conditions of people in the colonies).



The Principal with Professor Trentmann before the lecture

And so in the late nineteenth century The Consumer emerged, with a growing shared social identity and voice. Professor Trentmann cited J K Galbraith's 1958 book, *The Affluent Society*, which identified that the world's first affluent society, the USA, had characteristics including: a focus on the satisfaction of individual, *private* desires; a new society relying almost exclusively on the *market*, to fulfil individual needs; and a consequential growth in the influence of *advertising* to stimulate those desires and developing needs. The speaker also outlined the role of the state in consumer culture as, after the Second World War, the massive intervention of the state in social expenditure in the rich OECD countries had the effect of transferring resources in ways that provided new consumer possibilities and expectations (everyone needed kitchen appliances and a TV, and wanted central heating and a car), so accelerating the change in the standard of consumption built into Western societies and a narrowing in the gaps between social groups. But Professor Trentmann also warned about the danger of state-imposed *austerity* programmes, arguing that investment and productivity need to be kept going.

While it is possible that our demand for stuff will peak (for example, because consumers desire services and experiences instead of things, and there may be a greater focus on sharing), the evidence is that stuff is still being bought! We still live very much in a material world.

Professor Trentmann's lecture can currently be viewed on the Hall's YouTube channel.

STUDENT JOURNALISM PRIZES AND THE GEDDES MEMORIAL LECTURE 2018

THIS YEAR'S PRIZES

Continuing the support initiated in 1984 for student journalism at Oxford, this year's Geddes Trust prizes were awarded at an event held in the Hall on 6 March 2018. The presentations were made by **Laura Kuenssberg**, Political Editor of BBC News, before she delivered the Geddes Memorial Lecture for 2018 in the Examination Schools' North Writing School.

These prizes went to three very talented and deserving students. **George Gillett**, completing his final year in Medicine at Green Templeton College, won the main Geddes Prize, worth £2,500, for the most promising student journalist at the University of Oxford. The articles which he submitted to the judges were on topical health-related subjects, including a series of interviews with Syrian medical students about life during the civil war in their country. George planned to use his prize money for a project to work with the ABC News medical journalism unit in New York. **Greg Ritchie**, a second-year History and Politics undergraduate at Wadham College, received the Ronnie Payne Prize for Foreign Reporting (£2,000). His submitted articles included an investigation revealing that the Oxford Union was ignoring its own financial rules, and a data analysis piece on Oxford departments' heavy reliance on EU funding. Greg planned to travel around the south of Malawi to interview local people, specialist academics and government officials on their views on vampires, witchcraft, and what became known as the 'vampire craze' which affected the area in 2017. The Clive Taylor Prize for sports journalism (£1,000) went to **Matt Roller**, a second-year PPE student at Exeter College. Matt's special interest in writing about cricket was especially appropriate given that this sport was also the passion of Clive Taylor, the distinguished cricket correspondent in whose memory the Prize is named.

Afterwards, during the introduction to the Geddes Lecture, the Chair of the Geddes Trustees, **Peter Cardwell**, expressed appreciation both to the retiring Principal for his strong support for the Trust's activities and to **Professor John Kelly**, Emeritus Research Fellow in English at St John's College, for his sterling work over many years in helping to interview Prize applicants and advising on awards.

THE GEDDES MEMORIAL LECTURE 2018

The perennial attraction of the lectures given in memory of Aularian newspaper reporter Philip Geddes is that they offer eminent journalists — professionals who are well used to teasing out the truth from other people and picking out the salient information in the world around us — the opportunity to reflect on their own profession and career. Ms Kuenssberg followed in this tradition, taking 'The State We Are In' as the topic for her thoughtful lecture.

She shared with the audience that she rarely gave talks of this kind because she was too busy with all the ongoing political news. But having been so impressed by the story of Philip Geddes' all-too-brief career as a journalist — cut short in 1983 when he entered Harrods where an IRA bomb was planted — she was persuaded to accept the Trustees' invitation.



Laura Kuenssberg (photo courtesy of the BBC)

Ms Kuenssberg frankly acknowledged that contemporary journalism often came across as being sceptical and looking for doom-and-gloom stories. Predictions were made about the profession's demise, if journalists contented themselves with not leaving the newsroom and just following newsfeeds and social media. But she herself strongly disagreed with the view that journalism was somehow defunct: the internet had not killed it off in either broadcast or print form — but had changed it. Today there was much to be proud of, as there had been in the past; and for her part, Ms Kuenssberg refused to bemoan 'the state we are in'.

She believed that the same instinct impelling Philip Geddes to find out what was happening in Harrods remained on display: 'reporters still run to danger', whether physically or courting personal attack made on-line. They travelled to war zones and constantly faced challenges and new dangers, because to do their job well they needed to leave the office and go to find out the truth at first hand.

A benefit of technology, Ms Kuenssberg pointed out, was to bring a new, yet sometimes bewildering, instant access to information. The challenge for journalists was to be satisfied with the reliability and authority of sources: what they broadcast or published had to pass the same stringent tests as before. But this technology brought practical advantages, too. Now that everyone had a mobile phone and internet access, gone were the days of needing to carry a purse full of 10 pence pieces and noting where local phone boxes were! Broadcasts could be made from anywhere with a good phone signal; and interviews could be conducted using laptop computers. It had become easier to talk directly to people all around the world, and this made reporting more immediate and unmissable — provided, however, that the technology was not used to distort what was happening. With good access to background information, the reporter was better equipped to follow lines of enquiry and in the end establish a more dynamic relationship with the audience.

On the theme of the journalist's audience, Ms Kuenssberg observed that as communications had sped up and become more portable, an effect of the technology was to amplify the growth of any kind of message. Of course, political opinion had been able to shift in pre-internet times as well; but she believed that technology had made politics 'a lot more interesting' recently. There had been a rise

in interest in Politics reporting (which had perhaps once been regarded as boring). Ms Kuenssberg detected a number of factors behind this: a consequence of the previous decade's economic crash was that people followed politics more closely, including what was done in their name (as evidenced by greater participation in elections and referendums, increased political party membership); the tendency for politicians to address the electorate directly on social media (a practice which, however, prevented scrutiny by journalists); and 'great, fascinating stories' such as Brexit, Donald Trump, Europolitics. Her experience was that people wanted *their* views to be heard: so journalists needed to follow this up, to go out to discover what was going on — and to explain ('to get audiences as close to the truth as we possibly can'). This meant that the role of the journalist was still alive and well.

Answering questions at the end of the well-received lecture, Ms Kuenssberg spoke about aspects of her own journalistic technique, her career rise to become the BBC's first female Political Editor in what was an historically male-dominated area of the profession, and the high standards to which the public held the BBC.

GEDDES TRUST MASTERCLASS 2018

The Geddes Trust continued its series of annual masterclasses for students interested in journalism, by hosting a talk, panel discussion and networking event at the Hall on 31 January 2018.

Former winners of The Geddes Prizes now working at *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Independent*, and for *The New York Times* gave advice on the key topic of how to break down the barriers to getting into journalism. This portion of the evening was chaired by the Chair of the Geddes Trustees, Peter Cardwell, himself a former Geddes Prize winner. Participants also heard from Peter's fellow trustee, Helen Lewis, who is Deputy Editor of *The New Statesman*.

The masterclass included a workshop on 'How Not to Get Sued'. A major obstacle faced by young journalists is their lack of knowledge and experience of the law as it affects journalism. Charlotte Harris, one of the country's leading libel solicitors and a partner at Kingsley Napley, talked about dealing with sources and how to avoid being on the receiving end of litigation.

In the time-honoured tradition of journalistic events, the evening closed with free wine and nibbles. This enabled students to chat to the Geddes Trustees and former winners from Oxford and from the last few years now working in London, for tips on entering the 2017–2018 Prizes competition, getting into journalism, and advice on the best ways to network their way to a job in the profession.

(With acknowledgement to The Philip Geddes Memorial Fund.)

THE HALL BALL 2018

The President of the Ball Committee, Ella Penny (2016, Earth Sciences) reports:

The Hall hosted a ball for 750 guests on 28 April 2018. The theme was 'Chroma', which is Ancient Greek for 'colour'. We chose this theme because we wanted something vibrant and open to all the ideas we had. We endeavoured to increase the spread of people who would attend the Ball and try to make it feel very inclusive by marketing at lots of different events. These included the Freshers' Fair, e-mails, a club-night and posters around the College. We decided that this year we would try to change the Ball: by increasing the price we were able to get in major sponsors and so create a much more high-class and sophisticated event. These sponsors were Investec, Finsbury and Nandos. Both the CEOs of Finsbury and Investec attended the sponsorship dinner which was held in College. It included a fascinating after-hours tour of the Bodleian and the crypt below the College Library, a champagne reception in the graveyard, an amazing sit-down dinner in the Old Dining Hall, and an atmospheric coffee in the Old Library.



During the Ball, in keeping with the theme, each room was a different colour with dazzling lighting and sound effects. There was an incredible range of food vendors from the fiery tastes of Nandos to the vibrant flavours of paella, Annie Mae's Mac n cheese and Jamon Jamon pizza. The music and lights displays were breath-taking. To entertain the guests there was glitter face painting, a casino, dance machines and roaming entertainers. The whole evening was rounded off by a silent disco. The cherry on the top of the cake was the boys winning the Rugby Cuppers Final moments before.

Many who attended remarked that it was an evening for all the senses that encapsulated the energy and fun of Teddy Hall.

NEWS FROM ENGINEERING

Professor Amy Zavatsky, Tutor in Engineering Science, reports:

This year's annual Joe Todd Engineering Dinner was held on 1 March 2018, perhaps the coldest and snowiest day of the entire year. Icy roads and other travel disruptions led to a number of last-minute cancellations from alumni based outside Oxford; however, the inclement weather did not prevent the full complement of engineers who matriculated in 1979 from attending. Along with this group and a few other intrepid Aularian engineers (**Christopher Elston** 1976, **Kelvin Owusu-Sem** 2004, and **Mark Baker** 2007) came the local crowd of undergraduates, graduate students, and tutors, so that in the end 56 of us



'Neither snow nor rain... nor gloom of night' could prevent the SEH Engineers of 1979 from attending the 2018 Joe Todd Engineering Dinner. Robert Vollum, Alan Holbrook, James Catmur, Duncan Talbert, Anthony Graff, David West, Paul Littlechild. Photo by Churchill Ngai (2015, Engineering Science).

gathered in the Wolfson Hall for an enjoyable evening of dining and discussion.

In the Jarvis Doctorow Hall, prior to the meal, we were pleased to listen to research presentations from four Teddy Hall graduate students in Engineering. **Goran Banjac** (2015), who had recently submitted his DPhil thesis on 'Operator Splitting Methods for Convex Optimization: Analysis and Implementation', gave an overview of the research he had completed under the supervision of the Hall's **Professor Paul Goulart**. This was followed by two presentations in the area of biomedical engineering by second-years **Jack Chen** (2016: on 'Engineering aspirin inducible gene circuits for medical application', supervised by the Hall's **Professor Ian Thompson** and **Professor Wei Huang**) and **Luke Richards** (2016: on 'Developing a device for passing therapeutic ultrasound through the skull'). The final presentation on 'Transpiration Cooling Systems for Hypersonic Flight' was given by first-year student **Marc Ewenz Rocher** (2017). There was no lack of questions from the audience, and these continued throughout the informal drinks reception before dinner.



SEH graduate student presenters: Marc Ewenz Rocher, Luke Richards, Goran Banjac, and Jack Chen. Photo by Churchill Ngai.

An addition to the Teddy Hall Engineering calendar this year was a 'Three-Minute 4th Year Project (3M-4YP)' Competition, which was held on 23 May 2018 and had a prize of £100 courtesy of the Joe Todd Award fund. The aim was for undergraduates to explain their 4th Year Projects in just three minutes, in a language appropriate to a technical, but non-specialist, audience. Competitors were allowed one PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props. The format of the competition was based on the Three Minute Thesis Competition (see threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/home) run internationally for graduate students. Competitors were scored by the audience based on the comprehension and content of their presentations and on their engagement and communication skills. Nine 4th year students presented, and 18 people did the scoring (students, Fellows, lecturers, and a member of the Joe Todd Award Committee — **James Catmur**, 1979). The very close-run competition was won by **Harris Vince** (2014, Engineering Science), a previous Joe Todd Award winner, for his talk on 'Extracting Multiple Sclerosis Biomarkers from Wearable Sensor Data'. The runner-up, awarded a bottle of wine, was **Jessica Henderson** (2014, Engineering Science) for a presentation on another biomedical topic, 'Detecting Electro-Biomarkers for Epilepsy'. We plan to make the 3M-4YP competition an annual event, like the Joe Todd Engineering Dinner.

Two Engineering DPhil students working with Professor Paul Goulart, **Goran Banjac** (2015) and **Bartolomeo Stellato** (2014) featured this year in a film about the international doctoral training programme in which they have been involved: *Training in Embedded Predictive Control and Optimization*. The TEMPO initiative is aimed at highly-motivated young scientists and addresses the needs of European companies and society for embedded control technology. The film includes some drone footage of Oxford, and shots of the Hall when Goran and Bartolomeo were interviewed the Old Library about their research and its practical applications.

CENTRE FOR THE CREATIVE BRAIN

The Centre's activities continued to be organised by a committee chaired by **Professor Charlotte Stagg**. Its aim is to explore how neuroscience can further our understanding of the aspects of our lives that make us most human, and how insights from art, music, and literature can enrich our understanding of the brain.

This year's programme opened on 25 November 2017 with a symposium entitled 'Is Seeing Believing? With Stephen Mottram's Animata'. The event explored how our brain creates perception of the world around us, and how this understanding can be exploited to create art, theatre — and even magic. It featured talks by Matthew Tompkins, a psychologist investigating how sleight-of-hand experiments can teach us about perception; Aularian **Dr Anthony Atkinson** (1993, DPhil in Psychology), who studies how emotions can be inferred from limited visual information; and Stephen Mottram, who also closed the

symposium with performances of ‘The Parachute’ and ‘Watch the Ball’ from his Animata show, which uses only white-tipped wands to create funny, mesmerising stories about youth and old age (surely one of the most unusual spectacles seen in the Old Dining Hall).

Hilary term 2018’s event, ‘The Importance of Telling Stories’, held on 24 February, looked at how the brain encodes information through stories and narrative, what makes a good story, and how this can be harnessed to allow more effective communication. The speakers were Simon De Deney of Infinite Space (a company that offers communication training), Jane Rebecca Conway, an Oxford-based psychologist specialising in socio-cognitive abilities, and novelist Anthony McGowan. The afternoon finished with a workshop, hosted by Simon, allowing participants to practise creating their own stories.

In Trinity term the Centre offered a symposium, held on 18 May 2018, on ‘The Art (and Science) of Epilepsy’. This explored the link between epilepsy and art in many forms. It featured talks by Dr Sallie Baxendale, consultant neurophysiologist with the Epilepsy Society and University College London’s Institute of Neurology, on how epilepsy has inspired film-makers over the last century; by Dr Rhys Thomas, from the Institute of Neuroscience at Newcastle University and Honorary Consultant in Epilepsy at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, discussing artists with epilepsy; and by Dr Rhys Bevan-Jones, Honorary Senior Research Fellow at Cardiff University’s School of Medicine, on his work in art and mental health.

The Centre’s events are aimed at non-specialist audiences and are free of charge. They are run in conjunction with the Division of Brain Sciences at Imperial College London and Oxford University’s Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroscience.

LINKS WITH CHINA

Another successful exchange took place this year under the agreement signed in 2016 with Lingnan University College to set up the **Oxford-Lingnan Symposium on Global Strategic Leadership**. Nine Lingnan students arrived in the UK in January 2018 for a week-long visit, part of which was hosted in Oxford. Together with Hall students, the visitors attended presentations by various UK-based social entrepreneurs; toured the MINI factory in Cowley; attended workshops with leaders of Oxfam and Opportunity International on structuring charities and beneficiaries; and met staff of the Saïd Business School to find out about developing micro-finance and economically-viable social entrepreneurship.

In March 2018 it was the turn of six Hall students to take part in the reciprocal visit to Lingnan, in Guangzhou, to learn about global strategic leadership within China: **Hunor-Chris Bocz** (2016, Engineering Science), **Elliot Bromley** (2017, MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies), **Bill Chi** (2017, DPhil in Oncology), **Sophie Dangerfield** (2016, PPE), **Andrew Gibson** (2017, DPhil in Materials) and **Susana**

Hancock (2013, DPhil in Anthropology). Their programme was divided between cultural activities, lectures, and visits to different kinds of businesses throughout the Guangdong province — ranging from companies with international markets (like BYD, working in auto and electronics to develop clean transportation systems, notably a sky rail) to companies focusing on a more inward-looking market (e.g. pharmaceutical adaptation of traditional Chinese medicines). The visit also included the presentation of projects put together by student groups; one of the competition judges was the Hall’s Senior Tutor, **Professor Robert Wilkins**. At the gala dinner held to mark the end of the 2018 exchange, it was announced that the group including Sophie and Susana had won the final round of the competition with their social entrepreneurial case study of the confectionary manufacturer Divine and on the prospects of expanding the Fairtrade economic model to the domestic Chinese market. *

For the third year running, at the beginning of July 2018 the Hall welcomed delegates attending the two-week **Academic Medicine Course** organised by the Oxford Chinese Economy Programme (OXCEP) which is established here. This year’s course was again co-directed by **Professor Robert Wilkins** and the **Principal, Professor Keith Gull**. A group of 39 senior clinicians and researchers (36 from West China Medical School and Hospitals of Sichuan University and the others from Xiangya Medical School and Hospitals of Central South University) took part in a busy programme of 26 lecture sessions, five academic visits, and several laboratory observations, as well as various cultural and social activities. The Principal welcomed the participants at a formal dinner held on 2 July and the course concluded with a farewell meal before the group travelled to Heathrow for their flight home. So far a total of 118 Chinese medical faculty members have been trained through OXCEP’s course.

The farewell dinner also provided the opportunity to recognise the success of OXCEP’s first Graduate Scholar, **Iлона Mostipan** (2013) in completing her DPhil in Management Studies and for **Dr Frank Hwang**, Chairman of OXCEP, to announce the establishment of an OXCEP Graduate Scholarship for Clinical Medicine at the Hall.

During the four years 2014–2017, OXCEP’s academic courses focusing on Economics and Public Policy have successfully trained a total of 227 highly-qualified university academics and professionals from China (including 220 from Sichuan University) and the USA.

**With acknowledgement to Susana Hancock for acting as rapporteur on the 2018 exchange.*

AULA NARRAT

An exciting joint MCR & SCR talk series was launched this year by **Dr Václav Janeček** (2017, DPhil in Law) and **Professor Maia Chankseliani**. The events aim to bring the MCR and SCR communities together in an informal setting

where participants can share their (academic) life stories, learn how to surmount adversities, and get to know one another better.

The first meeting was held in the Doctorow Hall on 9 March 2018, attended by almost 40 MCR and SCR members. The overarching theme was 'turning failure into success'. **Alison Burke** (2017, MSc in Education) and **Professor Henrike Lähnemann** each spoke about their inspiring personal stories, describing how they had successfully overcome great challenges when pursuing their academic paths. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere other participants then shared their own ideas on Aula Narrat's theme, in what became a truly engaging debate.

The next talk is planned for Michaelmas term 2018.

BENEFACTORS' SQUARE

A small new Benefactors' Square has been created at the Hall to commemorate the generosity of alumni and friends. This is a paved space situated in the quiet area by the magnolia tree between the Chapel and the SCR, where there is also a bench dedicated to the memory of the Hall's late Engineering Science undergraduate **Matt Greenwood** (2013).

Several etched glass boards have been installed in the Square, which are lit up in the evening. One records historic patrons and benefactors from the thirteenth-century Thomas of Malmesbury onwards (as listed in the prayer read each year before St Edmund's Feast). Another board is dedicated to current major benefactors to the Hall.

Paving slabs in the Square have been relocated from the Front Quad and are engraved with the names of those alumni and others who originally purchased the stones prior to the Quad being refurbished in 2015.



WELL DONE: NEW GILDING FOR THE HALL'S HISTORIC WELL

An admired focal point in the Hall's beautiful Front Quad, the well has been made even more eye-catching thanks to some gilding work on its inscription. This came about through the generosity of **Darrell Barnes** (1963, Modern Languages), who also had idea in the first place.

The following words, from Isaiah 12:3, are inscribed on the inside of the well-head: 'HAVRIETIS AQVAS IN GAVDIO DE FONTIBVS SALVATORIS' ('With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation'). They are among those recorded as spoken by St Edmund of Abingdon on his death-bed. Former Principal and historian A B Emden observed that: 'In this well we may claim a link with St Edmund, for, if we may assume that he once lived in a house on the site of the Hall, then it would have been from this well that he was supplied with water.'

The well was a source of water for the Hall until the installation of a piped supply in the city. Later on, it fell into disuse and lay hidden for many years, until it was rediscovered during building work in 1927 (as Emden reported in the *Magazine* that year). At this time, plans were already underway to make a path across the Quad in order to connect the old and new buildings, and it was decided to place a stone well-head in the middle of the lawn.



Darrell Barnes (left) pictured with artist Tom Ball

The re-gilding was completed in February 2018 by **Tom Ball** from Swan Farm Studios. Darrell has been researching the well's history for the forthcoming book about the Hall.

RECEPTIONS & REUNIONS AT THE HALL

The month of September 2017 saw a good number of Aularians make a welcome return to the Hall, with their guests. By way of a warm-up, an *Alumni Weekend Drinks Reception* was hosted by **the Principal and Dr Dianne Gull** in the Senior Common Room on 15 September for some 50 alumni and guests. This event was run in conjunction with the University's Alumni Weekend in Oxford.

The series of reunions to celebrate special matriculation anniversaries began on 16 September with the 10th, 20th & 30th *Anniversary Dinner*, when 70 alumni and guests came from all over the UK and Europe, including Amsterdam and France. The

evening started with Evensong in the Chapel, followed by a drinks reception in the Doctorow Hall and dinner in the Wolfson Hall.

On 21 September 2017, the now firmly established 60th Anniversary Lunch took place, enabling matriculands from 1957 (the start of the Hall's first full academic year as a self-standing, chartered college) to strengthen contact and exchange reminiscences. Drinks were taken in the Senior Common Room, followed by a meal in the Old Dining Hall. Thirty-two Aularians and guests took part, in an event which **David Bolton** (1957, English) kindly helped to organise and co-hosted with the Principal and Dr Gull. After the meal, the Principal described the changes which have taken place in the College during the past half-century, and highlighted students' successes. David then reminisced about what life was like at Teddy Hall in the 1950s and invited others to share their own memories.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner on 23 September 2017 attracted 40 alumni, with attendees from Vietnam, France and Belgium providing a particularly international dimension. The day's fine weather allowed everyone to gather in the Front Quad for a drinks reception following Evensong; dinner was served in the Old Dining



Attendees at the 40th Anniversary Dinner reunited with their 1977 photos while enjoying drinks in the SCR...



...then dining in style in the Old Dining Hall

Hall, and afterwards over the port and cheese the **Vice-Principal, Professor Stuart Ferguson**, spoke about contemporary life at the Hall and the various challenges faced by students.

The 40th Anniversary Dinner was held during the following Easter Vacation, on 24 March 2018, for the matriculands of 1977, with 37 stalwart Aularians attending.

Another reception for Aularians was held on 7 July 2018 to celebrate the retiring Principal and Dr Gull (see 'Portrait of Professor Keith Gull' in section 6 of this Magazine).

The next 10th, 20th & 30th Anniversary Dinner (15 September 2018), 60th Anniversary Lunch (20 September 2018), and the 50th Anniversary Dinner (22 September 2018) will have taken place by the time this year's Magazine goes to Press: these events will be reported in the following edition. The next 40th Anniversary Dinner is planned for 23 March 2019: details will be made available by the Development & Alumni Relations Office.

DEGREE DAY CELEBRATIONS

During 2017–2018, the Hall presented candidates at degree ceremonies held in the Sheldonian Theatre on 3 November 2017, 3 March, 10 March, 14 July (including the latest cohort of students to qualify with BM BCh degrees), 21 July, and 29 September 2018.

Dr Stephen Blamey, Emeritus Fellow, as the Hall's Dean of Degrees, was responsible for briefing participants about the intricacies of the formal ceremonies



Degree Day 21 July 2018: Professor Stuart Ferguson (Vice-Principal & Tutor in Biochemistry) congratulates some of the new Masters of Biochemistry: left to right, Tom Morgan, Sam Garforth, Tom Dyer and Conor Lyster. Photo by Stuart Bebb

and leading them in procession to the Sheldonian to be presented to the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors or their presiding deputies.

The ceremony on the afternoon of 21 July was the largest of the year, with 103 undergraduates (mainly the Trinity term Finalists in the BA, Bachelor of Fine Art and Undergraduate Master examinations), eight DPhils and two MAs being admitted to their degrees. For this, as for the smaller events held at other times, the Hall hospitably welcomed its graduating students and their guests so that the degree successes could be celebrated in style.

Information from the College Office about arrangements for Degree Days during 2018–2019 is included at the end of section 4 of this Magazine.



SECTION 4

FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE

THE SENIOR TUTOR'S YEAR

As Michaelmas term 2017 got underway, we said farewell to two longstanding colleagues, **Dr Stephen Blamey** (Philosophy) and **Professor Maryanne Martin** (Psychology), who stepped down from their Tutorial Fellowships and were elected to Emeritus Fellowships (although Stephen remains in his role as Dean of Degrees). I wish them long and productive retirements. In Maryanne's place, we welcomed **Professor David Bannerman**, for many years already associated with the Department of Experimental Psychology, as the new William R Miller Fellow and Tutor in Neuroscience & Experimental Psychology. Filling Stephen's shoes required two new appointments: **Dr Edward Lamb** joined the College as a Career Development Fellow, assisted by **Dr James Openshaw** as a Stipendiary Lecturer. We also welcomed **Professor Michael Gill** as the new Tutorial Fellow in Organisation Studies, a joint appointment with the Saïd Business School, which augments our expertise in Management courses. I am grateful to all our new colleagues for the smooth transitions that they have effected during the course of this academic year.



The Senior Tutor & Tutor for Admissions

In quick succession, we also welcomed PGCE students, graduates, Visiting Students and undergraduates. No sooner have the welcome dinners and receptions taken place each year, than the cycle of admissions for the next year is upon us, with the selection of undergraduates taking place during Michaelmas term. We considered a total of 557 applications and over a twelve-day period in early December 2017, my colleagues and I interviewed 333 students and made offers for 110 places for entry in October 2018. As I write, A level and IB results have just been released and the next generation of undergraduate Aularians are preparing to arrive.

At the end of Michaelmas term, the Academic Registrar, Ashley Walters, left the College after three years to take up a new post in the University. Ashley oversaw a successful restructuring of the operation of the College Office and helped me to conduct an important review of our academic provision which, I hope, has improved the educational experience for both our undergraduate and graduate students. I am very grateful for the support that he provided during his time here. During the search for Ashley's replacement, the role was covered by his former deputy, **Luke Bradshaw**, who was confirmed as the new Registrar in April 2018. I am very much looking forward to working with Luke in his new role.

In Hilary term 2018, admissions activity shifted to consideration of graduate and Visiting Student applications, respectively overseen by the Tutor for Graduates,

Professor Richard Willden, and the Tutor for Visiting Students, **Dr Outi Aarnio**. One hundred and twenty graduate students, studying for a variety of taught and research degrees will arrive in the autumn, along with 52 Visiting Students — for the most part from China and the United States.

In early Hilary term 2018, we also welcomed nine students from Lingnan (University) College in Guangzhou, China, who visited the College for three days as part of the St Edmund Hall-Lingnan exchange. This programme allows students from our two institutions to undertake joint projects in aspects of social sciences: this year's topic for discussion was social entrepreneurship. Six Hall students hosted our visitors, with the joint group attending specially arranged lectures provided by academics and visiting speakers from organisations such as Oxfam, and visiting local businesses including the Mini car plant in Cowley. The Hall's students made the return visit to Guangzhou during the Easter Vacation and I was lucky enough to join them there for the last day of the exchange to observe the concluding presentations and to enjoy the generous hospitality of our Chinese hosts. A similar exchange is planned for 2019.

Early in 2018, we were allocated a University appointment in Global Medieval Literature, giving us a second Tutorial Fellowship in English for the first time since Professor Sharon Achinstein's departure in 2014. I am very pleased to report that **Dr Mark Williams**, presently at Merton College, will join the Hall in January 2019. I am grateful to our Stipendiary Lecturers in English, **Dr Jenni Nuttall** and **Dr Tom MacFaul**, who have supported Professor Lucy Newlyn and latterly **Professor Erica McAlpine** in recent years.

Throughout the year, our Schools Liaison Officer, **Luke Maw**, has been busy encouraging applications for our undergraduate courses, hosting visits from school parties and undertaking outbound visits, supported by a wonderful team of volunteer Student Ambassadors. You can find a full account of Luke's superb efforts in section 2 of this *Magazine*. We were naturally disappointed to discover that St Edmund Hall's performance in a number of the parameters reported in the first release of Oxford admissions data in May 2018 was below the University average, but with only 110 places to award each year, data such as these are very sensitive to small changes. Two additional offers per year to a given demographic group can be the difference between being average and outperforming every other college in the University. Nevertheless, the Hall's main challenge is to address the disparity in number of applications from particular groups and we are working hard to give the most talented students the opportunity to study here, regardless of background.

As the cycle of the academic year comes to a close, we have celebrated 26 Firsts at Finals, welcomed relatives and friends of undergraduate and graduate students to five Degree Day celebrations, opened our doors to over 1,000 prospective undergraduates at three Open Days and invited the 2018 undergraduate intake to explore their new home during our Family and Friends Day in September.

Finally, at its last meeting of the academic year, the Academic Committee recorded its gratitude to the outgoing **Principal, Keith Gull**, who has overseen over 60 of its meetings during his tenure. I add my personal thanks to Keith for his generous guidance and support during my time as Senior Tutor and Tutor for Admissions.

Professor Robert Wilkins

STUDENT NUMBERS

On the College register at the start of Trinity Term 2018 were 400 undergraduates, 300 postgraduates, and 37 Visiting Students.

NEW STUDENTS 2017–2018

UNDERGRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATES

This year, the College is unable to attach the names of schools to individual students due to the new General Data Protection Regulations. The College is working to ensure that in future years, the Magazine entry can return to its previous format and state each student's most recent school or university next to his or her name. We have included below a list of the institutions from which undergraduates and postgraduates joined the College in the 2017–2018 academic year.

Adams, Lucy	Casbolt, Fraser	Desnick, Jonathan
Ahlberg, Jon	Chakraborty, Rohit	Digby, Samuel
Ahmadi, Fatimah	Chamberlain, Michael	Dinneen, David
Al-Diwani, Adam	Chan, Elaine	Dinwoodie, Andrew
Ali, Sakaria	Chapman, Cherona	Dolan, Stephen
Andrews, Sarah	Chatrian, Andrea	Duberga, Jules
Anslow, Richard	Chen, Xiaoyu	Duque Hernandez, Manuela
Appleby, Elizabeth	Chen, Yibing	Edwards, Rory
Avemarie, Anne	Cheung, Hoi Yi	Elango, Nishaanth
Bailey, Matthew	Chi, Yuechuan	Elleray, Annabel
Baker, Mark	Chung, Jin Yeob	Elliott, Anna
Ballouk, Wael	Clarke-Williams, Charles	Escauriza, Emilio
Barnes, Gabriella	Conlan, Joseph	Evans, Elizabeth
Bertrand, Ambre	Cooke, Natasha	Ewenz Rocher, Marc
Bhudisaksang, Theerawat	Craig, Richard	Faitaki, Faidra
Bones, Alexander	Cully, John	Farmakidis, Nikolaos
Bresson, Marceline	Daga, Sabrina	Fellermeyer, Martin
Bromley, Elliot	Dandridge, Logan	Fifita, Lisiate
Brown, Elizabeth	Dangas, Katerina	Finch, Josephine
Brown, Nathan	Davies, Philip	Gallardo, Gabriel
Burgar, Alexandra	Davies, Rachel	Emmanuel
Burke, Alison	De Meyere, Robin	Ganatra, Lavanya
Byrne, Georgia	Deacon, Neil	Gardezi, Syeda
Campbell, Catriona	Debling, Alistair	Gasson, William
Camps, Julia	Deng, Li	

Gibson, Andrew	Lerner, Leo	Pegolo, Valentina
Gillow, Edward	Levi, Benjamin	Perry, Ross
Goodfellow, Bethany	Levy, Josephine	Pisharody, Agastya
Goodman, Memphis	Liang, Jiachen	Powell, Timothy
Gorbanenko, Evgeniya	Liu, Tongfei	Pratini, Nipola
Gracias, Deanne	Liu, Xinlei	Pratt, Louisa
Grant, Sorchia	Lobb, Emily	Prescott-Cornejo, Alexandre
Greening, Helena	Lu, Yangsiyu	Pusca, Tereza
Grigoras, Ioana	Luscinski, Aidan	Qi, Pengbo
Guzman Holst, Carolina	Løchen, Josefina	Reed, Thomas
Haberstroh, Friederike	Mandale, Iain	Ribeiro Rodrigues Romão, Licio Bruno
Hahn, Lilli	Manners, Daniel	Robinson, Timothy
Hanski, Eveliina	Markay, Hannah	Rodriguez dehlí, Magdalena Isabel
Hartz, William	Marler, George	Rosanowski, Sarah
Heifler, Sydney	Martin, Andrew	Ross, Alistair
Hilton, Benjamin	Mathews, Oliver	Rumianek, Agata
Hollander, Ian	Matsen, Kristine	Russell, Craig
Hummel, Malte Christian	Mayne, Isaac	Savva, Constantinos
Husain, Syed munim	McArdle, Samuel	Schwantje, Tom
Hussain, Nurul	McColgan, Joshua	Selzer, Sean
Im, Chae	McDonnell, Sinead	Shah, Sayed
Jackson, Yasmin	McGillivray, Amy	Sharpe, Hannah
Janeček, Václav	Mckechnie, Charlie	Shepherd, Oliver
Jha, Avinash	Messina, Gianfranco	Shepherd-cross, Hugh
Jiang, Boya	Milan, Emily	Shi, Ran
Jones, Edmund	Millar, Jane	Shigesí, Nina
Jones, Julia	Miller, Samuel	Sibley, Rosemary
Jones, Megan	Mills, Jack	Simpson, Laura
Jones, Oliver	Mohammadi, Rahman	Sinha, Lavanya
Jones, Ryan	Moon, Kyung Won	Smith, Alexandra
Kennerley, Joseph	Moore, Peter	Smith, Adam
Khanzadeh, Mohamad	Moppett, William	Smith, Joshua
Kilford, Matthew	Moss, Alexander	Smith, Liam
Kilgour, Emily	Mukherjee, Shayon	Soerensen, Frederik
Kim, Minho	Mulligan, Thomas	Soh, Jia Hao Eugene
Knight, Michael	Mulvey, Hugh	Squire, Alison
Knight, Thomas	Naumenko, Artem	Steeley, Thomas
Kuhn, Nicola	Naylor, Rory	Stevens, Andrew
Kumanan, Oviya	Neal, Abigail	Stewart, Patrick
Kwon, Ohyoon	Newbery, Tom	Stout, Amelia
Lababidi, Rassan	Ng, Shu Wei	Studholme, Rafe
Lanzara, Zita Teresa	Ng, Wei Kai	Suits, Timothy
Lau, Jonathan	O'Donovan, James	Sulakshana, Elana
Lawrence, Alexander	Oldaç, Yusuf	Sullivan, Bonnor
Leadholm, Niels	Olejniak, Maciej	Sun, Yao
Lee, Audrey	Oswal, Abhijeet	Swinburne, Nicola
Lee, Chang Rong	Ouyang, Chengyu	Takeuchi, Jun
Lee, Jaebeen	Page, Jessica	
Lee, Patrick	Passoni, Gioele	

Tam, Tin Lok	Walaszczynski, Adam-Luca	Wirthwein vega, Kilian
Tang, Nicholas	Wang, Jia shian	Antonio Heinz
Tanska, Barbara	Wang, Yishan	Wu, Di
Templeman, Hannah	Watson, Alice	Wu, Haoyu
Thompson, George	Webb-Hayward, Maia	Wu, Tiffany
Thwaites, Emily	Whadcock, Katy	Xenofontos, Spyros
Tower, Andrew	Whitehead, Toby	Xu, Tian
Tucker, Laura	Widdershoven, Cas	Yang, Zepo
Tyler, Andrew	Wideman, Sarah	Yoshimura, Takuro
Upton, Simon	Wilkinson, Francesca	Yun, Jason Yian
Van Oort, Marte	Williams, Alice	Zamorano Osorio, Paula
Viruthasalam pillai,	Williams, Ailsa	Zdravkovic, Amalie
Sacchidanandan	Williamson, Olivia	Zou, Christina
von Moltke, Amedee	Wilson, Daniella	Zurke, Yasemin-Xiomara

FRESHERS' PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONS

UNDERGRADUATES

In the 2017–2018 academic year, 116 students joined the College as undergraduates from the following schools, colleges, and universities:

Adams' Grammar School	Falmouth University
Alleyn's School, Dulwich	Freman College
Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School	French International School
Badminton School	Frome Community College
Bancrofts School	Godalming College
Bath College	Greenhead College, Huddersfield
Beaconsfield High School	Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School
Berkhamsted School	Haileybury & Imperial Service College, Hertford
Birkerod Gymnasium, HF & IB	Hankuk Academy of Foreign Studies
Blundell's School	Harrow School
Bristol Grammar School	Harvard-Westlake School
Brockenhurst College	Hills Road Sixth Form College
Catholic High School, Chester	Hitchin Boys School
Chigwell School	Hutchesons Grammar School
City of London School	Ibstock Place School
City of Norwich School	III Liceum Ogolnoksztalcace
Cleveland College of Art and Design	International School Basel
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School	King William's College
Dubai College	King's College School
Dunman High School	Kolej Yayasan UEM
Ecclesbourne School	LaGuardia High School
Elizabeth College	Latymer Upper School
Eton College	Little Heath School, Reading
Exeter Mathematics School	

Ludlow College	St Aloysius College
Luton VI Form College	St Clement Danes School
Lycée Français Charles De Gaulle	St Helen & St Katharine
Magdalen College School	St Lawrence College
Methodist College, Kuala Lumpur	St Michael's Catholic College
Mill-Hill College	St Paul's Girls School
National Junior College, Singapore	Taylor's College Subang Jaya
New College Telford	The Chapin School
Oxford High School	The Grammar School at Leeds
Parmiter's School	The High School Affiliated to Renmin University
Pennon Education Group	The King Alfred School, Highbridge
Peter Symonds College	The Royal School, Dungannon
Plume School	The Stephen Perse Foundation
Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College	Trinity School, Croydon
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford	Trondheim Katedralskole
Reading Blue Coat School	Truro School
Robert Clack School, Dagenham	United World College of South East Asia, East Campus
Runshaw College	University of Northampton
Sandbach High School and Sixth Form College	Walton School, Stafford
Scarborough Sixth Form College	Warwick School
South Island School	Westcliff High School for Girls
South Thames College	Westminster School
Sponne School	Whitgift School
St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form	Winstanley College
St Albans High School for Girls	Xaverian College

POSTGRADUATES

In the 2017–2018 academic year, 143 students joined the College as postgraduates from the following schools, colleges, and universities:

Amsterdam University	Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine
Beijing (Peking) Normal University China	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
Boston University	Jadavpur University
BPP Law School	John Cabot University
Brown University	Johns Hopkins University
Columbia University	Karolinska Institute
Dalian Maritime University	King's College London
Global Health	Kyoto University
Harvard University	London Business School
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Germany	London School of Economics and Political Science

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	University of Cambridge
McGill University	University of Canterbury New Zealand
Middle East Technical University Turkey	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Nanyang Technological University	University of Copenhagen
National University of Ireland, Galway	University of Durham
National University of Singapore	University of Edinburgh
New York University	University of Exeter
Peking University	University of Glasgow
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn Germany	University of Helsinki
Rhode Island School of Design	University of Hong Kong
Saint Mary's College of California	University of Kent
Shanghai Jiao Tong University China	University of Lancaster
Simon Fraser University Burnaby BC Canada	University of Leeds
Social & Cultural Anthropology Swansea University	University of Liverpool
Technische Universität Munchen	University of Manchester
Trinity College Dublin	University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila"
Universidad Complutense de Madrid Spain	University of New South Wales
Universidade Estadual de Campinas Brazil	University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Universita degli studi di Padova Italy	University of Nottingham
Universität Heidelberg Germany	University of Oxford
Universität Konstanz	University of Queensland
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University College London	University of St Andrews
University of Auckland	University of Surrey
University of Birmingham	University of Sussex
University of Bristol	University of Sydney
University of British Columbia	University of Toronto
University of California, Davis	University of Virginia
University of California, Irvine	University of Warwick
	University of Wolverhampton
	University of York
	Washington University in St. Louis
	Yale University

Lu, Fangfang
 Lyu, Yilin
 Maddali, Ravi
 McManus, Rachael
 Older, Andrew
 Ren, Xiao
 Rodriguez, Kermit

Ross, Stephen
 Seymour, Logan
 Sha, Fanrui
 Shu, Shiyu
 Sonntag, Derek
 Talwai, Prem
 Tan, Chengsong

Wang, Chanyuan
 Wei, Wenjing
 Zarra, Michael
 Zhang, Chenyu
 Zhang, Jason



Freshers' Welcome Packs (photo by Stuart Bebb)

STUDENT ADMISSIONS EXERCISES

In the Undergraduate Admissions exercise 2017, St Edmund Hall received 552 applications for entry in 2018 and beyond (compared with 554 the previous year). Nearly 300 of these applicants were invited to interview. Almost all the interviews were conducted in person in Oxford, the exception being a small number of international applicants who were interviewed via Skype. Following the conclusion of December's interview period, the Hall made a total of 128 offers of undergraduate places for entry in 2018 (compared to 123 offers the previous year). Fourteen of these were open offers. In addition, four deferred offers of places were made, for entry in Michaelmas term 2019. The Hall also 'exported' a small number of applicants, for offers of places at other colleges.

Roughly in line with the gender split in the total application numbers (using rounded figures), 55% of offers of undergraduate places were made to male applicants and 45% to female. The applicants receiving offers comprised 77% UK

VISITING STUDENTS 2017-2018

Barone, Nicholas	Edwards, Rebekah	Jin, Yihui
Bello, Elisa	Fagan, Jack	Li, Yunhong
Breese, Victoria	Gao, Shi Qi	Li, Zhuofan
Brennan, Hannah	Hart, Haley	Liu, Tingshan
Colella, Lauren	Hodge, William	Liu, Zi Ao
Dhir, Saloni	Horne, Sarah	Lu, Erin

nationals and 23% students from overseas, both in the EU and non-EU countries. In respect of previous education, 43% of the applicants receiving offers were from state schools, 35% from independent schools, and 23% from other institutions (mainly schools and colleges abroad).

Graduate offer-holders for entry in 2018–2019 represent over 40 nationalities: they will be undertaking a range of taught and research programmes in disciplines from across all four of the University’s academic divisions. The expected eventual intake of new graduate students in Michaelmas term 2018 is approximately 130.

At the time of the *Magazine* going to print, this year’s Graduate Admissions exercise had so far seen the Hall consider 256 applications.

COLLEGE AWARDS, PRIZES AND GRANTS

College Scholars 2017–2018

Charles Allen	Luke Dawes	Mateusz Kotowski
Michael Atkinson	Katie Dent	Mike Lau
Daniel Barley	Hazel Doran	Thomas Lawrence
Callum Beck	Aditya Doshi	Christian Lindsay
Irina-Mihaela Birt	Justyna Frankowska	Michael McCormack
Martin Brandt	Matthew Franks	Emma Moreby
Alexander Bridge	George Fulton	Francesca Nava
Kieran Bull	Amelia Gabaldoni	Fergus Neve
Toby Bunn	Sam Garforth	Hugo O’Grady
Anna Burningham	Mary Gatenby	Sophie Oldroyd
Rachel Carver	Xan Gilmour	Matthew Read
Siqi Chen	Sophie Greenfield	Henry Rees
Victor Chen	Margaret Harrington	Edmund Richards
Alexis Chevalier	Ravinder Hayer	Julia Selgrad
Harry Coday	Daven Ho	Samantha Southern
Rowena Conway	Hanna Hoeibo	Sophie Spink
Damien Czarnecki	Georgina James	Adam Wills
Sophie Dangerfield	Andy Jiang	Isobel Wilson
Nicholas Daultry Ball	Catherine Johnson	Tailai Zhang
William Davidson	Tanisha Koshy	

College Organ Scholars

Viraj Alimchandani	Hagen Papenburg (Hertford College)
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College Choral Scholars

Alexandra Burgar	Lisa Haseldine	Agastya Pisharody
Amelia Gabaldoni	James King (Linacre College)	Toby Whitehead

College Exhibitioners

Amanda Bacon	Douglas Chesterton	Peter Hill
Rory Boath	Dhaval Desai	Christopher Johnson

Jack Johnson	Thomas Morgan
Rebecca Jurdon	Olivia Ann Pryer
Lydia Koffman	Emily Alice Russell
Alexander Matraxia	Samuel Scott
Scott Menzies	Michael Ma Shao

Progress Prizes 2017–2018

Daniel Barley	Ian Hollander	Abhijeet Oswal
Ambre Bertrand	Jack Johnson	Ross Perry
Joy Chen	Yasmin Jackson	Matthew Randall
Siqi Chen	Ryan Jones	Alistair Ross
Rowena Conway	Tom Knight	Julia Selgrad
Sophie Dangerfield	Mike Lau	Lavanya Sinha
Katie Dent	Tongfei Liu	Tom Steeley
Aditya Doshi	Emily Lobb	Bonnor Sullivan
Annabel Elleray	Benedict Macleod	Timothy Tam
Anna Fletcher	Will Mason	Joseph White
Sam Gibb	Alex Matraxia	Toby Whitehead
Paula Hernandez Chang	Rory Naylor	Shizhou Yang
Daven Ho	Sophie Oldroyd	

Aularian Prize

Hannah Markay

George Barner Prize

Matthew Carter

Bendhem Fine Art Bursary

Irina-Mihaela Birt	Hannah Hoeibo	Elaine Robertson
Luke Dawes	Michael McCormack	
Jessica Heywood	Tamara Newton	

Bernard Bewlay Science and Engineering Bursary

Nathan Lowe

Chevron Award

Finlay Goodwin	Ella Penny	Jonathan Simson
Catherine Johnson	Matthew Randall	
Joanna Male	Emma Rosier	

Cochrane Scholarship

William Davidson	Niamh Elain
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Tony Doyle Science Bursary

Elizabeth Fry	Georgina James
George Heywood	Nathan Lowe

Tony Doyle Graduate Science Prize

Tonia Thomas

Richard Fargher Bursary

Alexandra Lindsay-Perez
Esme Sanders

Graham Hamilton Travel Award

Paula Hernandez Chang Mohd Karim

J R Hughes Book Prize for Geography

Molly Simpson

Instrumental Award

William Austin Clemens Teupe Toby Whitehead
Lavanya Ganatra Simon Upton Bradley Young

Richard Luddington Prize for Outstanding Academic and Sporting

Achievement

Sophie Spink

Graham Midgley Memorial Prize for Poetry

Katharina Dixon-Ward

Proxime accessit

Alexander Bridge William Davidson

George Series Prize

Leslie Dickson-Tetteh

Proxime accessit

Leslie Elleray Giles Neal

Ogilvie-Thompson English Prize

Emily Lobb

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Wei Kai Ng

Peel Awards

For the Professional Practice
Programme in Fine Art

Harry Coday
Francesca Nava

For Mathematics & Philosophy

Damien Czarnecki
Sophie Dangerfield

For Fine Art

Kirsty Clark
Jessica Palmer

Michael Pike Award

Michael Shao

St Edmund Hall Association Presidents' Prize

Harris Vince

Simonian Prize for Excellence in Leadership

Tim Donnison
Tom Dyer
Amelia Gabaldoni

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BURSARIES

A total of 41 students received the income-related Oxford Bursary. The College components of these bursaries were supported by: Aularian Chris Armitage in honour of his parents Charles and Edith Armitage; the generous bequest of Aularian Mr William Asbrey; Beaverbrooks the Jewellers; Aularian Mr Tony Best in honour of his parents Mr and Mrs Ron Best; Aularian David Harding and Mrs Gale Harding; Aularian Dan Levy; Aularian Mr Peter Johnson; Mrs Dorothy Pooley, Mrs Lucy Webber and Mrs Frances Georgel in memory of their father, Aularian Mr Philip Saul; Aularians Mr David and Mrs Judith Waring; and many Aularians in memory of Sir David Yardley.

A further 28 students received the University's income-related HSBC, Moritz-Heyman, Reuben, and Santander Bursaries.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS AND PRIZES

Armourers & Brasiers' Company/TATA Steel Prize

Nathan Lowe

BP Prize for Best Performance in Chemical Engineering

2017

Joseph Whittall

BP Prize for Best Performance in Chemical Engineering Part B Project

2017

Thomas Gibbs

Examiners' Prize for Distinction in all elements of MSc Migration

Alice Watson

Gibbs Prize

Alexis Chevalier
William Davidson
Jia Zhi Jiang
Jack Johnson

Emily Lobb
Sophie Spink
Amelia Stout

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Marceline Bresson
Daven Ho

Abhijeet Oswal

Gibbs Prize for Best Part B Project in Engineering Science

2017

Harris Vince

Institution of Mechanical Engineers/Frederic Barnes Waldron Best Student Award

2017

Jonathon Connolly

Royal College of Surgeons Scholarship

Richard Craig

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Theofanis Papamichalis Daisy Lorene Akinyi Ogembo
Wael Ballouk Marte Van Oort
Tuione Lisiate Fifita Takuro Yoshimura
Malte Christian Hummel

Wellcome Trust Fellowship

Hannah Sharpe Sarah Wideman

DEGREE RESULTS

Candidates who have agreed to their results being published

FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS 2018

Biochemistry

Class I Sam Garforth, Thomas Morgan
Class II i Maham Abbas, Tom Dyer, Conor Lyster, Haojun Shi, Elizabeth Wallis
Class II ii Saturnino Harris

Cell and Systems Biology

Class II i Georgina James

Chemistry

Class I Anna Burningham
Class II i Benjamin Woods
Class II ii Tingting Zhu

Earth Sciences

Class I Matthew Sutton
Class II i Lawrence Green, Samuel Henson, Seng Teck Avester Lau, Ana Pagu, Matthew Patience

Economics & Management

Class II i Scott Menzies, Hugo O'Grady, Karim Pal, Julia Selgrad, Haseem Shah Charlotte Xu

Engineering Science

Class II i Thomas Gibbs, Jessica Henderson, Christopher Lim Zi Kai, Nikolay Limonov, Yekuan Shentu, Ioannis Stamatopoulos
Class II ii Sophie Behan

English Language & Literature

Class I Alexander Bridge, William Davidson, Katharina Dixon-Ward, Anna Fletcher
Class II i Amelia Gabaldoni, Margaret Harrington, Ines Stevens

Fine Art

Class I Jessica Heywood, Hanna Hoeiboe, Michael McCormack, Elaine Robertson
Class II i Irina-Mihaela Birt

Geography

Class II i Charles Davies, Sophie Harris, Oliver Shasha

Geology

Class III Idan Hamm

History

Class II i James Higginbottom, Jermaine McEwan, Adam Wills

Jurisprudence

Class II i Annabel Edwards, Hugh Odone, Jason Pilkington, Zoe Toudup

Materials Science

Class I George Fulton
Class II i Benjamin Evans, Xinyi Fan, Albert Mills

Mathematics

Class I Rory Boath, Peter Hill
Class II i Daniel Hill

Mathematics & Philosophy

Class I Alexis Chevalier

Medical Sciences

Class II i Thomas King, Ryan Lea, Samuel Scott, Samuel Sussmes
Class II ii Olivia Pryer

Modern Languages

Class II i Anna Geissman, Elizabeth Haseldine, Elizabeth lee, Charlotte Mapp

Modern Languages & Linguistics

Class II i Olivia Brown

Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Class I Michael Atkinson
Class II i Martin Brandt, Alexander Holt, Christopher Sealey, Diana van der Watt

Physics BA

Class I Siqi Chen

Physics MPhys

Class I Kieran Bull, Ravinder Hayer
Class II i Nadine White
Class II ii Hok Lun Chan

Psychology

Class II i Nisha Dass

Psychology, Philosophy & Linguistics

Class I Sophie Spink

Class II i Douglas Burdon-Jones

HIGHER DEGREES

Diploma in Legal Studies

Anne Avemarie

Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil)

Biochemistry: Anna-Lena Kolb,

Chemistry: Xie Bowen, Yung-Kang Peng

Clinical Medicine: David Severson

Clinical Neurosciences: Gary Lau, George Tackley

Condensed Matter Physics: Rebecca Sutton

Economics: Pawel Adrjan

Earth Sciences: Wenji Guo, Tim Sweere, Andrzej Wolniewicz

Geography and the Environment: Penelope Mealy

History: Aashique Iqbal

Infection, Immunology & Translational Medicine: Florian Brod, Laura Makin

Mathematics: Tobias Barker, Graham Baird,

Materials: Yi-Sheng Chen, James Sayers, Inji Yeom

Medieval and Modern Languages: Marta Celati, Vanessa Lee

Organic Chemistry: Zhenbo Gao

Pathology: Florian Brod, Jessica Valli

Physiology: Scott Badin

Politics: Nathan Pinkoski

Radiobiology: Fiona Cahill, Katherine Wiseman

Master of Fine Art (MFA)

Logan Dandridge (Distinction)

Alistair Debling (Distinction)

Kyung Won Moon (Distinction)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

2017

Politics: Alexander Gebhard (Distinction)

2018

Economics and Social History: Caeden Brynie

General Linguistics and Comparative Philosophy: Maren Fichter (Distinction),
Chenzi Xu (Distinction)

Middle Eastern Studies: Sorcha Thomson

Russian and East European Studies: Iona Edwards, Oliver Woodhall

Bachelor of Medicine (BM BCh)

Amanda Bacon (Distinction), Alexander Hunt, Giles Neal, George Sismey
(Distinction)

Master of Science (MSc)

2017

Education: Pola Orłowska (Distinction)

Financial Economics: Helen Wu (Distinction)

Global Health Science: Jennifer Kizza (Distinction)

Nature, Society and Environmental Governance: Adam Searle (Distinction)

Pharmacology: Chi Fung Chow (Distinction)

Psychological Research: Katharina Angerer (Distinction)

Visual, Materials and Museum Anthropology: Anna Poloni (Distinction)

2018

Biochemistry: Theodora Bruun

Financial Economics: Malte Hummel (Distinction),

Global Governance and Diplomacy: Manuela Duque Hernandez (Distinction),
Kilian Wirthwein Vega (Distinction)

Migration Studies: Magdalena Isabel Rodriguez Dehli (Distinction), Alice
Watson (Distinction)

Refugee and Forced Migration Studies: Hannah Markay

Master of Studies (MSt)

English: Rohit Chakraborty, Sinead McDonnell

Global and Imperial History: Andrew Tower

Modern Languages: Alexander Lawrence (Distinction), Tian Xu, Paula
Zamorano Osorio

Women's Studies: Sydney Heifler

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

2017

Michael Carey (Distinction)

2018

Mark Kilbane

Magister Juris (MJur)

Hanneke Schreur (Distinction)

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)

Jake White

Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil)

Charlotte Figueroa, Kevin Gibbons

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Ian Cade, Philip Davies, Peter Moore, Abigail Neal, Hannah Templeman

DEGREE DAY DATES 2018–2019

Information about the procedure for signing up to a degree ceremony can be found on the College website www.seh.ox.ac.uk/students/graduation-ceremonies. Dates of degree ceremonies in 2018–2019 will be published on this site as and when they are confirmed.

Taught-course students who are due to finish their degrees in the 2018–2019 academic year will be invited by the University's Degree Conferrals Office in Michaelmas term of their final year to attend the ceremony date relevant to their degree. Research students will be invited to book a ceremony date once they have been granted Leave to Supplicate.

Historic graduands (pre-2018) or those wishing to have their MAs in person at a ceremony will need to request that their name is put on a 'holding list' (waiting list) for a ceremony date, and will be contacted should a place become available. Further information detailing the booking process for historic graduands is also available from the College website.



SECTION 5

FROM THE
DEVELOPMENT &
ALUMNI RELATIONS
OFFICE

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

It has been another busy and successful year in the Development & Alumni Relations Office.

Alumni events played host to over 2,000 Aularians and friends of the Hall. Aularian events are always full of warmth and good humour, a true reflection of Hall Spirit. Throughout this year many events have honoured the Principalship of **Professor Keith Gull** and, on a gloriously sunny day in July, we were pleased to welcome over 200 Aularians back to Oxford to pay tribute to both Professor Gull and **Dr Dianne Gull**. Aularians have also established The Keith Gull Fund which will be used by future Principals to provide funding to students in their pursuit of 'Hall Spirit', including those in unexpected hardship. The Fund reflects Principal Gull's commitment to the character of the Hall and student welfare.

For the second year running the annual St Edmund Hall Association London Dinner enjoyed a record attendance; the event continues to be one of the oldest and best-attended alumni dinners of any Oxford college. Our London events programme also included our customary 'enthusiastic' presence at the annual Varsity Rugby game, and the ongoing series of Teddy Talks.

Our programme of lunches and dinners across the UK and in North America are increasingly popular and, with Aularians now in 109 different countries, this regionalisation will expand over the coming years. The broad geographical spread of Aularians also places greater emphasis on our digital communications. Over 7,000 people received our termly E-Aularian newsletter and the Hall enjoys a large following on social media. Of course our paper communications continue and in Trinity term 2018 over 8,000 copies of *The Aularian* landed on doormats (or the local equivalent!) in all parts of the world.

I am particularly pleased to report that the Hall's fundraised income totalled £5,062,974. This represents the most successful fundraising year on record and our thanks go to the generous supporters who contributed gifts. Your philanthropy is critical to the success of the Hall: throughout the year, Aularians have endowed undergraduate bursaries, graduate scholarships, Masterclass Awards and numerous prizes and awards. Your gifts have also completed the funding required for the Hall's major refurbishment of the Old Library and Norham Gardens, which we expect to finish in summer 2019.

Our most sincere thanks go to all those who name the Hall in their will. Ten Aularians became members of the Floreat Aula Legacy Society and we look forward to welcoming them to the Society's ongoing programme of events. In 2017–2018, bequests contributed £1,221,899 to the fundraised income and all are used sensitively to progress the College in a fitting manner.

A key strategic aim is to increase the availability and quality of accommodation for our students. In response the Hall has been working with a small number



The Parents' Garden Party, Trinity term 2018

of Aularians who are willing to make private investments in Oxford properties to provide accommodation to members of the Hall community. Throughout the year three Aularians have made property available and we seek to build on this next year.

As the Pictures & Chattels Fellow reports in section 2 of this *Magazine*, the Hall has also received some wonderful artwork this year, notably two superb paintings gifted by **Bill Dinning** (2013, DPhil in Medieval & Modern Languages) and a fascinating collection of Peter Farmer works, facilitated by **Nicholas Dromgoole** (1948, History).

I am hugely grateful to the DARO team of **Sally Brooks, Kate Townsend, Tom Sprent** and **Emily Ding** for their commitment and dedication to the Aularian community.

Finally, our sincere thanks go to all those who support the Hall by giving time and funds. Your friendship and generosity is the cornerstone of Hall Spirit. Thank you.

Gareth Simpson

This is the sixth year for the **Principal's Circle** and **Board of Hall Benefactors (BHB)** which were formed to recognise alumni and friends who make significant continued philanthropic contributions to the Hall. The Hall wishes to acknowledge and thank:

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Nicholas Dromgoole (1948)
William Miller CBE (1949)
Chris Armitage (1950)
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Alex Georgiadis (1961)
Michael Rudman (1961)
Sir Martin Smith (1961) &
Lady Smith

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Peter Johnson (1965)
Ian Laing (1965)
Charles Fisher (1968)
Gareth Roberts (1971)
Bob Gaffey (1975)
Steve Edwards (1976)
Charles Russell (1977)
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The Annual Fund thrives and we thank all alumni who spoke to current students in the telethon and gave so generously to the Hall. The Annual Fund remains absolutely critical to the yearly finances of the Hall since it underpins much of our student-focused activity. The leadership element of the Annual Fund also continues to be successful and we extend our thanks to those who rose to the challenge of giving £1,000 or more to the Annual Fund this year:

LEADERSHIP DONORS 2017-2018

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From 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018

The Principal, Fellows and students are all extremely grateful for the support of the 1,101 alumni, parents of students and Friends of the Hall who have donated in the last year and whose names are recorded on the following pages. We record by

matriculation date the names of all who have made a donation during this period, including the participation rate (the percentage of people in each year who have given), and the total amount received per matriculation year. Where there are only one or two donors in a particular year we have not listed the amount given in order to preserve confidentiality.

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Brian Forrest*

1941 (25%)
Philip Toogood

1942 (38%)
Peter Carpenter
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1944 (9%)
Charles Taylor*

1945 (17%)
Anthony Knight
Victor Parry

1946 (67%)
David Dunsmore*
John Pike

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Noel McManus

1948 (7%)
Nicholas Dromgoole

1949 (23%, £39,361)
Alan Brimble
Alan Garnett*
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Terence Kelly*
William R Miller CBE

1950 (23%, £2,266)
Noel Harvey
Graham Heddle
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Ralph Simmons
Raymond Waddington-Jones
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Derek Bloom
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1952 (31%, £7,390)
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Ernie Fox
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1954 (21%, £3,888)
Omololu Alakija
Jeremy Cleverley
Michael Duffy
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Brian Shepherd
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1955 (32%, £8,270)
Hubert Beaumont*
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David Frayne
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1956 (44%, £72,313)
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1957 (29%, £50,469)

Michael Archer
Robin Blackburn
David Bolton
Blake Bromley
Duncan Dormor
John Ford
John Harrison
Dennis Jesson
Colin Nichols
David Parfitt
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George Ruffhead
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1959 (31%, £131,714)

Ian Alexander
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1960 (44%, £12,198)

John Adey
Nicolas Alldrit
Chris Atkinson
David Baines
Terence Bell
David Bolton
Adam Butcher
Robert Clark
Terence Coghlin
Jeremy Cook
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Patric Sankey-Barker
John Sherman
George Smith
Roger Sparrow
Chris Thorogood
Andrew Tod
Guy Warner
Alan Wilding
1 anonymous donor

1961 (28%, £31,021)

Don Anderson
David Brown
Martin Buckley
Stanley Burnton
Richard Goddard
Rex Harrison
Michael Hornsby
Malcolm Inglis
John Long
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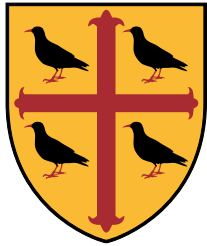
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SECTION 6

ARTICLES, POETRY AND BOOK REVIEW

WHAT KIND OF AGENT WAS DAVID FLOYD?*

When in February 2018 an Aularian, the late **David Floyd**, was outed by the *Sunday Times* as a diplomat traitor who'd divulged State secrets to Russia at the end of World War II, I was as surprised as almost everyone else who knew him. His reputation had been that of a committed right-winger. Between 1952 and 1979 he was the *Daily Telegraph's* principal commentator on Soviet and Communist affairs. I came across him in the mid-1960s during my five-year stint working as a Programme Assistant for the BBC's Russian Section. From time to time he visited Bush House, to write talks for the foreign language services. Some he would voice himself in English, others occasionally also in Russian. He was short, bespectacled and likeable, though jovially pushy. At the time I did think it strange: my left-of-centre views provoked no counter arguments, eliciting only a benign, indulgent smile. Then, he was nearly 20 years older than me.

The *ST* article was widely reported in the UK press largely because of the suggestion that our Security Services, paranoid after the 1951 defection to the USSR of Burgess and Maclean a few weeks before, didn't want further to alarm our American 'cousins', so had helped place Floyd at the *DT* — easy enough since both the editor, Colin Coote, and his deputy, Malcolm Muggeridge, were former spooks. MI5 told the CIA that there was no basis for legal action against Floyd, who'd named a British civil servant, Arthur Wynn, as the person who'd put him in touch with a Soviet agent. This Wynn always denied. Intriguingly, Wynn has elsewhere been identified as the 'ringleader' of an Oxford spying ring, about which little has so far been written.

My decision to research David's story was partly a consequence of our both having studied at the Hall. I'd already written a piece on a similar topic about a later SEH undergraduate, **John Bayliss** (see 'An Oxford University Double Agent' in the *SEH Magazine* for 2012–2013), and I reckoned the College Archive would be co-operative. So it proved.

The records show that David's father was Chief Mechanical Inspector for Great Western Railway based in Swindon. From a local State Secondary School, young Floyd won a town scholarship to fund his studies. Admitted by the Hall in 1932 to read French, he changed to Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Floyd died at the age of 83 in 1997. Two years earlier, the Hall published its *Who's Who*, containing a fairly detailed entry penned by him. It mentions his having been a member of the University 'October' Club, and lists his recreations as: 'Befriending Russian and East European defectors and immigrants' — two activities obviously calling for more detailed examination.

The 'October' was a Communist outfit, 'the most lively and enthusiastic club in Oxford', according to Michael Foot, President of the Students' Union, writing in the undergrad paper *Cherwell* in October 1933. The future Labour Party leader was then a Liberal and dismissive of Reds like Floyd, who claim the modern world can

only be explained by fitting it 'into the Procrustean bed of Marxian economics'. Foot refers to one or two fights in its 'short existence', which may explain why the University Proctors banned the Club, but not before David was elected President. The proscription was lifted in his final year.

The *Magazine* of the time reports Floyd's contribution to the Hall's Essay and Debating Societies, emphasising his passionate oratory and powers of persuasion. In Michaelmas term 1934 he delivered a paper on 'Soviet China' pointing out that as many as 100 million citizens had been freed from poverty, banditry and despair. As this was not then a topic much explored in press and radio, he must have been an assiduous student of specialist, probably Left-wing publications. Sino-Soviet relations was a theme he returned to in his 1964 book, *Mao Against Khrushchev*.

In September 1933, Floyd and two others demonstrated noisily against *Our Fighting Navy* showing in a Swindon cinema: they condemned it as militaristic and imperialist. For refusing to be bound over to keep the peace, David was sentenced to a month in prison. Discovering he had no right of appeal, he soon relented and was released. Unsurprisingly, the local education authority took a dim view of Floyd's dissidence and stopped his scholarship. It took the intervention of the Hall's Principal, **Alfred Brotherston Emden**, to have it eventually restored.

Floyd's problem paying off his College dues is a persistent theme in his many letters to Emden between 1935 and 1949. More importantly, the one-sided correspondence preserved in the College Archive also reveals how his career progressed in this period, effectively confirming the *Who's Who* entry. Volunteering for the RAF two years after the outbreak of World War II, he served in the ranks (longer than any other Hall graduate, as he complained to the Principal) until he was commissioned in 1943 into the Administration and Special Duties Branch. Having started to study Russian in his spare time he was accepted on an intensive 6-hour-a-day course at the School of Slavonic Studies in London, a precursor of the Joint Services School for Linguists at which I, along with some 4,200 other national servicemen, learned the language in the 1950s. Success in this new tongue led to Floyd's appointment at the British Military Mission in Moscow, whence in 1945 he was transferred to the Foreign Office's Diplomatic Corps, followed by spells in our Moscow, Prague and Belgrade embassies.

The significance of Floyd's posts to Emden is ambiguous. The Hall Principal, a highly successful medieval historian, was a devout Anglican who was consulted by the Church of England on ecclesiastical appointments. He gave up much of his time to be a governor of boys' schools, and supported a holiday camp for young, unemployed miners. Floyd frequently sought career advice from Emden and benefitted from the job references he wrote. On occasion, Floyd would stay with his mentor when visiting Oxford.

I take it for granted not only that Emden knew Floyd was a Communist but was also aware he'd married a fellow-Communist Oxford graduate, Joan Dabbs, who in

April 1942 was working at the BBC's European Service for Richard Crossman and Patrick Gordon Walker. The future Labour Party hierarchs were fermenting revolt in Nazi-occupied countries, according to one of Floyd's letters to the Principal.

Emden's commitment to the British war effort seems not in doubt. He had served on the lower deck as an Able Seaman throughout World War I, and in the second international conflagration he persuaded the Admiralty to create a Naval Cadet force at Oxford University comparable to existing Army and RAF units. In October 1942, with the rank of Temporary Acting Lieutenant Commander (Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve), he was put in charge.

The USSR only came into WWII after being invaded by the Germans in June 1941, in total disregard of the non-aggression pact the two countries had signed in August 1939. In that nearly two-year period, Soviet sympathisers might not have been expected to prosecute the war with any vigour. Floyd's work as Commissioner for National Savings protected him from conscription, but in November 1941 he volunteered anyway. Was Russia's entry into the war a motivating factor? And would Emden have started campaigning earlier for the Naval Cadet force had the Soviets not been party to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact? I have no evidence at all that the Principal of my College, who only retired five years before I went up, was a secret Red, let alone someone prepared to do the Kremlin's bidding. Old Aularians will be outraged at such a notion. If there were 'Cambridge spies', however, why not Oxford ones too?

The first person I consulted for this article was Kira Finkelstein, widow of the Russian émigré writer and broadcaster, Leonid Finkelstein, both good friends of Floyd. Leonid's talks for Radio Liberty in Munich and later for the BBC's Russian Service in London were highly prized by Soviet listeners. In conversation with me, Kira was adamant that Floyd had totally renounced his Communist past.

Not all those who quit the Soviet bloc were as certain of Floyd's genuine change of heart as Kira still is. In 1973, Russian gerontologist Zhores Medvedev was tricked into handing over his passport to officials at the Soviet embassy in London. After receiving it, they read to him the decree of the Supreme Soviet depriving him of his citizenship. Floyd published the story in the *DT* over the next two days. Still living in England and now in his nineties, Zhores believes the only possible source was the embassy itself. He resents the fact that Floyd quotes him without ever speaking to him, taking particular exception to the phrase attributed to him: 'Better to be in Britain than a Soviet prison.'

Zhores, who wrote *Ten Years After Ivan Denisovich*, an account of Solzhenitsyn's travails following the publication of *One Day in the Life*, e-mailed me with an extract from a relevant Solzhenitsyn memoir as yet unpublished in English, and which I wouldn't otherwise have known. The Russian title is УГОДИЛО зернышко меж двух жерновов — *A Grain Between Two Millstones*. The following paragraph is derived from that text.

In 1974, not long after Solzhenitsyn had been forced into exile, David Floyd interpreted for the émigré author at an interview given to CBS, the American News channel. After it, Floyd wrote to the expelled Russian polemicist saying that the ‘dream of his life’ would be to join him and become his secretary. An offer not accepted, but Floyd’s recommendation that Solzhenitsyn should meet Leopold Labeledz was, if reluctantly, followed up. The anti-Soviet, Polish émigré Labeledz wanted the exiled writer’s support ‘to create an International Tribunal to judge Soviet leaders’. ‘However morally just and enticing such a Tribunal might be’, Solzhenitsyn felt it was impossible to defy the ‘winds and current of history’: unlike Nazism, Communism wouldn’t be brought to judgement, was his view. Nevertheless they met, with Floyd in attendance. ‘Our chat was a waste of time.’ Six weeks or so later, Solzhenitsyn discovered to his horror that the German weekly news magazine, *Der Spiegel*, had published an article claiming that he was proposing an International Tribunal to pass judgement on the Soviet regime, maybe from Lenin to Brezhnev. ‘The opposite of the truth. I’m more inclined to believe the information came from Floyd rather than Labeledz.’

Jan Nejez is a Czech who, in the late 1940s, escaped from the Jachymov uranium mine in what was Czechoslovakia. The complex provided radio-active material for the Soviet nuclear weapons programme. Given asylum in Britain, Jan assumed the name John Bradley. He was made welcome in London by David Floyd. Indeed, he ‘became his favourite’ according to an e-mail to me from Bradley, ‘because of his Czech wife’. (In 1948, shortly after the Communist take-over in Prague where he was employed in the British embassy, Floyd had acquired a second spouse.) Despite all the overt signs of friendship, Bradley holds Floyd responsible for the fact that his having laboured at the Jachymov mine was divulged to the Soviet Military Attaché at a party in the South African embassy. In an online memoir, Bradley asserts that the Soviets asked Prague to deal with him: ‘kidnap and assassinations were the usual methods then.’ Disappearing from London shortly thereafter is, Bradley believes, what saved him.

The scepticism about Floyd expressed by Medvedev, Solzhenitsyn and Bradley cannot serve alone to condemn the *DT*’s Special Correspondent, but the optics are not auspicious. For a more definitive answer to the question of whose side Floyd was really on, I’m anticipating that historian Jeff Hulbert, the co-author of a well-received biography of Guy Burgess and author of the *ST* disclosures on Floyd, with whom I’ve been in touch, will have further revelations. I’d also be interested in any light that fellow Aularians can shed (please contact me via aularianconnect@seh.ox.ac.uk).

Tony Cash (1954, Modern Languages)

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THE PRINCIPAL’S PORTRAIT

A portrait of the retiring Professor Gull was commissioned by the Governing Body and painted by Mark Roscoe this year. The work was unveiled to Aularians at the celebratory event for the Principal and Dr Dianne Gull held in the Wolfson Hall on 7 July 2018. It is destined to join the portraits of other Principals hanging in the Old Dining Hall. This portrait inspired the following poem by Darrell Barnes.

The Principal’s Portrait

This isn’t really what you would expect -
the usual worthy picture of success,
looking gravely learned and correct.
He wears a casual suit, not formal dress,
an open-collared shirt without a tie;
he comes across distinguished nonetheless.
An easy smile, a twinkle in his eye,
he sits in comfort in his study chair.
And yet, is there a look that’s almost shy,
as if he wonders what he’s doing there
and why this portrait’s being made at all?
Beside himself, the room’s completely bare:
no master’s gown, no books against the wall,
no other subtle nuance painted in.
Keith Gull was Principal of Teddy Hall.
The world records the scholarship within,
but we see a man who’s happy in his skin.

Darrell Barnes

(1963, Modern Languages)

President, St Edmund Hall Association 2011–2014

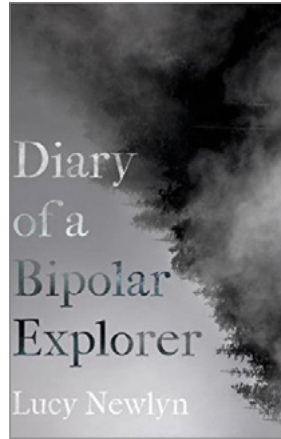
RECONCILING DISCORDANT ELEMENTS: PROFESSOR LUCY NEWLYN'S WORK

'there is a dark
Inscrutable workmanship that reconciles
Discordant elements, makes them cling together
In one society.'

Wordsworth, *The Prelude*, Book 1

It is probably not a well-hidden secret — the life of an Oxford tutor is not always a bed of roses. From 1984 onwards, **Professor Lucy Newlyn**, *A C Cooper Fellow and Tutor in English*, became highly regarded for the care which she took of the students in her charge, her sensitive literary criticism (notably of the Romantic poets and Edward Thomas), the encouragement and inspiration which she gave through her creative writing workshops and the Hall Writers' Forum, and the poetry which she herself produced. Lucy reflected comfortably on her time at the Hall in the interview which was published in the 2015–2016 edition of the *Magazine*.

There was quite a revelation, therefore, on 27 February 2018 when Lucy's latest book was launched in the Doctorow Hall: *Diary of a Bipolar Explorer*. The 95 people who attended the event — family, friends, colleagues and students — were introduced to an autobiographical work describing what it had been like for her over the previous 15 years to be bipolar and to struggle with bereavement, family life, and the workplace; with conditions such as depression, mania, psychosis, PTSD; and with various short-term addictions. Written during the first few months after Lucy's retirement in 2016, this memoir also fascinatingly explores the creativity which is often associated with bipolar disorder, and her own emergence as a poet.



At the launch, Lucy was interviewed for about an hour by Dr Neil Vickers, Reader in English Literature & Medical Humanities at King's College London, during which she also read out some of the poems and prose from her memoir. As in the book itself, and through subsequent interviews and talks, Lucy aimed to destigmatise the condition of bipolarity by being open and candid for a general audience. All sales royalties are being donated to the mental health charity MIND.

A follow-up event was held in a packed Doctorow Hall on 10 May 2018. Chaired by the Hall's Chaplain, **the Revd Will Donaldson**, this took the form of a conversation between Lucy and Dr Richard Lawes (Lecturer in English at Regent's Park College and Consultant Psychiatrist to the University's Student Counselling Service). Lucy explained how she felt that she could not have written

the book while still in post as a tutor, not least because of the stigma attached to mental illness. The conversation opened with a powerful and moving account of the events that had led to Lucy falling into a psychotic state and being sectioned. Equally remarkable was the vividness with which she could now analyse and describe such a traumatic experience, tracing the circumstances that precipitated it. Lucy also described other persecutory delusions, giving the audience an insight into what she believed at the time — balanced with a sense of humour (for example, over the College's security cameras) now that she can look back from a safe distance at what happened.

The conversation also focussed on the highs stimulated by Lucy's bipolar condition. She described these, like Virginia Woolf, as 'volcanic lava welling up unstoppably', impelling her simply to write and write. Although she recognises that the poetry composed in these hypomanic states is often not good, it captures deep feelings and provides her with raw material that, with a lot of effort demanding critical detachment, she can later craft into something better. But whereas she enjoys the experience of being on a high and writing well, a counterpart follows, of feeling down after completing a book. Throughout, Lucy provided a good sense of the more everyday side of bipolar disorder: the great majority of the time that is experienced as a mixture of hypomania and depression rather than feelings dominated by the extremes of the spectrum.

As she mentions in her SCR News item in section 2 of this *Magazine*, Lucy is using retirement to pursue her creative work, including an experiment with novel-writing.

REVIEW

The Revd Will Donaldson: *The Servant Heart: Exploring the Life and Legacy of St Edmund of Abingdon*. Grove Books Limited (Spirituality Series), 2018.

This 28-page monograph is one of the fruits of the Chaplain's recent sabbatical leave from the Hall. Its cover illustration includes a silhouette of Rodney Munday's seated statue of St Edmund in the graveyard, perhaps suggesting that Edmund is a rather shadowy figure — but Mr Donaldson has successfully presented him as someone who is 'more than a distinguished ecclesiastical figure of medieval British history: he continues to shape educational institutions, churches and individuals' lives today, nearly 900 years later' (p. 20).

Drawing on the scholarship of Principal Emden, Professor C H Lawrence and Archdeacon C A Plaxton, Mr Donaldson begins by outlining what is known about Edmund's life, from his birth in Abingdon c. 1175 (he was named after St Edmund the Martyr, King of East Anglia). We are reminded that after an initial period as a teacher in Oxford from c. 1195, when he was apparently teaching on the site that later became part of the Hall, Edmund heeded a call to the priesthood and went to Paris to study theology; ordained, he returned to Oxford (c. 1214) to become 'a

brilliant teacher and a caring pastor of his students, adored and admired for his academic prowess and deep piety' (p. 6). During this time Edmund is credited with paying for a Lady Chapel in the church of St Peter-in-the-East, now the College Library; and with becoming a key figure in re-establishing the University as an academic centre of international status.

Edmund's tranquil career as an Oxford don came to a close in 1222 when he accepted appointment as Canon Treasurer of the cathedral being built in Salisbury to replace Old Sarum; this was combined with the rectorship of St Mary's in Calne, Wiltshire (Mr Donaldson applauds Edmund's strong commitment to pastoral ministry as a parish priest and his reputation as a fine preacher). A much more senior ecclesiastical appointment followed in 1234, when Edmund — albeit reluctantly — became Archbishop of Canterbury. His tenure was a short one, made uncomfortable by disputes with King Henry III and the Canterbury Cathedral Chapter but also made successful by 'careful diplomacy' and his influential 'deep personal piety'. On a trip to visit the pope in 1240, Edmund fell ill and died on 16 November 1240 at Soisy in France; his body was taken to his beloved Pontigny Abbey for burial. In the remarkably short space of six years, efforts to get Edmund canonised were successful.

Out of this account of Edmund's life, Mr Donaldson proceeds to analyse his character and personality, and so his inspirational legacy. There is a frank acknowledgement that the hagiography surrounding Edmund, particularly in the testimonials supporting the canonisation claim, is bound to contain some fiction. But Mr Donaldson argues that it is nevertheless possible and rewarding 'to reach the real person behind the myth and the cult' (p. 12). His approach is to recognise that Edmund took the Beatitudes given in chapter 5 of St Matthew's Gospel to be Christ's own declaration of what the Christian life looks like and so provide the central pathway to holiness. He points out that a whole chapter is devoted to the Beatitudes in one of Edmund's books, *Mirror of the Religious*. Mr Donaldson then reviews Edmund's life, showing how different elements of his character can be mapped on to each of the Beatitudes, all the while emphasising the underlying *service*: serving with genuine humility, heartfelt sadness, gentle strength, righteous passion, healing grace, holy integrity, reconciliatory love, undaunted courage.

The final chapter of the book briefly examines Edmund's continuing legacy for academia and church life. Mr Donaldson addresses directly 'the challenge for academia — to integrate study with faith', arguing that the Christianity which inspired Edmund's studies helped him to make sense of the world and was not inhibiting or restricting; modern-day scientists who promote 'the importance of faith in God for the scientific enterprise' are quoted (pp. 20-21). More broadly, Mr Donaldson believes that Edmund would have approved of the extensive contribution now made to children's education by the Church of England, and he refers to the institutions specifically acknowledging St Edmund's legacy:

St Edmund's College, Ware (the oldest Roman Catholic secondary school in England); St Edmund's School, Canterbury (an Anglican school associated with the Cathedral there); St Edmund's College, Cambridge (a Catholic foundation for postgraduate students); our own Hall (we are urged to note the two piles of books carved into the stonework of the pillars at the front of the Chapel). In church life, Mr Donaldson touches on the work of the Society of St Edmund, based at St Michael's University College in Burlington, Vermont; and the church of Our Lady and St Edmund in the saint's home town of Abingdon.

The Chaplain concludes that 'The essence of Edmund's life and ministry was costly, sacrificial service of God and his fellow human beings, revealing a servant heart' (p. 22): a personal integrity, social compassion, and spiritual devotion on which we should continue to reflect.

An event to launch The Servant Heart was held at the Hall on 1 June 2018.

HEARING LOSS IN LOW & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES: THE INVISIBLE AND FORGOTTEN DISEASE

Dr James O'Donovan (2017, DPhil in Education) writes about his work to support people with hearing loss.

It was a hot summer's day in Mbarara, Uganda. The sun beat down on the mosaic-like dirt road as I made my way towards Holy Innocents Children's Hospital. I made my way slowly, cognisant of the busy workload that would inevitably await me. It was a rare moment of calm that I savoured. The clinic opened at 8am but there would already be an expectant gathering of parents, grandparents, mothers and children waiting at the hospital gate, eager to see the 'Mzungu' doctor. The weight of expectation placed on my shoulders filled me with a slight sense of apprehension each day, since without the lack of the diagnostic tests and equipment that I had become seemingly reliant on during my short time in clinical practice in the UK I would be tested to the limit.

This daily routine continued for the rest of my time in Mbarara. The never-ending stream of patients juxtaposing with the lack of tests and treatment options. At times it seemed futile. Each day after clinic I would make my way back to the Catholic Mission house where I was staying, where my weary body and mind would collapse on to the small single bed in the room I called home.

Each day as I walked back and forth, a young girl Promise* would follow me — initially timid, but over time gaining in confidence enough so that she would hold my hand. Promise, however, was different from her peers.

She had chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM), an infection of the middle ear which despite repeated rounds of antibiotics had failed to heal. This hidden disability meant she was held back four years at school. Promise will be unlikely



James O'Donovan with Village Health Team members in rural Mukono (photo supplied by James)

to leave school with any qualifications, will struggle to find a job and like millions of others living with hearing loss in sub-Saharan Africa, will live a life where she cannot reach her full potential.

This first-hand experience has inspired me to act as an advocate for some of the world's poorest people who suffer from hearing loss, often referred to as the 'hidden death sentence'. Much attention has been given to HIV, TB, AIDS, malaria — and rightly so, because these are important and pressing problems. Yet, due to limited funding, very little focus has been given to disabilities such as deafness despite the enormous and devastating personal, social and economic impacts it can have on individuals and society more broadly.

This issue is compounded by lack of international aid directed towards disabilities, shortage of trained health professionals and a cut in public spending towards health care that can be reflected across society on a global scale.

I am now working with the World Health Organisation to redesign primary ear care training for community health workers globally. Working directly at the interface of practice, policy and research is one of the key ways to influence meaningful change at both an individual level and global level, and in a small way help individuals such as Promise.

So what can you do?

1. **Inform others of the impact of hearing loss in LMICs to raise awareness.**
2. **Write to your MP.** International aid is important now more than ever and

the UK Government must deliver on its commitment to provide 1% of GDP towards international aid — a small price to pay for humanity.

3. **Consider donating to organisations such as Omni Med, a grassroots-level NGO that I work for in Uganda (omnimed.org).** Unlike with large multinational charities your money goes much further: we cut out the bureaucracy, validate our work through rigorous research, employ locals and work directly with the Ministry of Health, taking a health systems strengthening approach in one of the poorest regions of the world.

Since we are all global citizens, it is important that we do not fall into the trap of becoming apathetic to the suffering of others, perpetuated by what the influential medical anthropologist and physician Dr Paul Farmer terms 'structural violence'.

Acting on these three simple steps can ensure you make a small but impactful difference to those living with hearing loss, such as Promise, in some of the poorest regions of the world.

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If you would like to know more about my work, I would be delighted to connect with you. Please e-mail me at: james.odonovan@seh.ox.ac.uk.

*name changed to protect confidentiality

TRAVELS IN ROMANIA

Irina-Mihaela Birt (2015, Fine Art) writes:

As a soon-to-be Finalist studying Fine Art, I was very fortunate to receive the Cochrane Scholarship. It allowed me to fund a creative project involving the creation of some immersive video installations created across Romania that tackled the notion of modifying existing traditional architecture and defining the concept of one's space and cultural identity. Since the Cochrane Scholarship covered the cost of travelling across the country in order to implement this projection mapping installation, I was able to fully immerse myself in the beautiful rustic architecture of the villages I visited and really take my time with the final touches of the project.

I started the 2017 summer break by researching the best-suited projectors I could use to complement the projection-mapping software I was using. After I managed to borrow some large projectors I spent a few weeks testing VPT, the experimental projection mapping I was using, on actual historical buildings. I started my journey in Nußbach, which is a commune in Braşov County, where I was lucky enough

to be hosted in two rustic homes from the 1800's. I projected some animations produced in the beginning of the break but I felt like somehow the aesthetic wasn't matching the soul of the village so I started experimenting with Three Js, which is a cross-browser JavaScript library/API used to create and display animated 3D computer graphics in a web browser. Being able to manipulate the animations I was projecting on to the building really helped maintain a more natural workflow, where I would study how the light was hitting the buildings and strategically readjust where needed. During my stay in Nußbach, I spent hours studying the local evangelic church because it really inspired me to switch the focus of the project on making the end photos and the graphics projected more personal to the history of buildings. For example you could really tell that more communities coexisted in the Nußbach area and the styles of the buildings were heavily influenced by both Hungarians and Saxons. Even if in the past there were many conflicts between the cohabitants, I found it truly beautiful how the surrounding architecture found a way to combine the three ethnicities into a unitary whole. While I was staying in Nußbach, a group of Saxons who had left the village returned with their families on an organised trip. They seemed to really miss the atmosphere of the village and were eager to share their life stories in the fortified church with me and with a few of the Saxons still living in Nußbach.

After taking some photographs and experimenting with projection mapping in more depth, I started my two months of adventuring through Romania's villages to take pictures and use projection mapping to reflect their unique cultural identities. I went to some different villages, in the same area: Belin, Hăghig, Felidioara and Hoghiz, where a similar medieval architecture was present and you could again see the Hungarian influence as well as the Saxon one.

Afterwards I ventured into a new Transylvanian medieval village called Biertan. This village, certified as early as 1283, comprises the peasant fortress on a hill in the centre of the place, with three enclosures, six towers, three defensive bastions and a late- Gothic church. The village really impressed me with its urban planning, with the row of houses arranged around a central square, but also through the picturesque area, where silence dominates, in a village that seems lost between the valleys and the hills of the Transylvanian Plateau.

The star of my journey had to be the village of Viscri, which has benefited from the promotion of Prince Charles. The village is also included in the category of peasant settlements with fortified churches on the UNESCO list of monuments, with the Fortified Church at the centre of the must-see architectural gems. It dates back to 1225, being one of the oldest churches, with a fortified enclosure of irregular shape. Often near the entrance of the village there are various performances and traditional Saxon songs. It was charming to see the meeting place of Saxons still living in the village. Many households offer traditional foods such as syrups, jams, honey or other souvenir items they made to the passers-by. During my stay here I was really

fascinated by the way the villagers were sitting and chatting with their families in front of their gates every evening. It was almost like you could get to know them just by passing by and observing them. An interesting thing occurred to me during my time in Viscri: our architectural environments truly reflect our personalities and we can learn how to appreciate the present more by studying the past. Perhaps this is what drew me to starting this project through Romania's many villages.

My last village visited was Breb, in Maramureş. In my opinion, Breb doesn't need any presentation. It is one of the most beautiful villages in Transylvania and became famous for its name which would translate as 'the village of the *breb*', which means beaver. The strong points of Breb village would be the preservation of the traditions, the popular harbour and the traditional architecture. Here I really found myself looking back to the beginning of this journey and realizing how lovely and filled with history small communities can be.

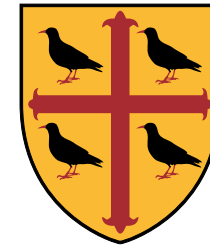
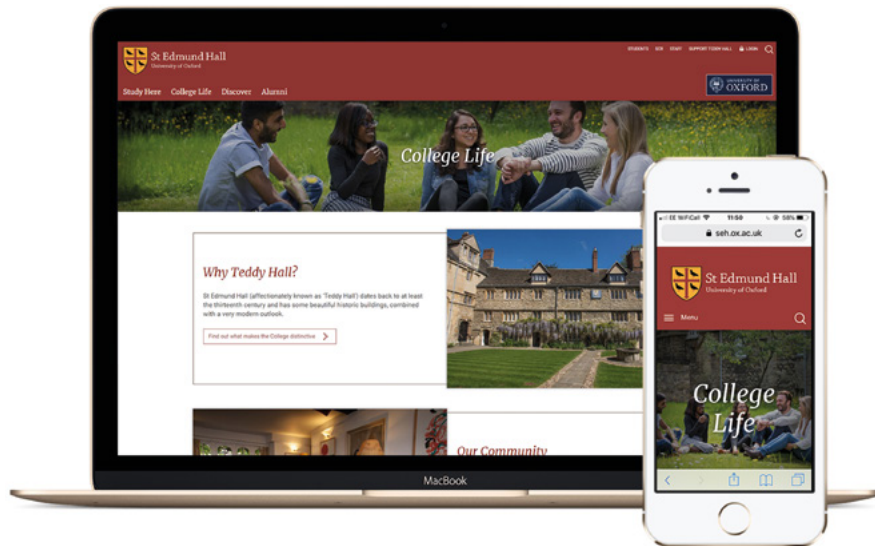
I would like to express how much I appreciate receiving the Cochrane Scholarship. Without this Scholarship I wouldn't have been able to take on this very ambitious project. I was very emotionally invested in it as I have been working on the project for quite a while and I feel that it has tremendously helped me evolve my practice and learn how to explore different artistic mediums.

HALL WEBSITE RELAUNCH

The College website (www.seh.ox.ac.uk) underwent a major facelift this year, with our new site launching on 6 August 2018. The redesign was prompted by the fact that the previous website, which had been in place since January 2012, was showing its age and had not kept up with the advances in technology which had seen the numbers of users on mobile devices or tablets rise to 35% of our total audience. Since the old site was not responsive to screen size, it was more difficult to view on a smaller screen and potentially off-putting to this segment of visitors.

We began working with REDBOT, a digital agency based in Reading, in the summer of 2017, with a brief aimed at increasing our appeal to prospective students as well as continuing to serve our other varied audiences, including current students, alumni, Fellows and staff, and conference and wedding organisers. In addition, we were keen to be able to feature videos more easily and have a much greater flexibility with the layout of pages. From the College end, the project was managed by **Claire Hooper**, with excellent support in the early design and planning phase from our then Summer Communications Intern, **Freddie Batho** (2014, English).

Several months later, and we have a much more modern-looking and user-friendly site, and a far more detailed understanding of just how rich and vast our content is — including over 250 pages and 330 profiles! There is a new Alumni section, put together by the Development & Alumni Relations Office team, in particular Alumni Relations Manager **Kate Townsend**, designed to make it easier to find



SECTION 7

THE ST EDMUND HALL ASSOCIATION

information about the many ways in which Aularians can remain involved with Teddy Hall — from events and alumni societies, to supporting the next generation of students and staying in touch with our news. A link takes users direct to Hall publications, including the archive of digitised copies of the *Magazine* and *The Aularian* newsletter. The ‘Study Here’ and ‘College Life’ sections are aimed at prospective students, and have been created as a team effort with lots of input from our Schools Liaison Officer, **Luke Maw**, and Admissions Officer, **Scarlett Nash**. There are also areas for current students, SCR members and staff, as well as a ‘Discover’ section which contains a wealth of information ranging from profiles of our academics to the history of the College and information about the Library and our research activities.

Magazine readers are encouraged to explore the new site; and if you have any feedback, feel free to contact us on webmaster@seh.ox.ac.uk.

Claire Hooper
Communications Manager

CORRECTION

In the article about the Hall gardens in last year’s Magazine, the captions of two of the pictures of plants in the Back Quad were unfortunately transposed. For the record: figure 3 on p. 144 showed the Chilean lantern tree and figure 4 on p. 145 showed the Chilean bellflower.

THE ASSOCIATION'S YEAR

A detailed report from **David Waring** (1987, Geography) as President of the St Edmund Hall Association was published in the Trinity term 2018 issue of *The Aularian* newsletter. This described a busy year for the Association, supported by the Development & Alumni Relations Office, in taking forward the mandate for modernisation while still preserving those things that work well and Aularians' ethos and spirit.

A separate account of this year's redesigned London Dinner appears later in this section of the *Magazine*. On 19 June 2018 a London Aularians Summer Drinks event was also held, at The Yorkshire Grey pub near Chancery Lane.

The Association has been showing Aularians that there are ways of reconnecting with the Hall which do not necessarily involve donating money. David hosted a President's Dinner at the Hall in November 2017 so that some Aularian volunteers could have an evening of discussion with the JCR and MCR Presidents and their fellow elected officers. Understanding that students were keen to receive advice from alumni about the practicalities of entering the workplace, adjusting to this, and developing a career, the Association went on to hold a successful workshop at the Hall on 28 February 2018. Volunteers will be sought to assist with further events of this kind.

Volunteers are also needed to sit on the Association's Committee, and to act as points of contact in major cities around the world (helping to co-ordinate a more global communications and events programme). Those interested should contact David Waring via aularianconnect@seh.ox.ac.uk.

In the communications sphere, an improved Association webpage has been incorporated into the Hall's upgraded website, which went live during the 2018 Long Vacation (see the article by Claire Hooper in section 6 of this *Magazine*).

This year's Aularian Prize was awarded to graduate student **Hannah Markay** (2017, MSc in Refugee & Forced Migration Studies), while the SEHA Presidents' Prize went to undergraduate **Harris Vince** (2014, Engineering Science). Both of them were well-deserving candidates.

THE ST EDMUND HALL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: JANUARY 2018

President	J David Waring MA (1987)
Principal	Professor Keith Gull CBE BSc PhD DSc Lond, FRS, FMedSci, FRSB
Immediate Past President	Lawrence Cummings MA (1971)
Honorary Vice-President	Justin C B Gosling BPhil MA
Honorary Vice-President	R (Bob) J L Breese MA (1949)
Honorary Secretary	Richard A H Finch MA (1976)
Honorary Treasurer	Ian W Durrans BA (1977)
Up to 1964	Darrell M P Barnes MA (1963)
1965-74	Sir Jon Shortridge KCB MA MSc (1966) Lawrence Cummings MA (1971)
1975-84	Richard A H Finch MA (1976) Richard S Luddington MA MPhil (1978) Russell Withington MA MIET MIRSE MInstP (1979)
1985-94	Stuart M Hopper MA (1987) Dr David J Jordan MA PhD (1990)
1995-04	Olly M Belcher BA MSc (1999) Polly J Cowan BA (2002)
2005-14	Kate E Gresswell-Bandeira BA (2007)
<i>Ex officio</i>	MCR President — Kusal Lokuge BA MPhil (2014) JCR President — Will Mason (2016) Alumni Relations Manager — Kate Townsend

MINUTES OF THE 87TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The 87th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at 100 Wardour St, Soho, London W1F 0TN on Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 6.45 pm, David Waring presiding.

Over 50 members were present.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the 86th Meeting, held on 17 January 2017, copies being available, were confirmed and signed in the Minute Book by the President. There were no matters arising.
2. **President's Report.** David Waring confirmed that the Association was in good heart.
3. **Principal's Report.** Professor Keith Gull said that he would make his report at the Dinner.
4. **Honorary Secretary's Report.** There were no major items.
5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report.** Ian Durrans presented the audited accounts; he said that the finances were in a healthy position. There were no questions and the accounts were adopted.
6. **Elections.** The following, who had been nominated by the Executive Committee, were elected unanimously:

Hon. Secretary	Richard A H Finch	Re-elected for three years
1975-84	Richard A H Finch	Re-elected for three years
1985-94	Dr David J Jordan	Re-elected for three years
1995-2004	Olly M Belcher	Re-elected for three years
7. **Appointment of Honorary Auditor.** Lindsay Page was unanimously re-appointed.
8. **Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 100 Wardour St at 6.30 pm.
9. **There being no further business, the President closed the Meeting at 7 pm.**

R A H FINCH
Hon. Secretary

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Year ended 31 May 2017 £	Year ended 31 May 2018 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions	12,984	13,208
Bank interest	21	14
	13,005	13,222
EXPENDITURE		
Magazine production and Archivist's costs	(8,500)	(8,500)
Committee expenses	(118)	-
Principal's gift	-	(198)
	(8,618)	(8,698)
Income less expenses	4,387	4,524
Grants:		
St Edmund Hall Association dinner subsidy	(2,190)	(2,728)
St Edmund Hall Association Principal's Fund	(1,000)	(1,000)
Aularian Prize	(300)	(300)
	897	496
Surplus transferred to General Fund	897	496

These accounts will be submitted for the approval of the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 29 January 2019.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2018

	31 May 2017	31 May 2018
	£	£
ASSETS		
Debtors	4,240	-
Charities Deposit Fund	5,700	5,700
Bank balances	27,317	41,633
	<u>37,257</u>	<u>47,333</u>
Less: Creditors	(4,924)	(14,504)
	<u>32,333</u>	<u>32,829</u>
REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
General Fund at start of year	29,692	30,589
Surplus from Income Account	897	496
	<u>30,589</u>	<u>31,085</u>
Aularian Register Fund	1,744	1,744
	<u>32,333</u>	<u>32,829</u>

D Waring (President)
I W Durrans (Hon. Treasurer)
 31 July 2018

THE LONDON DINNER 2018

The President of the SEH Association writes:

After many years of the Annual London Dinner being held at the Royal Over-Seas League ('ROL'), prompted by feedback from many Aularians the Committee took a decision in 2017 to look for a fresh venue from 2018 as part of the modernisation theme I have been tasked to implement. Whilst I know quite a number of Aularians were perfectly comfortable with the overall offering of the ROL, the truth was that it had grown tired, the costs were escalating annually (which **Richard Finch** was doing a sterling job trying to counter — the last proposal we received was for a rise of costs of over 25% per person) and feedback from a very large number of Aularians (not just the 'under 35's') showed that a significant number were very dissatisfied with the venue. We searched London for over six months and, to be expected, the choices for a quality, modern venue capable of holding over 200 people proved challenging, given primarily restrictions on minimum spends/overall costs. We have always sought to keep the event within a manageable budget (and even tried to provide some subsidies for younger Aularians, to cover affordability gaps and stimulate new attendees).

The 2018 Dinner was held at 100 Wardour Street in Soho on 30 January — formerly the Marquee Club where the Stones played weekly in the 60's (and Keith Gull was often seen dancing) and now a renowned and very popular jazz venue in the heart of London's West End. With room for 240 Aularians to join us, the event was sold out and a large waiting-list had to be created. With the greatest diversity of Aularian age-groups represented at the Dinner for many years, a significant upgrade in food



This year's London Dinner at 100 Wardour Street

quality, a real bar for pre-dinner and post-dinner drinks, and live music from an Aularian band for post-dinner drinks and speeches, the Dinner was judged by many in our feedback survey to have successfully achieved the transformation we were looking for but whilst maintaining the Hall spirit and many of the features people want. We were also able to see **Keith and Dianne Gull** off in style.

The transition was not however without teething problems: slow service, port not delivered to some tables in time for the Bruce Mitchell toast (a heinous crime, I know), and the table layout meant a number of people were not able to have a clear view of the speakers. Please be assured that nearly all these issues will be rectified next year when we return to Wardour Street. I hope that those, particularly older-generation Aularians who found some of these changes less appealing will do me the honour of returning to the venue next year. Change is inevitable and always comes with some cost and challenges: we want to ensure the Hall Spirit endures across ALL the generations, and the new Principal and I will look forward to seeing you all next January.

Floreat aula!

David Waring

THOSE ATTENDING THE DINNER

Guests

The Principal

Dr Dianne Gull

Mr Kusal Lokuge (2014) (MCR President)

Mr Will Mason (2016) (JCR President)

Members

1949	Mr R.J.L. Breese	Mr P.M. Newell	1967	Mr G.D. Salter	
1950	Mr J. Wheeler	Mr A.M. Rentoul	1968	Mr D.J. Hughes	
1951	Mr D.J. Day	Mr R.K. Smith		Mr H.J. Hunt	
	Mr D.E. Wood	1962	Mr I.H. Bennett	Mr R.T. Ward	
1952	Mr N.F. Lockhart	Mr N.R. Cowling	1969	Mr I.C. Busby	
1954	Mr A. Cash	Mr J.R. de Rennes		Mr P.E. Ramell	
1956	Mr B.E. Amor	Mr J.H. Elkins	1970	Mr W.N. David	
	Mr M.J. Cansdale (St Edmund Fellow)	Mr R.H. Hall		Dr J.W. Hawkins	
	Mr A.F. Ham	Mr M.J. Hamilton	1971	Mr L.N. Kaye	
	His Hon Martin Reynolds	Mr R.N. Oliver	1971	Mr L. Cummings	
		1963	Mr D.M.P. Barnes	1972	Mr A.W. Ayres
			Mr D.R. Clarke		Mr J.C. Boff
1957	Mr J.W. Harrison	1964	Mr R.G. Hunt		Mr R. Stephenson
1959	Mr J. Collingwood	Mr D.A. Ashworth	1964	Mr D.A. Ashworth	Mr A.C. Wadley
1960	Dr F.J. Pocock (St Edmund Fellow)	Dr M.J. Clarke		Dr B.F. Gasser	1975
		1965	Mr Joe Barclay (Fellow)	1976	Mr R.A.H. Finch
1961	Mr R.G. Harrison	Mr R.W. Beckham		Mr R.M. Head	
	Mr M.G. Hornsby	Dr M.R.D. Randall		Mr J.J. Young	
	Mr G. Marsh	1966	Mr D.A. Hopkins		

1977	Mr C.J. Blount	Mr P.H. Shaw		Mr T.G. Lambert	
	Mr I.J.V. Doherty	Ms L.A. Shaw (Curtis)		Mr D. Littlejohns	
	Mr I.W. Durrans	1992	Dr S.G. Fisher	Ms T.A. Mathias	
	Mr A.J. Haxby	1993	Ms C.J.K. Jelfs (Bird)	Ms C.A. McKeever	
	Mr C.S. Horner		Mr M.F. Lukmani	Ms L.C. Scott	
	Mr R. Keeley		Mr R.J. Mansley	Ms V. Stocker	
	Mr R.F.J.H. Ruvigny		Mr T.I. McClelland	Mr H.C. Wilkinson	
1978	Mr P.A.A. Brooks		Mr J.M.B. Parkin	Ms R.L. Zagajewski	
1979	Mr A.J. Best (St Edmund Fellow)	1997	Ms H. Jamieson	2011	Ms A.N. Bartol-Bibb
	Professor Paul Skokowski (Fellow by Special Election)		Ms S.A. Saunders		Mr M.J. Cary
		1999	Mr M.J. Wilson		Ms M.E. Gurney
1980	Mr P.A.J. Broadley	2002	Ms P.J. Cowan		Ms S. Hadidimoud
1982	Mr G.P.H. Penny		Ms A.M. Crofton		Ms A.K. Hawkesford
1985	Ms D.J. Booth (Hercod)	2003	Ms G. Hellyer		Mr J.M.O. Heywood
	Mr R.J.W. Oliver		Dr K. Lim		Ms M.J. Infield
	Mr N.C. Peacock	2006	Mr E. Couchman		Ms A.C. McIntyre
	Ms S.A. Peacock (Hodgson)		Ms A. Fazal		Ms K.K. Murkett
	Dr T.D. Spilsbury (Ashby)		Mr H. Fisher		Mr C.S. Pike
	Mr R.H. Upton		Ms S. Lee		Mr T.J. Silkstone Carter
	Ms J.R.J. Waring (Lacey)	2007	Ms J. Skeels		Ms L.E.A. Stuchfield
	Mr T.G. Willis		Mr D. Sole		Ms L.W.O. Tandy
			Ms K. Wright		Ms A.S. Thomas
1986	Mr Simon Costa (Senior Bursar)		Ms S. Ackroyd	2012	Ms L. Allen
	Dr D.A. Gillett		Mr S. Athwal		Mr T.A.J. Binnie
	Dr A.T. Harrison		Ms J. Baily (Moreland)		Mr G.J. Carruthers
	Mr J.P. Lindsay		Mr J. MacDonald		Mr J.W.D. Darby
1987	Mr D.T. Bayley		Ms R. Manley		Mr W.A. Emmett
	Mr D. Beard		Ms K. Martin		Ms T.M. Evans
	Mr C.M. Coltart QC		Ms C. Poulter		Mr W.E. Hak
	Mr P.H. Dominy		Ms R.E. Price		Mr F.J.A. Heathcote
	Mr S.M. Hopper	2008	Ms R. Shann		Mr D.A. Long
	Mr S.P. Mann		Ms H.J. Vernon		Mr A.C.R. Maudslay
	Mr C.J. Tilbrook		Ms S. Wu		Ms E.L. Pritchett
	Ms K.A. Ward (Ralph)		Ms C. Lasko		Ms E.R. Pryer
	Mr David Waring (President, SEHA)		Ms E.F. Lonsdale		Ms F.M.A. Roberts
1988	Ms S.C. Candy		Mr R.C.A. McFall		Ms F.K. Tomley
	Mr L.N. Ferera		Ms H. Patel		Ms S. Wooley
	Mr A.C. Greenham	2009	Ms R.A. Prenter	2013	Ms L.M. Burek
	Ms S.J. Mann		Ms H.E. Slater		Ms K.J. Evers
	Mr P.S. Matthews		Ms K.E. Stout		Mr E. Hart
	Ms J.C. Milligan		Mr M.D. Bell		Mr A.J.G. Hill
	Mr P.G. Powell		Ms H.J.B. Clarfelt		Ms N.L. MacDonald
	Mr J.H. Rudd	2010	Ms A.C.P. Derkatsch		Mr S.E. Pilley (Lecturer)
	Mr G.H.W. Sanders		Ms L.J. Durrans		Ms N.C. Polonsky
	Ms U.P. Saunders		Ms P.O. Hannay		Ms N.J.W. Stephens
	Ms R.L. Shafran		Ms K.E. Tonks		Ms K. Sulaman-Butt
			Ms K.E. Willett	2017	Mr E. Bromley
			Mr J.R. Bell		Mr A. Gibson
			Ms L.A. Budden		Ms T. Pusca
			Ms H.L. Coleridge		Mr A. Tower
			Ms K.E.A. Davenport		
			Ms V.R. Griffin		

SCR

Ms Iana Alexeeva (Lecturer)

Professor Stuart Ferguson (Vice-Principal)

Mr Chris Kitson (Domestic Bursar)

Professor Dmitri Tsomocos

Mr Chris Wells (Emeritus Fellow)

Professor Robert Whittaker

Dr Emily Winkler

Dr Linda Yueh

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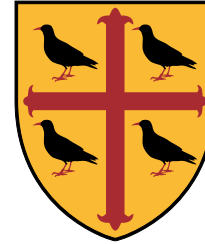
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SECTION 8

AULARIAN NEWS

REGIONAL LUNCHESES

This year's Regional Lunches for the Hall's alumni and friends were once again held in the cities of Edinburgh, Manchester and Bath.

The *Edinburgh* event, on 30 September 2017, which took place at The New Club in the city centre, with its magnificent views of the Castle, was attended by 16 alumni and guests. **The Principal and Dr Dianne Gull** were joined in hosting the lunch by **Bill Foy** (1965, Philosophy) who had kindly helped with the organisation. The Principal spoke about current Hall news and the obstacles facing both us and higher education more widely. Bill took the opportunity to thank Keith and Dianne for everything they had done for the Hall and wished them well when Keith retired from the Principalship at the end of the academic year.

The *Manchester Lunch* on 28 October 2017, held in The St James's Club, similarly allowed Aularians — some 30 alumni and guests attended — to catch up with old and new friends and hear from the Principal about the Hall's current interests and plans.

This series of Lunches was rounded off on 30 June 2018 when some 40 alumni and guests met at The Pump Room in *Bath*. It was the turn of **Michael Cansdale** (1956, Jurisprudence: St Edmund Fellow) to express Aularians' appreciation to the Principal and Dr Gull and offer good wishes for their retirement.

The Regional Lunches planned so far for 2018–2019 are: Edinburgh (6 October 2018) and Manchester (3 November 2018). Details of these and other events are available from the Development & Alumni Relations Office.

THE 33RD ANNUAL NEW YORK DINNER

Aularians from North America and further afield gathered on 17 November 2017, just after St Edmund's Day, for this year's New York Dinner (the 33rd to be held). The event was kindly hosted at the Racquet & Tennis Club by **Justus O'Brien** (1979, PPE), who was assisted in the organisation by **Bill Broadbent** and **Nick Howard** (1976, Jurisprudence). The record number of attendees included the founder of the New York Dinners, **Bill Miller** (1949, PPE), as well as many other familiar faces and a welcome turnout of newcomers.

After the meal, the Principal gave a report on the year, sharing many of the Hall's recent activities and achievements.

This being the Principal's last appearance at a New York Dinner before his retirement, stalwart supporter of the Dinners, **Bob Gaffey** (1975, Jurisprudence), presented him and Dr Dianne Gull with a map of New York dating from 1805 as a gift from attendees, to thank both of them for all their work in North America, their unswerving commitment to 'Hall Spirit', and their support for student ambition and welfare.

The evening also marked the formal launch of the 'Principal Keith Gull's Fund' (see the *Director of Development's report* in section 5 of this Magazine).

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Aularians had opportunities to meet **the Principal and Dr Dianne Gull** while they were attending the *Oxford University Weekend in Rome*, 16–18 March 2018.

In addition to going to the New York Dinner reported on above, the Principal and Dr Gull, together with the Hall's Director of Development, **Gareth Simpson**, travelled to the USA in April 2018 to meet more of the alumni who are based there (almost 10% of all Aularians). This trip was in conjunction with the University's Alumni Weekend in North America. The Principal hosted a dinner in *San Francisco* at *Bistro Boudin* on 7 April 2018 at which he was delighted to welcome 25 Aularians and guests. Matriculation dates ranged from 1967 to 2011 and the group now enjoyed a wide span of careers, from Silicon Valley to education projects designed to



At the Teddy Hall San Francisco dinner

increase school children's reading. The relaxed evening of conversation covered a number of topics: in particular, participants discussed the importance of diversity in the Hall and praised the resonating '3,000 Women' project (see the Magazine for 2015–2016).

CHASING THEIR STARTERS FOR TEN

Some Aularians ventured to take part in the special Christmas edition of the BBC Television quiz show *University Challenge*, featuring distinguished alumni from different universities and colleges. The Teddy Hall team comprised: writer **Dan Abnett** (1984, English), news presenter **Anna Botting** (1986, Geography), diplomat and Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man **Sir Richard Gozney** (1970, Geology), writer and actress **Emma Kennedy** (1986, English).

In a match against St John's College, Cambridge, broadcast on 29 December 2017, they took an initial lead but then unfortunately were steadily out-played, losing by 155 points to 40. This first-round defeat meant that the Hall team could not progress in the tournament.



Photo courtesy of the BBC

Quiz-master **Jeremy Paxman** (*Fellow of the Hall by Special Election*) commented rather unnecessarily at the end: ‘You were rather trounced there’. But perhaps eminent Aularians become shy about parading their learning in public?

Not so the current generation, however. A student team scored a resounding success in the first round of the 2018 University Challenge competition. A team captained by **Freddy Leo** (2016, History) and including **Marceline Bresson** (2017, Economics & Management), **Lizzie Fry** (2015, Geography), and **Agastya Pisharody** (2017, Materials Science) saw off the University of York by 240 points to 105, in a programme screened on 3 September 2018. The team’s subsequent progress will be reported in next year’s Magazine.

AULARIAN ROOM

The Aularian Room, located above the porch at the entrance to the College library, was traditionally the Librarian’s office. Through a generous donation from Old Members, it was renovated in 2011 in order to house the Aularian Collection, and also provide a space where Hall alumni could review the Collection, or undertake research at Oxford.

We are now extending its use to our Junior Research Fellows, so that they can book the room for quiet study and research purposes in two-hour slots. Our young early-career academics are a vital and growing part of the Hall community, and we are delighted to be able to offer them somewhere on the main site. We hope our valuable young colleagues will become more integrated into the intellectual life of the College. We had found that the Aularian Room currently lies vacant for

long periods of time, so it is an excellent additional use of this lovely quiet space. Aularians of course still have priority in booking the room, and are welcome to do so by emailing the Librarian, James Howarth, at library@seh.ox.ac.uk.

DE FORTUNIS AULARIUM

1940s

1942 **Peter Carpenter** and his wife now have three great-grandchildren.

1950s

1950 Now aged 88, **Noel Harvey** was delighted to celebrate his grandson’s wedding (at which all seven of his grandchildren were present, with spouses/partners).

1952 **Philip Currah**’s wife, Marjorie, died on 6 February 2018, in Vancouver, aged 85. They married in 1955.

1954 **The Revd John Porter** welcomed his first great-grandson at the end of 2017. He has been named Archie after John’s father **J F Archie Porter** (1919, History) who came up to the Hall on leaving the Army after World War I.

1955 On 27 January 2018, at a ceremony in Cardiff, **John Billington** (1955, English) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Mike Clarke, chairman of LTA Tennis Wales, for services to tennis in mid-Wales. Shortly after his retirement, John was invited to take over at the Montgomery Tennis Club



John Billington receiving his award (photo supplied by John)

which had become defunct. Entering one team initially, the club over the years has become the largest and most active in Montgomeryshire despite its tiny population of 1,300, and currently enters nine teams in the County League — three more than Newtown, which is ten times its size. The club is also one of only two active hubs in mid-Wales for Junior tennis. After nineteen years as chairman, secretary and captain of one or more teams, and at the age of 82, John thought it time to pass on the baton. In true Teddy Hall style, despite two artificial knees and a ceramic hip, he continues to play socially and competitively. In 2016 John published a monograph on the visit of the poet John Donne to Montgomery Castle, seeking to elucidate one of Donne's most obscure poems, 'The Primrose, Being at Montgomery Castle, upon the hill on which it is situate', and the occasion for it in 1613. A copy of *Lady Magdalen Herbert and Two Poets at Montgomery Castle* is with the Hall Librarian.

1958 **Anthony Goddard** is currently reprinting his book *My African Stories*, relating to the adventures of a young man in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) between 1962 and 1965 at the end of the colonial era. The book will sell at £14.50 and the hardback version for £19.95. Both are available from the Memoir Club, 34 Lynwood Way, South Shields NE34 8DB.

1960s

1961 **Barrie England** is gardening, leading a U3A walking group, and mentoring students at a sixth form college who aspire to study at Oxford or Cambridge.

1962 **Jeffrey Hill** has a new book, *Learie Constantine and Race Relations in Britain and the Empire* coming out from Bloomsbury Academic early next year.

1962 **Father John Musther** is the author (with Phil Cole Photographer) of *Sacred North*, an extended photographic essay on the penetration of the early church in Scotland, Cumbria and Northumbria. The author is an Orthodox Parish Priest in Keswick serving the whole of Cumbria. For website see orthodoxcumbria.org.uk; for purchase of the book, frjohn.musther@gmail.com

1962 **Simon J Simonian** has been identified as 'the most contributor person to betterment of society in the world' by USA Marquis Who's Who in the World. Also, as 'the most successful Color It Success Achiever on the planet', by Lifestyles of Successful and Colorful Achievers in USA. He served as a donor to the Keith Gull Endowed Fund at the Hall. He served as an invited speaker on 'World Union' at the United Nations Building in Geneva, Switzerland. His talk was received with enthusiasm. He was awarded an Honorary Membership of the Ararat International Academy of Sciences; also, Honorary Professorships of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and California. He served as an invited speaker on 'World Union' to the Holy

Father Catholicos (Pope) Karekin II in Yerevan, Republic of Armenia. As the Chief Quaker Representative in the Interreligious Council of Southern California, he collaborated with Archbishop Jose Gomez of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in prayer and assurances with Mexican immigrants. Similarly, he collaborated with the Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti, to support the building of shelters for about 50,000 homeless people in Los Angeles. Three endowed Simonian Prizes in Excellence in Leadership were awarded at the Hall. Four endowed Simonian Prizes in Research Excellence in Surgery were awarded at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Eight endowed Simonian Prizes in Research Excellence in Pathology were awarded at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Four endowed Simonian Prizes in Research Excellence in Nutrition were awarded at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston. Two endowed Simonian Prizes in Research Excellence in Nutrition Science and Policy were awarded at Tufts University in Boston. Simon served as an invited speaker at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church for his career achievements of saving 11,000 lives each day or four million lives each year in permanence. He served as an invited speaker on 'World Union' at the Santa Monica Friends Meeting in Santa Monica, California. He shared his ideas for fund-raising for the Hall, to help rank the Hall with the richer colleges in the University. Simon's article 'The World Union (WU) and World Union Age (WUA)' was published by *The California Courier*, 11 January, 2018; also, by *USA Armenian Life* magazine, 16–22 February 2018.

1963 **John Adams** and Pam Adams have been living peacefully in Vendée for over twenty years. Appalled by the Brexit vote, they applied for naturalisation and now have dual French-British citizenship.

1964 **Senator Larry Pressler** has become President and CEO of the Pressler Group of Service Developed-Owned Small Business, which works on homeless Veterans projects in the United States.

1965 **David Christian** had a book published in May 2018 by Penguin. *Origin Story*, a history of the Universe, traces how, during eight key thresholds, the right conditions have allowed new forms of complexity to arise, from stars to galaxies, Earth to homo sapiens, agriculture to fossil fuels. This last mega-innovation gave us an energy bonanza that brought huge benefits to mankind, yet also threatens to shake apart everything we have created.

1965 In July, 2018, **Alan Cowell** (1965, Modern Languages) published his fourth novel, *Cat Flap*, a comedic fable set in present-day London and evoking questions of identity, guilt and redemption. The book was published by St. Martin's Press in New York and was available, too, in the UK. Alan's previous novels are *A Walking Guide*, *The Paris Correspondent* and *Permanent Removal*. His non-fiction study of the life and death of Alexander Litvinenko, a former

KGB officer poisoned with radioactive polonium in London in 2006, was cited in Sir Robert Owen's official report into the murder in 2016.

- 1965 **Dr Gavin Hitchcock** (A G Hitchcock) at the end of 2018 will be leaving his post as Assistant Director for Training, at the South African Centre for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis (SACEMA), University of Stellenbosch, in South Africa. Living in Somerset West, a short distance from the False Bay beaches, has allowed beautiful commutes along mountain-graced and wine-farm-lined roads. The job has meant watching over the progress and interdisciplinary training of postgraduate students from all over Africa, housed in an old wine cellar. This unexpected (for a Zimbabwean mathematician) but delightful late career move emerged from the virtual collapse of Zimbabwe in 2008, when he had to leave the University, and his wife, Rachel, left her High School teaching post in Harare. They now plan to relocate in 2019 to St Ives where their younger daughter lives (and it's on a dedicated bus line to Cambridge!), and will welcome reconnecting with UK-based friends. Gavin intends to sustain his other vocation of writing dialogues in the history of Mathematics and encouraging the use of mathematical theatre in teaching.
- 1965 **Richard White** won his first international 'cap' at any game, representing GB Masters v France at Real Tennis in Paris on 8 June 2018. Playing the Over 70s single against the higher-ranked François Bernheim on his home court, he lost a two-hour 'thriller' 5/6, 6/4, 4/6. It was 50 years after he first played on the Paris court, in 1968, on an Oxford Unicorns' tour to Paris and Bordeaux with fellow Aularians **John Shneerson** and **Patric Hosier**, and Peter Begg (BNC).
- 1966 **Dr John Bockstoe**, a leading scholar of the Arctic fur trade who also served as a member of an Eskimo whaling crew, had a new book published in March 2018 by Yale University Press entitled *White Fox and Icy Seas in the Western Arctic: The Fur Trade, Transportation, and Change in the Early Twentieth Century*. The book explores the twentieth-century history of the Western Arctic fur trade to the outbreak of World War II, a period which brought profound changes to Native peoples of the North. To show its enormous impact, he has drawn on interviews with trappers and traders, oral and written archival accounts, research in newspapers and periodicals, and his own field notes from 1969 to the present.
- 1967 **Rob Grey** is now a qualified coach with UK Athletics and Sprints Coach at Cheltenham Harriers. He has founded The Runaways Running Club: [facebook.com/CheltRunaways](https://www.facebook.com/CheltRunaways) and is also Chairman of Global Footsteps charity. He participates in many half marathons and 10km runs so retirement is quite busy!
- 1967 **Rodney Munday** was awarded the *Grand Prix de Sculpture* at Art-inter's *Grand Prix International des Créateurs du Siecle*, at the Palais Bondy in Lyon, and was *Invité d'honneur* at the *Salon International des Arts* at Zillisheim in Alsace. His son William became the Welsh under-eighteen slalom champion skiing in the Alps this winter, and has passed his initial test to become a ski-instructor with the *École du Ski Français*. William was also awarded a *mention très bien* in the French baccalaureate.
- 1967 **John Orton** is the author of *A Chill Wind off the Tyne*, third in the series, *Tales of Old South Shields*, and companion volume to *The Five Stone Steps* and *Blitz PAMS*. A mixture of fact and fiction, it tells the story of how ordinary working folk in South Shields lived during the first half of the last century during the great depression. It describes the miners' lockouts of 1921 and 1926, the 'race riots' of 1919 and 1930 when Arab and white seamen fought in the streets, and tells the unofficial social history of the town with gripping authenticity.
- 1968 **John Berryman** has been appointed a Founding Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching (FCCT) in honour of his achievements and commitment to the teaching profession. He has completed 50 years' full time in Education since matriculating in 1968 and has served in Belize, the Bahamas, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. He currently works at Bede's Secondary School, Hailsham, teaching A-level History, Religion, Philosophy and Politics, after studies at Ibadan University, Nigeria. He served as Secretary-General of the Bahamas Union of Teachers, Chief Examiner of Social Studies and Religious Studies, Bahamas Certificate and has been Adjunct Lecturer at Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Additionally he is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Fellow of the College of Preceptors, Chairman of local branch of Unite Union, Foundation Governor of Catsfield Primary School, a serving Magistrate (JP) and Local Preacher and Organist in the Methodist Church. He has published *The Bahamas for Secondary Schools* (Macmillan); *The Church: Defining Moments* and *The Bible: A Helping Hand*.
- 1968 **Martin Brooks** completed his time chairing Idox plc and the Cornwall Development Company in 2015. Currently he is completing a Masters in South Asian Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies University of London, specialising in the Himalayas. Earlier in 2018, he spent time doing some field research in the Miri Hills, the Tibetan borderlands of Arunachal Pradesh, with two colleagues from SOAS, supported by a grant from the Frederick Williamson Memorial Fund. Martin also chairs the Gurkha Museum in Winchester.

1970s

- 1970 **John Hearn** has received two Excellence in Teaching Awards based on the votes of undergraduates at the London Institute of Banking and Finance where he teaches economics, banking and finance.
- 1971 **Lawrence Cummings** retired from paid employment at the end of August 2017. As Immediate Past President of the St Edmund Hall Association, he maintains his involvement in retirement with all things Aularian whilst holidaying in exotic locations and actually doing all the jobs which he always said he would do once he retired.
- 1971 **John Fazackerley** moved from Bolton to Northampton in 1984. He was fortunate to be able to retire in early 2013 after over 36 years working as a Chartered Accountant with Grant Thornton in Manchester, Northampton and, for the last 25 years, in Milton Keynes. As a Chartered Accountant his skills remain in demand for voluntary roles and he is currently Chair of Governors at the local Church Primary School, Treasurer of a local 45-bed charitable care home, Treasurer of the Arts Society Northamptonshire, and involved in financial matters at his local church. With five grandchildren and involvement in the local U3A, local Arts Society, a keen interest and support for the local thriving theatres and cinema, and hacking around the golf course he would have no time for paid work now!
- 1972 **Paul Croke** is currently Chair of Governors at Bridgend College. They have won many UK-wide awards in the past two years including a Beacon Award for Governance and the Whatuni award for FE colleges that provide HE programmes. He was also a finalist in the Institute of Directors 'Director of the Year Award.'
- 1972 **Paul Fouracre** has retired as Professor of Medieval History at the University of Manchester. He is now Professor Emeritus there.
- 1972 **Martin Winter** has taken a career break, having been senior partner and partner at international and city law firm Taylor Wessing. This follows a 42-year legal career principally in private equity. He remains a consultant. His wife Hilary resigned on the same day from her own firm. They have since travelled the world, including central Africa working with the Jane Bubear Sport Foundation which is a charity Martin set up and which organises/sponsors runs and provides sports equipment for communities under challenge. His water-skiing career is vigorously pursued but is yet to fulfil its undoubted potential. This is redeemed by son Freddie, who is current world water-ski slalom champion.
- 1973 **Nick Jones**, working name Nick Owen, is now a Senior Associate with Global Leadership Associates (gla.global) exploring how leaders create meaning, transform, and construct sustainable organisational change.

- 1974 **Alan Banks** and his wife Sharr are retired and living in the Pelion area of North East Greece, birthplace of the Centaur and home of Jason and the Argonauts. Alan and Sharr are extremely busy doing nothing in particular, and enjoying the challenge of learning Modern Greek.
- 1974 **Professor Andy Chadwick** was awarded an MBE in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to the science of carbon capture and sequestration. Andy is an Individual Merit Research Scientist working on carbon capture and storage at the British Geological Survey and is an Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh's College of Science & Engineering.
- 1974 **Dr Raoul Cerratti** reflects: 'To me our beloved St Edmund Hall, Teddy Hall, is more than just buildings or an institution. This was the College that offered me a place to undertake my research and provided not only the material resources but those more intangible things that are part and parcel of the life of Oxford University. Here I made friends and entered into that scholarly community with its free flow of ideas and ideals, sharing discoveries and insights which make for the education of the whole man. Entering the Hall was to enter a lively and enduring community — a large and diverse one, but nonetheless vibrant and friendly. For that I am eternally grateful.'
- 1974 In 2015 **Peter Desmond** completed an MA (with Distinction) in Globalisation, Business and Development at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University. In 2017 he was appointed by the Circular Economy Club as a volunteer Mentor and Local Organiser for Brighton & Hove. He is also the proud grandfather to six grandchildren who live in the UK (4) and USA (2). Peter continues to provide strategic management advice with Growth International.
- 1974 **Tony Siopis** retired from judicial office in May 2018, after serving for 13 years as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.
- 1975 **Alan Bing** and Wendy Bing now have a grand-daughter, Lucy, born to their eldest daughter, Alison, who lives at Cullercoats with her husband Blair. Alan is still Rector of Ulverston, and Wendy works as a paediatric physiotherapist in Barrow in Furness.
- 1975 **Anthony McCarthy** has spent a year researching the biographies of the men from Liverpool who volunteered for the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939). Part one of his work has been accepted by the Archives of Spain.
- 1979 **Dan Thompson** is currently undertaking a challenge — 'Run the World' — to run 10km in all 206 countries in the world. He is completing 45 runs in the UK to take his global total to 250 runs, equivalent to running 2.5

million metres — a metre for every cancer sufferer in the UK. He will be running 10km in Oxford on 20 October 2018. The run will start (at 4pm tbc) and finish in Teddy Hall and it would be great if as many Aularians as possible could join the run.

1980s

1980 **Dr Bernard Bewlay** was the recipient of the 2018 Coolidge Fellowship Award from the General Electric Company (this was only the 70th such award in GE's 125-year history), made in recognition of his technical leadership, research contributions, and mentorship of others over his career. Bernard works for GE Global Research in the USA. He attributes his success to the outstanding education which he received during his seven years as an undergraduate and postgraduate student at the Hall ('Every day I appreciate the fine education Oxford provided me').

1980 **David Clayton** is now living in Berkeley, California and is Provost of Pontifex University, a Catholic online university based in the United States. His third book *The Vision for You: How to Discover the Life You Were Made For* has been published by Way of Beauty Press and is available on Amazon. His two other books are *The Way of Beauty: Liturgy Education and Inspiration for Family, School and College* (Angelico Press, July 2015) and *The Little Oratory: A Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home* (Sophia Institute Press, 2014).

1980 **Charles Penn** met up with **Juliet Eames** (2012, PPE) in Bangkok in January 2018. Charles was embarking on a five-week 'gap month' around Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam after ten years as Marketing Director of law firm Sintons LLP and 24 years spent with Procter & Gamble and Deloitte Management Consultants in London, Nairobi and Newcastle upon Tyne. Juliet, daughter of one of Charles' friends (and sister of **Angus Eames**, 2008, English) moved to Bangkok in September 2017 on a two-year Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Fellowship. Prior to this, Juliet worked in South Sudan for a development consultancy Charlie Goldsmith Associates on a national programme promoting female education. She subsequently completed an MSc in Development Economics from SOAS, University of London. As would be expected of a multi-generational SEH evening, the street food vendors, open-air markets and the roof-top bars of Bangkok received much custom.

1981 **Jenny Rees Tonge** finally collected her BA, swiftly followed by her MA, at Teddy Hall in the spring of 2018, attended by her three adult children (who vaguely appreciated the achievement but who were uncomfortable with the reverse role play!). Living in Berlin and London, she is studying yoga therapy, which includes neuroscience, and therefore enjoys attending the Centre for the Creative Brain events at Teddy Hall.

1982 **Susanna Berry** was awarded an OBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours, for services to national security. She is Deputy Director at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

1983 **Thomas de Mallet Burgess** has been appointed General Director of New Zealand Opera.

1985 **Betsy Tyler Bell** has a new book out in autumn 2018: *An Art Adventure in Southern France*, published by Olympia Publishers.

1985 **Dr David Firth** has been working with colleagues at the University of Montana on a smartphone app that allows you to listen to your bees to find out what is wrong with them. The app was recently featured in the Science and Technology section of *The Economist* and the article can be found at: economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21739645-matching-honeybee-noises-their-ailments-new-app-listens-problems. David has also recently become the ATG Missoula Faculty Fellow in Management Information Systems and he is a full Professor of Management Information Systems at the College of Business at the University of Montana.

1986 **Philip Clifford** was appointed Queen's Counsel this year, one of only five solicitors to receive that recognition.

1986 **Dr Louise Hardiman** has co-edited with Nicola Kozicharow *Modernism and the Spiritual in Russian Art: New Perspectives* (Cambridge: Open Book Publishers, 2017) available in print and online (Open Access) editions.

1987 **Daniel McCallum** was awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours, for services to community energy in Wales. He is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Awel Aman Tawe, a charity whose aim is to raise awareness of the importance of clean energy.



Photo supplied by Philip Clifford

1987 In the 2018 New Year's Honours, **Mark Sedwill** received a knighthood under the Order of St Michael and St George for services to national security. Mark was appointed by the Prime Minister to be the National Security Adviser in April 2017.

1988 **Dr Geetha Venkataraman** continued as Dean Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression at Ambedkar University, Delhi. Her co-authored book *Bridge to Mathematics* was published in October 2017 by Sage Publications. She is also part of a Government advisory panel creating a roadmap for Education & Technology for 2035. A copy of this can be freely downloaded from aud-in.academia.edu/GeethaVenkataraman.

1990s

- 1990 **Maharaj Akaash** was made a Kentucky Colonel, the state's highest honour, for his services to diplomacy and integrity in international sport, through his work as Chief Executive Officer of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC).
- 1992 **Professor Deborah Greaves**, Head of the School of Engineering at the University of Plymouth, was awarded an OBE in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to marine renewable energy, equalities and higher education.
- 1992 **Giles Shingler** has updated his website: giless.co.uk. He has also created a music-only internet radio station with a playlist of around 700 songs and pieces of music: giless.co.uk/mediastreamer2.php
- 1992 **Dr Catherine Spooner** has been promoted to Professor of Literature and Culture at Lancaster University.
- 1994 Engineer **Dr Ben Rogers** has been promoted to full Professor at the University of Manchester.
- 1996 On 6 February 2018 **Dr Kristy Leissle** was at an event in the Hall to share insights from her new book, *Cocoa*. She discussed geopolitics in the cocoa and chocolate industries, illustrated by images from her fieldwork on farms and factories around the world, and led a Q&A session. Happily, the evening also included a chocolate tasting!
- 1997 **Dr Kirsten Norrie** (a.k.a. MacGillivray) continues to be very busy as a poet, musician and performer. This year's projects included recording Sitting Bull's great-grandson, Ernie LaPointe, reading from her collection *The Last Wolf of Scotland*; producing a poetry collection *The Gaelic Garden of the Dead*, including 35 Petrarchan sonnets inspired by Mary Queen of Scots (to be released in 2019); jointly appearing with Alan Moore at Colchester Arts Centre; working with Latvian poets in Riga; preparing two albums of music, *Watermarked in Flame* and *In My End Is My Beginning*; making soundscape recordings of two of her collections of poetry; and finishing two books (one of which, a series of essays entitled *Scottish Lost Boys*, is an evolution of her Oxford doctoral thesis).
- 1998 After seven years as faculty at Georgetown University in Washington DC, **Dr Simone Bunse** has relocated to San José, Costa Rica to become part of a small team who started a new, private higher education institution called LEAD University. LEAD stands for leadership, excellence, advancement and development and they offer applied degrees and programmes centering on new business models, entrepreneurship, technology and data science. They are in their third year and there are three fellow Oxonians among the faculty, including her husband Kevin Casas, Tomás Quesada and Ronald

Saborío. As director of academic affairs, Simone oversees academic quality and is responsible for international alliances. Her teaching focuses mostly on the supervision of applied research projects undertaken by master's students. She believes that Oxford is undoubtedly leaving its mark on LEAD University, as well as on Costa Rica, a small, middle-income country that is still finding its path to development. This mark is particularly visible in regular Oxford Union-style debates in which national and regional political, economic and social issues are tackled and get national media attention. You can find out more about LEAD University at ulead.ac.cr. If any Aularians come to Costa Rica, they should feel free to reach out.

- 1998 **Jenny Lewis's** next book, *Gilgamesh Retold*, a poetic re-imagining of *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, is due out from Carcanet Press in October 2018. It has won the Inaugural Warden's Prize at Goldsmiths as part of her 'Writing Mesopotamia' project which aims to forge links between English and Arabic-speaking communities. The work was also shortlisted for a Gladstone Library Award.

- 1998 **Sam Trounce** and Jessica Clark were excited to welcome Josiah Auden Trounce into the world on 18 December 2017. Mother and baby are doing exceptionally well.

- 1999 Shivia, the charity founded by **Olly Belcher (née Donnelly)** to work with very poor families in West Bengal, was made the International Charity of the Year in the 18th Annual *Charity Times* Awards. Olly was presented with the accolade at a ceremony in London in October 2017.



Olly Belcher receiving her award (photo courtesy of Olly)

2000s

- 2001 **Jessica Hatcher-Moore** and her husband Phil are pleased to announce the birth of their son Finlay. Jessica, a journalist, also won both a Frontline Club award and a One World Media award for her longform article, 'Murder in Burundi', published by the *Guardian*.
- 2001 **Dr Michele Ledesma** completed a fellowship in Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine in June 2018 along with a LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) fellowship at the University of Connecticut Center of



Jessica running the marathon with her brace of Bruces (photo supplied by Jessica)

Excellence in Developmental Disabilities/Yale School of Medicine combined programme. She will be joining Boston Children's Health Physicians as a Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician with an academic appointment as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College. She has also worked on the following publications: Cheung V, Ledesma M, Weitzman C. 'Mood and Anxiety Disorders', in *American Academy of Pediatrics Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, 2nd edn, eds Voigt R G, Macias M M, Myers S M, Tapia C D (Itasca, IL; American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018); and Ledesma M, Weitzman C, Bridgemohan C, 'Anxiety Disorders', in *Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics: A Handbook for Primary Care*, 4th edition, Augustyn M and Zuckerman B, eds (in press).

- 2001 **Amanda Moore** is a qualified architect and also an artist (2001–2004, Fine Art) and University College London (2008–2014, Architecture). Having just completed a sculpture for Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, she is also working on two public space re-designs in Poole near Sandbanks and a temporary summer installation inside a ruin (Canute's Palace) in Southampton: theartsdevelopmentcompany.org.uk/what-we-do/placemaking/black-down-stone-circle.
- 2002 In the autumn of 2017 **Jessica Bruce (née Leitch)** broke her second official world record — for running a marathon while pushing her young children Daniel and Emilia in a double buggy (time: 3 hours and 22 minutes). Jessica is the founder and director of Run3D Limited, a company that develops 3D gait-analysis systems that can be used outside the laboratory to enable clinicians to treat runners.

- 2002 **Dr Alison Raby** has been promoted to Professor of Environmental Fluid Mechanics at the University of Plymouth.
- 2002 **Rupert Snuggs** (Engineering Science) and **Sarah Snuggs (née Hill)**: 2002, Experimental Psychology) are delighted to welcome a daughter, Lyra Eloise Isobel, born 5 March 2018.
- 2006 The marriage of **Chloe Harding** and **Patrick Cooper** took place in September 2017. They both studied Geography at the Hall.
- 2007 **Edward Le Maistre** married Miki Cheng on 27 March 2018.
- 2007 **Ben Tucker** was ecstatic over the Hall's triumph this year in Men's Rugby Cuppers. He runs the Old Boys' Rugby Network and invites Aularians to contact him on bentucker88@gmail.com if they would like to be included on the Network's updates.
- 2008 **Dr Tara Batista** was appointed to a lectureship at Columbia University School of Social Work and chosen to develop and direct their new Social Entrepreneurship program. She has published two articles: 'The Children's Aid Society: Early origins of youth empowerment in the US foster care system or paternalistic prevention?', in the *Journal of Family History* and 'The effects of youth empowerment programs on the psychological empowerment of young people aging out of foster care' in *The Journal for the Society of Social Work and Research*. She has recently received a \$150,000 Collaboratory grant from Columbia University to develop and deliver a 'Data Science for Social Good' course. In addition, Tara has started a consulting firm: innovation4impactconsulting.com.
- 2009 **Amelia Derkatsch** has been named on *The Bookseller's* 2018 Rising Stars list. She is the Commissioning Editor for Gender Studies at Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2009 **Matthew Powell** married university sweetheart Samantha Hall (2008, Keble) on 23 June 2018 in Keble College chapel, followed by a reception in the Divinity Schools.
- 2010s**
- 2011 **Dr Hem Borker** became a mother to a beautiful daughter named Avya B Ray on 3 August 2016. Her first book, based on her DPhil in Education at Oxford, was released earlier this year: *Madrasas and the Making of Islamic Womanhood*, published by Oxford University Press, India.
- 2012 **Dr Tim Carson** is delighted to announce the birth of his daughter, Maria Charlotte Keziah Carson, on 6 July 2017. In December 2017 he was awarded his doctorate from Queen's University Belfast.
- 2014 **John DeVoy IV** began graduate school in September 2017 at Harvard University for a master's degree in Medieval Christian History. He was awarded a merit-based Harvard Dean's Fellowship Award covering tuition

and providing a stipend. During his 2017–2018 year of graduate school, John was able to work with some wonderful graduate school faculty on several Medieval Studies topics and will continue to do so during the 2018–2019 school year. One of his Harvard professors (Dr Eurydice Georganteli) helped to supervise his design of a research project in Greece, where in August 2018 he examined records of Catholic Sees established in the Aegean in the wake of the Fourth Crusade. He plans to produce papers and publications from his field research to further map and elucidate this topic. During summer 2018, John also participated in the European Research Council’s Oxford University workshop, ‘Early Franciscan Thought: Doctrines & Debates in the Summa Halensis’ from 31 July to 2 August 2018, held in conjunction with Boston College in Boston, MA, USA.

- 2016 **Dr Ian Cade** and Aude Escande were married on the afternoon of 29 September 2017 in the Hall Chapel, with Roy Mellor conducting the ceremony. On 7 July 2018, their second child, Phileas Claude William Cade, was born at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, weighing 6lb 12 oz (3.08kg).
- 2016 **Catherine White** is delighted to announce the birth of her son Jude Benjamin Imrie White, on 25 April 2018.
- 2017 After completing his Master of Fine Art degree at the Ruskin School, **Logan Dandridge** has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Art and Art History at DePauw University, with focal areas of Film and Video Art.
- 2017 Current student **Dr Václav Janeček** has published a monograph entitled *Critique of Legal Responsibility*. Václav came to Oxford from Charles University in Prague where he studied law and philosophy, then completed a PhD. The research for his monograph was funded by the Czech Republic’s Grant Agency: the work is the result of his ongoing interest in comparative doctrinal legal research and comparative legal philosophy.

AVE ATQUE VALE

We record with sadness the passing of fellow Aularians, and salute them. Sincere condolences are offered to their families and friends.

1940s

Dr Thomas Anthony Buchanan Corley MA, 15 March 2018, aged 94, Berkshire. 1942, Modern History

Howard Irwin Fuller MA, PGDip, Oxfordshire. 1942, Natural Science

William Robertson Dunsmore MA, FCIB, FRSA, Oxfordshire. 1943, English Language & Literature

Charles Norman Taylor BA, Essex. 1944, Chemistry

Dr Paul William Glover MA, DPhil, CIMgt, FIPD, 3 October 2017, aged 91, Buckinghamshire. 1944, Geography

Dr Ewell Edward Murphy DPhil, 21 January 2018, aged 89, Texas, USA. 1948, Law

Stanley Eric George MA, Surrey. 1948, Modern Languages

The Revd Dennis George Fowler MBE, MA, 26 July 2018, aged 89, Sussex. 1949, Modern History

Douglas Alan Garnett BA, PGDip, 11 December 2017, aged 88, Cumbria. 1949, Modern Languages

1950s

Donald Gordon Bayliss Dip, 26 April 2017, Cheshire. 1950, Educational Studies

Dr Graham John Paxman MA, 30 March 2018, aged 88, Lancashire. 1950, Botany*

Peter Douglas Lawrence MA, PGDip, 27 November 2017, aged 87, Sussex. 1950, English Language & Literature

Peter Edwin Smith MA, 11 November 2017, aged 87, Gloucestershire. 1950, Modern Languages

Frederic Henri Moeton MA, 31 July 2017, aged 86, Paphos, Cyprus. 1951, Philosophy, Politics & Economics

William Howard Slack MA, 20 June 2018, aged 88, Berkshire. 1951, Philosophy, Politics & Economics*

Dr John Caryl Voigt BA, BM BCh, 12 May 2018, Buckinghamshire. 1952, Medicine*

Harold William Goldsworthy BA, 22 September 2017, aged 86, London. 1952, Geography

Professor Nicolas Lossky BLitt, 23 October 2017, aged 87, Paris, France. 1952, English

Crichton Stuart Beaty MA, 24 March 2018, aged 84, Ontario, Canada. 1953, English Language & Literature

Peter North Ford MA, PGDip, 4 December 2017, aged 91, Wiltshire. 1953, Modern History

Sir Elgar Spencer Jenkins Kt, OBE, BA, FRSA, 22 September 2017, aged 82, Avon. 1953, Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Anthony Joseph Kember MA, 29 August 2017, aged 85, Surrey. 1953, Modern History

Herbert Williams Thomas MA, 1 August 2017, aged 85, Lancashire. 1953, Modern Languages & Linguistics

Antony John Sutton BA, 8 September 2017, aged 83, Warwickshire. 1954, Jurisprudence*

Douglas Scott Botting MA, 6 February 2018, aged 83, Surrey. 1954, English Language & Literature*

The Revd Canon Richard Henry Norburn MBE, MA, 15 November 2017, aged 85, Suffolk. 1954, Modern History

John Burton Phillips BA, 18 October 2017, aged 83, Oxfordshire. 1954, Engineering Science

Hubert Preston Beaumont MEng, 12 May 2018, aged 82, Oxfordshire. 1955, Engineering Science

Iain Stuart Bain BA, 20 April 2018, aged 84, Hertfordshire. 1955, English Language & Literature

Arthur John Stapleton Cotton MA, 14 April 2018, aged 83, Surrey. 1955, Jurisprudence

Neil Kennedy Merrylees BA, 27 October 2017, aged 81, Surrey. 1955, Philosophy

David Henderson BA, 8 December 2017, aged 82, Hertfordshire. 1956, Chemistry

John Piers Propert MA, 18 November 2017, aged 80, Monmouthshire. 1956, Geography

John Brian Clark MA, 4 November 2017, aged 82, Nottinghamshire. 1956, Geography*

Paul Stephen Clayson MA, 8 August 2017, aged 81, Hampshire. 1956, Jurisprudence

The Revd Ian Philip Johnson BA, West Yorkshire. 1956, Psychology, Philosophy & Physiology

Claus Adolph Wirsig BPhil, 8 July 2017, aged 84, Ontario, Canada. 1957, Politics

Peter John Bentley BA, 26 June 2018, aged 79, Essex. 1958, Law

Michael Charles Gillett PGCE, Hertfordshire. 1958, Educational Studies

Glynne William Roberts BA, Staffordshire. 1958, Modern Languages & Linguistics

Brian Robson BA, Dip, 11 January 2018, aged 78, New Zealand. 1959, Modern Languages & Linguistics

Harold Ernest Desforges BCL, Cumbria. 1959, Jurisprudence

1960s

John Jeremy Langridge MPhys, 3 July 2018, aged 76, Surrey. 1960, Physics

Dr David Leonard Perrott BA, BCL, 14 March 2018, aged 81, Devon. 1960, Jurisprudence

John Gormally MPhys, 3 August 2017, aged 74, Lancashire. 1962, Physics

Richard Roland Jennison BA, Lancashire. 1965, Metallurgy & Science of Materials

Nicholas Scott Fane BA, 23 March 2018, aged 70, Oxfordshire. 1966, English

Christopher Malcolm Harrison BA, 3 December 2017, aged 69, Berkshire. 1967 Geography*

Peter Stiven, 9 August 2017, aged 73, Norfolk. 1967, Educational Studies

1970s

John Ross Kirkham MA, Derbyshire. 1970, Jurisprudence

Robert Bruce Mabie Dip, 19 November 2017, aged 75, Massachusetts, USA. 1970, Anthropology

Michael Scott Rohan, BA, 12 August 2018, aged 67, Edinburgh. 1970, Jurisprudence.

Raymond Starkie BA, 21 May 2018, aged 64, Oxfordshire. 1973, English Language & Literature

Jonathan Kenneth Charles Pearce BA, Kent. 1976, English Language & Literature

John Francis Christopher BA, Oxfordshire. 1976, Theology

Howard Orme CB, BA, ACMA, 17 May 2018, aged 58, Surrey. 1979, Philosophy, Politics & Economics*

2010s

Christopher Glen Peel, August 2018, aged 28, Oxford. 2014, Molecular & Cellular Medicine

**obituaries for these Aularians are published below*

OBITUARIES

PETER BROWN (1952)

Last year's Magazine reported the death of Peter Brown, 27 May 2017. The following obituary is based mainly on material provided by one of his daughters, Mrs Caroline Bryson; supplemented by information from the University's School of Geography & the Environment and by Hall records.

Peter was born on 7 February 1931 in Grimsby, Lincolnshire. His father, a chartered civil engineer and surveyor, worked on the construction of the town's fish dock. The family moved several times in the 1930s before settling in York during the Second World War. Peter and his younger brother, John, attended Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, initially as boarders. Peter obtained Higher School Certificate passes in French, Geography and History. He sat the Hall's entrance examination in 1950 and (subject to gaining a qualification in Latin in order to meet the University's admission requirements) was offered a deferred place at the Hall to read Geography. He was awarded a York City Major Scholarship.

Before matriculating, Peter completed two years' National Service as an officer in the Royal Engineers. He was stationed on Salisbury Plain.

Peter arrived at the Hall in Michaelmas term 1952. His interests included OUDS, OU Opera (technical support), the Cosmographers Society, the OU Motor Drivers Club, and the Oxford Preservation Trust. He was also active in the Geography department's student organisation, The Herbertson Society, serving as its president in Michaelmas term 1954 and organising a successful black-tie dinner the following Trinity term (when the committee included a Hall contemporary, the late **Michael Lewis**). All in all, Peter greatly enjoyed his Oxford years. He remained in contact with the Hall (becoming a contributor to several funding campaigns and a member of the Floreat Aula Legacy Society); also with the department (visiting the new School of Geography & the Environment in March 2015 and attending the Herbertson Society's Annual Lunch in September 2015).

After completing his degree in 1955, Peter joined the Rank company as a graduate trainee and he went on to spend his entire business career with Rank Hovis McDougal, working in sales, marketing, distribution and general management, until retiring in March 1992.

Peter got married in September 1957, to Beryl (whom he had known since their sixth-form days in York). They made their home in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, where they raised their two daughters, before moving to Shaftesbury, Dorset, in 2012. Sadly, Beryl passed away the following year.

Peter involved himself in many aspects of community life in Buckinghamshire, and in Dorset he continued with interests such as the Rotary Club, the Royal British Legion, local civic, history, and archaeological societies, and the Friends of Westminster Memorial Hospital. An insatiable traveller, he visited his daughter, Sue, over 30 times in South Africa; he also went to Egypt, Russia, China, India and Zanzibar.

A gregarious man who made friends and kept up with friends with ease, Peter's constant humour was often mischievous (if sometimes baffling). He had a lively interest in people and amazing loyalty, kindness, and generosity. He is very much missed.

Peter leaves two daughters, Sue and Caroline, and two grandchildren, Rosie and Harry.

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ROBERT THOMAS ('BOB') HENNEMEYER (1960)

Last year's Magazine reported the death of Bob Hennemeyer. The following obituary has been provided by his sons Chris and Paul.

On 21 August 2017, Robert Thomas Hennemeyer of Bethesda, Maryland passed away at Sibley Hospital in Washington DC. He was 91.

'Bob' Hennemeyer was born in Chicago, Illinois on 1 December 1925, the son of a German immigrant medical doctor and a nurse, or as he put it 'an Iowa farm

girl of Danish parentage and a worldly Berlin sophisticate.' This unlikely couple produced a man who was learned, kind and humorous.

In 1944 Bob was drafted into the US Army and made his way across the Atlantic to England, marched through France and Belgium, and finally arrived in Germany. Although he never rose above the lowly rank of corporal and often told self-deprecating stories about the absurdity of military life, he received many years later the French Légion d'honneur in recognition of an heroic act he performed during the war.

After the war, he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Chicago, during the final years of the tenure of legendary educator Robert Maynard Hutchins. Bob then applied to the US Department of State in 1952 and embarked on an illustrious 35-year career as a Foreign Service Officer. He served in Germany where he was twice Consul General, England, Norway, Tanzania, and finally The Gambia where he served as US Ambassador. He also resided at Teddy Hall, studied diplomatic history at Oxford University from 1959 to 1961, and fathered a second son (who continues to live in the UK).

He often told the story of how, upon arriving at Teddy Hall, he was initially consigned to eat among the normal diners, despite already having a Master's degree, a partially completed doctoral thesis, and a family in tow. However, the Principal at the time soon corrected this oversight and he was permitted, after a week of 'purgatory', to join his peers at High Table.

His love of academia led him later to teach American History at the US Naval Academy, where one of his more notorious and underperforming students, was Ollie North. Among his many adventures, Bob was taken hostage during an army mutiny in then Tanganyika and narrowly escaped being executed by firing squad. His diplomatic service was recognised by a variety of awards including the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia, the German Bundesverdienstkreuz (German Federal Service Cross), and the US State Department's Meritorious Honor Award.

Following his retirement from the Foreign Service, Bob worked for many years promoting social justice, both internationally and domestically, at the US Catholic Bishops Conference, the Woodstock Theological Center, and the Catholic Diocese of Venice, Florida. As part of his work he co-authored a well-regarded book entitled *Forgiveness in International Politics: An Alternative Road to Peace*.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman, who loved boating and fishing, and he treasured weekend getaways to his cabin in the remote mountains of West Virginia. For many years too he retained an affection for the long-suffering Chicago White Sox, until finally Washington DC once again got its own baseball team and he became a rather serious fans of the Nationals.

In 1954 Bob married the former Joan Renaud, originally from the south side of Chicago, a loving union that lasted 63 years and nearly a dozen countries of

residence. He is survived by Joan, their children Chris, Paul and Robin, sister Ruth Liston, and grandchildren Frank, Mayan, Philip and Evan.

Chris and Paul Hennemeyer

The 2006–2007 edition of the Magazine carried an article by Bob Hennemeyer entitled 'A Yank at St Edmund Hall'.

DR GRAHAM JOHN PAXMAN (1950)

The following obituary has been provided by Graham's Aularian grandson, Guy (2011, Earth Sciences).

Graham John Paxman was born on 16 December 1929 in Dorchester, England, the second child of Ernest and Lily Paxman. He grew up with his parents and elder brother, Denis (a fellow Aularian: 1947, Modern History). Graham was schooled at Dorchester Grammar School, and during these years he met his future wife, Janet, who was attending Dorchester Grammar School for Girls.

Having finished school and been offered a place at Teddy Hall to read Botany, Graham first completed two years' National Service with the Coastal Artillery, where he rose to the rank of captain. Matriculating in 1950, he combined his botanical studies with his passion for cross-country running. Graham was a contemporary of Roger Bannister, who went on to run the first recorded 'four-minute mile' in 1954. Graham himself unfortunately missed out on earning a cross-country Blue because of an untimely bout of appendicitis. Supremely fit in his youth, and throughout his life, Graham would regularly cycle the 200-mile round trip from Oxford to Dorchester to visit Janet, whom he married in 1953.

After Teddy Hall, Graham followed his keen interest in plant genetics, completing a PhD at the University of Birmingham with a thesis entitled 'Mutation and balance in polygenic systems', just three years after Crick and Watson first described their 'double helix' model of the structure of DNA. He then went on to work at the John Innes Horticultural Institute in Hertfordshire, where he studied potato genetics alongside Dr Kenneth Dodds. As part of this research, Graham undertook a four-month expedition to the Andes of Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Ecuador to collect local varieties of cultivated diploid potatoes. The material they brought back allowed them to describe, for the first time, the genetic system and origin of the diploid potato. In 1965, Graham and his young family moved to north Lancashire, where he became a Senior Lecturer in Biology at the newly founded Lancaster University. He was heavily involved in the development of Biology at Lancaster, and the establishment of Genetics teaching in the new department. His skills in mathematics and statistics aided many colleagues and graduate students in their research during his 20-year tenure.

After retirement in 1984, Graham continued to lead an extremely full life, pursuing his life-long interests in plants and gardening. He was always working, with great care and thought, on a variety of horticultural projects. Graham was a founder

member of the National Guild of Wine and Beer Judges, and was an active amateur judge for many years. He was also a committed member of the Anglican Church, and was still a regular attendee at his local church in the last few years of his life. Still exceptionally fit, he would regularly be out in the mornings walking the dogs in the Lune Valley and foothills of the Howgill Fells. I recall one occasion when as a child I accompanied him for a walk on the Westmorland Limestone Plateau, where he introduced me to the dog's mercury and other plants hidden within the grykes of the limestone pavement. His enduring passion for botany and scientific thought was palpable, although I inadvertently took a greater shine to the landforms of the limestone itself, perhaps a sign of things to come.

It was Graham's own white bow tie that I wore, with great pride all round, on the day of my matriculation at the Hall, more than sixty years after his own. I was lucky enough to be able to invite Graham back to the Hall during my first year as an undergraduate, and he was delighted to visit again, finding great amusement in the inability of the Old Dining Hall to cope with the burgeoning population of undergraduates.

Still living life to the full in the Lune Valley well into his eighties, Graham died peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on the evening of 30 March 2018, aged 88. He is survived by his wife Janet, three children and four grandchildren.

Guy Paxman

WILLIAM HOWARD SLACK (1951)

The following obituary has been provided by Hall friends of Howard.

Born in 1930, Howard Slack came up to the Hall from South Yorkshire, where his father was a bank manager, in 1951. The drive to pull up the Hall by its own jockstraps was getting into its stride. Howard read PPE in the days when economics was beginning to be taken over by applied mathematics, when philosophy was a drive for linguistic purity, and politics was a new field as yet untouched by social science techniques. Howard gently absorbed its messages. We were taught mainly in College, but often farmed out to distinguished tutors in other colleges.

Howard, Desmond, Raymond and I were part of a relatively small group of undergraduates who concentrated on the literary and social life of the then small, friendly Hall with its centre in the Front Quad, and, subject to our means, the dinner table. He claimed not to be a 'performer', but at the end of our final year he happily joined in singing songs which commented amusingly on fellow alumni, at what was then known as a 'smoking concert'.

He exercised a great for talent for making friends, never missing obligations to them, even when he had endured an unpleasant fall on the occasion of a Golden Wedding dinner to which he had been invited. He never looked for sympathy; he simply, as ever, turned up.

Howard was much loved in his wider family, where he was universally known as 'Uncle'. He was of a markedly cheerful disposition, liked by everyone he met. His steadfastness was a strength to the Metal Box Company, which he joined after leaving the Hall and where he remained until the day of his retirement, travelling the world doing business and making friends.

He was naturally a great holiday companion, enjoying his food, lounging on the beach or doing what he liked to refer to as 'some serious sightseeing'.

He married Eileen Belcher, who was originally from Newcastle, and a former colleague, in the Hall Chapel in 1977. They were devoted to each other and enjoyed a similar sense of humour which sometimes involved a degree of teasing, but gentle and never unkind. Among her other skills, Eileen was a great cook and a talented upholsterer. Together they gave splendid summer parties in their pretty house and extensive garden in the Thames Valley. Howard was a keen gardener, and delighted in producing flowers and smooth lawns for his guests.

Howard was bereft when Eileen died unexpectedly in 1995 from cancer, but struggled gamely on until diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease some four years ago. Like the cheerful man he was, he had kept in touch with his friends. He passed away at the age of 88 on 20 June 2018.

Ian Byatt (1952, PPE), Desmond Day (1951, History) and Raymond Roberts (1951, English)

DR JOHN CARYL VOIGT (1952) FRCS, FRCP, FRCOG

The following obituary has been provided by John's cousin, Sheila Blair.

John Caryl Voigt was born on 12 July 1933 at Broken Hill, a mining town in Northern Rhodesia where both his parents were working as doctors.

John attended Western Province Prep School in Cape Town prior to coming to England for his secondary education at St Edward's School, Oxford. He and his mother landed in Liverpool on 8 May 1945, VE Day. In 1952 he was awarded a scholarship to study Medicine at St Edmund Hall. He had a strong work ethic and his housemaster's reference commended John's 'exemplary industry, clear thinking and methodical approach' together with 'outstanding qualities of leadership'. These characteristics were to be the hallmark of his working life, throughout which he constantly endeavoured to increase his skill and knowledge and to pass this on to others through conferences, lecturing, publishing various medical papers and training junior doctors.

John was also keen on sport, especially rugby, cricket and boxing. He played rugby for the College's First XV, cricket for the First XI, and boxed for the University in 1953 and 1954 as a light middleweight and welterweight. He continued to play cricket for various village sides until well on in life and kept fit by running every day.

John became an interested and self-reliant traveller. In the school holiday he got

himself to and from Gibraltar where his father was working as pathologist and public analyst at the Naval Hospital. University expanded John's horizons further: youth hostelling with friends, skiing trips and other excursions to Europe, detailed on a stream of descriptive postcards sent to his parents.

After qualifying in 1958, John worked as a House Surgeon and then House Officer at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary. Once he had obtained his obstetric qualifications, he took a three-year short service commission in the Royal Air Force as a Flying Officer in the Medical Branch (in lieu of deferred National Service). After seven months at RAF Hospital Nocton Hall, Lincolnshire, he was posted to Aden for 17 months. For most of his time there he was in charge of the gynaecological department and supervised numerous births, having been granted Specialist status in obstetrics and gynaecology. (He pointed this out firmly but politely when applying for a job once back in civilian life: a professor on the interviewing board said that Aden was not a 'recognised' hospital — to which John replied that it might not have been a British teaching hospital but 447 births had provided a lot of experience!)

Following the RAF, John worked at the London Hospital for Women (1965), Perivale Maternity Hospital (1967), Royal Free Hospital, London (1970–1971) and then in the West Country before being appointed consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Royal Buckinghamshire and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals in 1973. Here John met and, in 1984 married, Sheila Payne, a theatre nurse. Sheila rekindled his love of travel and they enjoyed a number of long-haul holidays, which included visits to some of the overseas doctors whom he had trained.

In retirement, John had time to enjoy vegetable gardening and walks with his beloved little dog, Pep. But in January 2001, he lost his leg in a tragic accident when a car skidded on black ice and crushed him against the wall of the bridge which he was crossing. The impact threw John into the icy river. He lost a lot of blood before the ambulance could get him to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, but the extreme cold probably saved him. His life was in the balance for five weeks: he survived, and with great determination went on to make a remarkable recovery for a 67-year-old.

When his wife Sheila died in April 2013, John determinedly stayed on in his bungalow. He was a familiar figure in his village, walking to the shop most days for provisions and attending church each Sunday. He passed away on 12 May 2018.

Sheila Blair

DISTRICT JUDGE ANTONY JOHN SUTTON (1954)

The following obituary has been provided by Tony's son, Richard.

Tony Sutton, who died of cancer on 8 September 2017 at the age of 83, was an eminent lawyer in the Midlands whose legal career spanned over 40 years and saw him retained as a District Judge until the age of 70. Throughout his career as a solicitor in Rugby, he was a specialist in family law; as a Senior Partner at Brethertons, he oversaw the expansion of the practice that has latterly become

one of the largest firms of lawyers in the Midlands.

Born in Hinckley, Leicestershire, in 1934 into a modest background, Tony overcame the personal tragedy of losing his mother at the age of four, and a childhood endured in the shadow of the Second World War.

At Hinckley Grammar School he excelled both academically and on the games field, becoming one of a handful of pupils in a generation to win a place at Oxford University.

Studying Jurisprudence at St Edmund Hall in the 1950s was a source of great pride to him and to his family, and it provided an excellent foundation for a very successful legal career. After 18 months of National Service in Suez, Egypt, where he was quickly seconded to teach soldiers how to read and write, Tony attended the Guildford School of Law before becoming an articled clerk in Rugby at the offices for Bretherton, Turpin and Pell (later Brethertons). He spent the entirety of his career with the same firm, finishing as Senior Partner.

Tony will be remembered as a man of firm beliefs and principles, and was a passionate advocate of the right for every individual to have access to a high standard of legal representation. He was essentially a Champion of the Underdog, shunning a potentially more lucrative offer of a career in a City law firm to serve a community he more readily identified with. As his career evolved, he sat regularly in Birmingham as a deputy District Judge and acted as a much-respected mentor for young solicitors learning their craft.

Although blessed with a phenomenal work ethic, Tony was a devoted family man and a keen sportsman and actor. Rugby and cricket were his main passions, playing the latter until his late fifties with Rugby Cricket Club. As a mercurial leg spinner, there was always something happening when he was bowling.

He retired as a highly-respected figure, admired and loved in equal measure by all those who came into contact with him. Self-deprecating, unassuming and generous almost to a fault, Tony is much missed by family, friends and colleagues.

He was married in 1961 to Christine, who predeceased him in 2016. He is survived by his two children: Kate, a Cattle Procurement Manager for Dovecote Park, a supplier of Waitrose; and Richard, a former Army Captain and now a teacher at Cothill House in Oxfordshire.

Richard Sutton

DOUGLAS SCOTT BOTTING (1954)

The following obituary has been provided by Douglas's Aularian daughter, Anna (1986, Geography).

Douglas Botting was a writer, explorer, photographer and film-maker, who wrote his first book in his early twenties while on sabbatical from his English studies at St Edmund Hall.

Born on 22 February 1934, Douglas grew up in Worcester Park in Surrey. He was inspired to look outward by his father's fascination with the Antarctic explorer Captain Scott (after whom he was named), while the 1940 Battle of Britain (seen from his suburban garden) prompted a lifelong interest in aircraft, Hitler and the Second World War. National Service in Kenya and Uganda with the King's African Rifles in the 1950s shaped his love of Africa; a chance encounter with Ernest Hemingway on the beach at Shimoni, in which the Nobel Prize-winning author told him to get lost, made him determined to become a writer.

He joined the Oxford University Exploration Club in his first Michaelmas term at the Hall. Two years later he organised an expedition to the little-known Arabian island of Socotra, turning his front-quad room into Expedition HQ. When the insuperable problem emerged of how to get there, Douglas wrote to the Supreme Commander of Allied Air Forces Europe — who offered an RAF plane. His account of the expedition, including escaping on the last boat through the Suez Canal before the 1956 war, called *Island of the Dragon's Blood* (1958), is still in print today.

Further travel books followed (*The Knights of Bornu* described a trip to Lake Chad and *One Chilly Siberian Morning* detailed his journeys across Kruschev's Russia with his double-agent SEH friend **John Bayliss** (1954, Modern Languages)). Then he turned his attention to photography and film-making, with the first-ever balloon trip over Africa and expeditions to the Amazon, including hovercrafting down the Orinoco River.

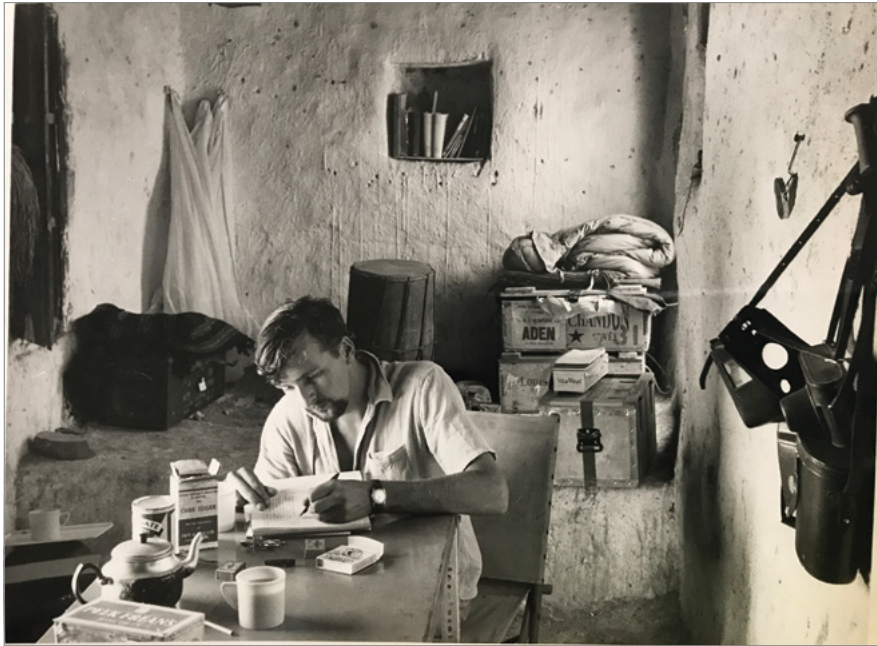
Even the advent of children (two daughters, both Aularians: Kate, English 1985–1988 and Anna, Geography 1986–1989) didn't stop him, with a six-month circumnavigation of the rocky shores of Britain by boat, all the trips leading to books and BBC films.

The subsequent years saw Douglas become a professional writer (with numerous works for *Time Life's* 'World War Two' series). He collaborated with Ian Sayer to write the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Nazi Gold*, tracking down the German gold haul.

While at Teddy Hall he asked Gavin Maxwell, author of *The Ring of Bright Water*, to come to speak at the OU Exploration Club. Douglas had been invited to tea, where 'Maxwell sat me down, poured me half a pint of Scotch, opened the drawer of an escritoire, took out a small, ivory-handled pistol and without a word, pulled the trigger'. A friendship followed, and during a six-month solitary winter in the Scottish Highlands Douglas looked after Maxwell's famous otters at Sandaig. Years later, Douglas's first biography, *Gavin Maxwell, A Life*, examined his friend's complex and fascinating character.

A second biography, *Gerald Durrell: The Authorised Biography*, allowed Douglas to tap into his love of nature, wildlife and wild places, which had already led to books on *Wild Britain* and *Wild France* among others.

Douglas's fascination for *all* things and *all* people continued right to the end of



The undergraduate Douglas Botting writing his first book, at Hadiba, Socotra, 1956 (photo courtesy of the Botting family).

his life. Every plane tail-fin landing at Heathrow was scrutinised, every bird in the sky identified, with his chair always turned to face the outside, wherever he was.

And while he had described struggling in vain at Oxford to change subjects, as he wrestled his way ‘through the medieval obfuscations of English literature and ancient Anglo-Saxon poetry’, 25 books later his English degree does not seem such a bad choice.

Douglas died aged 83, looking out the window on a sunny morning in February 2018. He is survived by his two daughters and three grandchildren, Lexie, Gracie and Ben.

Anna Botting

JOHN BRIAN CLARK (1956)

Following his death on 4 November 2017, a memorial event for John Clark was held at the Hall on 6 January 2018. His friend and contemporary, David Fielding (1959, Geography), recalls John during their student days:

John and I arrived at the Hall in 1956 to read Geography after our two years’ National Service in Malaya. As a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, gunner ‘Nobby’ Clark had been busy shelling possible enemy jungle hide-outs. He chortled when I told him I had spent most of my time in the infantry patrolling, or trying

to patrol, through the mangled mess of trees he had inflicted on us: trees being the only casualties.

We found ourselves with the same tutors and became good friends. I soon realised he was a natural geographer, curious about places and anxious to explore. John was also a first-class sportsman and went on to be the star goal-scoring wing of the Hall’s Cuppers-winning soccer team.

As no field trips were offered by the Department, he mapped one out which would explore north of the Watford Gap in my father’s pick-up van. **John Maddison’s** (Geography, 1955) father was a coal miner in one of the Durham pits and took us down to where he worked prone with a pick axe on a narrow seam. John Clark had

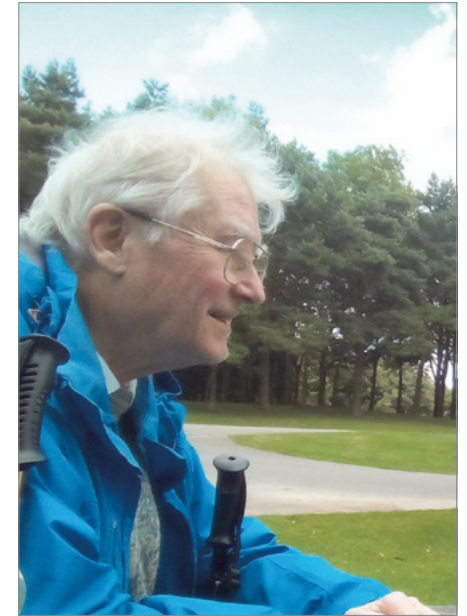


Photo of John courtesy of the Clark family

located the main rest house for the steelworkers at Scunthorpe and persuaded the owner to put us up for the night. He showed us to a huge dormitory, allocated two unoccupied beds, and warned us that a shift would be coming in at midnight. When these giants clanked in, we were ready for them, John eager to announce our credentials and ask the questions. They were clearly wanting to hit the sack, but taken aback by this enthusiastic curiosity, and unable to resist educating these two softies from the south, they gave John his answers.

After sitting Finals, John discovered that he was required for a viva. Being a modest chap, he immediately assumed he was on the Second/Third borderline. At the viva he was posed a series of detailed locational questions. He finally responded with the comment that he was not a walking geographical encyclopaedia, but he knew where to find the answers. ‘Thank you, Mr. Clark’ was the reply, with a request to leave. This depressed him and he told me he would get a Third. He got a Second, as in fact he had been viva’d for a First.

When our tutor, Rowley Gullick, sent John his marks, there was a liberal scattering of alphas. Rowley was furious at the classification miscarriage and after congratulating him, told John that any other Board of Examiners would have given him a First without hesitation. My First Class friend surely deserved First Class Honours?

David Fielding

John's family adds:

John's Second in Geography gained him a job in the international pharmaceutical marketing side of the Beecham Group, with particular responsibility for antibiotics in Pakistan, the Philippines and South Africa. Subsequently he worked for like-minded companies in the UK and Australia before founding his own company of management consultants, concentrating in healthcare. John always maintained his special interest in Asia and Australasia.

Early in his time at Beecham, he met his wife, Jean, who survives him along with their son Ian and two grandsons.

CHRISTOPHER MALCOLM HARRISON (1967)

This obituary has been provided by Chris's wife, Sue, and Hall friend Sandy McPherson (1967, Medicine).

Chris Harrison was born in Watford in 1948 to Monica and Alan Harrison and with his older brother, David, grew up in Northwood, Middlesex. He attended Merchant Taylors' School before going to St Edmund Hall to study Geography.

Chris loved his time at Oxford. Surprised to receive a distinction in his Prelims, he decided he had been working far harder than necessary; so from then on he threw himself even more wholeheartedly into everything Oxford had to offer (as well as running his successful band, The Horn of Plenty). He rowed for the Hall in the Summer Eights and Torpids, and played for the University Fives team in 1968 and 1969, leading to his election to Vincent's Club. He joined several College clubs, including the somewhat dubious Scope Club, whose members were required to whistle, hum or fart the theme tune to *The Magnificent Seven* at the start of every meeting.... He was also in the University's Herbertson Society, German Society, French Society, Film Society, Mountaineering Club, and the Oxford Union. Chris was an outgoing student, popular with everyone from his loyal and protective Scout, Clive, to the Principal. Canon Kelly would hail him in the quad with greetings like 'Christopher, my dear boy, how are you and who was that lovely girl you were with yesterday?'

All this took up time and energy. Chris was an owl, working late into the night to finish an essay and then waking up at 3pm in time for his tutorial. Weekend band gigs made Monday morning tutorials particularly challenging: fellow students would volunteer to make sure he arrived on time, if not entirely awake. He of course did well in his Finals anyway.

In all his activities Chris displayed the great qualities that were evident throughout his life: cheerful, upbeat, generous, loyal, interested in people, a great laugh to be with and very meticulous in planning events and meetings. This skill led him to produce memorable and profitable Hall Balls, along with the Vincent's Varsity Ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

Entirely fortuitously, Chris entered the packaging industry after leaving Oxford. He had a long, very successful career in various companies, but returned several times to his first employer, Metal Box. There he made lifelong friends and also met his first wife, Fiona, with whom he enjoyed a very happy marriage until her premature death from cancer aged 54. After that, Chris threw himself into work and created the world's largest manufacturer of closures, GCS, with factories all around the world, which he visited constantly. His unfailingly honest and thoughtful approach and respect for people meant he was universally loved and revered by his colleagues and staff — even his competitors. He was viewed as not just one of the greats of the packaging sector, but that very rare phenomenon in industry, a 'real gentleman'.

Chris decided to retire in 2010. He turned his considerable attributes to fundraising for several causes, including the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Breast Cancer Care, St Edmund Hall, Vincent's 150th Anniversary appeal; he was also a strong supporter of Oxford Thinking and the Acer Nethercott Sports Centre. At his memorial service we learned that Chris had supported the Hall for over 50 years.

Chris and Fiona had no children, but there were several adored nephews and nieces. Chris later found happiness again with his second wife, Sue, an old friend and colleague who was also widowed; she brought into his life two adult children, two dogs and two cats, turning his ordered existence upside down. He loved it and his new family, who adored him in return. We were devastated that his own premature death meant that he could not be taken to the next level — as a grandfather.

He had been looking forward to Geography's 1967 50th Anniversary reunion in September 2017 but sadly he was already too unwell to attend. Chris passed away on 3 December 2017, aged 69. A moving celebration of his life, attended by several hundred, was held in May 2018 in the Examination Schools and afterwards at Teddy Hall.

Chris was a major philanthropist, supporting not only his beloved Oxford, but artists, sculptors, furniture makers, start-up businesses and many diverse charities, to which he very methodically donated a proportion of his income every year. He was a great gourmet and wine connoisseur and his many travels invariably involved both. But most of all, he is remembered as one of the kindest, most generous, hospitable and loving men ever. Chris is greatly missed.

Mrs Sue Harrison & Sandy McPherson

HOWARD PETER ORME CB (1979)

The following tribute has been provided by Howard's friend and Hall contemporary, Caroline Morgan (1979, PPE).

Howard Orme died at home in Dorking on 17 May 2018, aged 58. As Chief Finance & Operating Officer for the Department for Education, he had been appointed a

Companion of the Order of the Bath in the 2018 New Year's Honours; a long way from his childhood in Derby.

His sister's husband, Jim Lyon, recalls Howard's early years. Born on 2 January 1960, to parents with endless dedication but very limited financial means, he grew up on a council estate. At Derby Grammar (later Comprehensive) School he quickly established a reputation for being good at everything: academic, football, music. He formed a rock band, played guitar, piano, and the organ at a local church. He met his delightful girlfriend, Judi, who became his lifelong partner.

Howard arrived at St Edmund Hall in 1979 with an Exhibition to study PPE. It was the year that Teddy Hall admitted women undergraduates, and at barely 18 I found some of my fellow PPE-ists noticeably more mature and well-travelled than me. Howard was one of the oldest, but his months as a 'binman' in Derby didn't create such a gap. When I met his girlfriend Judi too, I found long-term friends.

In the early Eighties, British companies offered a career for life. Howard joined Unilever, moved via Leeds to London, qualified as an accountant and became Group Management Accountant for East Asia and Pacific region. He and Judi were married in 1984 in Derby, settled in Bromley, and had their first two children: Alexander in 1988 and Anastasia in 1991.

Howard was offered a posting to São Paulo, Brazil, and made it home from 1992-1998. Another daughter, Tatiana, was born in 1993. Despite family and work commitments, Howard got involved with a charity for street children, supporting it long afterwards.



Howard Orme (far left) with fellow PPE-ists from his year in the Front Quad, c. 1980. Photograph courtesy of Caroline Morgan (pictured second from left).

Returning to the UK, Howard wanted his privileged expat children's schooling to bridge the gap with 'normal' British children, and I was able to introduce him to Surrey. Job stability gave way to change: after a 20-year career at Unilever he was nearing the top of the pyramid, so in 2001 moved to Allied Domecq as Financial Controller. With children settled in Dorking, Howard made the long commute to Bristol.

By 2005 Howard was ready to change again. Knowing that I was working for Parliament, and my father had been a Civil Service Commissioner (Aularian **Edwin John Morgan**: 1948, Modern Languages), Howard sounded me out. I was able to give him some insight into the mixed pleasures of being a public servant. It was a successful move. He joined the Department for Work and Pensions in 2006 as one of their Finance Directors. Perhaps his technical accounting, from a hyper-inflation economy, was useful in reconciling vast flows of benefits payments. In 2009 he became Director General in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; in 2016, when a Government reorganisation moved Higher Education to the Department for Education, he transferred with it. When I saw him in the summer of 2017, Howard told me with both pride and surprise that he was the longest-serving Finance Director of a Government Department.

In late 2017, Howard was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He and Judi set up a messaging group to keep their friends and colleagues informed, sharing a mix of upbeat pictures of their children, dog, Dorking and Derbyshire; blackly-humorous stories about persuading the consultants to continue chemo; and (determined to increase awareness), links to his colleagues' campaign for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Howard did not meet his aspiration to be well enough to collect his CB; but he did meet his son Alex's new wife, Kumba, visiting from Gambia. I'm sure that meant more. His funeral on 15 June 2018 in Derby was full of warmth and humour. The Permanent Secretaries for both his Departments were there, along with his children and partners, his two brothers and sister, and friends from school, London, Surrey, footballing. His successful career was only half the story. Howard was a supportive family man and friend, with a lively social life: building runs for chickens and pets in their large garden in Dorking; playing loud riffs late into the night; and supporting Derby County Football Club.

The last word goes to Howard: 'Thank you everyone for being wonderful. I am as happy as I could ever be and everything has been an absolutely grand delight.'

Caroline Morgan

A memorial service is planned by the Department for Education, to be held in London in late October 2018.



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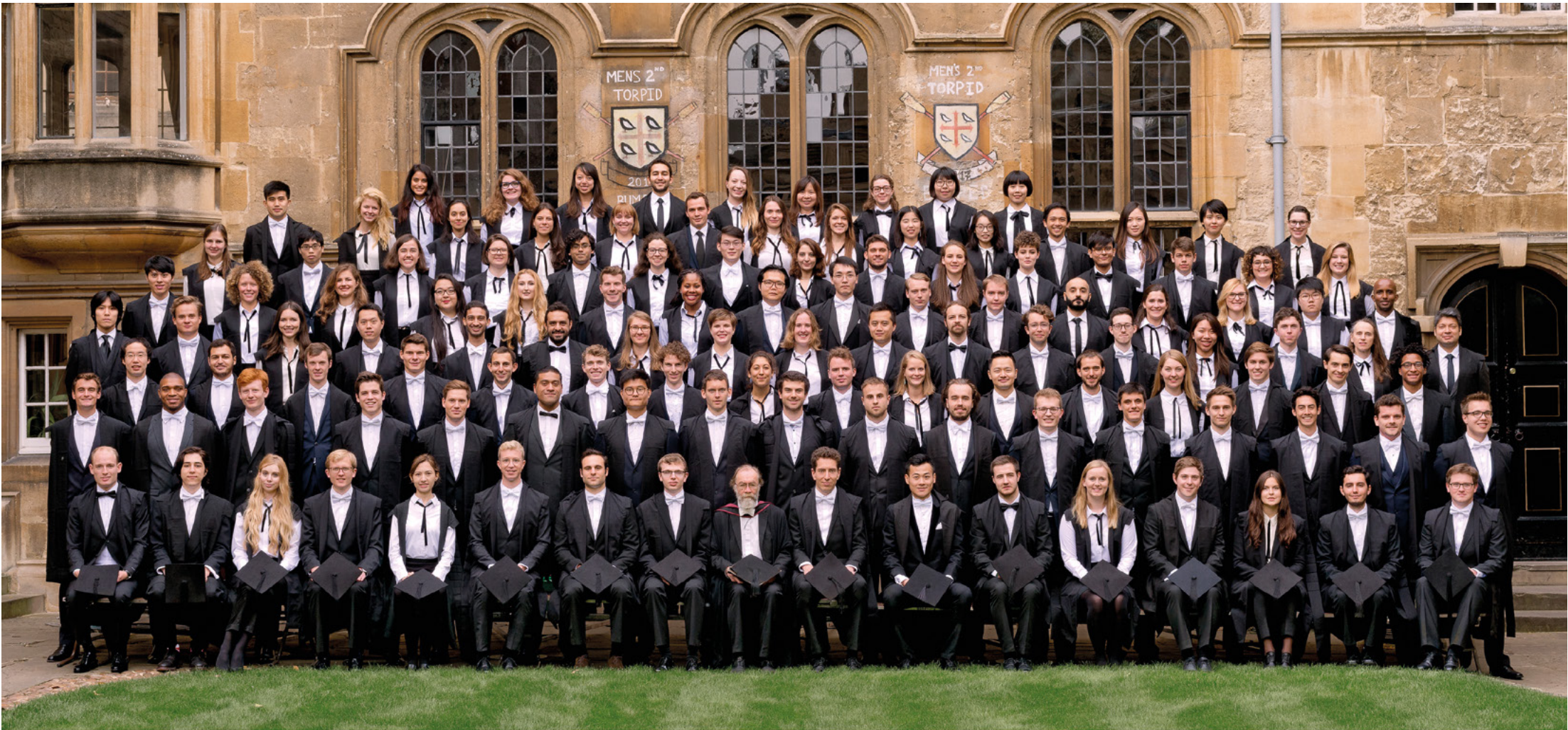
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