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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I sit down to write this piece, two anniversaries come to mind: it is 100 years since the first St Edmund Hall Magazine was published, an auspicious occasion indeed; and it is a year to the day since I left my previous role as Director of Science at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, to take up my role as Principal at St Edmund Hall. And, like a birthday, an anniversary can make you reflect on the year that has passed.

I remember looking forward greatly to coming to the Hall but also feeling somewhat daunted. Every college has its own customs which have to be learned. And, of course, by definition everyone has been there longer than you (apart from the Freshers - I will cherish my Fresher t-shirt bestowed by the JCR and MCR in my first week). Everyone knows you, and you know almost no-one.

I should not have worried. I can honestly say that Teddy Hall (as I quickly learned to call it) has been the most welcoming and friendly place from day one. But what about other reflections of College life in my first year?

First and foremost, I would like to thank my predecessor, Professor Keith Gull. Many aspects of my first year have been made much easier because of the legacy of Keith’s hard work over the past decade, and for this I am personally very grateful.

Second, if I had to use one word to describe College life during term time, it would be ‘busy’. Every single minute of the day, seven days a week, appears to have some activity going on, from tutorials and writing-workshops to music and drama events, debates, meals and (in my case) meetings.

At the end of the first term I undertook a quick survey of the number of events that had occurred in the Hall and I realised that this feeling of ‘busy all the time’ could certainly be demonstrated through an evidence-base. In Michaelmas term there were 30,032 meals prepared by the kitchen staff, 2,188 hours of tutorials given, 750 admissions interviews and 1,800 school students who attended our outreach activities. There were five alumni events (in New York, Edinburgh, Manchester and two in London), a parents’ dinner, five public talks and discussions in college, 13 music events, an Equality & Diversity Week (featuring seven events including talks and a food fair), Matriculation and Degree Days. There were also too many sporting events to count (probably more...
After this I did wonder if the other two terms would be quieter: far from it! Just looking through this edition of the Magazine, I hope you’ll agree with my impression of this being a vibrant, highly committed and incredibly hard-working community which has much to celebrate.

However, on a more serious note, we are in difficult times. The pressure on student fees, and on-going political and environmental challenges, mean that as a community, we must examine current practices and ensure that we are resilient to these external pressures and sustainable into the future. We have therefore been working over the past year on a College strategy, asking ‘what does good look like in 10 years’ time?’. This has been led by the Governing Body, but many members of the College community past and present (staff, students, alumni) have participated in addressing five key areas: i) teaching and research; ii) access, diversity and equality; iii) culture; iv) estates and v) finance. It has been a very positive process and the strategy, which will be formally launched at the beginning of Michaelmas term 2019, provides, I hope, an important roadmap to develop and enhance this exceptional College over the next decade and for many decades to come. If you would like to see a copy of this strategy, please do get in touch. It will be also available to download from our website.

Sadly, over the past year we have lost some key Hall Fellows and staff through retirement or moving on to new positions. These include Professor Stuart Ferguson (Vice-Principal and Tutor in Biochemistry), Simon Costa (Senior Bursar, Estates & Finance), the Revd Will Donaldson (Chaplain), Dr Claire Hooper (Communications Manager) and Gillian Powell (Principal’s PA). We have also welcomed new staff, including Dr Charlotte Sweeney (Domestic Bursar), Mrs Claire Parfitt (Communications Manager) and, shortly to join us, Eleanor Burnett (Finance Bursar).

It is with great sadness that I must also record the death of Dr Francis Rossotti, Emeritus Fellow. Francis was a hugely popular and respected University Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry and Fellow & Tutor in Chemistry at the Hall for 33 years, including a stint as Vice-Principal from 1987 to 1990. His contribution to the Hall was considerable.

There are inevitably so many other things to tell you about life here at the Hall over the past year, much of which is in the pages that you are about to read. So, this just leaves me to say that I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year – do please come and visit or attend one of our many events. I feel very privileged to have been invited to become part of your Hall community. It feels very much like home.

Professor Kathy Willis
14th September 2019

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Marking the 44th year of the international Shakespeare study programme under which Professor Christopher Armitage, St Edmund Fellow, has brought students from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to the Hall in the Long Vacation, a special afternoon tea and drinks reception was held in July 2019 for him and this year’s cohort.

Principal Katherine Willis presented Chris with a gift in recognition of his long-term commitment to the programme.

In addition to her teaching as a College Lecturer in Physics at the Hall, Dr Joanna Ashbourn has continued as the Director of the St Cross Centre for the History and Philosophy of Physics. The Centre aims to not just focus on chronicling the history of the discipline but to also engage critically with the philosophy and methodologies which inform how current research in physics is undertaken. Each of its conferences hosts some 230 attendees. It held three termly one-day events during the academic year, all fully booked: these were on ‘Physics and the Dark Side’, ‘A History of the Small’ and ‘Paradigm Shifts Across the Ages’. (Details of the events with videos of the talks, plus information about the Centre’s 2019–2020 programme, can currently be seen at www.stx.ox.ac.uk/happ.)

Adrian Briggs, Sir Richard Gozney Fellow & Tutor in Law, had arranged to take two terms of sabbatical leave this year, with which to do the work for new, post-Brexit editions of his books on private international law. It had seemed like a good idea at the time: but as the failings of the political class meant that there was no point in even thinking about starting, the year was a decidedly odd one. He gave papers in Singapore (on Myanmar contract law) and in Rome (on the effect of Brexit on private international law); offered a series of lectures in Yangon; and was able to complete various overdue contributions to journals and collections of essays. But Adrian thinks that if this is what Taking Back Control looks like, it would have been better to be blind.
On 30 November 2018 Professor Peter Bruce, Professorial Fellow, took up his appointment as Physical Secretary and Vice-President of The Royal Society. In January 2019 Peter’s election to membership of the Academia Europaea was announced.

Sir Ian Byatt, Honorary Fellow, continues with his work on the Public Interest Committee of RSM, a medium-sized audit firm. He observes that a series of audit failures have woken up the sector. It is now subject to four inquiries: by Sir John Kingman, of Treasury and Rothschild fame; by the competition regulator, the Competition and Markets Authority; by a Parliamentary Select Committee; and by Sir Donald Brydon, former Chairman of the Stock Exchange.

Radical recommendations are emerging, which point to a big shake-up, including replacement of the Financial Reporting Council by a body that would have sufficient powers to identify, monitor and enforce audit quality, including reserve powers to appoint auditors; putting more emphasis on the responsibilities of audited firm’s audit and risk committees; joint audits of large firms on the French model; separation of the supply of audit and non-audit services; reducing barriers to entry by firms challenging the Big Four oligopoly (Price Waterhouse, Deloitte. Ernst & Young and KPMG) of the audit of firms in the FTSE 350; and a further inquiry into the sector in five years’ time, with the prospect of break-up of the Big Four if the market remains so concentrated. Brydon has still to report. These recommendations would require legislation, which is hardly feasible until Brexit has been completed one way or another. Meanwhile Goldman Sachs have transferred the audit of their European activities from Big Four firm, Price Waterhouse, to challenger firm, Mazars.

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Ian’s book A Regulator’s Sign-Off: Changing the Taps in Britain was launched in London on 17 September 2019.

On 3 July 2019, Professor Maia Chankseliani, Fellow by Special Election in Comparative & International Education, organised the first-ever Education Subject Dinner for students at the Hall (there are currently 14 education students here). During the year, Maia commenced a two-year research project with Igor Fedyukin and Isak Froumin, both from the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia. The project studies university research capacity in post-Soviet countries.

She gave a variety of conference presentations and invited talks, at the Hall in October 2018 (organised by the Centre for Global Higher Education) and further afield at Tel Aviv University, Oslo, San Francisco, University College London (with Teddy Hall doctoral student Yusuf Oldac) and the University of Kent at Canterbury.

Maia’s recent publications include:


Gordon Clark, Fellow by Special Election, has been working on two research projects, one related to individual decision-making with respect to financial products and the other related to the organisation and management of large financial institutions. The first project is funded by Zürich Insurance and is part of an ongoing relationship between the University and the company designed to understand better what drives the demand for financial products and changes in labour markets due to technological change and globalisation. In the first instance (2015–2018), the focus was on income-related financial products based upon representative sample surveys of 11 countries. More recently (2018–2021), the focus has been upon labour market flexibility and technological change using representative sample surveys of 14 countries. The second project has been in conjunction with colleagues at Stanford University and deals with the impact of technological change on financial markets and information management systems as regards how financial institutions are organised and managed. Here, Gordon and his co-researchers work with a network of major institutions to improve understanding of decision-making and innovation in organisational
Kevin Crossley-Holland, Honorary Fellow, launched his new sequence of poems, Seahenge: A Journey at the Sea Fever Literary Festival in spring 2019. The poems, complemented by Andrew Rafferty’s superb photographs, are published by Kailpot Press. Earlier in the academic year, Walker published Kevin’s retellings of British and Irish folktales, Between Worlds, and he collaborated on Imagined Land, sponsored by the Norfolk Archaeological Trust and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This project involved leading public and school writing workshops, learning to weave withies and co-authoring the pageant performed at Burnham Norton’s ruined Carmelite friary.

Litany of Places Lost

Bird’s Pightle and Bradmere Shift.
Who remembers them?
I do, chirps sparrow. I do, trills swift.

Whin Hill Marsh and Far Wallow.
Who remembers them?
I do, croaks herring gull. Me too, twitters swallow.

Dawling Lane, Brittle Breck.
Who remembers them?
Me, squeaks sanderling. I do, sings the lark.

Ah, these sweet fields and green lanes,
you’re almost all forgotten.
Time and tide have stopped their names.
But listen! Look! They’re still here.
And clumpy and muddy or thick with dew
they belong to me and belong to you.

Kevin’s cantata with Cecilia McDowall, Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo, has now been performed by the National Children’s Choir and the BBC Singers and ten other times in three countries, with more in prospect. At the London Anglo-Saxon Symposium, he spoke about his crucial collaboration with his sometime tutor Bruce Mitchell while translating Beowulf, and how Bruce saved him from himself, and Anglo-Saxon from him! Further readings and speaking engagements during the past twelve months have included Ambit at 60 at the National Writing Centre, Norfolk Wildlife Trust at Cley, the Globe Theatre, Lavenham Children’s Book Festival, Oxford Literary Festival, Jorvik Viking Festival in York and several bookshops and schools.

Sir John Daniel, Honorary Fellow (1961, Metallurgy), completed his six-year term as Chair of the International Board of the United World Colleges. This year
he participated in several events celebrating the 50th anniversary of The Open University, where he served as vice-chancellor 1990–2001.

On 31 January 2019 Dr Ed Darnbrough, Fellow by Special Election, who researches nuclear fission fuels, gave a public lecture on the impact of some of his work. This lecture was organised by the Central England branch of the Nuclear Institute.

Honorary Fellow Professor Amelia Fletcher OBE, participated in a Digital Competition Expert Panel, appointed by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond. The Panel’s final report, Unlocking Digital Competition, published in March 2019, proposes a bold set of pro-competition measures to open up digital markets, including the introduction of ex ante regulation.

Professor Leslie Ann Goldberg, Senior Research Fellow, was delighted by the increased representation of Computer Science at Teddy Hall: this year there were 12 people, including Leslie, DPhil students, MSc students and Visiting Students. This being the last year of her ERC Fellowship, most of the first two terms were devoted to studying the complexity of evaluating polynomials – figuring out how changing the parameters makes this computational problem feasible or infeasible. There were some amazing specialist workshops on this topic in Amsterdam and Berkeley, combining several areas of mathematics. We are increasingly in need of techniques from dynamic systems, which Leslie hadn’t known about: so learning has been great fun for her. In addition to the specialist workshops, Leslie has given a couple of plenary talks on this topic in more general Computer Science conferences.

After Easter 2019, she had to become Deputy Head of Department and also REF co-ordinator for Computer Science, so she is now trying to work out how to combine these things with successful teaching and research! Although she thought those jobs would be terrible, Leslie actually finds that the people aspects are a pleasure.

Emeritus Professor Hugh Jenkyns has been elected to membership of the Academia Europaea.

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg, Senior Research Fellow, continues to lead the newly-established Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging (www.win.ox.ac.uk) which aims to use brain imaging technology to understand brain function and improve health. This year, the Centre won one of the Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Public Engagement – in recognition of its success in building capacity, including establishing an ambassador scheme and involving a wide variety of students, staff and researchers in public engagement activities such as school roadshows. Heidi’s research focuses of brain plasticity: how the brain changes with learning, recovery and changes in experience. This year, her group have completed a large-scale trial of effects of physical activity on academic outcomes in secondary-school pupils and are currently analysing the results.

They are also testing how sleep can influence recovery of function after brain damage.

In November 2018, Gabriel Josipovici, Honorary Fellow, gave a talk to the Institute of Psychoanalysis in ‘The Myth of the Mother Tongue’ (now published in the American journal Raritan). His 1986 novel ‘about’ Pierre Bonnard was reprinted to coincide with the Bonnard exhibition at the Tate Modern, and Gabriel discussed both with Julian Bell at the Tate Modern Bookshop in March 2019. Papers from a symposium put on to celebrate Gabriel’s 75th birthday have been published somewhat belatedly in the magazine European Judaism.

Professor Andrew Kahn, Tutor in Modern Languages (Russian), was a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IEA) in Paris in 2018–2019. That was a chance for him to write up a chunk of a new book on the Russian Enlightenment while also finishing some other stuff (including that Mandelstam book). Andrew reports that Paris is better for play than work, but he didn’t play very much. In 2019 he becomes Senior Editor of the new Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of Literature (OREL). And he has been elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy.

In 2019, Emeritus Professor John Knight celebrated his 80th birthday at the Hall, together with numerous economics colleagues and his co-authors over several decades. The occasion took the form of an economic forum followed by a lunch. It was supported by the Oxford Chinese Economy Programme (OXCEP), of which he is Academic Director. In his speech John recalled that in 1978 the Hall gave the formidable Dr A B Emden (Principal 1931–1951) a lunch in the Old Dining Hall to celebrate his birthday. The ABE had begun: ‘I am very pleased that so many are here today to celebrate my 80th. I hope that many of you will survive to help me celebrate my 90th.’ John expressed a similar hope.

In August 2019 he directed an OXCEP course at the Hall for Chinese CEOs who wanted to learn more about capitalism and business in the West. Among the distinguished speakers were three PPE Aularians: Sir Ian Byatt (former Treasury Mandarin: Honorary Fellow) on state and markets in Britain, Peter Johnson (former CEO) on corporate governance in Britain, and Nick Thomas-Symonds MP on British curbs on the abuse of power. John spoke on human resource management in the West, and (for some end-of-course light relief) the economics of happiness.

John finds that his publications remain surprisingly popular in his dotage. One article, ‘Unemployment in South Africa: the nature of the Beast’, published in 2004 (with over 22,000 digital reads in total) was in 2019 consistently the most read of all publications produced by members of Oxford’s Department of Economics, and John was consistently the Department’s most read author.

On 17 January 2019, Dr Emre Korkmaz, SEH Open Junior Research Fellow, convened a talk on Turkish science-fiction literature, as part of the activities of
the OU Studies on Turkey Network. The event featured the well-known Turkish author Ayşe Acar.

**Professorial Fellow Henrike Lähnemann** had another busy year, with a number of medieval German events and conferences taking place in the refurbished Old Library, the launch of the Polonsky-Foundation-funded shared digitisation project between the Bodleian Library and the Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, discussing ‘Medieval Studies and the Far Right’ with students from the Hall, and many other intellectual enterprises. Twelve representatives from Wolfenbüttel came in March 2019 to celebrate the launch of the manuscript digitisation project, paving the way for a high-powered delegation from Lower Saxony to visit Oxford and stay in the Hall.

Crowning it all, the undoubtedly high point for Henrike was the multi-sensorial, multi-linguistic performance of a Medieval Mystery Cycle at the Hall in March (see the article in section 3 of this Magazine). It was impressive to see how the whole College rallied round to make the event such a success. The most frequent comment in the feedback was: ‘Will there be a second Medieval Mystery Cycle?’ Oxford Medieval Studies are certainly up for it – watch out for the announcement of the next date!

**Dr Alex Lloyd, College Lecturer in German**, has led the White Rose Project this year, a research and outreach initiative telling the story in the UK of the Second World War White Rose resistance group (‘die Weiße Rose’). The project was launched in October 2018 with an exhibition at the Taylor Institution Library. During Michaelmas term 2018 and Hilary term 2019, fifteen undergraduates from across the University worked on a new translation of the six White Rose resistance leaflets of 1942 and 1943. These translations were published in June 2019 in *The White Rose: Reading, Writing, Resistance*, alongside articles on the group’s history and legacy. Between May and July, the Bodleian Library hosted a display about the leaflets, curated by Alex and the student translators. She has also delivered lectures and workshops on the White Rose Project, including a Teddy Talk at the inaugural Access Hall Areas event. This Project is able to continue thanks to generous funding from The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities. As a Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Alex will be working with the student translators. She has also delivered lectures and workshops on the White Rose Project, including a Teddy Talk at the inaugural Access Hall Areas event. This Project is able to continue thanks to generous funding from The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities. As a Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Alex will be working with the student translators. She has also delivered lectures and workshops on the White Rose Project, including a Teddy Talk at the inaugural Access Hall Areas event. This Project is able to continue thanks to generous funding from The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities. Alex’s article on contemporary German women’s writing, ‘Afterimages of a Saint: Felicitas Hoppe’s Johanna and the Poetics of Writing History’, was published in the *Journal of Romance Studies*. Two features on the German heavy metal band Rammstein appeared in *Metal Hammer* magazine, and she has written for the German newspaper *Die Tagespost*. In June 2019, Alex received a Teaching Excellence Award from Oxford University’s Humanities Division ‘in recognition of the high quality of her teaching’ and ‘the important contribution she makes to the teaching of German’. Besides scholarly pursuits, Alex won first prize in the 2018 College Bake-Off!

**Professor David Manolopoulos, Tutor in Chemistry**, is beginning to feel more comfortable in his own skin and has started travelling to conferences again. During the academic year he went to a *Journal of Chemical Physics* Editorial Board meeting in New York and to a workshop on path integral methods in Mariapfarr (a small village in the Austrian Alps). Over the summer he will also be taking part in meetings in Tromso (inside the Arctic Circle in Norway), Telluride (high up in the Rockies in Colorado), Warwick (oh well, never mind!), and St Petersburg. Sadly, David has had to decline additional invitations to Menton (on the Mediterranean coast at the border between France and Italy) and Heidelberg (the most beautiful university town to Germany) owing to examining commitments in Oxford. He finds it thoroughly refreshing to leave the UK as often as he can nowadays, especially for trips to the EU.

It has been another busy year for **Professor Paul Matthews, Fellow by Special Election**. Imperial College has reorganised its large Faculty of Medicine and Paul was named as the Head of the newly-formed Department of Brain Sciences, which includes neurosciences, neurology and psychiatry. He has also taken on new responsibilities on Advisory Boards for the Japanese scientific powerhouse at RIKEN, the Canadian MS Society and a Canadian motor neuron study, CAPTURE ALS. In addition, he is the Chair of the UKRI MRC Neurosciences and Mental Health Board. But working with his research groups and colleagues is still what keeps him most happy! Paul was delighted to help two of the Hall’s biomedical students and a medical student find research internship placements in summer 2019 with his colleagues at Lee Kong Cheong Medical School in Singapore.

Paul nevertheless found time to continue his support for the Centre for the Creative Brain at the Hall (as reported in section 3 of this Magazine).

In April 2019, **Honorary Fellow William R Miller** was honoured by the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden Trust with the Winston S Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award for Philanthropy & Business. Located in New York’s Lower Manhattan, the Garden celebrates the historic ties of friendship between the USA, the Commonwealth countries and the UK; and honours the British and Commonwealth victims of the attacks on September 11th, 2001. Bill was President of the St George’s Society in 2002 when the idea for this permanent memorial Garden was conceived, and after serving as Chairman of its Trust for several years he is currently the Emeritus Chairman.

**Professor Michael Mingos FRS, Honorary Fellow**, reports that 2019 marked the 150th Anniversary of the Periodic Table and his 75th Year as its least important element with an indeterminate half-life, but not quite an inert gas. Mike contributed to the United Nations International Year of the Periodic
Table by writing a paper for a Special Issue of Chimia (The Swiss Chemical Society’s Journal) with the title ‘Development of Bonding Models Based on the Periodic Table’. He has also edited two volumes of Structure and Bonding with 15 contributed chapters on ‘The Periodic Table – How it has guided Chemists for the last 150 years’. He wrote the introductory historical chapter ‘The Discovery of the Elements in the Periodic Table’. Mike also continued as Series Editor for Structure and Bonding published by Springer from Heidelberg, Germany and oversaw the publication of two other volumes on different topics.

He was also appointed as a consultant to the University of Hong Kong for 2019 to assist them with their submission for the Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise which closely follows the analogous exercise held periodically in the UK. He visited Hong Kong for a week in May 2019 to review and discuss departmental, faculty and university submissions.

During the last few academic years, 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 research and the associated publications are given at research.chem.ox.ac.uk/philip.mountford.aspx. In the last 12 months, thanks in part to departmental sabbatical leave for Hilary and Trinity terms, Philip was able to spend time concentrating on research and, in particular, developing more technical skills regarding electronic structure calculations.

Among last year’s highlights for Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Honorary Fellow, were some lectures on Christ and Culture, delivered in Oxford and repeated in the US, where he also spoke in DC on fundamental freedoms at the Heritage Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation. A great visit to the churches in Argentina was followed by teaching at Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan and at the Lahore College Foundation.

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Now re-located in Cornwall, Martin Slater, Emeritus Fellow, nevertheless gave a seminar in May 2019 at HM Treasury on 19th-century national debt.

Professor Charlotte Stagg, Fellow by Special Election in Neuroscience, gave her inaugural professorial lecture in Hilary term 2019 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, on the subject ‘Inhibition and oscillations: exploring the physiology of human motor learning’. This year, Charlie has continued to chair the organising committee of the Centre for the Creative Brain at the Hall (see the report in section 3 of this Magazine).
Dr Johanneke Sytsema, College Lecturer in Linguistics, reports that in the lovely sunny week of 8–12 July 2019, twenty-four students gathered in St Edmund Hall for the first edition of the Old Frisian Summer School. Eleven came from the University of Groningen, most of them Frisian speakers. Others hailed from Oxford or from the wider world as far as St Petersburg and Toronto, a mix of undergrads and postgrads, one of them an Aularian. The Pontigny Room offered ample space for lectures and group workshops and excellent meals were right next door.

Specialists in the field of Old Frisian, Old Germanic, Anglo-Frisian archeological and linguistic connections, and the Junius Collection gave lectures to prepare the students for their translation workshops. Students were given a copy of the Introduction to Old Frisian (Bremmer 2009) and a copy of the Handwörterbuch (Hofmann/Popkema 2008). Some expressed surprise that they were actually able to translate Old Frisian with help of the handbooks, but prior knowledge of all Old Germanic languages including Old Norse, present among the students, must have helped. Professor Nigel Palmer, Emeritus Fellow, introduced the text of the 15 Signs before Doomsday, of which one Old Frisian version exists. A translation into English was prepared by the students as one of the outcomes of the summer school.

Delegates loved the wine tasting kindly laid on by the Hall’s Dr Peter Collins in the Old Library. A photograph made it on to the Frisian Broadcasting Station website as representative of the teaching during the summer school! Delegates were enchanted by the College, especially by the crypt shown by the Librarian, James Howarth. The week finished with a conference dinner in the Old Dining Hall, much appreciated by all.

The best report of the summer school was made by Fardau Visser and placed on YouTube: https://youtu.be/plkV2PkKf48.

Johanneke would like to thank everyone at St Edmund Hall who helped to make the summer school such a success, notably Susan McCarthy, all in the kitchen and dining room, and the porters. Various students said they wanted to take part again when the event is held next year in Groningen.

Professor Jenny Taylor, Fellow by Special Election in Human Genetics, has continued to focus on a programme of whole genome sequencing for the diagnosis of patients in rare diseases and cancer. A five year, £5.5m programme of sequencing, funded by the Wellcome Trust and Department of Health, has been completed, with over 800 genomes sequenced. Several publications have emerged from this study. Most notably, two novel genes, which have not previously been described in the context of human disease, were recently published in the American Journal of Human Genetics, as collaborative studies with international consortia. A further three novel genes are actively being investigated in the laboratory using CRISPR genome editing, amongst other approaches. Metabolomics is a new direction of research for the group, as it can provide a relatively rapid and straightforward functional readout for novel genes where a metabolic perturbation is suspected. A detailed micro-costing of clinical genome sequencing has recently been published in Genetics in Medicine which will inform the costs associated with adopting genome sequencing into routine NHS clinical practice. Jenny and her group, funded by the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, are now actively contributing to analysis of the Genomics England 100,000 Genomes Project (www.genomicsengland.co.uk).


As usual, Dimitri was in great demand at conferences, talks and invited seminars. These included in 2018: the XXVII European Workshop on General Equilibrium Theory (EWGET 2018), at University Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris; ‘Memory and Identity, Political Financial and Cultural Aspects of Diaspora Communities’, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford; EAFIT University and Banco de la Republica de Colombia, Medellin; Central Bank of Chile, Santiago; Central Bank of Slovakia, Bratislava; the Slovak Economic Association Meeting 2018; Bratislava; ‘Did Britain have a “monetarist counter-revolution”? And was it led by Milton Friedman?’, Institute of International Monetary Research 2018, Bratislava; ‘Policy Implications of Financial Stability’, Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University, Prague; and the Econometric Society European Winter Meetings, 2018, Naples. So far in 2019 his travels have taken him to the University of Nevada at Reno; Charles

Robert Venables, Fellow by Special Election, once again kindly offered members of the Hall a pair of free concert tickets, for a performance of Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven given by the London Firebird Orchestra at St John the Evangelist Church, Oxford, on 10 February 2019. Robert was a co-sponsor of the event.

For Professor Richard Walker, Oxburgh Fellow & Tutor in Earth Sciences, 2019 saw the start of two new projects funded by The Leverhulme Trust. The first is called NEPTUNE (Neotectonics, Paleoecosystem and Tsunami of the Eastern Mediterranean) and aims to combine onshore and offshore geological approaches to understand better the tectonic evolution and earthquake hazards in the Mediterranean region. The second, EROICA, is a study of the Earthquake Ruptures of Iran and Central Asia, using examples from the historic and prehistoric past, as preserved in the landscape, to understand better the types of earthquakes that may occur in the future. Both of these projects will run for several years and Richard is particularly excited to be learning new skills – particularly in the use of offshore geophysical data – and exploring the geology of new areas.

Professor Robert J Whittaker, Tutor in Geography and (from January 2019) Vice-Principal, took sabbatical leave in Michaelmas term 2018, during which he worked on two books and several papers with colleagues from several countries across the EU. He also participated in a macroecology workshop in Spain in November organised by the Centre for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate (CMEC), University of Copenhagen. He has continued to collaborate with colleagues at CMEC, particularly on a project on mountain biogeography, recently completed. In January 2019, Rob attended the biennial meeting of the International Biogeography Society, which was held in Malaga, where he presented a paper on island species–area relationships. Rob is author or co-author of 10 papers published or accepted for publication in 2019, most of which concern island biogeography (see https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=jaAUcowAAAAJ&hl=en) and is currently working on the completion of a co-edited book on the relationship between species richness and area for Cambridge University Press. In July 2019, Rob joined the editorial board of Frontiers of Biogeography as editor-in-chief.

In May 2019, Professor Richard Willden, Tutor in Engineering Science & Tutor for Graduates, was one of the speakers at the OU Department of Engineering Science’s prestigious Maurice Lubbock Memorial Lecture (the event was celebrating its 45th year).

Professor Wes Williams, Tutor in Modern Languages (French), was announced as the new Knowledge Exchange Champion at The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH).

In addition to her duties as Principal of the Hall, Professor Katherine Willis gave a number of scientific talks during the course of the year. These included: delivering the annual Burntwood Lecture, at the Institution of Environmental Sciences in London, 8 November 2018, entitled ‘Can we put a price on biodiversity?’; delivering the Princeton Spring 2019 Frontiers in Biology Lecture at Princeton University in April 2019, along with giving a research talk there; speaking to Aularians in Teddy Talk XII ‘Green Health: The new science of the health benefits of nature’, in London on 4 July 2019; and delivering a keynote speech on ‘The framing of the UK’s forests: past, present and future’ for The Royal Forestry Society’s N D G James Memorial Lecture at Dartington Hall, Devon, in July 2019.

Dr Emily A Winkler, formerly John Cowdrey Junior Research Fellow, now Fellow by Special Election in History, was awarded an Early Career Development Research Grant (£250,000) by the Arts & Humanities Research Council at the end of 2018. This enabled her to become the Principal Investigator on a two-year project entitled ‘The Search for Parity: Rulers, relationships and the Remote Past in Britain’s Chronicles, c. 1100–1300’. Emily will continue working in the Faculty of History at Oxford; her co-investigator is Dr Owain Wyn Jones from Bangor.

Dr Linda Yueh, Fellow by Special Election in Economics, celebrated the publication of the paperback version of her Great Economists book in March 2019. During the past year this work has garnered awards in the UK (The Times’s Best Business Books of 2018) and the USA (Newsweek’s Best Books of the Year so far). Linda was pleased to be invited to speak about the book on numerous occasions, at events in London, Bristol, Ireland, Washington DC, Brighton, Cambridge, Warwick, Providence Rhode Island, Kent, Exeter, Oxford (at the Oxford Literary Festival on 4 April and at a Teddy Talk in the Hall on 4 May 2019), Hay-on-Wye (at the Hay Festival), York and Lewes.
ARRIVALS IN THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM

During the year the SCR was delighted to welcome new members.

Philip Broadley matriculated through the Hall in 1980 to read PPE. After graduating in 1983 he trained as a chartered accountant with the firm Arthur Anderson, rising to become a partner ten years later. Philip’s career changed direction in 2000 when he was appointed Group Financial Director of the international insurance and management group, Prudential plc. In 2008 he moved to take up the equivalent role at Old Mutual plc. During this time he was Chairman of the 100 Group of Finance Directors and a member of The Takeover Panel.

In 2004, Philip returned to higher education and took an MSc in Behavioural Science at the London School of Economics. Nowadays he divides his time between serving as a non-executive director and a charity trustee; he is also Chairman of Governors at his old school, Eastbourne College, and Treasurer of the London Library. He is an external member of the University of Oxford’s Audit and Scrutiny Committee and previously served on the Hall’s Investment Committee. Philip was made a St Edmund Fellow in October 2018 in recognition of his services to the Hall.

Also appointed as a St Edmund Fellow in October 2018 was Ian Busby, who read Modern History here 1969–1972 and who in recent years has made catalytic contributions to the Hall’s accommodation projects. After an initial career as a civil servant in Whitehall, Ian went on to become a management consultant at what is now Deloitte. As a partner in the firm he led its European e-commerce, European aerospace and defence industries practices. He then became the CEO of a US/UK venture-capital-funded tech start-up company that was an early promoter of on-line solutions to business. Ian currently works for a London law firm as a partner in their consulting subsidiary; and, maintaining his strong interest in innovation, provides advice to start-up companies on an ad hoc basis.

In 2012, Ian was appointed the first Chair of the Board of the newly-forming NHS Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group – the body which plans, commissions, and oversees health services for over 700,000 people living in Oxfordshire. And as an Oxford resident who is committed to bettering local well-being, he is currently the Deputy Chair of an Oxford multi-academy Trust.

Dr James Ed Darnbrough became a Fellow by Special Election & Tutor in Materials Science in January 2019, an appointment held in conjunction with his Career Development Fellowship in the University’s Department of Materials. Ed read Physics at Exeter University, spending his third year in Woolongong, Australia. After completing his MPhys degree he moved to Bristol University to carry out PhD research on ‘thermal stability and mechanical properties of nanocrystalline nickel’. Ed stayed on at Bristol for his first postdoctoral research appointment, focusing on materials for the nuclear sector. During these three years he worked on uranium and metal corrosion, in a project looking at possible alternatives to uranium dioxide as a fuel in nuclear reactors.

His career then brought him to Oxford, to join the ‘Materials for Fission and Fusion Power’ group in the Materials department. As a post-doc without portfolio Ed was able to become involved in a number of projects, ranging from radiation damage in Beryllium to developing new microscale techniques, while continuing his work on uranium fuels. An appointment as a Career Development Fellow followed, enabling him to investigate the mechanical properties of battery materials on the SOLBAT Project. This multi-university venture is funded by the Faraday Institution, aiming to aid the development of improved solid state batteries: Ed works with the Hall’s Professor Peter Bruce and Professor Mauro Pasta.

Linda Davies was delighted to spend Michaelmas term 2018 living in Teddy Hall as the inaugural Writer in Residence. After reading PPE here in 1982–1985, Linda worked for a US investment bank, becoming the first woman employed in their corporate finance department in London, where they pioneered private equity deals. After seven years, she escaped to write novels.

Her first novel, Nest of Vipers, has been published in over thirty countries, selling over two million copies. It has also been optioned three times by major Hollywood studios. She has written five more novels for adults and five for children which have all been published internationally. Her latest novel for children, Longbow Girl, won the Mal Peet Children’s Book of the Year award in 2016: it has been optioned for television and is in pre-production.
Linda lived in Peru for three years, and in the Middle East for eight years, during which time she was kidnapped by Iranian government forces and held hostage for two weeks in Iran. After UK government intervention, she was freed. She has written about her kidnap and detention in her book, *Hostage: Kidnapped on the High Seas.*

As well as writing novels, Linda has written for *The Times, Sunday Times, Daily Telegraph,* *Independent* and *The Guardian,* as well as for the National Theatre. She is a past winner of the Philip Geddes Prize for journalism.

*Linda’s article about being the Hall’s Writer in Residence appears in section 6 of the Magazine.*

**Professor Cameron Hepburn,** Professor of Environmental Economics and Director of the Smith School of Enterprise & the Environment, was elected a **Professorial Fellow** from October 2018. He also serves as the Director of the Economics Sustainability Programme, based at the Institute for New Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School.

Cameron obtained degrees in law and engineering at Melbourne University, then in economics at Oxford (Magdalen and Nuffield) as a Rhodes Scholar. He has published widely on energy, resources and environmental challenges across a number of disciplines, including engineering, biology, philosophy, economics, public policy, and law. He provides advice on energy and environmental policy to government ministers (e.g. in China, India, the UK and Australia) and to international institutions (e.g. OECD and the UN).

In Trinity term 2019 the Hall elected **Dr Wilhelm Krull** as an **Honorary Fellow.** Wilhelm completed his PhD at the Phillips University if Marburg. His first association with Oxford was when he held an appointment as a DAAD lecturer, 1980–1984. He went on to become a DAAD scholarship holder at the University of Bonn (1984), scientific administrator for the German Science and Humanities Council (1985–1987), Head of the Council’s Research Policy Unit (1987–1993), Head of Section I at the HQ of The Max Planck Society in Munich, responsible for international affairs, research policy, public relations and law. Wilhelm has been Secretary-General of the Volkswagen Foundation in Hanover since January 1996. He has acted as a member of several advisory committees and review panels in Germany, other European countries, and further afield in China, Canada and South Africa; and among other appointments Wilhelm currently sits on the Board of Regents of the University of Würzburg, the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the University of Lübeck, the Scientific Advisory Council of the Gutenberg Research College, Mainz, and the Board of Regents of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen. His many prizes and distinctions include an honorary doctorate from the Ilia State University in Tbilisi, Georgia (2016), and election as a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (2017).

In recognition of his services on the Hall’s Investment Committee, Aularian **Rupert Ruvigny** was made a **St Edmund Fellow** in Michaelmas Term 2018. He is the finance and operations partner at Brompton Asset Management. Rupert came up to the Hall in 1977 to read PPE. Having qualified as a chartered accountant in 1984, he was made a partner of the company then called Price Waterhouse in 1992, specialising in investment management and regulation. He became deputy chairman of PriceWaterhouseCooper’s financial services regulatory practice and prior to joining Brompton was New Star Asset Management’s inaugural chief operating officer and compliance director.

**Dr Scott Stephenson,** Senior Lecturer at the University of Melbourne’s Law School, was elected to a **Visiting Fellowship** for Michaelmas term 2018 to foster academic collaboration while he was based at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Mansfield College. Scott holds BA and LLB degrees from the Australian National University (which also awarded him the University Medal in Law) along with LLM and JSD degrees from Yale. His research focuses on topics of Australian comparative and constitutional law and theory, including: federalism, the migration of constitutional ideas, models of rights protection, political backlash against courts, and quasi-constitutional law.

The Hall’s new Domestic Bursar, **Dr Charlotte Sweeney,** took up her post on 31 October 2018 and was made a **Fellow by Special Election.** She holds a BSc degree from the University of Sussex, MBA and PhD degrees from the Open University, and a PGCE from Bath University.

Charlotte brings to the Hall a wealth of experience from the University of Oxford’s Department of Materials, where she was the Head of Administration and Finance. Prior to coming to Oxford she worked in a range of other universities (including Cambridge, Liverpool, Uppsala and the Open University) and at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. Charlotte also gained commercial experience at Marks & Spencer plc and by working as a consultant technical writer for a number of companies.
Dr Alexandra Vukovich completed an MA degree in Paris, then MPhil and PhD degrees at Cambridge (where she held a fellowship at Newnham College); she has also held fellowships at the French School at Rome, the British School at Athens, and the Dumbarton Oaks Research Center of Harvard University. Alexandra became a Junior Research Fellow in Michaelmas term 2018, an appointment which she holds in conjunction with her British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship to carry out a project on ‘Performing History in Early-Modern Russian’. Her research illuminates the interconnectedness of the Byzantine world through written culture, focusing on Byzantium, the Balkans, and Rus/Muscovy, while her broader academic interests lie in the history of political thought and practice. Alexandra has experience of teaching at both Cambridge and Oxford about the Slavonic world and the Byzantine cultural sphere, ranging from the Balkans to northern Europe from the 10th to 16th Centuries.

Dr Mark Williams was appointed as Tutor in English Language & Literature in Hilary term 2019. He read Classics & English at Lady Margaret Hall, then moved to Jesus College to take MPhil and DPhil degrees in Celtic Studies. After that he held a research fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge, followed by five years as Darby Fellow and Tutor in Old and Middle English at Lincoln College, Oxford. Mark went back to Cambridge for a year to teach medieval Irish, before returning to Oxford in 2017 to become Departmental Lecturer in Celtic while simultaneously holding the Fitzjames Fellowship in Old and Middle English at Merton College. He is an Associate Professor in Global Medieval Literature. Mark teaches literature in English across the period 650-1550, the ‘Shakespeare’ paper to second- and third-year undergraduates, half of the first-year introduction to English language and literature; also, as third-year options, the literatures of medieval Wales and Ireland along with the minor Celtic languages of Cornish, Scottish Gaelic, Breton, and Manx. His research interests include: medieval Irish saga; Irish mythology; the intellectual and cultural relationship between the Celtic-speaking countries and the wider medieval world; magic and the supernatural in Welsh and Irish literature; and ecocriticism. Mark has also published on the reception and afterlife of Celtic literatures in the 19th and 20th centuries, especially during the Irish Revival.

SCR OBITUARIES

THE RT HON. LORD BROWN-WILKINSON, KT, PC, QC (1930–2018), HONORARY FELLOW

Last year’s Magazine reported the death, on 25 July 2018, aged 88, of one of the Hall’s long-standing Honorary Fellows, Lord Browne-Wilkinson.

Nicholas Christopher Henry Brown-Wilkinson was the son of an Aularian, the Revd Canon Arthur Browne-Wilkinson MC, MA (matric.1908). Born in 1930, Nicholas attended Lancing College before matriculating through Magdalen to read Jurisprudence at Oxford. After completing his degree (and obtaining a Blue in Squash), he practised in London, being called to the Bar in 1953 and becoming a QC in 1972.

The mid-1950s was the period when the Hall decided to reinforce its teaching in what was becoming the popular subject of Law; and, arguably, laid the foundations of what remain its considerable strength in this discipline. Following the resignation of the Lecturer in Jurisprudence, Francis Bennion, in 1953, the Governing Body decided to establish a full Fellowship in Law. Dr David Yardley was elected to the new Fellowship but was permitted to delay taking up his post until Michaelmas term 1954. Mr Bennion agreed to continue with some teaching alongside his new appointment as an Assistant Parliamentary Counsel to HM Treasury – and the recently-qualified Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson was recruited to assist, formally becoming a Lecturer in academic year 1955–1956. He continued as what the Magazine of the time described as ‘a most stimulating “week-ender”’ (i.e. someone with professional commitments elsewhere who came to the Hall to instruct students at week-ends). Nicholas’s teaching included Roman Law and he gained the reputation for being ‘clever and nice’. He resigned his lectureship in 1958 on joining the Council for Legal Education.¹⁰

Nicholas went on to enjoy an outstanding judicial career. His appointments included being a Judge of the Court of Appeal (Jersey and Guernsey), a Judge of the High Court Chancery Division, a Lord Justice of Appeal, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, a Lord of Appeal-in-Ordinary (serving as Senior Lord in 1998–2000) and Chairman of the Financial Markets Law Committee. Knighted in 1977, he was appointed a Privy Counsellor in 1983 and was made a life peer in 1991 as Baron Browne-Wilkinson of Camden. The Hall elected Nicholas to an Honorary Fellowship in 1987 (Magdalen College followed suit in 1993).

As obituaries published at the time of his death noted, Nicholas’s long and distinguished service in the judiciary was not without controversy. He was...
critical of UK government attempts to constrain the judicial system, in particular through financial measures; in 1996 he ruled against the Hong Kong authorities in the case of the detention of one of the Vietnamese ‘boat people’; and in 1998 he presided over the panel which, finding that a brother judge, the eminent Lord Hoffman, had had an undeclared conflict of interest, set aside an earlier decision on the appeal by former President of Chile, General Pinochet, against extradition from the UK.

Nicholas and his first wife, Ursula, were married for over 30 years and had five children (one of whom, Simon, has become a notable QC in his own right). After Ursula’s death, Nicholas went on to marry a second time, to Hilary, who survives him. The Hall offers sincere condolences to all the Browne-Wilkinson family.


**DR FRANCIS JOSEPH CHARLES ROSSOTTI (1927–2019) EMERITUS FELLOW**

Francis Rossotti was born on 2 January 1927 as the elder son of Carlo and Elsie Rossotti. He grew up in Brixton and attended school at Christ’s Hospital, from where he won a Postmastership to Merton College, Oxford. The country was however still under the shadow of war and Francis first did his National Service with the Royal Air Force Regiment in Palestine during the final years of the British Mandate, including the final withdrawal from Jerusalem to Haifa.

His Chemistry studies under Courteney Phillips at Merton led to the expected First and he went on to complete his Chemistry Part II and DPhil degrees, under Bob Williams (Professor R J P Williams, FRS). Francis’s DPhil thesis on the stability of metal complexes in solution formed the basis for his scientific work; but more importantly, for his future life, he met and married Hazel Swaine (née Marshall). Those who knew Francis and Hazel will not be surprised to know that they chose the society church of St Peter-in-the-East for their wedding in 1952 – following the lead of Lord Peter Wimsey and Harriet Vane in the detective series by Dorothy Sayers. Francis was delighted by the later transformation of this beautiful church into the St Edmund Hall undergraduate library.

Francis and Hazel left Oxford between 1955 and 1961, first to spend eighteen months in Professor Lars Gunnar Sillén’s laboratory in Stockholm, and then to enable Francis to take up a university lectureship in Edinburgh. Their researches led to a definitive 400-page book on *The Determination of Stability Constants and Other Equilibrium Constants in Solution*, published in 1961. Somewhat later, after returning to Oxford, he was discouraged in his research by a failure within the scientific community to recognise the significance of his observations arising from the analysis of his complexes by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. The phenomena were later independently discovered by others and attained importance as ‘contact shifts’. They allowed the detailed geometric shapes of molecules to be determined in solution by nmr for the first time.

Francis returned to Oxford as a Tutorial Fellow at St Edmund Hall in September 1961, which became the focus of his energy and enthusiasm until his death 58 years later. He was above all a superb tutor, although not always in the best of health. One of his earliest tutorial pupils, Francis Pocock (1960, Chemistry: St Edmund Fellow), writes that: “He set high standards but was a patient teacher who helped his pupils to master the more challenging aspects of the subject. Many went on to complete their Part II and DPhil research projects with him. He was brilliant in guiding the writing of a thesis: ‘Argue your main conclusions and what you believe in, and then write about them in good English with short clear sentences’.”

Another former pupil remarked: “He taught me as much about marshaling a logical argument and writing good English as he did Chemistry!” A third Aularian writes of a “kind man, first and foremost, although in his three-piece tweed suits and with a pipe, he sometimes appeared from a different era and a bit intimidating. Nevertheless, he was always very interested in his students and I well remember sherry in his room overlooking the quad. I will always be grateful to him for giving me a place”.

The attendance at Francis’s retirement dinner in 1994 attests to a host of grateful memories.

Francis was also an enthusiast for college and departmental business. A Governing Body meeting without him was a flat affair, although perhaps more rapidly conducted. One of his major contributions was to sit on the Architectural Committee, which oversaw the construction of the Wolfson Hall and Emden and Kelly buildings between 1968 and 1970. He also served on the Investments Committee (1969–1971), Bursarial Committee (1981–1986), as Library Fellow (1980–1989) and Vice Principal (1987–1990). In later years he was an enthusiastic member of the Wine Committee. Members of such committees sometimes complain about the time spent on tastings, but Francis took this chore in his stride until well after retirement.

His retirement years centred on the Hall, where he took lunch nearly every day, while often preparing to attend a seminar in the science area. His vacations with Hazel invariably took him to Greece, where Hazel was completely at home with the language. Each vacation was devoted to a different island, but the present writer is unsure how far they reached the goal of visiting them all.
Francis died at the age of 92, on 15 July 2019, survived by Hazel, his son Ian and his daughter Heather.

Dr Mark Child, *Emeritus Fellow*

FROM THE INTERIM FINANCE BURSAR

A lot has changed in the past year, with a new Principal of the Hall and changes in the management team. I have had the privilege of being the Interim Finance Bursar through much of 2019 – a remarkable voyage of discovery amongst other things! In doing so, I have been helped by the staff of the Hall including Mandy Estall, Charlotte Sweeney, and Janet Lambert and the team.

What have I learnt over the past year? Three things stand out. First, notwithstanding the many challenges facing Oxford colleges, Teddy Hall is in a good position to develop so as to enhance its reputation over the coming decades. Our endowment is growing, we are investing in the future in terms of our academic prowess, and we are developing a strategy to make good on our building priorities. Second, we are increasingly cost-conscious, looking for ways to be more efficient and to improve the services we provide to our students past and present. Third, we have the support of past members of the Hall – something that makes all the difference when we look for ways of reaching beyond the here-and-now to the future.

The Hall relies upon student fees, grants from the University for important initiatives, gifts from past members, earnings on our endowment, and legacies. It is remarkable, in fact, how the Hall knits together these resources to maintain and develop programmes for the future. So, in this light, the support of our alumni in the form of gifts and legacies, their support of initiatives designed to promote student activities or new programmes, and their enthusiasm for ‘big’ ideas designed to transform the Hall over the long-term, are very important. Support can be large or small. What really matters is the engagement of our Aularians.

As we look forward, there are many challenges and opportunities that will need financial commitment and planning. Our long-term ambition is to house all our undergraduates. We are making plans along these lines that will require investment but also a sense of what’s possible when the Hall community joins together around such ambitious projects. At the same time, upgrading and refurbishment of the Queen’s Lane site is a priority – a project being led by Dr Mark Child, Emeritus Fellow.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome Eleanor Burnett as the new Finance Director (Finance Bursar) of the Hall. She takes up her post in September 2019. I don’t doubt that she will add a great deal to the Hall and to its financial health and prospects.

Professor Gordon L Clark

FROM THE DOMESTIC BURSAR

I am delighted to have joined the College in October 2018 as Domestic Bursar. The Staff and Fellowship have been very welcoming and I have enjoyed becoming familiar with our wonderful estate. The team have worked hard over the year to deliver an excellent service to the College.

PROJECTS

The College continued to be very busy on the building front during the last year. A major refurbishment of 26 Norham Gardens will be completed shortly providing 18 en-suite bedrooms for graduate students. Nine flats in the garden of 26 Norham Gardens have been refurbished. CCTV coverage of the site is being improved. A large piece of work is underway updating the electrical wiring around the College. Just before Easter we excavated the Front Quad to remove as many chafer grubs as we could (they were eating our grass roots) and then had a very fine lawn laid. The Old Library refurbishment is now completed, the new glass porch for the Chapel is now in place and the Triptych is housed in a very fine case that was built specially to keep our precious artefact in good condition and on display in the ante-chapel. We have a splendid sundial on St Peter-in-the-East. We have installed a 39 square meter section of Living Wall, which has brightened up a rather drab area and is providing pollen and homes to a number of insects. Thank you to the many generous alumni and friends who have made these projects possible.

Planning for next year is underway to accomplish a full re-wiring of the Besse Building (which will involve closing the building for some time). A pre-planning application is being drawn up to build some further student rooms so that more (around 70) of our undergraduates can be accommodated in College accommodation. This is alongside an ambitious programme of works to raise the general standard of our accommodation and the estate as whole. There is also a plan to start renovating some of the older flower beds on the Queen’s Lane site and to bring the Crypt into more use, e.g. for music and art.
EVENTS

When most of us breathe a sigh of relief that term is finally over and the feeding and housing of our considerable student body is over, the conference, catering accommodation, housekeeping, IT and maintenance staff all gear up for another very busy conference season. This activity brings in vital additional funding to maintain the College and the College is grateful for all the hard work that goes into this activity.

OUR PEOPLE

During the course of the year, a number of long serving and some shorter serving staff have left us: Marta Andrzejak, Deputy Hall Butler; Simon Costa, Finance Bursar; Blanche Delaney, Projects Officer; Emily Ding, Development Assistant; Vedika Eastwood, Accounts Assistant; Claire Hooper, Communications Manager; Maureen Hutcheon, Housekeeping; Steve Mackrell (retired after 25 years of service), Matthew Briggs and Bradley Miller, Maintenance; Sadriq Masih and Abdulla Boz, Lodge Porters; and Gill Powell, Principal’s PA. The College is grateful for their contribution whilst they were here.

We welcome a number of new staff filling the vacancies arising from these departures. Eleanor Burnett joins us as Finance Bursar, Natalie Clarke as Development Administrator and Elizabeth Fry as Access Co-ordinator, all in September. Philip Didcot joined as Carpenter, Mateus Dos Reis Corbafo as Scout, Brian Fiddes as General Assistant/Scout, Vahid Kordbacheh and Joshua Morey as General Maintenance Assistants, Pilar Mardones as Scout, Molly McCarthy as Deputy Head Butler, Melody Njoki as Senior Academic Officer, Michelle O’Keefe as Deputy Head Housekeeper, Claire Parfitt as Communications Manager, Mark Vllance as Electrician, Mohamed Youssef as Accounts Assistant. Oxford University Security Services will be providing staff as Lodge Porters on an ongoing basis. We hope they will all find the College a happy, exciting and inclusive environment in which to work.

We welcome back Melanie Brickell to the Academic Office, who has returned after maternity leave.

We have a number of staff who are filling roles on a temporary basis: Gordon Clark as Finance Bursar, Paul Brooks as Accounts Assistant, Helen Vincent as Principal’s PA, Ruben Wanjea as Scout, and an army of casual staff in the servery and the Library. We are extremely grateful for the support this offers the College and the dedication with which they perform their duties.

After open competitions, Steve Lloyd was recruited to Estates Manager, Alex Grant to Deputy Estates Manager, Richard Huggins to Manager Outside Properties, Elion Angielo to Carpenter and Luke Maw to Student Recruitment Manager. We offer them our congratulations.

With ever-increasing pressures at work and home, there are times when we all need some extra support to balance the demands of everyday life, so the College is launching an employee assistance programme provided by Care First. Care First employ professionally qualified Counsellors and Information Specialists, who are experienced in helping people to deal with all kinds of practical and emotional issues such as Wellbeing, family matters, relationships, debt management, workplace issues, and much more. We hope the staff will feel supported by the launch of this new service.

Dr Charlotte Sweeney

FROM THE LIBRARY FELLOW & THE LIBRARIAN

INTRODUCTION

Throughout 2018–2019 both Libraries underwent substantial restoration programmes, with additional work set to continue in 2019–2020. Beyond the much-needed fabric restoration and refurbishment, these changes are aimed at securing the Libraries’ core functions, while enhancing their capacities for everyone in College, including old members as well as new applicants.

The Library’s approach to these multiple tasks draws on recent developments in librarianship, on useful common practices across the collegiate and university library systems, and is informed by advances in pedagogy, scholarship, and public engagement. With a dynamic student-centric approach to what the Library does and provides, more focus has been given this year to disabilities and access, to working space and to how students study. The introduction of 24-hour access has ensured the Library maintains its role at the heart of student life for the duration of their degree. These changes have been implemented through an extensive outreach programme, from inductions, seminars, blogs and displays, an increased use of social media, to an active engagement with the student body, college tutors, staff, and with Aularians.

Also under pretty constant review is what books the Library holds and needs, to an increased use of digital resources. In order to be responsive to rapidly changing syllabuses, how particular courses are taught, and to the changing needs of students, such as acquiring multiple copies of core texts in appropriate scholarly editions and providing assistance with digital resources.

At induction, emphasis is placed on the Library’s role as ‘personal’ library for Hall members: unlike the Bodleian or faculty libraries, it provides a distinctive resource that is always available, is swifter, and is more responsive to students’ immediate requirements.

In some respects this builds on the College’s heritage as the last surviving Hall. Traditionally lacking in endowments and fellowships, Halls were always about...
students, and their lived experience of communal study and intellectual life. At the same time, the Library plays an important role in advancing the scholarship of the Hall’s academics and research students, as evidenced in Aularians’ works in both libraries.

**OLD LIBRARY**

The completion of cataloguing the Old Library’s collection, along with its major refurbishment in spring 2019, have heralded the beginning of a new phase. These projects have built a solid foundation for new undertakings, and the College can make fuller and more strategic use of the Old Library as a dynamic cultural asset. With this in mind, work continues to open up the Old Library’s physical space and collections as a natural intellectual and cultural hub for the Hall and its members, the University and the public. Several events and activities have begun, such as ‘Access Hall Areas’ (welcoming nearly 750 visitors to the Old Library to explore its displays over one weekend), the use of antiquarian books in outreach programmes to schools, hosting research seminars and publications about the Old Library’s holdings; and we are set to continue over the coming year.

The research required to create the displays on the collection in the Old Library, and the blogs written for the College website, have revealed fascinating areas for further study of the Old Library’s history and its books. The displays highlighted a small portion of the collections’ rich holdings, while the associated research revealed more about the collections’ creation, and how many of the works came to be there. The collection’s remarkable formation is a result of several generations of Aularian scholars. Whilst providing historical context to today’s endeavours, its composition, through several stages, also forms an integral part of the Hall’s centuries-old intellectual tradition.

**AULARIAN DONATIONS**

With this unique heritage in mind, restoring another College practice might prove both useful and entertaining for the Hall’s past and present members. In the 1930s, A B Emden often published a list of desiderata for the Old Library at the end of the Library’s Magazine entry. Remarkably he was often successful. Without attempting anything so ambitious, it is worth noting that the Hall’s first student-produced literary journal, *First Words*, ran from 1935 to 1950 (with some interruption in World War II). Currently the Library only holds the issues for 1936 and 1948. If anyone has or knows of copies they would like to donate to the Old Library, we would be both delighted and grateful to receive them, and to continue on with the Emden luck.

This year we received 189 books from Aularians, Fellows, current students, and other thoughtful contributors. Notable donations include a 19th-century Ordinance Survey Parish Map of St Peter-in-the-East, formerly held in St Peter’s library, with parish boundaries drawn and full of wonderful glimpses of 1840s
DONATIONS 2018–2019

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

ANDERSON, Ewan W
Strategic Minerals: The Geopolitical Problems for the United States
Praeger 1988

The Structure and Dynamics of US Government Policymaking: The Case of Strategic Minerals
Praeger 1988

The Middle East: Geography & Geopolitics
Routledge 2000

Residential and Boarding Education and Care for Young People: A Model for Good Practice
Routledge 2005

ANDERSON, Ewan W, Gutmanis, Ivar and Anderson, Liam
Economic Power in a Changing International System
Cassell 2000

ANDERSON, Ewan W and Hogarth, Peter J
‘The Most Fortunate Situation’: The Story of York’s Museum Gardens
Yorkshire Philosophical Society 2018

BELL, Betsy Tyler
An Art Adventure in Southern France
Olympia Publishers 2019

BUCKMASTER, Jonathan
Dickens's Clowns: Charles Dickens, Joseph Grimaldi and the Pantomime of Life
Edinburgh University Press 2019

CATMUR, Virginia (donor) (w. of Richard, 1972)
Golob, Sacha and Timmermann, Jens (eds)
The Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy
Cambridge University Press 2017

Koeneman, Olaf and Zeijlstra, Hedde
Introducing Syntax
Cambridge University Press 2017

Ruger, Jan
Heligoland: Britain, Germany and the Struggle for the North Sea
Oxford University Press 2017

CHAPMAN, William
Ancient Sites of Southeast Asia: A Traveler’s Guide Through History, Ruins, and Landscapes
River Books 2018

COSGROVE, John P (donor)
Bibliography of the Works of Professor David Owen COSGROVE (1938-2017)
John P Cosgrove 2017

CROSSLEY-HOLLAND, Kevin
Between Worlds: Folktales of Britain and Ireland
Walker Books 2018

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki
Walker Studio 2017

CROSSLEY-HOLLAND, Kevin, and Rafferty, Andrew
Seahenge: A Journey
Kailpot Press 2019

Dahl, Kristiana (donor)

MURRAY, Alastair (as Al Murray)
Watching War Films With My Dad
Arrow Books 2014

DAVIES, Linda
Nest of Vipers
Vigliano Books 2014 (first published 1995)

Something Wild
Vigliano Books 2013 (first published 2001)

Hostage: Kidnapped on the High Seas
Vigliano Books 2014

Ark Storm
Vigliano Books 2014

Longbow Girl
Chicken House 2015

DAVIES, Linda (donor)
Davies, Glyn (Professor) (father of Linda)
A History of Money
University of Wales Press 2016 4th ed

DAVIS, Geoffrey Vernon and Fuchs, Anne (eds)
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FROM THE ARCHIVE FELLOW & THE ARCHIVIST

Four new accessions were received this year, all from within the College. Two were composed of digital-only records.

The Archivist created 155 new catalogue entries during the year, covering mostly JCR archives and papers relating to past Principals. Index terms are being added to individual entries on the on-line catalogue. In association with this, the archives are being renumbered to match the entries in the new catalogue. It is hoped that further rationalisation of the arrangement of the records will free up further space within the Archives store. The problems of storage have however now become critical. The store itself suffers from significant variations in humidity and temperature, which is not good for the records. In addition, access to the store in the Vestry was on occasion this year blocked entirely by the unannounced use of our space for other purposes during the refurbishment of the Old Library, either for electrical or similar works or simply as an overflow store for furniture and other objects.

The Archivist answered 58 enquiries this year. Thirty-two came from within...
the College or from Old Members, and 26 from external users. Intriguingly, the Bodleian Library asked for a list of the Hall’s manuscripts which have been held for many years in the Weston Library, as they seem to have no hard-copy list themselves. Two visitors made use of the Archive for their own research. The Archivist also assisted the Archives Assistant from the University Archives as part of her training programme.

In conjunction with the College Librarian, the Archivist prepared an exhibition on the Hall during the Great War for the centenary of the Armistice. He gave a talk on the history of the Hall (33 documents and 17 images in about 15 minutes!) and prepared another exhibition for the Access Hall Areas event. He transcribed entries relating to St Edmund Hall in the diaries of Canon Liddon, now held by Pusey House, and wrote a series of blogs for the Hall website.

The Archivist and Archive Fellow both became members of the College’s Library Committee this year. This Committee now provides support for the Archive in a number of areas: organisational co-operation (especially with the Old Library); shared work on maintenance, preservation, and development; assisting with the management of our budget line, and ensuring that realisable fundraising priorities are set; and helping to integrate the Archive more fully into the Hall’s administrative and committee system. We are most grateful to Professor Karma Nabulsi, James Howarth, and Sophie Quantrell for their continuing assistance with all these matters.

Professor Nick Davidson, Archive Fellow
Rob Petre, Archivist

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In my role as Chaplain, there has been much to celebrate throughout the year. As well as our regular evensongs in College, there have been some real highlights: the joint service at the University Church with a dozen choirs from across the University; the annual joint services with Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and later, with University College, Oxford; a tremendous service with friends from the Collège des Bernardins, Paris, with Father Alexis Leproux preaching; a Bach Cantata (Der Herr denket an uns, BWV 196) on the Sunday before Lent; and a packed Leavers’ Service on Trinity Sunday, when Ard Louis, Professor of Theoretical Physics here at Oxford, explained why his love of Science inspired his Christian Faith (and vice versa).

Our Choir Tour in September 2018 went extremely well, with Pontigny Abbey (where St Edmund is buried) providing, once again, the perfect venue for rehearsals and concerts. Father Ploux, the priest at Pontigny Abbey, is an accomplished artist and the Hall staff on tour chipped in to purchase one of his paintings, based on Jesus’ words in John 8.12: “I am the light of the world” (see photo). It now hangs in our ante-chapel. Our tour in France was crowned by a visit to the College of Bernardins, in Paris, founded by one of St Edmund’s students in Oxford in the 13th Century, was the icing on the cake: we read to several hundred tourists cramped into the medieval Chapter House, and were entertained royally by the College staff for dinner afterwards off the Champs Elysees, where the singing continued into the evening! (An article about the Collège des Bernardins appears in section 6 of this Magazine.)

I am very grateful to the Principal and the Governing Body for authorising several significant improvements to the fabric and structure of the Chapel this year, notably newly-covered kneelers, cleaned stained glass, a new ramp into chapel, repaired woodwork, and most importantly, interior glass doors at the entrance to open everything up and retain heat in the winter months. All this has lifted our morale and made our beautiful Chapel much more available to the wider Hall community.

I am pleased to say that there has been a wide-ranging interest in my booklet The Servant Heart – Exploring the Life and Legacy of St Edmund (2018, Grove Booklets, £3.95). Alumni have been particularly interested to purchase it, but I also have invitations to speak at St Nicholas Church in Abingdon, the Radley History Society and St Edmund College, Cambridge. I have had it translated into French and plan to get it published for the Pontigny and Paris interest. I hope it will be a helpful resource for the Hall for many years to come.

As regards my role as Welfare Officer alongside the Hall Nurse, Clare Woolcott, we feel privileged to be serving in such a vibrant and resourceful college community. However, many of the students we have seen are struggling from a variety of mental and personal issues, alongside a range of health-related problems. Some students have required ongoing advice and support via e-mail, or referral on to the University’s student counselling services.

We have both continued with professional development this academic year. I have attended a variety of training courses, covering Harassment procedures, LGBTQI+ Issues, Gendered Intelligence, Chaplaincy Skills, Equality & Diversity,
It would be impossible to do all this without the support of many people, and I want to end this report by thanking them most warmly: Chris Bucknall, Director of Music, Dr Jeff Tseng, Chapel Fellow and Dean, Susan McCarthy and her Bursary team, Claire Hooper (who left her position as the Hall’s Communications Manager at Easter), the Development & Alumni Relations Office – and of course the Hall Choir, who have sung their hearts out throughout the year.

Revd Will Donaldson

As the Magazine was going to press we learned of Will’s departure from the Hall at the end of the academic year to take up a new position in the Church. His contributions as Chaplain and Welfare Officer have been greatly valued and will be greatly missed.

FROM THE STUDENT RECRUITMENT MANAGER

It has been another productive year for Outreach at the Hall, having hosted 43 visits to the College, as well as visiting a further 35 schools in our link regions of Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Leicester, Leicestershire, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Rutland and Southampton. In total, I have worked with students from over one hundred schools this year. We received record numbers of visitors at the College during the Undergraduate Open Days in July 2019, with over 700 prospective students coming through the doors on one Open Day alone.

As the 2019 summer approaches, I am able to begin planning the large-scale outreach events we will be running in the forthcoming academic year, including two week-long roadshows in Leicestershire and Hampshire respectively, and an already over-subscribed Interview Workshop in Leicester that will see Fellows from St Edmund Hall and Pembroke College Cambridge offer hands-on interview technique sessions for Year 13 students applying to the two Universities.

It is also with great excitement that we welcome a new member to the outreach team at St Edmund Hall, as Lizzie Fry (2015, Geography) will shortly be starting as the College’s Access Co-ordinator. Lizzie was a Student Ambassador throughout her time studying at the Hall, and will ensure the smooth running of the College’s outreach and access programmes. I am looking forward to working with her, and am confident that Lizzie will bring enthusiasm and vitality to the work that we do. In the last year, generous support from two Aularians and their charitable foundation has allowed me to adopt a more strategic and data-driven approach to the Hall’s outreach and student recruitment activity. I intend to focus our efforts on the schools and colleges within our link regions that most need our support, fostering strong and meaningful relationships with these schools.

There is a great deal of exciting change afoot within outreach at Oxford. There have been a number of outreach initiatives announced by the University throughout this year, including the ambitious Opportunity Oxford, which will see up to 60 places made available across a range of subjects for UK students who might not have expected or realised that they might qualify for a place to study at Oxford. This number of places on Opportunity Oxford will continue to rise over the next couple of years up to 200, as the programme expands. The Hall is proud to be involved in the first phase of Opportunity Oxford, which will have its first intake of students over summer 2020.

The Hall remains committed to supporting outreach both within the University and outside – we continue to support UNIQ, the University’s flagship summer school programme, which now gives over 1300 students a year the chance of Oxford success. The College also provides financial support to Target Oxbridge, a charity that aims to help black African and Caribbean students, and students of mixed race with black African and Caribbean heritage, to increase their chances of getting into Oxbridge. St Edmund Hall has also begun working with The Brilliant Club, who host lunch and graduation trips for their Scholars Programme at the College. With students from Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 visiting from across the country, it has proved an excellent way to engage with students from a wide range of backgrounds.

The Student Ambassador Team continue to provide integral support to school visits, with four of these ambassadors accompanying Lizzie and me on the fourth annual Roadshow. The JCR Access Officers have produced an updated version of the Alternative Prospectus and have been busy filming student vlogs that will be shared online. We hope these will give a useful insight to prospective students who want to find out more about the life of a Teddy Hall student.

I am always keen to work with Aularians now working in teaching; teachers both
seasoned and newly qualified are more than welcome to get in touch, should they wish to bring a group of students to the College.

Luke Maw

FROM THE TUTOR FOR VISITING STUDENTS

We had 47 Visiting Students in College during academic year 2018–2019, studying a wide range of the Science, Humanities and Social Science subjects we offer, with the three most popular subjects being Economics, Mathematics and Psychology this year. Visiting Students can apply to come for the whole academic year, or one or two terms: just a small minority (seven students) came for one term only. I wish to thank our Admissions Officer, Scarlett Nash, for her extraordinary input to the admissions process of all the students.

As the Tutor for Visiting Students (TfVS), I follow up the academic standard of our programme, and am pleased to report that this continues to be very satisfying. According to tutors’ reports, the students generally perform at a very high level academically, with a substantial number being described, for instance, as ‘having impressive grasp’, ‘delivered outstanding performance’ and ‘a pleasure to work with’.

Feedback from the Visiting Students themselves has been very positive, and appreciative of the specific tuition that they’ve received in small tutorial groups, or one-to-one tutorials, which for the majority of them is a completely novel experience. Written comments from the students typically suggest that their specialist tutors have made their tutorials a highly rewarding and most productive mode of learning. In my more informal interactions with the students it became apparent that they are generally able to adjust quickly to the demands of Oxford teaching and learning, not least because of all the help they get from their dedicated subject tutors.

While serious academic study naturally keeps our Visiting Students very busy, they are also active participants in extra-curricular and social activities of all kinds. They are full JCR members and become well integrated with regular undergraduate student activities in College in that way. They find attending formal halls, JCR social events and debates exciting and fun. With the help of our two Visiting Student Junior Advisors, Valentina Pegolo and Trent Taylor, we arranged and enjoyed a few special events for them. I’d like to thank Valentina and Trent for organising welcome social events in the 0th Weeks to ease Visiting Student adjustment to College, and to life in Oxford in general, and for their help with my Dessert Nights both in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. We also had a Farewell Party with strawberries & cream and bubbly in the end of Trinity term.

In my role as TfVS, I meet colleagues from other colleges regularly at the meetings of Directors of Visiting Student Programmes, and this year the Directors also had a social event with Academic Administrators of the various programmes across colleges to learn to know each other even better and exchange views. Based on these interactions I’m further assured that our programme is delivering excellent value to the Visiting Students and the College alike.

Dr Outi Aarnio

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

President: Ronald Guthrie
Vice-President: Tereza Pusca
Stewards: Frederik Sørensen and Hannah Sharpe
Treasurer: Oliver Yibing Chen

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-Fresher’s Week. As always, this year’s Fresher’s were an enthusiastic and engaging group, attending MCR events which ranged from our welcome BBQ at Norham Gardens, to learning how to punt for the first time, to a joint JCR/MCR Matriculation Bop in the Wolfson Hall. The success of Fresher’s Week was a testament to both the hard work and effort of the MCR Committee, and the Fresher’s Week working group, which comprised staff from the Bursary, Decanal team and College Office.

THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The atmosphere of Fresher’s Week was carried on throughout the academic year, with a plethora of exchange dinners, wine tastings, cocktail parties and bops depleting the stock of the MCR cellar. For the first time in several years, the MCR hosted a rum tasting in Michaelmas 2018 and a whisky tasting in Hilary 2019, led by MCR Steward Frederik Sørensen, resulting in two enjoyable nights of gaining a thorough appreciation of the Caribbean and Scottish national drinks. Other Michaelmas highlights included the MCR Halloween party, despite the weather this year forcing us to move inside from the graveyard of the St Peter-in-the-East and really push the physical boundaries of the MCR. The term was capped off by the MCR Christmas Dinner, a highlight of every Teddy Hall calendar, where Chef John McGeever and his team put on a five-course meal which was second to none, just of other colleges but to any respectable Oxford restaurant.

Hilary term saw Burns Night, now an MCR staple, re-introduce haggis to the culinary curriculum of the Hall, suitably piped in by piper Callum Beck and lavishly addressed by MCR President Ronnie Guthrie, followed by a recital of the Address to the Lassies and the Reply from Lassies in the Old Dining Hall. Later on in term, MCR Steward Hannah Sharpe brought a classier twist to...
the traditional MCR Cakes and Cocktails party by introducing a 1920s-theme speakeasy cocktail party, hosted in the Old Dining Hall once more. The Hearne Dinner again featured on the term card, offering the chance for postgraduate students to take their supervisors to dinner, whilst moving into Trinity term we saw the return of the use of the Old Library as the venue for our MCR Wine Tasting, hosted as always by the excellent Dr Peter Collins. The Hall did manage to stray away from our usual wining and dining, with weekly brunches, high teas, board games, cake and coffee evenings continuing throughout the year with the help of George Hadley, Agata Rumianek and Charlie Clarke-Williams. On the academic front, the termly graduate academic seminars, where MCR members have an opportunity to present their research, were organised by our Academic Rep Samuel Lippl and Professor David Priestland, who generously provided a lovely home-cooked meal for attendees. Ex-Aula, our graduate student journal, edited by Sian Brooke, continued to thrive and received submissions through the year.

CAMBRIDGE EXCHANGE WITH FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE

For the first time in several years, the MCR re-established connections with the Hall’s twinned college in Cambridge, Fitzwilliam, and both agreed to organise an exchange visit. We were the first to host our guests from ‘The Other Place’, with our friends from Fitz arriving one Friday evening in January 2019 to experience a Formal Hall followed by drinks and an evening out in Oxford, with a tour of Oxford’s dreaming spires the following day. Later on in Hilary, we drove a return leg of twenty-five MCR students over to Fitzwilliam, where the offer of a formal and an evening out in Cambridge was reciprocated. We were fortunate that our tour of the city the following day coincided with extremely warm and sunny weather, gaining a rather favourable impression of the city full in spring bloom.

I’d like to thank Fitzwilliam MCR President, Pavao Santak, and all our new Cambridge friends for providing an excellent reception, tour and hosting all the Teddy Hall MCR students who made the trip across – we hope to visit again soon!

ACCESS HALL AREAS

Trinity term 2019 also saw MCR participation in the inaugural ‘Access Hall Areas’, an evolution of the Hall’s Research Expo of previous years. With the Hall opening its doors to the public, MCR students worked in conjunction with members of staff, the JCR and SCR to provide tours, history lessons of the Hall, workshops and interactive displays. Several students – Armi Bayot, Jeanne Ryan, John Waite and Ronnie Guthrie – also gave Teddy Talks about their current research, allowing visitors to the Hall a chance to see the breadth of research that goes on at postgraduate level and the work that a DPhil entails.

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 2018 to discuss how alumni can help current students. An SEHA careers evening was also organised in Michaelmas term, where Aularians from a broad range and level of career paths were put to questioning by current students, providing key insight into navigating the careers choice minefield, work which has continued beyond into Trinity term.

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, whilst at the college level, MCR members did their bit in ensuring that Teddy Hall continued its reputation as a successful sporting College. Over a dozen members were involved in sports from across the board, contributing to the on-going success of the hockey, football, netball and cricket teams, as well as the victorious rugby cuppers teams. Our very own MCR Football team, captained by Jack Mills, just missed out on a glorious season but have their sets sight on victory for next year. The MCR also kept up its tradition of contributing large numbers to the Boat Club, with MCR members Benjamin Evans and Marc Ewenz Rocher acting as President and Men’s Captain respectively. Over twenty MCR members competed in the seven crews entered for Summer VIIIs and over half the crew for the successful, blade-winning Mr boat at Torpids and Summer VIIIs. 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 and ensuring the Hall Spirit is alive and well.

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-curricular activities, the supportive conversations we have with one another in the midst of deadlines, the countless hours spent in the MCR complaining and gossiping about our lives cannot all be put to paper but can only be experienced by those who have lived them. The memories that we’ve
made – and in some cases of spending too much time in the buttery, sometimes lost – will serve us the rest of our lives, along with the friendships we’ve made along the way. What is remarkable about Oxford, but in particular the Hall, is that the close-knit community the MCR has cultivated allows graduates to encounter a truly international and diverse range of people, each with their own experiences, interests and ideas that enriches each student’s journey through their University education. This inclusivity and welcoming atmosphere are not made or constructed within one year but continuously developed by successive MCR committees and individuals, members of College and SCR Fellows working constructively with the graduate body over many terms. This year we have been fortunate enough to welcome to the Hall our new Principal, Professor Katherine Willis, and it has been a pleasure working with her – listening to her vision of the Hall and bringing to her the graduate body’s ideas and then seeing them implemented (the Living Wall on the outside of the Kelly Building is but one collaborative project we’d care to mention!).

It has been a privilege to be a part of the Hall over the past three years, and to function as its MCR President over the past year. I’m fortunate enough that my degree affords me an additional year to continue the last of my research, as it means I still get to experience the opportunities that the Hall and the MCR can afford - to meet and work with an incredible group of people.

Floreat Aula!

Ronnie Guthrie (2016, DPhil in Earth Sciences)

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

President: Emily Thwaites
Vice-President: Daniella Wilson
Treasurer: Viraj Alimchandani
Secretary: Ben Hilton

The St Edmund Hall JCR had another fantastic year, though it has not been without its challenges. Beginning with an exciting Michaelmas term 2018, the annual Equalities and Diversities Week was yet again a hit, and a resoundingly successful Freshers’ Week saw ex-Social Secretary, Alex Swallow, provide the JCR with free entry to the Oxmas BOP to round off the term. He then handed over to the lovely Anna Elliott and Sorcha Grant, who have already made quite the impression on the JCR with their entertaining weekly e-mails and bubbly personalities. They have been working hard behind the scenes to provide regular social events, and to put together what is shaping up to be a phenomenal Freshers' Week for next academic year.

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Emily Milan writes:

This year, the St Edmund Hall JCR has made a meaningful contribution to many charitable organisations, with a number of students independently carrying out their own fundraising for particular causes which are important to them. Events conducted both in and outside college, such as a quiz night in the college bar and a charity club night, have been well attended and received strong support from students. One particular highlight of the year was a formal in support of ‘Breast Cancer Research UK’. The night featured music, comedy, photographs, an enhanced menu and themed cocktails. The evening was very successful and was enjoyed by all that attended, raising £300 for the charity. The evening not only demonstrated the support of the student body, but also of the staff, without whom, the event would not have been possible. This year’s Summer Eights
barbeque raised money for 'Bone Cancer Research Trust', in memory of Matt Greenwood, the former student who sadly passed away of terminal bone cancer in 2016 before starting his fourth year of study at the Hall. A magnificent £1700 was raised thanks to Edward Baker’s organisation and the help of all of the students who volunteered on that day. I am pleased to report the charitable support of the Hall is set to continue over the Summer of 2019, with many students signed up to the ‘Percent’ app. This is an app supported by many retailers who will donate to a chosen cause when the user spends money at the retailer, without costing the user anything. This means that by creating an account and selecting the ‘Teddy Hall Charity Fund’ as a cause, anyone is able to support charity whilst going about their everyday lives.

Emily Thwaites (2017, Geography)

FROM STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Professor Roger Benson, Tutor in Earth Sciences, writes as Chairman of Amalgamated Clubs:

Each year I am overwhelmed by the strength of sports and cultural activities in the Hall. Our students have such energy and enthusiasm across a diverse range of pursuits that it is hard to keep track of. Our College sports teams are always near the top of the pile, and this year was no exception. Indeed, we had tremendous successes in rowing, hockey, rugby, darts, rounders and others. Furthermore, many of the College’s students had great individual successes in university sports. On the cultural side, I’m very pleased that the revitalised Music Society hosted a fantastic and well-attended ceilidh, and that they have planned a termly programme of musical events for next year. This helps music to remain at the forefront of a vibrant College cultural life, alongside literary, artistic and theatrical activities. The student reports below give a sample of this, and we all look forward to another excellent year in 2019–2020.

SPORTS CLUBS

Men’s Association Football Club
1st XI Captain: Edmund Jones
Social Secretary: Rafe Studholme
Vice-Captain: Matthew Bailey
President: Hughie Shepherd-Cross
2nd XI Captain: Steve Dolan
3rd XI Captain: Nathan Brown

St Edmund Hall AFC saw a season of mixed fortune. The year began with optimism as a player with Biblical quality arrived to come to the team’s rescue and give us a good chance of competing in Cuppers. Our season started well, with League wins and Cuppers victories vs Pembroke and then LMH players and fans turned up in a big way. Sadly we were knocked out thanks to a Wadham player’s superb individual performance. Next year we go again and we are in with a good shout of winning both League and Cuppers if the squad can step up.

The 2nd and 3rd teams had good seasons and worked hard to beat some top outfits.

Socially, the club embarked on a very successful tour to Cambridge (playing Fitzwilliam and Selwyn) and we continued our regular drinks, including drinks with the Women’s side.

Player of the Season: Moses Seitler. Young Player of the Season: Rustan Smart. The award for Best Backflip went to ‘Jagerbomb’ James ‘Jimmy’ Odwell.

Thanks for all your undying support. Up the Hall!

Edmund Jones (2017, Economics & Management)

Women’s Association Football
Captains: Ambre Bertrand & Josephine Levy

The past year has seen rocketing success being brought back home to the Hall by the newly-formed squad of SEHWAFC. With a strong new Fresher contingent coupled with loyal returners from the previous season, the girls this year have gone great lengths. An unfortunate early exit was made from Cuppers; but only for the better, as we went on to progress to the final stages of Hassan’s (a k a ‘The Falafel’) Cup.

Strenuous training sessions over the week saw our squad build up solidly in the run-up to our last four matches. The semi-final against postgraduate team Foxes was a hard-fought battle and well in excess of 100 Teddy supporters came down to the Parks to witness what was undoubtedly one of the year’s biggest fixtures. Stars did not quite align results-wise, but we walked away with heads high, proud faces – and most importantly, a Cup 3rd place. A massive success all round.

Well done to all those involved in the Club over the season. We look forward to seeing you all next year for what is bound to be another crazy season for the team. We are pleased to announce that the new captains will be Abi Jones and Venetia Campbell.

Ambre Bertrand (2017, Engineering Science)

Darts
Captain: Rafe Studholme

Teddy Hall’s darts season twisted like a rattlesnake with a hernia. There was big pre-season chat about certain Freshers: Julian ‘Caesar’ Greenwood and the notorious Morgan ‘El Río’ Severn. They did not disappoint. They showed grit above their years, creating angles that even hypotenuse would have struggled with. The older members of the club proved reliable, showing maturity when
it mattered most. Hugh ‘Lil Darty’ Lilburn, Alex ‘Will’ Swallow and Jacob ‘Daddy’ Kearney all tossed straight as usual. The veteran newbie Matt ‘Going in for the Kilford’ Kilford, despite struggling at times with bouts of butterflitis instomatis, pulled it together in the most important moments. Teddy Hall got off to a solid start with victories against St Catherine’s and Jesus. With the forfeit of St Peter’s, the Final appeared in sight. Teddy locked tungsten horns for one final time with St Catherine’s, with the game ending as a draw. There was only one way for it to be settled. A root team leg was decided and so the battle continued. The teams went blow for blow. The atmosphere was so tense that if Elvis walked in with a portion of chips, you could hear the vinegar sizzle on them. 58 was left on the board for Teddy Hall as Rafe ‘El Stúd’ Studholme stepped up. The first dart slotted comfortably into 18. Breaths were held. The second dart flew marginally above the double 20. Gasp. The third dart spent an eternity in the air before landing safely at the top of the board in the red of the double 20. Cuppers was won, alongside the hearts of the College for all eight players who took part.

**Rafe Studholme (2017, Geography)**

**Mixed and Men's Hockey**

**Captain: Ross Perry**

SEHHC made an incredibly impressive statement on the college hockey scene this season. Bolstered by the addition of numerous Freshers, we amassed a 100% record in Division One, ensuring that we secured the title with ease and earning us qualification to Supercuppers. This took place on Blues Varsity Hockey Day and saw us decimate our Cambridge opposition 9–3: a truly impressive feat.

Our dominance was also felt in Mixed Cuppers, with a rampant run to the final seeing us average over four goals a game and conceding fewer than two goals a game – which was impressive, considering we lacked a keeper! The final against New College saw us run riot, with some very impressive hockey securing us a 4–2 win and our third piece of silverware of the season.

Unfortunately, Men’s Cuppers did not see SEHHC reign supreme. After a steady run to the semi-final, we managed to overcome St Peter’s to secure our place in the final, thanks to a last-minute strike from veteran James Holder and a flawless set of penalty flicks. The final against Worcester was by far the hardest game of the season, and, after a slow start, we found ourselves down 1–0 at the interval. After making the most of our opponents being reduced to 10 men, we equalised – only to trail 4–1 down afterwards as the result of some devastating counterattacks. A late comeback appeared to be on the cards, with two goals in the last five minutes bringing the score to 4–3. But it wasn’t meant to be.

This still proved one of the most successful SEHHC seasons in recent years, with the narrow loss against Worcester the only blemish on our record. With the majority of the squad available for next season, the goal of Men’s Cuppers remains at the forefront of our objectives. Maybe next year we can make it a tremendous quadruple.

Ross Perry (2017, History)

**Netball**

**Captain: Helena Greening**

**Vice-Captain: Lizzie Evans**

**Social Secretary: Daniella Wilson**

SEHNC has had one of its most triumphant years, full of commitment and success from everyone involved! This year our 1st and 2nd teams have gone from strength to strength in the Intercollegiate League, with our 1st team securing a solid position in the upper half of the Second Division and our 2nd team winning their Division and moving up to the Third Division at the start of next academic year. Netball proved to be immensely popular this year, with SEHNC being able to enter two sets of teams in both Netball Cuppers and Mixed Netball Cuppers.

Both tournaments saw some amazing netball from the Club’s women and men; yet this year we placed especially well in Netball Cuppers in Trinity term 2019, with our 1st team getting to the semi-finals and holding a joint third place after a nail-biting match against St Catherine's College. We hope for the same success and drive, if not more, in the year to come! In 2018–2019 we ramped up our game, with training and fitness sessions being introduced regularly for the summer tournaments – and we did this with a new batch of sports stash, including new skorts, sports bras, tank tops and jumpers for training in.

On the social side, once again we travelled to Cambridge on our Annual Women’s Sports Tour, playing both Netball and Football against Cambridge colleges. We hosted weekly women’s sport drinks events and continued to hold dinners and drinks for SEHNC to award prizes and celebrate terms of brilliant Netball. May we hope it continues!

Helena Greening (2017, Fine Art)

**Rounders**

**Captain: Rafe Studholme**

The Teddy Hall Rounders team of 2018–2019, with the expectations of the world on their shoulders, stood up and completed a remarkable unbeaten season. In the League, week after week, they swept away sides with their impressive display of big hitting and clean catching. The team turned out to be a well-oiled, highly attractive vocal army of individuals. When Cuppers called, they were ready.

The squad assembled on Sunday of 7th Week of Trinity term 2019 with a quiet...
in a year. The M1 are looking forward to the qualifiers for Henley Royal Regatta 2019 in a composite boat with Pembroke.

At University level this year we had Liv Pryer competing in the number 5 seat for the Oxford Women’s 1st VIII. And two Hall rowers took part in the inaugural Oxford v Cambridge Lightweight Boat Race held on 23 March 2019. Doug Chesterton stroked and Tom Schwantje was at bow. The Oxford crew won by two and a quarter lengths and set a new record on the Championship Course from Putney to Mortlake.

Benjamin Evans (2014, Materials Science)

Men’s Rugby

Captain: Samuel Miller

SEHRFC has seen another fantastic year of rugby: the Club toured Hungary, beating their national champions; Welsh legend Adam Jones came to take a training session; and most importantly, the Cuppers trophy was returned to the Buttery!

Rugby is as strong as ever at the Hall, but with eight players in the Blues training squad it was difficult to get a team out in Michaelmas term. Luckily, a strong Fresher intake coupled with leadership from seasoned Third Years allowed us to compete in the Michaelmas League. In Hilary, when our Blues returned, the team came into its own, narrowly missing out on the League title with only one loss.

The team partook in early-morning fitness training in South Parks in the run-up to Cuppers, and it paid off. Despite missing many players to Blues games,
Swimming
Men’s Co-Captains: Jack Rogers & Tom Lawrence
Women’s Co-Captains: Kate Fodder & Lizzie Evans

At the end of Hilary term 2019, Teddy Hall swimmers won the first Cuppers trophy of the year with a dominant display in the annual Cuppers meet held at the Iffley Road Swimming Pool. Swimming is unique among sports in that it is a numbers game. To quote (someone famous): ‘you can’t win the races you don’t enter’. Points are awarded per entry and then on places. So the more entries a team has, the more points it can win. This philosophy embodied SEHSC. We had over 30 in the team, including 10 females. We had so many swimmers that other teams came up and congratulated us before the meet had begun.

There were numerous excellent swims, but highlights have to include George Heywood’s front crawl with his arm-bands on and Lewis Sutton’s doggy paddle. All earning valuable points for the team. The Freshers really led the way, with enthusiasm, and an All Freshers front crawl meant that Teddy Hall locked out a lot of points. By the time the relays came around everyone was pretty bored of seeing Teddy Hall win most of the races. But this didn’t stop the girls’ teams commanding convincing victories in both of the relays.

In the end, Teddy Hall won with the highest points total seen in recent history – 210 points, beating second-place Jesus/Christchurch’s 143 points. A great victory that will be celebrated with a photo of all swimmers in swimwear that will be hung in the Bar for eternity.

Congratulations to Herbert Watson and Lizzy Evans who will take over as Swim Captains next year. They have already organised speedos!

Real Tennis

Other sports clubs playing in 2018–2019 included Badminton, Basketball, Men's and Women's Cricket, Mixed Lacrosse, Women's Rugby, Hilarians Rugby, and Tennis.

CULTURAL, SOCIAL & VOLUNTEERING
Christian Union
Co-Presidents: Yang Xin and Davidson Sabu

With members of the Hall from every undergraduate year-group in our CU, this year the community of Christians at Teddy Hall have been able to explore enlightening books from the Bible – in particular, Mark and Philoemen. The
the welfare team in 5th week of Hilary term 2019, with the University Ceilidh Band performing to an enthusiastic number of both JCR and MCR members. The year culminated with a summer music recital, which included some outstanding soloists and the choir and an entirely student-led performance of Mozart’s Clarinet Quintet. Many thanks go to Christopher Bucknall for his guidance and everyone who has shown their musical talents over the year. The Hall continues to go from strength to strength in the world of music.

Toby Whitehead (2017, Biochemistry)

Other societies active in 2018–2019 included: Chess, Drama, and the Venus Committee.
As this year’s Remembrance Sunday poignantly marked the centenary of the Armistice which at last ended World War I, special events were arranged in the Hall to pay tribute and show respect to all who served and suffered in that and later conflicts.

On the morning of Remembrance Sunday, in an event co-ordinated by the JCR, people from all parts of the Hall community, together with family and friends, collectively formed the shape of a poppy in the Front Quad and held a minute’s silence. This aerial photograph taken by a drone shows the participants wearing their red ponchos. An Evensong for Remembrance Sunday later took place in the Chapel, with Aularian Canon David Knight (1966, Theology) as the guest preacher.

An exhibition of materials relating to the Hall and the war opened in the Chapel the same day. This included items such as postcards from World War I, the JCR Photograph Album for 1912–1914, a Bible given to former Principal A B Emden in 1915 when he joined the Royal Navy, plus a selection of books and other items. Thanks go to Hall archivist Rob Petre and librarian James Howarth for organising this exhibition.
ACCESSING HALL AREAS

Thanks to a mighty effort by student and staff volunteers, the biennial Research Expo of the last few years was reinvented early in Trinity term 2019 and combined with a sort of ‘Open Doors’ weekend to produce **Access Hall Areas**. The aim was to open the Hall to the wider community over the Bank Holiday weekend, 4–5 May, to showcase our Hall Spirit, our history, and the diverse day-to-day life of College members. Over 1,000 people, from Oxford and beyond, took the opportunity (in the Principal’s words) to “come through the gates and start to get a glimpse of this fantastic place that we work in”.

For visitors interested in exploring the Hall’s beautiful buildings, one of the most popular offerings was the chance to climb the Library tower as part of the College Tour route and enjoy the views from the windows of the Library Fellows’ office. Visits to the Crypt also proved attractive. The Crypt itself provided the venue for atmospheric musical performances by talented students – Gregory Ball (2018, History), Andrea Fortier (2018, Master of Fine Art), and Raven Undersun (2018, Experimental Psychology). The Old Library, recently refurbished but one of the parts of the College not normally seen by the public, was opened up: some 740 visitors braved the steep wooden staircase during the course of the weekend. An exhibition was arranged by the Librarians James Howarth and Sophie Quantrell: this featured some recent creative writing produced in the Hall, alongside works by Aularians from 1680 to the present, other literary works and treasures from the Library’s collections.

Using an historic printing press was one of the hands-on activities offered in the Old Dining Hall – along with having a go at ‘Brain Games’ led by neuroscience students and learning about fossils. On the Sunday we welcomed student volunteers from the Oxford Hands-On Science group, who enlivened the ODH by running a whole range of interactive experiments for children.

Over the two days, ‘Teddy Talks’ about their diverse research activities were given by Armi Bayot (2018, DPhil in Law) Dr Tom Crawford (College Lecturer in Mathematics), Professor Nick Davidson (Tutor in Modern History; Archive Fellow & Dean), Ronnie Guthrie (DPhil in Earth Sciences; President of the MCR), Professor Cameron Hepburn (Professorial Fellow), Brooke Johnson (College Lecturer in Earth Sciences), Dr Alex Lloyd (College Lecturer in German), Rob Petre (Archivist), Jeanne Ryan (DPhil in Education), Dr Alexandra Vukovich (Junior Research Fellow), John Waite (2011, Materials Science & DPhil in Materials), and Dr Linda Yueh (Fellow by Special Election).

Artistic, musical and dramatic talent on show included bagpipe performances by Callum Beck (2016, Chemistry), an organ recital by Viraj Alimchandani (2015, Physics), a harpsichord demonstration by Director of Music Christopher Bucknell, the College Choir (who also welcomed visitors to join them for ‘Come and Sing!’ sessions), a reprise of the Annunciation & Visitation play originally staged on 27 April 2019 as part of the Oxford Medieval Mystery Cycle at the Hall – and performances in the graveyard from Oxford University Pole Sports Society led by Robin De Meyer (2017, DPhil in Materials).

MEDIEVAL MYSTERY CYCLE

In something of a contrast to providing the setting for some of the 21st-century murder mystery TV series Endevour (see article ‘Filming at the Hall’ below), on 27 April 2019 the Hall hosted the performance of ten short plays making up ‘The Oxford Medieval Mystery Cycle’. These works, energetically performed in sequence by a variety of groups throughout the afternoon, introduced a modern-day audience to a type of drama which was originally intended to help the common folk to comprehend the mysteries of the Christian faith.

At 12 noon, God opened proceedings by ringing the chapel bell before announcing from the Old Library window Her (sic) intention to create the world. The story of humankind then unfolded. Stories from the Old Testament were acted out in the Front Quad, with Creation & Fall by the Iffley Players; Noah (in Middle English) by English Faculty Staff; and Abraham by Magdalen College School, with the unfortunate Isaac nearly being sacrificed close to the Well.

The cycle then moved to the New Testament, given at various points around St Peter-in-the-East. Annunciation & Visitation was performed by Ripon College Cuddesdon; Shepherds (with a starring role for sheep-like dog Florrie) by English Faculty Students; Crucifixion by the Pinners group of medievalists from Lincoln College; Lamentation by Modern Language Faculty Italians (played in Italian,
with the audience encouraged to join in the shouting during the crowd scene); *Harrowing of Hell* by Medieval Germanists speaking Middle High German; *Resurrection* by players from University College London; and finally *Judgement*, in the garden behind the Library, by Hall students directed by Emma Hawkins (2018, Fine Art).

The Oxford Medieval Mystery Cycle was directed by Professorial Fellow Professor Henrike Lähnemann, Director of the Oxford Medieval Studies Programme at The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH), and Professor Lesley Smith, Professor of Medieval Intellectual History, Harris Manchester College. The whole production was masterminded by Eleanor Baker, a DPhil student in English at St John's College. The event was part of TORCH's key theme for 2018–2019, 'Performance'. Nearly 100 active participants provided time, creative enterprise and energy as actors, directors, musicians, stewards. Particular thanks go to the Principal, Fellows, staff and students of the Hall; and to the Hall’s then Communications Manager, Dr Claire Hooper, for building up the website to provide information and publicity, and for organising the logistics for the whole cycle.

**AWARDS AND PRIZES**

Many admirable achievements of SCR members, current students and worldwide alumni during 2018–2019 are, as always, 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 extended to Professor Peter Bruce, Professorial Fellow and Professor Hugh Jenkyns, Emeritus Fellow, both elected to the Academia Europaea; and to Professor Andrew Kahn, Tutor in Modern Languages (Russian), on his election to a Fellowship of the British Academy. The work of Dr Alex Lloyd, College Lecturer in German, was rewarded by a coveted Teaching Excellence Award from the University’s Humanities Division, while the University also recognised the contribution made by Professor Wes Williams, Tutor in Modern Languages (French), by naming him the new Knowledge Exchange Champion at The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities. Alex Lloyd’s versatility was further demonstrated by her victory in the Teddy Hall ‘Bake-Off’ competition on 29 September 2018, for her delicious cake ‘Teddy’s First Term’ (judging took place during the Hall’s Macmillan Coffee Morning held in the Old Dining Hall, when nearly £350 was donated as part of the national fundraising effort for Macmillan Cancer Support).

Mention should also be made of the Major Early Career Development Research Award received by Dr Emily A Winkler, formerly John Cowdrey Junior Research Fellow in History; and, further along the career spectrum, of the Winston S Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award for Philanthropy & Business received by Honorary Fellow William R Miller.

Members of the wider Aularian community were also recognised for their academic prowess. Professor Ted Chamberlin (1964, English) received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto; Professor Alex King (1975, DPhil in Materials Science) received the Acta Materialia Holloman Award for Materials and Society; Chris Valvona (1996, Modern Languages & Linguistics) received the British Council's ELTons Award for ‘Excellence in Course Innovation'; Dr Rafael Pereira (2013, DPhil in Geography & the Environment) received both a ‘best thesis' award from the American Association of Geographers and the Young Researcher of the Year Award from the International Transport Forum; Eleanor Minney (2013, Fine Art) was a joint winner of a Project Award in Oxford University's Vice-Chancellor's Public Engagement with Science Research Awards scheme 2019; and Daisy Ogembo (2016, DPhil in Law) obtained a fiercely-competitive British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship, to enable her to continue to work in Oxford from Michaelmas term 2019. The professional expertise of Keith Gordon (1988, Mathematics) was celebrated with the award for this year's Outstanding Contribution to Tax Services.

A remarkable number of alumni received awards and prizes for their writing: these included Dr Malcolm Thick (1970, DPhil in History), recipient of the 2019 Sophie Coe Prize for Food History Writing; Professor Chris Mann (1971, English), recipient of the English Academy of South Africa's Gold Medal for 2019; Dr Amitav Ghosh (1978, DPhil in Anthropology), recipient of the 2018 Jnanpith Award for his outstanding contribution to literature; and Cateriona Ward (1999, English), who won the 2019 Shirley Jackson Award for her second novel, *Little Eve*.

In the realm of public service, two matriculands of 1981 were included in the New Year’s Honours 2019: Joy Hibbins (Modern Languages) received the British Empire Medal, for services to vulnerable people; and Richard Oliver (PPE) was appointed OBE for services to British business and the British community in the United Arab Emirates. Mark Adlestone (1978, Jurisprudence) was installed as High Sheriff of Greater Manchester.
The Magazine has often applauded Aularians’ continuing sporting achievements. This year brings news that John Moreland (1977, Modern History) won Gold in the Men’s 60–64 discus event in the World Masters Indoor Athletics Championships in Poland, with a new British record throw of 24.24 metres. Derek Hurton (1986, PPE) has been winning cross-country-running competitions. Last autumn Michael Broadwith (2000, Mathematics) smashed the world record for cycling Land’s End to John o’ Groats, achieving a time of 43 hours, 25 minutes and 13 seconds for the 1,400km route. Meanwhile, Lydia Welham (2014, Modern Languages) has been promoting and competing successfully in women’s boxing.

In sports more parochially, the Hall reveals in the Cuppers victories achieved in Darts, Rounders, Men’s Rugby and Swimming, as well as in the Boat Club’s very successful year on the river. Warm congratulations also go to the following students who were recognised this year for their participation at University level:

Daniel Barley (2016, Engineering Science) Rowing Full Blue
Ambre Bertrand (2017, Engineering Science) Karate Full Blue
Doug Chesterton (2015, Engineering Science) Lightweight Rowing Full Blue
Dhaval Desai (2015, Engineering Science) Lightweight Rowing Full Blue
Rory Edwards (2017, Physics) Gymnastics 2nd Team Colours
Jenna Elliott (2016, Physics) Ice Hockey Half Blue
Jane Ellis (2016, DPhil in Medical Sciences) Lightweight Rowing 2nd Team Colours
Elizabeth Evans (2017, Chemistry) Lacrosse Full Blue
Elizabeth Fry (2015, Geography) Cricket Full Blue

Tamara Gibbons (2018, Chemistry) Polo Full Blue
Margaret Harrington (2015, English) Taekwondo Half Blue
Grace Jalleh-Sharples (2015, Jurisprudence) Ice Hockey Half Blue
Christopher Johnson (2017, PPE) Lacrosse Half Blue
Ryan Jones (2017, Engineering Science) Rugby Union Full Blue
Abigail Jones (2018, Geography) Athletics Full Blue
Michael Knight (2017, Interdisciplinary Bioscience) Cycling Half Blue
Christian Lindsay (2016, Geography) Fencing Full Blue
Daniel Manners (2014, Medicine) Swimming Full Blue
Joshua McColgan (2017, Biomedical Sciences) Badminton Half Blue

Gianfranco Messina (2014, Medicine) Water Polo Full Blue
Sam Miller (2017, Materials Science) Rugby Union Full Blue
Emma Moreby (2016, Chemistry) Karate Full Blue
Joe Morris (2016, Biology) Rugby Union Full Blue
Jack Mustafa (2015, Earth Sciences) Gymnastics 2nd Team Colours
Abraham Ng (2016, DPhil in Mathematics) Table Tennis Half Blue
Madeline Potttey (2018, Mathematics) Taekwondo Full Blue
Olivia Pryer (2015, Medicine) Rowing Full Blue
Rebecca Ramjiawan (2011, Physics) Powerlifting Full Blue
Alice Roberts (2016, PPL) Rowing Full Blue
Jack Rogers (2016, Geography) Cricket Full Blue
Samuel Scott (2015, Medicine) Rugby Union Full Blue
Laura Simpson (2017, Medicine) Rugby Union 1st Team Colours
George Spill (2016, Environmental Research) Ski & Snowboard Half Blue
Kenneth Tan (2018, Chemistry) Boxing Full Blue
Hector van Smiren (2015, Engineering Science) Powerlifting Full Blue
Ailsa Williams (2017, Biomedical Sciences) Ice Hockey Half Blue
Yasemin-Xiomara Zurke (2017, DPhil in Cardiovascular Sciences) Hockey Full Blue

The Hall’s Amalgamated Clubs started giving awards to Hall members for obtaining the distinction of a Blue (£200) or Half Blue (£100). Thanks to the continuing generosity of Richard Luddington (1978, Modern History), four Luddington Prizes were awarded to students for having achieved both a First in Finals and a Blue during their undergraduate careers:

Douglas Chesterton (2015, Engineering Science) Lightweight Rowing Full Blue
Dhaval Desai (2015, Mathematics) Lightweight Rowing Full Blue
Christian Lindsay (2016, Geography) Fencing Half Blue
Jack Rogers (2016, Geography) Cricket Full Blue

The Richard Luddington Prize for Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement went to Gianfranco Messina (2014, Medicine).

And thanks to the continuing generosity of another Aularian, Professor Simon J Simonian (1962, Animal Physiology) and his family, Simonian Prizes for Excellence in Leadership went to Ben Fernando (2016, DPhil in Earth Sciences), Alex Kumar (2016, History & Politics), and Molly Simpson (2016, Geography).

In the MCR, Dr Václav Janeček (2017, DPhil in Law) was awarded an impressive clutch of prizes. In November 2018 he received the Ius Commune Prize for outstanding legal research, in Amsterdam; and later on, the annual Bolanzo Prize (the most prestigious research student award in the Czech Republic, awarded for exceptionally original and ground-breaking work). In June 2019, Václav went on to win the Jacques Derrida CEFRES Platform Award for his research on personal data ownership: this Award is given in Czechoslovakia for the best articles in social sciences and humanities published in an international peer-reviewed journal. This year’s MCR Ex Aula writing competition prize of £500 went to Marianne Clemence (2015, DPhil in Infection, Immunology & Translational.
Drama & Theatre

Ironman Triathlon

81 (1992, was for writing, sponsored by alumna Helen Atkinson (1983, English), was awarded to Mansfield College’s Henry Straughan, a PPE undergraduate, at a ceremony held in the Hall on 24 May 2019.

Elsewhere in the JCR, Alexandra Wood (2018, Medicine) became the first recipient of the Ann Taylor Bursary, the award named in memory of the Hall’s first female Fellow (see section 3 of last year’s Magazine). The winner of the undergraduate Engineering Three-Minute 4th-Year Project Competition was Douglas Chesterton (2015, Engineering Science) for the presentation which he gave of his project on modelling underground construction processes. Douglas’s £100 prize was provided by the Joe Todd Award Fund.

The third annual Rebecca West Prize for writing, sponsored by alumna Helen Atkinson (1983, English), was awarded to Mansfield College’s Henry Straughan, a PPE undergraduate, at a ceremony held in the Hall on 24 May 2019.

To recognise students who make outstanding contributions to ‘Hall Spirit’, a small group of Aularians established the Batterty Bursary award this year. The inaugural recipients were Freddie Leo (2016, History) and Ella Khan (2016, English), respectively the Captain of the Hall’s outstanding University Challenge team and the Editor of the student publication A Gallery (also a Hall Ambassador).

This year’s Scholars & Exhibitioners Dinner was held on 19 February 2019, and the Achievements Formal Hall celebrating students’ success across the spectrum of sports and other extra-curricular activities merrily took place on the last Friday of Trinity term, 21 June 2019.

MASCERCLASS FUND AWARDS

The aim of these awards of up to £1,000 is to facilitate further development and achievement, for individual students. This year over £17,400 was awarded to the following 23 students to help them to pursue advanced training in the extra-curricular activities – creative or sporting – in which they excelled:

- Greg Ball Music (Classical Guitar)
- Anushka Chakravarti Drama & Theatre (Frank di Rienzo Masterclass Award in Drama and Theatre)
- Douglas Chesterton Lightweight Rowing
- Natasha Cooke Coxing
- Rachel Davies Marathon Running
- Leslie Dickson-Tetteh Music (Guitar & Vocals)
- Rory Edwards Gymnastics
- Faidra Faitaki Drama & Theatre
- Johannes Fankhauser Gliding Aerobatics
- Andrea Fortier Music (Viola)
- Xan Gilmour Film & Television (Stuart Ford Masterclass Award in Film & Television)
- Anna Gleizer Wilderness Medical Training
- Archibald McNelligis Pole Vault
- Gianfranco Messina Ironman Triathlon
- Yusuf Oldac Gliding
- Tom Schwantje Lightweight Rowing
- Paul Shields Non-fiction travel writing
- Andrew Sumagaysay Ramos Polo
- James Tibbles Drama & Singing
- Toby Whitehead Music (Clarinet)
- Di Wu Music (Percussion)
- Bradley Young Music (French Horn)
- Christina Zou Voice (Classical)

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

HALL ART

This year the Hall did not take part in Oxfordshire Artweeks. However, in Hilary term 2019, everyone in the Hall community, the Ruskin School, and members of the public were treated to an exhibition of works by second-year Fine Art undergraduates at the Hall, staged in the Senior Common Room.

In Ursus: An Interim Show, which opened with a Private View on 12 February 2019, the students exhibited a selection of their paintings, prints and sculptures alongside some works which they chose from the Hall’s own art collection.
the intersection between poetry and our responsibility as citizens of the globe (especially in the era of climate change). Two emerging poets – Maya Jewell Zeller and Nancy Campbell – read at the end of the summer term, engaging the audience in a discussion about nature writing, political verse, and ways that poets can collaborate with other artists even as they practise a solitary art.

Once again, Teddy Hall showed its vibrancy as a College where writing often takes centre stages and where artists of all kinds can come together to advance their work.

Professor Erica McAlpine
A C Cooper Fellow & Tutor in English

THE GRAHAM MIDGLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE POEM 2019

Construction

We agreed we’d stay out; no point in heading back to broken homes. The club goes on all night, there’s no need to wake up. Come 6am we’re finally demolished; this morning lacks weight as we pass along the hot dust of the Hackney streets, graffitied mist all-pervasive amid the construction sites that structure the land: acres & miles of smokey, indissoluble scaffolding. I can barely talk, all noise muffled by the thickness of the air, trapping sound in its mute morning glaze.

I clock my head upwards – a high pitch holler – the cranes in their stupor shifting walls & floors & colossal materials, their swaying bulk collapsing in front of the sun – some momentary eclipse – their arms singing a sharp mechanical tune, & alongside the canals the birds of Hackney have begun singing, their noise indistinguishable from the broken morning hymn of metal fists.

It’s so calm like this, forms not yet fully made, broken down each day just to add more polish. I’ll hate this area once it’s all complete, once things are ruined in being finished.

Alexander Matraxia (2016, English)

The value of the Prize was £300. The joint runners-up in this year’s competition were Matthew Kilford (2017, English) and Alexander Fuss (2018, Modern Languages), who received £100 each.
FILMING AT THE HALL

A film crew descended on the ever-photogenic Hall on 29 and 30 October 2018 to shoot scenes on and around the site for the final episode of series 6 of ITV’s detective series Endeavour. This version of the series is set in 1969, so a certain amount of camouflage was needed for the Front Quad and Lodge – but the Hall, which of course was already venerable in the Swinging Sixties, rose to the occasion without members experiencing too much disruption. The episode was broadcast in spring 2019, with the Hall becoming “Garstang College”.

The Hall had previously featured in Endeavour in 2012, and in the other Inspector Morse spin-off series, Lewis, in 2014 (when its stage name was “St Sebastian’s College”).

THE EMDEN LECTURE 2018

This year’s Emden Lecture was delivered on 16 October 2018 in a packed Doctorow Hall by David Edgerton, Hans Raising Professor of the History of Science & Technology and Professor of Modern British History at King’s College London. The talk, based on his recently-published book The Rise and Fall of the British Nation, took as its title ‘The birth of the British nation? “Alone”, “People’s War” and the mythical myths of 1940’.

Professor Edgerton shared with the audience some of the findings of his research into contemporary views of the country’s position in the crucial war year 1940 and historians’ subsequent interpretations and changing reinterpretations. He pointed out that today’s politicians still evoke perceptions of World War Two to suit their purposes – including during the frenetic debates about Brexit – but he firmly disputed that the War saw some kind of national re-birth, generated by Britain fighting alone and fighting a ‘People’s War’.

In 1940, with the remnants of a defeated army needing to be rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk, almost all continental Europe either falling under Nazi control or neutralised, and the powerful USA and USSR still watching from the sidelines, there was an understandable belief that the country was isolated in a struggle for survival; and that a total war effort was now required on the part of the whole population. (During the question-and-answer session at the end of the lecture a couple of members of the wartime generation confirmed that this was very much their own perception at the time.)

Yet, as Professor Edgerton was able to demonstrate from source materials, during those early months of the War the inspiring picture of a lonely and defiant island fortress was already being supplemented by the morale-boosting propaganda (as in Winston Churchill’s speeches) that Britain could fight on because supported by a large and loyal Empire. More reassurance could later be made out of the country’s foreign allies, as when the carefully-publicised Inter-Allied Conference was held in June 1941. One myth to de-bunk, by examination of the statistics, is that the beleaguered country dug for victory well enough to feed itself: in fact, Britain became the largest importer of food in the world. So in reality, the nation was far from being ‘alone’: but it later suited some politicians (along with some historians and biographers) to revert to a portrayal of Britain standing proudly alone.

Professor Edgerton also discussed the extent to which the concept of a ‘People’s War’ was largely constructed afterwards. He found that during the earlier part of the War (like during the First World War), the term was rarely used; and where it was, this tended to be in the sense of describing the practicalities of the mass war effort. Usage then diverged, with (broadly) the Left giving the term the sense of ‘the international war against Fascism’ while other commentators claimed that what was essentially an imperialist war could not by definition be a People’s War. According to Professor Edgerton’s research, the term only became one of approval during the post-War period, as with the development of the welfare state – helping to feed into the myth of a nation being re-born, despite its wartime losses and tribulations.

STUDENT JOURNALISM PRIZES AND THE GEDDES MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019

THIS YEAR’S PRIZES

The competition open to student journalists across the University (organised by the Geddes Memorial Trust since 1984) culminated this year in an awards ceremony held in the Principal’s Lodgings on 1 March 2019 shortly before the Geddes Lecture. The prizes were presented by the lecturer for 2019, David Aaronovitch, eminent journalist for The Times, broadcaster and writer.

The Geddes Prize of £2,500 for the University’s most promising student journalist went to final-year English student Emily Lawford (St Hilda’s College). The work which Emily submitted to the Prize Committee included an interview with a Palestinian-American activist who creates clothing and holds exhibitions to raise awareness about sexual harassment in the West Bank. She planned to use her award to fund a return visit to Palestine to write a feature on the workers who commute from the West Bank into Israel each day.

The Ronnie Payne Prize for Foreign Reporting (£2,000) was awarded to Olivia Cherry from St Hilda’s College, who is also an undergraduate studying English. This Prize is given in memory of the acclaimed foreign correspondent and war reporter Ronnie Payne. Her award will enable Olivia to travel to the Continent to interview and work with activists on both sides of the controversy surrounding the EU’s Copyright Directive 2019.

The winner of the Clive Taylor Prize for sports journalism (£2,000) was Alice
The lecturer pointed out that in terms of media tactics, ‘good populism’ could be used to argue against ‘bad populism’ (as had happened in The Netherlands). But this opened up the danger of giving credibility to the arguments of ‘bad populism’ in the process of opposing them. The conundrum then created for liberalism was that attempted rebuttal starts to help your opponent more than you. Moreover, becoming intolerant of argument, using emotion to fight emotion, could, ironically, produce illiberalism – as seen when unhappy pro-Remainers scapegoated the BBC for its Brexit coverage and called for the broadcaster’s abolition.

Mr Aaronovitch then discussed a number of countries in which populist governments had come into power in recent years but were discovering that their policies did not work because these were too simplistic. He did not detect, however, any acceptance that they should have heeded moderate, liberal arguments.

Mr Aaronovitch finished by conceding that he could offer no answers to the question which he had posed in the title of the lecture. But it was clear from the question-and-answer session and the warmth of the applause at the end that the audience had appreciated his wide-ranging exploration of the journalistic issues.

The Geddes Trust held its annual masterclass at the Hall on 31 January 2019 for Oxford student journalists and others interested in going into journalism as a career. The evening opened with a panel discussion on ‘Getting into Journalism’, led by Peter Cardwell, Chair of the Philip Geddes Memorial Fund Trustees and currently an ITV reporter. Other panel members sharing advice on how to break down the barriers to getting into journalism were former Geddes prize-winners who went on to work in the media.

There was then a talk by leading libel solicitor Charlotte Harris on the all-important subject of ‘How not to get sued’.

The event finished with ‘schmoozing and boozing’: over wine and nibbles, participants received practical tips on entering the Geddes Prize competition, getting into journalism, and the best ways to network to a job in the profession.

(with acknowledgement to the Philip Geddes Memorial Fund website)
Department of Medicine at Imperial College London) then responded to both of the talks, discussing the combination of hard work and preparation that he believes is also fundamental in order for those rare moments of inspiration to strike.

Hilary Term’s event, held on 23 February 2019, took the form of a symposium on ‘The Neuroscience of Dance’. Dr Guido Orgs (Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Goldsmiths, University of London) opened the afternoon by speaking about the brain mechanisms behind movement perception: how there are different neural signatures depending on whether the perceiver is able to perform the movement himself or herself, how different forms of synchrony in the movements of a group of performers can influence the observer’s perception of how enjoyable and aesthetic the movements are, and how more synchronous movements lead to more social bonding among the dancers.

Dr Karen Wood and Rosamaria Cisneros, from Coventry University’s Centre for Dance Research, then taught the audience the basics of Flamenco before explaining their work on dancing with avatars. Peter Lovatt of the University of Hertfordshire (a.k.a. ‘Dr Dance’) discussed his research into why taking part in dance improves the symptoms of Parkinson’s Disease. In order to explain the difference between convergent and divergent thinking, he had the whole audience taking part in a chair-based dance routine. Peter demonstrated, very memorably, that improvisation makes you significantly more creative in your thinking, as well as improving your mood, and explained why Parkinson’s sufferers benefit from these divergent thinking skills. The event concluded with some powerful and beautiful structured improvisation of combined dance by Aneyn O’Grady and percussion by Lewis Hunt Onatra.

‘The Benefits of Boredom’ was the tongue-in-cheek title for the Centre’s Trinity Term event on the evening of 23 May 2019. Dr Sandi Mann from the University of Central Lancashire explained why boredom is in fact an important emotion which enables our creative thinking. Leland Carlson, the founder of the Dull Men’s Club, then contributed a talk about the joy that comes from appreciating everyday things (and some of the eccentricities of the Club’s members).
event closed with Dr Helen Barron from the University of Oxford’s Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences discussing how memories are stored in the brain and what happens when these are retrieved.

The Centre’s activities are organised by a committee chaired by Professor Charlotte Stagg (Fellow by Special Election in Neuroscience) and it receives generous support from Honorary Fellow William B Miller and the University of Oxford’s Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging.

(This article is based on material published on the Centre’s web pages.)

LINKS WITH CHINA

The annual Lingnan Exchange Programme with Lingnan (University) College, Guangzhou, ran for the third time this year and was again very successful. On 23 January 2019 a group of nine students and their tutor arrived at the Hall for lectures, presentations and site visits, developing the theme ‘Sustainability and Social Responsibility’. The programme also included the preparation of presentations by combined groups of Hall and Lingnan students, each investigating a sustainability issue or problem. As usual, there was no shortage of social and cultural activities for the visitors to enjoy.

The six Hall students who participated in the programme and acted as hosts for the Oxford part of the exchange paid a return visit to China, 10–16 March 2019: Marceline Bresson (2017, Economics & Management), Nicholas Daultry Ball (2015, Mathematics & Physics), Annabel Elleray (2017, Earth Sciences), Paul Shields (2018, MPhil in Politics), Simon Upton (2017, PPE), and Xin Yang (2018, Medicine), accompanied as student leader by Susana Hancock (2013, DPhil in Anthropology) who took part in last year’s exchange. In Lingnan their programme included company visits, a day trip to Shenzhen, and collaborative group work with their Chinese counterparts. The Senior Tutor, Professor Robert Wilkins, joined the visit and acted as one of the judges for the group presentations. In her account published on the Hall’s website (4 April 2019), Annabel proudly reported that a Hall team had won the presentations competition.

The Oxford Chinese Economy Programme (OXCEP) also continued to flourish. Its two-week summer course in Academic Medicine was hosted at the Hall during 8–19 July 2019, organised by Professor Trisha Greenhalgh OBE (Nuffield Department of Primary Health Care Sciences) and co-directed by Professor Greenhalgh and Professor Robert Wilkins. This year’s course took ‘translational medicine’ as its theme, i.e. the linking of basic science research with clinical applications and patient benefits in areas like cancer immunology, gene medicine, stem cell research, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, novel drug development, AI in medicine, molecular robotics, and advances in neuroscience and neuroimaging. The Chinese participants (mainly senior clinicians and researchers) were joined by some Oxford DPhil students and early career researchers who were provided with free places on the course.

OXCEP’s two-week summer course in Economics, Public Policy and Management (running for the eighth time) was held at the Hall during 4–17 August 2019, organised and directed by Professor John Knight, Emeritus Fellow. The first recipient of the OXCEP Graduate Scholarship for DPhil study in Clinical Medicine has been announced as Sebastian Klinert, from Michaelmas term 2019. This award is provided by OXCEP in collaboration with the Nuffield Department of Medicine and the Medical Science Division’s Graduate School.

AULA NARRAT

This joint MCR & SCR talk series was started last year by Dr Václav Janéček (2017, DPhil in Law) and Professor Maia Chankseliani, Fellow by Special Election. It enables one MCR and one SCR member to share a personal story on a theme that appeals to both Common Rooms, with the aim of fostering links between the Common Rooms and sharing unique and important life experiences. For this year’s event, participants met in the Old Dining Hall on 13 November 2018 to discuss the themes of teaching and supervision. The headline speakers were the SCR’s Professor Erica McAlpine, A C Cooper Fellow & Tutor in English and the MCR’s Paul Shields (2018, MPhil in Politics).

THE ST PETER-IN-THE-EAST SUNDIAL

Students (and tutors) now have even less excuse for being late for tutorials, following the installation of a new sundial above the main entrance of St Peter-in-the-East, the College Library.

The idea came from the Hall’s former Domestic Bursar, Dr Ernest Parkin, who had seen in an 1820 print that there was a sundial over the church’s south porch. The date on this dial was 1777 and it was probably removed towards the end of the 19th Century.

Aularian David Brown (1961, PGCE), one of the UK’s leading makers of sundials, was asked to suggest a design. David had previously designed and made the Noon
Mark for the College’s William R Miller Building on Dawson Street. After both the Hall’s Governing Body and English Heritage had approved his design, Oxford City Council granted planning permission for a new sundial to be installed. This enabled the College to apply for a faculty (permission) from the Oxford Diocese, which was granted in May 2018. At last the work could begin, four years after Ernest had suggested the idea! The new sundial (pictured) was fixed in position during the 2018 Long Vacation.

Only a few quarries can supply this size of flawless slate, which came from Machynlleth in Wales. Slate was preferred to other stone for its aesthetic appearance in that position; it is easy to engrave with the precision required for a dial and it would not need maintenance.

The gnomon on a dial will project a linear shadow to tell the time – but sundials can also indicate the date. The Hall’s new sundial has two inscribed curves: one for the 29th of June as the date of the grant of the Hall’s Charter in 1957, and one for the 15th of February, St Peter’s Day. On these dates a circular shadow from the nodus attached to the gnomon follows these curves.

A precision-cast bronze plaque mounted on a Cadeby stone plinth was made during Michaelmas term 2018 to explain the workings of the dial, with a graph showing the minutes which must be added to or subtracted from the indicated time to give the correct time according to the date.

The Hall would like to record its appreciation to Ernest Parkin for suggesting the idea and starting the project; to David Brown for designing, making and installing the dial; to Kevin Knott for helping with the installation while acting as interim Domestic Bursar in 2018; to Simon Costa, the then Senior & Finance Bursar, for managing the tedious process of securing all the necessary approvals; to Dr Francis Pocock (1960, Chemistry: St Edmund Fellow) for managing the production and installation of the explanatory plaque; and to the anonymous donor who generously paid for the work.

**Deegree day celebrations**

This year the Hall presented candidates at degree ceremonies held in the Sheldonian Theatre on 3 November 2018 (mainly taught masters’ graduands), 2 March, 4 May, 13 July (when the Medics took their MB ChB degrees alongside 14 DPhil students), 27 July and 28 September 2019.

The largest turn-out was on Saturday 27 July, when 98 students, predominantly the previous Trinity term’s Finalists, were admitted to their BA, BFA, or Undergraduate Masters degrees. Also graduating in the ceremony were two MAs, one BPhil and six DPhils. As on all the Degree Days, the Hall was delighted to host its new graduates with their guests, and help them to celebrate the successes achieved.

Dr Stephen Blamey, Emeritus Fellow, continued as Dean of Degrees, responsible for presenting the Hall’s candidates for matriculation at the start of their careers as well as presenting them for degrees after completion of their studies. His deputy, John Dunbabin, Emeritus Fellow, retired from this role at the end of Trinity term.

Information from the College Office about Degree Day arrangements in 2019–2020 appears in Section 4 of this Magazine.
This academic year, Monday of Week 0 of Michaelmas term fell on 1 October in 2018, the first day of the Principalship of Professor Katherine Willis. It was certainly a case of hitting the ground running for the new Principal, since the next day we gathered in the Doctorow Hall to welcome 111 Freshers and 39 Visiting Students to the College. As in previous years, I met each undergraduate subject cohort early in the term and was again struck by the diversity and enthusiasm of the students that we admit each year.

The start of the new academic year saw the departure of Professor Climent Quintana-Domeque, Tutorial Fellow in Economics, who moved to the University of Exeter to take up a Chair. During the course of the year, refilling of the Fellowship took place in collaboration with the Department of Economics and I am delighted to report that Professor Max Kasy will join us from Harvard in January 2020. In the interim, Dr Alexis Grigorieff was appointed as a Stipendiary Lecturer, and I am very grateful for the support that he has given to Dr Outi Aarnio over the last year.

As always, no sooner was term up-and-running than applications closed for admissions in October 2019. We received applications from 645 students, 292 of whom actively selected the College, and we met over 400 at interview. In early January 2019 we sent offer letters to 128 applicants and, as I write, 110 students are preparing to make the move to Queen’s Lane to take up their places. They will have the opportunity to explore the College (and see their first-year room) at the ‘Family and Friends Day’ that has become an annual fixture in late September. Admissions activity continued throughout Hilary term, with the Tutors for Graduate and Visiting Students respectively making 120 graduate offers and 47 year-abroad offers for October 2019 entry.

In Hilary term, we welcomed Professor Mark Williams as the new Tutorial Fellow in English to work alongside Professor Erica McAlpine, restoring the English Fellowship to full strength. As I observed in this report last year, English at the Hall has been in no small part sustained in the years since Sharon Achinstein’s departure by Jenni Nuttall and Tom MacFaul. With Mark’s arrival, Jenni leaves for fresh challenges elsewhere in Oxford, while Tom will take on a new, more research-focused role in the College as a Career Development Fellow. I offer the College’s thanks for their contributions, and wish them both every success in their future work.

Hilary term again saw us welcome a group of students from Lingnan (University) College, Guangzhou, China for what has now become the customary first leg of a student exchange, with six students from the Hall making the return visit during the Easter Vacation. This year’s exchange addressed the subject of sustainability and social responsibility and included keynote presentations from the Principal and also from colleagues at the Saïd Business School. I was again lucky to join
our students in Guangzhou for the return leg in March 2019, and to see a team containing Aularians win the prize for the best case study at the end of the week. I am hopeful that we can build on this exchange to develop a number of different initiatives for students and academics from each college to experience the other.

In Trinity term, the College launched the first phase of an ambitious plan to recruit Early Career Teaching and Research Fellows in core subject areas, to bolster the College’s academic provision but also to raise its research profile. To date, four such appointments have been made – in Earth Sciences, Economics, History and Materials Science – and we expect to make further appointments in the next academic year. We look forward to the arrival of the new Fellows in the next few months and are very grateful for the generous donations that have made these appointments possible.

Last year, I wrote of the first co-ordinated release of admissions data by the University and the challenges that the College faces in reaching and recruiting from certain demographic groups. I am pleased to report that the Hall’s numbers are moving in the right direction in several of the key parameters that are scrutinised each year. However, to speed up progress, this year we have further developed our access work, partnering with two external access initiatives – Target Oxbridge and the Brilliant Club – as well as creating two new roles this summer to increase the amount of outreach work that we can carry out. Our new student recruitment structure will hopefully result in a higher proportion of direct applications from diverse backgrounds to the Hall. I am delighted that we were able to appoint Luke Maw to the new enhanced role of Student Recruitment Manager & Data Analyst, and Lizzie Fry (2015, Geography) as Access Co-ordinator. You can read about Luke’s work this year in section 2 of this Magazine.

This summer we also celebrated 35 (31%) Firsts at Finals – up from 26 (24%) last year – with a number of students winning University prizes for their outstanding performances. Unfortunately, that improved performance has not been reflected in our position in the Norrington Table. In recent years, less than 10% of our students have achieved a II:2 or lower degree at Finals, a level comparable with other, more highly-placed colleges, so the explanation for our current lowly level does not lie there. Rather, it is at the other end of the degree classification that we need to look. To climb the table we need to convert even more high Upper Seconds to Firsts (colleges in the higher reaches regularly achieve more than 40 Firsts) and the Academic Committee will consider as a priority how to bring this about.

As the academic year draws to a close, we will say goodbye to Aileen Kavanagh, Tutorial Fellow in Law, as she departs after 10 years at the Hall to take up a Chair at Trinity College, Dublin. I am delighted to welcome Professor Joanna Bell, who has most recently been working in Cambridge, as the Tutorial Fellow in Law from the start of Michaelmas term 2019. We wish Aileen every success in her prestigious new role.

Finally, Professor Stuart Ferguson, my long-serving predecessor as Senior Tutor, who also acted as Vice-Principal for five years, reaches retirement after 34 years as the Tutorial Fellow in Biochemistry. A new appointment to the Fellowship will be made during next term, so Stuart will continue to help out with the oversight of Biochemistry during the forthcoming academic year, but this is the right moment to place on record the College’s gratitude for the huge commitment that he has shown to the Hall and to wish him well in retirement.

Professor Robert Wilkins

STUDENT NUMBERS
On the College register at the start of Trinity Term 2019 were 416 undergraduates, 318 post-graduates, and 38 Visiting Students.

NEW STUDENTS 2018-2019

UNDERGRADUATES
In the 2018–2019 academic year, 112 students joined the College as undergraduates. These included:

- Akhtar, Shakila
- London Academy of Excellence
- Baker, Katie
- The Ridings Federation Winterbourne International Academy
- Balebail Dasannacharya, Arjun
- Cambridge High School, UAE
- Ball, Gregory
- Dr Challenors Grammar School
- Barth, Miyabi
- Lycée Français Charles De Gaulle
- Barysnikov, Nikita
- The English International School, Prague
- Beer, Ruairidh
- Adams’ Grammar School
- Bengardi, Dhea
- United World College of South East Asia, Dover Campus
- Beresford, Montgomery
- Latymer Upper School
- Boroumand, Cameron
- St Thomas More School, Blaydon-On-Tyne
- Bowell, Cameron
- Trent College
- Brash, Jamie
- Canford School, Kingston University
- Bricknell, Thomas
- Hereford Cathedral School
- Cameron, Fiona
- Cleveland College of Art and Design
- Campbell, Venetia
- St Mary’s School, Ascot
- Charlton, Charlotte
- Catholic High School, Chester
- Curtis-Smith, Chloe
- The Perse School
- Davies, Callum
- Sacred Heart Catholic College
- Davis, Max
- Denstone College
- Dring, Jordan
- The West Bridgford School
- Edgeworth, Thomas
- Hereford Sixth Form College
Elkington, Robert
Torquay Boys Grammar School

Firkins, Charlotte
Cheltenham Ladies College

Fuss, Alexander
Lloyd Gymnastium Bremerhaven

Gheorghe, Ana-Silvia
SC Albion Training SRL, Romania

Gibbons, Tamara
Cheltenham Ladies College

Giles, Sasha
The Ashcombe School

Greenwood, Julian
Oldham Hulme Grammar Schools

Guan, Zhuo
Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore

Gullo, Antonio
St. Paul’s School, Brazil

Gunn, Alexandra
The Friary School

Hall Hickman, Frieda
The Woodroffe School

Halliwell, Gregory
Scarborough Hall School

Hardwick, Isobel
Prince Henry’s High School

Hawkins, Adam
Bourne Grammar School

Hawkins, Emma
Magdalen College School, Oxford

Hedges, Mathew
Shrewsbury School

Hemsworth, Amy
The Dixie Grammar School

Hobbis, Jessica
Bancrofts School

Hodges, Oliver
Hartwood House School

Hudson, Felicity
The Queen’s School, Chester

Hurford, Laura
Drayton Manor High School

Irwin, Lauren
Friends School Lisburn

Jones, Abigail
St Clement Danes School

Katz Roberts, Scarlet
Highgate School

Kaur Ruhi
The King’s School, Chester

King, Thomas Anthony John
Westminster School

Knec, Adam
Langley High School

Konstantinidou, Aikaterini
The British School of Kuwait

Kwofie, Terry
Wilson’s School

Lee, Youngseok
Lancing College

Leighton-Jones, Hannah
Lymn High School

Lu, Jiayao
Shanghai Pinghe School

Ma, Chun Hin
Sheng Kung Hu Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School

Mann, James
Westminster School

Miles, Samantha
Aylesford School and Sixth Form College, Warwick

Minichiello, Joe
Bishop’s Stortford College

Mohamed, Iqra
St Dominic’s Sixth Form College

Odwell, James
Sponne School

Pan, Wanruo
Shenzhen College of International Education

Parker, Chloe
Malvern St James

Peachey, Dominic
Berkhamsted School

Peng, Yilong
Shanghai Guanghua College - Fudan Campus

Penny, Benjamin
Eton College

Piltonen, Atte
University of Helsinki

Price, Peter
Bedales School, CCC Camb, City and Guilds of London Art School

Prottey, Madeline
St Brendan’s Sixth Form College

Quinn, Tacita
Kingsdale Foundation School

Radian, Rahul
Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Ramanathan, Ishan
Kolej Tuanku Ja’afar

Ratliffe, Joshua
Peter Symonds College

Rennison, Freya
Bristol Grammar School

Richter-mahr, Lucie
d’Overbroeck’s

Robinson, Edward
Eton College

Ryman, Joshua
The University of Birmingham School

Sabu, Davidson
Urmston Grammar School

Senior, Willow
Cranleigh School, Kingston University

Severn, Morgan
Harrowing School

Shanagher, Lily
Sir William Borlase’s Gramma School

Shuttleworth, Betty
St Pauls Girls School

Simcock, Elizabeth
Brighton College, Kingston University

Smart, Ruskun
Wellington College, Crowthorne

Steveni, Joseph
Reading School

Sutton, Lewis
SRC Bede Sixth Form

Tan, Kenneth
Torquay Boys Grammar School

POSTGRADUATES

In the 2018–2019 academic year, 120 students joined the College as postgraduates. These included:

Abdus Salam Sahl, Sahl
University of Nottingham

Albé, Francesco
Royal Holloway and Bedford College

Alarbi, Abeer
University of Minnesota

Armstrong, Sarah
University of Bristol
In the Undergraduate Admissions exercise 2018, St Edmund Hall received 645 applications for entry in 2019 and beyond (compared with 552 the previous year). Over 400 applicants were interviewed at the end of Michaelmas term. Almost all of 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 127 offers the previous year). Fifteen of these were open offers. In addition, 2 deferred offers of places were made, for entry in Michaelmas term 2020. 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), 48% of offers of undergraduate places were made to male applicants and 52% to female. The applicants receiving offers comprised 72% UK nationals and 28% of students from overseas, both in the EU and from non-EU countries. In respect of previous education, 62% of UK applicants receiving offers were from state schools, 38% from independent schools.

Graduate offer-holders for entry in 2019-2020 represent over 35 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 2019 is approximately 110.

At the time of the Magazine going to print, this year’s Graduate Admissions exercise had so far seen the Hall consider 274 applications.

### STUDENT ADMISSIONS EXERCISES

### COLLEGE AWARDS, PRIZES AND GRANTS

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#### A helping hand for Freshers as they arrive at the Hall

- Saxena, Mayur
  - Birla Institute of Technology and Science, India
- Seiter, David
  - University of Manchester
- Sharkey, Michael
  - The Queens University Belfast
- Shields, Paul
  - Stanford University
- Sigmon, Jeremy
  - Washington University St Louis MO
- Small, Scott
  - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Solberg, Hans Robin
  - University of Oslo
- Sommers, Rachel
  - Columbia University
- Speed, Rachael
  - University of Cambridge
- Steiner, Alyssa
  - Universität Basel Switzerland
- Tan, Zong Hao
  - University of Oxford
- Tann, Victoria
  - University of Durham
- Underwood, Joshua
  - University of Queensland

#### VISITING STUDENTS 2018–2019

- Armstrong, Caroline
- Benavides, Arabella
- Boyd, Olivia
- Briere, Katellynn
- Brown, Andrew
- Chen, Zhijian
- Cheng, Yuwei
- Chiama, Kristen
- Chian, Kelly
- Chon, Angela
- Datta, Teresa
- Davis, Alexandra
- Deming, Zachary
- Edmonson, Michael
- Fallon, Tressa
- Feng, Grace
- Goldstein, Benjamin
- Jiang, Xi
- Jin, Yanhao
- Karki, Saket
- Kennedy, Caroline
- Liu, Lijia
- Liu, Ziyu
- Marino, Carolyn
- Miller, Landon
- Moore, Karlin
- Nam, Kireem
- Norton, Katelyn
- O’Connor, Liam
- Padchonga, Gemma
- Piccione, Madeline
- Poutard, Klara
- Qian, Clarissa
- Sawyers, Sam
- Siegel, Kristen
- Smith, Parker
- Song, Xirui
- Soysal, Zeynep Irem
- Sweeney, Thomas
- Tao, Ran
- Tir, Selma
- Venator, Rachel
- Wei, Fangzhou
- Wei, Yi
- Wu, Xuhan
- Xiong, Ying
- Yang, Yuncong
- Yao, Haodong
- Yih, Imogen
- Yu, Natalie
- Zhang, Yihuang
- Zhang, Yuanhang
- Zhou, Tong
- Voda, Alexandru
- Voigt, Annika
- Johannes Gutenberg Universitat Mainz Germany
- Wang, Qianluo
- University of Manchester
- Weber, Samuel
- Southern Methodist University TX
- White, Benjamin
- University of Bath
- Wilson, Charlotte
- University of Liverpool
- Wishingrad, Sarah
- Stanford University
- Yin, Mengjie
- University of Manchester
- Yuan, Anqi
- University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
- Zivanovic, Dorde
- University of Belgrade Serbia and Montenegro
- Zor, Ceren
- University of Oxford
- Zurke, Yasemin-Xiomara
- University of Oxford

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Jia Jiang
Jack Johnson
Jacob Kearney
Thomas Knight
Tanisha Koshy
Mateusz Kotowski
Jessica Palmer
Buttery Bursary
Ella Khan
Bernard Bewlay Science and Engineering Bursary
William Ainsworth
Chevron Award
Annabel Elleray
Sacchidanandan Pillai
Gareth Roberts Award
Annabel Elleray
gun Freshwater
Tereza Pusca
Graham Hamilton Travel Award
Chun Hin Ma
J R Hughes Book Prize for Geography
Edward Gillow
Instrumental Award
Andrea Fortier
Richard Luddington Prize for Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement
Gianfranco Messina
Richard Luddington Prize for Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement (for 2017-2018)
Ravinder Hayer
Graham Midgley Memorial Prize for Poetry
Alexander Matraxia

College Organ Scholars
Viraj Alimchandani
(Hertford College)
College Choral Scholars
Thomas Bricknell
Venetia Campbell
College Choral Exhibitioners
Olivia Payne
Annabel Redman
Alexandra Wood
College Exhibitioners
Tom Bunn
Katerina Dangas
Aditya Doshi
Annabel Elleray
Bethany Goodfellow
Sophie Greenfeld
Rebecca Jordon
Progress Prizes 2018-2019
Birgit Baars
Katie Baker
Montgomery Beresford
Ambre Bertrand
Marceline Bresson
Eleanor Brown
James Bunyan
Stephen Dolan
Jenna Elliott
Charlotte Firkins
Alexander Fuss
Aularian Prize
Maggie Chen
George Barner Prize for Contribution to Theatre
Anushka Chakravarti
Ann Taylor Bursary
Alexandra Wood
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A further 28 students received the University’s income-related HSBC, Moritz-Heyman, Reuben, and Santander Bursaries.

**UNIVERSITY AWARDS AND PRIZES**

**Gibbs Prize**
Jack Johnson

**Proxime Accessit**
Stephen Walsh
Jack Rogers

**Department of Materials Prize for Best Team Project Design**
Jeremy Steed
Bradley Young

**J C A Meldrum Fieldwork Prize for the best Tenerife Fieldwork Report**
Jack Rogers

**J C A Meldrum Essay Prize for the best three extended essays in FHS Geography**
Jack Rogers

**Proxime Accessit**
Christian Lindsay

**David Cram Prize Best Performance in Prelims Linguistics**
Katie Baker

**Department of Physics Prize for the BA project**
Viktoria Noel

**COLLEGE GRADUATE AWARDS AND PRIZES**

**William Asbrey BCL Scholarship**
Joshua Underwood

**William Asbrey Postgraduate Law Scholarship**
Amédée Von Moltke

**E P A Cephalosporin Scholarship**
Tarit Konuntakiet

**Kerr-Muir Scholarship**
Sarah Armstrong

**E P A Cephalosporin Scholarship**
John Cully
Laura González Salmerón

**Michael Pike Award**
Anna Gleizer

**St Edmund Hall Association Presidents’ Prize**
Molly Ross

**Simonian Prize for Excellence in Leadership**
Alex Kumar
Ben Fernando
Molly Simpson

**C O L L E G E  A N D  U N I V E R S I T Y  B U R S A R I E S**

A total of 44 students received the income-related Oxford Bursary. The College components of these bursaries were supported by: 1971 and 1972 Aularians; Aularian Chris Armitage in honour of his parents Charles and Edith Armitage; the generous bequest of Aularian Mr William Asbrey; Beaverbrooks the Jewellers; River Farm Foundation; Aularian Mr Tony Best in honour of his parents Mr and Mrs Ron Best; Aularian David Harding and Mrs Gale Harding; Aularian Tony Laughton and Mrs Jane Loughton; Aularian Dan Levy; Aularian Mr Peter Johnson; Mrs Dorothy Pooley, Mrs Lucy Webber and Mrs Frances George in memory of their father, Aularian Mr Philip Saul; Aularians Mr David and Mrs Judith Waring; Mr Lawrence Elliot’s benefaction; and many Aularians in memory of Sir David Yardley and Carol McClure.
DEGREE RESULTS
Candidates who have agreed to their results being published.

FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS 2019

Biochemistry
Class I Mitchell Dowding, Mateusz Kotowski
Class II i Natalie Beadle, Dominykas Lukauskis

Cell and Systems Biology
Class II i Katherine Fodder, Joseph Morris

Chemistry BA
Pass Eleanor Bagshaw

Chemistry MChem
Class I Fergus Neve
Class II i Jemilat Kazeem, Hannah Lawrence

Earth Sciences
Class II i James Davies, Elizabeth Griffiths, Alicia Kaplan, Jack Mustafa, Joseph Nathan, Amber Pavey, Harry Taylor

Economics & Management
Class II i David James-Cheesman, Thomas Lawrence, Christopher O’Connor, Edward Turner

Engineering Science BA
Class II i Daniel Lock

Engineering Science MEng
Class I Douglas Chesterton, Ion Stagkos Efstathiadiis
Class II i Lai Chun Chong, Shui Liu, Tarquin Stephenson
Class II ii Hector van Smirren

English Language & Literature
Class I Katie Dent, Matthew Franks, Alexander Matraxia
Class II i Noah Vickers, Catherine Winterton

English & Modern Languages
Class II i Anushka Chakravarti

Fine Art
Class I Harry Coday, Mary Gatenby, Jessica Palmer
Class II i Kirsty Clark, Francesca Nava

Geography
Class I Christian Lindsay, Benedict MacLeod, Jack Rogers
Class II i Toby Bunn, Sophie Greenfield, Molly Simpson

History
Class I Frederick Leo, Xan Gilmour

Pontigny Scholarship
Frederik Sørensen Gemedu Blen Taye

Principal’s Discretionary Scholarship
Benjamin Fernando

Routledge Scholarship
Anna Garson

NERC DTP-St Edmund Hall RCUK Partnership Award
Marc Ewenz Rocher

Gao and Ning DPhil Chemistry Conference Award
Tatchamapron Yoskamkorn

Postgraduate Writing-up Grants
Lewis Bremner Yuval Etgar
Ryan Daniels

Mrs Brown Bursary
Mayur Saxena Mildred Campbell Whiteley
Benjamin White

MCR 50th Anniversary
Jake Arthur Katie Johnston
Chen Gong

PARTNERSHIP GRADUATE AWARDS AND PRIZES

Clarendon Fund and Brockhues Scholarship
Jake Arthur

Clarendon Fund and Justin Gosling Scholarship
Thomas Kittel

Clarendon Fund and St Edmund Hall Graduate Scholarship
Iva Atanaskovic Nicola Kuhn
Tomás Borca Jane Millar
Michael Coughlan Godofredo Jr Ramizo
Isabel Creed Scott Small

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AWARDS AND PRIZES

IITM Dunn School
Cherrelle Dacon

Routledge Scholarship
Anna Garson
Class II i Harjas Dhillon, Ellen Kerslake, Annabel Melvin, Jago
Thomas, Alice Tithecott

Jurisprudence
Class I Hazel Doran, Liam Edwards
Class II i Rebecca Hilton, Tanisha Koshy, Jordan Warren

Jurisprudence (with Law in Europe)
Class II i Alexandria Davis

Materials Science
Class II i Michael Good, Nathan Lowe, John Orbell, Oliver Padovan

Mathematics BA
Class II i Tabitha Sparks

Mathematics
Class I Damian Czarnecki, Dhaval Desai, Jia Zhi Jiang

Mathematics & Philosophy BA
Class II i Cesar Candelon

Mathematics & Philosophy MMathPhil
Class II i Rowena Conway

Mathematical & Theoretical Physics
Class I Nicholas Daultry Ball, Daven Ho, Yui Ming Mike Lau

Medical Sciences
Class I Rebecca Jurdon, Tomasz Szeligowski
Class II i Abdu Ahmed, Lydia Koffman

Modern Languages
Class I Lara McNeil, Johanna von Kietzell
Class II i Charles Allen, Niamh Elain

Neuroscience
Class I Jacob Kearney

Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Class II i Sophie Dangerfield, Aditya Doshi, Samuel Gibb, Christopher
Johnson, William Mason

Physics BA
Class I Viktoria Noel
Class II i John Gray

Physics MPhys
Class II i Yubin Zhong

Physics & Philosophy
Class I Jack Johnson

Psychology
Class II i Lewis Webb

Psychology, Philosophy & Linguistics
Class I Ellena Gale, Stephen Walsh

HIGHER DEGREES
Diploma in Legal Studies
Birgit Baars

Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil)
Biochemistry: Josip Ahel, Abigail Harris
Chromosome and Developmental Biology: James Holder
Clinical Medicine: Martin Attwood
Clinical Neurosciences: An Vanhaesebrouck
Earth Sciences: Gemma Prata
Engineering Science: Goran Banjac, Daniel Barba Cancho, Bartolomeo Stellato
Environmental Research (NERC DTP) – Zoology: Elizabeth Raine
Geography and the Environment: Pierre-Louis Choquet, Rafael Pereira
Inorganic Chemistry: Ross Green, Jose Reyes Sanchez, Maren Scharbert, Tim
Stoesser, Yawei Tang
Law: Daisy Ogembo
Medical Sciences: Alexander Hamilton
Medieval and Modern Languages: Jennifer Bunselmeier,
Organic Chemistry: Sabine Weidlich
Pathology: Isabel Wassing
Physiology Anatomy and Genetics: Tonia Thomas
Population Health: Abigail Enoch, Juliane Williams
Systems Approaches to Biomedical Science (EPSRC & MRC CDT): Marion Schuller
Theory and Modelling in Chemical Sciences (EPSRC CDT): Domagoj Fijan

Master of Fine Art (MFA)
Andrea Fortier (Distinction), Anna Gleizer (Distinction)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
2018
Nature Society and Environmental Governance: Marcel Metzner

2019
Economics: Jules Duberga, Tom Schwantje
History of Science, Medicine and Technology: Josefine Løchen (Distinction)
International Relations: Valentina Pegolo
Modern Chinese Studies: Tereza Pusca
Middle Eastern Studies: Jessica Page
Bachelor of Medicine (BM BCh)
Leslie Dickson-Tetteh, Alexandra Lindsay-Perez (Distinction), John Logan, Olivia Payne

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
2018
Wael Ballouk, Lisiate Fifita, Avinash Jha, Iain Mandale, Napala Pratini, Nicholas Tang (Distinction), Marte Van Oort (Distinction), Takuro Yoshimura (Distinction)

Master of Science (MSc)
2018
Biodiversity, Conservation and Management: Alexandre Prescott-Cornejo, Spyros Xenofontos
Economic and Social History: Joseph Conlan
Education: Alison Burke, Tiffany Wu (Distinction)
Learning and Teaching: Christopher Fountain (Distinction), Jonathan Smith
Nature Society and Environmental Governance: Leo Lerner, Rosemary Sibley, Elana Sulakshana (Distinction), George Thompson (Distinction)
Neuroscience: David Dineen, Ioana Grigoras
Pharmacology: Hoi Yi Cheung, Yasemin-Xiomara Zurke
Psychological Research: Carolina Guzman Holst
Social Science of the Internet: Amber Westerholm–Smyth
Statistical Science: Jaeben Lee, Chengyu Ouyang, Patrick Stewart (Distinction)
Visual Material and Museum Anthropology: Evgeniya Gorbanenko (Distinction), Isaac Mayne (Distinction)

2019
Criminology and Criminal Justice: Racheal Sommers
Financial Economics: Erik Kekonius, Anqi Yuan (Distinction)
Integrated Immunology: Daniel Beckers
Mathematical and Computational Finance: Congran Lu, Qianluo Wang
Pharmacology: Liuyu He Xia
Refugee and Forced Migration Studies: David Seitzler
Russian and East European Studies: Harry Liuba-Carmichael (Distinction)

Master of Studies (MSt)
English: Sigrid Koerner, Victoria Tann (Distinction)
History: Martin Babicka (Distinction), Teresa Barucci (Distinction), George Hadley, Morgan Jones, Sarah Wishingrad (Distinction)
General Linguistics and Comparative Philology: Andrew Dinwoodie (Distinction)
Modern Languages: Francesco Albé (Distinction), Zhixin Chen (Distinction)

Master of Public Policy (MPP)
2018
Jon Ahlberg (Distinction), Sakaria Ali

Magister Juris (MJur)
Boya Jiang

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)
Neil Deacon, Joshua Underwood (Distinction)

Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil)
Zepo Yang

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Cecelia Russell, Rachel Speed, Charlotte Wilson

DIPLOMA IN STRATEGY & INNOVATION
In the summer of 2019, the first group of Oxford Diploma in Strategy & Innovation students associated with the Hall completed the course. The 54 participants on this part-time Diploma course were based at the Saïd Business School and became Associate Members of the Hall.

DEGREE DAY DATES 2019-2020
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 2019–2020 will be published on this site as and when they are confirmed.

Taught course students who are due to finish their degrees in the 2019-2020 academic year will be invited by the 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-October 2018) or those wishing to have their MAs in person at a ceremony will need to request that their name be 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.
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Aularian support for the Hall continues to be palpable in your attendance at events and in the generous gifts you make, with the SEHA London Dinner enjoying a record attendance of 222 and fundraised income totalling £5.6m, surpassing last year’s record of £5m.

As you will read in section 7 of this Magazine, January 2019 saw the 78th SEHA London Dinner with 222 Aularians joining together at 100 Wardour Street to both re-acquaint and make new friends. For many, this was also a first introduction to Principal Katherine Willis, who spoke of her ambition for the Hall. The dinner is made possible by the dedication of the SEHA Committee and our thanks go to the SEHA President, David Waring (1987, Geography) and committee members, Christopher Elston (1976, Engineering) and Richard Finch (1976, Modern Languages) for their notable contribution. May I take this opportunity to pay tribute to Richard who now steps down, having organised 38 dinners, 12 of which were together with his father Francis H Finch (1933, French) who preceded Richard as Honorary Dinner Secretary.

A number of other regional events took place across the UK (Bath, Manchester and Edinburgh) and in the US (the 34th New York Dinner). Our series of Teddy Talks are increasingly popular and our thanks to the panellists who took part in talks ranging from Aularian Women in the Modern Economy to Alzheimer’s: how the NHS/State is responding & living with the disease and future gazing.

In Oxford we continue to host anniversary dinners, reunions and the ever-popular parent events. In 2018–2019, 1,690 Aularians or Friends of the Hall attended an event.

From 2020 onwards we believe we can enhance the 10th, 20th and 30th reunion event by bringing together neighbouring year groups so there is an opportunity to re-connect with those who were at the Hall at the same time, but not necessarily in the same year group.

The biennial Floreat Aula Legacy Society Weekend once again offered an opportunity for the Hall to thank those who have chosen to remember the Hall in their will, with 99 Aularians joining together in Oxford for an enjoyable programme of events including a guided tour of Christ Church and a workshop at the Historic Printing Press in the Bodleian Library. Once again, John Dunbabin (Emeritus Fellow and former Tutor in Politics at the Hall) curated the weekend programme and we are hugely grateful for the many years of dedication John has provided to ensure this event has a varied and interesting programme for us all to enjoy. John will now pass the baton to Professor Hugh Jenkyns (Emeritus Fellow and former Tutor in Earth Sciences) who will work with DARO to curate the 2021 event.

In 2018–2019, £1.1m of our total fundraised income was from the generous
bequests of 12 individuals and further thanks go to the 66 Aularians who have, this year, informed us that they intend to remember the Hall in their will, taking the total number of planned givers to 298. We recognise the responsibility that comes with such benefactions and legacies are used sensitively by the College to secure the future of the Hall, with recent bequests endowing teaching, scholarships and enabling the completion of our renovation of 26 Norham Gardens.

Our thanks also go to the 1,211 Aularians and Friends of the Hall who made generous gifts throughout the year in support of the Annual Fund. In July 2019, the Hall ran its first-ever Giving Day, using both social media and e-mail to show the dynamism of Hall life. 268 people made gifts from the four continents of Asia, Australia, North America and Europe, demonstrating the truly global nature of the Hall community.

Aularians continue to contribute major gifts to advance key initiatives, including scholarships, bursaries, arts and sports, as well as creating new opportunities, such as our living Green Wall and the appointments of Early Career Teaching & Research Fellows and a Data and Outreach Manager. A number of Aularians have ‘grouped together’ to achieve a fundraising goal and our thanks to the founders of the Buttery Bursary and members of the 1971 and 1972 year-groups for their collective support.

This year we also received a very significant donation from The Potanin Foundation. This munificent gift will endow an Associate Professorship and Tutorial Fellowship in Earth Sciences and will create a Research Fund to advance research projects between Oxford and Russian academics and institutions in the field of Earth Sciences (Geology). Our most sincere thanks to Vladimir Potanin and his foundation team for their generosity and camaraderie.

In 2019 the DARO Team said a fond farewell to Emily Ding and welcomed Natalie Clarke. I am hugely grateful to the DARO team of Sally Brooks, Kate Townsend and Thomas Sprent for their commitment and dedication to the Aularian community.

The Hall also welcomed Claire Parfitt as the Communications Manager, taking the reins from Dr Claire Hooper who, after joining the staff in 2012–2013 and giving dedicated service, moved to the School of Geography & the Environment at the start of Trinity term 2019.

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

Gareth Simpson

DONORS TO THE HALL
FROM 1 AUGUST 2018 TO 31 JULY 2019
The Principal, Fellows and students are all extremely grateful for the support of the 1,211 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.

*denotes deceased

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John Young
1957 (28%, £16,819)
Michael Archer
Ted Aves
Robin Blackburn
David Bolton
Blake Bromley
Duncan Dormor
Tony Ford
Richard Hope
Dennis Jesson
Colin Nichols
David Parfitt
Michael Rowan
Stewart Shepley
Mike Somers
Alastair Stewart
John Walmsley
Peter Wilson
1958 (30%, £20,903)
Chris Alborough
Jim Amos
John Bean
Mike Beard
Gordon Crosse
John Davie
Peter Davies
Jim Dening
Andrew Garrod
Tony Goddard
David Harrison OBE
John Haydon
Ronne Irving
Mike Jarman
Henry Koschitzky
Richard Linforth
Tony Nial
David Phillips
Philip Rabbetts
John Reis
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1959 (32%, £152,096)
Ian Alexander
Hinton Bird
Keith Bowen
John Chapman
D.C. Coleman
Giles Conway-Gordon
Terence Cooper
Kevin Crossley-Holland
John Curry
Tony Doyle
Patrick Frost
Chris Harvey
Ian Hepburn
Graham Kentfield
James Kerr-Muir
Culain Morris
Mike Oakley
John Rayner
Alan Rowland
Brian Saberton
Mike Saltmarsh
John Spiers
Michael Voisey
Stewart Walduck
Ian Walker
Roy Walmsley
John Walters
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1960 (41%, £14,409)
John Adey
Nicolas Alldrit
Chris Atkinson
David Baines
Terence Bell
David Bolton
Adam Butcher
Robert Clark
Terence Coghlin
Jeremy Cook
Keith Dillon
Ian Evans
Jeff Goddard
Peter Hayes
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David Henderson
Robin Hogg
John Law
Chris Long
Yann Lovelock
David Mash
Melvyn Matthews
Francis Pocock
Patrick Sankey-Barker
John Sherman
George Smith
Roger Sparrow
John Thorogood
Andrew Tod
Guy Warner
Alan Wilding
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1961 (34%, £17,327)
Don Anderson
Robin Bratchley
David Brown
Martin Buckley
Bob Chard
Sidney Donald
Richard Goddard
Rex Harrison
Michael Hornsby
Malcolm Inglis
Nick Lloyd
John Long
Jim Marsh
Jonathan Martin
Peter Day
Hugh Redington
Anthony Rentoul
Andrew Rix
David Scharer
Sir Martin Smith via the
Martin Smith Foundation
Roger Smith
David Smith
Jean-Paul Sodarc
David Timms
Timothy Torrington
Stephen White
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1962 (24%, £7,068)
Ian Bennett
David Buckingham
James Burnett-Hitchcock
Michael Butler
Christopher Cowles
Jeff Creek
Arthur Davis
Jim de Rennes
Bill Gulland
Michael Hamilton
Handley Hammond
Roger Hayward Smith
David Hicks
Richard Holland
Arwyn Hughes
Tim Jones
Richard Meeres
Tony Moore
Nigel Pegram
Richard Philippo
Hugh Thomas
John Williams
Plus 2 anonymous donors
1963 (29%, £11,178)
Darrell Barnes
David Baxter
Stephen Benson
Peter Brennan
Bob Brewer
Bob Broughton
Nicholas Bulmer
David Cox
John Crawshaw
Colin Day
Geoff Day
Max Foxon
Edward Gould
Colin Harding
Michael Harrison
Tom Jeffers
Michael Metcalfe
Rod Offer
Clive Sneddon
John Still
John Taylor
Nigel Thorp
Roger Truelove
Plus 4 anonymous donors
1964 (14%, £5,135)
Peter Day
Derek Hawkins
Peter Hodson
Chris Howe
Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Tony Lems
Tim Machin
David Meredith
Brian Moulds
James Pitt
Michael Powis
David Rumbelow
Hugh Simpson
Peter Smerd via The
Susan and Peter Smerd
Philanthropic Fund of
the Jewish Federation of
Greater Pittsburgh
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1965 (22%, £70,152)
Paul Badman
Joe Barclay
John Dennis
Paul Fickling
Simon Gatrell
Ian Gillings
Derek Harrison
Ken Hobbs
Ron McDonald
Thomas Mulvey
Brian North
Billett Potter
David Powell
John Rea
David Reed
Ted Roskell
John Sayer
Philip Spray
Bill Walker
Richard White
Richard Wycherley
Plus 1 anonymous donor
1966 (24%, £9,779)
Cam Brown
Paul Brown
Roger Brown
Nigel Clarke
Howard Coates
Bernie Collins
Guy Fisher
Roger Frankland
Ted Hodgson
Peter Jenkins
John Kilbee
David Knight
Carl Mawer
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On Saturday 30 March the Principal, Professor Katherine Willis, led a discussion on the topical question ‘Can we put a price on biodiversity?’ and the Chaplain, the Revd Will Donaldson, spoke about the life of St Edmund.

The Society puts on record its gratitude for the work done by John Dunbabin, who retired as its Secretary this year. His successor is another Emeritus Fellow of the Hall, Professor Hugh Jenkyns.

More than 60 new members were enrolled in the Society during 2018–2019, and they are all warmly welcomed. These include:

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Plus 4 people who have written the Hall into their will but wish to remain anonymous.

The next FALS dinner in 2021 is still in the planning stage and invitations will be sent out to members in due course.
They say that you perform at the level of the average of the three individuals with whom you spend the most time. Alarmingly in my case that is often my dogs and my cat. I honestly believe that in the eight weeks I spent living once again in Teddy Hall, as the inaugural Writer in Residence, my IQ rose dramatically. The conversations at lunch and dinner with the Senior Common Room and with students I tutored on creative writing or sat next to at mealtimes – how does the brain compensate for physical injuries? what can go wrong in nuclear reactors? how exactly does quantitative easing work? why were medieval German nuns so fond of love poetry? – were fascinating in their own right and I am sure they also had a considerable IQ-elevating effect.

Most of us have wondered what it would be like to go back to university with the benefit of age and experience. I was lucky enough to do that.

What did I do during my Residency?

I aimed to inspire and assist the writing of others in College – undergraduates, graduates, staff – editing and commenting on their work, advising them on the business aspects of the publishing world and providing oxygen for their ambitions and company in what is essentially a lonely pursuit.

I chose to immerse myself again in College life, attending concerts and lectures, working in the library, admiring the art, socialising, learning, soaking up the beauty and the spirit of the Hall, and just being. My hope was that my own writing would flourish and that I would find inspiration for a new novel in the marvellous edifice that is Teddy Hall: bricks, mortar, history and people.

I also gave a number of talks: one to the PPE annual dinner in whose honour I conjured an ode to PPEists (see below), another on the origins of inspiration with Professors Paul Matthews and Charlie Stagg, the wonderful neuroscientists of the Centre for the Creative Brain, along with Robin Carhart-Harris of Imperial, a leading researcher into the use of LSD in treating drug resistant depression and sparking inspiration.

And I reflected. I tried to recall my earlier self. I wanted to see things with her eyes but she was elusive. Her gaze had long since morphed into mine and in a strange way all was new yet also familiar.

The first thing of note was that there were many more women – but I had never felt in any way in a minority when I was at Teddy Hall first time round, even though I had been. I and my fellow women had been made extremely welcome. The Hall opened up to us as if we’d always been there. As it did to me again, this time.
In search of my younger self, I walked in her footsteps, albeit somewhat earlier than she did.

Every day, I’d set off at 6 am to explore Oxford. Empty of tourists, empty of almost anyone, the solitude, the beauty, the darkness and the timelessness of the city were particularly inspiring. I could have been noctivagating twenty-five years earlier – or five hundred years earlier – and the streets, the magical setting, the power of the place would have been largely unchanged.

I took to wondering what it would have been like in the 1660s, a period I have always found fascinating. I would stop, close my eyes and fly back and forth from the 21st to the 17th Century and back again. And so, the inchoate outlines of a novel began to form.

I have always found the act of walking particularly conducive to the formation of ideas. I think it casts you into a meditative state of passive receptivity.

Normally when I write a book I have a fairly fixed idea of where it is going but here I deliberately left that open with no preconceptions as to the type of book I was going to write until I arrived, immersed myself, and until inspiration guided me in a certain direction. With my IQ raised by the Hall, with the power of place, with the time and perspective granted by the Residency, aided by the meditative act of walking, my writing took shape in a different way.

Perhaps one of the Residency’s extra values is that it allows you to be less prescriptive and proscriptive and more creative. And that after all is the spark we all seek.

I hope the writing of those I tutored will flourish. I know of one particular case where an agent and a publishing contract are tantalisingly close.

For my part, six months on, the first draft in my St Edmund Hall Trilogy is complete.

I travelled back in time in more ways than one during my Residency.

Ode To PPEists

With apologies to Rudyard Kipling

IF you can keep your head when all about you
Are in the red and blaming it on you,
If you can doubt your bank when others trust it,
And extract your money ’fore they form a panicked queue;
If you can wait and take the long view,
And filter out the braying of the pack,
If you can adapt when your models go askew,
And correct your error with another tack,
If you can dream – and turn those dreams to action
If you can think – and through your thoughts take aim;
If you can meet with Trump and Putin
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by emotion to bait a trap for fools,
Or watch your finest logic broken,
By those armed not with reason but with mob-rule:
If you can post on Twitter and keep your virtue,
Walk the boardroom but not lose the common touch,
If neither lobbyists nor journalists can hurt you,
If (financial) models count with you, but none too much;
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And NOT risk it on a tranche of sub-prime,
If you can sell when others buy
And hold your nerve and ride your time
If you can ask what nobody thinks to,
And dare to question the established trend,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And – which is more – you’ll be a PPEist my friend!

Linda Davies

(For more information about Linda and her writing, go to Twitter @LindaDaviesAuth and www.linda.davies.com, www.longbowgirl.com, www.amazon.co.uk/Linda-Davies.)
REMEMBERING GEORGE

Last year’s Magazine reported the History Faculty’s decision to establish an undergraduate prize in memory of the Hall’s Dr George Ramsay FRS. One of Dr Ramsay’s pupils, Dr Dave Postles, writes:

In 2019 it is anticipated that the initial award will be made of the George Ramsay Prize for the best undergraduate performance in early-modern History. Some reflections are offered here on studying under George in the late 1960s.

George tutored all the early-modern and modern British History papers, British History II and III, early-modern European History (two papers), and the Special Subject in Economic History 1485–1715. For the British History papers, which were compulsory, he arranged tutorials of two undergraduates; but for other papers, tutorials often consisted of a single person.

When two students were involved, the tutorials were quite formal. You waited outside his door for the preparatory ‘One moment, please’, until receiving the invitation ‘Come’. In those days there were no reading lists, not even typed handouts for reading, but at the end of the tutorial George gave a verbal list of the wide-ranging recommended reading. It was apparently recited without recourse to any prepared notes. If you were diligent, you scurried off to the History Faculty Library (then on Merton Street) in my case, or the Radcliffe Camera, to find the full bibliographical information. In the single-person tutorials, he was more informal – and even more so at the collective gatherings at his house. On these occasions, George, a consummate pianist, confided that he often struck chords on his typewriter. Once he also confessed that he had pursued a doctorate because his first degree was inadequate; it transpires that his result was a ‘safe first’ (reported in an obituary by R B Wernham). This divulgence and others reflected George’s genuine modesty.

In 1968, the History Faculty Reform Committee, a coalition of undergraduates and postgraduates interested in change in the Faculty, curriculum and procedures, asked undergraduates to convene meetings with their tutors to discuss change. George attended the meeting in the Hall with unmitigated interest, in his customary goodhearted manner. He listened, contributed where appropriate, and agreed to some changes.

In my relatively uninformed opinion, George’s research ‘output’ was deferred by his heavy tutorial load. After his retirement, he produced a welter of publications. I well remember Ian Blanchard reviewing the year’s literature in the Economic History Review and pinpointing George’s article on a saint (Thomas More) in the City. Above all, however, George Ramsay was a most generous man and certainly the kindest academic that I have encountered.

Dave Postles (1967, History)

ST EDMUND’S OTHER HALL

The Priory of Catesby in Northamptonshire was established in c.1175, coincidently at approximately the same time that the future Saint Edmund of Abingdon was born. The Priory was founded by Robert de Esseby and endowed with the church of Catesby and many lands, properties and mills in the parish and in neighbouring parishes.

On her deathbed, Mabel, Edmund’s formidable mother, committed his two sisters Margaret and Alice to their brother’s care, leaving him a sum of money to gain their admission into a conven of high standing. By this time Edmund had become Archbishop of Canterbury, with a reputation for learning, personal asceticism and strict observance of monastic discipline. Rather than seeking admission for his sisters into a conven of high standing he instead sought a house that would accept them for their piety and he selected Catesby where they were warmly welcomed by the prioress.

When Edmund died in Soisy in France in 1240 he left to his sisters his grey camlet cloak and a silver tablet engraved with figures of the Virgin and Child that he habitually carried. Within a very short time after his death miracles associated with Edmund began to be reported and he was canonized in 1246. The cloak and silver tablet at Catesby became relics and were themselves associated with miracles and helped to support the development of the Priory as a pilgrimage site bringing with it prosperity to the area. Perhaps unsurprisingly, on the death of the prioress in 1245 Edmund’s elder sister Margaret was elected in her place and was to hold office until her death in 1257.

The rights to hold a weekly market were granted to Margaret in 1246 and two years later came the grant to hold a three-day fair focusing on the Translation of St Edmund on 9 June, when his body had been taken up from his grave in Pontigny and reburied in a more honourable sepulchre there. In the late 13th Century the commerce generated by the markets and pilgrimages helped develop an area called ‘Shopes’ beyond the boundary walls of the precinct. This provided retail goods for visitors and accommodation for the lay brothers and for tradesmen including bakers, butchers and tailors and for carpenters and masons needed for construction work at the priory. Surviving accounts show repairs carried out in 1415-16 on St Edmund’s bell tower and in 1449 on the boundary wall in front of St Edmund’s barn by a local mason. A path through the fields of Catesby became known as the ‘Pilgrim’s Way’ and offerings made at St Edmund’s altar were still being recorded in the early 15th Century.

Catesby Priory originated as a ‘double house’, a common feature of Cistercian sites, with several canons who served supporting roles to the Priory having their own facilities within the Priory precinct. By 1448-49 there were three halls: one for the Prioress, one for the canons, and the great hall of Catesby known as St Edmund’s Hall – the administrative centre of the household and a guesthouse.
for prestigious visitors, with a high table furnished with an expensive linen cloth. The likely site of St Edmund’s Hall has been identified to the north of the priory abutting the north wall of the precinct.

Catesby was not immune to the plagues and depressions of medieval England and these, together with the far greater popularity of Abingdon as a site of worship for St Edmund, saw a deterioration in the local community. An episcopal visitation in 1442 revealed maladministration and scandalous tales of immorality: the prioress was suspended in 1445. There was a programme of restoration and in 1453–1454 St Edmund’s Hall was rebuilt, the large timbers required coming from the Forest of Arden.

The restoration programme seems to have achieved its end because in May 1536 the Priory at Catesby achieved a glowing report from the King’s commissioners for suppressing religious houses, reporting that “The house of Catesby we founde in very perfect order, the pireess a sure, wyse, discrete, and very religious woman with ix nunns under her obedyencye, as religious and devout and as good obedyencye as we have in tyme past seen or be lyke shall see.” The King was unmoved, however, and the Priory was closed in late 1536, the property falling into private hands and ultimately into decay.

Permission from the Northamptonshire Record Office to use material from an interdisciplinary study on ‘Catesby in the Middle Ages’ published in Northamptonshire Past and Present of 2001 and 2003 is gratefully acknowledged. Dr Jane Laughton was the historian for the project and had hoped to write a paper on Catesby and St Edmund’s Hall. She died in 2017 and this piece is contributed in her memory by her husband Tony Laughton (1954, Modern Languages).

ST EDMUND HOSTEL, CAMBRIDGE AND ST EDMUND HALL, OXFORD

Some time ago, I lived in Cambridge for two years. I came across a reference to a St Edmund Hostel, which had once existed as an academical institution in Cambridge. I was intrigued to discover if the same Edmund of Abingdon connected with St Edmund Hall, Oxford also had a connection with the Hostel in Cambridge. In this article I report what I have unearthed to date.

First, it is important to distinguish between St Edmund Hostel and St Edmund Priory in Cambridge. They are not the same institution. The Priory is named after St Edmund The Martyr (died 869), King of East Anglia. This Priory was an ecclesiastical institution for Gilbertine monks, established c. 1291. Furthermore, the present St Edmund College in Cambridge is unrelated to the Hostel: it is connected with the school of the same name in Ware.

St Edmund Hostel was an academical building, into which students matriculated. It appears to have been primarily a place for students of jurisprudence. I have been able to identify some of its members from The Medieval Hostels of Cambridge by H P Stokes (1924):

1405: John Kirkby was Principal and Fellow. He previously may have been Sacrist at Barnwell Priory, Cambridge c. 1378; and may have been related to John Kirkby, Bishop of Ely (1288).

1445: The Hostel seems to have been in the possession of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Trinity Hall’s Master at this time (1443–1453) was Simon Dallyng. St Edmund Hostel was said to lie in the grounds of what is now King’s College. It is interesting that both St Edmund Hall and St Edmund Hostel had periods of being controlled by other academical institutions (the Hall of course being previously under the aegis of The Queen’s College).

1450: William Wetwang received an MA in this year. He was later ordained, but is also said to have practised medicine in London. (However, the reference is to ‘St Edmund House’ so may actually refer to the Priory.)

1516: Thomas Lovell was Principal. A Thomas Lovell had been High Steward of the University in 1509. He died in 1524. A Thomas Lovell was also a sub-dean at Bath and Wells in 1516.

1544: Richard Baker matriculated; as did Edmund Drury (born c. 1530).

So, St Edmund Hostel certainly existed in Cambridge as an academical institution. What of its naming, however?

I doubt whether the Hostel is named after Edmund The Martyr, since he already gave his name to the Priory. It is suggested in Stokes’s book The Medieval Hostels of Cambridge that the Hostel was named after a previous lay owner, Edmund Lyster. But in that case, why call it St Edmund? There is an interesting parallel with St Edmund Hall, Oxford: the diarist Anthony Wood (1632–1695) suggested that the early naming of the Hall was not for Edmund Rich of Abingdon but simply a reference to a citizen of Oxford, Edmund, a hatter by trade, who had previously held the lease.

So, is there a relation between St Edmund Hall, Oxford and St Edmund Hostel, Cambridge? The research is indicative but not conclusive. However, the following invaluable comments from Meghanne Flynne of Cambridge University Library’s Reference Department (whose assistance with my research I gratefully acknowledge) suggest that St Edmund’s Hostel was an independent entity:

‘The names of the Priory of St Edmund’s and St Edmund’s Hostel are conflated that Stokes does separate the two. I have transcribed the three entries from St Edmund’s Hostel from pp. 74–75 of Medieval Hostels below, exactly as it appears in the text:

35. St Edmund’s Hostel. (1.)
Caius (p.51) speaks of a Hostel of this name, “sed extra nostrum memoriam”; and Fuller remarks, “nomen patet, locus latet.” Richard Parker (p.192), under date 1340, records: “Hoc anno combusta est domis S. Edmundi Regis et Martyris Cantebriagiae cum omni Supelectile et Evidentiis”; though this probably refers to the house of the White Canons of St Edmund of Sempringham. “Standing in Trumpington Street, where is the sign of the Moon, near those old Gates call’d Trumpinton’s.” (This last is a mistake; the site is that of Addenbrooke’s Hospital.)

36. St Edmund’s Hostel (2.) stood on part of the site of King’s College; it was purchased by Henry VI from Simon Dallyng, Keeper of Trinity Hall, on 16 March 1445. It stood to the south of St Augustine’s Hostel in Milne Street; the boundaries being given by Willis and Clark (I, 342). It had formerly belonged to Edmund Lyster. (See also note 1 on the page just mentioned.)

Thomas Lovell was a former Principal thereof; other members were Richard Baker, Dr Drurye, Wm. Wetwang (M.A. 1480–1), etc.

A manuscript (Ec.6.31) in the University Library formerly belonged to St Edmund’s Hostel, being the gift of the venerable Mr John Hamworth. (See also M. R. James’s Trin. Coll. MSS., III, 408.)

37. St Edmund’s Hostel (3.)

According to MS. 369 (2) at Gonville and Caius College, there was in the year 1467 a Hospitium St Ed[mund] Regis, viz. Harlyston Place. As a part of the Hostel of St Nicholas, adjacent to St Edmund’s Hostel (1.), belonged to John Harleston, about this date (see Willis and Clark, I, p. 342, n.3), there may be some confusion about the entry at Gonville and Caius.

I checked the references Stokes makes to Willis and Clark’s The Architectural History of the University of Cambridge. There is a footnote describing the boundary lines of St Edmund’s Hostel as:

“St Edmund’s Hostel, a house formerly belonging to Edmund Lyster, is described as extending from Milne Street to the river, with a lane leading to ‘Walsh Hostel’, another name for S. Austin’s, on the north.” (p. 342).

There is further reference to dated correspondence between Henry VI and Simon Dallyng regarding boundary lines, and mention of Edmund Lyster in the Muniments of King’s College regarding the property.

Fuller and Nichols’s The History of the University of Cambridge and Waltham Abbey (1840) is frequently quoted in Stokes’s work, with one notable mention on St Edmund’s Hostel indicating that it was “reserved only for Civil or Canon lawyers”.

On balance, I would say that St Edmund Hostel, Cambridge, is a further place of study, along with other institutions, for example in Leicester and Northampton, set up to commemorate the acknowledged scholarship of Edmund Rich of Abingdon, who had been a noted teacher at Oxford and Paris.

Anthony McCarthy (1975, Modern Languages)

1 It may be significant to note that Edmund Rich (1170–1240), as Archbishop of Canterbury from 1234, was involved in legal arguments with King Henry III about upholding Magna Carta. In 1218 Rich was also involved in the legal aspects of peace talks with Llywelyn the Great.

SOME NOTES ON THE NAMING OF TEDDY HALL

It is said that the earliest documentary (rental note) reference to the Hall goes back to 1317.1

The account of Edmund Rich preaching in St Peter’s Churchyard is so well known as not to need further mention. However, there are other points to be made re Edmund Rich (1174-1240) and the Hall.

The defining characteristic of the Hall could be said to be its medieval Well in the Front Quad.

This Well is more significant than we may think. Ranulf Higden (1280–1364) was a historian and monk. He tells a story of Edmund Rich as a student wandering in an Oxford meadow and seeing a vision of the baby Jesus by a well. This vision was said to have been the stimulus for Rich’s dedication to monastic life. This Well became celebrated for its healing waters later.1 The area of the Well was known as St Edmund’s Furlong into the 17th Century. The diarist Anthony Wood knew the Well but described it as dry and overgrown in his day. Incidentally, this Well lay in what is now part of St Hilda’s by the Cherwell.

My point is that the Hall was known as much for the waters of the Well2 as for the name of St Edmund of Abingdon.

A final point is the traditional Cornish affiliations of the Hall. The above-mentioned Ranulph Higden was born in Cornwall. Prince Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, founded a chapel in 1288 in Abingdon.3 The Chapel was in honour of Edmund Rich. Some of the earliest Principals of the Hall were from Cornwall.

I would like to acknowledge the great help of Meghanne Flynn, Reference Department, Cambridge University Library, in compiling these notes.

Anthony McCarthy (1975, Modern Languages)

1 A B Emden’s famous book on the history of the Hall (1927)
2 Polychronicam
3 Christopher Lewis, The Field Names of Cowley
4 The Well has an inscription: haurietis aquas in gaudio de fontibus salvatoris (‘with joy, draw waters from the wells of salvation’). These are said to be Edmund Rich’s dying words.
5 A St Edmund’s Chapel was consecrated in 1253 in Dover. It relates to Edmund Rich.
FROM OXFORD (STEPHEN OF LEXINGTON) TO PARIS (COLLÈGE DES BERNARDINS)

Kindly contributed by Dr Marie-Hélène Marchand, International Affairs, Fondation des Bernardins.

The Collège des Bernardins, a new forum for intellectual and spiritual life in the heart of Paris, was created in the 13th Century by a noble English Cistercian monk, Stephen of Lexington. He was a disciple of St Edmund of Abingdon and studied with him at the University of Oxford. So being welcomed to St Edmund Hall in June 2019 was very meaningful to members of the managing team of the Bernardins!

What a wonderful experience to discover where the founder of the Collège des Bernardins had lived and studied before going to France, becoming the Abbot of Clairvaux, and finally creating a new college in Paris, breaking radically with the Cistercian tradition.

The influence of St Edmund proved to be determinant on Stephen of Lexington when he was Edmund’s disciple at Oxford in his school of theology: it is said that, probably in 1221, following an inspiring lecture by Edmund, Stephen was so impressed that he rose with six other students and straight away left to put on the monastic habit, seized by a sort of fire of charity. Later on, he became the Abbot of Stanley, and welcomed Edmund, advising him to moderate his expenses ‘so that it might last for himself and his household the whole year’ – advice which illustrated their fraternal relationship. The biographies of St Edmund refer to Stephen of Lexington as ‘the companion, secretary and pupil of Blessed Father Edmund, the faithful witness of his great virtues and an unwearied helper in his work’ (Life of St Edmund of Canterbury, by Wilfrid Wallace).

Like every English scholar of distinction at that time (including Edmund, who spent several years in Paris), Stephen came to France. He became Abbott of Clairvaux. In that capacity he took a spectacular decision: to build a college right in Paris to train young Cistercian monks and enable them to be close to their fellow citizens and share with them their queries and their anxiety about the meaning of life. Until then, the Cistercian abbeys were located in remote countryside places, settings which did not help the monks to understand their compatriots.

From his distinguished education, and training, Stephen was very well aware of the major intellectual revolution that Europe was experiencing at that time, with universities replacing monasteries as repositories of learning. Paris was developing rapidly and became a leading intellectual city. Unlike the Franciscans and the Dominican monks who walked around everywhere, and namely in the cities, the isolated Cistercian monks lacked training and were out of the intellectual debates. Stephen resented this situation and thought it best to give a new impulse to the Order by creating a college in Paris, even if it did not conform to the Cistercian tradition. The Order’s chapter voted against this proposal, but Stephen obtained the Pope’s support to move forward: he called the new building ‘Collège des Bernardins’ to show how much he was faithful to Saint Bernard himself.

The College was built between 1248 and 1252 on the left bank of the River Seine, and became a meeting point open to intellectual confrontation between Faith and Reason, playing for centuries a major role intellectual circles. During the French Revolution, monks had to leave the College, which went through different and painful utilisations (jail, grain storehouse, etc) and finally became a fire station in 1845! When the firemen left in 1995, the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, wanted to save this beautiful building, the only remnant of the University of Paris of the 13th Century, and registered as a ‘monument historique’. The Diocese bought it from the City of Paris in 2001 and undertook a spectacular rehabilitation – completing a daring project which gave back the College its original purpose to be a place of peaceful debates about the crucial issues facing mankind, taking into account the Catholic faith.

Where is mankind headed? An innovative three-dimensional approach helps people to address this topic: Education, Research, Art & Culture. The exchange of ideas and mutual enrichment are at the heart of the Collège des Bernardins’ project, with a full schedule of debates, seminars and conferences throughout the year where key politicians, business leaders, academics, writers, artists participate and bring their expertise.

Education: the College houses a centre for theological teaching named Ecole Cathédrale, aimed both at young and late beginners, or at those who want to go further, at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Open to all, the Ecole Cathédrale hosts more than 4,000 students a year and is enriched by dialogue with those of different beliefs.

Research is a major undertaking of the Collège des Bernardins and one of its defining characters. Six departments work on a two-year cycle, delivering the outcome of their work through seminars, public lectures and academic publishing. Each department has two co-heads, an expert in the relevant domain and a theologian. This double approach gives special depth and originality to the research work: scientists coming from different universities or other research
It records each individual, organised by College and Hall, and highlights in bold the names of those who died. Each name records the matriculation year as well as the date of joining the war. Viewing the Hall’s members shows the names of 213 men who served, including the 21 who were killed, such as John Henry Gare who died fighting at Cambrai some eight years after matriculating. The three armed services and diverse regiments are represented. Viewing the entries reveals 10 that appear to be Hall men who served in the US armed services. All have the date of 1917 as the starting date of service – the date that the USA joined the war effort – but intriguingly all have a matriculation date of 1919.

Insight into these ten Americans comes in an article in *The American Oxonian*, January 1920, providing the explanation for the 1919 matriculation date for all. After the Armistice a great proportion of the American Expeditionary Forces were to remain in Europe until the summer of 1919. General Headquarters decided to undertake some system of education for those officers and enlisted men who desired to devote their time to scholastic activities. 2,000 were allotted to the universities of Great Britain and the cohort of students assigned to Oxford and Cambridge were chosen by three UK officers.

The students selected for Oxford arrived on a snowy mid-March day at 8 o’clock in the morning. Easter Vacation began three days after they arrived and, depleted staff of tutors, it was deemed impracticable to give instruction during the vacation. Hence, many spent the six weeks touring the British Isles, while others attended various schools in London. The Americans matriculated and were in Oxford for the 1919 Trinity term. They attended lectures, and the disciplines studied ranged from Agriculture through History and Economics to Theology.

The name of one of the ten St Edmund Hall Americans, Harry S Gabriel, appears in the University Roll of Service just above that of the abovementioned John Henry Gare.

**HARRY S GABRIEL**
(8 Oct 1892 - 13 Jun 1959)

Harry Gabriel was born in Watkins Glen, NY; he attended local schools, entered Cornell University in 1910 and received a BS Degree in Agriculture, 1915. In September 1917 he entered the US Army: he was soon promoted to sergeant and was commissioned 2nd Lt in May 1918. He sailed to France, August 1918, as part of 316th Infantry, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Force, moving directly to the Front on his arrival there. He was promoted to Regimental Intelligence Officer, in which capacity he made several patrols that often took him into German lines. Twice cited for heroism for action on 3 November 1918, Harry was decorated with the French Croix de...
Guerre with a citation from Marshal Petain, commander-in-chief of the French Armies of the East. He also received the Distinguished Service Cross, presented by Brigadier General Mark L Hershey in 1920 while in Cambridge, MA. The citation read:

“... for extraordinary heroism in action at Milleville Farm, near Hill 378, Grand Montagne Sector, France, 3 Nov 1918. Between 0630 and 0900 he fought two platoons through a dense thicket against an unlocated enemy who resisted with constant artillery and machine gun fire. The two officers on his left were killed as well as his accompanying officer, Lt. Rudolph E. Peterson. Although his men were decimated, he rallied them four separate times and took command of the men originally on his left after their officers were killed, and renewed his assaults against hidden machine gun nests on Hill 378. His small group silenced seven machine guns and captured several prisoners. He reached his objective, Hill 378, in spite of terrific losses, definitely located the enemy, which was the main reason for the reconnaissance, and assisted in the capture of seven machine gun nests. Extraordinary courage, his coolness and superb devotion to duty, served as a constant inspiration to everyone in the 316th Infantry Regiment.”

Harry Gabriel was promoted to 1st Lt immediately following the Armistice. We can gain an insight to Harry's journey to Oxford, and his view of his time in the Hall during Trinity 1919, from the archives at Cornell University which contain his papers and his letters home, many written on Hall headed notepaper.

1. Letter of Thurs., 13 Feb 1919: (from France)

... I put in for an English University. A few officers and men are applying for a chance to attend these institutions. We have to agree to stay the term but which closes Jun 30 1919. But as we won't get home before that time anyway, probably, I thought I would try for it. I didn't expect to land the chance for there are too many applying and too few openings.

2. Letter of Wed., 12 March 1919: (from Liverpool)

... I think I am going to Oxford... I think it will be worth it. Oxford – probably the best known educational center in the world may lend a certain prestige in reputation to my education.

3. Letter of Tues., 25 March 1919: (Clarendon Hotel, Oxford)

The Agriculture Dept is very small but the men seem unusually keen.

This morning I talked with the agriculture men about some books to read during the vacation. I wish school were going to begin earlier. I am tired of loafing.

Oxford is a quaint old place very interesting. Of course all of the students are away now. The Librarian gave us a very interesting talk about Oxford history last night. He goes in with the lecture tonight. Be sure to put the college in my address St. Edmund College, University Oxford.


I have the front bedroom to sleep in and the parlor to read in. They have turned the latter room entirely over to me. This morning I took a bike ride - saw them thrashing so stopped and watched. Bosch prisoners were doing a great portion of the work. One soldier as guard was working with them.

A bike – you mustn’t say wheel as they won’t know what you mean – is almost a necessity in Oxford. Classes are very far apart often times and you will miss half the lectures if you walk. They are very high here. I tried to rent one but they want five dollars a month. I then decided to buy one. So now I have $22.50 less and a bike to the good. I got an agreement to sell it at the end of June for $25 so I will not be so much of after all. I look like a fool riding the thing. They aren’t like ours. They are shorter and higher and the handle bars are tiny little affairs about right for a toy machine.


I am “living in” that is in the college. Rules are much more strict inside but I like it better for I see more of the Englishmen. Quiet and reticent chaps but if you go ¾ the way they come the remaining quarter very gladly and treat you royally. I was entertained practically all day yesterday.

One half the students in St Edmund’s are Theology students in the Church of England of course. The all smoke and beer is served at dinner for those who wish it. About 30% indulge. The Principal is a reverend, too. All gentlemen here drink but none get drunk for they “bust” (“sent down”) them if they find them intoxicated.

6. Letter of Fri., 23 May 1919, St. Edmund Hall:

Next week is Eights Week. The greatest social event in the school year. All the colleges have crews and the river is narrow so they have bumping races, that is they start about 30-40 yards behind one another and if they touch the one in front the next day they go ahead of it. Tomorrow we play Cambridge in baseball. I look for a good sized crowd there. We are advertising it well. The team has been practicing hard. It is fun to watch the Britshers smile at the game.

How do you like our paper. [Bill Cogar comments that this was the same stationery he used in 1976]! By being a member of the Junior Common Room (and everyone at the Hall has to join) you are entitled to writing paper. Rather neat, I think, Rather good taste.

Then it will be home for us. I expect we will get away by July 1 at the latest.

Harry Gabriel returned to the USA, married and raised a family. He gained a Masters and Doctorate from Cornell, worked at the School of Agriculture, University of Delaware and became Professor in Economics before being forced to retire early because of disability caused by his war-time action. In the centenary year of their matriculation it seems highly appropriate to
remember these men – perhaps the first cohort of St Edmund Hall Visiting Students! Men who, whilst arriving at the Hall via horrendous events, paved the way for hundreds to follow, enabling the Hall to have a very special relationship with its American alumni.

Dr Bill Cogar (1976, DPhil in Modern History) and Professor Keith Gull, Honorary Fellow

KEEPING THE MEMORY OF THE HALL PERENNIALLY GREEN: A CENTURY OF THE HALL MAGAZINE

Remember, we look to you to make provision wherefrom we may weave you a good garland that will help keep the memory of the Hall perennially green. (Vol. I, No. 3, December 1922)

The St Edmund Hall Magazine, covering the year 1919–1920, was launched in November 1920 by A B Emden, then recently-arrived Modern History tutor and Bursar, who wrote that “the Hall has lost in the past much that would have been treasurable to future generations by nothing more than lack of simple annals”. What went on to thrive as a remarkable annual publication remained a favourite child of Emden throughout his life and he left a bequest to support its continuation.

Vol. I, No. 1 was a 28-page booklet, 24cm by 14.5cm, in buff-coloured paper covers. Its front cover reproduced the ‘bird’s-eye view of the Hall buildings’ engraving by E H New (see the front cover of the present edition), an image used until the 1933–1934 edition adopted an elaborate version of the Hall’s crest from an 18th-century bookplate (retained until 1977–1978, then replaced by a similar bookplate image which was used for the next 20 years). The subscription price was initially 3/6d per annum for single copies, 5/6d for two (post free).

Emden was of course an historian through and through and his overt attempt to preserve the Hall’s ‘annals’ was worthy enough. But he was astute in many other ways. When the Magazine began, the Hall was formally a satellite of The Queen’s College, and, after the depredations of the First World War, it did not have an obvious survival path. The annual publication produced by, and for, the Hall has helped to nurture its distinct identity.

Aularians, as is their wont, had their own ideas. It rapidly became evident that their concept was of a publication that would also report personal news and their concept was of a publication that would also report personal news. To his credit, Emden fully embraced this second strand of the Magazine’s mission: his attempts during the early years of the Second World War to impart news about Aularians’ military service across the globe now make particularly moving reading.

The edition for 1924–1925 reported proudly that the Magazine had been adopted as the official organ of the newly-formed Old Members’ Association.

Throughout a century during which the Hall gained separate college status, admitted women, and grew hugely in size (91 students in 1919–1920, approaching 800 today) and in the breadth of its activities and interests, the annual Magazine has steadily, with remarkable consistency, created a fascinating record of the life of the Hall and its members, old and new.

Its original format scarcely changed until 1998–1999, when the booklet (grown too large for staple binding) evolved into a paperback book with glossy covers. The publication has now expanded to 200-plus pages, printed in colour. Production was interrupted, understandably, during the Second World War, but the Revd Graham Midgley provided a 170-page multiple edition, dated December 1948, restoring the missing years.

After Emden’s first edition, the Magazine’s titular editors for the next six decades were usually resident undergraduates; student ‘junior’ or ‘assistant’ editors continued for a few years longer. But the main editorial work in fact remained Emden’s, who as well as encouraging undergraduates to write articles for the Magazine contributed scholarly pieces of his own. J N D Kelly succeeded him in the effective editorship as well as the Principalship. The Revd Graham Midgley took over in 1979, after Kelly’s retirement, and he was followed by a series of Fellows (Dr Ian Scargill, 1985–1993; after a hiatus covered by Midgley, Dr Amy Zavatsky, 1997–1999; and Nicholas Davidson, 1999–2001). The baton then passed to the Principal’s Personal Assistant, Gillian Powell, during 2001–2013. The next appointment was of an Aularian conveniently based in Oxford.

The ‘simple annals’ sought by Emden have covered current student matters like matriculations, examination results, awards and prizes, club and society activities, Hall Balls (originally ‘Dances’). Constitutional matters and building projects were diligently set out. The Magazine became a treasure-trove of photographs recording notable personalities and occasions, not least sports (for example, the 1925 edition carried a full-page picture of “The Eight” powering along the river, the first of many such over the years; while the 1930 edition recorded the Bump Supper held on 28 May 1930 with participants seated at tables on the paths around the Front Quad). From 1931 onwards, annual group photographs of College members were included (until 1971–1972 virtually the whole resident membership); since then, Freshers – still quaintly titled “The Freshmen” for a few years after women were included – captured on the Michaelmas Term matriculation day. News of dons’ arrivals, departures, activities have always featured: a list of GB Fellows and their academic subjects was published by request in the 1983–1984 edition, but full College Lists of Fellows and Lecturers...
have featured only from 1997–1998 onwards. There has also been fascinating coverage of valued employees (originally designated “college servants”) such as manciples, stewards, porters, catering staff. Nowadays, office-holders and administrators contribute short ‘annual reports’ alongside the “News from the Senior Common Room” items.

Beyond institutional annals, the Magazine succeeded in becoming a news exchange for Aularians who had gone down (individuals’ careers; attendance at reunions and Hall events; births, marriages, ordinations during the period when Theology was taught at the Hall, deaths). The very first edition carried an obituary of Captain Gilbert Henry Salmon (matric. 1913), killed by tribesmen at Kifri, north of Baghdad: this began the unbroken tradition of obituary publication. The Magazine still records the St Edmund Hall Association’s official proceedings and accounts, lists the participants at annual London Dinners, and receives financial support towards production costs. Other prominent features have included learned articles and book reviews; reports on students’ trips abroad; and creative writing (the Magazine still regularly publishes the Graham Midgley Memorial Prize poems for posterity).

The Magazine also assisted what came to be called ‘development’ activities. From early days, gifts of books and silverware were gratefully recorded. The 1932 edition acknowledged a gift to endow a student exhibition award, with the comment that ‘The Hall stands greatly in need of benefactors of this kind.’ Seven years later, Principal Emden was writing about the even greater requirement for new scholarships and exhibitions income because the 1937 constitutional changes meant that the Hall would soon lose the student support funding provided by Queen’s. Over the years, Aularians have been encouraged to contribute to appeals for renovations and new buildings, scholarships and exhibitions, the Hall’s endowment fund (sometimes, tear-off slips were helpfully provided, for ease of reply accompanied by cheques). Nowadays, donors are still carefully acknowledged.

Before mass postal and then electronic communications, the Hall needed a practical mechanism to keep worldwide Aularians in touch. Of course, in these days of instant web news and blogs it has gradually ceased to be the principal means of conveying news and information. The The Aularian newsletter was welcomed in the 1979–1980 edition; the Aularian Connect database and Hall website were created; and the Development & Alumni Relations Office and Communications Manager now ensure that Old Members remain informed and in contact. The Magazine has nevertheless achieved its purpose during its first hundred years, and still blooms in the 21st Century.

*The digital archive of all the Magazine’s published editions can be accessed via the Alumni section of the Hall’s website.*
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 2019 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 London Dinner appears later in this section of the Magazine.


This year’s Aularian Prize was awarded to graduate student Maggie Chen (2018, MSt French) while the SEHA Presidents’ Prize went to Molly Ross (2015, Modern Languages). Well done to both candidates.

Considerable progress is being made in the background to modernise the SEHA with greater connectivity developing across Aularians communities around the world (including an inaugural Singapore Aularians event in June 2019), increased interaction with the Hall community (both SCR and students) and a number of evolving initiatives to help students including a new Careers Assist programme (more details to be circulated later this year).

Post last year’s request for volunteers to boost the SEHA Committee membership, we were contacted by a number of Aularians who have since joined us – David is very grateful to them for their generous offers of time and assistance and to all our Committee members and other helpers who assist in running the SEHA.

David’s three-year term as SEHA President is up in early 2020 and he is delighted to announce that we will be proposing a new President for election at our Annual General Meeting coinciding with the Annual London Dinner on 4 February 2020. Olly Belcher (née Donnelly: 1999, Geography) has worked tirelessly for the Hall since graduating and will become not just our youngest-ever President but our first-ever female President. We all wish her the best of luck in her new role next year.
**Please do connect with the Aularian Community**

Fundamentally our mandate is to connect Aularians together globally with a goal (which fits perfectly the Hall ethos) of promoting social wellbeing amongst fellow Aularians. We now see a record annual increase in membership from the c. 275 new graduates from the MCR/JCR, boosting our numbers to over 10,000 members with whom we and the Hall are in contact – and the geographical diversity is growing very rapidly at the same time. This is not just a growing and diversifying Association but a thriving one: please do connect with us via an event in the coming year. Details can be found on the Hall’s website [www.seh.ox.ac.uk](http://www.seh.ox.ac.uk).

**THE ST EDMUND HALL ASSOCIATION**

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**SEHA’s Careers Advisory Evening at the Hall, Michaelmas term 2018**
MINUTES OF THE 88TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST EDMUND HALL ASSOCIATION

The 88th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at 100 Wardour St, Soho, London W1F 0TN on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 6.45 pm, David Waring presiding.

Over 50 members were present.

1. Minutes. The Minutes of the 87th Meeting, held on 30 January 2018, 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. The President of the Association said that the Principal would make her report at the Dinner.

4. Honorary Secretary’s Report. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary the President said that 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. Treasurer: Ian W Durrans (Re-elected for three years)
   - 1975 – 1984: Chris J Elston (Elected for three years)
   - 1995 – 2004: Polly J Cowan (Re-elected for three years)
   - 1995 – 2004: Rebecca A Wilkinson (Elected for one year)

   Graham Robinson (2004) was elected in error as the Constitution states that each matriculation group of ten years shall be represented by not more than three members. There is no vacancy in the 1995–2004 group following the above elections. It was agreed that he should be co-opted on to the Committee with immediate effect.

7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor. Lindsay Page was unanimously re-appointed.

8. Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday, 28 January 2020 at 100 Wardour St at 6.30 pm. (Note: subsequently changed to Tuesday 4 February 2020.)

There being no further business, the President closed the Meeting at 7 pm.

R A H FINCH, Hon. Secretary

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2019

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These accounts will be submitted for the approval of the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 4 February 2020.
**THE 78TH ANNUAL LONDON DINNER**

The Annual London Dinner took place for the second time at 100 Wardour Street, on 29 January 2019. With a record 222 attendees (selling out before Christmas), the event ran very smoothly this year and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from Aularians who seem to have taken to this new, modern venue. We are delighted to say that we have now secured the venue for the 2020 event on Tuesday 4 February, moving the event out of ‘dark/dry’ January for the first time by popular demand, and will be able to freeze the price for the fourth consecutive year at £66 for three-course dinner, half bottle of wine, coffee, tea and port. This remains the most well-attended, longest-running and best value for money annual alumni event of all the Oxford colleges. The opening of the application process will begin in October 2019 via the website and post, so please make a note in your diaries and book well in advance. Put together a group of alumni friends and come along if you haven’t been before!

Please note, there are other lunches and dinners hosted annually around the world with events last year including regional lunches in Edinburgh, Bath and Manchester as well as the annual New York Dinner which takes place in November of each year and also events for residents of, inter alia, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Please check the website www seh.ox.ac.uk for more details of all events. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

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**BALANCE SHEET 31 MAY 2019**

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D Waring (President)
I W Durrans (Honorary Treasurer)
31 July 2019
THOSE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL LONDON DINNER 2019

Guests
Professor Katherine Willis (Principal)
Mr Ronnie Guthrie (MCR President)
Ms Emily Thwaites (JCR President)

Members
1950 Mr J. Wheeler
1952 Mr B.C. Nixon
1956 His Honour Martin Reynolds
Mr J.P. Tempest
Mr A.F. Ham
Mr M.J. Rowan
Mr J.W. Harrison
Mr J.A. Collingwood
1960 Dr F.J. Pocock
Mr J.F. Adie
Mr G.C. Warner
1961 Mr A.M. Rentoul
Mr R.K. Smith
Mr R.G. Harrison
Mr M.G. Hornsby
Mr G. Marsh
1962 Mr I.H. Bennett
Mr N.H. Pegram
Mr R.A. Neden
Mr M.J. Hamilton
Mr R.P. Meeres
1966 Mr P.M. Crystal
Sir Jon Shortridge KCB
1967 Mr P.V. Robinson
Mr G.D. Salter
Mr R.A. Kenworthy
Mr P.E. Ramell
Mr L.N. Kaye
1970 Dr J.W. Hawkins
Dr M.E. Hawthorne
Mr R.J. Henshaw
Mr L. Cummings
1972 Mr M.A.S. Winter
1973 Mr G.K. Chamberlain
Mr D.P. Walters
1974 Mr P. Phillips
Mr J. Herlihy
Mr C. Shaw
1975 Mr J.J.R. Pugh

1976 Mr I.M. Taylor
1986 Dr D.A. Gillett
Ms A.E. Botting
1987 Mr J.R. Allison
Mr A.T. Harrison
Mr J.P. Lindsay
1988 Mr C.M. Coltart, QC
Mrs E. Young
Mr I.D. Waring
Mr I.J. Brice
1989 Mr A.C. Greenham
Mr P.H. Shaw
Mr J. Kunac-Tabinor
Mr I.R. Peterkin
Mr L.N. Ferera
Mr M.S. Lewis
Mrs E. McCartney
Mrs L.A. Shaw
Mrs I.T. Southorn
Ms A. Roberts
Ms S. Mann
Ms J. Ensor
Ms S.C. Candy
Mrs S.L. Hobart
Mrs J.L. Senior
Mr A.J.S. Borrie
Mrs G.C.P. Bryceston
Mr E.A.B. Hobart
1990 Dr D.J. Jordan
Ms C. Manby
1991 Dr D.J. Barker
Mr J.A.H. Cole
Mr D.R. McGill
Mr J.C. Cater
1992 Mrs L.M. Warfield
Ms C.A. Antunes da Silva
1993 Dr M. Gallagher
Mr R.J. Mansley
Mr S.J. Morley
Mr J.S. Mort

Mr M. Lukmani
Mr J.M.B. Parkin
Mr M. A. Parsley
Mr J.E. Moseling
Mr D. Portolan
Mr P.M. Boon
Mrs H. Bristow
Mr T.J. Colegate-Stone
Mr C.G.R. Wells
Ms O.M. Belcher
Mr M.J. Wilson
Dr M.R.T. Ismail
Ms R.A. Wilkinson
Mr P.A. Schneider-Sikorsky
Mr A.M. Dresner
Mr J.A. Lonsdale
Mr R.T. Snuggs
Dr P.M. Tzotzoli
Mr D. Nguyen
Mr G.E.S. Robinson
Mr I. Randall
Ms T. Novikova
2008 Ms A.F. Saunders
2009 Ms P. Hannay
Ms L. Durrans
Ms C.J. Howell
2010 Ms V.R. Griffin
Mr H.C. Wilkinson
Mr G. Carton
Ms K. Davenport
Ms A. Merttens
2012 Ms S. Wooley
Dr M. Long
Mr T.A.J. Binnie
Mr N.K. King
Mr S. Siersted
2013 Ms K.J. Evers
Ms N.L. Macdonald
Ms L.M. Burek
2011 Mr L.H. Gaul
Ms S. Patel
Ms A.C. McIntyre
Ms A.S. Thomas
Mr I.R. Meara
2014 Ms A.R. Favre-Gilly
Mr A. Hill
2017 Ms A.R. Harman
Mr R.S. Boath

SCR
Dr Tom Crawford (Lecturer)
Professor Nicholas Davidson (Associate Professor in Modern History)
Revd Will Donaldson (Chaplain)
John Dunbabin (Emeritus Fellow)
Professor Stuart Ferguson (Professor of Biochemistry)
Professor Maryanne Martin (Emeritus Fellow)
Professor Paul Matthews (Fellow by Special Election)
Professor Nigel Palmer (Emeritus Fellow)
Dr Fiorangelo Salvatorelli D’Angelo (Former lecturer)
Gareth Simpson (Director of Development)
Professor Jenny Taylor (Fellow by Special Election)
Professor Dimitri Tsomocos (Professor of Financial Economics)
Christopher Wells (Emeritus Fellow)
Professor Robert Whittaker (Vice-Principal)
Old men forget (so it is said) but there was no way in which the Friends of St Edmund Hall Boat Club were going to allow those rowers of a certain age to forget their triumph in 1959 of bringing home to the Hall for the very first time the Summer Eights trophy.

Younger women have a better grasp of memory (so it is said), but they too would not be allowed to forget the culmination in 2009 of four years as Head of the River.

In addition to those achievements, 2019 marked the eightieth anniversary of the Hall first going Head of the River in Torpids: alas, all that crew is now rowing in a Celestial Division of Torpids (hopefully not being coxed by Charon on the Styx).

The Friends (actually a sub-committee who rowed together as the Coxless IV: John Adey, Darrell Barnes, Richard Fishlock and Francis Pocock) decided that a suitable celebration should be held: the Diamond Bump Supper, which took place on Saturday 29 June 2019.

Right on cue as it were, in order to add lustre to the occasion, the Men had made four bumps within the First Division of Summer Eights hard on the heels of having won their blades in this year’s Torpids, so that they were now poised to go Head next year. The Women too had had a successful Summer Eights, positioning themselves in sixth place in the First Division. Not to be overlooked, the Men’s Second VIII had won their blades; the Men’s Fourth VIII had the distinction of bumping the Third VIII (stuff happens); and the Women’s Second and Third VIII’s had both gained two places.

Some ninety guests assembled for a champagne reception in the Front Quad on what was at that time the hottest day of the year. Displayed around the Well were: a photograph of the 1959 crew printed above an almost unheard of fourth leader in The Times celebrating the Hall’s success; a photograph of the 2009 Women’s Head crew in full racing form; two framed photographs of the 1959 crew; and the illuminated rudder of that boat.
The High Table of the Wolfson Hall had been decorated with the 1959 and 2009 illuminated blades, and also the silver Claret Jug which had been presented by the St Edmund Hall Association to mark the 1959 triumph. It had been hoped to borrow the Men’s Torpids, Women’s Summer Eights, and Men’s Summer Eights trophies as had been done for the 150th Anniversary in 2011 (but some functionary who knows little about Oxford college rowing and cares for it even less had decreed that the risk of damage to the trophies was too great) so the inscribed Claret Jug served as an appropriate alternative receptacle of congratulation.

Duncan Dormor, who rowed at bow in the 1959 boat, had composed a Grace especially for the occasion. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the dinner so had asked Darrell Barnes to deliver it in his place:

In ’59 John Kelly told us true
of Teddy Hall, before our nine strong crew,
and of two saints who rowed as one:
Richard and Edmund from Abingdon.
They gave their names to shells we raced
and set a course the Hall would trace,
to row with zeal the course before us -
encouraged by the towpath chorus.

And with all those not present here today
we stand a tiptoe recalling bumps that day.
So with thanks for this feast we share
and with the sounds of friendship in the air,
we ask a blessing on these Diamond celebrations,
and on the crews of future generations.

The company sat down to a four-course dinner accompanied by choice wines and port. That having been successfully put away, John Adey (Steward of St Edmund Hall Boat Club and President of the Dinner) invited guests to drink the Loyal Toast. John went on to set the scene of 1959 and to mark the Head of the River Crew’s subsequent successes, notably winning the Stewards’ Challenge Cup and providing three members of the Great Britain 1960 Olympic boat.

A toast was proposed to the 1959 Head of the River crew, to which Stewart Douglas-Mann (who had rowed at 7) replied. He was very pleased to welcome as his guest at the dinner Sarah West, daughter of the late Derek Mays-Smith, who had been a highly successful Cambridge Blue Boat coach (and also of Jesus College) but who had been persuaded to emulate his Cam and Tideway successes on the Isis by coaching the 1959 boat (and subsequent Hall crews) to victory.

At this juncture, Richard Fishlock rose to present the illuminated 1958 Torpids rudder to Ben Evans, President of the Boat Club, with a request that it be displayed in the boathouse; and a blank rudder to Dhaval Desai, cox of both this year’s successful Men’s Torpids and Summer Eights crews, to record winning First Division blades by the Men in 2019 and the Women in 2017. The 1959 illuminated rudder was presented to the Principal, Katherine Willis, with a request that it be displayed somewhere appropriate in College.

Tribute was paid to Geordie Macleod who was now stepping down as Director of Rowing at Teddy Hall: he had done so much to improve the standard of rowing.

The next toast was to the 2009 women’s Head of the River crew whose captain, Charlotte Seymour, responded with a brief recollection of the events a decade earlier.

John Adey introduced Freddie Sørensen (who had been taking photographs of the proceedings) who with two Hall colleagues was going to participate in the Bear Bones Rally to Mongolia. Freddie said that donations to fund this madcap endeavour would be given to the Bone Cancer Research Trust in memory of Matt Greenwood who died in 2016 from that disease – as vivid an illustration of Hall Spirit as one could imagine.

Principal Willis proposed the Floreat Aula toast, making encouraging remarks about the scholar athlete and how important sport was in the life of her own family.

Darrell Barnes (1963, Modern Languages)

THE AULARIAN GOLFING SOCIETY

The AGS is one of the most active Aularian sporting clubs and, now in its 13th year, it seems to go from strength to strength. Eight fixtures during an eight-month season have been enjoyed by some 35 members over the past year, playing on some of the finest courses between London and Oxford. A combination of Society meetings and matches against other Oxbridge colleges has proved to be increasingly popular. As always, new members would be very welcome. If you are interested, please visit the AGS website at www.aulariangolf.com and/or make direct contact with Chris Atkinson at chrisatkinson565@btinternet.com.

Floreat Aula!

Chris Atkinson (1960, Geography)

REGIONAL LUNCHES

Over the past five years the Hall has established and launched regional lunches in Edinburgh, Manchester and Bath. These have provided a wonderful opportunity to bring together Aularians outside of Oxford, and for the Hall to update alumni on College news.
THE 34TH ANNUAL NEW YORK DINNER

On St Edmund’s Day, 16 November 2018, over 60 Aularians from North America and further afield braved the snowy weather to attend the 34th Annual New York Dinner. They ranged from the Dinner’s founder, Bill Miller (1949, PPE; Honorary Fellow) to a good number of recent graduates. A particularly warm welcome was given to the new Principal, Professor Katherine Willis, who enjoyed meeting so many alumni and spoke at the event.

Appreciation goes to Justus O’Brien (1979, PPE) for hosting the Dinner and to Bill Broadbent, Bob Gaffey (1975, Jurisprudence) and Nick Howard (1976, Jurisprudence) for all their help with organising the successful evening.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Elsewhere in the world, Aularians came together in Tokyo for a drinks reception co-hosted at the Hotel Okura by Dr Linda Yueh, Fellow by Special Election in Economics, and Michael Young (1983, Jurisprudence). This was arranged in conjunction with the University’s ‘Meeting Minds in Tokyo: Alumni Weekend’ and was attended by local Aularians and others who travelled to Tokyo to take part in the University event. The weekend culminated in a gala dinner (which of course was well attended by Aularians).

In June 2019, Luke Jones (1989, Experimental Psychology), Soowei Shaw (1994, Fine Art) and Manisha Tank (1994, PPE) generously hosted other Aularians and guests for drinks at the 1880 Club in Singapore. They were joined by locally-based alumni and guests, as well as by a couple of Aularians who happened to be travelling to Singapore at the time. Luke updated the gathering about life at the Hall and highlighted some of the past year’s successes (as well as sharing a few recent videos from the Hall’s YouTube Channel). Many thanks go to Luke for so kindly providing the venue for this event.

DE FORTUNIS AULARIUM

1940s

Inferno has become one of the largest amateur ski races in the world. The event is so popular that participation has to be restricted – to just 1,850 competitors, who race over a 14.9km mixed-terrain course.

1945

Noted British pianist Murray McLachlan will be recording all eighteen of the piano sonatas by Geoffrey Allen for release as two double CD albums on the Divine Art label in 2020. The Hall library holds the scores of all
Brian Arthur has just turned 90 and sends warm greetings to his fellow Aularian nonagenarian contemporaries.

Dr Jack Preger MBE has retired after 45 years of medical work with NGOs in Bangladesh and West Bengal. In spite of deportation from Bangladesh and imprisonment and trial in India, he managed to collect an MBE and an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians.

Neville Teller’s new book was published in 2019: Audio Drama: 10 Plays for Radio and Podcast, in which Neville published ten of his dramatisations for radio of literary classics, all of which have been broadcast either by the BBC or in the United States.

Bruce Nixon’s eighth grandchild Jude was born on the 5 December 2018. All his grandchildren are male except Anglo-Chinese baby girl Rosie who lives in Hong Kong. Bruce has published 16 blog posts www.brucenixonblog.wordpress.com during 2018, mainly to keep his recently published book The 21st Century Revolution – A Call to Greatness up to date. He also published reviews of A C Grayling’s book Democracy and Its Crisis in March 2018 and Dr Scilla Elworthy’s The Business Plan for Peace – Building a World without War in November 2018. Compass – together for a good society hosted his blog www.compassonline.org.uk/re-imagining-politics-a-collaborative-democracy. Another was published by the Make Votes Matter campaign Making Votes Matter – The First Step in Re-Imagining Politics. He gave talks on Democracy in Crisis: what’s wrong and how can we put it right at the Bloomsbury Festival in October 2018 and for sixth formers at his old school, Birkenhead School. He gave another talk Democracy in Crisis: But we could be at a Great Turning Point for the Amersham U3A 29 April Talk for Chiltern U3A Political Thinking group.

Dr Neville de Villiers is now enjoying retirement after working until he was 77. Neville is still sailing his yacht which he sailed to New Zealand mostly single-handed in 1980 and plays golf. He has a son called Nicholas Edmund (after the college) and a daughter Jill, (both are their own company directors), a step-daughter and two step-grandchildren.

Dr Basil Kingstone has been spending his retirement translating books on various topics in collaboration with other people. William E. Conklin: Le savoir oublié de l’expérience des lois (essays on the philosophy of law, English-French); Jean-Paul Sartre, Philippe Gavi and Pierre Victor: It is right to rebel (how to start a revolution, French-English); Barbara Noske: Thumbing it, a hitch-hiker’s guide to wisdom (Dutch-English); and Fabien Conklin: Libération des esclaves (African-American history and culture, French-English).
celebrated his 55th (Emerald) Wedding. A further book (title unknown at the time) with Dr Peter Hogarth (York) shows meritus Professor Ewan Anderson has retired from full-time employment. He is an Emeritus Professor at De Montfort University, lives in Shropshire, and is in almost constant production by amateur companies with access to brass bands.

1956 Nevill Swanson’s daughter Liz was married to Ben Burford on 20 April 2019 in Mevagissey, Cornwall – the Land of the Chough. Nevill proudly wore his Teddy Hall Chough tie (black with golden crows), which went well with his grey morning suit. A biography of Nevill’s great-grandfather Donald Sutherland Swanson (who worked at Scotland Yard and identified Jack-the-Ripper) is due out later this year.

1958 Jeff Grant, whose novel Albatross - the Scent of Honeysuckle is in the Hall’s Alumni library, is working on a second book. It started out as something of an experiment in that he decided to write it – well before the advent of ‘me too’ – from the point of view of a woman. He says that writing of the opposite gender in the first person, though it has some pretty obvious pitfalls, is not the elephant trap you might expect. Only time will tell! The Public Information Film Dark and Lonely Water which he directed in the 70s and which has now a virtual cult following on various media including YouTube, has a complete chapter to itself in a recent book, on horror films, Unsung Horrors. A further book (title unknown at the moment) is due out soon in the UK which also has a complete section on that same PIF, but concentrating on a discussion of the film’s creative/technical aspects. Jeff has said that never, in his wildest dreams, did he imagine being thought of as a director of horror movies!

1959 Emeritus Professor Ewan Anderson, with Dr Peter Hogarth (York University), has produced for the Yorkshire Philosophical Society: The Most Fortunate Situation: The story of York’s Museum Gardens. The book traces the development of the land from a pre-monastic rubbish dump, through the orchards and physic gardens of St Mary’s Abbey, to the present arboretum and botanic garden.

1959 The Revd Philip Blair published The World, the Church and the Future in August 2019 (Covenanters press).

1960s

1960 Having worked as one of the editorial team of the Encyclopedia of Buddhist Arts in Taiwan from 2014, Yann Lovelock was invited to take part in an academic presentation of this 20-volume work in Los Angeles. This was the opening event in the ‘Expressions of the Dharma’ Conference that was jointly sponsored by Hsi Lai Temple and The University of the West from 4–6 April 2019.

1960 Dr Ted Rose was the senior editor for, and major contributor to, the book Military Aspects of Geology: Fortification, Excavation and Terrain Evaluation, published by the Geological Society of London in January 2019. This complemented his two previous edited books on military geology, Military Aspects of Hydrogeology and Geology and Warfare, published by the Society in 2012 and 2000 respectively – following his retirement from full-time teaching at Royal Holloway, University of London. As Past-President he continues, for 2017–2021, to serve on the Council of the International Association for Military Geosciences and in June this year he gave the opening keynote address at the 11th International Conference on Military Geosciences – in Italy, speaking (as long ago did Galileo Galilei) in the ancient Aula Magna of the University of Padua.

1960 The stage adaptation of Brassed Off by Paul Allen had a highly successful 12th professional UK revival at the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle-under-Lyme this year, and its Finnish premiere. Since its first production at the Sheffield Crucible and the National Theatre in 1998, it has had two national tours and also been staged in Germany, Norway and Australia and in almost constant production by amateur companies with access to brass bands.


1962 John Elkins has retired from active Morris Dancing with Thames Valley Morris Men after 30 years.

1962 Professor Jeffrey Hill has retired from full-time employment. He is an Emeritus Professor at De Montfort University, lives in Shropshire, and is still writing. In January 2019, Learie Constantine and Race Relations in Britain and the Empire came out with Bloomsbury Academic. Jeff is now trying to decide on a new topic, but so far has reached no firm conclusions.

1962 The website Professor Simon J. Simonian-Prabook.com shows Simon’s Internet biography, collaboratively saving 11,000 lives daily or four million lives yearly, permanently. He is the son of two orphan survivors of the 1915–1923 Armenian Genocide. He celebrated his 87th birthday, also his 54th wedding anniversary with his wife Arpi, three married sons, their wives and eight grandchildren. Granddaughter Taylor graduated from UCLA. He completed the 5K walk on Independence Day, USA. He gave invited talks on ‘Complexity and Integration of Medicine,’ ‘World Union,’ ‘The Power of Belief,’ and ‘Courage,’ at Harvard and Tufts Universities, European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Austria, Interreligious Council of Southern California, Southern California Christian Forum, Los Angeles Oasis and Santa Monica Friends Meeting. Seventeen Simonian Prizes were awarded in Research Excellence (14 at Harvard, two at Tufts and one at Georgetown Universities); also, three Prizes in Leadership at the Hall.
Dr Michael Sherratt qualified in Medicine in 1970, specialised in Clinical Neurophysiology and was a Research Fellow at the Institute of Neurology, WC1, and headed Clinical Neurophysiology departments at Westminster Hospital, Chelsea and Westminster, the Royal Free Hospital and latterly the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, from which he retired as a full-time specialist in 2014. In June 2019, Michael stopped all regular part-time work and will now provide locum support to the department at Luton which he started in 1992. By 2022 when his entry on the GMC register needs reviewing, Michael reckons he should have acquired the capacity to relax, leaving active practice within the family to his elder daughter, Dr Kate Sherratt, Senior Clinical Tutor in Psychology at UCL. Michael and Frances live quietly in Tring, Hertfordshire, supporting their younger daughter, Helen.

Professor Edward Chamberlin received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto in July 2019.

Dr Alan Metters reunited with eight of his contemporaries in September 2018. Following the ‘golden gaudy’ of 2014, celebrating 50 years since matriculation, when no less than nine of the twelve Hall historians of 1964 were reunited and memorably photographed congregating at the well in the Front Quad, around which eleven had been pictured in various states of inebriation at the conclusion of Finals in 1967, eight of the same brethren (Bob Dolman, Bill Hartley, John McIntyre, Tim Machin, David Mackie, Alan Metters, David Rumbelow and Geoff Turner) got together for a convivial lunch at Selwyn College, Cambridge. ‘The other place’ was chosen simply because of ease of access, all living either in/near London or on the east side of the country, and one of the company has some ongoing links with Selwyn (same college colours at any rate). It is hoped that the exercise will be repeated before the grim reaper intervenes.

Alan Cowell (1965, Modern Languages) republished his third novel, Permanent Removal, in the United States in May 2019 with Rare Bird Books of Los Angeles. Initially on sale in South Africa, the book is set in Nelson Mandela’s ‘rainbow nation’ and explores the ramifications of a brutal apartheid-era murder. His other novels are A Walking Guide, The Paris Correspondent and Cat Flap. Several film-makers revived their interest in his non-fiction study of Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB officer poisoned with polonium. As a freelance contributor to The New York Times, Alan participated in a series of articles under the rubric ‘Overlooked’, recording lives and deaths that the paper had not covered exhaustively in the past, most notably that of Alan Turing.

Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace 14-18, the series of outdoor photographic exhibitions documenting the battlefields of the First World War as they are today, created by Michael St Maur Sheil, finally closed in London’s St James’s Park in November 2018. It was displayed in over 30 cities across nine countries, with a viewing audience of over 13 million people, made it the largest international exhibition to mark the First World War centenary. One of the highlights was an invitation to exhibit in Dublin as part of cross-border reconciliation programme and the exhibition was mounted in St Stephen’s Green which itself had been a battlefield during the Easter Rising.

Michael Tanner has authored his 28th book, a memoir with the self-explanatory title of From PoW Camp to Oxford University, which concludes with anecdotes and descriptions of his four years at the Hall.

Peter Griffiths is no longer a West Sussex County Councillor nor a Governor at Downlands School, but remains a Governor at Chailey Heritage and at Albourne C of E Primary School.

Dave Postles attended the following events this year: London March for Libraries and Museums; GMB action against Amazon at the Rugeley ‘Fulfilment Centre’ (twice); People’s Assembly London march; International Anti-Racism Day London March; Palestine Solidarity Campaign action in Nottingham; commemoration service for International Workers’ Memorial Day (West Midlands); and the London Rally Against Trump.

John Berryman has continued teaching ‘A’ level in the History, Theology/Philosophy, and Politics Department at Bede’s School, Hailsham. He sustains his Christian Commitment as a Local Preacher and Organist in the Methodist Church. He has served as a Magistrate for 25 years and as a Foundation Governor of Catsfield C of E Primary School for the past seven years. He was recently elected as a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching. A 3rd edition of his Social Studies textbook for The Bahamas has recently been published, along with two academic publications on Church History and one on Bible Context. He continues as a Shop Steward in the Unite Union. The SEH alumni association is valued.

Martin Daniels is still working. He has had a long and varied career firstly doing scientific programming in the defence and oil industries, then doing quality assurance in software and defence applications. He is now with BAE Systems – Submarines near Portsmouth working on Business Continuity/resilience. Having learned the art of (bad) carpentry when building sets at the Oxford Playhouse, Martin has now graduated in household DIY, and gardening. In August 2018, he took the plunge (aged 68!) and married Caroline, a retired nurse. They live in the country near Petersfield near the South Downs where they frequently walk their two spaniels. Caroline is very artistic and Martin is now a stepfather to her five grown-up children. Martin has kept
up his interest in choral singing and piano, rambling, photography and travel. His current objectives are to learn the art of being a good husband, and planning for retirement somewhere in Devon.


1968 **Professor John Prebble** QC continues to teach income tax law at The Victoria University of Wellington, in New Zealand, and at Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, in Austria. He continues to develop the field, ‘Jurisprudential Perspectives of Income Tax Law’, currently applying the analytical jurisprudence of Hans Kelsen to income tax law. He and his wife, Nicky Riddiford, have three children and, so far, three grandchildren.

1968 After a career in teaching **Mike Spilberg** took early retirement in 2009 to act as carer for Anny following her catastrophic cerebral haemorrhage. Good years followed until a fatal second event on Nov 2016. Anny is buried in the municipal cemetery in Liss, Hampshire. Her art lives on. In 2019 Mike moved to a sort of man-cave in Woodstock. He continues to write a fortnightly ‘From Your UK Correspondent’ column for *The Bleat*, a little-known community newspaper in Darkan, Western Australia, and has brought out so far four slim volumes of poetry and a travelogue about a 225 mile walk he did in June 2017 across the Heart of England from Liss to Macclesfield. His four children have contrived 9 grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 27. He wishes it to be known that they are all excellent company.

1969 **Paul Dobsen** retired in 2014 after 25 years in The Planning Inspectorate, having previously worked as a town planner in South Norfolk, Westminster and Richmond, and with the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Now living in Barnes, London, he spends much time reading, thinking, gardening, walking, and watching films and Fulham FC. He’s still working on his unpublishable autobiography. His 30th wedding anniversary with Sue comes up in 2020. His son Leo is trying to form a new guitar band after five glorious years with Childhood, and his daughter Sarah is working in the craft beer industry in Hackney.

1969 **Jerry Hopwood** is currently representing the Canadian university sector as President of the University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE). The network represents 13 leading universities, along with the main nuclear organisations in Canada, in a non-profit partnership. UNENE is expanding its partnerships internationally, including building closer ties with UK universities. Jerry was recently presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award for services to the nuclear community, by the Canadian Nuclear Society and Canadian Nuclear Association.

1969 **Alan Johnson** has fully retired from teaching. He fills his time entertaining his seven grandchildren, working out at the gym, cultivating his two allotments, supporting the Owls, travelling the world, and leading hikes for two clubs. He recently finished the Wainwright fells and has walked several long-distance footpaths.

1969 On 5 April, **the Rt Revd Dr Alan Scarfe** began his seventeenth year as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa. In July 2018 he addressed The Episcopal Church General Convention on holding forty Revivals across the Diocese. 'Revival follow-up’ is focusing on Christian formation (2018), regional mission (2019), and congregational engagement with their neighbourhoods (2020). The Diocese has three companion dioceses, Brechin (Scotland), Nzara (South Sudan) and Swaziland (Eswatini in Southern Africa). In February 2019 Alan attended the Synod of the Diocese of Nzara, assisted with ordinations, and held workshops for the clergy. He has visited eSwatini eight times, including a sabbatical. He and his wife Donna will celebrate their 45th anniversary in August 2020. After Lambeth 2020, they will visit Romania, where Donna was a Fulbright scholar, and Alan a British Council scholar. This will be Alan's first return to Romania since his expulsion in 1980 for human rights activities. They have four children, and three grandchildren.

1970 **Dr Peter Malin** directed and acted in his latest theatre project, *Why Will You Say that I Am Mad? Poems and Stories by Edgar Allan Poe*, at the Bear Pit Theatre in Stratford in July 2019. Including readings of Poe’s poems and adaptations of his stories, the show’s unique selling point lay in its being hosted by Poe himself – or his ghost – reassessing the accepted versions of his own extraordinary life and death.

1970 **Dr Paul Temporal** is currently an Associate Fellow at Saïd Business School and has recently had his seventeenth book published: *Advanced Brand Management: Building and activating a powerful brand strategy* (Third Edition, Harriman House, 2019).

1970 **Malcolm Thick** has won the prestigious 2019 *Sophie Coe Prize for Food History Writing* for his essay, *The sale of surplus produce from non-commercial gardens in late medieval and early modern England*. The prize, worth £1500, is described as ‘the longest-running and most generous prize for writing in food history in the English language, given once a year for an essay or article of up to 10,000 words on any aspect of the history of food’. Malcolm’s essay, published in *Agricultural History Review*, Volume 66, part 1, 2018 can be accessed via: www.sophiecoeprize.wordpress.com/previous-winners.
1971 **Professor Chris Mann**, Emeritus Professor of Poetry at Rhodes University, continues to present his work in South Africa and abroad and was recently awarded the English Academy of South Africa's Gold Medal for 2019. His recent and forthcoming books include *Lifelines* (encounters with animals), *Rudiments of Grace* (love poems to his wife, Julia), *Epiphanies* (meditations) and *Orpheus in Africa* (transfiguring classical myths). Chris held a book launch for *Epiphanies* and poetry evening in the Old Dining Hall on 22 October 2018.

1971 Forty years after his ordination, the Revd Dr John Parr has retired from stipendiary ministry in the Church of England, and has embarked on a new career doing a bit of this and a bit of that.

1971 Douglas Robertson retired as Vicar of Pembury in Kent in November 2018 (following major surgery) and is now enjoying retirement in Malton, North Yorkshire.

1972 Dr Trevor Saxby left teaching in 2006 and divides his time between research (history, biography, alternative lifestyles), blogging, web writing, moderating a web discussion forum, church, archaeological digs, and forklift driving.

1974 Professor Barry Spurr has retired as Australia's first Professor of Poetry and Poetics at the University of Sydney and in February this year was appointed Literary Editor of *Quadrant*, Australia's leading magazine for the publication of new poetry. He succeeded Les Murray, Australia's greatest poet, who had held the editorship for thirty years. Barry continues to publish on T S Eliot, and on issues in education, especially – critically – on the on-going eroding of the English curriculum in schools and universities.

1974 Dr Bernard Trafford (Organ Scholar) has retired after 40 years’ teaching, 28 as a Head, but still writes a weekly educational blog for *TES* on-line. He and his wife Katherine now live in Oxford and are enjoying playing and singing music. Bernard is still composing, and has joined a local Swing Band as lead trumpet. They also have a cottage in Northumberland where Bernard is a co-founder of the blogsite *Voice of the North*. In 2017 his four-part setting of the medieval text *Sir Christëmas* won that year's BBC Radio 3 Breakfast Carol Competition and is now published by Banks Music Publications. In 2018, he published his first novel, *Song for a Spy* (a historical adventure story available via Amazon in paperback and on Kindle): he is now working on the sequel.

1975 Paul Badger founded the chess club Broadland in 1994. It received the accolade of ‘Club of the Year’ from the English Chess Federation in 2018.

1975 Paul Boothroyd and Monika are the proud grandparents of Matilda Smilla Hopp, born to their daughter Charlotte on 22 March 2018.

1975 Don Farrow graduated with a Masters (MSc) in Early Childhood Education from The Art of Teaching programme at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York State. For his final project he made a twenty-minute film on the paucity of men working in pre-schools and the impact that has on society. He hopes to see the film screened at festivals and conferences. In the same month his daughter Nellie Farrow graduated cum laude from Occidental College, California, with a BA in Art and Art History.

1975 Dr Martin Garrett’s *Palgrave Literary Dictionary of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley* is published this year, following his volumes on Byron and P B Shelley in the same series.

1975 Dr Alex King received the 2019 *Acta Materialia* Hollomon Award for Materials and Society.

1975 David McKenna retired at the end of 2018 and is spending more time on family, friends, hobbies and interests. He feels it may take the first year to adjust fully, but he's already enjoying this new stage in life and the opportunities it presents.
1977 John Moreland competed in the World Masters Indoor Athletics Championships in Torun, Poland, in March 2019 and won the Gold medal in the Men's 60-64 discus, with a new British record throw of 54.24m.

1977 Jeremy Tullett continues to collect qualifications in support of his role as a competence manager in the railway industry, having recently collected a Level 3 Award in Education and Training (ridiculous) and acquired the status of Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (sublime).

1977 Dr Ana Unruh Cohen returned to the US House of Representatives in February 2019 to serve as the staff director for the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis chaired by Representative Kathy Castor. The Select Committee's task is to develop policy recommendations for solutions to the climate crisis. Ana is leading a staff with experience in reducing carbon pollution across the economy and building resilience to the impacts of climate change. You can follow the Committee's work at https://climatecrisis.house.gov/, @climatecrisis on Twitter and Instagram or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HouseClimateCrisis.

1978 On Thursday 11 April 2019 Mark Adlestone OBE DL was installed as High Sheriff of Greater Manchester at a ceremony held at Hale Synagogue. Mark’s appointment was made by Her Majesty The Queen in her capacity as Duke of Lancaster.

1978 Dr Amitav Ghosh received the 2018 Jnanpith Award, India’s most prestigious literary award, for his ‘outstanding contribution to literature’. A prominent author of both fiction and non-fiction, Amitav is the first Indian author writing in English to be awarded the honour. His latest novel, Gun Island, was published in summer 2019.

1978 Peter Hess contributed three chapters, on ‘Religion and climate change’, ‘The loss of polar ice’ and ‘Wildfires and changing weather’ to a book entitled Climate Abandoned that was published in April 2019.

1979 Having retired from private legal practice in 2017, Ian Lupson has recently taken up a teaching position with BPP Law School in London.

1979 Phil Martin reports that he and three other Newcastle University alumni met for lunch in Cheshire to celebrate 50 years since their graduation. As part of a cohort of six who graduated on 27 June 1969, they were among the first-ever UK undergraduates to receive a BSc Honours degree in Computing Science.

1979 Dan Thompson will be running the UK, and final leg, of his Run the World challenge in London on 4th July 2020. Dan would love any and all Aularians to join him to run or walk five or ten km and raise funds for Cancer Research. Please contact Dan directly on dtruntheworld@gmail.com for more details.

1980s

1981 Joy Hibbins, founder and CEO of the charity Suicide Crisis, was appointed a Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) in the 2019 New Year's Honours, for her services to vulnerable people.

1981 Richard Lambert received the Trade Association Forum’s 2019 Best Practice Award for Outstanding Contribution to Association Management.

1981 Richard Oliver was appointed OBE in the 2019 New Year’s Honours for his services to British business and the British community in the United Arab Emirates.


1982 Tim Haywood is now two years into his post-retirement venture into the world of wine. The family are still working harmoniously (!) together at their recently-acquired Astley Vineyard in Worcestershire, one of the country’s oldest vineyards. Last year saw a number of awards, a bumper harvest, a very successful foray into wine tourism, and the very first wine-making in the newly-built winery.

1983 Helen Atkinson sponsors an annual Rebecca West essay-writing prize, managed by St Edmund Hall but open to the entire undergraduate and postgraduate Oxford University community, to spur interest in her great aunt, the writer Rebecca West. Helen works as a writer and PR consultant, and lives with her husband Tim and two cats in Kingston, New York.

1983 Richard Johns is now developing a new feature film from a Frederick Forsyth novella, The Shepherd, starring John Travolta and written and directed by Iain Softley. He is also developing a mini-series for television based on the Biafran civil war and the humanitarian airlift that saved a million lives, written by Ann Peacock, to star David Oyelowo, and to be directed by Mel Gibson, entitled Biafra. Most recently he supervised production of Off the Rails, a feature film shooting in Mallorca and starring Dame Judi Dench, Jenny Seagrove, Sally Phillips, Kelly Preston and Ben Miller. Richard has recently moved up to become CEO of production company Corona Content.
1983 In August 2019, David Reed retired from the Metropolitan Police as a Chief Superintendent. He is now a director of Change Plus Limited – focussing on change management in the public and charity sector.

1985 DaneStarbuck continues to practise law in Indiana, USA. He also continues to write and is the author of two recent biographies: What a Life!, the biography of John W Fisher, former President and CEO of Ball Corporation; and Empowering a Legacy, the biography of Hamer and Phyllis Shafer.

1985 Betsy Tyler Bell’s book An Art Adventure in Southern France was published in May 2019 by Olympia publishers. The book tells the fascinating true story of ‘Art in Situ’, an art initiative founded and inspired by Betsy, who, along with her husband, David, worked tirelessly to ensure its success. More information is available online: www.olympiapublishers.com/authors/betsy-tyler-bell

1986 Dr David Gillett has launched and become CEO of Sales Nova Limited, a commercially-oriented senior executive interim leadership business focused on helping SME businesses to grow globally (see www.salesnova.co.uk). He has established a partnership with a counterpart company in Japan that offers locally-based British expatriates with long-established commercial careers in Japan who are fluent in Japanese, giving British companies access to the Japanese market, and Japanese companies access to the UK market. In parallel with doing this he is juggling studying for and passing his HSK examinations in Mandarin Chinese proficiency, and enjoying devoting time to his wife and two teenage children.

1986 Racing in the veteran 50yrs category, Derek Hurton was the 2018–2019 Cumbria cross-country-running County Champion and winner of the Cumbria Cross- Country League. As part of a team including his son Noah (Mansfield 2016), he set a leg record on the Billy Bland Challenge, a relay over 42 Lake District Peaks involving 66 miles of running and 28,000’ of ascent and descent. He was also installed as one of the first four Honorary Lay Canons of Carlisle Cathedral.

1986 David Southall and Emma Doyle continue to live and work in Houston, Texas. In parallel with his Latin America-focused role as GM Deal Delivery at Shell, he is on track to graduate in 2020 from the General Management Program at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

1987 Jo Rainbow continues to live up to her name, being a Paediatrician in Orange, NSW, Australia. She has relished doing a Masters in Allergic Disease as the course did not exist when she was at University last Millennium. These days her most frequent publications are terribly witty contributions to the Sydney Morning Herald. She urges Aularians to buy the third edition of OUP’s Emergencies in Paediatrics and Neonatology – the only medical book with a reference to Darth Vader. The rate of chest compressions has yet to be updated to feature ‘Baby Shark’ – current trainees have not heard of the Bee Gees, which is very confronting. Husband, teenage kids and cats floreant – despite Jo.

1987 Sir Mark Sedwill became Cabinet Secretary in October 2018, the UK’s most senior civil servant.

1988 Keith Gordon was honoured by the taxation profession in May 2019 at its annual awards ceremony with the award for the year’s Outstanding Contribution to Taxation. This is the highest personal award conferred at the annual ceremony, which took place at the London Hilton Hotel. The award was presented by TV and Radio celebrity Jeremy Vine. Keith is now one of just three individuals to have received three awards at this event throughout their careers: Chartered Tax Adviser of the Year (2009) and Tax Writer of the Year (2013).

1988 Dr Geetha Venkataraman was appointed Dean of Research and Consultancy at Ambedkar University, Delhi for a period of three years from 30 April 2019.

1989 Georgia Gwynne Gruber (née Griffiths) has moved back to the UK from ten years’ working in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles, to produce movie thriller Suppression in North Wales. Filming commences on 19 September 2019.

1990s Carla Antunes da Silva visited the Hall on 22 May 2019 for the launch of the Antunes da Silva Politics Award. This is to assist 2nd Year PPE students to write a Politics thesis as part of their Final Honour School requirements.
1992 **Giles Shingler** is hard up publishing his 10th DVD of music (and a little video) available on eBay as box set.

1996 In early 2018, **Dr Kristy Leissle** published *Cocoa* (Cambridge: Polity), on cocoa geopolitics and personal politics. A highlight of her UK – US book tour was an evening at Teddy Hall, with a book launch and chocolate tasting in the Old Dining Hall in February. Kristy was very pleased to host a Conservation and Development brown-bag at the Environmental Change Institute in February, and to speak to a packed house at two events, a book talk and a connoisseur chocolate tasting, at the Oxford Alumni Weekend in September 2018. She was delighted to return to Teddy Hall in April 2019 to host a special chocolate event for the MCR. Following her *Cocoa* book tour, Kristy moved to Accra, Ghana, where she is working on her next book, on cocoa and chocolate industry dynamics across Africa. In November 2018, she married Gavin Pike in a family ceremony in South Africa’s Eastern Cape.

1996 In June, **Chris Valvona** won the 2019 British Council ELTons Award for ‘Excellence in Course Innovation’. The prize was for the English language teaching textbook *Widgets Inc.: A task-based course in workplace English*, co-authored with Marcos Benevides and published by Atami-ii Books. The ELTons are the British Council’s annual awards that celebrate original courses, projects and platforms supporting English language teachers and learners around the world. *Widgets Inc.* was selected by an independent judging panel as one of five category winners from 150 entries spanning 45 countries. The awards ceremony was hosted by poet and writer Benjamin Zephaniah at the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London. *Widgets Inc.* is a course in which students simulate working as interns at an English-speaking company, performing a variety of real-world tasks such as product pitches, presentations, and job interviews. It is currently in use at universities across Japan.

1998 **Professor Jason Lotay** was appointed Professor of Pure Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Tutorial Fellow in Mathematics at Balliol College.

1998 **Jenny Lewis**’ latest book, *Gilgamesh Retold*, relocates the epic to an earlier, more matriarchal Sumerian society from which the original stories evolved. It was published as a Carcanet Classic in October 2018. It won the Warden’s Prize for Innovation at Goldsmiths and was a *New Statesman* Book of the Year 2018, a Carcanet Book of the Year 2018 and a *London Review of Books* Book of the Week on publication. It has just been released as Carcanet’s first ever audiobook, available on Audible, iTunes and Scribd. Jenny discussed her poetry at the Oxford Literary Festival in April 2019 alongside fellow Oxfordshire poet Sue Leigh, in a session entitled ‘Epic and Miniature’ chaired by Jen Poster.

1998 **Dr Siddharth Malu**, Associate Professor, Discipline of Astronomy, Astrophysics & Space Engineering (DAASE) at the Indian Institute of Technology Indore, is working on two projects with his colleague Dr Abhirup Datta, through grants from the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and the CSIR, Government of India. These grants are enabling the construction of a 4-element Radio Telescope Array at IIT Indore. Both DAASE and the Radio Telescope Array are unique in the Indian academic system. Siddharth has served as a member of the Board of Governors, led the overhaul of the academic system, and has been recognised for his teaching at IIT Indore. He has also received funding for a UK–India collaboration with a colleague, and is now looking to expand engagement with UK universities, especially Oxford, in Astrophysics, Education, and Machine Learning. Siddharth and Payal Malu welcomed a son, Garutman Maheshwari, on 8 May 2018.

1999 **Catriona Ward**’s second novel, *Little Eve*, won the 2019 Shirley Jackson Award for best novel. The awards search for the highest quality literary fiction in horror, psychological suspense and dark fantasy. *Little Eve* was a *Guardian* best book of 2018 and has been shortlisted for the August Derleth Prize at the British Fantasy Awards.

2000s

2000 **Michael Broadwith** smashed the world record for cycling the 1,400km Land’s End to John o’Groats route, in a time of 43 hours, 25 minutes and 13 seconds.

2000 **Dr Jared Jagdeo**, MD, MS, has returned with his wife, Erica, and their two children to Brooklyn, NYC from the University of California-Davis where he served on faculty in the Department of Dermatology for seven years, most recently as an Associate Professor of Dermatology. In New York, Jared is the Founding Director of both the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center Laser, Aesthetics & Body Institute and the Center for Photomedicine. He provides aesthetic and laser surgery care for patients and directs a clinical trials team and laboratory research team focused on skin health and wellness. He can be reached via e-mail: JRJAGDEO@gmail.com
Professor Tamara Perisin has been appointed a judge at the EU General Court in Luxembourg, the first Aularian to hold such a position. Tamara was a pupil of Professor Derrick Wyatt when completing her MJur degree at the Hall.

Dr Zoe Barber has had a busy 2019 so far. In January, she sat her FRCS (Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons) examinations in General Surgery, where she was awarded the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Gold Medal for the highest marks obtained in this international exam. She did so whilst 28 weeks pregnant and has since welcomed her twins, Sophie and Phoebe, with her husband, Tom (Medicine, Queen’s, 2005). At five weeks old the babies accompanied Zoe to the ASGBI international conference to receive her medal. On returning to work after maternity leave, Zoe will be finishing her surgical training and hopes to gain a consultant post in Breast Surgery.

Dr Jennifer Chung had a book published in 2019, PISA and Global Education Policy: Understanding Finland’s success and influence. The book uncovers the reasons behind Finnish PISA success, along with a critical exploration of politicisation international test scores and the role they play in education policy transfer.

Dr Marietta Papadatou-Pastou gave birth to baby Leda-Anastasia Arvanitis on 27 June 2019. Baby, mother and father (Alexios Arvanitis) are doing well and are enjoying their time together. Marietta was appointed Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in July 2019.

Anna Lambourn gave birth to a baby boy, Tate Alexander Lambourn, on 13 March 2019 in King’s College Hospital, London.

Advocate Marcin Piechocki represented the Polish side at a conference ‘The EU and the UK: Solidarity – past, present and future’ held in Gdansk on 26–27 May 2019. This very successful event was organised by the Bar European Group of the Bar of England and Wales (represented by its Vice-Chair, another Aularian, Anneli Howard (1991, Jurisprudence & BCL)). It brought together the legal elite from Great Britain and Poland, and focused on issues related to the broadly understood European law (including European competition law, free movement of lawyers within the EU, international trade, personal data protection, the relationship between national courts and the European Court of Justice, Brexit). To commemorate Poland gaining 100 years of independence, 1918–2018, the Rt Hon Lord Lloyd-Jones gave a lecture on the city of Gdansk and its role in the struggle for Polish independence. Interestingly, the lecture identified the most important actor as being Ignacy Paderewski, perceived by the British as the main negotiator of the Treaty of Versailles.

Maira Emy Reimao has taken a position as an Assistant Professor (Lecturer) in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida.

Kate Gresswell and Arlen Pettitt are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Kit Moralee Gresswell-Pettitt, on 10 April 2019.

Dr Aaron Mertz was recently appointed at the Aspen Institute as Director of its brand-new Science and Society Program. Through research, outreach and convening, the Program endeavours to address the most pressing issues at the intersection of science and society, including public trust in science, diversity in the STEM workforce and how scientists communicate their work. Headquartered in Washington DC, the Aspen Institute is a non-partisan forum for values-based leadership and the exchange of ideas. Aaron is based in New York City.

CEO of SourceSage, Sim Jian Min, proudly announces the launch of 99%SME B2B platform in collaboration with DBS Bank and the Singapore government. Serving as the backend operator of the marketplace, SourceSage joins the state-wide initiative to empower small-and-medium enterprises in digitising their workflow. SourceSage is a plug-and-play fintech platform which aims to allow companies to build marketplaces, payments, financing and logistics gateways. Their company is headquartered in Singapore with subsidiaries in Vietnam and India. Another subsidiary, Kairos Venture, also helps create communities of entrepreneurs in Southeast Asia.

Rebecca Torry-Harris married David James Palmer on 10 August 2019 at St Matthew’s Church in the Cotswold village of Coates, Cirencester, Gloucestershire where Rebecca grew up.

Dr Vanessa Ford and her husband Johan Schiller welcomed daughter Monroe into the world on 8 February 2018.

David Hewitt married Laura Murphy (2008, History, Lady Margaret Hall) on 31 August 2019 at St Michael and All Angels, Waddesdon.

Isabel Stokholm married Denis Romanov in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 3 April 2018.

Dimitris Economou and Sviatlana Tsiaseika-Economou (Green Templeton, 2011) welcomed their first child and son, Alexander, in New York City in June 2018.

Zoë Dunn and Ben Dobson will marry on 2 November 2019 in Halesowen, West Midlands with Jack Dolan, Tom Fox and George Carruthers as groomsmen.
2012 **Dr Biswanath Ghosh Dastidar** has been appointed as Higher Clinical Fellow in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Cambridge University Hospital (Addenbrooke’s Hospital), following the award of the first rank in the programme in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (The Late Sou Vatsalabai Patil Gold Medal) as well as the first rank in the Master of Surgery programme (The Late Dr Rajalakshmi Gold Medal), at D Y Patil University.

2012 **Dr David Severson** and his wife, Laura Hawkins (Hertford College, DPhil 2016), welcomed their first daughter, Eve Coralie Severson Hawkins, into the world on 14 July 2019. David hopes that Eve will find her way to Teddy Hall at some point in a couple of decades.

2013 **Eleanor Minney** and Associate Professor Liz Tunbridge, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, have won a Project Award in the 2019 Vice-Chancellor’s Public Engagement with Science Research Awards.

2013 **Rafael Pereira** received the best 2019 thesis award by the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). In May he was honoured with the 2019 Young Researcher of the Year Award, by the International Transport Forum (ITF/OECD).

2014 **Dr Zhenbo Gao** graduated from Oxford in July 2018. After his graduation, he went back to Nanjing, China, and became an associate professor in Nanjing Agricultural University. To commemorate his happy days in Oxford, as well as to help more teddies, he and his wife Huijie donated the Gao & Ning DPhil Chemistry Conference Award in Teddy Hall in 2018. In the same year, Huijie gave birth to a daughter named Eleanor on 17 December. Both of them wish their beloved girl to unlock her potential in the best college, Teddy Hall, in the future.

2014 **Zafar Khurshid** has established his own firm in New Delhi, along with his friends and fellow young advocates Samer Talwar and Amit Singh Chauhan. ‘Talwar Khurshid Chauhan LLP’ opened its doors in September 2019 as a young firm looking to make its mark on the city. Zafar will be heading the firm’s Litigation and Intellectual Property Teams in Delhi.

2014 **Hillary Reitman** and **James Holder** (2009) were married on 29 September 2018 at The Perch in Oxford surrounded by friends from Teddy Hall. Matt Jacobs (2013) officiated at the ceremony. Hillary and James met during Freshers’ Week of their postgraduate studies.

2014 **Dr Bartolomeo Stellato** was the joint winner of the First Paper Prize in the journal *IEEE Transactions in Power Electronics*. Co-authored with Tobias Geyer, the winning paper ‘High-Speed Finite Control Set Model Predictive Control for Power Electronics’ was based on work done for Tobias’s DPhil.

2014 **Maria Tsekhmistrenko** married Kasra at the Hall on 5 February 2019.

2014 After graduating in 2018, **Lydia Welham** was pivotal in initiating and leading the establishment of the Inaugural Oxford Women’s Boxing Match, one of the nation’s first all-female boxing events. The night was a huge success, offering 16 women and girls the opportunity to compete and garnering both local and national media attention, with World Champion Boxer Manny Pacquiao endorsing the event and an interview of Lydia featuring on the BBC England website. Lydia led the organisation of the event while also training for the England Boxing National Development Championships, which she won, making her 2018 National Novice Champion. As well as overseeing the Women’s Match, Lydia also competed on the show, securing a win against a boxer with double her experience. The coming year is full of exciting prospects for Lydia to develop the annual Women’s Match further and continue to make achievements in her sport.

2016 **Daisy Ogembo** has been awarded a prestigious British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship from September 2019, to be held at Oxford University’s Law Faculty.

2017 **Marte van Oort** and her husband Eddy Moolenburgh welcomed their daughter Suze Johanna on 5 February 2019.

2018 **Nicholas Barone** graduated in May 2019 with a BA in English & History from Vassar College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received several funded offers from graduate programmes in literature and history, including Princeton University, Georgetown University, University of Virginia, and University of Michigan. Nicholas ultimately chose a doctoral programme in literature at Brown University. He will begin graduate coursework in September 2019.
AVE ATQUE VALE

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

1930s
Mr Walter Purvis Smith MA CB OBE FRICS, 11 December 2018, aged 98, Hampshire. 1938, Geography

1940s
Mr Peter Carpenter MA BLitt MBE, 12 February 2018, aged 96, Cambridgeshire. 1942, Modern History
Air Cdre John Greenhill BA, 6 June 2019, aged 92, Wiltshire. 1944, Engineering
Mr Horace Arthur Wydell BA, 3 January 2018, aged 91, Cornwall. 1944, Agricultural Economics
Mr Peter Henry Molsher MPhys, 5 June 2019, aged 88, Surrey. 1945, Physics
Professor Elmer DeLoss Sprague Jr BA DPhil, 19 April 2019, aged 94, Massachusetts, USA. 1948, PPE
Mr Peter Robin Sykes MA, 13 September 2018, aged 89, Avon. 1949, Jurisprudence
Mr James Barlow Price MA, 8 November 2018, aged 89, Oxfordshire. 1949, English
Mr William Summers MA, 13 June 2018, aged 89, Derbyshire. 1949, Modern Languages & Linguistics

1950s
Mr Philip Ronald Snoxall BA, 10 December 2018, aged 86, Victoria, Australia. 1950, History
Sir Geoffrey Ivor de Deney BA BCL KCVO, December 2015, aged 84, London. 1951, Jurisprudence
Mr James Foster Earle MA, 26 October 2018, aged 87, West Midlands. 1951, English
Mr Noel Frank Lockhart BA, 7 September 2018, aged 85, Essex. 1952, French
Mr David Hugh Fitzwilliam-Lay BA, 7 June 2019, aged 87, Wiltshire. 1952, Jurisprudence
The Revd Alan Simmonds BA, 1 August 2019, aged 86, Devon. 1952, Modern Languages
Mr John James Duncan Craik MA, 15 October 2018, aged 86, Kent. 1953, French
Mr John Michael Hopkinson MA TD, 3 December 2018, aged 84, Cumbria. 1954, Jurisprudence

1960s
Mr Laurence Kingsley Baker MA, 2018, Northumberland. 1960, History
Mr Andrew MacLachlan BA, 11 January 2019, aged 77, London. 1960, PPE
Mr Peter Sibley BA, 2019. 1960, Modern Languages & Linguistics
Mr John Foster Blackburn MA, 29 January 2019, aged 76, Caylus, France. 1961, Geography
Professor Christopher Peter Spencer BA DPhil, 13 June 2018, aged 75, Sheffield. 1962, Psychology, Philosophy & Physiology
Dr David Frank Baxter MA DPhil MInstP CPhys, 3 November 2018, aged 73, Dorset. 1963, Physics
Mr William Robert Chambers, 1 December 2018, aged 74, Somerset. 1963, PPE
Dr Robert John Challiss BA DipEd DPhil, 12 July 2018, Aged 76, Harare, Zimbabwe. 1964, Educational Studies
Dr Michael John York MPhys, 1 March 2018, aged 70, California, USA. 1965, Physics
Mr Michael Charles Johns BA, 23 October 2018, aged 70, Surrey. 1966, Jurisprudence
Dennis's active ministry comprised four main periods: he served in Cromford, Derbyshire, 1955–1957; then went as a missionary to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) 1958–1966, receiving a stipend of £15 a week; he returned to England to serve in Colne, Lancashire from 1966–1970; he finally became a Religious Education teacher at Whitton Park Comprehensive School, Blackburn, in 1970 and taught there until his retirement in 1995, rising to the headship of the school’s Department of Religious Studies. He was granted sabbatical leave in 1982–1983 to go to Israel, where he ran a residential school for children with special needs, at St Margaret’s Orphanage, Nazareth – a period of his life which Dennis found challenging but rewarding.

During his time in Africa, Dennis had connected wholeheartedly with the Ila people in the Kafue flats, learning their language, living in their houses, eating and working with them – befriending them in a truly meaningful way and seeking to improve their lives. For example, he organised the building of a school and promoted the training of teachers from amongst their own people, enabling many young people to gain a degree and jobs elsewhere (and so provide for their families back home in the villages). In retirement, Dennis was encouraged to renew this interest and he produced *A Dictionary of Ila Usage, 1860–1960* (published in 2000), a seminal work which effectively led to the preservation of the Ila language and a record of the people’s customs and cultures.

Dennis’s researches had one unexpected but very important impact. His Dictionary recorded that the Ila language contained over 740 words for trees and shrubs, including over 400 names of trees with their medicinal uses as employed by the Ila people. Scientists at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, recognised the importance of the book’s botanical information, which presented a unique record of the Ila people’s usage of African plants for medicines, including as treatments for malaria. Dennis was inspired to pursue these subjects further, both independently and later as part of a scientific team at Kew. Thanks to his hard and dedicated work, more publications followed, including *Zambian Plants: Their Vernacular Names and Uses* (2007) and *Zambian Plants Used as Traditional Fever Cures* (2011). He became recognised as an expert on the literature describing the uses of African plants.

Dennis’s commitment to this botanical work was prompted largely by his desire to help in the search for an effective and cheap cure for malaria (a disease from which he himself had nearly died whilst in Africa).

His achievements were all the more exceptional because he had no formal scientific training or research background in either botany or anthropology. Dennis was elected to a Fellowship of the Linnean Society (the world’s oldest society for biologists) in 2012 on the recommendation of his peers at the Royal Botanic Gardens; and in 2015 he was awarded an MBE for services to botanical research and the preservation of the Ila people’s culture.
Dennis leaves behind his wife, Ena (they married in 1955), and their four children, Rebecca, Stephen, James and Sarah, as well as three grandchildren. An exceptionally loving and caring father right to the end of his life, he is greatly missed by them.

HUBERT PRESTON BEAUMONT (1955)

Last year’s Magazine reported Hubert’s death, on 12 May 2018, aged 82. The following obituary has been provided by his contemporary and lifelong friend John Barker.

Born in 1935, Hubert attended St Edward’s School in Oxford before coming up to the Hall in 1955 to read Engineering Science (his main interest was in Mechanical Engineering).

After completing his degree, Hubert’s first job was with paper-makers Wiggins Teape, in Beaconsfield. He then joined PA Management Consultants, where he worked on two assignments in the Midlands.

Hubert went on to be Managing Director of Montgomery Reid, forklift truck manufacturers, based in Bramley, near Basingstoke. When the firm was taken over by the Hays Group, he became Group Chairman of two of its subsidiaries.

Finally, Hubert acquired his own company, purchasing and running F Church Ltd, a plumbing and heating company in Abingdon.

He was also management consultant to a software company which was subsequently taken over by Microsoft; and was an active member of the UK Shareholders Association, reporting on small companies to that organisation.

Hubert married twice and had two children with his first wife, Rosemary. In recent years he lived with his second wife, Yvonne, in Oxfordshire.

John Barker (1955, English)

CHRISTOPHER GLEN PEEL (2014)

Last year’s Magazine reported the death in August 2018 of one of the Hall’s resident graduate students, Christopher Peel, aged 28. An American, Christopher was studying for a DPhil in Molecular & Cellular Medicine.

A memorial gathering was held on 12 October 2018 at the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology on the University’s Old Road Campus, where Christopher was a member of the Immunological Synapse Group.

His family have generously established the Christopher Peel Fund for Interdisciplinary Research in his memory. This will support Oxford University students who are carrying out research in the area in which Christopher worked – combining Mathematics, Physics and Biology.

WALTER PURVIS SMITH, CB, OBE, FRICS (1938)

The following obituary is based on the eulogy given during the thanksgiving service for Walter’s life and has been provided by his daughter, Mrs Barbara Johnson, and Aularian son Geoffrey Smith (1970, Engineering Science).

Born in 1920 in a small colliery village in County Durham, Walter won a county scholarship to St Edmund Hall, took an active role in the Second World War and had a distinguished professional career as land surveyor culminating in roles with the UN and Ordnance Survey.

Having initially enlisted in an artillery regiment at the start of the war, his geography professor, Kenneth Mason, previously Surveyor General of India, insisted that he join the Survey Branch of the Royal Engineers.

After helping map the Normandy beaches, for which he was awarded the Commander in Chief’s Certificate, Walter took part in the D-Day landings as second in command of the 519 Field Survey Company. They were on the right flank of the British Second Army, alongside the Americans, as they advanced through France, Belgium and Holland and across the Rhine. Although Walter said that his had been an ‘easy’ war compared to the front-line troops, he was awarded an MBE in 1945 for "gallant and meritorious services for carrying out work with exceptional ability, regularly occupying exposed positions in forward areas with no regard for personal danger".

He also had the sobering experience of seeing Bergen Belsen concentration camp when it was liberated, an episode that made him question an earlier thought of joining the church.

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Joining the newly-formed Directorate of Colonial Surveys, he was sent to the Gold Coast (Ghana) to lead its first team to map the Volta Basin. He was then posted to Nyasaland, (Malawi) to reconnoitre a 500-mile-long triangulation chain to southern Tanganyika (Tanzania).

After four years in the bush without his wife, Walter left the Directorate in 1950 and spent the next 24 years in the private sector with the air survey company Fairey Surveys. He and his family lived in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) for several years
while overseeing the survey work for the Kariba Dam project, then returned to the UK in 1954. Now Joint Managing Director, he was responsible for Fairey’s international mapping projects in Africa, Asia, India and the Middle East, using a fleet of wartime Dakotas flying out of White Waltham. But possibly the highest-profile job was surveying the disputed border between Argentina and Chile in 1965.

In 1957 Walter took command of the 135 Survey Regiment (TA) as Lieutenant-Colonel and was awarded an OBE in 1961 for his outstanding leadership.

He moved to New York in 1975 to take on the role of Advisor, Surveys and Mapping at the UN and supervised multi-national teams involved in economic development projects world-wide.

Two years later he was invited to join the Ordnance Survey (OS) as its first civilian Director General after 200 years of military management. He was immediately involved in the preparation of a major review and this enabled him to incorporate his own vision for the future. Despite the unease created by a lack of government funding and Thatcher’s drive for privatisation, Walter expanded commercial map-publishing activities and pushed hard for the continuing digitisation of the OS assets.

He was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath in 1981 and received the Royal Geographical Society’s Gold Medal in 1986.

Both he and Bettie thoroughly enjoyed retirement in the New Forest and loved hiking in the UK, the Alps and the Pyrenees. Walter had always been very musical, playing organ and piano, and was member of various choral societies.

He greatly enjoyed playing golf.

After Walter’s death on 11 December 2018, Professor David Rhind, Director General of the Ordnance Survey (1992-1998), said: “in his quiet and thoughtful way Walter was one of the most inspirational people I have known. I frequently sought his advice, which was cheerfully given and always wise. His life was well lived and full of achievement”.

SIR GEOFFREY IVOR DE DENEY KCVO (1951)

Born in 1931, Geoffrey matriculated in 1951 to read Jurisprudence, achieving a First – then a rare achievement. We met at the Hall, striking up those Oxford friendships that live forever, taking each other for granted.

He always acted with deliberation, finishing his food, for example, with the slowness of a man adding weight to a grave decision. Once, at dinner in Hall, one of the scouts said to him in a stage whisper: “Mr de Deney, sir, the ‘ole ‘All is waiting for you”.

He came up from William Ellis School, Hampstead, retaining an affection for the area, introducing Desmond Day to Fenton House, with its playable harpsichords on every floor. He went on to read a for a BCL, before going for a year to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was much appreciated for his English accent. Geoffrey then joined the Home Office, eventually becoming Under Secretary in charge of the General Division, where he was entirely at home. In 1984 he was promoted to the ancient and prestigious post of Clerk to the Privy Council.

After retirement in 1992, Geoffrey helped to establish the Anaesthetists in their own Royal College. Panic set in with the revelation that the landowner would allow no flag; but the lawyer Geoffrey remembered that the Royal Ensign was not a ‘flag’ and could be flown at the opening ceremony in the presence of Her Majesty. Peace was restored.

He then joined the Gordon Moody Foundation, helping those addicted to gambling, becoming Chairman until his final retirement in 2012. He helped to create Gamcare, a charity offering helpline and counselling services to anyone concerned about their gambling.

Geoffrey was a serious intellectual with little love for the growingly fashionable social sciences. There was plenty of scope for his talents in the Home Office, where he handled a wide brief with skill and aplomb, including an inspection of the police force in Wales, prior to a major overhauling.

While in Wales, he and Ray Roberts had to get from Ray’s ecclesiastical duties to Christmas lunch with his parents. The Vespa scooter Ray had bought from the Hall’s English tutor Graham Midgley skidded in a violent circle in the snow. To go through the snow meant a feast; to stay meant raiding a curate’s meagre pantry. Geoffrey made the decision to go, and the journey continued with three wheels and four shoes never leaving the ground.

As a young man in London, Geoffrey joined the William Temple Association, liking its academic ‘flavour’ and making long-term friends. While he enjoyed his position (he had an 18th-century privy in his sumptuous Privy Council office overlooking the Horse Guards), he did not believe in unnecessary work. He liked it that Privy Council meetings were conducted standing up.

In 1958 he married Diana Winrow at Chelsea Old Church, where Ray was best man, sporting the best of the contents of his diocese’s clerical wardrobe for the great occasion. Geoffrey and Diana ran an ever-welcoming household. Diana liked cooking and there were many civilised dinners at their Notting Hill flat. They were keen theatre-goers and would often invite friends to join them, and for supper afterwards in their kitchen.

They had two sons, Simon and Justin, who gave them three grandsons, Jack, Harry and Leo. Simon read PPE at the Hall 1982–1985. They remember Geoffrey for his love of books, beer and helping them with their maths homework (even when they’d not asked for help).
Geoffrey died of multiple organ failure in October 2015.

Ian Byatt (1952, PPE: Honorary Fellow), Desmond Day (1951, History) and Ray Roberts (1951, English)

NOEL FRANK LOCKHART (1952)
Frank Lockhart’s name and character are well known to many, particularly those who have been games players or followers of cricket and hockey. He believed in the power of sport to do good, and after years of playing hockey and cricket he turned to the touchline and crease as an umpire who was nationally known and admired for his deep knowledge of the rules of both games. But he spent as much time in the world of sport administration away from the playing fields as on them, and his contacts were legion, as the numbers of mourners at his funeral showed.

At the Hall he could joke at his own expense about his academic endeavours in French, but he achieved his MA and always enjoyed the company of many tutors. He was one of the many keen sportsmen whom Canon Kelly encouraged, to enhance the Hall’s reputation. Frank’s capacity for friendships was revealed in his openness, humour, honesty and modesty, when he always discounted his own sporting talent. To see him as an ambidextrous left-hander playing a skilful role as left-half in hockey, a right-handed game, was remarkable and often brilliant. His abilities as captain did not rest with the final whistle, for he believed that teams and teamwork were for life, and he kept his Hall cup-winning hockey team of 1955 in regular contact with phone calls and annual reunion lunches. This continued despite the steady decline in numbers as the years went by.

His prowess at sport in the University was marked by his achievement of an OU Occasional place for hockey and Authentic for cricket, and his consequent election to Vincent’s Club. His love of these games was lifelong: it continued well beyond his playing days, in coaching juniors and umpiring matches. All this activity was accompanied by a 30-year career with a City building and restoration firm, where he became managing director. This job involved a very early start to the day and much visiting of sites, so that he became an excellent navigator of the metropolis as well as an efficient boss.

Sport remained his abiding interest and passion. It was not until 2018 that he decided he could no longer offer his services as hockey umpire. His own playing days after Oxford included cricket with Westcliff CC where he was captain, then President during his lifelong membership. In hockey he was called upon as player and then umpire at many county and national levels. It was his service to sport in many roles as organiser of fixtures, management of competitions and festivals, and coaching of young players that marked his dedication to sport as a stimulus for good personal and social behaviour. Many clubs, particularly Woodford Wells in Essex, and school and university teams, owed much to his organisational skills, evident in his ten-year stint as Men’s Umpire of the National Hockey League and competitions such as the Public Schools Festival.

Frank might seem in all this activity a man’s man, but he was a great admirer of women, particularly in his student days! Part of his social charm lay in his smiling modesty and quietness of manner. His later role as a family man showed in his strong relationships with his two sons and daughter, and in his dedication to his wife Sylvia. We commiserate with them all in their sad loss. He always said that his years at Oxford were the best in his life, and all of us who were lucky enough to know him then, or later, remember him with great fondness and admiration.

David Giles (1953, English)

REVĐ EDWARD ALAN SIMMONDS (1952)
The following obituary has been provided by Alan’s Aulrian son, Christopher.

Alan was born on 10 August 1932 in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, the first son of Charles and Evelyn Simmonds. He grew up in Chesterfield with his two younger brothers, David and John, and attended Chesterfield Grammar School. He first met Mary, his future wife, when they sang soprano duets together at the local Methodist Youth Club.

Alan was the first in his family to attend university and he was awarded a scholarship from Derbyshire County Council to attend Teddy Hall to read Modern Languages. Prior to matriculating in 1952, Alan completed two years of National Service as an officer in the Royal Signals and was stationed at the SHAPE headquarters in Paris. There, he further developed his skills in French and discovered the joys of French cuisine. During his time at Teddy Hall, he combined his studies of French and philology with a love of athletics and he earned a Half-Blue for the long jump. Alan was present at the Iffley road track when Roger Bannister beat the four-minute mile, a fact that is documented by the oft-used photo showing Alan cheering him on at the finish line. He also played hockey and was a member of the Essay Society and the OU Centipedes.

Alan made some lifelong friends during his time in Oxford and this was an important period in his life.

Alan and Mary married in 1954, receiving the approval of Principal John Kelly for the wedding to go ahead. After leaving Teddy Hall, Alan joined Pfizer as a management trainee, and began a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry culminating in Vice President for Marketing in Europe for GD Searle. His knowledge and skills in French meant that he worked for a number of years in Paris, Brussels and Geneva. His children, Penny and Christopher, born in 1956 and 1958, benefited from living in French-speaking countries by acquiring fluency in French.
Throughout his life, Alan was actively involved in the Church, becoming a Lay Reader in the 1960s: following retirement from his business career, he was ordained in the Church of England in 1990. This led to an active life as a non-stipendiary minister in places such as Oxford, Lugano, and Exeter.

Teddy Hall continued to play an important part in Alan’s life. He was a frequent visitor to the High Table, to the yearly Teddy Hall dinners in London, and was active in the Oxford Society in Exeter. Several family members also studied at the Hall including his son, granddaughter and two of his nieces.


He led an active life in retirement, being involved with the Rotary, Exeter Cathedral, playing bridge and travelling to visit family in the UK and America. Alan died peacefully on 1 August 2019 after a short illness, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary, children Penny and Christopher, grandchildren Alexandra, Philippe, James and Cairistiona, and great-granddaughter Cora.

Christopher Simmonds (1981, PGCE)

JOHN JAMES DUNCAN CRAIK (1953)

*This obituary, which is based on the eulogy spoken at Duncan’s funeral in Canterbury Cathedral, has been provided by one of his daughters, Belinda Craik.*

Born in 1932, Duncan started his education at Hurstpierpoint College, West Sussex. He was a proud member of the 1st XV Rugby and 1st XI Hockey teams. Golf became his true passion, with a very early commitment to the golf course.

His National Service years brought reservist Officer training at Eaton Hall in Chester and associated courses at Sandhurst Military Academy. He attained the rank of Lieutenant.

Afterwards, Duncan was immensely proud to have been able to continue his education at St Edmund Hall. He took a degree in Modern Languages (French) and also represented the Hall in hockey.

One of his greatest memories was being part of the hockey team in the 1954–1955 season which won, for the first time in the College’s history, the fiercely-contested and coveted Cuppers Cup. In later years he would continue to enjoy this win with annual team reunions. Duncan was also very proud to be a member of the ‘Occasionals’ hockey team for Oxford.

The Revd Dr John Kelly was the Principal of St Edmund Hall during Duncan’s time. They were destined to cross paths again when Duncan was a housemaster at King’s School and Dr Kelly was governor there.

Duncan’s chosen career path of teaching led him to Cranleigh School in Surrey and in turn to his wife, Alison. A rather classic romance between teacher and matron! In 1965, Duncan was appointed by Canon Newell to the King’s School Canterbury, where he worked for 25 years, twelve of which were spent as Housemaster of Meister Omers. By his side were Alison and their three children, Caroline, Alastair and Belinda. Meister Omers developed an enviable house spirit, the pupils proud to be part of a house that had cohesion and a sense of family values.

Duncan took to the sports field yet again – coaching hockey teams – fondly recounting tales of a certain David Gower who in his own words was ‘quite useful’ at cricket. And inevitably he was always going to be involved in running the school Golf Team.

Duncan’s early military training now proved invaluable too. He helped to run the school Combined Cadet Force over many years, finally attaining the rank of Honorary Captain from the Ministry of Defence in 1977 as recognition for all his commitment and involvement in the CCF.

1990 brought him well-earned retirement: 28 years of retired bliss. Staple was the chosen village outside Canterbury (surely just a coincidence that it was so close to Prince’s Golf Club!). Duncan could devote more time to his passions – family, golf, music, cycling and travel, to name a few. He packed a lot in over these years, going on far-flung holidays to the Far East and trips to Europe with Alison, racking up a remarkable mileage on his bicycle, and finding a constant source of joy in his love of music, particularly his extensive jazz repertoire on the piano.

Four grandchildren followed and he was always so proud of them – watching Amelia and Eloise play hockey for King’s School, supporting Ella in her concert performances and Claudia playing school Lacrosse.

If Duncan could send a message today to all who knew him, it might go something like this:


(Goodbye my family and friends – thank you so much for the good times, the memories and the love – farewell everyone.)
Professor Clive Lawless, academic and educationalist, passed away on 13 February 2019 aged 82.

Born in London in 1936, Clive had a peripatetic schooling, as during and after the Second World War the family moved to Rugby, Coventry, Portsmouth and Exeter. He then completed two years’ National Service in the Royal Navy as a coder: he was taught Russian (of little subsequent use) and dictation-speed touch-typing (of immense subsequent use as an academic).

Clive matriculated in 1956 to read Modern History, developing a lasting passion for modern British constitutional and political history. He treasured his time at the Hall and remained a proud Aularian all his life. His best man and godfathers to his children are Hall men. Unsurprisingly, perhaps, for an Aularian of that vintage, Clive loved rugby (union) and was an enthusiastic Hilarian. That passion, which outstripped his ability as a player, led him into refereeing. He qualified as a first-class referee in 1957. As well as officiating at inter-collegiate matches, he was a touch judge at the 1958 Major Stanley’s game when the Dark Blues (with seven Hall men) convincingly beat Major Stanley’s XV (with 12 internationals). A committed Christian, Clive was an active member of the University’s Christian Union and later the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship.

After graduating, Clive left for Rhodesia to take a London University PGCE at the new multi-racial University of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and later his Academic Diploma in Education (both with distinction). He taught history at Prince Edward School in Salisbury. There he met his future wife, Sheila (née Ford), Cambridge graduate (Girton) and hockey Blue (captain), a geography teacher. They married in 1962. Clive officiated at senior rugby matches in Rhodesia, along with Currie Cup games between Rhodesia and South African provincial sides. He was a touch judge for the Rhodesia v. Australia (1963) and Rhodesia v. France (1965) internationals.

In 1967 Clive became a Lecturer in Education at the University of Malawi. His research into the use of programmed learning materials in Malawi secondary schools led to a PhD from the University of Reading in 1973. His interest in refereeing continued, albeit restricted by the lack of first-class rugby in Malawi. He took up squash to compensate.

Clive and his family moved back to England in 1971 when he joined the fledgling Open University, becoming a Senior Lecturer in Educational Technology. He worked on a wide range of course materials, expanding his interests to include the history and philosophy of science, and foundation-level science. He remained active in research, particularly into the design and evaluation of programmed distance-learning materials. A skilled academic administrator, Clive’s appointments included Deputy Director of the Institute of Educational Technology and Head of the Student Research Centre (1986–1988), and Director of the Institute (1988–1994). Although he retired in 2001, Clive continued to help colleagues to gain PhDs through their published work. His academic and administrative contributions were recognised when he was made Emeritus Professor of Educational Technology in 2004.

Combining his academic and administrative skills and Christian faith, Clive served on the Advisory Board to Intervarsity Press, the leading UK evangelical publishing house; and as an adviser in the early stages to the Open Theological College. In Rhodesia and Malawi, he and Sheila had organised the Sunday Schools associated with the churches where they worshipped. Back in England, Clive regularly led services at St John’s and St Leonard’s in Bedford.

Having enjoyed rugby in the Southern African sunshine, the thought of refereeing in the English winter, plus his commitments to a growing family, restricted Clive’s subsequent activities to expressing strong opinions at the television on refereeing decisions and laws of the game. That the ball never seemed to be put in straight at the scrum was a particular irritation. He maintained a strong interest in player safety. Dinghy sailing replaced squash as his preferred sporting recreation.

A devoted family man, Clive celebrated 50 years of marriage to Sheila in 2012. He also leaves behind three children and four grandchildren. The Varsity tradition continued with a son going to Oxford (University College) and his daughter to Cambridge (Newham). Having passed on the expat urge to his children, retirement allowed him frequent visits to Switzerland and Australia where they lived at various times. Learned, wise and caring, Clive is greatly missed.

Dr David Cosgrove, a leading researcher and teacher from London, died on 16 May 2017 at the age of 78. An enthusiast for clinical ultrasound, microbubble contrast agents, and elastography, he remained active right up to his death.

David Cosgrove, who was emeritus professor of clinical ultrasound at both Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, and King’s College London, shared his views about the modality in a broad-ranging video interview recorded in January 2016 at the 69th Annual Conference of Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (IRIA), where he was the organisers’ main VIP guest.

“Ultrasound’s a strange subject in a way – a lot of radiologists, for example in the USA, don’t regard ultrasound as an important discipline at all, yet it’s the most...
widely used imaging technology in the world,” he noted. “It’s exploding, and usage is being taken up very, very strongly, particularly in the less-well-off parts of the world, where it’s become the standard.” Dr Cosgrove said he was fascinated by what is happening in China, where ultrasound is not carried out by radiologists but by so-called ultrasonologists, who are medical doctors specialising in ultrasound and undertaking all types of examinations, including intervention, cardiac, and obstetrics. The government realised early on that ultrasound is a very cost-effective modality and invested heavily in it, he explained.

During his long career, David Cosgrove was a strong advocate for training. “Every imaging discipline needs good training, but in ultrasound there’s a special aspect because it’s such a practical technique,” he said in the same IRIA video interview. “In a way, it’s quite like a physical examination of the patient, say of the abdomen or the nervous system. The person doing the examination has to physically touch the patient with the probe and create the images as they’re working with the patient in front of them.” He added: “There’s great physical skill involved; it can’t be taught quickly and requires many years of practice and hands-on training”.

Dr Cosgrove’s main areas of expertise became the clinical role of non-obstetric ultrasound, the basic mechanisms of the ultrasound image-forming process and of Doppler, the applications of microbubble echo-enhancing (contrast) agents for ultrasound, and the application of elastography to clinical diagnosis.

Born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1938 and educated at the Duke of York School, Nairobi, David Cosgrove matriculated through the Hall in 1957 to read Medicine. He undertook his training at St George’s Hospital Medical School in London, then completed an MSc degree in nuclear medicine at the University of London in 1975, focusing on a comparison of liver scintiscans and ultrasonography in clinical diagnosis.

Between 1977 and 1993, he was a consultant in nuclear medicine and ultrasound at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London. He was professor of clinical ultrasound at Imperial College from 1994 to 2005, before becoming an emeritus professor. He also worked as a consultant radiologist at Hammersmith Hospital, London, and was a scientific advisor to numerous medical ultrasound companies, particularly Acuson (now Siemens) and SuperSonic Imagine.

Dr Cosgrove was an industrious researcher and teacher, a prolific publisher of scientific papers and books, and was involved in producing a series of guidelines on the clinical uses of contrast that helped lead to the UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence’s guidelines on the role of contrast-enhanced ultrasound in characterising focal liver lesions. He also headed up the production of European guidelines on the clinical uses of elastography.

David leaves a partner, Jason Zhen Li, and his brother, John. Paying tribute, Professor Paul S Sidhu, Professor of Imaging Sciences at King’s College Hospital London, wrote: “Ultrasound has lost a giant. A man so humble yet so powerful in intellect. A friend and mentor to all who knew him.”

A bibliography of David’s publications has been donated by John Cosgrove to the Aularian Collection in the Hall’s Library.

DAVID BARTLETT PITHEY (1959)

David Pithey was born on 4 October 1936, and died on 21 January 2018. The following obituary, by Kenneth Shenton, was drawn to our attention by Chris Atkinson (1960, Geography) and is reproduced by kind permission of The Cricketer magazine, where it was first published.

David Pithey was one of those southern African scholar-sportsmen to whom success seemed to come effortlessly. Awarded both Hockey and Cricket Blues while studying at Oxford University in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Pithey went on to win eight Test caps for South Africa. Christopher Martin-Jenkins once wrote that Pithey was a ‘spasmodically brilliant’ cricketer.

Born in Salisbury (now Harare), Pithey was the youngest son of Rhodesian Front politician Jack Pithey, who served as President of the unrecognised Rhodesian state in 1978/79. A pupil at Plumtree School before moving on to Cape Town University, David was chosen for South African Universities and took 5 for 100 against MCC (March 1957) and 5 for 105 against the Australians (March 1958). He made his first-class debut for Rhodesia in 1956/57, and moved to Western Province the following season.

In 1959 he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to St Edmund Hall, Oxford. In the drawn 1962 Varsity Match he dislocated a finger when dropping Cambridge opener Tony Goodfellow at slip. It proved a double blow, since Pithey was unable to bowl and Goodfellow added 115 alongside Mike Brearley. With Oxford in trouble at 128 for 6, batting against medical advice, Pithey’s dogged 67 helped save the game.

One of Pithey’s first-class appearances for Oxford came against his elder brother Tony, who was touring with the 1960 South Africans.

As a bowler, he was never a vicious turner of the ball, and relied more on flight. But he famously tore apart the 1961 Australians, taking a career best 7 for 47. Two weeks earlier, opening the Oxford batting, he had hit his maiden century, 133 against Glamorgan.

Pithey represented Northamptonshire at both hockey and cricket, making three appearances in the County Championship. Always an amateur, he went on to play for the Gentlemen against the Players in 1962, the last encounter of its kind played at Lord’s.

Pithey played five Tests for South Africa alongside Tony, in Australia and New Zealand in 1963/64. It was the only time in Test history that a team has contained
two pairs of brothers – the Pollocks and the Pitheys.

At Dunedin, David claimed 12 wickets, including 6 for 58 in the second innings – only the second South African spinner to take six or more in a Test innings, after the great Hugh Tayfield, and the last until Paul Adams in 1996/97. Pithey followed that with 3 for 40 as New Zealand clung on eight down at Auckland to draw the three-Test series 0–0. He was recalled for Australia's tour in 1966/67, when he scored his sole Test fifty, at Cape Town, but took no wickets.

Pithey became a schoolmaster, serving as head of marketing at Kearnsy College in Natal, and came back into cricket in 1989/90 as team manager of South Africa for the five unofficial one-day matches against Mike Gatting’s rebel English tourists.

He battled Alzheimer's in his later years, and died in Oxford.

WILLIAM DAVID HAMILTON SELlar MVO, FRHISTS, FSA (SCOT) (1959)

David Sellar’s death on 26 January 2019 at the age of 77 deprived the Hall of one of its particularly notable alumni. His obituary in The Times on 2 March 2019 described him as a “genealogist who brought colour to the role of Lord Lyon and clarity to Scottish legal history”; a “gently urbane academic and author … tall and stately of mien, his immense personal dignity covered a warm and outgoing nature”.

Born in Glasgow on 27 February 1941, David attended Kelvinside Academy and Fettes College before coming to the Hall in 1959 to read Modern History. He captained the student Golf Club in 1961–1962 and during his time at the Hall also flirted with croquet: in the Hall Magazine for 1960–1961, the humorous list of Croquet Club members recorded “W D H Sellar – Of this member of the team ‘The Glasgow Evening Gorbel’ has said, in a characteristically epigrammatic phrase, ‘Hoots’. Claims that croquet was invented by the Scots – promptly dropped for second match.”

After completing his Oxford BA, David went on to take an LLB degree at Edinburgh University. Following a stint as a Legal Assistant at the Scottish Land Court (1967–1968), he moved to the Law Faculty at Edinburgh University – where he remained for his whole academic career, forging a considerable reputation as “the most influential Scottish legal historian of his generation” (The Times). He was the O’Donnell Lecturer in Celtic Studies at Edinburgh in 1985, the Stair Lecturer in 1997 and Rhind Lecturer for the Society of Antiquaries in 2000. David founded the University’s well-respected Centre for Legal History in 1992 and published extensively, including about the history of different branches of Scots law.

Having been interested in genealogy from an early age, David pursued this increasingly enthusiastically as part of his passion for the promotion of Scots law, history and culture. He produced a definitive study of the origins of the Lordship of the Isles (a title held by the Prince of Wales) and also wrote about the origins of various prominent Highland families and Galloway genealogies.

He took his place in the esoteric world of heraldry in 2001 when he was appointed Bute Pursuivant of Arms. In 2008, David became Lord Lyon and secretary of the Order of the Thistle, Scotland’s premier order of chivalry. As Lord Lyon, he carried out both administrative and judicial functions, such as deciding genealogical questions, ruling on the succession to chieftainships and peerages, granting arms to individuals and corporate bodies. David held this eminent position until 2014; he was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order in recognition of his services.

David’s other public service included membership of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, vice-presidency of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, literary directorship of the Stair Society, chairmanship of the council of the Scottish History Society and of the conference of Scottish medievalists, membership of the council of the Scottish Genealogy Society and of the Heraldry Society of Scotland.

He was proud to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Glasgow in June 2016.

David’s academic work reflected a personal love for the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, where the family spent many summer holidays; and for Gaelic culture and music – which was prominent at his memorial service in February 2019. He married Susan Bonar in 1981. David also leaves a step-son, Andrew, three sons (Duncan, Niall, and Gavin), and five grandchildren.

(with thanks to Gavin Sellar and acknowledgement to The Times newspaper)

ANDREW MACLACHLAN (1960)

Andrew was born on 27 February 1941 in Anglesey, to Geoffrey and Violet (née Hicks) MacLachlan, brother to Simon. His father was a Captain in the Irish Guards – and possibly an MI6 agent. After his parents divorced, Andrew lived
at his grandfather’s converted Martello tower near Dublin. In the mid-1950s he boarded at St Edward’s School, Oxford, by when home was near Canterbury. Andrew showed promise in sport, notably cricket and hockey, and performing – including starting a skiffle group – as well as being bright academically. He achieved his Hall place in 1960 to read PPE: the requirements were to be capable of obtaining a Second, but to have additional interests and talents to contribute to College life. Andrew certainly contributed.

On the sporting front Andrew attained first-class status in cricket’s Wisden records, playing five times for the University in 1962 as an all-rounder. He regularly played cricket for OU Authentics and hockey for OU Occasionals. He represented the Hall in hockey Cuppers and captained the League team. And he played rugby for the Hilarians. Andrew was elected to Vincents and was an automatic choice for sports tours. In more sedentary pastimes, Andrew was a founder member of OU Darts Club and a JCR shove-halfpenny expert. He was also a faithful member of the Hall’s Scope Club.

His unique contribution to Hall life was as a raconteur and joke-teller extraordinaire, a singular capability he developed into an idiosyncratic art form that he took into later life. Simply, he was a very, very funny man – the funniest most of his Hall friends say they have known. Andrew regularly held court after Hall dinner with friends, whether in the Buttery, JCR, or one of their rooms, when he kept everyone in stitches with his stories and jokes. He was undoubtedly a true Hall character of his generation, albeit personally somewhat understated; his stories and jokes were told in a low-key manner with a gentle guffaw and giggle. It was rumoured that Andrew sold jokes to aspiring OU comedians for £2/- (top) a time. Interestingly, his guitar from school days did not feature often at the Hall, while only occasionally did he play the piano and sing his songs, usually after sports fixtures.

At the 1963 Hall Ball, Andrew and fellow Aularian Nigel Pegram performed a cabaret routine, including ‘dreadful songs and excruciating jokes’ that brought the house down – a fitting swan-song to Andrew’s time at the Hall. By coincidence, though, Nigel knew another cabaret performer at that Ball from London’s popular Blue Angel nightclub who arranged a successful audition there for Nigel. Thus were two Aularians’ professional performing careers begun, albeit in Andrew’s case mainly unfolding later.

Andrew’s first job on graduating was teaching English to foreigners at a South Kensington language school. In the Christmas holiday he took a temporary job in Harrods sports department, meeting Georgina Morton of Christmas Gifts. Andrew and Gina married in 1964, moving from bedsits to Fulham, subsequently buying a house in Putney in 1968 where they remained. They had three very much loved, talented daughters: Natasha, Tamara and Vashti. Andrew was involved with Putney Arts Theatre in the 1970s, incorporating his children (who played musical instruments there). He played guitar in a local band, later adding the banjo to his repertoire. Andrew was an English language lover and cryptic crossword fanatic, completing The Times and Guardian puzzles daily (once winning first prize in the latter’s annual competition). Later, as an occasionally out-of-work actor, he would be found propping up the bar in favoured Putney pubs with friends, completing his crosswords.

Following teaching English, Andrew took an office job at the Heating and Ventilating Contractors’ Association, better to support their growing family. Then, in 1979, he decided to try his luck as a professional actor. He called Aularian friend Terry Jones of Monty Python fame, who was about to make ‘a little film about the birth of Christ’ in Tunisia and asked if Andrew fancied playing some parts. So Andrew played a giggling Roman centurion among others in The Life of Brian. He also contributed lines, including the oft-quoted ‘Found this spoon, Sir’ following the centurions’ raid on the People’s Front of Judea’s hideout. Other Python-related films followed, plus TV serials such as Foyle’s War and The Ruth Rendell Mysteries and he appeared on stage occasionally. Andrew did numerous voiceovers too, mainly for commercials, and was particularly in demand for his regional and foreign accents.

In these post-Hall years Andrew played hockey at Wimbledon HC and cricket for St Edward’s Old Boys – he once bowled out Colin Cowdrey - and Hornets CC, who played village teams at picturesque grounds accompanied by their families. Health became an issue in Andrew’s life. He remarkably survived several cancers. He became somewhat withdrawn, however, appearing only occasionally on the hockey touch line, instead spending time on his crosswords at home and among friends in the pub. Unfortunately, his health progressively deteriorated and he eventually died of pneumonia on 17 December 2018. He is survived by Georgina, their daughters and four grandchildren, and his brother.

Robert Clark (1960, Geography)

Robert thanks Georgina MacLachlan for her considerable assistance and for being able to use Tamara’s Guardian obituary. He was also helped by Aularians Nigel Pegram (1962, Dip in Anthropology), Chris Atkinson (1960, Geography) and Chris Long (1960, English), plus Andrew Lang, a family friend from Oxford, Wimbledon HC and Hornets CC.

PROFESSOR JASON MEREDITH REESE FRENG, FRSE, FINSTP, FIMECHE (1988)

Jason Reese, one of the most talented and successful engineering scientists to have graced the Hall, passed away on 8 March 2019. Jason was an Aularian polymath, his interests ranging from the dynamics of nano-particles to Scottish traditional music. At the time of his death, he occupied the Regius Chair of Engineering at the University of Edinburgh.
Born in 1967, the son of Trevor and Hilary Reese, Jason was educated at St Paul’s School. He obtained a degree in Physics from Imperial College London, before coming up to the Hall in October 1988 to read for an MSc in Mathematics, followed by a DPhil in Mathematical Sciences.

Jason became a life member of the Oxford Union, rowed for the MCR and the Teddy Hall Boat Club VIII, and was a member of the Oxford Pistol Club. He played harpsichord and viola, and was a keen skier, golfer, and tennis player. He was an enthusiastic traveller. In short, he was an Aularian all-rounder.

During his time at the Hall, Jason matured into a finely honed mathematical engineer, and successfully submitted a DPhil thesis entitled *On the structure of shock waves in monatomic rarefied gases*. After his DPhil supervisor, Professor Les Woods, passed away, Jason helped Dr Jo Ashbourn (now College Lecturer in Physics) to complete Woods’ final paper in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society A*. Jason and Jo decided that the paper should be published solely in Les Woods’ name without theirs included. The paper stands as Les Woods’ final academic contribution, and is testament to Jason’s loyalty to his former supervisor.

On leaving the Hall in 1993, Jason undertook postdoctoral stints at the Technical University of Berlin and the University of Cambridge, and lectureships at the University of Aberdeen and King’s College London, before becoming Weir Professor of Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics at the University of Strathclyde in 2003. He was Head of the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, and played a major part in restoring Strathclyde’s James Weir Building after a major fire in 2012.

As his career flourished, Jason Reese became one of the world’s leading engineering scientists, contributing greatly to our knowledge of flows at very small scale and rarefied gas dynamics. His work was applicable to water filtration systems, drag reduction for ships, lab-on-a-chip bio-medical devices, and spacecraft re-entry systems. Jason was elected Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 2005, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2006 (aged 39!), and Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 2011. He won many awards, including the Philip Leverhulme Prize for Engineering in 2003 and the Lord Kelvin Medal from the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2015.

In 2013, Jason was appointed Regius Professor at the University of Edinburgh, only the ninth person to take up the Chair since its establishment in 1868 by Queen Victoria. In 2018, he was awarded a 10-year Chair in Emerging Technologies by the Royal Academy of Engineering, which he held contemporaneously with the Regius Chair.

In 2017, Jason celebrated his 50th birthday at Ross Priory on the banks of Loch Lomond, supported by fine cuisine, classical music from a string trio, Scottish traditional music and dancing. His birthday culminated in a brilliant firework display, perhaps a throwback to his days at the Hall when he studied shock waves in rarefied gases!

Jason greatly loved his family. He married Alexandra (Alex) Shepard in 2001; they had one adored child, Zoe. Jason’s family lived in Glasgow, where Alex is Professor of Gender History at the University of Glasgow. Never a dull person, Jason maintained a rainbow of interests, including Scottish culture, baroque music, and medieval history. He was a charming man, someone who brought light wherever he travelled, a perfect person with whom to take a long journey. In his working life, Jason was always helpful and supportive to colleagues, in particular helping younger academics achieve their aspirations.

Though he passed away far too young, Jason Reese will be long remembered for his considerable scientific achievements, his *joie de vivre* and his compassionate, kind, amusing personality. Jason was an Aularian and a great engineer. Our hearts go out to his family.

Professor Alistair Borthwick, Emeritus Fellow