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EDITORIAL

Welcome to *The Eagle* 2018.

What better way to celebrate the one-hundredth volume of the College's annual record than with the first ever St John's victory on *University Challenge*? You can read more about this on pages 244–8, in the Last Word article written by this year's student editorial assistant, Jennifer Griggs. Moreover 2018 also marks a change in editorship, with Hannah Sharples joining Mark Nicholls as co-Editor. Both would like to extend their thanks to Rebecca Watts for her valuable work during this period of change.

After an introduction from our newly knighted Master, Sir Christopher Dobson, this issue begins with an article from alumnus Tom Rob Smith about his work on the TV show *American Crime Story*. In July 2018 Tom was nominated for an Emmy for his writing on *The Assassination of Gianni Versace*, and by the time this goes to print you will be able to look up the outcome. Among other engaging articles, Eileen Rubery shares her experience of being the first woman with dining privileges at St John's, a decade before women were officially admitted to membership of the College.

One year into their new roles at St John's, we catch up with the new Director of Education & Senior Tutor, Annis May Timpson, our Head of Health, Emma Dellar, and the College's first Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Sam Cohen. For those who like stories full of thrills, spills and technical skills, alumnus Mark Hatton discusses his unusual career as an Olympic luge competitor and coach on pages 60–3.

We hope you enjoy the breadth of articles included in this issue, along with updates on fellow *Johnians*, inspiring obituaries and comprehensive reports from many of the College's societies and sports clubs.

You can read previous issues of *The Eagle* and share the publication online at johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/theeagle – and find all issues, dating back to the 1850s, at joh.cam.ac.uk/eagle-scanning-project.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

In the introductory messages that I have written for *The Eagle* over the past ten years, I have always tried to highlight some of the activities and events both within and involving the College that I have found most memorable. I shall do the same this year, and there is certainly no shortage of material from which to choose!



Sir Christopher Dobson and Mary, Lady Dobson in the Master's Lodge Garden, summer 2018

Let me begin by saying how incredibly proud I am of the achievements of our students, and also of our Fellows, staff and alumni who provide such support and encouragement. As in previous years we have witnessed the receipt of a vast array of awards and prizes and have much to celebrate in terms of our

undergraduates' performance in the tripos examinations. To put such successes into perspective, I happened to notice that Cambridge was again this year ranked in first place in the *Complete University Guide*, being placed top in 32 of the 41 subjects that were analysed.

Furthermore, the intellectual brilliance of our students achieved national, and indeed international, attention this year through the impressive victory of our quartet of undergraduate and graduate students on BBC television's *University Challenge*. Their ability to recall information rapidly on a remarkably esoteric range of topics was truly astonishing, and it was tremendous to see the surge of enthusiastic support for the team from the whole Johnian community throughout the competition. Successive episodes of the programme were broadcast on screens in various locations in the College, and a vast assembly gathered to watch the nerve-racking final. A celebratory party was provided by the College, arranged beforehand, of course, on the assumption that St John's was bound to emerge triumphant. Despite the fact that Mary and I are widely known to have had some past connection with the Oxford college against whom we competed in the final (not least being married in its chapel some forty-one years ago), there was no doubt among the crowds in front of the screens as to where our loyalties now lie!

The academic successes of our students have again been matched this year by a multitude of sporting triumphs that are described later in this volume. To mention just a few, the LMBC First Men's Boat retained its position in both the Mays and the Lents, making it five Headships in a row, a feat not achieved for many years. Mary and I attribute this success (at least in part) to the endless supply of

bacon butties at the breakfast we hosted midway through the races. It was particularly impressive to see the two spectacular Victorian silver trophies on display in the Hall at the Boat Club Dinner after the final race, and to see another traditional boat-burning taking place on the Backs. On the strength of its success, the LMBC represented Cambridge at the International Universities Regatta at Xi'an in China this summer. Meanwhile, the Red Boys achieved both League and Cuppers victories in rugby, and were among a large crowd of students at a 'Cuppers and League Champions Breakfast' in the Lodge (bacon butties were judged unnecessary on this occasion as success had already been achieved) at which we celebrated victory by our men's and women's teams in no less than seven sports.

Music and theatre have also flourished during the past year. We are privileged to have a plethora of brilliant singers, instrumentalists, actors, writers, composers, directors and conductors in the College at the present time. I cannot do justice to their achievements in this short article, but I would like to mention just a few highlights from my own perspective. One is the creation and triumphant first concert of *Aquila*, an all-female cappella group that includes many members of staff as well as students. The second is that for the third year in a row the student chosen to perform the musical recital at the beginning of the University's honorary degree ceremony, in front of the Chancellor, the honorands and a multitude of assembled dignitaries in the

Senate House, was a Johnian. Finally, seeing and hearing a remarkable number of students and recent graduates on television and radio over the course of the past year has been a particular pleasure; among them was the star of two major BBC drama series and the composer of the musical tribute commemorating the seventieth anniversary of the NHS. It was also a huge pleasure to see two Johnian musicians and Honorary Fellows of the College, Simon Keenlyside and Thomas Adès, appearing in the Queen's Birthday Honours list this year.

The statement 'Once a Johnian always a Johnian' is often heard around the College, particularly when we celebrate the achievements of our alumni or try to soften the blow of the departure of our students into the 'real world', and I have often wondered if it is a recent or a long-standing sentiment. I was therefore intrigued when browsing in David's Bookshop to find (and then rapidly purchase) a copy of a guidebook to *The Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge* published in 1873. Its author, the Reverend Frederic Arnold, was an Oxford man as it happens, and the book contains beautiful illustrations by Edward Whymper, better known as a pioneer of mountaineering (and one of the survivors of the first and tragic ascent of the Matterhorn). I was naturally intrigued to see what Arnold had to say about our beloved College, and so I read with great interest his account of 'The Great Foundation of St John's College in Cambridge'. In the midst of his descriptions of the buildings and the history

of the College, he states: 'The College is remarkable for the strong and honourable *esprit de corps* among its members and their firm attachment to the illustrious foundation.' So the familiar exhortation about Johnians is clearly based on a characteristic of this College that must have been well known (even in Oxford) at least 150 years ago.

Indeed, the support of the Johnian community and other friends of the College has continued to be second to none during the course of this year as we celebrate having reached the half-way point of our ambitious *Free Thinking* campaign, less than two years after its official launch. Our aim, as you will undoubtedly be aware, is to raise £100 million to provide support for our students, enabling in particular those from less advantaged backgrounds to come to St John's and enjoy to the full all that the College, and indeed Cambridge as a whole, have to offer. In addition, we wish to extend yet further the support we give to all the academic and co-curricular activities of this College, to continue the enhancement of the facilities we provide within our buildings and grounds, and to provide even stronger leadership in scholarship and research within Cambridge and, indeed, the world. As in previous years I urge you in this context to look at the 'News' section of the College website to see some of the outstanding academic achievements of Fellows and other senior members of the College. In addition, I want to welcome very warmly our new Director of Education & Senior Tutor, Annis May Timpson, and our

new Domestic Bursar, Helen Murley. Their assistance will be crucial as we take forward our many ambitions into the future.

On a more personal note, Mary and I felt extremely honoured by an invitation to attend the Memorial Service in June for Stephen Hawking in Westminster Abbey. From our seats in the Abbey during the service we could see the Henry VII Chapel, in which the tomb of our Foundress is located. Stephen Hawking's ashes were interred next to the remains of Isaac Newton and near the memorial stone for our very own Paul Dirac. It seems extraordinarily appropriate that three of the greatest physicists in history, all of whom held the Lucasian Professorship of Mathematics in Cambridge, are commemorated in such close proximity in the Abbey, having been Fellows of three neighbouring colleges in Cambridge for most of their lives.

Finally, Mary and I want to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, Fellows and alumni of St John's for all their support, kindness and friendship during the past year. It is personal contacts



with remarkable and inspirational people, drawn from such different backgrounds, countries and generations, that make our roles in this unique College so very special and so deeply enjoyable. 🍷

Christopher Dobson



View of New Court from the Cloisters



Photo: Ben Minnaar

ARTICLES

IN CONVERSATION: THE WRITER

Award-winning novelist, screenwriter and former Harper-Wood Student *Tom Rob Smith* (1998) talks to *The Eagle* about his work on the second season of the true crime television series *American Crime Story*, which aired in the US earlier this year.

Courtesy of Tom Rob Smith



The Versace mansion

As *The Assassination of Gianni Versace* – the latest series instalment of *American Crime Story* – reached its conclusion in the US, we caught up with the show's Executive Producer Tom Rob Smith on the thrills and challenges of writing for the screen.

First off, where are you now and at what point are you in your work on *American Crime Story*?

Today is 21 March and the second series is finished here in the US – all nine episodes are locked, and tonight is the finale on

FX TV. *American Crime Story* as a series will continue to run, but the series I've been working on is complete.

How did you come to write for the series, and has it been an interesting experience?

A few years ago the producers Brad Simpson and Nina Jacobson wanted to option my novel *Child 44* for film, and we'd stayed in touch since that time. When my TV series *London Spy* (first broadcast in 2015) was commissioned by the BBC, Brad and Nina read the scripts, and that's when they sent me the non-fiction book *Vulgar Favors* by Maureen Orth, which this season of *American Crime Story* is based on.

Tell us about some highlights of your time working on the show.

Filming in Miami was amazing. The colours of that town are extraordinary, and walking back along the beach boardwalk at night, after a day of filming, was magical.

What are some of the challenges of writing for a show of such scale and with such a following?

We go into production with very few of the scripts finished, which is the exact opposite of the BBC, where they only start filming once the entire set of scripts is finished. So

you feel the pressure of the production bearing down on you as you're writing. The show could literally run out of scenes to film.

Who is your favourite character in the series, and why?

One of the unusual aspects of this show is that we place the victims at the very centre of the story – in many crime stories the victims are barely mentioned at all – and I found it fascinating bringing that wide range of extraordinary characters to life. The story of the killer, Andrew Cunanan, is an intensely sad story of someone who was gifted with so much potential, but who spiralled into madness and ended up doing such enormous harm to so many.

Describe your role as Executive Producer on the show.

The credit 'Executive Producer' means you're involved in other elements aside from the writing – from watching casting auditions to production discussions – and the amount to which you're involved in those decisions depends upon the set-up of that particular show.

Tell us about the development of your career more broadly, and your work on *London Spy*. Did you always aim to write for television, or was this not on the cards initially?

I didn't have any cards, I didn't know anyone in the TV industry, I didn't know anyone in publishing – at university I knew I wanted to write stories and that was it. My career is a series of accidents; I've always taken up different opportunities as they've come my way. In the end, I love

telling stories, and I knew *London Spy* was never going to be a novel – the main character wasn't bookish, and he'd never write down his experiences, so the first-person narrative needed to be visual.

Do you juggle novel writing along with your television work, or is this impossible?

Some people can juggle; I'm not so good at it. These shows have been all-consuming.

As a writer, are there any quirks to your daily routine? Do you wake up super early, or write into the night?

I write early – I love the early mornings, through to early afternoon. By 2pm I need to go for a walk, but I will have done almost eight hours by that time. When time was tight, I could start again at 6pm and do another four hours or so, but only rewriting. I've never been able to create new pages in the evening.



Courtesy of Tom Rob Smith

1977 period cars on the set, Miami



Courtesy of Tom Rob Smith

Filming on South Beach

Aside from writing, what are your main hobbies and interests in life?

I love travelling to new places. I love walking around cities, exploring, and walking generally. Obviously I love all things connected to writing – reading, movies, televisions, theatre.

Are there any glimpses of upcoming projects you can let us in on?

What are you working on next year?

I'm doing a new show for BBC Two, an original eight-part series called *MotherFatherSon*. I'm on episode seven at the moment, and we will have all eight scripts done by the time we go into production, which I'm very excited about.

What's on your bucket list as a writer? Are there any particular actors you would love to write for, or shows you would like to work on in the future?

I like creating my own material, so I wouldn't be looking to join other shows, but to create new shows and new ideas.

What advice would you give to new Johnian graduates looking to establish a career as a writer?

Start writing as soon as possible and finish your ideas. Don't talk about half-finished ideas to people – get the script or novel finished, and then show people. It's impossible to learn anything until you get to the end. And don't be scared, or nervous, or allow other people to put you off. I was often surprised by the degree of hostility you can hear when you tell people your dreams. 🍀

The Assassination of Gianni Versace – American Crime Story was broadcast in the UK on BBC Two between 17 March and 25 April 2018. Clips from the series, alongside an interview with Tom, can be found on the BBC Writers Room website. [bit.ly/TRSversace](https://www.bbc.com/writersroom/bit.ly/TRSversace)

A TALE OF TWO CATHEDRALS

Professor David McMullen (1959) sheds light on the lives of successive Johnians who made outstanding contributions to the establishment of Christianity in China.



St John's Cathedral, Langzhong

From early in the College's history, St John's has had a tradition of interest in the education, learning and religion of countries beyond these shores. The remote, vast and populous Chinese empire is no exception. Over nearly four centuries, Johnians have written about, travelled in and built houses of religion in China.

The story starts with Samuel Purchas (c.1594). He was both an Anglican intent on proselytising and 'an apologist for expanded English trade in East Asia.' He had no direct experience of China, but copied first-hand accounts into his survey of all known lands. Despite his antipapism, he incorporated up-to-date reports from the Jesuit mission in



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St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong

China in his *Purchas his Pilgrimes* of 1625. In it, he conceded the dual character of the British interest in China: the drive to trade and the urge to convert.

From the late seventeenth century on, religious interest in China co-existed with aristocratic fascination for Chinese material culture. Indeed 1625, the year of publication of *Purchas his Pilgrimes*, was the year when the Nestorian Monument was discovered in the suburbs of modern Xi'an – anciently China's capital. This stone stele, dated 781, proved that a form of Christianity had enjoyed imperial patronage in the China of the seventh to ninth centuries, and caused a

sensation in the learned world of Europe. The College Library has a copy of a full transcription, within a book signed 'Col. Div. Joh.' by the aristocratic Thomas Watson-Wentworth (1707), Marquis of Rockingham, whose full-length portrait is in the Fellows' lobby today. The Nestorian Monument kick-started interest in Chinese religion, alongside aristocratic fascination for *chinoiserie* over the long eighteenth century.

In the next phase in Anglo-Chinese relations, the two aspects of British interest in China became more starkly differentiated. Rising prosperity and commercial energy in England were reflected in the East India Company's drive to open trading relations with the Manchu Qing Empire (1644–1911). At the same time, the Evangelical Revival of the eighteenth century, riding the tide of national self-confidence, saw fertile fields for conversion in East Asian societies. By the 1830s, both commerce and conversion had involved Johnians in confronting the increasingly sclerotic Manchu Qing Empire. Viscount Palmerston (1803), as Foreign Secretary from 1830 to 1841, believed that trading in Indian-grown opium with China could restore the commercial balance between India, China and the United Kingdom. In stark contrast, Vincent John Stanton (1835), younger by a generation, was an evangelical Christian, an heir to the missionary fervour of the Clapham Sect led by the Johnians William Wilberforce (1776) and Thomas Babington (1775), co-founders in 1799 of the Church Missionary Society (CMS). In 1836 Stanton broke off his undergraduate course at St John's to offer his services to the CMS in East Asia. Rejected as under age, he

nonetheless travelled to Macau, where he acted as tutor to a family.

During the first phase of Palmerston's Opium War, in June 1840, Stanton, out on a bathing expedition off Macau, was captured by Qing forces and taken to a prison in Canton. Here, even while in shackles, he is said to have continued a fervent regime of prayer and Bible reading. On 10 December 1840, the Qing plenipotentiary, the aristocratic Manchu Qishan (d. 1854), apparently impressed by Stanton's religious devotion, took him home, fed him up and released him to the British. Stanton then returned to Cambridge and to St John's, and completed his BA degree there.

Undeterred, Stanton, ordained Priest by the Bishop of London, returned to Hong Kong in June 1842. Here, he set about promoting education and leading a campaign for the building of an Anglican cathedral. He also founded St Paul's School, today perhaps the most famous secondary school in Hong Kong. He located a keen collaborator in Sir John Davis (1875–1890), the second governor of Hong Kong. Davis had previously served in the East India Company and learned to read both contemporary and ancient Chinese. He had written extensively on China. The College Library holds a book published in Canton in 1815: a translation by Davis of a Chinese drama. Davis has inscribed this as 'the first book published in English in Canton on Chinese paper'. From his youth, Davis believed both in promoting Christianity and in exploring the Chinese past.

Davis laid the foundation stone of Stanton's cathedral, named after the College, on

11 March 1849, and the first service, with Stanton officiating, was held there two years later. The building stands today as the earliest Anglican cathedral in East Asia and the second oldest edifice in the former British territory. Intact and beautifully maintained, it sparkles. The building has witnessed a succession of twenty-three Chaplains and Deans, and has been generous and unsnobbish in its hospitality to the notoriously class-conscious British expatriate community. It welcomed in the 1950s, for example, homesick national servicemen – future Johnians among them. Surrounded by towering plate-glass monuments to finance and commerce, it calls for reflection on a turbulent past. As Stuart Wolfendale, historian of the building, suggests: 'What Stanton would have envied, if such a sin was open to him, is the gushing of educational opportunity which the diocese provided and the teaching that went on in the cathedral.'

The building stands today as the earliest
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former British territory'

Over 800 miles away as the crow flies, deep in inland China, stands another spacious and well-built St John's Cathedral. It, too, is dedicated to St John the Evangelist by a Johnian who secured its construction. William Wharton Cassels (1858–1925) came from Anglo-Portuguese mercantile stock. Even as a teenager he considered himself called to the ministry. His undergraduate career at St John's (1877–80),

'the family College', was unremarkable. He achieved a pass degree and was noted for being taciturn and nicknamed 'William the Silent'. Ordained Deacon in 1882 and Priest in 1883, he joined the 'Cambridge Seven', the one Johnian among the seven Cambridge graduates who committed their lives to evangelism in China.

Cassels sailed for China in February 1885. With another member of the Cambridge Seven, the Revd Sir Montagu Beauchamp of Trinity, and with the devoted wife to whom he became engaged in Chengdu, Sichuan, in 1887, he made his home far inland, in Langzhong, Sichuan. He achieved much there in violent and dangerous times. Consecrated the first Bishop of Western China Diocese in 1895 in Westminster Abbey, he came to love his diocese, which was 'about three times the size of England'. His cathedral at Langzhong, three hours' drive from Chengdu – in essence a spacious parish church, built in a Sino-Romanesque style – was completed in 1914. A first service was held on Christmas Day that year. The building still stands in Langzhong, a survivor of earthquakes, a Japanese bomb and political turbulence.

For the forty years of his service in China, Cassels remained a fervent evangelical: 'We want to preach the Gospel to every creature in [Sichuan]; we want a wave of converting power to roll over the province', he stated. He claimed over ten thousand converts within his diocese, with twelve Chinese admitted to holy orders. But Cassels seems to have been reluctant to engage with the Chinese cultural heritage. He wrote of his

dislike of '[the] supercilious Confucian'. Here was an opportunity lost for a significant Anglican churchman to start to explore the Chinese past. For Cassels doesn't appear to have known that Du Fu (712–70), China's greatest poet, also loved Langzhong, where his cathedral stands.

Du Fu was a giant in China's cultural history. He had such a broad view of the religion of his day that some critics have argued that he was a Nestorian Christian. In 763, as a refugee from a Tibetan invasion, and again in the spring of 764, he spent several weeks in Langzhong. A number of his poems describe his particular love of the place. Like Cassels, he was deeply attracted by its isolation, protected by encircling mountains. Du Fu, a permanent exile from his homeland in north China, would have understood Cassels' commitment to Sichuan and Langzhong.

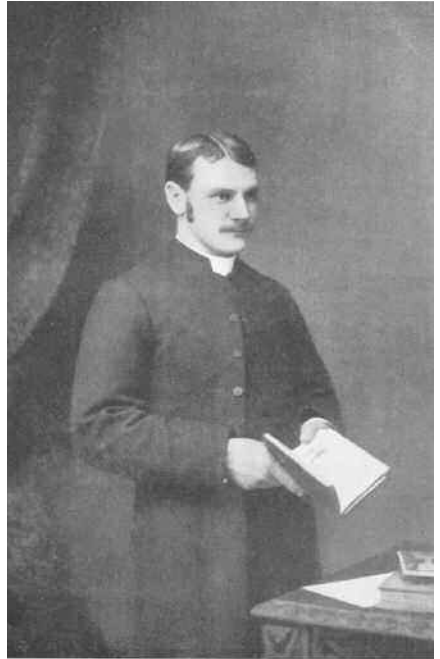
'[Cassels] referred to his work in Western China as "my own child, the child I have watched over and tended from the first"'

In 1907 the Archbishop of Canterbury asked Cassels to leave Sichuan and succeed the scholarly Corpus Christi graduate G. E. Moule as Bishop of Mid-China. This produced in Cassels a spiritual crisis. He referred to his work in Western China as 'my own child, the child I have watched over and tended from the first'. With strong local support, he and his wife stayed on at Langzhong. Both died of fever in the

autumn of 1925. Their grave, close by the cathedral, is carefully maintained. Indeed, on Christmas Eve 2014, one day short of the centenary of the first service held there, I laid yellow chrysanthemums, long symbolic in China of autumn, longevity and the western direction, under its headstone. The cathedral is still very much in use. A prolonged and raucous series of ‘performances’ was held there that same Christmas Eve, announced as ‘under the guidance of the Chinese Communist Party’.

If it is impossible to read in Cassels’ life story any interest in the Chinese past, that lacuna was filled by another Johnian. Cassels recommended Albert French Lutley, a child of missionary parents, for admission to the College in 1919. Lutley had been born in Shanghai in the crisis year of 1900 and he referred to himself as a ‘Boxer baby’, who survived the slaughter of forty-four Christian missionaries, including women and children, as part of the Manchu Qing government’s support for the anti-foreign Boxer Rebellion. Lutley was admitted to St John’s to read Classics. He then changed to Theology, to gain a respectable Second.

Lutley was ordained Priest in 1933 and served as a schoolmaster at the CMS School at Chefoo on the northern Shandong coast. Here, he was remembered as an English gentleman and a keen sportsman. He later worked as a missionary at Chengdu, in Cassels’ own province of Sichuan. A perfectionist with a concern for detail, he acquired a remarkably good hand in Chinese calligraphy and fluent church Mandarin. In his spare time he collated European



W. W. Cassels when Curate at All Saints’ Church, South Lambeth

transcriptions of the Nestorian Monument. Less happily, he proofread the English version of Chiang Kai-shek’s *China’s Destiny*. That act of political commitment meant that, with the Communist forces ascendant in the 1940s, he had no option but to leave China forever. Lutley’s regret, an implicit criticism of the generation of Cassels and the ‘Cambridge Seven’ and of his own parents, was that Anglican missionaries were simply left ignorant of the wealth and diversity of Chinese history. He pleaded, gently and politely, for training in the Chinese cultural heritage, in the work of men such as the great Du Fu, like Cassels and like himself a sojourner in Sichuan. Lutley’s final home was



Cassels' grave, St John's Cathedral, Langzhong (2014)

in Sedley Taylor Road, Cambridge. Here, in their old age, he and his wife extended warm hospitality to junior staff in Chinese Studies and interested undergraduates. I used to visit him there, sometimes to stay for a takeaway lunch of the Chinese food he relished. It was through him that the College Library came to be given the books on China by Sir John Davis, Vincent Stanton's collaborator in building St John's Cathedral in Hong Kong.

Some figures like Du Fu, Sir John Davis and even perhaps the Johnians Samuel Purchas and Albert Lutley, have left monuments in the form of the written word. Theirs are

houses 'not built with hands,' there for 'all time', as Du Fu observed of poetry. Others, like the Johnians Vincent Stanton in Hong Kong or William Cassels in Sichuan, are commemorated as much through bricks and mortar. Today, exploration of China's immensely rich cultural heritage is an option offered to the university community at all levels, from undergraduate to research scholar. But the bricks-and-mortar monuments built by Stanton and Cassels still stand in China. As well as inspiring reflection, they commemorate the name of the distant Cambridge college in which two Johnians spent their formative years. 🌐

VETS AT THE TOP

Dr David Williams (1982) reflects on the myriad achievements of the College's veterinary community and talks to Amanda Boag (1992) and John Fishwick (1979) about how their time at Cambridge equipped them to excel in the profession.



Amanda Boag, David Williams and John Fishwick in the College bar

Those of you who have joined the College over the past ten or so years may well remember the Master in his matriculation dinner speech noting that the sitter for one of the portraits in Hall is Manmohan Singh, past leader of one-sixth of the world's population. 'Oh that Johnians were in control of the other five-sixths', he remarks! I am pleased, as the Veterinary Director of Studies at St John's, to be able to say that while the world's population may languish without a Johnian lead, at least the United

Kingdom's veterinary community is in good hands. For Amanda Boag (1992) is President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the profession's statutory regulatory body, and John Fishwick (1979) is this year's President of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), the national representative body for the veterinary profession in the UK.

This summer the College held a celebratory dinner in Hall – a veritable gathering of



John Fishwick presenting to students

St John's vets – welcoming back several professors from the different veterinary schools and other non-veterinary university departments, senior figures in the equine industry and farming community, and numerous other vets who are currently playing an important role within communities across the UK and abroad (in Canada, South Africa and Australia, to mention a few). In the run-up to the vets' reunion, I met Amanda and John to chat over their time at St John's, their rise to the top, as it were, and their thoughts from their current positions.

Vets in conversation

David: You're both presidents of major veterinary organisations in the UK – but what do you do as your day-to-day work when not being President?

Amanda: I am Clinical Director for a veterinary business called Vets Now, which provides emergency (predominantly out-of-hours) care for pets across the UK. As Clinical Director I have responsibility for the clinical and professional standards and clinical culture

across sixty clinical sites, as well as representing the business externally and promoting emergency care as a career option for younger vets. The job is a real mixture of leadership, teaching and networking.

John: My full-time job away from the BVA is as a Senior Lecturer in Dairy Herd Medicine at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC). Until recently I was Head of the Department of Production and Population Health (PPH), which combined the RVC's activity in Production Animals, Epidemiology, Veterinary Public Health, Economics, Animal Welfare and Behaviour and the University Farm. I was also the RVC's Senior Clinical Tutor for several years and this really opened my eyes to some of the problems our students can experience. The RVC has very kindly allowed me, in effect, a period of sabbatical leave during my presidential year.

David: So what led you to become President of the RCVS and the BVA respectively?

Amanda: I was initially elected onto the RCVS Council by the profession in 2012 for a four-year term, and stood successfully again in 2016. Once on the Council I enjoyed getting involved with the issues facing the profession today, and so I put my name forward for President and was chosen for that post by my fellow Council members in 2017.

John: I was extremely surprised and indeed honoured to find myself nominated for the role of BVA President, especially as I did not know I was even being considered for it! I discussed it with my superiors at the

RVC, who were very supportive, and so I now find myself in the role.

David: Tell me a bit about your memories of St John's – what stands out from your time here?

Amanda: So much! It's such an important period of your life, having six years at the College. The first three years when I lived in College were really quite different to the second three years when I was in a College house and much more focused on 'being a vet'. I enjoyed the team spirit of rowing, although I was never very good and remember being told I needed to keep focused rather than watching the dogs on the river bank! I remember with great fondness lounging on the Backs after the exams in the summer, forgetting the large volume of information I had just crammed into my brain.

John: I had a wonderful time at St John's. It was a very special environment for learning, playing sport and taking part in a wide range of activities. I made friends here who have remained good friends to this day. I remember life at St John's was punctuated by much amusement and laughter, probably for all the wrong reasons. One of the things I remember most was the welcome speech made by the Master, Sir Harry Hinsley, soon after we arrived. He said that we were now members of St John's College and would remain so for life – a promise that has certainly been kept, in my experience, since that day. Sir Harry was a very modest and charming man, who I later learned was a famous historian and cryptologist once



Amanda Boag and John Fishwick at the Scottish Parliament, May 2018

instrumental in the code-breaking work of Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

David: How did your years at St John's prepare you for life as a vet?

Amanda: The vet course is always going to involve a lot of learning of knowledge regardless of where you train, but the particular benefit of Cambridge was the supervision system, where you got to explore problems and think about cutting-edge developments right from the beginning of the course. That really prepares you for thinking through problems you come across in clinical practice, and also for being willing and open to new developments.

John: I don't think I ever appreciated how well the education I got at St John's and the

Veterinary School prepared me for life as a clinician and for later roles in life. In fact, at the time I was only really aware of some perceived problems and possible deficiencies. What I soon learned to appreciate when I started work was the way in which we had been taught and encouraged to work out and solve problems by ourselves. Rather than taking a ready-made solution off the shelf we were encouraged to think through problems and solve them from first principles. This is an amazing legacy.

David: And did College life, and Cambridge, prepare you for your position now as President?

Amanda: The veterinary profession is a very special one with a unique place in society ... but we do tend to talk to one another a lot! Training at Cambridge, where you spend the

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first three years mixing with super-smart people who are going to go on to a myriad of other professions, opens your mind at an early age to the value of many different inputs to the way we work.

John: It's really hard to say. You come across so many life experiences and you are, in some respects, the sum of those and what you have experienced and been taught. All I can say is that you try to bring your own experience and values to any role or job you have. Not everyone will be happy with what you say and do all the time, and you will always make mistakes throughout your life. I think life has taught me that we are all very different and that we should be very careful not to make rapid judgements about others. It's also important to remember that others have often had very challenging experiences and lives, which you may be completely unaware of. Basic respect for your fellow man and woman is very important.

David: Finally, do you have any time for relaxation? What is your way of 'chilling out'?!

Amanda: With two daughters, aged five and eight, and a husband who also has a busy job, there's not a huge amount of time for relaxing. Taking my girls out for fish and chips on a Friday night at the end of a busy week, and sharing stories, is one of my favourite times. I am also lucky we live in a beautiful spot in

central Scotland, about a mile from any other houses, and so just arriving home, feeling the quiet of the countryside and seeing the hills, brings a great sense of well-being.

John: I'm terrible about not having other activities and relaxation away from my work. I am a dreadful sportsman and although I played rugby and did some rowing I never did this to any decent standard. These days the most I manage is a trip to the local gym. My family seem to keep me very busy, although they would probably say they never see me these days! One of my few pleasures is collecting autographs and stamps – but I don't do this very well as I can't afford to spend the family finances on getting the items I would really like. At the end of the day I consider myself very fortunate as I have a very decent life, a lovely family, and I can sleep well at night.

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Final thoughts

It was only as I discovered and contacted all the vets who have studied at St John's over the past fifty or so years that I realised what an amazing group of individuals the College has produced – but that should not have surprised me, should it? Thanks should go to the Tutors and Directors of Studies who guided us on our way. 🌟

EXLIBRIS OF ST JOHN'S

John Titford (1964) details some of the fascinating finds he's made while researching Johnian bookplates of centuries gone by.

I admit it: I'm an obsessive collector. Once an ardent philatelist, in my mature years I have decided to build up a collection of bookplates – and such fascinating, charming and, at times, beautiful objects many of them are! In particular, I have accumulated a sizeable collection of plates relating to St John's. The College has used a variety of armorial bookplates over the years to identify books within its Library, but my main interest has been in bookplates used by Johnians themselves. As a professional genealogist and an amateur heraldist I have found the challenge of identifying the owners of various plates and of constructing biographies of those owners quite irresistible.

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Over a number of years I have tackled the somewhat daunting task of compiling a book featuring Johnians and their plates throughout the ages. The result, consisting of 400 or so biographies, accompanied by over 800 illustrations, has been published by the Bookplate Society as its members' book this

year. The College itself has generously contributed funds towards the book's production costs, for which I am immensely grateful. There will be plates that I have missed, however, and my greatest regret is that I have not yet been able to locate any bookplates for women members of the College. So if any female Johnians could help out I'd be delighted to hear from them! Over a thousand former members of the College appear in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*; one person in fifty who are described therein is a Johnian. Many such individuals had bookplates, but a surprising number did not. There are no known plates for the poet Robert Herrick; for the dangerous villain Titus Oates; for the poet William Wordsworth; for the abolitionist Thomas Clarkson; for prime ministers George Hamilton-Gordon, fourth Earl of Aberdeen, and Frederick John Robinson, first Viscount Goderich and first Marquess of Ripon; for the foreign secretary Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh; for the comedian 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards; or for Archbishop Donald Coggan.

It is clear from the registers that, on entry, each undergraduate was once assigned to a particular class or category. These categories were: Sizars; Pensioners; Fellow-commoners; Noblemen (who were allowed to proceed to the MA degree without passing through the

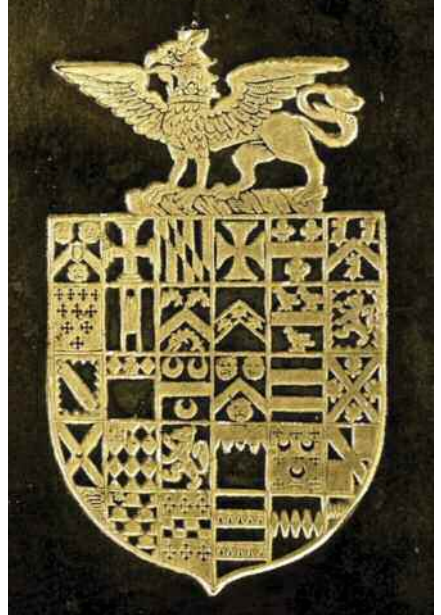
intermediate stage of BA); and Ten-year men – who could be admitted a member of a college after the age of twenty-four and, after devoting themselves to the study of theology, would be entitled, after the lapse of ten years, to proceed to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity without taking any previous degree of BA or MA.

So, how to identify the owner of a bookplate as a Johnian? This has been the challenge. Some plates helpfully indicate that a man has been at St John's, the name of the College appearing in English or Latin. Where no such help has been forthcoming, I have had no option but to search far and wide for Johnians.

In compiling biographies I have almost invariably started with an entry in that essential biographical work by J. and J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, and I have both expanded and contracted entries from this work of breathtaking scholarship, using a wide range of biographical sources, both printed and digital.

Very often it has been heraldry that has come to the rescue, particularly when a plate features an impaled coat of arms – the impaled arms being those of a wife's father – or one in which the wife's family's arms are featured on an 'escutcheon of pretence' in the centre of the shield, she being a heraldic heiress or co-heiress with no brothers.

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Gold-embossed armorial: a 'super libros' used by the famous/infamous Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford (1609)

The name of an engraver or printer can help to reinforce or to disprove an identification, and the style of a plate – early armorial, Chippendale and the like – can help to narrow down a possible timespan.

The loose collection of individuals whose biographies I have compiled constitutes a veritable *Canterbury Tales* of characters. There are those whose reputation is not the best – men like James Frampton, known as an ardent royalist, and the 'evil squire' who prosecuted the Tolpudde Martyrs in Dorset in 1834. Then there were those who fought duels – men like Charles Tennyson-D'Eyncourt, who fought with Lord Thomas Cecil in 1831.



A plate that has many varieties: William Wilberforce (1776). A plate originally used by his grandfather of the same name

St John's has had no more or less than its fair share of those whose lives have ended in insanity and/or suicide. Samuel Whitbread, a member of the famous family of brewers, suffered from depression and from a disease of the endocrine glands; he committed suicide in 1815. In 1914 John Henry Arthur Hart was despatched to Bedlam, and from there under escort to St Andrew's, Northampton, with only the clothes he stood up in and not so much as a toothbrush to his name, following an incident involving 'illusions and violence at St Pancras Hotel'.

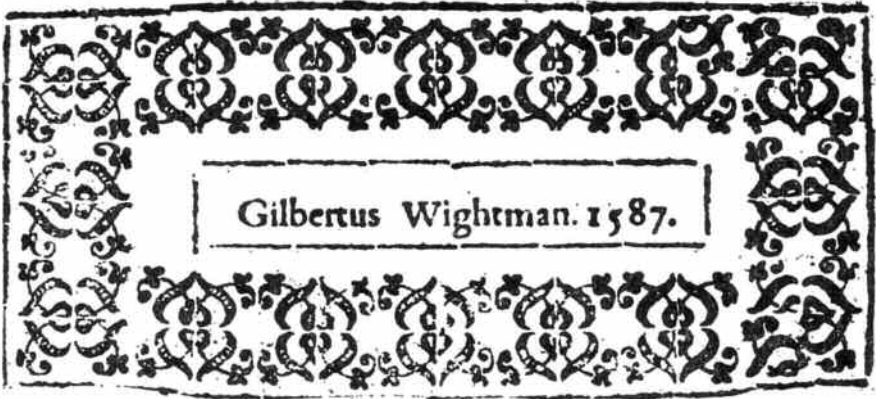
On a happier note, we are able to report that some Johnians, and their wives, were amazingly fertile. Sir John Chetwode, Baronet, of Oakley Hall, Staffordshire, for whom there are two known bookplates,

had no fewer than eight sons and seven daughters by his wife Lady Henrietta, daughter of George Harry Grey, fifth Earl of Stamford and first Earl of Warrington.

Many Johnians led particularly exotic lives of one sort or another. Richard Penn, grandson of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, became Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania and President of the Board of Trustees of the College and Academy of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania). Julius Lucius Brenchley, an ordained clergyman, became known as 'The Gentleman Explorer'; he travelled to North America, lived a forest life among the Indian tribes, undertook an adventurous



Spoof heraldry: John Tinkler (1851). The arms on the central shield, designed by Tinkler himself, contain elements of the College's own heraldry



The oldest known dated book label of a Johnian: Gilbert Wightman (1578)

expedition to Utah and Salt Lake City, travelled to New Zealand and cruised among the islands of the South Pacific before dying in 1873 at the age of fifty-six.

Many biographies I have written consist of a series of facts concerning a person's career, but reveal little enough about the kind of person he was. Accordingly, it is very satisfying to be able to offer the occasional snapshot of a man's character. Of Henry Paulet St John-Mildmay, Sir Egerton Brydges said that he was 'a capricious, vain, ill-tempered man, with some minor talents and insufferable pretensions ... crafty, plotting, ambitious, pushing and overbearing'. That just about covers it, then? 📖

Discover more about John's bookplate publication at www.bookplatesociety.org



Plate of a living Johnian: Graeme Stewart Feggetter (1964). A plate designed by Hugh Durrant

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

Dr Eileen Rubery (1967 Girton) reflects on the experience of being the first woman with dining privileges at St John's.



Dr Eileen Rubery, 2013

In the mid-1960s, fresh from qualifying as a doctor at Sheffield University Medical School, I joined Girton College to do a PhD in Biochemistry. Although I loved Sheffield and thought (and still think) the quality of the medical course there exceptionally good, I found the intellectual environment at Cambridge both stimulating and terrifying. It was great that practically everyone was fully focused on their research and talked about it all the time, but alarming that the biochemistry in my medical course, covered four years previously, was now largely outdated and an inadequate basis for a PhD in my chosen topic of nucleic acids and cancer. To remedy this lack, I attended Part I Biochemistry lectures and then supervised

groups of medical students who had been at the same lectures. There is nothing more likely to concentrate the mind during a lecture than the knowledge that you are going to have to explain what was said in the lecture to four groups of highly intelligent medical students a few hours later. It was terrifying, but both I and the students appear to have survived and prospered.

By my second year the Medical Research Council had converted my 'Studentship' to a 'Fellowship' and my challenging PhD research project was progressing well. This was largely due to a helpful PhD student a couple of years ahead of me called Philip (later to become my husband), who not only knew a great deal more biochemistry than I did but was also prepared to explain to me some of the post-Watson and Crick intricacies that had been identified since my medical degree. In time I completed my PhD and published one of the earliest papers on DNA methylation and cancer. One sign of the great advances made in this area since then is the fact that while my research was innovative then, a technician now could reproduce the research that took me four years in about an hour!

As is often the case, a completed PhD not only answers questions but also opens up several new avenues you want to explore. While looking for further support one day, I spotted an intriguing advertisement for

‘The Meres Senior Studentship at St John’s College’. Rather oddly, the notice said ‘applicants can be of either sex’, even though John’s was then, by statute, an all-male College. I was puzzled, but applied anyway. Unusually there were no interviews and I received a letter offering me the Studentship a few weeks later. I gratefully accepted.

A female student at St John’s! How could this be? It transpired that Mrs Margaret Meres, the widow of William Meres (1860), had bequeathed money to the College for one or more ‘fellowships’ but included certain strict conditions. The College found these conditions unacceptable and refused the money, but the Trustees came back saying there were no other obvious beneficiaries of Meres’ estate, so they were prepared to ask the court to quash the restrictions if the College would then accept the bequest. In proposing a revised scheme for administration of the Trust Fund, J. S. Mitchell (Fellow and Regius Professor of Physics) and John Boys Smith (as Senior Bursar, then Master) ensured, among other things, that St John’s had money for a senior-level research studentship that was not restricted to men. Their solution of calling it a ‘Studentship’ rather than a ‘Fellowship’ (which would have been more usual for a post at this level) still gave the ‘Student’ dining privileges to sit at High Table, attend Feasts, and have other benefits of a Fellowship, while also ‘belonging’ to Girton College.

In practice the arrangement worked pretty well. I could dine in College like any other member of College, on ‘Ladies Night’ Philip

was invited as a guest, and the rules for Fellows’ guests at College lunch were widened to include women so I could have lunch there if I wanted. It was a pragmatic and sensible solution that I greatly benefited from.

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Dr Eileen Rubery in the 1970s

When told the rules had been changed so that I (and other female guests of Fellows) could lunch in College, I realised I had to eat there at least once to establish the precedent. This

experience was not without its amusing side. I had been told to simply turn up and, when asked my name, to say who I was and all would be well. So on arrival I sat down and quietly helped myself to food from the dishes on the table. Everyone else there was, of course, male, and probably had no idea of the change of rules. They must have wondered who I was and how I had the effrontery to enter this hallowed room of men at lunch. After about ten minutes the President, John Crook, who had told me of the rule changes, came in and welcomed me.

He turned to my neighbour, introduced me as 'the Meres Student' and explained the changes in College rules that permitted me to lunch there. 'Oh!', my neighbour replied, clearly completely lacking any idea how one responded to news of such a major change in a custom no doubt in place for several centuries: 'I did wonder what you were doing here!' 'Well now you know,' I replied, smiling, not quite sure myself what the best response was.

After that exchange, conversation lapsed and I chatted to the President. I wasn't offended by my neighbour's response and I suspect we both finished our meal in silence simply because neither of us could think of a suitable topic for further conversation.

John then invited me to have coffee in the Fellows' rooms, where he introduced me to another elderly Fellow, again explaining how I came to be there. This poor man, clearly at a complete loss as to how to deal with this feminine invasion of masculine fastnesses, looked me up and down, trying to think what he could say. As it happened I was wearing a bright red trouser suit (a rather daring innovation for women at that time). This must have suddenly caught his attention for, clutching at any subject in this desperate situation, he said: 'Well, if I had been coming in to lunch for the first time, I think I would have chosen to wear something less bright.' 'I'm very sorry,' I truthfully replied, 'I am afraid that just didn't occur to me.'

As soon as decently possible, I left to tend my experiment, amused by the experience and realising Cambridge had yet to develop

suitable conventions around male/female conversations over meals! Although I didn't go into lunch again, simply because it just wasn't convenient when running experiments that lasted all day, I did hear that my attendance had broken the convention. From then on Fellows regularly brought female guests in to lunch, so my attendance had the desired effect.

I dined in the evening fairly regularly, and once the Fellows knew who I was they would come and chat to me and were clearly well disposed towards me. But there were so many of them! Soon it was I that had a problem, for while they soon all knew who I was, I often couldn't remember who they were, largely because I have always had a really bad memory for faces. Over time I became adept at formulating 'neutral' questions that (I hoped) didn't reveal my ignorance of any details from previous conversations. Overall it was a real privilege and fascinating to be part of the life of this male College. By the end of my time here I even managed to avoid getting lost in its courts and grounds! Once the Fellows got to know who I was they were genuinely friendly and welcoming, explaining the little traditions of High Table, like passing dishes of vegetables down to your next-door neighbour, but gravy across the table, or was it the other way round? College was also generous to me, lending me the deposit on a house on very generous terms and being flexible about various other issues thrown up by my rather unusual position.

In my second year I became pregnant. On one level I felt it was rather unfair to impose



Eileen, Philip and baby Caroline, May 1973

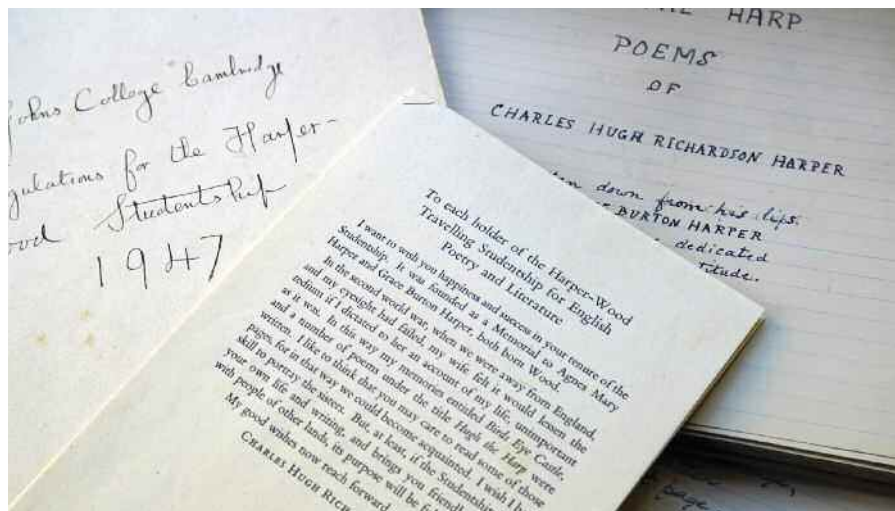
this aspect of feminine life on the College during the relatively short two-year tenure of my Studentship. But medical considerations made it inadvisable to delay for too long. By then I was writing up the papers on my work, so being pregnant did not really affect the progress of my research. I'm not sure what the College Council felt about this

when I wrote and told them, but they rose to the occasion splendidly and continued to pay me, by no means a certainty in those days, and were supportive.

Holding the Meres Studentship was a great privilege, providing a unique insight into life in an all-male College just prior to the great 'co-ed' revolution. It was also an important and productive period in my career, during which I completed research on the methylation pattern in DNA transformed by Polyoma Tumour Viruses. Having published my thesis and given birth to my daughter, I decided to return to medical practice. Over the next ten years I trained and worked as a Cancer Specialist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, treating and curing patients, before returning to another spell of research. My full-time career ended with nearly twenty years advising Ministers of Health on the management of health crises such as Chernobyl, HIV/AIDS and BSE/CJD in the Department of Health – but that is another story. Today I look back on the two years I spent at St John's with great pleasure, as a unique episode at a formative period of my life. 🇬🇧

THE STORY OF THE HARPER-WOOD

Paul Everest, Biographical Assistant at St John's, reveals the backstory of the Harper-Wood Studentship for English Poetry and Literature – now in its sixty-ninth year.



Note by Harper on the benefaction

Charles Hugh Richardson Harper was born in Kingsdown, Bristol, on 12 January 1869, and admitted to St John's in 1888 after attending Bristol Grammar School. He took his BA in 1890 and was subsequently ordained into the priesthood, serving as Rector of West Harling in Norfolk from 1899 to 1915 and Rector of Riddlesworth with Gasthorpe and Knettishall from 1915 to 1924.

So far, so typical: these sentences could adorn any number of *Crockford's*-style entries. So

many of Harper's contemporaries would have walked a similar path – grammar school, university, clergy – but as with anyone, there is a level of detail and interest that underlies this brief synopsis. With Harper, we see his impact most clearly in the benefaction that created the Harper-Wood Studentship.

Though sparsely published, Charles Harper was a keen and prolific poet, taking to the written word after losing his sight in 1943. The Library holds typescript and manuscript versions of his works in its Special Collections.

Along with these are copies of his memoirs, which range from his early life through to descriptions of dining in Hall at St John's. Within the memoirs, Harper notes of Hall: 'The long, polished, dark-oak tables, the oaken panelled walls and dignified portraits, the high raftered dim roof, the wide minstrels' gallery, the beautiful painted windows, lent a stately seemliness to a well-served and satisfying meal.' He also discusses the experience of cycling through Cambridge; his clerical life; the illness and death of his first wife, Agnes Mary Wood, in 1928; and his subsequent marriage and life with her sister, Grace Burton Wood (to whom he dictated all his work), culminating in their trip to Australia at the outbreak of the Second World War, and where both ultimately met their end – Grace after a fall in August 1944 and Charles on 18 May 1947.

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1945 is the year most apposite to this subject, though, for it was in February of that year that Harper donated the aforementioned manuscripts to the Library and gave £10,000 to form the basis for a travelling studentship in English poetry and literature, named in memory of his late wives. The rules and regulations of the studentship have necessarily fluctuated over time, but they remain true to their original aims: recipients are expected to spend their tenure travelling abroad, engaged in creative writing. One consequence of these

changing stipulations was that not all recipients were originally admitted to membership of the College. This was rectified in 2009 with a decision to formally admit all holders to membership, including retrospectively, and efforts have since been made to reach out to former holders and bring them in touch with St John's again. In recent years, more has been done to encourage recipients to feel involved with St John's by inviting them to reflect on their time away via talks or readings at the end of their tenure, and we have also been able to take a more proactive role in helping to promote their achievements and publications.

Robert Staton was the first recipient of the Harper-Wood, in 1949, two years after Charles Harper's death. Since then, seventy-five aspiring writers have enjoyed the privilege, and have in many cases gone on to produce diverse and important works. Among those many names sits our very own Richard Beadle (1972), Fellow and formerly Professor of Medieval English Literature and Palaeography at the University, along with an Honorary Fellow of the College, the noted Theatre and Opera Director David Pountney (1969). While there are many high-profile names among the Harper-Wood alumni, notable luminaries from the early period include Thom Gunn (1953), whose first collection *Fighting Terms* came out the following year. Such was (and perhaps is) the low profile of the Harper-Wood Studentship, that you'll find very little mention of it among the many write-ups of Gunn's life, most preferring to mention his undergraduate education at Trinity; yet it seems a safe assumption that its impact on his early work would have been considerable.

One of the few places you're likely to see Thom Gunn and the Harper-Wood mentioned in the same breath is in Frederic Raphael's *Going Up: To Cambridge and Beyond – A Writer's Memoir*. Raphael received the award in 1954 and says: 'In the previous year, Harper-Wood's bounty had been bestowed upon Thom Gunn. I once sat opposite him on an 85 bus going up Putney Hill, but we did not speak. Pock-marked, unsmiling and zippily leather-jacketed, he looked as if he would be happier astride a Harley Davidson.' Raphael went on to pen many books and screenplays, winning an Oscar for *Darling* in 1965. Among his best-known works is the semi-autobiographical *The Glittering Prizes*, adapted from his drama for the BBC of the same name, following a group of Cambridge students as they make their way in the world. To illustrate the uniqueness of the Harper-Wood, he comments: 'The award was wholly outside the usual run of academic prizes: no one studied "creative writing" in 1950s universities. People had to go to Iowa for that sort of thing.'

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The second half of the award's life has witnessed a gradual diversification, both in terms of recipient and output. Raina Haig (1984), the first female recipient of the award, embarked on a career as a TV and film director despite losing much of her sight to macular degeneration. She was quickly followed by writers Jean Hanff Korelitz (1985) and Rebecca Gowers (1988). As the profile of the award continued to grow in stature, it has benefited a slew of successful



Published works by a variety of Harper-Wood students

writers: Michael Hoffmann (1987), poet, critic, essayist, and one of the foremost translators of German to English; Amit Chaudhuri (1992), current Professor of Contemporary Literature at the University of East Anglia and accomplished poet, novelist and musician; Tobias Hill (1996) – described by A. S. Byatt as 'one of the two or three most original and interesting young novelists working in Britain today' – who was shortlisted for 2015's Ondaatje Prize for his novel *What Was Promised*; Gaby Wood (1999), as well as being a writer in her own right, is the *Telegraph's* Head of Books and Literary Director of The Booker Prize Foundation.

This trend has continued since the turn of the millennium, showing no signs of abating. Tom Rob Smith (2001) had his 2008 debut novel *Child 44* adapted into a movie starring Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman in 2015. The same year, *Loop of Jade*, the debut collection by Sarah Howe (2012), won the T. S. Eliot Prize, and that year's recipient, Vahni Capildeo (2015), won the 2016 Forward Prize for Poetry. The list is simply too long to do everyone justice in this short piece, but the value of the studentship and its continuing impact serves as an enduring testament to Charles Harper's benefaction all those years ago. His own writing may not have reached that wide an audience, but his generosity has enabled many others to do so with theirs. 🌐





Boston Ivy in River Court



Photo: Paul Everest

THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & SENIOR TUTOR



Dr Annis May Timpson

It has been a pleasure to meet Johnians throughout my first year as Director of Education & Senior Tutor at St John's. Thank you all for your friendly welcomes, your good advice, your insightful committee contributions and your generous donations to the College.

From the outset of my post I have also benefited from the fantastic support of the Master, the President and a wide range of College officers. This reflects the strength of our College community and a shared desire for excellence at St John's.

As the new Director of Education & Senior Tutor I made it a priority early in my tenure to meet with every Director of Studies and Tutor individually. These meetings enabled me to understand the teaching and broader welfare support of our students that lie at the heart of a Johnian education. They also enabled me to learn about the intellectual achievements of Johnians, the challenges of preparing students for thirty-one undergraduate degree courses at Cambridge, and the range of welfare issues in which our Tutors support our students.

I have also worked closely this year with student leaders in the JCR and SBR to promote student well-being and positive mental health. Although we can all remember times as students when we were anxious or overwhelmed, there are considerable new economic and social media pressures on our students that increase their anxiety about doing well.

In the Lent term I worked with the JCR and SBR and with the support of the College Nurse and the Head of the University Counselling Service to brief College staff and Teaching Fellows on student mental health. Both consultations produced important insights into the range of mental health issues

our students face and the best ways of enhancing provision to address these. Next year we will introduce new student-led mental health workshops at orientation and four professionally led mental health seminars for new students in their first year. We hope that these initiatives will further equip our students for the rigour and intensity of a Cambridge education.

The Director of Education & Senior Tutor's Department

I lead a team of twenty-two people who are engaged in the work of admissions, student services, the Health Centre, academic administration, graduate provision, support for my own role and the administration of a wide range of scholarships.

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Our Admissions team, led by the Tutor for Admissions, managed applications from over 850 candidates this year, of whom only 171 will be admitted to St John's next October. Entry to St John's remains highly competitive and it is my hope that we will broaden the socio-economic and educational bases from which our students are drawn. To enable this the Admissions team has organised multiple Open Days and Taster Days, a Teachers'

Conference, on-site 'Admissions Clinics' and outreach visits to a wide range of schools.

In your time here as students, many of you will have valued the support received from Audrey Hewson, who now heads up our Student Services team. I note Audrey's contribution because in June we marked her silver anniversary of working at St John's. Audrey has been a fount of knowledge throughout my first year in post. I would like to pay tribute to her for twenty-five years of impressive service in supporting colleagues, students and new and returning graduates of this College.

In addition to support from their Tutors, students also benefit from care provided by the College Nurse, Assistant Nurse and College Counsellor in the Health Centre and from the support of the Chaplain and College Porters. I have been impressed by the capacity for truly joined-up support for students at St John's.

A team of four Academic Administrators work with our Directors of Studies and Tutors, ensuring that all records are appropriately maintained throughout a student's career at Cambridge. The Academic Administrators also play a key role in arranging admissions interviews and helping me to develop new areas of College policy to benefit our students.

St John's has a substantial graduate community supported by the Tutor for Graduate Affairs and the Graduate Office. Over and above the range of taught courses



Annis May Timpson with JCR co-Presidents Ben Jones (left) and Fionn Dillon Kelly (right)

undertaken by graduate students, the SBR's Graduate Research Forum in the Lent term highlighted the diversity of graduate work undertaken at St John's and the international make-up of our graduate body. It was truly impressive to see students exchanging ideas across many different fields and, quite often, doing so in their second language.

In the Director of Education & Senior Tutor's Office I am ably supported by an Executive Assistant and an Administrator, who ensure that I am fully briefed for each varied task and meeting involved in my post. In addition, our

Scholarships Administrator manages the impressive range of scholarships, awards and bursaries that you have kindly supported to benefit our students.

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Your support for the *Free Thinking* campaign currently enables just under fifty students, who would not otherwise have had the opportunity, to benefit from an undergraduate education at St John's.

Competition for our Summer Bursaries and our Travel Awards is intense and it is

no easy task to adjudicate the impressive projects proposed to us. Both schemes enable students to spread their wings and undertake local, national and international projects during the summer vacation that they would not otherwise have the resources to complete. Your generosity through these programmes enables our students to gain vital experience that enhances their CVs as they enter the highly competitive world of work.

Intellectual Theme Initiative

Before presenting my report on education to the Governing Body in the Easter term I conducted a College-wide consultation to ascertain how Fellows would like to see our academic community develop at St John's. Colleagues suggested that we should encourage students to think beyond their subject and engage in the broader intellectual ethos of the College from which we benefit as Fellows. To this end I am launching a new initiative to encourage students to identify an intellectual theme for Lent Term 2019 that can engage undergraduate and graduate students, Fellows and Visiting Scholars in a series of College-wide events.

As you will know from the College's 2018 success on *University Challenge*, our graduate and undergraduate students are very capable of building an effective team to address intellectual challenges! Indeed, as the person approached very discreetly to ask if it would be possible for the College to host a

reception after the final, I had a slight inkling that the St John's team might have won. However, I could not know whether this request was to enable students to celebrate or to drown their sorrows at the end of the competition. In the end it was a phenomenal evening in which students, friends and Fellows of the College turned out in force to watch our amazing team succeed over all others in the land.

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In closing I would like to thank you all again for your support and to say that I would be delighted if you would introduce yourselves to me when you find yourselves back in Cambridge. While I am still – just about – the ‘new’ Director of Education & Senior Tutor at St John's, I am deeply conscious that I am a steward taking the educational objectives of this phenomenally impressive College forward at this stage in time. I always benefit from discussion with Johnians – from your wit, wisdom, stories and, above all, intelligent insights.

I look forward to future conversations with you in years to come. 🌟

Dr Annis May Timpson

NEW RESEARCH FELLOWS



Dr Giuliana Fusco
(Laurea, Naples, PhD,
Cambridge) *for*
Biological Chemistry

I obtained a BSc and
MSc degree in
Chemistry at the

University of Naples and was awarded a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge in 2016. My research focuses on the underlying mechanisms of functional and pathological neuronal processes, including those associated with the origin and development of Parkinson's disease, and with particular interest in the trafficking of synaptic vesicles and mitochondrial dysfunction. In studying these biochemical processes, I investigate the nature of key protein–protein and protein–membrane interactions by using solution-state and solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance and cryo electron microscopy. My work is integrated in the recently established Centre for Misfolding Diseases in the Department of Chemistry, which brings together scientists from different disciplines to elucidate the molecular causes of protein misfolding and aggregation, and to discover therapeutic strategies for combating the family of disorders with which this phenomenon is connected.



Ms Stephanie Mawson
(BA, Melbourne,
BA, MPhil, Sydney)
for History

I am a historian of early
modern Maritime
Southeast Asia. My

PhD focuses on the contested nature of empire in the seventeenth-century Philippines. By re-examining the place of the Philippines in world history, my research demonstrates that the early colonial history of the archipelago defies many assumptions in the established historiography about the nature and scope of early modern empire. In particular, my work challenges the myth of a 'completed conquest', the idea that Europeans asserted an expanding, unhalting domination over colonised people in the Philippines. I have also won several prestigious publication awards for articles published in *Past & Present* and *Ethnohistory* on the social history of Spanish and indigenous soldiers serving in the Philippines in the early modern period. At the postdoctoral level, the focus of my research will expand geographically to the broader region, encompassing the eastern parts of today's Indonesian archipelago, stretching from Borneo in the west to Papua New Guinea in the east and incorporating the islands of the Moluccas, Celebes, Sulu and Banda Seas. I plan to explore the emergence of powerful Southeast Asian sultanates in this region and their relations to European empires, while also relating the social histories of spaces like Borneo, Sulawesi and Papua New Guinea, which have often been marginalised within the historiography of this region.



Dr Joana Meier
(BSc, MSc, PhD, Bern)
for Evolutionary Biology

Growing up in Ecuador, where I experienced lush rainforests to extreme Andean

environments, I became fascinated by the diversity of life. As a biology student in Switzerland, I was keen to learn how such diversity evolves. I realised that 200 years after Darwin, many aspects of speciation remain unknown. During my PhD, I investigated cichlid fish – some of the fastest speciating animals. In the African Lake Victoria, these colourful fish generated 500 diverse species in merely 15,000 years, a blink in evolutionary time. Some cichlids are specialised algae scrapers, while others feed on insect larvae, zooplankton or even smaller cichlids. In my dissertation I sought to uncover how these diverse species arose so rapidly. I discovered that they evolved from two distantly related cichlid lineages that interbred and combined their genetic variation. This high variation became sorted into many different species, comparable to joining two Lego tractor and airplane sets – you can rearrange the Lego bricks into many different vehicles! During my Fellowship, I am excited to study genetic mixing in Ecuadorian butterflies, in the group of St John's Fellow Professor Chris Jiggins. I will also establish my own study system to continue my search for answers on the origin of species.



Ms Ester Salgarella
(BA, MA, Padova, MPhil, Cambridge)
for Classics

My research interests revolve around ancient writing systems. In my

PhD dissertation I investigated the genetic relationship between two Bronze Age Aegean writing systems, namely Linear A and Linear B, attested on Crete and Mainland Greece and understood to have developed one straight out of the other. Only Linear B (spanning 1400–1190 BC) has been deciphered and shown to render the earliest written form of the Greek language, while Linear A (spanning 1800–1450 BC) encodes the obscure Minoan language, still poorly understood. In order to move on research on Linear A, currently experiencing a period of stagnation, during the Fellowship I will conduct a detailed and systematic investigation into Linear A in its archaeological, epigraphic and palaeographic context with an interdisciplinary approach, and place it in its historical and sociocultural setting. I also plan to take this research a step further by placing Linear A within a much broader context and exploring synchronic and diachronic writing practices in the Aegean, Egypt and Levant. I strongly hope that this work will lay firmer foundations and pave the way for a much longed-for decipherment of this ancient and enigmatic writing system, which will otherwise be damned to conceal forever a truly 'dead' language. 🌐

IN CONVERSATION: THE NURSE

Emma Dellar joined St John's as Head of Health in June 2017. A year in to her employment, she talked to *The Eagle* about the challenges and rewards of overseeing the health and well-being of a diverse College community.



Hello Emma! Please tell us, in a nutshell, who you are and what you do.

I am a Registered Nurse and have been working in health care in one guise or another since I was eighteen – initially with children, then with the elderly, and obviously now predominantly with young adults. I qualified as a nurse in 2006 and worked in roles in hospitals – Surgical Care, Day Surgery and Acute Care, Accident and Emergency and Resuscitation Services – before moving into the private sector in 2009. I have worked with students ever since.

My role as Head of Health at St John's involves managing a small team (Nursing and Counselling) and the daily, changing demands of the service. My day is varied and there has to be flexibility as I never know what is coming through the door next. There are peak times of work – particularly Michaelmas, when meeting new students, and Easter term, with exams – and I work full-time all year round, running a reduced service out of term when taking leave. I work alongside my colleagues Mary Lindsell (Assistant College Nurse) and Susie Renshaw (College Counsellor) to provide a health and well-being service for students, staff and Fellows.

Where did you study/train, and why did you choose nursing as your vocation?

I trained through Homerton School of Health Studies (HSHS) in Cambridge, but graduated from Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) – having never been there – when HSHS was sold to ARU a month before I graduated!

I had worked in health care my whole working career, but it was as a result of the death of my mother and the support of an amazing manager, who encouraged me to apply for university at the age of thirty-two, that I trained. I was able to continue part-time work on top of study, which helped me fund myself, while being a single parent of

two boys. It was a very hard three years, but worth it.

Are any of your family members also in the medical sector?

Yes, lots! I have relatives from the last three generations that I know of – GPs, doctors, several nurses, consultant specialists and paramedic/ambulance staff. So perhaps it is in the blood!

What are your key responsibilities as a nurse at St John's?

In the Health Centre we can see anyone with anything! That is a huge responsibility. My role is to triage, assess, reassure, treat or refer in a timely manner. I also have to manage the expectations of our patients and the College community, advocate and support, manage a budget, order stock, update the website and Moodle, liaise with other health professionals, keep my practice current by attending training and meetings, and sit on appropriate committees.

What are some of the most challenging aspects of your role?

The most challenging thing can be trying to access information that may lead to joined-up care. Students are sometimes reluctant to share information – perhaps due to fears about confidentiality, being judged or uncertainty about what a College Nurse can do to help. We want to encourage students to present early with their concerns and to reassure them of our professional approach and non-judgemental support. St John's is a vast place, and getting to know, and be known, is a challenge.



Island hopping in Greece

And the things you enjoy most?

When I see a student do what is important and fulfilling for them, be that being able to flourish in their studies or the success of a personal achievement such as sport or acting. Also on occasion when a student comes to the very difficult decision that studying at Cambridge is not what they want to do, knowing I have been able to support them. For me the personal satisfaction of being a College Nurse is being able to celebrate the successes of others, and the knowledge that I have played a small part in that. I am like a proud parent on Graduation Day and have been known to discreetly dab away at the tears with a tissue!

How have you found working at St John's so far? Was it easy settling into the College as a workplace?

The first few terms have been very much about getting to know the people and the



place. I am still working on it! I have found the College to be supportive, friendly and helpful. However, there are a lot of people – both students and staff – to get to know.

What are some of your favourite things about the College?

I am incredibly proud to be working at St John's with its history and values at the forefront of a community that allows its members to prosper, recognises diligence and hard work, as well as successes, and acknowledges individuality and uniqueness. Walking through the College I cannot fail to have an appreciation of the buildings, the gardens, the space and the people who make up our community, with the river flowing through the middle to remind us all of the fluid and ever-changing environment.

When you're not busy working, what do you like doing?

My main pastimes out of work include walking my dog (a lively but sappy miniature schnauzer), relaxing with family and friends, planning our next adventures – be it a short break or holiday – and working on ideas for the home we moved into just before Christmas. My favourite place to holiday is Italy and I am going on two occasions this coming summer, to different areas. I de-stress by practising mindfulness regularly, or escaping into the TV – a soap or movie usually. I'm currently watching the series *Six Feet Under*, which is grim at times but plays to my nurse's dark humour! 🌸

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT ST JOHN'S

Dr Sam Cohen (2005 Trinity), Entrepreneur-in-Residence, reports on his first year in this new position.

The ideas generated by members of St John's have the potential to transform every area of modern life, from health care to the high street. Indeed, over the past two decades, Johnians have been the driving force behind highly successful and pioneering ventures, ranging from Astex Therapeutics to the Raspberry Pi Foundation to Innocent Drinks. However, despite this success, many potentially ground-breaking ideas still remain as prototypes in the laboratories of researchers, or as aspirations in the minds of students. The scale of this missed opportunity must not be underestimated. Diseases could be cured more rapidly, everyday life could be transformed by new technologies, and new businesses could boost the nation's economy. Equally important are the lives of Johnians, which could be enriched through new experiences and career opportunities.

Earlier this year, St John's became the first Cambridge college to establish a position specifically aimed at supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, and I was honoured to be asked to become the College's inaugural Entrepreneur-in-Residence.

Having personally transitioned from academia to the City to entrepreneurship, I know first-hand that today it is far easier for Johnians to follow a career in a large



firm than it is to translate their ideas into a career in entrepreneurship. Following my undergraduate and Master's degrees in Natural Sciences and a PhD in Chemistry, all from the University of Cambridge, I spent time as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard

University and as a Research Fellow at St John's. I was then a consultant at The Boston Consulting Group before becoming Director of Scientific Investments at Malin plc, a publicly listed investment firm. In 2016 I co-founded Wren Therapeutics, a University spin-out company developing new treatments for neurological disorders including Alzheimer's disease, where I am currently CEO. I was fortunate to have the support of mentors and colleagues, without whom I might not have made the transition. Because of this, I am a strong advocate for providing support for like-minded Johnnians in my new role as Entrepreneur-in-Residence.

I plan to take input from students, staff, Fellows and alumni, and to work alongside the leadership of the St John's Innovation Centre and the recently formed Johnnian Entrepreneurs Club (JEC). Together, we will work to support and encourage entrepreneurial activities within the College. Members of the JEC are already generating exciting business ideas, which I hope I and other Johnnians will be able to support.

In the short term, I am focusing on the establishment of a small number of concrete strategic initiatives. Examples include:

- acting as a single point of contact in College for support and advice related to entrepreneurship, and to help make valuable connections between individuals and groups,
- creating a network of current members, alumni and external parties interested in entrepreneurial activities related to the College,
- organising regular events, including speakers, educational sessions and networking drinks, together with the (JEC),
- establishing a programme of summer work placements for Johnnians interested in a career in entrepreneurship,
- exploring models that would allow alumni to directly support the entrepreneurial activities of Johnnians via seed funding of start-up enterprises, and
- evaluating what educational activities could be provided within College to equip students with the tools they need to transform a great idea into a successful business.

I am keen to hear from any Johnnians who would like to share their ideas, expertise or resources in this area, and more generally from anyone interested in participating in these new activities. Please get in touch via the College Development Office: development@joh.cam.ac.uk 



THE MASTER AND FELLOWSHIP

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Brian Chesney (1963), this year's BBC *Mastermind* champion, with the *Mastermind* trophy



Courtesy of Brian Chesney

MEMBERS' NEWS

IN CONVERSATION: THE WINTER OLYMPIAN

Having represented Great Britain at two Winter Olympics, luge athlete *Mark Hatton* (1995) knows what it takes to succeed at one of the most dangerous sports in the Olympic Programme. *The Eagle* caught up with Mark following his return from Pyeongchang 2018, where he coached the South Korean National Team, to find out more about the art of luge and where he's headed next.



Mark coaching the South Korean National Team for 2018

For the uninitiated, can you start by explaining what luge involves?

Luge is the fastest and arguably most dangerous sport in the Olympic Programme. This is to my mind what makes it so rewarding. Using the same track as bobsleigh,

we navigate the mile-long ice course on a tiny 25kg sled at speeds well over 90mph, and experiencing G forces of around 6G – wearing just a crash helmet and lycra. There is no shell around us for protection or aerodynamics. It takes planning, strategy, physical and mental

fitness, a measured ability to instantly analyse risk, a natural feeling for the interaction between sled and ice, and of course raw courage. Basically there are three ways to go fast. Number one is to drive by feeling and not by sight, which involves lying completely flat on the sled with the head all the way back. This drastically improves aerodynamics by not having one's head in the airflow, but also means vision is extremely limited. Number two is setting up the sled so that it is on the limits of grip, control and safety, thereby minimising friction between steel and ice. An elite luge sled set up in this way is very fast but is somewhat like sliding on a bar of soap. Number three sounds the most simple but is in fact the most difficult to master: RELAX! If the athletes are stiff on the sled then they will cut the ice every time they hit a bump on the track. The sleds don't have suspension so the athlete has to be the shock absorber. Trust me, it takes time to be able to relax at 90mph on a tea tray.

How did you get into the sport?

I was lucky to be born into a sporting family. My father, Brian Hatton (1956), also a Johnian, won two Blues for tennis and represented the University at basketball, squash and table tennis; my mother, Maureen, is a PE teacher and yoga teacher and was also an accomplished tennis player. During my time at John's I won Blues in athletics (pole vault) and ice hockey, but I always felt my sporting destiny lay elsewhere. I first saw luge on the television when I was fourteen and was captivated watching these daredevils fly down the ice. I remember telling my mother that was what I wanted to do one day, and seeing the colour drain from her face. I think that made



Mark crossing the finish line at Salt Lake City 2002

me want to do it more! I first tried it on an Army beginners week in Austria in 1994 and was instantly hooked, despite a fair few high-speed crashes. I became a full-time athlete shortly after leaving Cambridge and went on to compete in my first Olympics six years later, at Salt Lake City 2002, on a homemade sled.

How did you come to be coaching the South Korean National Team?

After retiring from racing in 2007 I stayed involved in the sport, initially for three years in Vancouver as Luge Event Manager for the 2010 Olympic Organising Committee, and also as a keynote speaker. More recently I have been Performance Director for Great Britain and a board member of the British Columbia



Mark Hatton with the South Korean National Team, 2018

Luge Association. Having previously coached at various levels for Great Britain, I received a call from a former colleague who offered me the role of National Team Coach for South Korea. The opportunity to coach an Olympic team at their home Olympics with all the available resources to optimise performance does not come round often and was too good to turn down.

What are the challenges of coaching a team in this sport, and at this level?

The language barrier is the first challenge that comes to mind. This was addressed by making sure the athletes learned a luge dictionary of common words used in coaching. After each session coaching the athletes over the radio it was necessary to re-coach them face to face, to make sure they completely understood.

Another challenge is helping the athletes to manage the pressure that comes with being the home team. Often I could sense that they were feeling this more than was healthy for their performance. As a coach it is your job to give them perspective, and when the pressure becomes too much it is important to remind them that what they are doing is supposed to be fun – that we are lucky enough to make our living from sliding down mountains on a toboggan. It is easier to go fast sometimes when you have a smile on your face.

Tell us about your own time competing in the Winter Olympics; what have you taken from the experience that you can offer to the teams you coach?

I experienced a range of emotions competing in two Olympics – finishing well and

achieving all my goals in 2002, and spectacularly crashing in 2006. Although it didn't feel it at the time, for me the crash in Turin 2006 was one of the most valuable and shaping moments of my life. I crashed because I was giving it absolutely everything and just pushed it too far that day. Over time, final placings cease to matter, and the knowledge that you could not have given more becomes what really counts. I tell all my athletes that if they can look in the mirror and honestly say to themselves that they could not have given any more of themselves to their cause, then they will always be a champion.

Describe the South Korean team's performance at Pyeongchang 2018 and your highlights from the Winter Olympics.

Pre-Olympics we had a tough season, and it would be fair to say that going into the Games we were feeling confident but not brimming with confidence as I had wished. Our home field status, however, meant that we had taken hundreds of training runs on the Olympic track, and this gave us a significant advantage. South Korea as a luge nation had usually finished closer to the back of the pack in previous Olympics. In Pyeongchang we achieved three top-ten finishes, which for an Asian luge nation was previously unheard of. My fondest memory of the Olympics was when Aileen Frisch, our top female athlete, threw down a first run time that put her in fifth place and a tenth of a second off bronze medal position. She had struggled to get the results that she and I knew she was capable of in the run-up to the Olympics, so this was a fantastic position to be in. As she got off the transport at the top

of the track I went to meet her and she wore a look of pride and redemption that I had not seen from her all season long. That one moment goes down as one of my favourite and most powerful memories of luge, both as a coach and as an athlete.

What was Pyeongchang like as a host for the Winter Olympics?

There was a real fear going into the Games that the public had not embraced the Olympics; ticket sales had been slow. In the run-up to the competition, there seemed to be very few people around the venues. Then one day they just appeared! The Korean public really got into the spirit of the Olympics and were a wonderful crowd who cheered loudly and seemed to love what they were seeing. The noise when our Korean athletes took to the track was so loud that they could not hear the announcer. It was a hugely successful games and a great honour to be a part of the historic combined North and South Korean team.

What are your hopes and projects for the immediate future?

Returning to coaching has made me realise that too often we get caught up chasing the money and lose sight of our passions. I have always loved telling my stories about sliding down mountains, and my intention is to continue to speak in schools and companies, sharing what I have learned over the course of an atypical career. My father always told me 'if there's no pathway, build your own,' and I think that phrase fits my career to date perfectly. 🌟

MEMBERS' NEWS

The following pages are dedicated to sharing the news of alumni, Fellows and Honorary Fellows, listed in order of matriculation year in the University or the year of joining the College as a Fellow. Please note that we rely on those submitting entries to check that they are correct and we cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies.

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If you've lost touch with another Johnian, please contact the Development Office at development@joh.cam.ac.uk or on 01223 338700, and if we have his or her contact details we will try to help you reconnect.

1943 HAYMAN, Professor Walter's work has been commemorated with a blue plaque outside the Huxley Building, Imperial College London, where he works. Professor Hayman is a Senior Research Fellow in the College's Department of Mathematics. He has three great-grandchildren and at the time of writing expected a fourth, in December 2017.

1946 HORRIDGE, Professor Adrian suggests that 'If you are looking for a good investment you might consider stocking up with *The Prabu* (Horridge, 1981 and 1985), which in March 2018 was offered on Amazon Books for US \$1090 (second edition). The twenty or so signed copies of the first edition must be worth a fortune, and I am sure that St John's should have a copy in the Library (better check, and lock it up). The neurobiology book I wrote with Ted Bullock in 1965 now sells for US \$200 or more depending on condition. There you can view structures of all invertebrate nervous systems. Good reading for a winter evening.'

1948 ANAND, Dr Nitya was conferred Padma Shri by the President of India in 2012.

1948 CARLISLE, Professor Raymond has continued convening discussions at Norwich Cathedral (*The Eagle* 2017, p. 68) from 4–4.30pm every Thursday. Topics are now being grouped by recipient interest in either an agenda appropriate to a national local interfaith church in Britain or to recipients with some previous involvement in Christian humanism.

1950 BRISTOW, Dr J. Anthony has, since his retirement from the position of Principal Scientific Advisor at the Swedish Pulp & Paper Research Institute, taken on a lot of work, with an official authorisation from the Swedish government authority, as a translator from Swedish to English. At the end of 2017, he and his Swedish wife Anne-Marie celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

1951 WYATT, Dr John has reported 'another NQFY (not quite finished yet) achievement'. In August 2017 the Edwin Mellen Press published John's three-and-a-half-year project *How Archaeological Artifacts Inspire Imagination: A Study of Writers from the Seventeenth Century to the Present*.

1952 AXFORD, Martin and Wendy (née Camps, Girton 1951) celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary by taking their relatives and friends for a cruise on Loch Katrine in the SS *Sir Walter Scott*. A multilingual party (English, Icelandic, German, Shona, Spanish, Scots) enjoyed lunch and the October lochside colours.

1952 BURNHAM, Dr Paul shares that in March 2018 Wipf and Stock (Eugene, Oregon) published his book entitled *The Eagle Returns: A New Look at the Gospel of John*. This advocates that John the Evangelist was a Jerusalem disciple whose house hosted the Last Supper. The book is now available on Amazon, price £8.

1952 CHAMBERS, Professor Robert published *Can We Know Better? Reflections for Development* (Practical Action Publishing, 2017).

1952 HASLAM, Dr Michael recently took an interesting trip to Ukraine, and keeps active with croquet matches at Ryedale and playing on a pool team at the local sports club. Dr Haslam is retired Hon. Secretary of the Society of Clinical Psychiatrists and remains Treasurer of the Cambridge Society of York. His recent publications include *Sedbergh Revisited* and *Nina*. He recently welcomed a new baby to the family, Oliver George, born to his grandson Matthew and Matthew's wife Becky.

1954 GERMAN, Clifford, aged eighty-four, has gained a PhD in Historical Geography at UCL, completing a project begun in Cambridge sixty years ago and abandoned through lack of data.

1955 PHILLIPS, Professor Ian, former President of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease, has been elected to the newly established Fellowship of the Society (FESCMID).

1956 EAGLEN, Dr Robin published *In Celebration of Greek Coinage* in June 2017.

1956 MACKIE, Dr Euan published *Brochs and the Empire* (Archaeopress, 2016), on an excavation of Leckie Broch, Stirlingshire, in the 1970s. More recently, Dr MacKie has written a book for Archaeopress about Professor Alexander Thom's work on British archaeoastronomy.

1959 AVERY, Dr Charles published *Joseph de Levis & Company: Renaissance Bronze-founders in Verona* (London, 2016); *Giambologna's Julius Caesar and his Patron, the 'Magnifico' Bernardo Vecchietti* (Leeds, 2017); and *Massimiliano Soldani, Sculptor to the Medici, Sixty Drawings* (Nicolas Schwed, Paris, November 2017), an exhibition catalogue.

1960 BREARLEY, Mike published *On Form*, a book examining many of the elements of being in and out of form across a number of different disciplines – not only in cricket and psychoanalysis, but also in finance, music, philosophy, medicine, teaching, tree surgery and drama. *On Form* is *The Times* Book of the Year 2017 and is published by Little, Brown (littlebrown.co.uk).

1960 ELLIS, Professor George shares: 'I have just published a book, *Beyond Evolutionary Psychology*, with Mark Solms (Cambridge University Press), which gives a unique view on the nature/nurture controversy: what is innate in the brain, and what is not. It provides a well-motivated overall view on this topic, which can also provide a basis for future research.'

1960 HOUGHTON, Brigadier Ivan, as the Researcher (Volunteer) in the Frames Conservation Department at Tate, has completed the third edition of the *Catalogue Raisonné of the Frames for the Oil Paintings of the J. M. W. Turner Bequest in the Tate and National Gallery Collections*. As London Metropolitan University has stopped restoration and conservation courses, he can no longer contribute as a Visiting Research Fellow. He remains the Honorary Librarian for the Medical Society of London.

1961 KUMAR, Professor Krishan published *The Idea of Englishness: Culture, National Identity, and Social Thought* (Routledge, 2015); and *Visions of Empire: How Five Imperial Regimes Shaped the World* (Princeton University Press, 2017). His first book, *The Idea of Englishness*, was the subject of a one-day conference at St John's organised by Fellow of the College Professor Robert Tombs in November 2016.

1962 ADAMS, Robert was awarded an ScD degree last year for his work on vibration damping and adhesive joints. Robert is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Oxford and an Emeritus Professor in Applied Mechanics at the University of Bristol.

1962 PARKYN, Neil shares that, since arriving in central France definitively in 2008, he has been able to develop his longstanding enthusiasms for watercolour painting and industrial heritage. This has led to the conception and realisation of a book for the Conseil Général de la Creuse, his department, presenting the story of forgotten industrial workers – miners, tapestry weavers and railwaymen – through the medium of their workplace, now visible as abandoned industrial sites.

1962 SAMPSON, Professor Geoffrey published *The Linguistics Delusion*, challenging the idea that language can be studied scientifically, together with a new edition of his e-textbook on what computing graduates need to know about law. In 2018 he embarked on a multi-year project to produce a new version for English speakers of the Chinese book *Odes*, one of the earliest works of literature in any still-living language.

1962 WEST, Christopher has been retired since 2008, but holds the status of Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Liverpool (renewed for 2017–20), in which he is part of the Department of Public Health and Policy, helping with statistics and computing.

1963 CHESNEY, Brian, who studied history at St John's, is this year's BBC *Mastermind* champion. Millions of viewers saw him compile a near-record score of thirty-two, answering thirteen questions on his specialist subject, 'the Revolt of the Netherlands 1568-1609', and nineteen on general knowledge. In previous rounds Brian answered questions on 'the Life and Prime Ministership of Harold Wilson' and 'the Giordano Bruno Novels of S. J. Parris'.

1963 CROXFORD, Leslie has released a new novel, *Deep Sahara* – a suspenseful exploration of one man's emotional resurgence. The book is available on Amazon.

1963 RATZER, Gerald shares that after a year as a graduate student at St John's he got an IBM Fellowship to McGill University in Canada and was soon an Assistant Professor at McGill (at age twenty-five) before even the School of Computer Science had been set up. He taught there for forty years and did research in modelling and simulation – mainly in the field of air traffic control. Since Gerald retired in 2005 he has appeared on panel discussions and been an invited lecturer at other universities. Notes and slides of his talk 'Climate Change – Evidence for Global Cooling' can be found at <https://goo.gl/3qwtaS>.

1963 THOMPSON, Dr Alan has now published nine books in paperback and online, including three detective novels, a trilogy entitled *The Spirit of 1968*, a volume of poetry, another of short stories and a commentary on the poetry of Wilfred Owen. Under the name Alan Rhys-Thompson, his publications can be found on Amazon and Amazon Kindle.

1963 WALLACE, John is now in his third year of a Doctorate of Theology and Ministry at Durham University, comparing church planting in the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England with the way in which Anglo-Catholic churches were started/planted in the nineteenth century. He has three specific research sites but if any Johnian has other information or experience he would be pleased to be contacted on john.c.wallace@durham.ac.uk. Additionally, the Bishop of St Albans awarded John 'The Order of St Albans'. This coincides with his standing down as Lay Vice-President of the St Albans Diocesan Synod after twelve years.

1963 WATERS, Brian is chairman of the APEC Forum of the Cambridge University Land Society. Among recent events organised by the Forum was a presentation of the St John's twenty-year masterplan at the offices of Allies and Morrison. In March 2018 Oliver Hawkins (1963) and Brian organised the most recent reunion of their class of architects. At the Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, they took in the exhibition 'Pop! Art in a Changing Britain', the collection of the late Sir Colin St John Wilson, who tutored Brian and was Professor of Architecture and architect of the British Library.

1965 BARKER, Professor Graeme, a Fellow of St John's, has received international recognition for his work on the ways in which people have shaped the rainforests of Island Southeast Asia through human history. In an award ceremony at the Shanghai Archaeology Forum last December, Professor Barker received a prestigious Field Discovery Award for his research.

1965 FISK, Professor David has been appointed to the National Infrastructure Commission.

1965 ROOTHAM, John's grandfather, Cyril Rootham, was Director of Music at St John's from 1901 to 1938. Since 2013, John and his family have been typesetting many of Cyril's musical works from manuscript, and in 2017 covered his chamber music. Discover more at <http://rootham.org>.

1965 THORNTON, Peter, lately Chief Coroner, was knighted for services to the Administration of Justice and the Coroner Service, and made Honorary Doctorate of Laws, University of Bolton, in 2017. He is now Visiting Professor at King's College London.

1966 BALL, Professor Sir John was awarded the 2018 King Faisal Prize for Science. He is also returning to Heriot-Watt University in October 2018.

1966 PALMSTROM, Dr Stephen shares that he and his wife have a grandson, Finnley, born 23 April 2017.

1966 POUNTNEY, David directed a new production of *La Forza del Destino* – the launch of a Verdi trilogy – for WNO in February 2018, followed by *Francesca da Rimini* (Zandonai) at La Scala Milan – and a 'rather radical' triple bill for the Opéra du Rhin in Strasbourg of Weill's *Mahagonny Songspiel*, Schönberg's *Pierrot Lunaire* and Weill's *Die Sieben Todsünden*. In autumn 2018 he will direct a new production of *War and Peace* for WNO, and the third instalment of a 'Ring' in Chicago: *Siegfried*.

1967 ADAMS, Aubrey, Honorary Patron and Chair of Wigmore Hall, was appointed OBE for services to the arts in 2017.

1968 HAGGARD, Melville, in addition to working with the London Waste and Recycling Board, holds other non-executive roles including: Director of the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum (a body constituted under the 2011 Localism Act); Trustee, Mitsubishi Bank Pension and Life Fund; Chairman, Knightsbridge (Residents) Association; Warden, St Olave's Church, Hart Street EC2; Trustee, Clothworkers' Foundation; Court Assistant, The Clothworkers' Company.

1968 HAUNER, Milan published *Hitler: Day by Day* – a unique chronology with over 600 pictures, published in Czech in 2017 in Prague, an updated expansion based on *Hitler: A Chronology of his Life and Time* (Macmillan, 1983, 2005, 2008).

1968 HEATHCOTE, Professor J. Godfrey completed his third term as Head of the Department of Pathology at Dalhousie University and the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 30 June 2017 and was appointed Senior Medical Director of the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Programme for the Province of Nova Scotia from July 2017. He continues his clinical practice in ophthalmic and head and neck pathology, and is currently serving a three-year term (2016–19) as President of the British Association for Ophthalmic Pathology.

1968 ODOM, Dr Nick retired at the end of May. He was a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon in Manchester for over twenty years but moved to Hamilton, New Zealand in 2011. He will be staying in New Zealand, after leaving his job at Waikato Hospital.

1968 QUINTANA, Professor Hernan was awarded the 2016 SOCHIAS Prize for Astronomical Development by the Chilean Astronomical Society – the first award of this prize to a Chilean national. In 2017 Hernan received the American Astronomical Society (AAS) 2017 Education Prize, which marked the first time the prize has been awarded to someone working outside the US or Canada, and gave a planetary invited talk at the Austin June 2017 meeting of the AAS.

1968 SEVERIS, Costas is Chairman of the Costas and Rita Severis Foundation. The Museum of the Costas and Rita Severis Foundation, Centre of Visual Arts and Research, Nicosia, Cyprus, is one of the Grand Prix laureates in the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards 2017 in the Education, Training and Awareness-raising category. The Europa Nostra Awards are Europe's top honour in the field of cultural heritage.

1968 WALKER, Granville has completed two commissioned compositions for performance in 2018 – the Friedenskantate 'Why?' for the Katholikentag in Münster, and, for the Landeschorfest in Bochum, 'A Chink in a Wall', five settings in English, French, German and Italian for chorus and orchestra of texts by young poets who lost their lives in the First World War. He will conduct the first performance in September 2018 accompanied by the Bochumer Symphoniker.

1969 BYRNE, Professor Richard published *Evolving Insight* (Oxford University Press, 2016), which develops a theory on the origins of human cognitive ability, and in 2017 was awarded the British Psychological Society Lifetime Achievement Award.

1969 DOWNES, Professor Andrew released four orchestral symphonies and two overtures on CD, performed by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, together with a documentary DVD, on the ArteSmon label. His piano solo works, recorded by Duncan Honeybourne, and his sonata for two pianos, performed by Duncan Honeybourne and Katherine Lam, are now available on CD from EM Records. His violin and viola works, performed by Rupert Marshall Luck and Duncan Honeybourne, have been released on CD by EM Records.

1969 DUFF, Andrew tells us that, having been 'forcibly retired' from the European Parliament in 2014, he is now a Visiting Fellow at the European Policy Centre in Brussels and President of the Spinelli Group. His latest book, *On Governing Europe: A Federal Experiment*, was published in January 2018.

1969 WOOD, Professor Dennis shares that a cumulative list of his publications to date can be found online at [amazon.co.uk/Dennis-Wood/e/B001HPN5J0](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dennis-Wood/e/B001HPN5J0).

1970 ALDOUS, David is retiring in summer 2018 after thirty-nine years in the UC Berkeley Statistics Department.

1970 BARRETT, Martyn has been working as an external expert for the Council of Europe since 2006. From 2013 to 2017 he led a Council of Europe flagship education project entitled Competences for Democratic Culture (CDC). This project has produced a new comprehensive reference framework of the competences that citizens require for participating effectively in democratic culture and intercultural dialogue. The project aims to provide educational tools that can be used to equip young people with the competences required to identify and deconstruct extremist propaganda and hate speech encountered on the Internet and in broadcast and print media.

1970 BEAMISH, Sir David retired from the post of Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, in April 2017.

1970 BURT, Timothy retired in summer 2017 as Master of Hatfield College and Professor of Geography at Durham University after twenty-one years, and now lives in Devon. He continues to be active academically and is currently Visiting Professor at the University of Bristol and a Collaborating Research Scholar at Keble College, Oxford, as well as an Emeritus Professor at Durham. He is writing a book on Oxford's weather and climate over the past 250 years.

1970 DE FLUITER, Ruurd is Master Coach at Educa Swiss, a foundation facilitating loans to 'non-standard' students. He is also Member of the Investment Committee of CHI Impact Capital, a social impact investment company focused on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

1970 MASEFIELD, Robin in 2017 published *The History of Palace Barracks (to 1969) and Holywood as a Garrison Town* – the third in his trilogy of North Down history. The book is on sale for £10 and all profits go to two military charities.

1971 BOOTH, Philip, writing as Phil Booth, has published *Late Swim*, the first of a series of retro crime novels featuring perplexed private eye Sam Rigby, now available from Amazon.

1971 HAWLEY, Richard is newly at work extending his study findings, relating to how boys may best thrive in school, to primary-grade boys. In partnership with a gifted early grades educator, Linda

Rohler, he and his team are planning a series of workshops for primary-grade teachers exploring ways to improve the relational platform for addressing boys' developmental concerns.

1971 HOPKINS, Clive published a book, *Marching Orders: Memoirs of a Backslider*, on his childhood as the son of itinerant Salvation Army Officers and how he came to fall for St John's. It is available on Amazon and from all major booksellers.

1971 KNOBLOCH, Professor Edgar on 23 February 2018 received an Honorary Doctorate from the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain. He has an earlier Honorary Doctorate from Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France, awarded in 2012.

1972 LE VOIR, Michael informs us that after many years travelling the world, and having lived in several countries, he is now retired from Airbus and lives near Toulouse.

1972 ODOM, Ben is a freelance musician and music teacher living in Rochester, Kent. He has also over the years been a director of his own choirs. Very sadly he has developed Alzheimer's disease and is now living in a care home very near to his wife and family.

1973 HEYES, Francis has retired from the NHS and moved to Gibraltar, where he has been appointed as the first ever consultant at the A&E department at St Bernard's Hospital.

1973 NEWTON, Jeremy was appointed Vice Principal of Guildhall School of Music and Drama in April 2018.

1973 SHILSTON, David held the post of President of the UK's Earth Science Teachers' Association, 2016–18. In 2018 David was awarded a Coke Medal by the Geological Society of London. The medal is awarded to geoscientists for their contributions to science, in addition to significant service to geoscience.

1973 WILKINSON, Stephen, as well as being Chief Executive Officer of his independent training and manpower consultancy, continues to act as the Chief Operating Officer for the European Training and Simulation Association.

1974 BURROWS, Peter, formerly of The Sixteen and St John's Smith Square, London, has developed Oxford Lieder since 2005. The Oxford Lieder Festival each October is internationally known, and is the UK's leading classical song event. Several Johnians have performed or trained, including George Humphreys (1947) and David Stout (Choir Volunteer 1997–8); Charles Naylor (1975) is currently a Trustee.

1974 DICKINSON, Christopher founded Nepal Schools Trust, a Scottish registered charity, ten years ago, working with the community in Devchuli Municipality in Nawalparasi, Nepal. The Trust has been involved in educational improvements of all kinds, including teacher training, building construction, drinking water, sanitation, classroom materials and the construction of a residential school for the deaf. In response to the disastrous earthquakes it also raised funds for local families to rebuild their homes.

1974 JONES, Stephen Charles retired in 2016 after working as a consultant on rural poverty for DFID, World Bank and other UN agencies. He is now the Chair of the national charity Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

1974 SHARMA, Predip's latest book for English Language teachers, *Best Practices for Blended Learning*, was published in spring 2018 by Pavilion Publishing and Media Ltd.

1975 GREENWOOD, Peter is happy to share the belated news that his daughter, Rachel Greenwood (2004), married Christopher Loneragan (2004) in September 2016.

1975 HIGGINS, Robert co-authored, with Will Farmer, three new books: *Arts and Crafts Tiles: Morris to Voysey*; *Arts and Crafts Tiles: William De Morgan*; and *Ruskin Pottery*.

1975 JONES, The Revd Christopher Mark has been appointed Director of Boarding at Eton College.

1975 MARCOFF, Anthony won first prize in the Time Haiku Sakuhin Poetry Contest 2017. His prose-poem 'The Moon & Memory' won the 'Presence' Best-of-Issue award. Anthony also appeared in a group of haiku poets in a BBC 4 documentary on 'Utopias', and is a judge for the Tanka Competition 2018.

1975 MCCULLAGH, Barney shares: 'I've been composing pop songs in my semi-retirement. They are all on soundcloud.com (search 'Barney & Barrie'). I'm having a book entitled *Disiecta Membra* published in summer 2018 (Melrose). It's about classical literature and presents a new methodology for reading the texts. Even if you don't know Greek and Latin you'll find out the time, date and location of Odysseus' arrival back in ancient Ithaca (which is not to be confused with the modern Ithaca ...).'

1975 ROBERTS, Ian was elected to the University Alumni Advisory Board as representative for Scotland in 2017.

1976 COLLINGE, John became Director of UCL Institute of Prion Diseases in June 2017 and was appointed a Visiting Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School in September 2017.

1976 HARLEY, Trevor has left the University of Dundee to become a science journalist and full-time writer. He remains attached to the institution with an honorary appointment and as Emeritus Professor of Psychology. He writes on psychology, the weather, consciousness, language, self-improvement and anything else that takes his fancy.

1976 NEILL, Andrew has been elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Turners for 2017–18. This is one of the City of London's 110 Livery Companies. The Turners Company has been supporting the craft of turning on a lathe, the City and charity for over 400 years.

1976 PICOT, Russell retired as Group Chief Accounting Officer for HSBC two years ago and is now Chair of their main UK Pension Fund Trustee board. Russell is actively involved in the climate change and sustainability fields: he is Special Advisor to the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate Risk Disclosure (chaired by Michael Bloomberg) and a Senior Associate at the Cambridge Institute of Sustainability Leadership. He is also an Honorary Professor at Durham University Business School.

1976 PLANE, Professor John is currently Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry at the University of Leeds. In April 2017 he was awarded the Vilhelm Bjerknes medal for distinguished work in the atmospheric sciences by the European Geosciences Union at its annual meeting in Vienna, and in

December he was elected a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union for exceptional contributions to space science.

1977 KING, Peter has, after thirty-six years in private practice as a lawyer, joined the civil service as Legal Director at HM Treasury. He is leading a team of approximately sixty lawyers providing legal advice to ministers and Treasury officials. Needless to say his team is extremely busy at present.

1978 EVANS, Dr Philip, Head of the Department for International Development Somalia, was made a CBE for services to Humanitarian Relief.

1978 FORD, Alan edited and contributed three chapters to *The Church of Ireland and its Past* (Dublin, 2017).

1979 BANERJEE, Ashok was appointed to the role of Chief Administration Officer – Americas at Hogan Lovells, based in Washington DC, in addition to the role of Chief Information Officer.

1979 BELLIS, Dr Mark has retired after thirteen years as Course Leader for the BA (Hons) Music programme at Colchester Institute, Essex, and now hopes to have more time to compose and to conduct his choir, the Colne Singers, now in its tenth year, which deputises for cathedral choirs over the summer months, and which sang at three London venues in 2017 (Westminster Abbey, St Paul's and St George's, Windsor) and at Salisbury in 2018. Any Johnians interested in singing at York (August 2019) or Canterbury (2020) are welcome to email Mark at mbellis@mail@gmail.com.

1979 BROWN, Phil has published a novel, *The Mirror Men*, which was launched at Heffers bookshop in Cambridge on 21 June. The book is now available directly from Amazon, and Heffers and Waterstones may also have it in store.

1979 FISHWICK, John is currently President of the British Veterinary Association (2017–18) and prior to this was Head of the Department of Production and Population Health at Royal Veterinary College, University of London (2012–16).

1980 VALLANCE, John recently retired after seventeen years as Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School, and has now taken up the position of New South Wales State Librarian.

1981 JOHNSON, Neil received the 2018 Burton Award from the American Physical Society. He was also made a Fellow of this Society.

1981 STEFFEN, Jonathan (Harper-Wood Student 1981–2) is writing a series of essays on the depiction of hunger and malnutrition in world literature. This forms part of his remit as technical editor of *Sight and Life*, the magazine of the nutrition think tank of the same name. Jonathan has published essays to date on 'Hunger and Psychosis in *Don Quixote*', 'Hunger and Anger in the Works of Charles Dickens', and 'The Belly of Paris: Hunger in the Face of Plenty', a consideration of Emile Zola's 1873 novel.

1981 WALL, Mark was appointed a circuit judge in 2014. He was appointed to sit part-time in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division in 2017.

1982 HANNING-LEE, Dr Mark has published two papers: 'Test Operations Procedure (TOP) for Receipt Inspection of Chemical Biological (CB) Materiel, TOP 08-2-500A', co-authored by Darren

Jolley (available online at dtic.mil/docs/citations/AD1038834); and 'Test Operations Procedure (TOP) To Establish an Agent-Simulant Technology Relationship (ASTR) 08-2-140', co-authored by Walter Curry, Darren Jolley and Scot Westwood (available online at <https://www.nist.gov/file/361896>).

1982 WILSON, Robin left Credit Suisse after nearly twenty years and joined Rokos Capital Management as a partner and portfolio manager in June 2017.

1983 BARRETT, The Revd Victoria was ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral on 2 July 2017 after two years' study at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, where former St John's Chaplain the Revd Dr Grant Bayliss is Tutor in Patristics and Liturgy. The Revd Barrett is now Assistant Curate at St Boniface Church, Bunbury, with St Jude's, Tilstone Fearnall, Cheshire, and at the time of writing was looking forward to being ordained Priest at Chester Cathedral on 2 June 2018.

1983 BROWN, Stephen has been appointed Managing Editor of *Politico*, the European politics and policy newspaper and website.

1983 GAULE, Andrew published *Purpose to Performance: Innovative New Value Chains*, which addresses the need for effective strategy innovation and corporate venturing. The book received testimonials from Dr Mehmood Khan, Vice Chairman of PepsiCo, Sue Siegel, CEO of GE Ventures, and many others.

1983 HARBOUR, Claire published a book on career transitions and career disruption, which has been very well received and is proving to be useful to any individual who is contemplating a change in direction, forced or unforced, and to any organisation aiming to make the most of its people, rather than treating them like commodities. *Disrupt Your Career: How to Navigate Uncharted Career Transitions and Thrive* is available at www.disrupt-your-career.com.

1983 WALSH, Toby's book *Android Dreams: The Past, Present and Future of Artificial Intelligence* was published by Hurst in September 2017. The sequel, *2062: The World that AI Made*, is due out later in 2018.

1983 WATTS, Dr Gérard was appointed Professor of Theoretical Physics at King's College London in 2017.

1984 HAILES, Helen was appointed Professor of Chemical Biology at University College London in 2010.

1984 HENDERSON, Brian is the winner of the AmCham Champion for the Advancement of Women Award 2017 for his work in support of gender diversity. He co-founded the 'Male Allies' in 2016, a group of c-suite leaders committed to advancing gender equity in their organisations and across society in Hong Kong.

1984 HOPE, Peter made a solo flight in a de Havilland Tiger Moth in September 2017, fifty-five years after his first solo flight in a Tiger.

1984 HOWLETT, Dr Sophia has been appointed President of the School for International Training (SIT) and has published *Marsilio Ficino and His World* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

1984 ISRAEL, Professor Mark was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, UK, in 2017.

1984 LILJE, Professor Per was elected a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters in 2017. Professor Lilje has also been appointed Head of the Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics for January 2017 to December 2020, having been Head of the Institute from 2005 to 2012.

1985 HOAR, Jane (née Chenery) is now Director of Academic Quality and Development at London Metropolitan University.

1985 ONG, Dr Ken has been promoted to Professor of Paediatric Epidemiology at the Department of Paediatrics and MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge.

1986 BICHARD, Rosemary joined the board of Oxfam's Enterprise Development Programme – an innovative scheme financing small companies in the developing world to grow and thrive, with a focus on women's empowerment.

1986 CARMODY, Lucy (née Chadwick) and Charles Cartledge (1986) both completed the Cambridge half marathon in March. It was Lucy's first, and she was celebrating both her fiftieth birthday and three months since she completed chemotherapy treatment for cancer. Charles, who turned fifty one month later, has previously run several ultra marathons, including the famous Marathon Des Sables. Lucy is spending 2018 fundraising for Macmillan and is also trekking to Everest base camp, around the Isle of Wight and walking the Garden Route in South Africa. Not to be outdone, Charles is heading to Bhutan, Myanmar and Bali. Lucy reports that, even though they both now work in finance, they are 'still geographers to the core!'

1987 ESPOSITO, Giampiero published the book *From Ordinary to Partial Differential Equations* (Springer, Unitext Series, Volume 106).

1987 GEE, Hilary writes that 'Life, family and work are all great. My boys are growing up ... hitting teenage years. I'm reaching my half-century this year ... only fifty more to go. Adding to my coaching repertoire, I've been coaching rugby since 2015 and got the chance of a day with Eddie Jones last summer! I'm still loving my work as an Executive Coach and high performance leadership / teamwork trainer / facilitator (see hilarygee.webs.com). Until the next reunion!'

1987 HENDERSON, Mary was capped for cricket in 2017, representing Hong Kong. She also set the Hong Kong women's record score of 135 runs not out in a 20/20 league match.

1987 OZANNE, Jayne has recently launched the Ozanne Foundation, which works with religious organisations around the world to eliminate discrimination based on sexuality or gender in order to embrace and celebrate the equality and diversity of all. She is a well-known gay evangelical who works to ensure full inclusion of all LGBTI Christians at every level of the Christian church.

1988 HIBBERT, Edward spends most of his time now running the charity Freegle (ilovefreegle.org) – an astonishing community of 2.6 million people across the UK who give away physical stuff they don't need anymore, and get things they would like, all for free. Edward describes this as a great example of how to generate altruism through technology.

1988 MCCORQUODALE, Professor Robert, former Fellow and Director of Studies in Law (1988–95), has stepped down after ten years as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) in London. Robert will return part-time to his role as Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham. He will also continue as a barrister and arbitrator, and has set up his own consultancy, Inclusive Law, on business and human rights matters. He lives in Cambridge with his wife and has three children.

1988 RUBBLACK, Professor Ulinka, College Fellow and Professor of Early Modern European History, was elected to the British Academy in 2017. British Academy Fellowships are awarded to world-leading researchers in the humanities and social sciences. Professor Rublack researches the social, cultural and religious history of Europe in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Her areas of specific expertise include Reformation history, gender history, material culture, the Holy Roman Empire, witchcraft and the history of crime.

1988 RUSHTON, Nicola was appointed a QC on 26 February 2018.

1989 FINNIGAN, Stephen was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant in the County of Lancashire in July 2017. Additionally, in September 2017 Stephen was appointed as Professor of Policing Studies and Police Leadership at Liverpool John Moores University.

1989 JENTSCHURA, Dr Ulrich has published *Advanced Classical Electrodynamics: Green Functions, Regularizations, Multipole Decompositions* (World Scientific Publishing, 2017), commenting that ‘While certain things in my life have not quite taken the way they should, in recent years, the book, perhaps, bears testimony of the fact that hope never dies.’ His book has received a warm welcome by the physics community and is available on Amazon.

1989 RAO, Dr Akshay, College Research Associate, was in 2017 awarded the Henry Moseley Medal and Prize for exceptional early career contributions to experimental physics, highlighting his groundbreaking studies into the electronic properties of organic semiconductors – particularly the roles of electron spin in the operation of solar cells.

1990 GOODYER, Ian, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, was made an OBE for services to Psychiatry Research.

1991 DAVIS, Bruce has been appointed to the Government Taskforce on Green Finance.

1991 DOHLE, Dr Christian received his ‘habilitation’ in Neurology (in Germany, this is the prerequisite for a full professorship) in October 2017.

1992 BAROT, Jaideep has been appointed Headmaster of Bristol Grammar School from September 2018.

1992 BOAG, Amanda became the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) President in July 2018. She is also Founding President of the European College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, and continues her role as Clinical Director of Vets Now.

1992 MAUER, Dr Victor received the 2018 'International History Prize' of the professional association of history scholars in Germany (VHD) for his book *Brückenbaue: Grossbritannien, die Deutsche Frage und die Blockade Berlins* (Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2018).

1993 ALI, Talib would like to announce the births of Zakariyya Taha Akbar Ali (on 17 September 2014) and Safiyah Mariam Ali (on 24 June 2017), younger siblings to Zain Mustafa Ali (born 17 May 2005) and Saarah Mariam Ali (24 January 2007 to 11 March 2011).

1993 SMITH, Deneal has been appointed Head Master of Warwick School from September 2018.

1994 CARR, Dr Gilly's exhibition 'On British Soil: Victims of Nazism in the Channel Islands' was on at the Wiener Library, London, from October 2017 to February 2018; it will move to Guernsey in the spring of 2019. The exhibition was accompanied by her newly launched website on Channel Islanders sent to Nazi prisons and camps during the German occupation. Sponsored by the EVZ Foundation of Germany, it can be found here: frankfallaarchive.org. Gilly is Senior Lecturer in Archaeology and Fellow and Director of Studies in Archaeology at St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge.

1994 CONNELL, Sophia published a book with Cambridge University Press, *Aristotle on Female Animals: A Study of the Generation of Animals* (2016) and has been appointed to a permanent Lectureship at Birkbeck College, University of London.

1994 SCHULZ, Professor Jennifer is a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies at the Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. She recently became a Chartered Mediator and is writing two books, one on mediation and one on law and popular culture, with Professor Peter Robson (Strathclyde).

1994 THEOS, Alexander was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at Georgetown University.

1995 HANLEY-BROWNE, Mark was appointed CEO of Alpha Plus Group in August 2017.

1996 GHOSH, Soujit launched an Artificial Intelligence Investment Solutions company in Hong Kong called Squared-S (squared-s.com) in 2017. Prior to that, Soujit was running the derivatives business for Korea Investment Securities in Seoul from 2014 to 2016. Soujit has been in Asia, mainly in Hong Kong, since 2006, working in investment banking as a trader. In his spare time he has tutored children in mathematics in Hong Kong and performs semi-classical guitar.

1997 GABBITAS, Christopher has, since 2004, been a member of The King's Singers, winning two Grammy Awards and being inducted into The Gramophone Hall of Fame. After fifteen years and nearly two thousand concerts, he is retiring at the end of 2018 and taking up the position of Artist Professor at the University of Redlands in California, teaching a new Master of Music course that concentrates on elite choral chamber performance together with music business.

1997 GATIN, Camille was nominated for a feature film BAFTA in 2017 for *The Girl with All the Gifts*, which she produced. Camille is an International Producer for Banijay in Paris – the world's largest independent TV company.

1998 KOWALSKI, Aleksander founded a drone training company in 2014, and has since grown the business to a staff of twenty-nine and merged with two other companies, expanding into the USA and moving to drone operational software. Aleksander is now Director of Strategy and Innovation for the company, and juggles this with serving as an airline Captain for British Airways while also spending time with his wife and two children in Spain.

1998 ROONEY, Jennie's novel *Red Joan* has recently been adapted and filmed starring Judi Dench. Some of the scenes were shot in All Saints' Garden, opposite St John's (Jennie was an extra in 1930s costume in one of these scenes), and others were shot at Newnham College and around Cambridge.

1999 KIRILLOV, Professor Alexandre was honoured by a conference in his name, titled 'Representation Theory at the Crossroads of Modern Mathematics,' in Reims, 29 May to 2 June 2017, and the University of Reims awarded him an Honorary Doctorate degree.

1999 WRIGHT, Oliver tells us that after fifteen years as a planning lawyer he is leaving the law in July 2018 to start theological training towards ordination in the Church of England.

2000 BENSON, David is now Principal at Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA), a brand new state school in West London.

2000 BEST, Serena, Professor of Materials Science at the University of Cambridge, was appointed CBE for services to Biomaterials Engineering in 2017.

2001 ARSAN, Dr Andrew, Fellow and Director of Studies in History at St John's, won a Philip Leverhulme Prize. He was one of five Cambridge researchers among 2017's winners.

2001 DOBSON, Sir Christopher, the Master, was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2018. Earlier in the year, he was appointed an International Member of the American Philosophical Society. In 2017 he gave the Alexander Pines Distinguished Lecture at the University of California, Berkeley, the Harden McConnell Memorial Lecture at Stanford University, and the Birch Lecture at the Australian National University, Canberra. In 2018 he gave the Ernst Chain Lecture at Imperial College, London, the Sackler Lectures at Tel Aviv University, Israel, and the Inaugural Lecture of the Chemical Society at University College Dublin. In addition, he has presented at scientific conferences and international meetings in Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, the UK and the US. Professor Dobson's research objectives continue to be focused on the structures and properties of biological molecules and, in particular, their relevance to disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Recently, he and his team have become involved in the novel utilisation of biological molecules in materials science and nanotechnology. In the past year, Professor Dobson has contributed to the articles 'Structural basis of membrane disruption and cellular toxicity by a-synuclein oligomers' (G. Fusco et al., *Science* 358, 1440–3) and 'Protein homeostasis of a metastable subproteome associated with Alzheimer's disease' (R. Kundra et al., *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 114, E5703–5711), as well as articles appearing in several other international journals.

2001 SLIGHT, Dr John, Former College Research Fellow, was in 2017 awarded the Trevor Reese Memorial Prize by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies for his publication *The British Empire and the Hajj* (Harvard University Press, 2015).

2003 CHARNEY, Dr Noah has published three books. On his life as an expat in Slovenia, he has released *Slovenology: Living and Travelling in the World's Best Country* (Beletrina), a humorous travel memoir about life there, and *Eternal Architect: The Life and Art of Joze Plecnik, Modernist Mystic* (Totaliteta), about Slovenia's greatest architect. He also published *Collector of Lives: Giorgio Vasari and the Invention of Art* (Norton), which was nominated for the Pulitzer. He welcomes Johnians getting in touch.

2004 GOLDSMITH, James and Sophie (née Cook) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Diana, on 19 July 2017 in Perth, Australia. Georgia's great-grandfather is Colin Goldsmith (1949) and her grandfather is Paul Goldsmith (1974).

2004 HARDYMAN, Susannah (née Clark) is delighted to share that Joshua James Richard Hardyman was born to her and husband Tom on 2 June 2017. Susannah is currently Chief Executive Officer of Action Tutoring.

2004 HEW, Dr Sebastian was ordained as a Priest for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (Australia) on the Feast of St Bartholomew, 2017.

2004 METCALF, Cdr Mark, US Navy (Ret.) is a Lecturer in Chinese Literature at the University of Virginia, where he has taught a seminar on 'Sunzi's Art of War' since 2014. His current research emphasis is on contemporary Chinese perspectives regarding military ethics.

2004 SIVNER, Adam and his wife Charlotte are delighted to welcome the birth of their son, Freddie Jack Sivner, born on 26 April 2017.

2005 XENOPHONTOS, Marianna has launched a travel site, themetaplanner.com, with custom-made city maps, itineraries and tips, for people who like to travel as 'anti-tourists' while still maintaining control of where they go and what they do in a foreign land.

2006 KUPPEN, Dr Sarah published *Little Kids, Big Dilemmas: Your Parenting Problems Solved by Science* with Routledge in April 2018. See littledilemmas.com.

2006 MATIAS, J. Nathan finished his PhD at the MIT Media Lab in 2017 on the topic 'Governing Human and Machine Behaviour in an Experimenting Society'. In August 2017 he accepted a post doc at Princeton University's departments of Psychology, Sociology, and Center for Information Technology Policy. He has also founded the non-profit CivilServant, which organises citizen behavioural science for a fairer, safer, more understanding internet.

2006 SPITZER, Sebastian and his wife, Monika Blumenberg, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Luise Blumenberg, born on 12 June 2017.

2007 BRANDT, Jochen informs us that he and Ruth Gilligan (2008) married in August 2017 in London.

2007 SCHUMACHER, Dr Linus shares that this year he has been appointed to a new job as Chancellor's Fellow at the Centre for Regenerative Medicine, University of Edinburgh.

2007 SERRANO DE HARO SANCHEZ, Agustin has been named Judge of the Spanish judicial system, having passed the state exams in July 2016.

2009 BAKOWITZ, Michael was in February 2018 awarded a Doctorate degree in Law (Dr iur.) by the Law Faculty of the Ruprecht-Karls-University, Germany. His German-language thesis on 'Informationsherrschaft im Kartellrecht' ('Control of Information in Antitrust Law') in European Union and German Law will be published with Nomos and will include an extensive English summary.

2011 HUXLEY, Claire has, after working as a copywriter in the wine trade for two years, moved to a branding consultancy based in London and headquartered in Madrid. They have an international client base, so Claire is putting her degree (MML, Spanish and French) to good use, working on brand language and verbal identity projects (naming, slogans, tone of voice).

2011 OGUNSEITAN, Justina Kehinde was selected out of 150 applicants for the lucrative Damsel Productions Directorial Development Scheme. Under the mentorship of Paulette Randall MBE, she co-wrote and directed her first original play, *UMUADA*, an exploration of mental health, migration and motherhood in the urban African diaspora. *UMUADA* premiered at the Bunker Theatre in Southwark as part of Damsel Productions Women Directors Festival, to strong reviews. Following the play's success, in March Justina Kehinde directed a short play at Theatre Royal Stratford East. Later that month she was selected for the highly competitive ALT actor training programme and cast in her first feature film. *UMUADA* also headlined this summer at the King's Head Theatre, London.

2011 PAIGE, Kirsten this year received the Ingolf Dahl Memorial Prize in Musicology from the American Musicological Society's Northern California and Pacific Southwest Chapters, a Lewis Dissertation Fellowship from the Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund, and a 'Thinking Matters' Postdoctoral Fellowship from Stanford University.

2011 ROACH, Dr Levi, University of Exeter academic and former Title A Fellow at St John's, has won a prestigious prize for his biography of Æthelred the Unready. The historian beat over sixty entrants to win the Longman/History Today book of the year prize for his work on Æthelred, a much-maligned medieval English king who spent much of his reign fighting off Viking invaders.

2012 BRAZIER, Randolph in 2017 launched the Open Networks project, which is the platform for transitioning the UK and Ireland's Electricity Networks to a smart grid. Driven by a large uptake in renewables and the decarbonisation of heat and transportation (electric vehicles), this project has full support from the government, regulators and all electricity networks. The project will enable new markets to form, including peer-to-peer (blockchain) energy markets, as well as contributing towards increasing UK plc.

2012 DIAS, Dr Cristina has been awarded a Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship. In a collaboration between The Francis Crick Institute, Great Ormond Street Hospital and King's College London, Cristina will investigate intellectual disability disorders caused by mutations in chromatin remodelling genes. She will address these clinically, and mechanistically through cellular models of early neurodevelopment. Cristina is Clinical Senior Lecturer and Research Fellow at King's College London and the Francis Crick Institute respectively.

2012 FRANZE, Kristian, Fellow, was promoted in October 2017 to a Readership in Neuronal Mechanics, and has received a European Research Council Consolidator Award to work on how chemical and mechanical signals are integrated by developing neurons.

2012 SCHRAMM, Bernadette shares: 'I am very excited to take on the role of Producer of Watersprite, the Cambridge International Student Film Festival, in a professional capacity, since involvement in the organisation was an important and formative extracurricular activity of mine whilst at St John's and post-graduation.' Bernadette is also the Director of the Global Film Expression of the International Emerging Talent Films Association (IEFTA), and for the past three years has coordinated the annual Refugee Voices in Film programme in collaboration with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

2013 AHMED, Hamzah has been awarded the Bass Scholarship to study at Yale University. Hamzah, who graduated in 2016 with a degree in Architecture, was awarded the scholarship to study for a Master's in Architecture (MArch II course) at Yale, and commenced his two-year course in August.

2013 CHACHAN, Yayaati was in 2017 awarded the Institute of Astronomy Prize.

2013 GOTTWALD, Julia, a PhD graduate from the Department of Psychiatry, won the Association of British Science Writers Best Student Science Journalist Award last year. Julia won the award for her article entitled 'Does your brain have a sex?', which was published by *BlueSci*, the Cambridge University Science Magazine, in Easter 2016.

2013 HU, Guohua, a PhD student at St John's, is the lead author of a new study that has successfully developed a formula for turning a new graphene-like material called black phosphorus (BP) into ink. 'Black phosphorus ink formulation for inkjet printing of optoelectronics and photonics' is available online at <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-017-00358-1>.

2013 PARRY, Catriona received the Lusophone Prize in 2017.

2013 ROSSER, Cecilia was in 2017 awarded the University's Italian Department Prize for the MML Tripos Part II.

2013 UNADKAT, Aashish was awarded the Hispanist Prize in 2017.

2013 ZHANG, Dr Jenny, Research Associate at St John's, has been awarded a BBSRC David Phillips Fellowship, which will provide funding for five years, enabling her to start her own independent research group at the Department of Chemistry. Dr Zhang intends to use the Fellowship to investigate the productivity of photosynthetic biofilms and their capacity to generate electricity under light irradiation.

2014 DIXIT, Tanmay was in 2017 awarded the Frank Smart Prize for Zoology and the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2014 HAUER-KING, Jonah was awarded the Teape Prize last year. He appeared in the BBC's adaptations of *Little Women* and *Howard's End* in 2017, and will appear as David in *Postcards from London* in 2018. Watch out for more work by Jonah on his IMDb page at www.imdb.com/name/nm5999355.

2014 HAWKINS, Jack was awarded the Members' Classical Greek Translation Prize and Members' Classical Latin Reading Prize by the University of Cambridge in 2017.

2014 IRVING-HYMAN, Daisy received a Larmor Award for her excellent academic performance as an undergraduate in Natural Sciences, with special praise for a primary study on women studying laboratory sciences in Cambridge. She was President and Secretary of St John's Athletics Club and President of St John's College Flamingos, won University Colours as a member of Cambridge University Athletics Club (CUAC) in every year of her studies, and was awarded a Half Blue in her final year. She held positions of responsibility on two consecutive May Ball Committees in 2016 and 2017.

2014 LEE, Wei was in 2017 awarded the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2014 MAKOWER, Clementine was in 2017 awarded the William Vaughan Lewis Prize, the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize, and the George Aldridge Prize.

2014 SODERMAN, Carrie received a Larmor Award for excellent academic performance. She achieved First Class results in four successive tripos examinations and topped her class list in Part II and Part III. She also received the Reekie Memorial Prize, the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize, the Harkness Prize, and the Department of Earth Sciences Wiltshire Prize, among others. Alongside her studies, Carrie has been involved with the LMBC as Vice Captain and Chief Cox.

2015 ASHMAN, Matthew was in 2017 awarded the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2015 CHILDRESS, Stephanie received a Larmor Award for being an outstanding Music student who has contributed greatly to the musical community during her studies. She was Finalist in the Strings Division of the BBC Young Musician Competition in 2016 and 2018, and won first place in the Cambridge University Music Society (CUMS) Concerto Competition in her second year. She has played the violin at numerous concerts in St John's and in the University at large, in addition to major national performances, including with the Southbank Sinfonia, during which she appeared as both violin soloist and conductor. She conducted Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the Chapel in October 2017 and was President of the St John's Music Society 2017/18.

2015 EISENACHER, Sarah, an Asian and Middle Eastern Studies undergraduate at St John's, won the University's Mau-sand Prize for an outstanding performance in Chinese Studies in 2017.

2015 EVES, Charlotte, a Music undergraduate at St John's, has written new music to the abstract Russian Futurist opera *Victory Over the Sun* – two performances of which took place in the Round Church, Cambridge, in January 2018, produced by the St John's Music Society.

2015 HUGHES, Russell received a Larmor Award for his academic excellence. He was awarded a Wright Prize following the results of his Prelim exams, the Mullinger Prize for his Part I performance and a First Class result in his Part II exams, ranking tenth out of 192 students. Alongside his studies he played College rugby and was Captain of the Men's Hockey Club. Throughout his time at St John's, Russell held an Undergraduate Bursary from the Army, having passed Officer Selection

aged sixteen. After completing the Reserve Commissioning Course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst during his first long vacation, he was a Second Lieutenant in the Cambridge Officer Training Corps and served as a Platoon Commander there for two years.

2015 LADD, Katherine received a Larmor Award for founding Treated Right, a project that helps students engage with issues surrounding modern-day trafficking and sexual exploitation. She contributed regularly to the features and reviews sections of *The Cambridge Student* and involved herself in University theatre as an actor, producer, stage manager and costume designer.

2015 MANAKUL, Potsawee was in 2017 awarded the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2015 McGALEY, Jennifer received a Larmor Award for her excellent academic performance alongside international-level achievements as a kayaker. She was awarded the T. B. Wood Prize for best overall performance at Plant Sciences in Part II of the Natural Sciences Tripos. She earned a Blue and represented the University in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and in both the Varsity Marathon Kayak and the Varsity Canoe Polo competitions. Beyond Cambridge, she competed at the under-21 World Championships as a member of Team GB and ranked fourth in the world for Women's Freestyle Kayaking.

2015 PANG, Ho was in 2017 awarded the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2016 CLARK, James was in 2017 awarded the Winifred Georgina Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize.

2016 SPADARO, Benedetta, a Natural Sciences undergraduate at St John's, was awarded the Alfieri del Lavoro Prize in 2016 for her outstanding academic performance at Italian high school.

2016 WILLERSLEV, Professor Eske set a personal record when three papers he led were published in the journals *Science* and *Nature* on the same day. The first discovered the oldest genetic evidence of Hepatitis B virus found in ancient DNA from 4500-year-old skeletons. The second found that prehistoric hunter-gatherers were the first people to ride horses, and explored the impact on migration and languages. In the third paper, the authors traced the changes in genetic components of the inhabitants of the steppe region from the end of the Bronze Age to the present day to find out how historical groups of people interacted with one another.

2017 MILLER, Professor Robert, Beaufort Visiting Scholar (Easter Term 2017), has been promoted to Professor of Old Testament at the Catholic University of America and named Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the School of Theology and Religious Studies.

2017 MUTUM, Yaikhomba organised a symposium in College on 31 March, to discuss current barriers to educational and other development in the Indian state of Manipur. 🌍





Wild flowers in the St John's gardens



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OBITUARIES

Dr Edward James, 1926–2017

Dr Edward James (1955), Fellow of St John's College and former University Lecturer in French, died on 24 December 2017, at the age of ninety-one. His research focused on French intellectual history and he had lectured in the University of Cambridge and taught Modern Language students at St John's for almost forty years. Following the death of Professor Sir Maurice Wilkes (1931) in 2010 he was the Senior Fellow of the College.

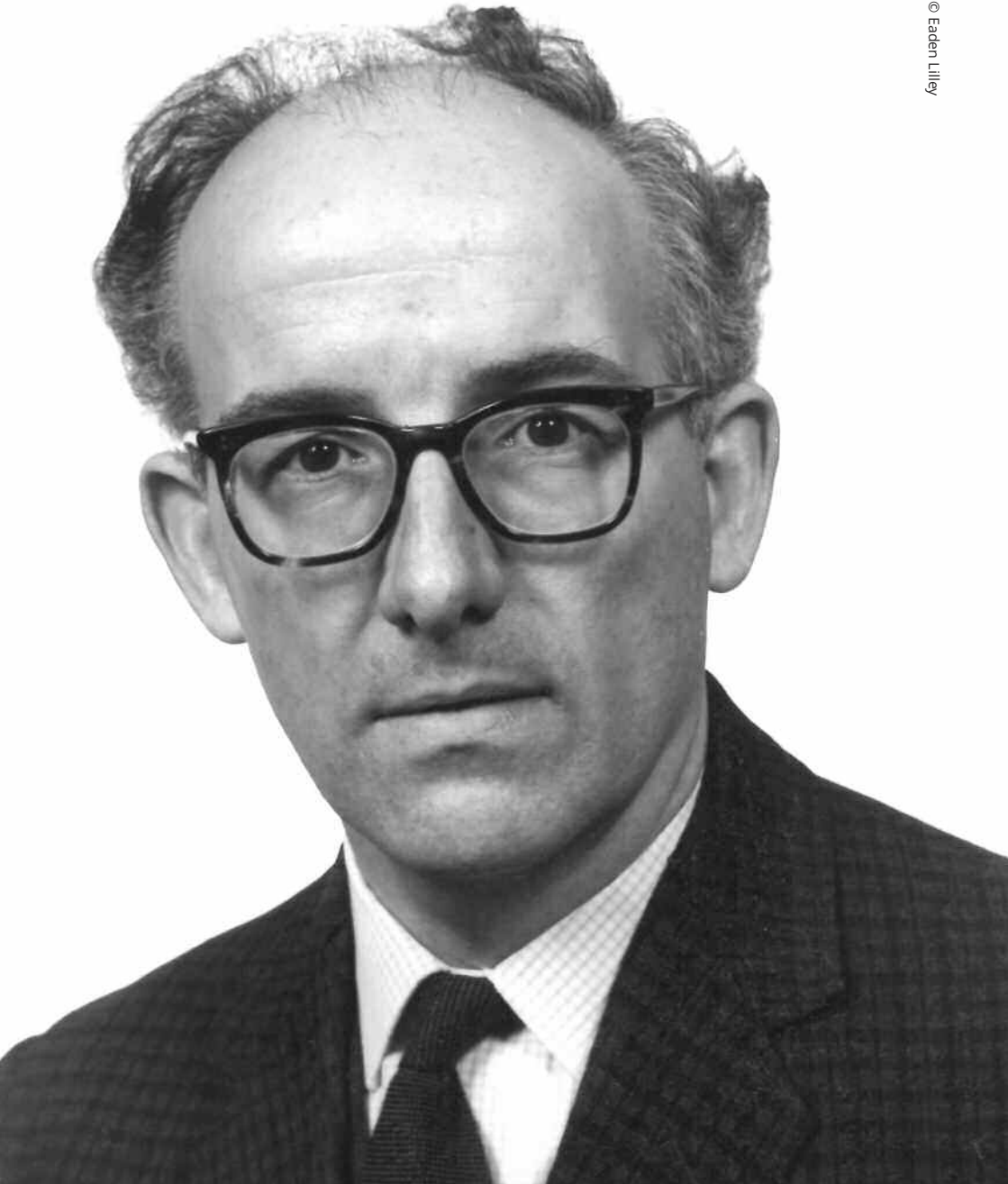
Edward James was born on 10 August 1926 in Portsmouth and attended Southern Grammar School. He studied Modern and Medieval Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating with First Class Honours (BA 1951, MA 1955). He remained in higher education, undertaking research at École Normale Supérieure de Paris from 1952 to 1953, and then returned to Cambridge to complete his doctorate, conferred in 1958. His thesis, *Pierre Nicole and the 'Essais de morale'*, was later developed into the book *Pierre Nicole, Jansenist and Humanist: A Study of his Thought*.

It was during this time that Dr James began his long teaching career with the College and the University. He was appointed to a University Assistant Lectureship in French in 1955 and elected a Fellow at St John's.

He became a central figure for many generations of language students at the

College. In 1961 he founded the Modern Languages Society with Peter Stern (1940), who had taken up his Fellowship in October 1955 at the same time as Dr James, and was Lecturer in German and Director of Studies in Modern Languages at the time. They circulated a notice in the Lent term of 1961 to all modern linguists in the College stating that they believed the society 'should be informal enough to provide a meeting place for all of us – dons, research students, undergraduates – who are concerned with the study of foreign literatures and with linguistic problems; yet formal enough for its meetings to be opened with short papers which should determine the direction of the subsequent discussion.' The society began to flourish through their support, with a high standard of papers and ensuing discussions, and good attendance. The first short paper Dr James presented illustrated the idea of 'engagement' in modern literature, and at a dinner attended by thirty people in the Easter term he spoke on the aims of the society and discussed some of the problems confronting students of literature and language.

Sadly the success of the first two years tailed off and, with poor attendance, meetings became less frequent – having at one point been fortnightly. There was still support from some quarters, with the society's report in *The Eagle* of June 1966 noting that 'one audience of twenty or so was a remarkably wide cross-



Dr Edward James

section of age-groups and interests in the University'. But, within College, research students were more regular attendees than undergraduate modern linguists.

Regardless, Dr James' enthusiasm was an inspiration to those studying the subject. As a Supervisor and a College Lecturer – in French 1964–7 and in Modern Languages 1967–93 – his knowledge and commitment were clear. He served as Director of Studies in Modern Languages from 1972 to 1986, having previously (and subsequently) acted in that role.

In 1970 Dr James was invited to be the College's representative governor of the Stamford Endowed Schools in Lincolnshire, a role he held until 1988. He also acted as a College Tutor for a short period.

He was a key figure in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages for nearly forty years, being promoted to Lecturer in French in 1960, a position he held until his retirement in 1993. During that final year as a teaching member of the Faculty he was also the Acting Head of the Department of French. He served as Chairman of the Board of Studies in Modern Languages at the Cambridge Institute of Education from 1972 until 1977.

His academic interests focused particularly on French classicism and the Enlightenment. He studied the intellectual history of France in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and in addition to writing on the Jansenist Pierre

Nicole he produced work on the French playwright Racine. His research and academic interests informed his role as Chairman for the Society of Seventeenth-Century French Studies from 1996 until 1999.

Dr James was one of the editors of the fifteen-volume work *Correspondance de Pierre Bayle* (2017), which the *Modern Language Review* described as 'one of the great scholarly endeavours of our time: a large window opening into the life of the mind in the late seventeenth century and at the beginning of the eighteenth'. The value of this meticulously edited work had been recognised after the publication of the second volume; Dr James reported in *The Eagle* 2003 that he was a member of an international team of researchers who in November 2002 had been awarded the Prix Joseph Sallert of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques at the Institut de France. It is a fitting legacy that the full set of Volumes I–XV were published just a few months before his death, comprising 1791 items, which exemplify the nature of the Republic of Letters – a community of scholars furthering intellectual discussion across national boundaries, sharing their thoughts and respecting differences in language and culture. This represents not just two decades of work on that project, but a career dedicated to furthering the understanding of language and literature and inspiring that pursuit of knowledge in future generations.

Fiona Colbert, Biographical Librarian

A version of the address given by *Professor David Midgley* (1980) at the funeral service for Dr James in the College Chapel on 30 January 2018

Edward James grew up in Portsmouth, where he attended the Southern Grammar School, and he matriculated at our neighbouring College, Trinity, in 1948.

After graduating in 1951 he proceeded to postgraduate research in seventeenth-century French religious writing, spending the academic year of 1952/3 at the *École Normale* in Paris. In Lucile Toussainte Bonifacio, who sadly predeceased him in 2016, he found his partner for life, and they were married in 1955, the year in which he was appointed to a position in the French Department of the University and elected a Fellow of St John's. As was normal at that time, he served five probationary years as a University Assistant Lecturer before being 'upgraded' to University Lecturer in 1960.

When I joined him and Pat Boyde as the new junior colleague in Modern Languages in the 1980s, it was Edward who showed me the ropes, and in ways that were not obvious at the time I think I learned from him a great deal about the art of undergraduate supervision. By temperament he was somewhat reserved, but he had a quiet way of letting you know if he thought something could have been done better, or said more appropriately. In all his



Dr Edward James, 1958/9. From the St John's College Library collection

dealings he appeared to me correct, courteous and considerate, and it was not least for these reasons that he was often called upon to take on important administrative responsibilities – as a temporary Head of the French Department from time to time, and as a regular Chair of Examiners in the MML Faculty.

Edward's former pupils include the current Drapers Professor of French in the University, Michael Moriarty, and his predecessor Peter Bayley (who sadly died in April 2018). They told me that they remembered him as an

inspiring teacher ‘in his very understated way’, with a patient approach to the wilfulness of youth. In one supervision, apparently, Edward sat back and listened calmly to an undergraduate presenting what was evidently intended as a devastating critique of Descartes, and waited for the student to finish before responding with the words: ‘I’m afraid you’ve rather got hold of the wrong end of the stick.’

They remember him also for his dry humour, explaining, for example, that a certain colleague was the only person who knew about a particular group of authors on whom the colleague was scheduled to lecture, and adding after a suitable pause: ‘Of course, he’s the only one who would want to know about them.’ I can add to that my own recollection of an occasion when a student had applied to transfer from another subject in order to take Part II of the Modern Languages Tripos, although he was not qualified in any of the languages that were commonly taught in the Faculty at the time. The eventual success of the application was, I think, a fitting tribute to the flexibility that characterises our tripos system, but the solution found was certainly unusual, because this particular candidate turned out to be suitably qualified to prepare papers in Hungarian studies, among other things, and to take his language exams in Modern Welsh. At the end of the letter in which he explained the circumstances of the case to the central administration of the University, Edward wrote – with a nod to Voltaire – ‘If this candidate did not exist, I doubt if I could have invented him.’

Edward was regarded as a fine scholar, with a subtle analytical mind and great erudition, and he continued to work tirelessly in retirement on his contribution to an edition of the extensive correspondence of the seventeenth-century French Calvinist, Pierre Bayle. However, he published relatively little. I know of only one monograph by him, which was based on his doctoral research, but the way he writes in that book must, I think, have been modelled on the genres of the reflection and the maxim, as widely practised in the seventeenth century. The book had clearly been thoroughly and patiently researched, and each sentence is carefully weighted as well as economically expressed.

Again I am reminded of an anecdote, one that Edward himself told this time. He said that a more senior colleague (I have genuinely forgotten the name) had been quoted as saying that it had taken him thirty years to write a particular paragraph, and he added: ‘*The Daily Telegraph* seems to find that highly amusing for some reason.’ It was evident from the way he spoke that, as a seasoned practitioner of the ‘reflective enquiry’ that used to be considered one of the prime duties of an academic, alongside and by no means beneath teaching and research, Edward knew what it meant to spend many years in the process of enquiry that made it possible to achieve the clarity of expression we find in his published work.

Le style, c’est l’homme même. We remember him with respect and affection. 🌿

Dr Jim Charles, 1926–2017

James Anthony ('Jim') Charles was born on 23 August 1926 in Ardrossan. His parents John (JHVC) and Winifred Charles grew up in Cambridge and moved north in 1921 when Harold Raistrick, for whom JHVC worked as a skilled mycologist and bacteriologist (although formally a University 'Assistant'), was appointed to head the ICI Biochemical Laboratories at Ardeer. In 1929 Raistrick moved to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and JHVC was seconded there by ICI. Tragically, JHVC was killed in a road accident in 1932. After recovering from TB, Jim went to school in Bromley. Evacuated to Cambridge (1940–2), he attended the Cambridgeshire County High School before returning to Bromley. After one year in the sixth, he entered the Royal College of Science to study Chemistry. However, Chemistry was not quite his forte; instead he was welcomed into the Metallurgy course in the Royal School of Mines. Jim always spoke highly of the course and his teachers there. A major compensation of commuting was meeting Valerie King, whom he married in 1951.

On graduation in 1947 Jim expected to be called up (he had passed Certificate B and a Selection Board for a commission) but the government directed First-Class Metallurgy graduates into industry. Jim joined J. Stone in Deptford, working mainly on tin-base bearing metals. In 1950 he moved to British



Dr Jim Charles. Image courtesy of the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy

Oxygen Research and Development, part of BOC, working on oxygen cutting and then the use of oxygen in process metallurgy, leading to his first principal-author book, *Oxygen in Iron and Steel Making* (1956). The management were very upset by his move to the Department of Metallurgy in Cambridge in 1960 and it was some years before friendly relations were re-established.

In Cambridge Jim supervised a wide range of projects, mostly relevant to industrial practice. Comments from just two of his students illustrate the spirit in his group.



Dr Jim Charles, 1969

Alan Begg recalls: 'Above all what Jim did for me during my PhD was to provide inspiration.' Laura Cohen adds: 'Jim was a very inspiring supervisor. He encouraged thinking outside the box and enthusiastic, practical, sound yet slightly unorthodox approaches to industrially relevant problems.' Jim often acted as a consultant, enjoying industrial connections and occasionally persuading departmental colleagues to help with problems identified, and he served

government departments and associated bodies. A leading advocate of the – eventually successful – amalgamation of the various professional institutes and learned societies covering metallurgical interests, he became a Vice President of the resulting Institute of Metals and held a number of editorial responsibilities there.

In 1965 a St John's Research Fellow, Colin Renfrew (now an Honorary Fellow), initiated Jim's involvement with archaeometallurgy. Jim was particularly proud to establish that the technique to produce 'Sheffield plate' was used in Minoan times around 1500BC. In Colin's estimation: 'Jim certainly made a number of useful and original contributions to archaeometallurgy ... He really raised the standard of metallurgical discussion of prehistoric metal objects.' Karen Wiemer, who investigated early British iron-edged tools, adds: 'I remember Dr Charles as being helpful, friendly and always ready to share his knowledge.' Julie Dawson and Jo Dillon at the Fitzwilliam Museum have confirmed that from the late 1970s Jim proved to be a valuable friend of the Departments of Coins and Medals, Antiquities and Applied Arts; from 1985 to 1995 he was a Syndic and subsequently Honorary Keeper of Metalwork. His expert assistance continued until 2007/8.

Admitted ScD in 1973, Jim was promoted Reader in Process Metallurgy in 1978 (there

were few Professors then). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1983, a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce in 1985 and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Materials in 2002. Over time he was awarded the Beilby Medal and Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the Hadfield Medal and Prize, the Kroll Medal and Prize, and, with Y. W. Cho, the Elegant Work Prize, all by the Institute of Materials or its predecessors. For a time he held a Special Professorship at Nottingham University and a Visiting Professorship at the Institute of Archaeology at UCL.

Scientifically Jim's greatest love was metallurgical processing. His first Johnian supervision group, Chris Hammond and Ivor Grayson-Smith, recall: 'Supervisions were always good-humoured and spiked with tales of oxygen steelmaking and other high temperature adventures.' Perhaps his most significant contribution to teaching was the course he created on the selection of materials, which led to the book *Selection and Use of Engineering Materials* (1984), co-authored with Andy Crane of IC.

A member of St John's College from 1960, Jim was elected a Fellow in 1963 and appointed Junior Bursar. Subsequently he was briefly Acting Dean, then Steward. From 1972 to 1987 he was Director of Studies in Natural Sciences. As ever, by their final year Johnian Natural Scientists chose subjects

across the tripos but Jim's obvious enthusiasm proved irresistible to quite a number. Professor Peter Clarke, formerly a Tutor at St John's, recalls: 'As an historian, I evidently struck him as an odd choice to become Tutor to Natural Scientists, handling admissions. After some initial wariness on both sides, we were both surprised (I think) at the strong and effective working relationship that developed between us, leading to a lasting friendship. The key was an honest, no-nonsense candour between us, both recognising that each brought something valuable to the table, especially when it came to interviewing prospective students from a wide range of backgrounds.' Jim served on the College Council and on various committees, notably sixteen years on the Investments Committee, some as Chairman. He was a governor of several schools, including seventeen years at King Edward's, King's Lynn. His final contribution was a splendid speech at the lunch in College given to celebrate his ninetieth birthday.

After retirement Jim wrote three books: *Out of the Fiery Furnace* (2000), mainly an account of his professional life; *Light Blue Materials* (2005) (in collaboration with Lindsay Greer), a detailed history of the Cambridge Department; and *One Man's Cambridge* (2006). This latter commemorates his father's achievements, which clearly meant a great deal to Jim, and reveals that his great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather had

held the post of St John's College Groom while their wives had been bedmakers. Another link was created when Jim Staunton became a Fellow; during his PhD Staunton had worked, *inter alia*, on carolic acid and carlosic acid, both named in memory of Jim Charles' father! Both provided excellent teaching material in structural organic chemistry, much to Jim's delight.

Jim was a devoted family man. He and Valerie were a very hospitable couple, entertaining or even providing shelter for many over the years, especially his PhD students. They had two children, Richard and Stephen. Jim was devastated when Valerie died in 2001 and again when Richard died in 2013. In 2003 he married a long-standing family friend, Dr Marcia Edwards. Stephen and Marcia survive him. Jim and Valerie keenly supported the Church of St Andrew and St Mary, Grantchester, and are buried there.

The quotations cited earlier characterise Jim: enthusiastic, widely knowledgeable, helpful, almost a guardian angel to many students. Ever the gentleman, Jim preferred a meeting or a telephone conversation, firmly resisting email. Above all he was resolutely a 'metallurgist' interested primarily in industrial processes, but his intuitive understanding led to important contributions to archaeometallurgy and museum collections. While the progressive dilution of his beloved 'Metallurgy' by that upstart 'Materials Science' may have been an irritation, his long involvement with St John's College brought him particular pleasure, not least because members of his family in previous generations had been College servants.

A fuller obituary, including details of those who kindly contributed, is available at bit.ly/JC1926. 🌿

Dr John Leake (1958)

Dr Alan Smith, 1937–2017

A version of the address given by *Professor Simon Conway Morris* (1972) at the memorial service for Dr Smith held in the College Chapel on 10 February 2018.

Alan Smith came from a world that has almost completely vanished, yet on 13 August 2017 he left one of which he had no small part in the making. As a war-time boy he saw badly damaged American bombers returning home, as well as the gliders heading for the debacle at Arnhem. His was a long journey, and not free of mishaps and near-shaves. While at school, a V1 exploded near his home, blasting his mother across the room and shredding his toys with broken glass. There was, however, one casualty: the family goat tethered in the garden. In those days vegans were a rare breed and few readers of *The Eagle* will need reminding of Lord Woolton's recipe for goat stew: take one goat, three tins of spam, eight dried eggs and a large glass of English sherry ... Perhaps this near miss from one of Hitler's revenge weapons triggered Alan's subsequent interest in developing an expertise in home-made explosives, although more pacific interests in science flourished, not least in astronomy, chemistry and ornithology.

Alan's background was unexceptional until, that is, one looked more closely. One inspiration must have been his headmaster, Harry Rée. Rée was a Johnian, and it is difficult to imagine him not having a major impact on young Alan. A remarkable and courageous man, he was involved with the



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Dr Alan Smith

French Resistance and famous for his skill as a saboteur, along with a hair-raising escape from the Germans. Most likely it was Rée who suggested to Alan – the obviously gifted grammar school boy – that he seek wider horizons. Why not Eton? In due course he was indeed offered a scholarship. Parental debate was followed, perhaps reluctantly, by the decision to turn down the offer. So Alan never had the chance to develop that 'larger-than-life' persona that somehow seems to be



Image courtesy of Nigel Woodcock

Alan on fieldwork in 2009

the hallmark of many an Etonian. But most emphatically Alan was, in his understated and modest way, decidedly larger than life. Only recently, for example, I learnt that after the War he worked on a trawler, travelling as far as the North Cape. He was on board to take salinity samples, the crew to catch cod, but one crew member related to Alan his involvement with the liberation of Belsen.

All our lives are woven by others, and while we have no need to subscribe to Freudian eye-wash, to understand Alan's character we must meet Alan's father. The antithesis of mercurial, a self-made man, fiercely

independent, and a skilled photographer, he revelled in the precise and made no small contribution to the War effort, crafting special pieces of equipment for submarines and other divisions of the Royal Navy. Here lies one sturdy root of Alan's genius. Most obviously this applied to Alan's geological work. Obituaries aren't the best place for seminars, but they can certainly offer points of reflection as to how science permanently changes our world picture. Alan is most famous for helping to usher in the revolution in earth sciences that we now call plate tectonics, a paradigm shift in which Cambridge played a leading role. Thus it was that early in his career he came to be mentored by Teddy Bullard. The latter's idiosyncrasies, deep intelligence and financial self-sufficiency (think Bullard Ales) would be the despair of our managerial masters. One suspects that it was Bullard who provided the final tripod (along with Harry Rée and his father) to Alan's originality, as well as his openness to people and their ideas. The first step was when Alan became involved with the cliding of the continental margins around the Atlantic Ocean. Using rules of thumb, such as 'Let's get rid of Iceland', he and Jim Everett restored the jigsaw of a fused super-continent known as Pangea. The so-called 'Bullard fit' was so convincing that one can only echo Galileo's apocryphal 'Eppur si muove'. Not only did Alan play a central role in the formulation of this tectonic fit, he pioneered a series of parallel investigations that involved another super-continent, Gondwana (a collaboration with Tony Hallam, another

Johnian), as well as the complex and intricate story of the Mediterranean. Beyond that lay years of formulating increasingly precise palaeocontinental reconstructions. Geology had changed forever, but ironically another Fellow, Harold Jeffreys, remained unconvinced and so stood in the steadily diminishing ranks of the 'fixists'.

Alan had the hallmark of the true scientist: he burrowed into problems. The trick is not just joining the dots, but finding the deeper meanings. For Alan it was an abiding fascination with how the earth worked. Inspired by his Princeton colleague Elridge Moores, Alan developed a fascination with what were, at that time, very puzzling assemblages of rocks, rich in serpentinite and so (following the Greek for serpent) known as ophiolites. Making his headquarters in northern Greece, he joined a village society where one could still be offered a wife (he was), where tapping rocks could lead to arrest (it did), and where he and his piratical bunch of postgrads had the time of their lives. The geology around the then remote village of Anavra was grist to Alan's intellectual mill. This is really what made Alan tick. An abiding curiosity and a desire to know what it all *meant* – seasons with the dawning realisation that there was an almost indefinite regress of explanations. Thus it was that Alan could have been a very good physicist, but was actually a superb geologist. This did not please everybody. More than once a very distinguished colleague, a geophysicist, accused Alan of working on impossible

problems. 'Well yes,' Alan replied, 'but can't you see it's not just the challenge? Even if you don't end up with a solution, you learn more and more.'

Alan had more than one string to his bow. He was instrumental in taking our understanding of geological time to new levels and helping to establish an international framework for stratigraphy, without which the historical dimension of earth history would remain dangerously imprecise. Towards the end of his life his interests recalled his graduate days in Princeton, where he had carried out pioneering structural studies, but were now focused on sedimentary structures known as molar tooth structures, whose origins are still largely mysterious.

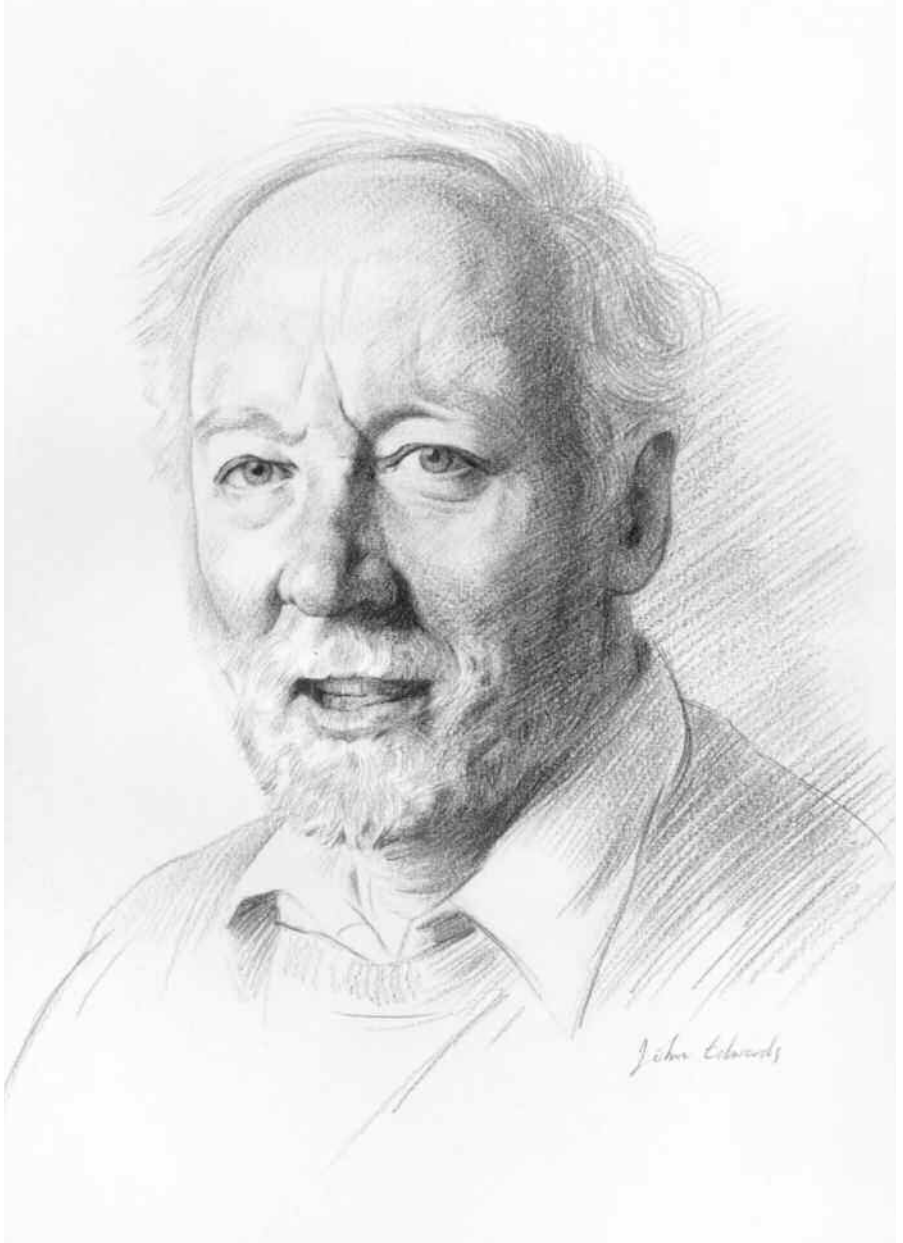
Alan was devoted to St John's from the moment he came up. Arriving as a scholar in 1955, he was supervised by (among others) Maurice Wilkes and developed many friendships, including with Stephen Fleet. Returning as a Fellow in 1970, he taught assiduously. His life beyond the College's walls also flourished, and he played no small part in ensuring the successful fusion of three ostensibly cognate departments, two of which were immediate neighbours on the Downing Site. These were separated not only by locked doors but by Professors who would lean out of windows and shout at their students or members of staff if they were seen heading in a suspicious direction. Had not the new Earth Sciences Department emerged phoenix-like under Ron Oxburg (whom Alan first met in

Princeton), Alan would have upped sticks for America. Subsequently, his domestic circumstances were transformed when his wife Judy, whom he had met at a folk dance in Princeton, developed a crippling variety of Parkinson's. The blow was all the more severe, not only because of its early onset but because Judy had a keen mind and was a gifted writer. Alan's years of unstinted devotion, and that of their daughter Jessica, somehow made Judy's relentless deterioration slightly less terrible.

In Cambridge, colleges and departments intermingle in many ways. For Alan and his Earth Sciences colleagues its apotheosis was a Thursday evening before Hall. Some Fellows have referred to this gathering as a symposium, but the usual epithet was 'the Bombardiers'. So the conversations were – and indeed still are – powered by extremely strong gin and tonics. As an aside, it is necessary to note that, by and large, Alan was not given to systems of classification; but these Thursday gatherings provided a crucial exception, with respect to the correct strength of a gin and tonic. Somehow Alan's classification seems to have become remarkably widespread. Should you be flying British Airways, do not be so surprised if the steward asks solicitously: 'Double Smithy, sir?' For your information that's roughly fifty:fifty proportions. If tonic is in short supply then we move to a 'Frogley', an appellation based on a former Title A Fellow, Mick Frogley. Almost no tonic? There, high in the stratosphere, resides the 'Churchill', England's answer to a Dry Martini.

Alan was a great scientist. The relative lack of recognition he received was largely beside the point; Alan himself would have regarded the constant striving for 'success' as almost comic. He knew he was good, and so did his many colleagues. Alan was not only one of my best friends, but also one of the most deceptive men I have ever known. Not, I hasten to add, in pursuing some Machiavellian agenda or weaving the dark arts of duplicity. Rather, the more you dug into his character the more remarkable he became. Like those pools you encounter in a remote forest, the surface sparkles with breezes – and Alan had a sly but never malicious sense of humour – but the depths hold their own secrets. 'Anyway...', as he used to say. Like all of us, in the final analysis he was deeply mysterious, a riddle to himself and others. Not a riddle in the sense of contrariness, opacity or obtuseness, but in the sense of intangible and unplumbed depths, above which glittered not only his science but also in later life his increasing skill as a water-colourist. So far as I know Alan had no deep religious instinct. When this side of the grave we said our last farewell at the Memorial Service on 10 February, had Alan been standing there I expect he would have regarded the proceedings as indeed necessary but still slightly ludicrous. Or perhaps not; the more you knew of Alan the more there was to know. We salute his passing as a scientist and, more importantly, as a cherished friend. 🌿

Professor Simon Conway Morris (1972)



Portrait of Alan Smith by John Edwards, 2000

ALUMNI OBITUARIES

Compiled by Colin Greenhalgh CBE DL (1960)

St John's College aspires to a meaningful relationship with all living Johnnians, of whom there are approximately 13,000. Maintaining such a relationship presents a challenge for the College, even though many Johnnians respond gratefully to various opportunities to return to or otherwise stay in touch with St John's. Johnnians are therefore encouraged to keep the College informed on a regular basis about their career, voluntary activities, recreational interests, family, and honours and awards received. Such information establishes a rounded picture of a Johnnian life. The College's Biographical Librarian, Fiona Colbert, is always pleased to hear from Johnnians and keeps a meticulous, secure record of information shared with the College.

1936 HALL, Michael Lindsay Bracebridge, grandson of Richard Samuel Bracebridge Heming (1852), son of Bracebridge Lindsay (1894), uncle of Richard Antony Bracebridge (1958) and great uncle of Jonathan Patrick Bracebridge (1987), died 31 October 2017, aged ninety-nine. After St Edward's School, Oxford, Michael read History and rowed in the LMBC First Boat. During the Second World War he served as a Captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was wounded in 1944 after landing in Normandy. Michael's early career was as a schoolmaster, first at Eastbourne College Prep School, where he became Housemaster of Sillem House, and then as Headmaster of Ardingly College Junior School, Sussex, and Headmaster of Homefield Prep School, Surrey. Subsequently, Michael became Children's Secretary and Editor for Children's Publications, and then Distribution Manager for all publications for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Michael's final positions were as a member of the Finance

and General Purposes Committee and the Governing Council of the Church Schools Company Ltd. In 1943 Michael married Brenda, who predeceased him.

1938 RUMSEY, Professor Victor 'Vic' Henry, died 11 March 2015, aged ninety-five. After Henry Smith School, Hartlepool, Vic read Mathematics (Minor Scholar) and rowed for the LMBC. From 1941 to 1948 he worked on radar at the UK Telecommunications Research Establishment, the US Naval Research Laboratory and the Canadian Atomic Research Laboratory. Good-humoured with a sharp wit, Vic was a brilliant theoretician, excellent teacher and inspiring adviser and mentor. His contributions to frequency-independent antennas had worldwide influence, not least through the achievements of his students. In a distinguished academic career, Vic held chairs at Ohio, Illinois, Berkeley and San Diego. Honours included the IEEE Morris N. Liebmann Memorial

Award (1962); Honorary PhD, Tohoku University (1962); Guggenheim Fellowship (1964); Outstanding Educator of America (1971); Cambridge ScD (1973); US National Academy of Engineering (1980); and the IEEE John Kraus Antenna Award (2004). In 1942 Vic married Doris, who predeceased him. They had three children, John, Peter and Anne. The College is indebted to *IEEE Antennas & Propagation Magazine* for the material in this obituary.

1940 RAFFLE, (David) Lawrie, brother of John Andrew (1948), died 13 December 2017, aged ninety-five. After City of Norwich School, Lawrie read Mechanical Sciences and played First Team Cricket and Hockey (Captain). He later played hockey for Warwickshire, Midland Counties and the Bacchanalians. Lawrie's long career in the aircraft industry began in 1942 at Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Ltd, Coventry, continued with senior engineering roles in the same company and then with Hawker Siddeley Aviation, and concluded as Chief Aerodynamicist with British Aerospace (1969–85). On retirement, Lawrie was appointed MBE. He enjoyed sailing in dinghies and cruisers all his life and was a member of the Rudyard Lake Sailing Club for fifty years (Commodore 1980–1). His last sailing was in June 2005 to watch the Fleet Review to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. In 1949 Lawrie married Monica, whom he met playing mixed hockey. Monica survives Lawrie together with

their children, Mary, Hilary, Angela and Timothy.

1941 ANGELBECK, Edward Norman James, known as Tim, died 7 February 2017, aged ninety-three. After Sudbury Grammar School, Tim read Natural Sciences. He developed an interest in agriculture, researching at the Cambridge University Soil Science Department and completing a Diploma in Agriculture. Tim then worked for the National Agricultural Advisory Service, later the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, for thirty-five years, holding positions in Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcestershire before becoming Deputy Regional Director, West Midlands. Tim was also a freelance agricultural journalist. He was Churchwarden, Stoulton with Drakes Broughton; President, Sudbury Grammar School Old Boys' Association; Lay Chairman, Pershore Deanery (1992–6); Chairman, British Guild of Agricultural Journalists; and a keen golfer. In 1948 Tim married Nancie, a nurse whom he met when recovering from having two wisdom teeth removed after a cricketing accident. Keen gardeners, Tim and Nancie (who died in 2014) attributed their happy marriage to 'walking the dog together and having their own interests'. Nigel and Kate, their children, survive them.

1941 BARLOW, Peter Gordon Rigby, father of Richard Peter Gordon (1971), died 17 January 2017, aged ninety-three. After Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School and

Shrewsbury School, Peter read Mechanical Sciences and was a member of the University Air Squadron. His studies were interrupted by war service in the RAF when he was a Navigator in the Lancaster Bombers, which flew many thousands of sorties during the Second World War. After completing his degree, Peter's career was in engineering, including long service as a Partner with Coode and Partners, Consulting Engineers. He worked extensively abroad, taking additional professional qualifications in Malaysia. Peter was responsible for the construction of port works in Bahrain, Cyprus, Malaysia, Malta and Qatar. In 1950 Peter married Joan, who died in July 2018. They had two children, Richard and Caroline.

1941 CAMPBELL, John Charles Kenneth, died 16 January 2017, aged ninety-three. After Canford School, John read Mechanical Engineering, keeping only two terms. He then served in the RAF, flying Spitfires and Mustangs, before joining the RAFVR in 1945. An RAF friend informed John that a job in the tobacco industry in South Africa awaited him, and he and his wife, Christine, emigrated. John was offered a management position and share in a small cigarette manufacturing company in Salisbury (now Harare) and for several years he flew Spitfires as an auxiliary in the Rhodesian Air Force. He then represented Molins, manufacturers of tobacco machinery. John's responsibilities involved travelling extensively in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and the Far East. A lifelong

lover of fishing, during his travels he took every opportunity to enjoy this passion, extending his geographical reach to Chile and New Zealand in retirement. The College is grateful to the Old Canfordian Society for permission to use material from the Society's obituary of John.

1941 GIBBS, Dr Alan Edward Russell, father of Fiona Russell Gibbs (1983) and father-in-law of Richard David Boulton (1983), died 14 August 2017, aged ninety-five. After King Edward VI School, Birmingham, Alan read Medicine, kept six terms and later became a General Practitioner. Alan married Moira, who survived him. They had two children, Fiona and Torquil.

1941 MURRAY, Major Michael Graeme, died 24 March 2017, aged ninety-three. After Edinburgh Academy, Michael read Architecture. His studies were interrupted by the Second World War, in which he served in the Royal Scots, as a War Training Reservist, and in the Royal Engineers. He saw field service in Kenya and active service in Burma. On returning to civilian life, Michael was a Partner at Hening & Chitty, Architects, and then a Partner in his own practice, Lerche-Thomsen and Murray. He then became Surveyor to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, a position he held from 1977 to 1988. Michael wrote *Middle Temple Hall – An Architectural Appreciation* (Middle Temple, 1989). He was elected Liveryman of The Worshipful

Company of Clockmakers in 1968 and Honorary Member of the Middle Temple in 1988. In 1949 Michael married Catherine, who predeceased him. They had three daughters, Elena, Elizabeth and Kate.

1941 PORTER, (John) Mason, died 24 December 2017, aged ninety-six. After Rydal School, Mason read Economics and History, played squash and tennis and spent a year at Wesley House. Ineligible for war service because of poor eyesight, Mason compensated by teaching at Rydal. In 1945 he became Company Director of Nelson's Preserves of Aintree, a jam factory established by his grandfather. Other positions in the Liverpool area included Partner at Philip, Son and Nephew Ltd, Booksellers; Justice of the Peace; Rotarian; and member of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Mason was also a keen gardener and was involved in numerous charitable causes, many with a Christian ethos. He and his wife, Nora, were heavily involved with St Luke's Methodist Church, Hoylake, where they first met and were married in 1947 – a marriage lasting seventy years. Mason died three days after attending Nora's funeral at St Luke's. At his Service of Thanksgiving, the congregation of 270 'raised the roof with Methodist hymns'. Mason and Nora are survived by their children, David and Ruth.

1941 SPENCE, Dr (Magnus) Peter, died 6 March 2017, aged ninety-three. After St Paul's School, London, Peter read Natural

Sciences as an Exhibitioner, followed in 1947 by a BChir and an MB. Opting to work in secondary health care, he ultimately worked for over twenty years as a consultant at various hospitals in Hertfordshire, including The Lister Hospital, Hitchin; Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City; St Albans Hospital; and Hertford County Hospital. Peter's specialist interest was gastroenterology. In 1960 Peter married Gillian, who predeceased him in 1991. They had three children, Magnus, Edward and Katherine.

1942 BENIANS, Peter Roy, nephew of Ernest Alfred (1899, Fellow and Master), cousin of Richard Gore (1934), Martin Ackland (1938), Hubert Michael (1943) and Robin Christopher (1947), died 16 July 2017, aged ninety-three. After St George's School, Tunbridge Wells, Peter read Natural Sciences followed by a PGCE. He returned to St George's School, becoming Headmaster of the Senior Department (1951–7) and Principal of the School (1957–65). Peter was then Assistant Master of Stowmarket Grammar School (1965–68) and Assistant Master (1968–76), Deputy Head (1976–82) and Headmaster (1983) of Trueloves School, Ingatestone, Essex, a Shaftesbury Society School for disabled pupils. He completed his long career in teaching at Brentwood School. Peter was a member of the Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society. His Johnian cousin Robin writes: 'Peter was our family historian, tracing the family back for nine generations

with a magnificent family tree.' Peter was married to Edna, who predeceased him.



Michael Davis (1942)

1942 DAVIS, Michael Gerard, died 9 January 2017, aged ninety-two. After Wimbledon College, Michael came to St John's for the Special RAF Course, rowed for the LMBC and joined the University Air Squadron. He then trained in Canada and the United States, gained his wings and piloted Sunderland Flying Boats between Singapore and Madras, carrying the sick to hospital. In spite of great affection for St John's, Michael declined the opportunity to complete his studies, telling the Master he was having 'too much fun flying Sunderlands

all over South East Asia'. Later he qualified as a chartered accountant and joined ICI, becoming Finance Director, ICI Europe. In retirement, Michael became Honorary Bursar and Trustee to Pilgrim's Hospices in Kent, giving his time and expertise generously. Larger than life in stature and character, Michael's wisdom and kindness were legendary. He enjoyed bridge and golf at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, lunching as a member of their Spotted Dick Club. In 1958 Michael married Carmel, who predeceased him. They had two sons, Paul and Mike.

1942 GILL, Alan, died 2 August 2017, aged ninety-three. After Leeds Modern School, Alan read Mathematics and rowed in the LMBC Second Boat. He completed an Emergency War Degree and joined the Royal Naval Scientific Service as Experimental Officer. After discharge in 1946, Alan trained to become HM Inspector of Taxes, a role in which he enjoyed a long career, rising to be Senior Inspector, Principal Inspector and ultimately Senior Principal Inspector and Assistant Director. His recreational interests were fell walking and gardening. In 1948 Alan married Rose. They had three sons, including Nicholas, who informed the College of his father's death.

1942 NYE, Dr Ian William Beresford, died 10 October 2017, aged ninety-three. After Brighton College, Ian joined the Royal Engineers and completed the first year of the

Cambridge Engineering degree in six months by eliminating vacations. After war service in India and Burma, Ian completed his PhD at Imperial College ('The Morphology and Host Relationships of some of the Dipterous Larvae Living in the Gramineae'). Appointed to the Colonial Pool of Entomologists, Ian held assignments in East Africa, tackling maize corn borers, and the Seychelles, where his technique for resisting beetle infestation of coconut palms remained in use when he revisited the islands forty years later. Moving to the Natural History Museum, Ian researched the classification of night-flying moths, publishing *The Generic Names of Moths of the World* (1975–91) in six volumes. In retirement, Ian became Secretary General of the International Committee of Zoological Nomenclature, a grand-sounding but unremunerated role. A thoughtful, quick-witted and generous family man, in 1952 Ian married Mary, who predeceased him. They had three children, David, Fiona and Linda. In 1996 Ian married Anne, who survives him.

1942 SAWYER, Professor Desmond Branson, died 29 April 2017, aged ninety-two. After Manchester Grammar School, Desmond read Mathematics (Major Scholar), won the Wright Prize (1943, 1947) and the Adams Memorial Prize (1948) and rowed in the LMBC Third Boat. Desmond's studies were interrupted by service in the Royal Artillery, including the role of Survey Officer with the Royal Indian Artillery. Although retaining 'happy memories' of

Cambridge, Desmond's career was predominantly at the University of Otago, where he became Professor of Mathematics, aged thirty-three. Desmond was then Professor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Waikato University before returning to Otago as Professor of Pure Mathematics and Chairman of Department, where colleagues respected his concise expression of difficult matters and keen geometric insight. Desmond was also Chairman, Otago Branch, Auckland University of Technology, involved nationally with university affairs and locally with high school governance. In 1986 he was appointed MBE. Well travelled and passionate about Otago's landscapes, mountains and lakes, Desmond also loved art, poetry, music and making fine artefacts in his workshop. In 1948 Desmond married Pamela, who survives him together with their daughters, Carolyn and Helen.

1942 SCOTT, David Gidley, brother of Paul Habershon (1948), died 7 March 2017, aged ninety-three. After Sutton Valence School, David read Law as a Robins Exhibitioner and rowed in a successful LMBC Second Boat. His studies were interrupted by the Second World War, when he served with the Royal Engineers and was wounded in the latter stages of the European theatre. After the War, David also served as Acting Major in Palestine. Deciding on a legal career, in 1951 he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn and then practised at Chancery Bar until 1984, adding an LLB (1950) and an LLM (1985) to his first

degree. David's ultimate appointment was as Registrar of the High Court of Bankruptcy, a position he held from 1984 to 1996. In 1948 David married Anne, who survives him. They had two sons and two daughters.

1943 ABEL, John Percival, died 28 May 2013, aged eighty-seven. After Shrewsbury School, John came to St John's on an RAF Scholarship and played for the Soccer First Team (Colours). He also won a Soccer Blue (1943). Following double pneumonia, John left Cambridge and worked for an engineering firm in Manchester. He then joined Leyland Paints as a route into sales and management. In 1950 John was posted to South Africa and helped to set up a paint works in Mossel Bay before returning to Leyland, where he was involved with sales, technical aspects and developing wallpaper manufacturing. Ultimately he became Technical Director, Leyland Paints and Wall Papers. After Leyland was taken over, John continued an active business life, running Watchwood Agency and providing consultancy to SMEs. From 1984 to 2004 he was a Director of Stanner Manufacturing Ltd. In 1947 John married Molly, who predeceased him. They had one daughter, Kerry, and two sons, Bill and Rupert. Their happy family life included time at their cottage in the Lake District, Dubh How.

1943 HEMMINGs, Robert 'Bob' Frederick, brother of John (1941), uncle of Richard Francis (1966), died 23 January 2017, aged ninety-one. After Manchester

Grammar School, Bob read Natural Sciences (Minor Scholar) and rowed in the LMBC Second Boat. Following RMA Sandhurst as a Captain in the Royal Signals, Bob embarked on a long career in physics and engineering, initially holding positions at Metropolitan Vickers; the Department of Physics, Imperial College, London; and AEI Research Laboratory, Aldermaston, where he was involved with early fusion research and published in *Nature* (1958) and *Plasma Physics* (1963). He then became Chief Engineer, Development, AEI Transformer Division; Principal Engineer, Development, Reports and Publications, Ferranti Ltd; Senior Design Engineer, Kennedy and Donkin; and Senior Engineer, Power Station System Design, GEC Turbine Generators. Proud of his association with the College, Bob returned for dinners and was a supporter of Library, Sport and Access Funds. In 1960 Bob married Margaret, who predeceased him. They had one son, Philip, and one daughter, Jackie.

1943 LORD, Peter Herent, died 16 February 2017, aged ninety-one. After Manchester Grammar School, Peter read Natural Sciences, completed a BChir and an MB, and rowed in the LMBC First Boat, for the University and Leander. After training at St George's Hospital, London, he worked at Salford Royal Hospital, the Christie in Manchester, and St Margaret's, Epping. During his National Service he was a Captain in the RAMC responsible for the Surgical Unit, British Military Hospital,

Trieste. Peter became Senior Registrar at St George's and then Consultant Surgeon at Wycombe General Hospital. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Barbers; Vice President, Royal College of Surgeons; Honorary Member, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons; and Honorary Fellow, Colonic and Rectal Surgeons of Mexico. Peter published diversely, from *Cardiac Pacemakers* (1964) to *Surgery in Old Age* (1980). Peter was appointed OBE for services to Medicine, and his lifesaving skills and party pieces, such as 'Albert and the Lion', made him popular with patients and friends. He loved photography, jazz, gardening, fishing, gadgets and sailing. In 1952 Peter married Shirley, who survives him together with their children, Rozanne, Frank, Janine and Peter.

1943 SIMM, Captain Frank, died 30 November 2017, aged ninety-two. After Newcastle Royal Grammar School, Frank read Natural Sciences. He enjoyed a long career in the Royal Navy, reaching the rank of Captain and retiring in 1978. Subsequently, Frank became General Manager of Marconi Underwater Weapons, a position he held for twelve years. Frank greatly appreciated the opportunities he enjoyed at St John's and was a generous supporter of the College's Bursary Scheme, designed to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by financial circumstances. Frank was married first to Ann, who predeceased him. They had one daughter, Jane, who survives Frank and refers to 'the

most amazingly full life' lived by her father. Later Frank married Celia, who also predeceased him.

1944 BAKER, David King, nephew of Henry Lyn Harris (1911), cousin of Henry Stephen Lyn Harris (1938), Nicholas King Harris (1940) and Simon Joscelyn Fulke Harris (1950), died 14 December 2016, aged ninety. After St Christopher School, Letchworth, David read Mechanical Sciences and was a St John's Royal Engineers Cadet. From 1945 to 1948 his studies were interrupted by service in the Royal Engineers. After graduating, David worked for many years for Baker Perkins Ltd in Peterborough, specialising in engineering design. Strong commitment to his local community was reflected in David serving for twenty-two years as Chairman of Wansford Parish Council. David was married to Dora, who survives him. David and Dora 'always enjoyed reunion days and many beautiful concerts at the College', refreshing these memories at home by playing CDs recorded by the College Choir.

1944 ELIAS, Charles Frederick, great nephew of Lewis Williams (1857) and brother-in-law of Dr Frank Samuel Jennings Hollick (1929, Fellow), died 1 January 2017, aged ninety. After University of Toronto Schools and Calday Grange Grammar School, Charles read Mechanical Sciences and rowed for the LMBC. After graduating, Charles served as Officer Commanding RHQ Squadron, 32 Assault Engineer

Regiment, Royal Engineers. He then enjoyed a career as a Chartered Civil Engineer, serving with various firms of consulting engineers, local authorities and the Welsh Water Authority. He was also a Proprietor of the Athenaeum, one of Liverpool's oldest private clubs.

1944 HUTCHINSON, Miles, died 6 June 2017, aged ninety. After Bridlington School, Miles read Natural Sciences, played for the Rugby First Team and joined the University Mountaineering Club. He then undertook National Service in Egypt as Sergeant/Instructor in the Royal Army Educational Corps and completed a Diploma in Chemical Engineering at Bradford Technical College. Miles' career was with British Aluminium, where he was involved in production management and chemical engineering. The Scottish location enabled him to join the Scottish Mountaineering and Lochaber Mountaineering Clubs and to establish a reputation as Scotland's leading 'Man of the Mountains'. For many years, Miles was the oldest living Munroist, a challenge he enjoyed for over half a century. He also completed the Corbetts, the Grahams and the Donalds, before discovering the Marilyn's – 1556 high points in the UK with a protuberance all round of 150 metres – aged seventy-eight. Miles' knowledge of Scotland's glens and mountains was said to be 'unrivalled'. In 1954 Miles married Margaret, who predeceased him, as did their elder son, Miles. He is survived by their second son, John.

1944 McFADYEAN, Dr (Kenneth) Michael, died 20 December 2017, aged ninety-one. After University College School, Michael read Natural Sciences and captained the Rugby Second Team. Medical training at Middlesex Hospital (MB and BChir, 1950) led to house positions in Barnet and National Service in the RAF Medical Branch. Michael then joined the General Practice in Herne Hill founded by his father, serving there for thirty-two years. He also practised in homes for children, the elderly and ex-servicemen, and was Clinical Assistant at King's College Hospital. Michael worked long hours, undertaking night visits for most of his career. He was a member of the City of London Special Constabulary and Lay Reader in both the Southwark Diocese and the Chichester Diocese. Michael's hobbies included sailing dinghies, gardening and playing the bagpipes. He played with the Dagenham Girl Pipers on VE Night. In his Winchelsea retirement, Michael was an active member of the local community and became a Freeman of the Town. His Christian faith resulted in 'a life lived for others'. In 1951 Michael married Barbara, who survives him. They had three sons, Gordon, Duncan and Gavin.

1944 McGREGOR, Dr Angus, brother of Charles Malcolm (1947), died 25 April 2017, aged ninety. After Solihull School, Angus read Natural Sciences, following which he completed medical qualifications: BChir (1950), MB (1950) and MD (1958). After completing service in the Royal Army

Medical Corps and a short spell as a GP, Angus chose the career path of Medical Officer, holding positions in Chester, Swindon and Hull before his appointment as Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer at Southampton. He then became District Community Physician in East Dorset and completed his career as Regional Medical Officer for the West Midlands Regional Health Authority. Angus was an active member of the British Medical Association and of the Royal College of Physicians, and Visiting Professor at the University of Keele (1988–94). With Tony Bunbury, he published *Disciplining and Dismissing Doctors in the NHS* (Mercia Publications Ltd, 1988). In his leisure time, Angus enjoyed playing the piano. In 1951 Angus married May, who survives him. They had one daughter, Catherine.

1945 RAYNER, Dr Laurence Stephen, died 27 June 2017, aged eighty-nine. After Quarry Bank High School, where he won a State Scholarship, Laurence read Natural Sciences, became a College Scholar and stayed on to complete a PhD. He then joined ICI Plastics Division, where he worked for seventeen years before joining ICI's associate company, AECL, in South Africa, a move that offered greater management responsibilities in a broader chemical and plastics research field. After thirty-six years, on retirement Laurence and his wife planned to spend six months of each year in England and six months in South Africa, but eventually decided to live the whole year in Launceston, Cornwall.

Laurence's wife predeceased him. On Laurence's death, those who loved him posted a tribute to his long life: 'He was a true gentleman and lived his life with great dignity. His loyalty, perseverance and hardworking nature allowed him to achieve so much during his lifetime.'

1945 RINGROSE, Dr Thomas 'Tom' Leonard, cousin of Francis William Shepherd (1926) and stepbrother of Michael Trevor Haslam (1952), died 5 May 2017, aged eighty-nine. After Rugby School, Tom read Natural Sciences followed by a BChir and an MB. After training at the Middlesex Hospital, Tom became Assistant Radiotherapist at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, before moving to Calgary, where he spent the rest of his life. He was Consultant Radiotherapist then Radiation Oncologist at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and, finally, Emeritus Professor, University of Calgary. Tom was very pleased to have settled in Canada and often said 'Calgary has been good to me and I have met many interesting people here, and made some very good friends.' He had a wide range of interests, including geography, history, travel and a library of 12,000 books, which he bequeathed to the University of Calgary. His strong commitment to oncology, formidable intellect, extraordinary memory and mischievous sense of humour made Tom a respected and popular personality.

1945 ROSSER, Norman, died 7 October 2017, aged eighty-nine. After Brentwood School, Norman read Mathematics and

Geography and was a Founder Member of the Purchas Society. He played Table Tennis, Soccer, Squash and Lawn Tennis for College First Teams, winning Colours in the latter three, becoming Captain in the latter two and an Eagle. Norman also played Squash for the University, winning a Blue (1950), and was elected a Hawk. National Service interrupted his studies and he became a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery. After a PGCE, Norman gave outstanding service to Malvern College as Master-in-Charge, Rackets; Head of Geography; Housemaster; Archivist; and Governor. He was Worcestershire Squash Champion, 1954–6; Referee, European Squash Championships, 1976; Chairman, Masters-in-Charge of Rackets, 1998–2003; President, Worcestershire Squash Rackets Association, 1988–2003; Member, Rackets Committee, Tennis and Rackets Association, 1998–2003; and Rackets Correspondent for *Country Life*, *The Field* and the *Daily Telegraph*. Norman delighted in encouraging boys and girls to play rackets, including his son and granddaughter. He was Chairman of the Malvern Hills Bench, 1988–93. In 1951 Norman married Myra, who survives him together with their children, Gill and Phil.

1946 AINSCOW, Nigel Richard, died 10 October 2013, aged eighty-five. After Shrewsbury School, Nigel read Modern and Medieval Languages. His career was as a school teacher. After four years at Magdalene College School, Brackley, and a year in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 1955 to

1986 Nigel taught English and French at Ellesmere College, Shropshire. He was also Housemaster of Woodard House from 1961 to 1976, a role he undertook with great dedication, generosity and concern for his pupils, whose lives he supportively followed long after they had moved into adulthood. Nigel was frequently ‘at home’ to colleagues and pupils, with many regarding him as a father figure. A large number attended the celebration of Nigel’s life held at Ellesmere College, which included the scattering of his ashes at the base of an oak tree in the vicinity of Lower School.

1946 HAMILTON, Michael Brewer, son of Kismet Leland Brewer (1902), brother of John Dennys (1934) and uncle of Roger John (1970), died 3 November 2017, aged ninety-five. After Sherborne School, Michael served during the Second World War as a Captain in the Indian Army (Scinde Horse, Indian Armoured Corps). He then read Modern Languages and Economics at St John’s and rowed in the LMBC Second Boat. After graduating, Michael joined the Colonial Service and was in the Solomon Islands from 1950 to 1967. He subsequently became Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Board Member of Exmouth Citizens Advice Bureau. In 1949 Michael married June, who survives him. They had two sons, William and Charles.

1946 HILL, Robert William McLeavy, known as Robin, died 5 April 2017, aged eighty-eight. After Campbell College,

Portrush, Robin read Agriculture. He then learned the practicalities of farming, beginning as an under cowman on a dairy farm. In 1974 Robin established Cotswold Seeds, initially running it from a small office in his garden. He sold direct to farmers and established a reputation for integrity, reliability, and high-quality bespoke, complex seed mixtures, which are now sold to 15,000 farmers across the UK. In retirement, Robin continued to take a passionate and visionary interest in farming and in the company he had founded. His belief in the use of legumes and low-input farming remain core values of Cotswold Seeds. Robin married Susan, with whom he had three children, Mary, Charlie and Katie. The College is indebted to Ian Wilkinson of Cotswold Seeds for information included in this obituary. He comments: 'I'm forever indebted to Robin. He was my mentor and taught me so much about business, farming and life.'

1946 NOONAN, The Hon. John Thomas, died 17 April 2017, aged ninety. After Harvard, John read English and wrote for *Varsity*. He did not complete a degree but made several Johnian lifetime friends. Returning to the US, John completed a PhD at the Catholic University of America and an LLB at Harvard. Following private practice in Boston, he was Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School and then at Berkeley. In 1985 President Reagan appointed him Judge of the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco. John gave judgments on

assisted suicide, the death penalty, abortion and civil liberties, emphasising that 'as prosecutors, judges and historians we must sometimes evaluate actions. We cannot judge persons.' He published several books, including *Contraception: A History of its Treatment by the Catholic Theologians and Canonists* (1965); *The Responsible Judge: Readings in Judicial Ethics* (1993); *The Lustre of Our Country: The American Experience of Religious Freedom* (1998); and *Narrowing the Nation's Power: The Supreme Court Sides with the State* (2002). In 1967 John married Mary Lee, who survives him together with their children, John, Rebecca and Susanna.

1947 STEWART, Hugh Martin, grandson of Martin (1872), great nephew of Walter Edward (1877) and son of Douglas Martin (1904), died 24 October 2017, aged ninety-two. After Shrewsbury School and service in the Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Army Educational Corps, Hugh read Mathematics, played Badminton, rowed in the LMBC Second Boat and was LMBC Junior Treasurer (1948–50). His career was with the Equity and Law Life Assurance Society, where he rose to be Chief Accountant and then Company Secretary (1970–85). A Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, Hugh wrote about the history, transactions and taxation of his profession. He was a committee member of the Johnian Society and the Old Johnian Henley Fund, serving the latter from 1952 to 1990 (Treasurer 1968–86, Secretary 1968–78).

Hugh was Joint Editor, with C. B. Tunstall, of *The History of the Lady Margaret Boat Club: Volume II, 1926-1956* (1957), and wrote 'Notes on the Word Blazer' for the *Cambridge Review* (1950), subsequently reprinted in *The Eagle*. He also wrote on the classical world. In 1962 Hugh married Margaret, who predeceased him.

1948 BEER, Professor John Bernard, died 10 December 2017, aged ninety-one. After Watford Grammar School, John read English and Natural Sciences, staying on to complete a PhD before enjoying a distinguished academic career, beginning as Title A Fellow at St John's (1955–8), receiving a LittD (1995) and being appointed FBA (1994). John became Assistant Lecturer in English, Manchester University (1958–64); Fellow and Emeritus Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge (1964–2017); and Cambridge University Lecturer, Reader, Professor and Emeritus Professor in English Literature (1964–2017). Other appointments included Visiting Professor, University of Virginia; President, Charles Lamb Society; Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship; and Stanton Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, University of Cambridge. For over fifty years John published prolifically, writing on Blake, Coleridge, E. M. Forster, George Eliot, D. H. Lawrence, Ruskin, Wordsworth, Romantic consciousness and post-Romantic consciousness. He was General Editor of *Coleridge's Writings* (1990) and of *Coleridge's Responses* (2007–8). John's recreations

included music and travel. In 1962 he married Gillian, who survives him. They had three sons, Daniel, Rufus and Zachary.



David Howe (1948)

1948 HOWE, The Revd Canon David Randall, grandson of Percy Frederic Barton (1887), brother of Jeremy Frederic (1950) and Richard Gerard Elliott (1953) and uncle of Michael Jeremy (1985), died 4 November 2017, aged ninety-three. After Shrewsbury School, David joined the Royal Artillery (Second Lieutenant), was seconded to the Indian Army to combat lawless tribes in north-west India, and then transferred to Sumatra, where he acquired two surrendered Japanese officers' swords. As Choral Scholar at St John's, David read Theology and rowed in the LMBC Second Boat, winning his oar. He

trained at Wells Theological College and was ordained at Winchester Cathedral, later returning as Honorary Canon. David was much loved in his long ministry in Hampshire. He travelled in the Holy Lands, India, New Zealand, Russia, China and his beloved France, where he contracted polio with a dreadful prognosis. His survival for fifty-three years reflects David's faith and courage. He was also sustained by a love of music, especially Bach, and an immense sense of humour. Every 1 June he toasted his ancestor, Admiral Howe, defeating the French in 1794.

1948 MORGAN, Michael Clement, died 23 June 2017, aged eighty-nine. After Calday Grange Grammar School and military service with the Royal Artillery, where he was appointed Second Lieutenant, Michael read Mathematics. He was President of the Adams Society (1950/1), an Archimedean and a member of CUMS and the University Music Club. He then enjoyed a long career teaching Mathematics at St Dunstan's School, Catford, and Fettes College, Edinburgh, before appointment as Head of the Mathematics Department at Worcester Royal Grammar School. For twenty years, Michael was Headmaster of St Albans Grammar School for Boys, latterly known after a change of status to a comprehensive as Verulam School. Michael regarded St John's with affection and was a supporter of its continuing development. In 1952 Michael married Margaret, a member of Girton College, who predeceased him. They had two sons, Christopher and Richard.

1949 BEAUMONT, John Robert, died 7 June 2017, aged eighty-eight. After Charterhouse and two years as Second Lieutenant and Assistant Adjutant, Royal Regiment of Artillery, 57th Bhurtpore Mountain Mule Battery, John read Agriculture. He also played Hockey, was a Trinity Foot Beagle, joined the Cambridge Union and was a member of the University Agriculture Society. John enjoyed a long and varied career, first as PA to Sir George Stapledon of Dunns Farm Seeds and then primarily in Sales and Marketing, latterly as Director, for a number of companies, including Distillers Co. Ltd, Dow Chemical, British American Tobacco, Shires Ltd and Pressalit UK. His recreational interests included writing books on Bosham, West Sussex, and on spritsail barges. In 1955 John married Gloria. They had twin daughters, Nicola and Fiona.

1949 CONWAY, Professor John Seymour, died 23 June 2017, aged eighty-seven. After attending Sedbergh School, John completed National Service in Austria, learning about the tangled politics of central Europe. He then read English and History (Lupton and Hebblethwaite Exhibitioner), followed by a PhD on 'German Foreign Policy, 1937-1939'. Emigrating to Canada, John taught at the Universities of Manitoba, Winnipeg and British Columbia, enjoying the spectacular Vancouver campus. Teaching mainly German History, John made numerous research visits to Germany and published *The Nazi Persecution of the Churches, 1933-1945*.

Retiring in 1997, he was Smallman Visiting Professor, University of Western Ontario, and taught for UBC's Continuing Studies Programme. Involved with extracurricular activities, John established a Refugee Scholarship Fund and directed the Canadian activities of the Tibetan Refugee Aid Society, making five visits to India, where he met the Dalai Lama. In recognition, John was awarded The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. In 1957 John married Ann, who survives him. They had three children, David, Jane and Alison.

1949 D'ARCY, John Robert, died 30 May 2017, aged eighty-eight. After St Edward's School, Oxford, John read Law and was a Choral Student. He was called to the Bar, Inner Temple, in 1953 and then enjoyed a distinguished career in civil aviation as pilot, manager and instructor. Highly regarded by his peers, John's appointments included General Manager, Flight Crew, BOAC; Chief Pilot, Flight Crew, British Airways; Flight Manager, Concorde and Boeing 707s; and Operations Manager, Cyprus Airways. He was also an Instructor on DC10 simulators. John maintained his musical interests throughout his life, not least his affection for the College Choir. His family described him as 'music scholar, wit and pilot of note'. He was a Freeman of the City of London. In 1955 John married Pamela, who predeceased him. They had two sons, William and James.

1949 DINGLE, (John) Rodney, second cousin of Walter Henry Guillebaud (1909) and Claude William Guillebaud (1909, Fellow), died 9 August 2017, aged eighty-seven. After Christ's Hospital, Horsham, and National Service, Rodney read Modern and Medieval Languages and Archaeology and Anthropology, receiving a Larmor Award, and was a member of the Lady Margaret Singers. He rowed when the LMBC won the 1951 Henley Grand, with the Cambridge crew who became European Champions, and in the Boat Race, serving as Secretary, CUBC (1952/3). At Bryanston School, Rodney taught languages, conducted a chapel choir including Mark Elder and John Eliot Gardiner, and coached rowing. Attracted to teaching in a state school, in 1970 Rodney moved to Exmouth Community College, Devon, becoming Head of Modern Languages. He sang with the Exeter Festival Chorus and the Bach Choir. His social conscience involved him in Exmouth Youth Enterprise, the Samaritans and audio tapes for the housebound. Rodney loved sailing and Arthur Ransome, publishing on the latter. In 1975 Rodney married June, who survives him together with two stepdaughters, Alison and Kathryn.

1949 HIGGINS, Larratt Tinsley, died 4 November 2016, aged ninety-two. After Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, Larratt served in the Canadian Navy during the Second World War. He then attended Trinity College, Toronto, completing a BA before reading Economics at St John's.

Larratt became Chief Economist and Forecaster for Ontario Hydro, was a relentless advocate for Canada's interests in the Columbia River Treaty negotiations, and presided over a surplus in the hydro system. He published articles, including 'The Columbia River Treaty: A Critical View' and 'The Alienation of Canadian Resources: The Case of the Columbia River Treaty'. In retirement, Larratt raised cattle on the family farm in Bastard Township, Leeds County, becoming a founder and President of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association. He was also an Elected Member of the Executive Council of the Canadian Political Science Association and a member of the Cambridge and Oxford Alumni of Greater Toronto. Good-humoured, with an inquisitive mind, Larratt loved family life. In 1951 he married Patricia, who survives him together with their children, Charles and Brigid.

1949 MACER, Dr Richard Charles Franklin, died 15 April 2017, aged eighty-eight. After Worthing High School for Boys and military service with the Royal Sussex Regiment, Richard read Natural Sciences, followed by a PhD in Mycology. In 1952 he was awarded a Hutchinson Research Studentship. Richard then enjoyed a long career concerned with plants and crops, including Principal Scientific Officer, Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge; Director of Scientific Development, Rothwell Plant Breeders; Technical Director, British Hybrid Cereals Ltd; Professor of Crop Production, University of Edinburgh; Director, Scottish

Plant Breeding Station, Pentlandfield; General Manager, The Plant Royalty Bureau Ltd, Ely; and independent consultant, drawing on his wealth of scientific knowledge, research and skills. Richard published papers on fungal diseases of cereals and was much in demand in the UK, Europe and the Mediterranean to sit on committees of learned societies and public bodies. He was a member of the British Mycology Society from 1956 to 1988 (President, 1973–4). In 1952 Richard married Vera, who survives him together with their daughters, Valerie, Diana and Gwendolen.

1949 SMITH, David Hilbre, grandson of William James Sharp (1882), died 7 February 2017, aged eighty-seven. After Sherborne School, David read Natural Sciences and rowed for the LMBC, joining the First Boat in his second Michaelmas term. David's career was partly in Australia with Bonds Industries in Sydney. He also worked for the family textiles firm of Belmont Holdings Ltd, becoming Chairman. In addition to rowing, David enjoyed golf and the Three Peaks Challenge. He remembered his time at St John's with affection and liked returning for reunions. David was a modest man who discouraged personal attention to the extent of requesting that there should be no funeral. Nevertheless, his widow, Anne, was inundated with letters and cards from those wishing to pay their respects and to celebrate David's life. David married twice. In 1953 he married Carol, who predeceased him.

Then, in 1989, David married Anne. He had one son, Julian, two daughters, Shan and Fiona, and two stepsons, Richard and Peter.

1949 WICKHAM, Peter Guy, died 30 January 2017, aged eighty-seven. After Durham School and two years in the Royal Artillery, Peter read Mathematics. He then joined the Meteorological Office, where he worked for thirty-seven years, the last ten as Chief Instructor at the Meteorological Office College. He published *The Practice of Weather Forecasting* (1970); *Directory of Meteorological Satellite Applications* (1993) as co-author; and *Images in Weather Forecasting* (1995). On his retirement in 1989, Peter was honoured by the award of the Imperial Service Order. He was a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. In 1963 Peter married Janet, who survives him. They had two daughters, Lucy and Philippa.

1950 BOWDEN, Dr Hugh, died 4 October 2017, aged eighty-seven. After Manchester Grammar School and National Service, Hugh read Classics (Patchett Scholar), was a member of the University Classics Society and competed in Cross Country and Hare and Hounds pursuits. He studied at other universities, including Loughborough, where he completed a PhD in Public Administration. Hugh's early career was in the textile industry. He then took up academic positions at the University of St Andrews and Harris College, Preston, now the University of Central Lancashire. Finally, he moved into social services,

becoming Social Services Manager, Kirklees Metropolitan Council, and Deputy Director, Huddersfield Metropolitan Council. Hugh's keen interest in the philosophy of management involved applying concepts from the classical world to contemporary management. In 2012 he published 'The Ethics of Management: A Stoic Perspective'. Hugh made generous and highly respected contributions to Mirfield in West Yorkshire, becoming Mayor in 1996. In 1957 Hugh married Dinah, who survives him together with their children, Ruth, Matthew and Helen.

1950 CAMPBELL, Professor Bernard Grant, grandfather of Claudia May (2017), died 11 March 2017, aged eighty-six. After Winchester College and service as a British Army Officer in his beloved Greece, Bernard read Natural Sciences. He then taught Geography in Uganda, valuing the politeness and enthusiasm of his students. Returning to Cambridge, Bernard's PhD was in Physical Anthropology. He also purchased Sedgeford Hall in Norfolk, planting trees and establishing a family home. A gentle and kindly man, Bernard lectured around the world, including at Harvard and UCLA, where he was Professor of Anthropology. His books, *Human Evolution, an Introduction to Man's Adaptions* (1966) and *Humankind Emerging* (2000), are highly regarded. In Iran, Bernard discovered the fossil of a three-toed horse, now known as *Hipparion campbelli*. Bernard was married twice. In 1962 he married Margaret, with

whom he had James and adopted Sophie. Then, in 1986, he married Susan, with whom he had Charlie and Hatty and acquired stepchildren. Bernard and Susan managed the farm at Sedgeford Hall, travelled the world and returned to Greece, where Bernard was perturbed to find, fifty years on, that a favourite restaurant had changed the menu.

1950 CONLAN, James Patrick Anthony, died 24 September 2017, aged eighty-six. After John Fisher School, Purley, James read Geography as a Minor Scholar. He then enjoyed twenty years in a variety of roles in advertising, marketing, new product development, establishment of overseas subsidiaries, printing and publishing. He also completed a Diploma in Management Studies and joined a number of institutes concerned with business management and exports. The latter part of James's career was as a lecturer at Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education, first in the Business Department and then in the Department of Furniture and Manufacturing. He took a specialist interest in the financial and quantifiable aspects of business and published *Principles of Management in Export* (Blackwell, 1994). He was also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. In his will, James bequeathed 'all my collection of books' to the College. In 1969 James married Barbara. They had one son, Kevin.

1950 GOSSIP, John Alexander, died 30 December 2016, aged eighty-six. Born

in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, John's secondary education was at Sedbergh School. At St John's he read Modern and Medieval Languages. The College has no knowledge of John's career, except that he lived in Canada and was an accredited member of the Canadian Public Relations Society. John was married twice: first, in 1956, to Patricia Margaret Kimbell, who predeceased him and with whom he had three children, Sarah, Simon and Peter; and then to Patricia Wright, who survives him along with her children.

1950 HEATH, John Francis, died 30 March 2017, aged eighty-six. After Wellington College, John read History in Part I and Geography in Part II. He embarked on a career in teaching and school administration, which took him from England to Indonesia, Brunei and Canada, where he taught in Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Recognised and admired as a charismatic leader and an excellent communicator, John inspired many others to achieve their potential. He earned the respect and affection of students and staff in the various places and schools in which he served. With a fine voice, John enjoyed public speaking and reading in church on Sundays. He contributed years of his working life to doing voluntary work under the auspices of the United Society Partners in the Gospel. A kind, gentle and generous man, John was married to Jean. They had two children, Ann and Chris. The College is indebted to John's widow

and the *Vancouver Sun* for the information in this obituary.

1950 SLATER, George Norris Stewart, son of Stewart Beattie (1913) and father of Judith Mary (1983), died 6 January 2017, aged eighty-six. After Rydal School, Colwyn Bay, George read Law, was a member of the Law Society and played for the Soccer Third Team (Captain, 1952–3). He then enjoyed a long career as a solicitor and senior partner in private practice. In 1956 George married Valerie, who predeceased him. They had three children, Paul, Penelope and Judith.

1950 WALLIS, James Anderson Nicholas ‘Nick’, great nephew of Frederick William (1874) and brother of Christopher John (1956), died 22 July 2017, aged eighty-five. After Bryanston School, Nick read Agriculture. He rowed in the LMBC First Boat (1952–4), stroked the College to the Ladies’ Plate at Henley (1952) and was bow in the Blue Boat (1953–4) and CUBC President (1954). Nick spent part of his childhood in Kenya and chose tropical agriculture as his career. He regarded his most important role as helping Kenya towards successful independence: at President Kenyatta’s invitation, Nick was Assistant Director of Agriculture and Chief Coffee Officer. He then moved to London as Chief Area Officer, Western Hemisphere, International Coffee Organization, and finally to Washington DC, where he became the World Bank’s Division Chief for Agriculture and Rural Development.

A keen mountaineer, sailor and photographer who also enjoyed safaris, Nick visited every continent. He enjoyed memories of and returning to the College. In 1955 he married Joy, who predeceased him. They had five children, Jill, Philip, Janet, Felicity and Thomas.

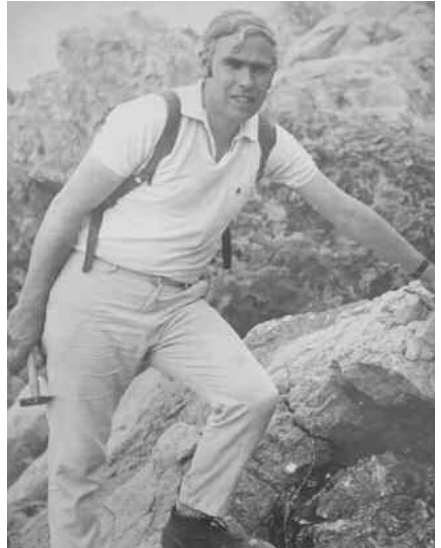
1951 FRANCE, Simon John, nephew of Norman Hoole (1923), died 29 September 2017, aged eighty-five. After Rugby School, Simon read History, was Match Secretary, Secretary and Captain of the Rugby Football Club, rowed for the LMBC and was elected an Eagle. He then enjoyed a long career in government service. From 1955 to 1964 Simon worked in Nyasaland (now Malawi) in Provincial and District Administration as a member of Her Majesty’s Overseas Civil Service. He then joined the Ministry of Defence, where he remained for twenty-eight years, rising to the rank of Assistant Secretary. In 1961 Simon married Cynthia. They had four children, Philip, Rupert, Joanna and Nicholas.

1952 EVANS, (John) Wynford, died 27 October 2017, aged eighty-two. After Llanelly Grammar School, Wynford read Mathematics (College Prize, Part I), became an Archimedean, played golf and rowed in the LMBC Sixth Boat. After National Service in the RAF, Wynford’s career began with computer programming and management at IBM, NAAFI, Kayser Bond and South Wales Electricity before appointment as Deputy Chairman, London

Electricity Board, and Chairman, South Wales Electricity. Finally, Wynford was Director and Chairman, Bank of Wales. Much in demand as Governor and Trustee, Wynford's associations included Europa Nostra, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Polytechnic of Wales, Civic Trust Board for Wales, CBI Welsh Regional Council, the National Trust, Welsh National Opera, Prince of Wales Committee, Cardiff Bay Opera House Trust, National Botanic Garden of Wales, and National Museums and Galleries of Wales. He was Freeman of the City of London (1980), High Sheriff of Glamorgan (1995–6), Honorary Druid and a Liveryman. Wynford's service to the community in Wales was recognised through his appointment as a CBE in 1995. In 1957 he married Sigi, who survives him. They had three sons, Mark, Chris and Tim.

1952 HALLAM, Professor Anthony 'Tony', died 23 October 2017, aged eighty-three. After Gateway School, Leicester, Tony read Natural Sciences (Exhibitioner, Scholar), won College and University Prizes, completed a PhD and was Chairman of the Natural Science Club and President of the Sedgwick Club. A distinguished palaeontologist, revered internationally by his peers, Tony held appointments at the University of Edinburgh; Stanford University (Harkness Fellow); New College, Oxford; McMaster University, Ontario; and the University of Birmingham as Lapworth Professor of Geology. He was awarded the Geological Society of London's Lyall Medal,

the German Geological Society's Von Buch Medal and the Lapworth Medal by the Palaeontological Association, of which he became President. Tony published and collected fossils prolifically, bounding up 16,000-foot Tibetan mountainsides aged sixty-eight. His research interests focused on stratigraphy, sea level changes and palaeontology in the Jurassic Period as well as mass extinctions, especially the end-Triassic event. Tony was married three times. David, his son from his first marriage, and Mary, his third wife, predeceased him. Sara, his daughter from his first marriage, and Tim and Andrea, children from his second marriage, survive him.



Tony Hallam (1952)

1953 BENNETT, Rodney Charles, father of Catherine Crawford (1983) and father-in-

law of Oliver Clive Pinsent (1983), died 4 January 2017, aged eighty-one. After King Edward VI School, Totnes, Rodney read Natural Sciences, was awarded a Strathcona Travel Exhibition (1955), played Cricket and Rugby and was a member of Footlights. After a Diploma in Educational Psychology at UCL, his career was primarily in television. Rodney directed dramas, including *Z-Cars*, *North and South*, *Madame Bovary*, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, *The Legend of King Arthur*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Stalky and Co.*, *Dombey and Son*, *The Masque of Mandragora*, *Hamlet*, *The Lost Boys*, *Monsignor Quixote* and *The Darling Buds of May*. He had a talent for casting, working with distinguished actors, including Alec Guinness and Johnian Derek Jacobi, and discovering Catherine Zeta Jones. Rodney directed three *Doctor Who* adventures, starring Tom Baker. Actors responded well to Rodney's kindly, good-humoured direction. He wrote books for older children, including *Eagle Boy*, *Abbots Way* and *Angel Voice*. In 1958 Rodney married Jill, who survives him. Their children are Adam and Kate.

1953 BROMLEY, (Walter) John, died 7 March 2017, aged eighty-three. After Sedbergh School and service in Korea as a gunner, John read Classics as a Lupton and Hebblethwaite Exhibitioner and played Cricket and Rugby for the College First Teams. His career was in engineering and in the application of computing systems to business. He worked at the National

Computing Centre in Manchester and then moved to CoSIRA, contributing original and strategic thinking. In retirement John lived in Bisley, becoming a familiar face and loving the strong sense of community. He was Treasurer of the Church and of the Theatre Club, and Founding Member of the Twinning Association. A lover of the outdoors, John joined the Walking Club and organised the Open Gardens scheme. He liked to talk with the birds, trying to imitate any call. John's grandchildren said: 'Our Grandad could talk to anyone, about virtually anything, sometimes way past our understanding!' In 1959 John married Susan, who survives him. The College is indebted to Michael Morris and to the *Bisley News* for material in this obituary.

1953 COGILL, Dr William Henry, known as John, died 30 January 2017, aged eighty-nine. After Pretoria High School and the University of Cape Town (BSc, MSc), John read Mechanical Sciences (BA, MSc). Moving to the University of New South Wales, he completed a PhD and became Senior Lecturer in the Schools of Highway Engineering and Civil Engineering. Sabbaticals were at the University of Southampton road research laboratories and in French public works departments. A brilliant mathematician, John's research included the viscosity of emulsions, strain hysteresis loops in metals, and measurement of surface waves on earth layered systems. He published a book on SH and Rayleigh waves. John spoke French and German fluently and

loved Beethoven piano sonatas, sailing, bush walking and cycling. He cycled from Sydney to Perth 'on a rusty clunker' and died in the Blue Mountains 'pushing his bicycle to the top of a hill in forty degrees heat'. A gregarious man, John provided emergency shelter for marginalised people. In 1957 he married Lieske. The marriage was dissolved. Lieske predeceased John, who is survived by their children, Henry, Jean, Dorothea and Katherine.

1953 POST, Professor Kenneth 'Ken' William John, died 12 March 2017, aged eighty-two. After Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, Ken read History, won a Larmor Award, was President of the College Debating Society and the Cambridge Union and a member of Footlights. He was awarded a Leverhulme Scholarship (1958). Ken then lectured in Government and Political Science at the University of London; University College, Ibadan; University of California, Berkeley; University of Birmingham; University of Manchester; University of the West Indies; and the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, where he was Professor of Political Science. Ken never forgot his working-class roots, which he valued through fond memories of his parents and asking uncomfortable questions about established political, economic and social systems. He took an intellectual and critical interest in Marxism, publishing several books, including *Regaining Marxism*. Other publications included *The Nigerian Federal*

Election of 1959, The New States of West Africa and Revolution and the European Experience 1789-1914. Ken travelled widely. In retirement he published a novel and wrote an 'alternative history' of Europe, in which industrial capitalism never developed. He is survived by his long-term companion, Désirée Stahlecker.

1954 BROWN, Jeremy James Danton, died 10 August 2017, aged eighty-two. After Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood, Jeremy came to St John's as an RAF Cadet, read Mechanical Sciences and played rugby. He enjoyed a long and happy career in the RAF, rising to the rank of Wing Commander. The highlights of his career involved the Hercules aircraft. Jeremy spent time in the United States as part of a team involved in the purchase of the Hercules. He was then appointed Officer Commanding Engineering Wing at RAF Lyneham, where the Hercules was based. After retiring from the RAF in 1990, Jeremy had more time to pursue his love of sailing and became Commodore, Royal Harwich Yacht Club. In 1973 he married Julia, who survives him together with their children, Jonathan and Joanna.

1954 ROBERTS, Professor Eric Hywel, died 13 August 2016, aged eighty-six. After Lucton School and the University of Manchester, where he completed a first degree and a doctorate, Eric studied Agriculture for a year and represented the College at Judo and Rugby. After working as

Senior Scientific Officer in Sierra Leone and as a Lecturer in Botany at the University of Manchester, Eric enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the University of Reading, where he was Professor of Crop Production and, at various times, Head of Department, Dean of Faculty and Pro-Vice-Chancellor. After retiring from Reading, Eric became Director of Research, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, India. He published several books, including *Viability of Seeds* (1972), and numerous papers on crop physiology and genetic conservation.

Appointed OBE in 2000, Eric was awarded a DSc (Manchester 1965) and an Honorary DSc (Reading 1999). Retiring to Falmouth, Eric enjoyed sailing, the company of local artists, good wine and his wife's West African groundnut chop recipe. In 1955 he married Dorothy. They had two sons, Peter and Ian.

1954 THOM, Group Captain Michael Irwin, died 16 January 2017, aged eighty-one. After Churcher's College, Petersfield, Michael read Mechanical Sciences, played for the Hockey Second Team and was an RAF Cadet in the University Air Squadron. He then served in the RAF, becoming Director of Command and Control Systems, Ministry of Defence Central Staff, in the early days of military computer systems. Retiring as Group Captain, Michael became successively Principal Consultant, Marketing Director and Chairman at Systems Designers Scientific, and then Managing Partner, Michael Thom Associates, specialising in defence computer systems.

His expertise was much in demand. Michael published *The Defence CIS/IT Market 1990-1994* (1989), directed the Technical Audit of the UK Air Defence IUKADGE project on behalf of the House of Commons Defence Committee (1990) and was heavily involved with the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association. He was proud of his association with the College and a member of the Beaufort Society. In 1957 Michael married Brenda, who survives him together with their children, Stuart and Deborah.

1955 ALLEN, Anthony 'Tony' William, died 5 February 2017, aged eighty. After The King's School, Peterborough, Tony read Classics as a Munstevan Exhibitioner, followed by a PGCE. He then enjoyed a long career (1959-93) as Classics Teacher at Streete Court School, Godstone, Surrey, where he was remembered with affection for his inspired teaching, sense of humour and rich laughter, notwithstanding the alarming ways in which he flung Latin prep books like frisbees towards their owners and bowled on the cricket field. In retirement Tony used his wonderful voice to record books for the blind. A man of integrity, Tony was involved with his church and in choral singing. His poor eyesight meant that Tony always travelled by bicycle or public transport. He enjoyed meeting with Johnian friends and took every opportunity to recite the College Latin Grace.

1955 COOKSON, Dr (Frederick) Brian, died 16 June 2017, aged eighty. After King

Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge, Brian read Natural Sciences and completed a BChir and an MB. Qualifying at the University of Birmingham Medical School, his early appointments were in local hospitals. A man of broad interests in science and the arts, Brian was drawn to general practice. He worked primarily in Gloucester, creating the first purpose-built surgery. Brian was fascinated by his patients and their need for high-quality consultations. A skilled non-judgemental listener, he became an excellent role model and GP Trainer. Brian was also part-time Occupational Physician to high-profile employers, including the Bank of England. Following his peers' nomination, Brian was elected FRCGP. An accomplished pianist with a fine bass voice, Brian sang with the Gloucester Choral Society and the Three Choirs Festival Chorus. He read widely, including poetry, enjoyed conversation and fine wine, and spoke with humour and compassion. In 1963 Brian married Hilary, who survives him together with their daughters, Marion, Harriet, Rachel and Rosalind.

1955 MILNE, John Arthur, died 29 May 2017, aged eighty-five. After Melville College, Edinburgh, John completed a degree at the University of Edinburgh. He then came to St John's to study for a Diploma in Agriculture. John worked as an Agricultural Officer in Kenya and for the United Nations for almost thirty years before retiring to England. He enjoyed reading, gardening and walking. In his

youth, John climbed Mt Kilimanjaro. John was married to Irene for fifty-one years. They had two children, Gordon and Sheila.

1956 BURIN des ROZIERS, Father Henri OP, died 26 November 2017, aged eighty-seven. After Lycée Henri IV, Paris, the University of Paris and service in the Algerian War, which affected him deeply, Henri completed a Diploma in Comparative Legal Studies. He shared digs with Alastair Moncur (1956) and Andrew Macintosh (1969, Fellow). On a trip to France, Henri informed Alastair of a new law requiring motorists to stop at red traffic lights. Back in Paris, Henri became a Priest in the Dominican Order. As Chaplain to the Sorbonne, in 1968 he sheltered students. As a social worker in Annecy, Henri represented Tunisian immigrants suffering from racism and health problems. Moving to Brazil, through the Pastoral Commission for Land, Henri supported movements for agricultural reform, helping small farmers to fight injustices, at severe risk to his safety. In 2003 Henri became a member of the Brazilian National Commission for the Eradication of Slave Labor. Renowned for his demands for justice and as 'counsel for the landless', in 1994 Henri was appointed to the Légion d'Honneur and, in 2005, awarded the Prix International des droits de l'homme Ludovic-Trarieux. After three strokes, Henri returned to Paris but asked that Brazil be the resting place for his ashes.

1956 HOWLAND, Robert 'Bob' Ifor Leslie, son of Robert Leslie (1924, Fellow)

and brother of Peter Leslie (1959), died 29 July 2017, aged eighty-two. After Shrewsbury School, Bob read Classics and Modern Languages as an Exhibitioner, was Junior Treasurer and Captain of the LMBC, an Eagle and a Hawk. In 1958 he received a Larmor Award and the Wilson Reading Prize. Bob's early career was with Glen Line Ltd, and then as a Director of Associated Container Transportation Services Ltd. Subsequently, he worked in consultancy and advisory work, specialising in the legal problems and aspects of electronic data communication, particularly in international trade, commerce and transport. Bob was a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport. He enjoyed participating in choral music and remembered the College with affection. In 2009, fifty years after he captained the LMBC, Bob renewed contact with contemporaries who were Captains and Secretaries of College sports clubs to rekindle and celebrate memories of past successes. In 1965 Bob married Rosemary in the College Chapel. Rosemary survives Bob together with their two daughters, Annabel and Juliet.

1956 KRETSCHMAR, Dr Ekkehard Wilhelm Gotthelf, died 19 January 2015, aged eighty-seven. After Karlsruhe Technical University and the University of Hamburg, Ekkehard came to St John's to study Law on a British Council Scholarship. He then returned to Hamburg to undertake a doctorate, after which he practised law there until the age of seventy-six. Ekkehard's first

appointment was with Dr Neuhaus' firm. He then secured a position with Ohle Hansen Ewerwahn. Finally, Ekkehard was involved as founding partner in creating Hansalawyers Kretschmar von Teuffel Leverkus and Partner. For a time, Ekkehard was Chairman of the Professional Training Committee of the Hamburg Law Society. His son, Frank, writes: 'My father never forgot the time he spent in Cambridge and spoke often of the friendships he made and the lasting memories.' Ekkehard was married to Heike, who survived him but died shortly afterwards in May 2016. Ekkehard and Heike had three children, Frank, Iris and Eva.

1956 REVELL, Professor (Ernest) John, died 15 December 2017, aged eighty-three. After Ridley College, St Catharine's, Ontario, and Trinity College, University of Ontario (BA, PhD), John read Oriental Studies. Returning to Canada, he was appointed to Victoria College and the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, becoming Professor in 1974 and Emeritus Professor in 1998. A scholar in the field of Biblical Hebrew, John published several books relating to the Masorah and the morphophonology, syntax and usage of the language. He was awarded visiting Fellowships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Edinburgh. John was a member of various learned societies and in 1986 was appointed Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. As a talented watercolour artist, John became a Fellow of the Society of Botanical Artists.

A keen gardener, he won the Royal Horticultural Society Grenfell Silver Medal for Art Display. John enjoyed walking, and when living in England, in later years, he became a church bell ringer. In 1959 John married Ann, who predeceased him in 2011. John is survived by their children, John and Bridget.

1956 WARING, Dr Anthony 'Tony' John, father of Emma Jane Louise (2008, former Fellow), died 20 June 2017, aged seventy-nine. After Manchester Grammar School, Tony read Natural Sciences as a Somerset Exhibitioner, advancing to a Scholarship in 1958 when he won a College Prize. Tony then completed a PhD before research at the University of Michigan. Returning to the UK, Tony held appointments at the University of Southampton and the University of Birmingham, where he became Senior Lecturer in Chemistry. Tony published prolifically on organic and physical chemistry, was an active FRSC and a Board Member of the Arkat Foundation. As Churchwarden at St Mary's Church, Selly Oak, and Chair of Governors at the Church primary school, Tony made a valuable voluntary contribution. Enjoying church architecture, wine and a lifelong affection for the College and its choral music, Tony was a member of the Beaufort Society and organiser of the Johnian Society West Midlands Branch. In 1963 Tony married Rosemary. They had two children, Mark and Emma, before divorcing. Subsequently, Tony had a partner, Hilary.

1957 BREWSTER, David John, son of Leslie George (1922), father of Sarah Elizabeth (1984) and uncle of Elizabeth Jean De Whalley (1982), died 4 December 2017, aged eighty-one. After Whitgift School, Croydon, David read Law, rowed for the LMBC Second Boat and was a member of the Winfield Society, the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union and the Cambridge Union. In 1961 he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn and later became a Member of the Bar Council. The first half of David's career involved practising at the Bar in the United Kingdom and appointments as Partner, Appleby Spurling and Kempe, Bermuda, and Director of the Tyndall Group. He then joined the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, where he was successively Secretary, Legal Director, Legal and Policy Director and Adviser to the Board. David was Chairman of St Peter's Hospice, Bristol (1984–8). In 1964 David married Christine, who survives him. They had four children, Sarah, Jonathan, Louise and Emma.

1957 JEFFCOATE, Dr Stephen Lindsay, brother of Robert Lindsay (1959) and William James (1965), died 31 March 2017, aged seventy-seven. After Liverpool College, Stephen read Natural Sciences before completing medical training at St Thomas' Hospital, London. He later specialised in clinical endocrinology. In 1975 Stephen was appointed Professor of Biochemical Endocrinology at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, where he led a WHO-supported



Stephen Jeffcoate (1957)

programme to standardise the measurement of reproductive hormones. In 1986 he was appointed Head of the Endocrinology division of the National Institute of Biological Standards and Control. Stephen published over 180 scientific papers as well as books, including *Efficiency and Effectiveness in the Endocrine Laboratory* (1981). In 1993, with his wife Gail, Stephen began a second career in nature conservation. He was Chair of Butterfly Conservation (1999–2003), co-author of the much-cited *Millennium Atlas of Butterflies in Britain and Ireland* (2001) and raised money by walking three of the European GR footpaths. Stephen was later Chair of the Manx Wildlife Trust (2010–13). He is survived by Gail, and by his children Cathy, Paul and Matthew from his first marriage to Jen.

1957 MESTEL, Professor Leon, uncle of Vivian Laurence Sharman (1964), died

15 September 2017, aged ninety. After West Ham Secondary School and Trinity College, Cambridge (BA, PhD), Leon joined the Mathematics Department at Leeds University and was a Commonwealth Fund Fellow at Princeton University Observatory. He returned to Cambridge as University Lecturer and Title B Fellow of St John's (1957–66). Leon then became Professor of Applied Mathematics at Manchester University and Professor of Astronomy at Sussex University, playing a major role in developing the Astronomy Centre. He was fascinated by the role of magnetic fields on the structure and evolution of stars and galaxies. Regarded by his colleagues with a mixture of awe, for his formidable mathematical intelligence, and affection, for his twinkling sense of humour, Leon could do the *Times* crossword while drinking a cup of coffee. His outstanding achievements resulted in an FRS (1977) and the Royal Astronomical Society's Eddington Medal (1993) and Gold Medal (2002). He enjoyed reading and music. In 1951 Leon married Louise, who predeceased him. They had four children, Leonora, Jonathan, Rosie and Ben.

1957 MIZEN, Paul Edmund, died 2 July 2015, aged seventy-nine. After Radley College, Paul read Music as a Minor Scholar, was a committee member of the College Musical Society (1959–60) and rowed in the LMBC Fourth Boat. In 1963 he was awarded the degree of MusB by the University of Dublin. Paul's long career, entirely concerned with music, was in four

different settings: Director of Music, The Cedars School, Leighton Buzzard (1962–6); Head of Music, Southern Grammar School for Boys, Portsmouth (1966–71); Head of Music Department, Havant College (1971–85); and Instrumental Teacher for Keyboard/Piano, Hampshire County Music Service (1985–2002), which Paul described as enjoyable although ‘manic at times’. In 1962 Paul married Brenda. They had two children, Christopher and Hilary.

1958 GOLBY, David Harold, grandson of William Anderton (1891), died 14 April 2017, aged eighty. After Harrow School and National Service, David read Classics and played Rugby. He then returned to the RAF, serving for twenty-nine years in Turkey and Cyprus; as RAF Commander, American Air Force, RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire; and in staff positions at Command Headquarters. David left the RAF as Squadron Leader. He became Bursar at Handsworth Grammar School, Birmingham, and Assistant to the Archivist at Birmingham City Library. David’s recreational activities included educational cruises, visiting his children in the US and Australia, involvement with the Decorative and Fine Arts Society, sport (especially rugby) and reading military history, classical literature and mystery stories. He enjoyed the countryside and wildlife, was a Governor of a primary school, helped to proofread the *Register of Twentieth-Century Johnnians, Volume I (1900-1949)* (2004), and was a member of the Beaufort Society. In 1962 David married

Sue, who survives him together with their children, Simon and Julie.

1959 ALLEN, (Geoffrey) Inniss, died 6 September 2017, aged seventy-nine. After The King’s School, Canterbury, Inniss read Music as a Choral Scholar and was a committee member of the College Musical Society. After graduating, his love of music became Inniss’ life’s work and he was Head of Strings at Eton College from 1971 to 1993. A Memorial Concert to celebrate his life was arranged in aid of St Margaret’s Hospice, Somerset. Inniss was married to Caroline, who survives him.

1959 McCOMB, Professor Arthur James, died on 8 October 2017, aged eighty. After Melbourne High School, Australia, Arthur graduated from Melbourne University (BSc, MSc). He was awarded an Exhibition of 1851 Scholarship for his PhD at St John’s, studying the metabolism of the plant growth hormone gibberellin. He was then Lecturer at the University of Western Australia, leaving in 1989 to become Professor of Environmental Science at Murdoch University (DSc 2007). In the mid-1970s Arthur’s research changed from plant physiology to environmental science. Publishing significantly, he made important contributions to the understanding of nutrient cycling and eutrophication of marine and freshwater ecosystems. His work was recognised by election to the Australian Academy of Science and the award of important medals from scientific societies.

In 1966 Arthur married Jen, who survives him together with their children, David and Christine. The family still has the 1935 Rolls, which Arthur purchased in Cambridge, and in which there were many happy excursions around the UK and Europe with fellow students.

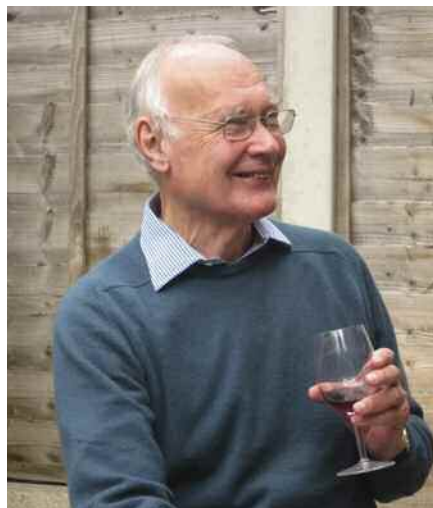


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John McCracken (1959)

1959 McCRACKEN, Professor (Kenneth) John, died 23 October 2017, aged seventy-nine. After Sedbergh School and National Service in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, John read History (Lupton and Hebblethwaite Exhibitioner), received a Larmor Award and a Laski Studentship, and completed a PhD on Church of Scotland missions in Malawi, a lifelong fascination. A temporary position at the new multiracial University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland coincided with Ian Smith's rise to power.

There followed a distinguished career as a historian of Africa, holding posts at the University College of Dar es Salaam and the Universities of Malawi and Stirling, where John was Director of the Centre of Commonwealth Studies, Professor of History and Dean of Arts. John's long career coincided with colonies becoming independent. An 'outstandingly perceptive historian', he witnessed 'periods of optimism and pessimism'. His publications included *Politics and Christianity in Malawi, 1875-1940* (CUP, 1977) and *A History of Malawi, 1859-1966* (James Currey, 2012). John first married Jane, who died in a car accident in Tanzania. He then married Juliet, who survives him together with their children, Matthew and Caroline. The College is indebted to *The Scotsman* for material included in this obituary.

1959 MOORE, David Philip, brother of William Robert (1950) and uncle of Andrew (1979), died 15 November 2017, aged seventy-eight. After Manchester Grammar School, David read Classics and was a member of the University Athletics Team. Following a year at the British School of Archaeology in Athens, where he held a Gustav Sachs Studentship, and after completing a PGCE, David's career was in schools and higher education. He was Assistant Master, teaching Classics, at Wirral Grammar School for Boys; Administrative Assistant, University of Manchester; Head of Classics, Marple Hall School, Cheshire; and, for twenty-two years, Head of Classics,

Shrewsbury High School. David's classical interests included school trips to Greece, Italy and Hadrian's Wall, usually returning from the latter by a westerly route and a good hill walk in his beloved Lake District, thus satisfying two of his recreational passions. Another principal interest was piano playing. In 1969 David married Kathleen, who said he 'was very much attached to St John's and always grateful to receive copies of *Johnian News* and *The Eagle*'. They had two daughters, Elizabeth and Susan.

1959 PARSONS, Professor Peter Angas, nephew of Geoffrey Bonython Angas (1926), died 14 October 2016, aged eighty-three. After St Peter's College, Adelaide, the University of Adelaide, and a PhD at Trinity College, Cambridge, from 1959 to 1962 Peter was Research Fellow at St John's and worked at the University Department of Genetics. He returned to Australia as Reader in Human Genetics at the University of Melbourne, followed by the post of Professor of Genetics at La Trobe University, Victoria. In a distinguished career, Peter published on genetics, behaviour and evolution; was awarded the Sir Joseph Verco Medal, Royal Society, South Australia, and the Dobzhansky Memorial Award of the Behaviour Genetics Association; served on numerous learned society committees and editorial boards; was much in demand as a visiting academic; and established prizes to encourage young academics. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and in 2006 was

appointed Member of the Order of Australia. Peter was married to Louise, who survives him. They had two sons, Jonathan and Thomas.

1959 SOLOMOS, Professor Theophanes 'Theo', died 11 June 2017, aged eighty-eight. After schooling in Corinth and a first degree and a Master's degree in Pomology from the College of Agriculture, Athens, the Greek State Scholarship Foundation awarded Theo a scholarship for graduate study. At St John's he studied for his PhD (1963) in Plant Physiology, supervised by Dr John Barker, FRS. Theo was a faculty member for thirty-one years of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he became Professor of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. His research contributed to an improved understanding of climacteric fruit ripening and the role of reduced oxygen in the ripening process. An avid outdoorsman, Theo was often able to combine his passions for research and hiking when appreciative postdocs and students (and their families) accompanied him on mountain hikes, discussing research along the trail. Sabbaticals at Macquarie University, Sydney, and Nagoya University, Japan, allowed Theo to extend both passions beyond America and Europe, to Australia and Asia. Pamela, his wife of forty-eight years, survives him.

1959 WALKER, Dr Alan Cyril, died 20 November 2017, aged seventy-nine. After The Gateway School, Leicester, Alan read Natural Sciences, followed by a PhD

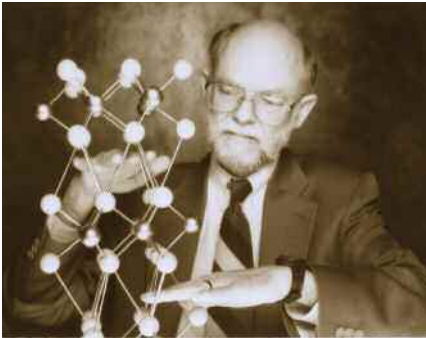
(London 1967) in Anatomy and Palaeontology. After working in Uganda and Kenya, Alan moved to Harvard and then to Johns Hopkins University before spending twenty years at Pennsylvania State University, latterly as Evan Pugh Professor of Anthropology and Biology. Alan published prolifically, writing research papers on human and primate evolution and books such as *The Wisdom of the Bones* (Knopf, 1996), co-authored with his wife, Pat. Much in demand by learned bodies and honoured by many awards, in 1999 Alan was appointed FRS, one of the few scholars also elected to the United States National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Alan was kind and generous to students and pioneering in his research, working with living and fossil primates simultaneously. He was in Richard Leakey's team that discovered 'Turkana Boy', and himself discovered the 'Black Skull' near Lake Turkana. Alan is survived by his wife of forty-one years, Pat, and by his son, Simon, from his first marriage to Patricia.

1959 WOLSTENCROFT, Dr Ramon David, known as Ray, died 14 February 2017, aged eighty. After Manchester Grammar School and University College, London (BSc 1959), Ray studied for a PhD in Physics and rowed for the LMBC. He then enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an astronomer. Ray's appointments included Junior Astronomer, Kitt Peak National Observatory, Tucson, Arizona (Fulbright Scholar 1962–5); Senior Scientific Officer,

Royal Observatory, Edinburgh; Lecturer, Department of Astronomy, University of Edinburgh; Associate Professor and then Professor of Astronomy, University of Hawaii, Honolulu; and Division Head, Deputy Director and Research Fellow, Royal Observatory, Edinburgh. Ray published over 200 papers in professional journals, was a member of several learned bodies, served on numerous committees and was well respected by his peers. He was Leonard Slater Fellow, University College, Durham; Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; and Fellow, Royal Astronomical Society. In 1963 Ray married Susan, who survives him. They had two sons, David and Mark.

1960 COULSON, Dr Charles Lewis Harrison, nephew of Bernard William Harrison (1930), brother of Francis Owen Harrison (1966), cousin of Edward William Harrison (1973) and uncle of Matilda Rosalind Wilding (2007), died 25 September 2017, aged seventy-six. After Westminster School, Charles read History and fenced for the University. He later completed a PhD at the University of London. After working for Barton, Mayhew & Co., Chartered Accountants, he moved into education, as Tutor, St Catharine's Cumberland Lodge, Windsor; Assistant Master, Dover College, Kent; and a teacher at state grammar schools in Kent. Charles published *Castles in Medieval Society: Fortresses in England, France and Ireland in the Central Middle Ages* (2004), contributed to *Late Medieval Castles* (2017),

wrote numerous articles for historical journals, was Honorary Research Fellow, Keynes College, University of Kent, and FRHistS. Voluntary appointments included Chair of L'Arche, Kent; Church Warden, St Nicholas, Barfestone; Lay Chair, East Bridge Deanery Synod; Canterbury Diocesan Liturgical Committee; and Canterbury Diocesan Churches and Tourism Working Group. In 1974 Charles married Anne, who survives him.



Robert Frindt (1960)

1960 FRINDT, Professor Robert 'Bob' Frederick Gustav, died 25 March 2017, aged seventy-eight. After Victoria Composite High School, Edmonton, Bob achieved a First in Physics (Distinction) at the University of Alberta. An Athlone Fellowship and National Research Council of Canada Scholarship enabled Bob to complete a PhD at St John's, winning a Henry Humphreys Prize. He was awarded a Senior Studentship by the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, an honour that later resulted in invitations to

Buckingham Palace. Returning to Canada, Bob enjoyed a distinguished and well-respected career at Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, where he became Professor of Physics, serving five years as Head of Department. Despite type 1 diabetes, Bob taught, researched and published prolifically, always generous in time and spirit. Areas of research included layered dichalcogenides and batteries for electric cars. In 1963 he married Gladys Jane, who survives him together with their sons Robert and Timothy. Bob and Gladys Jane had fond memories of the College, their wedding reception having taken place in the Wordsworth Room with photographs in the College grounds.

1960 ROWLANDS, David Leslie, died 15 May 2017, aged seventy-five. After Hawarden Grammar School, David read Natural Sciences (Scholar), played First Team Cricket and Soccer (Colours 1962), rowed for the LMBC and was an Eagle. Buckley Council congratulated him on being the first citizen from the town to be admitted to Oxford or Cambridge. Following a PGCE, David taught Chemistry at King's School, Macclesfield. A passionately committed teacher, he was kind, thoughtful and successful, moving on to become Head of the Science Department, Walton School, Stafford. Finally, for twenty-two years, David was Deputy Headteacher and Acting Headteacher at Tarporley High School, Cheshire. In his leisure time, he loved fell running and walking. David established

South Cheshire Harriers in the 1970s, remaining actively involved until his death. He was a tireless volunteer for Cancer Research UK – as President of the Crewe and Nantwich Committee, he helped to raise over £1.5 million – and enjoyed returning to and supporting the College. In 1966 David married Jean, with whom he had two sons, Charles and Robert. In 2004 David married Lesley, who survives him.

1960 SMITH, Dr Martin Graham Milner, died 22 March 2017, aged seventy-five. After Tonbridge School, Martin read Natural Sciences and played First Team Cricket, Rackets and Squash, winning Half-Blues in the latter two. After training at St Thomas', he moved to St Mary's and then the Neurology Centre, Southampton. At the Liver Unit, King's College Hospital, Martin worked on the immunology of liver transplantation and was Secretary of the Harveian Society of London, arranging lectures by Kenneth Clark and Arthur Koestler. Martin became Consultant Physician in gastroenterology and liver disease at Guildford Hospital and then Medical Director, Royal Surrey County Hospital, launching the area's first Hepatitis C Clinic. A competitive sportsman, Martin won the British amateur rackets singles twice and the doubles championship five times. He became Captain of Guildford and Godalming RFC, aged thirty-eight, and, playing for Tonbridgians, ordered Colin Cowdrey to abandon his sedentary slip position to 'chase after the ball'. Martin was a

larger-than-life, compassionate and talented man, who could see through pretence. Martin married Judy in 1967. They had three sons, Jake, Tucker and Peter.



Peter Bennett (1961)

1961 BENNETT, Dr Peter Shepherd, died 24 September 2017, aged seventy-five. After Shrewsbury School, Peter read Natural Sciences and played Cricket (Captain) and Soccer for both the College First Teams and the University, becoming an Eagle, a Crusader and a Falcon. He was also a member of the Swans. Deciding on a career in Medicine, Peter studied at the Middlesex Hospital in London, taking a BChir and an MB, and became a primary care physician in General Practice in Shrewsbury, where he was regarded with high esteem and great affection. For twenty-six years Peter was

School Doctor at Shrewsbury School. He was also involved in organising courses and training for the Royal College of General Practitioners, of which he became a Fellow in 1984. Peter played a good game of tennis and was a member of a men's four until shortly before his death. A keen yachtsman, Peter enjoyed sailing with his wife, family and friends. They sailed in Europe and Australia. In 1965 Peter married Nicole, who survives him together with their two children, Christian and Sophie.

1961 BRAUN, Professor Edward 'Ted', died 23 March 2017, aged eighty-one. After City of Bath Boys' School and the RAF, where he learned Russian in the celebrated Joint Services School for Linguists, Ted read German and Russian and played for the Willows Cricket Club. A mature student with modest A levels, he was an unusual candidate – whose talents were spotted by Peter Stern – for undergraduate admission. For his PhD, Ted spent a year in Leningrad researching the work of Vsevolod Meyerhold, a leading theatrical innovator in the early Soviet Union. Three books and many other publications followed. The dramatist David Edgar has written that Ted's work on Meyerhold, then virtually unknown in the West, had 'a big influence on the development of non-realist theatre' in the last century. In 1969 Ted joined the Department of Drama at Bristol University, becoming Professor and Departmental Head. He was Chair of Governors of the Bristol Old Vic, and active in the Bristol

Labour Party. In 1965 Ted married Sarah Brooke, who survives him together with their children, Felix and Joe. The College is indebted to Sir Michael Scholar (1960) for this obituary.

1961 COUSINS, (Lance) Selwyn, died 14 March 2015, aged seventy-two. After Hertford Grammar School, Selwyn read History and Oriental Studies and was active in the University Buddhist Society. He was then awarded a Danish Government Scholarship to study the Pali language of the Buddhist Scriptures. Selwyn lectured in Comparative Religion at the University of Manchester (1970–93), teaching Buddhism, Jainism, Hinduism, Pali, Sanskrit, comparative mysticism and methodological issues in the cross-cultural study of religious experience. Moving to Oxford, Selwyn became a member and Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College and taught Pali, Middle Indian and Buddhism in the Faculties of Oriental Studies and Theology. In 2012 he led a meditation retreat in Sri Lanka, attended by monks and nuns. Selwyn was a Founding Member and Chairman (1973–98) of the Samatha Trust; President of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies (1996–2000); and President of the Pali Text Society (2002–3). A distinguished scholar, publishing prolifically, and a practitioner of Dhamma, Selwyn inspired students and colleagues, who found him wise, compassionate and a sensitive listener, with 'a joyful twinkle in his eye'. Selwyn was married to Barbara. They had two children, Randal and Halla.

1961 WENDT, (William) Barrie, died 29 December 2017, aged seventy-four. After Hutton Grammar School, Preston, Barrie read Natural Sciences, followed by a Diploma in Agriculture, and rowed for the LMBC. He worked for the Commonwealth Development Corporation as an agronomist in Uganda, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea, and later in Sri Lanka on a major sugar cane scheme, until civil insurrection forced him to leave. Barrie then joined Oxfam in a voluntary capacity. His previous experiences in Uganda, Nigeria and Sri Lanka gave him a deep understanding of people and countries supported by Oxfam, for which he created retail and financial reporting systems. His local shop in Ambleside received some unusual donations, including a surgical truss, a sewing machine stuffed with forgotten savings, and a sex aid. In 2013 Oxfam named Barrie International Person of the year, an award complemented in 2016 when he was appointed MBE, which was 'a big surprise and a great thrill', as Barrie told the Master. The College is indebted to the *Westmorland Gazette*, which first published some of the material in this obituary.

1962 CRADDOCK, Neville, died 15 February 2017, aged seventy-two. After Bedford School, Neville read Natural Sciences, played Squash for the College and rowed in the LMBC First Boat. Regular attendance at regattas and reunions, including the Bedford Regatta in May 2016, was a lifelong joy. Neville had a long and successful career in the food industry,

travelling widely, including to Canada and Kazakhstan, and living in Switzerland. Group Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Manager for Nestlé UK, Neville also served on UK and European scientific and regulatory bodies concerned with food and drink. In retirement, Neville continued to travel. He enjoyed relaxing in Cyprus and was renovating a holiday home in France, close to where his daughter lives. Shortly before his death, Neville had visited New York, where a son and grandchildren live, and had plans to explore the islands of New Zealand. Neville's final resting place overlooks a lake near his holiday home, where he spent many happy hours birdwatching. Neville is survived by his three children, Briony, Andrew and Peter.



Neville Craddock (1962) on the beach near Mont St Michel, with his daughter Briony and dogs Cookie, Buddy and Fleur

1962 PANCHAPAGESAN,

Narayanaswami, known as Bala, died 20 January 2016, aged seventy-three. After New Delhi School, Delhi Polytechnic and graduating from St Stephen's College, Delhi, Bala read Mathematics at St John's, captained the College Badminton Team and represented the University in the sport. He worked as an IT consultant and was associated with IBM in London and other locations. Bala established his own company, Broadgate Systems, which evolved into Broadgate Infonet Limited, with Bala as the Managing Director. The company was engaged in bespoke software development. A parallel company was set up in India. Bala was married to Gomathi, who survives him.

1962 SUTTON, The Rt Revd Keith Norman, died 24 March 2017, aged eighty-two. After Battersea Grammar School, Keith joined the Sixth Armoured Division before studying English and Theology at Jesus College, Cambridge. Following Ridley Hall and ordination, Keith was Chaplain of St John's (1962–7). He then became Tutor and Chaplain at Bishop Tucker College, Uganda, learning to speak Luganda, loved by the people and helping John Sentamu escape from Amin's regime. Keith was then Principal of Ridley Hall; Suffragan Bishop of Kingston upon Thames, responsible for some tough parishes; and an outstanding Bishop of Lichfield (1984–2003), 'the saint within the House of Bishops'. Knowing him to be a passionate advocate of social justice and opponent of apartheid, Archbishop

Runcie sent Keith to South Africa to help Desmond Tutu. Keith received honorary degrees from Keele and Wolverhampton Universities and was President of Queen's College, Birmingham (1986–94). He published *The People of God* (1983). A kindly, good-humoured man, rarely without a book in hand, Keith also loved music. In 1963 he married Jean, who predeceased him. They had three sons, Mark, Paul and Andrew, and a daughter, Jacqui. A baby daughter, Mary, died in Uganda.

1963 CARPENTER, Professor Roger Hugh Stephen, died 27 October 2017, aged seventy-two. After Gresham's School, Roger read Natural Sciences, completed a PhD and became a Research Fellow. His career was distinguished, as Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (where he was also Tutor, Registrar and Director of Studies in Medicine), and University Lecturer, Reader and Professor of Oculomotor Physiology, the field in which Roger was internationally esteemed. He published many books and articles, including *Movements of the Eyes* (1977) and, as co-author, *Neurophysiology* (2013). Awarded an ScD in 2005, he was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and of the Institute of Learning and Teaching, which honoured him with a National Teaching Prize. Inspirational and generous, Roger insisted on testing and questioning everything. His laboratory was 'an enchanting jumble of optics, electronics and soldering irons'. Roger loved performing

keyboard and choral music, especially Bach; the visual arts – he was a talented graphic designer; and puns and double entendres. Food, walking and Venice, the choice for his honeymoon, were other delights. Roger's faithful motto was *carpe diem*. In 1969, in the College Chapel, Roger married Christine, who survives him together with their children, Jamie and Alison.

1964 GARLICK, Dr Peter James, died 16 February 2017, aged seventy-one. After Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, Peter read Natural Sciences, specialising in Biochemistry. After a PhD in Human Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Peter researched at the University of Wisconsin before returning to the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as Royal Society/J. Sainsbury Research Fellow in the Department of Human Nutrition. Appointments followed as Head of the Metabolism Group at the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen; Professor, Department of Surgery, State University of New York, Stony Brook; Professor of Animal Sciences, University of Illinois; and Foreign Adjunct Professor, Karolinska Research Institute, Stockholm. Peter's brilliant scientific mind, academic achievements and numerous publications earned the respect of his peers. He served as Chair of the Protein Subgroup for the US National Academy of Sciences, and Expert Consultant for the World Health Organization. A gregarious man, Peter loved the natural world, gardening, foreign travel

and classical music. Peter is survived by his wife, Barbara, children, Jeremy and Gemina, and stepdaughter, Megan.

1964 HOLMES, Alan Wilson Jackson, cousin of Patrick Wilson (1957), died 16 February 2017, aged seventy-one. After Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, Alan read Modern and Medieval Languages and played Golf for the College (Captain 1967) and University, becoming a Hawk. He enjoyed a lifelong interest in the game, representing the Irish Junior Team; British Universities; British Under-21s; Berks, Bucks and Oxon; and Ulster Provincial. Alan then became involved in administration at the highest level as Deputy Chairman and Chairman, Royal and Ancient (R and A) Rules of Golf Committee; Member, R and A Championship Committee; Member, USGA Rules of Golf Committee; Member, R and A General Committee; and Referee at the Open, the US Open, the Masters and many other premier tournaments. Alan's career was in brewing. He was Director, Central and Eastern Europe, at Scottish & Newcastle; Director, Courage (Central) Ltd, Courage (Scotland) Ltd and Anchor Hotels and Taverns Ltd; and Deputy Chairman, BBH, a joint venture between Scottish & Newcastle and Carlsberg. In 1970 Peter married Fran, who survives him. They had one daughter, Mary-Jane, and three sons, Nic, Edward and William.

1965 GODDARD, Antony 'Tony' Michael, died 28 January 2017, aged sixty-nine. After Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford, Tony

read Mathematics and learned to play Go (Wei-Qi), having read Bobby Fischer's opinion that Go was possibly harder than chess. He worked as a software developer in the UK, France, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Thailand, Yugoslavia and the US, specialising in finance, cryptography, engineering, medicine, colour science, relational databases, artificial intelligence and digital art. In 1995 Tony contributed to the World Wide Web design, Go, in which Tony achieved 6th dan rank, became a lifelong interest. He competed successfully in several European tournaments, including Mind Sports Olympiads in London and the Ing Memorial in Amsterdam. In 2008 Tony represented Great Britain in the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing. He won the British Open; the Irish Open; Belfast, Wessex and Three Peaks tournaments; and was Challenger in the British Championship. Friends remember Tony's 'good heart', 'fine mind' and 'dry wit'.

1967 ATKINSON, Professor Sir Anthony 'Tony' Barnes, Honorary Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, died 1 January 2017, aged seventy-two. After Cranbrook School, Tony read Mathematics at Churchill. Following work in a 'deprived' hospital in Hamburg that 'made me think' about social deprivation, Tony changed to economics, excelling immediately. At MIT, he met future Nobel Prize Winner Joseph Stiglitz, a later collaborator. After a Fellowship at St John's (1967-71), Tony's career was distinguished by professorships at

UCL, the LSE, Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard; the Wardenship of Nuffield College, Oxford; and numerous appointments, publications, awards and honours, including FBA (1984), Knight Bachelor (2000) and Chevalier, Legion d'Honneur (2001). An inspirational teacher and researcher with a powerful moral focus on poverty, inequality and their eradication, Tony advised Conservative and Labour Parties, the French government and the World Bank. The title of his final book, *Inequality: What can be done?* (2015), epitomised his life's work. Recreational interests included sailing, watching cricket and football, and listening to Bob Dylan. In 1965 Tony married Judith, who survives him together with their children, Richard, Charles and Sarah.

1970 SAWYER, Dr Graham Ronald, died 27 July 2017, aged sixty-five. After Worthing High School for Boys, Graham read Natural Sciences, rowed in the LMBC Third Boat and played for the Table Tennis Second Team. He undertook postgraduate work in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, his PhD being conferred in 1980. Graham spent his entire career in the rail engineering industry in Derby. He greatly enjoyed skiing and walking. Graham's brother, Anthony, writes: 'He never married but after his sudden passing he is still greatly missed by all his family.'

1971 GERMUSKA, Miroslav 'Miro' Jan, died in late July 2017, aged sixty-nine. After

two years at Bratislava University, in August 1968, while on holiday in England, Miro became a refugee following the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. As his son, Rich, writes, Miro ‘found himself with no home, no money, no job and not speaking a word of English – but soon enrolled himself at University learning English and Physics in parallel!’ After his degree in Theoretical Physics at the University of Essex, Miro studied Computer Science at St John’s and rowed in the LMBC Third Boat. Miro’s career was in IT, designing networks, and later teaching at a sixth form college in Oxford. He published a series of physics papers on his Vir theory, some in collaboration with Rich, who writes: ‘His essential idea was that particles are not point sources but can be viewed as combinations of spiralling vortices ... Vir is Slovak for vortex – a nod to his country of birth.’ Miro was married to Jo, who survives him, together with Rich.

1971 KING, William ‘Bill’ John, died 10 July 2017, aged sixty-four. After Kingston Grammar School, Bill read Engineering. Following work as an engineer and a computer programmer, in 2002 Bill moved to Eymet in the Dordogne and founded a small brewery to make traditional English beer for himself and to sell. During the long wait for permission to trade, Bill charged two euros for a tour of the brewery, which ended with a free pint. Eventually, in 2005, as the proud owner of Bastide Brewery, Bill was awarded the status of Brasseur. Bill’s sense of fun resulted in him naming his beers

for saint’s days, although his first promotional slogan was ‘Come and Get Slaughtered on Abattoir Ale’, his premises originally having been an abattoir. Bill loved old cars and motorbikes, especially his Triumph and Sinclair C5, and was in demand for help with technical repairs, an activity he called ‘bodgeneering’. Married to Florence, Bill had two stepdaughters.



William King (1971)

1972 MEARS, John Herbert, died 9 July 2017, aged sixty-eight. After Baltimore Friends School and the University of Virginia, where John was awarded a first degree and later an MA, at St John’s he read Law, playing Lawn Tennis for the College and Real Tennis for the University. Returning to the US, where he lived in Virginia, Vermont and New Hampshire, John worked as a lawyer, farmer and teacher

of English, Classics and Poetry. In addition to racket sports, he loved skiing, literature, creative writing and joining clubs and societies that reflected his interests. A keen student of his family's ancestry, John was proud of being a direct descendant of Benjamin Harrison, who signed the Declaration of Independence; William Henry Harrison, President of the United States; Captain George Gaston Otey, organiser of Otey's Battery during the Civil War; and William Claiborne, who established Maryland's first permanent settlement in 1631. John is survived by his former wife, Katharine, whom he married in 1979, and by three children, Keeler, Anne and Katharine.

1973 BRADSHAW, The Revd Dr Brendan Ignatius, died 10 December 2017, aged eighty-one. After St Michael's Secondary School, Limerick; University College, Dublin; Holy Cross College, Dublin; and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Brendan studied for a PhD at St John's and became a Title A Fellow (1973–5). He was then a Fellow and Life Fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge (1977–2017) and Assistant University Lecturer and University Lecturer in History (1979–99). Brendan was a Marist Father. His publications included *The Dissolution of the Religious Orders in Ireland under Henry VIII* (1974); *The Irish Constitutional Revolution of the Sixteenth Century* (1979); *Humanism, Reform and Reformation: The Career of Bishop John Fisher*, edited with Eamon Duffy (1989);

and *And So Began the Irish Nation: Nationality, National Consciousness and Nationalism in Pre-Modern Ireland* (2015). He also served as Joint Editor of *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*. Revered by his teachers – Geoffrey Elton considered him one of his brightest pupils – and respected by colleagues for his humour, warmth and careful scholarship, not least on Irish issues, Brendan was also an inspiration to his many pupils.

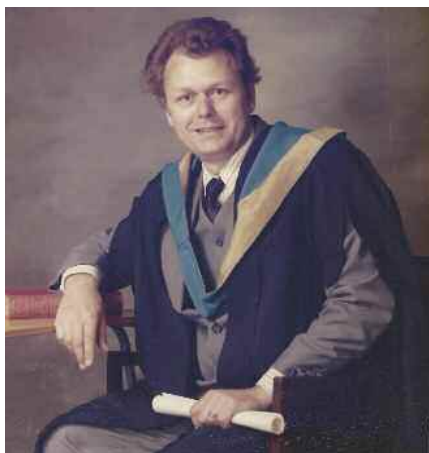
1973 PARRY, Royston 'Roy' Car, died 10 September 2016, aged sixty-one. After Colfe's Grammar School, Roy read Geography as an Exhibitioner. He became a dealer in antiquarian, out-of-print and second-hand books, opening the Dickens Centenary Bookshop in the City Arcade, Exeter, with a general stock of approximately 10,000 books. Some years later, Roy handed over the running of this shop to his son and opened Exeter Rare Books in the Guildhall Centre, Exeter, with a stock of antiquarian and second-hand books, including local interest titles. As *Exeter Working Papers in Book History: Devon Book 73*, to which the College is grateful for material included in this obituary, commented in 2001: 'It is strange that Exeter, as an historic cathedral and university town, does not boast a more thriving antiquarian book trade.' Hence Roy and his son made a valuable contribution in an area otherwise inadequately served.

1975 GLAZIER, John Lawrence, died 8 April 2017, aged ninety-two. After King

Edward VI School, Nuneaton, John read English at Queens' College, Cambridge. He began his teaching career at Lancaster Royal Grammar School, later becoming Head Teacher of The Gilberd School, Colchester. In 1972 John was the Founding Principal of South East Essex Sixth Form College, Benfleet, a position he held with distinction and national reputation for seventeen years. John was Schoolmaster Fellow Commoner at St John's in the Michaelmas term 1975. On his retirement, John was appointed OBE for services to sixth form colleges. He was a JP, serving as Chairman of the Southend Bench, and a member of the Rotary Club of Benfleet. In retirement, John took a pivotal interest in revitalising the local charity Crossroads, dedicated to the support of carers. His son Jerry said: 'Throughout his long retirement Dad maintained a sharp interest in education, sport and politics.' John was married to June, who died in 2004. He then married Jean, who survives him together with John's three sons, Jerry, Jeffery and Jonathan.

1979 YOUNG, Charles John, died 13 February 2017, aged fifty-five. After The King's School, Canterbury, Charles read Engineering and was involved with the Footlights and the ADC Theatre. His career was as an actuary. Charles held positions at a number of firms: Bacon and Woodrow; Bacon Woodrow & de Souza Ltd, where he was General Manager; Price Waterhouse, as Managing Consultant; Towers Perrin, where he was a consultant; Hymans Robertson, as Partner; and Hamish Wilson Ltd. Charles was married with five children.

1980 GIAKALIS, The Revd Ambrosios Georgios, died 26 January 2016, aged seventy-five. Ambrosios' early studies were at the Gymnasium of Mytilene, the University of Athens and Athens Theological School. He was ordained Deacon, Priest and Elder in the Church of Greece and served in the Archbishopric of Thyateira and in the Archdiocese of Athens. Ambrosios came to St John's in 1980 to undertake a PhD in Divinity. Eight years later he spent a year at Campion Hall, Oxford. In 1998 Ambrosios was ordained Metropolitan of Servia and Kozani. He later became Metropolitan of Photikis. Ambrosios published *Images of the Divine: The Theology of Icons at the Seventh Ecumenical Council* (1994), a work based on the research undertaken for his PhD at St John's.



Stuart Handley (1985)

1985 HANDLEY, Stuart Adams, died 2 July 2017, aged seventy-eight. After

Wymondham College and Loughborough College, Stuart studied at the Open University and became a teacher. Increasingly, he became involved in examinations work, and served as Assistant to the Secretaries and then Assistant Secretary at the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. In 1985 Stuart was admitted to membership of St John's by the College Council and awarded MA status. Stuart was married to Heather, who survives him together with their three daughters, Sarah, Louise and Angela.

1986 HARAN, Professor Menahem, died 16 April 2015, aged ninety. Menahem was Overseas Visiting Scholar at St John's in the Easter Term 1986. During a distinguished career, he was Head of Bible Departments at Haifa University and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Menahem was born in Moscow. Although it was illegal to study Hebrew, his Zionist father arranged for a Hebrew tutor, risking being transported to Siberia. The tutor taught Menahem the Book of Judges, a subject that would become his career. When Menahem was nine, his family emigrated to Palestine. He served in the Zionist military and studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Greatly influenced by the celebrated biblical analyst Yehezkel Kaufman, Menahem's work included the canonisation of the biblical texts, especially in regard to the priestly literature. Notable publications included *Temples and Temple-Service in Ancient Israel* and a multi-volume

history in Hebrew of the biblical canon, *Ha'asufa Hamikra'it*. Honoured with a festschrift, *Texts, Temples and Traditions*, in 2000 Menahem was awarded the Israel Prize.



Aaron Dover (1994)

1994 DOVER, Aaron George Maurice, son of Stanley David (1962), brother of Anna Rachel (1991) and stepson of Derek John Councill (1958), died 16 March 2017, aged forty-two. After University College School, Aaron read Natural Sciences, in his second year moving to complete his studies at University College, London, where he graduated with a degree in Physics. He had a successful career in the City as a software developer, including working for Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse. Aaron had a gift for friendship and loved travel, beauty and music. His later life was complicated by significant mental health difficulties. Tragically, Aaron took his own life while abroad. His family and friends

remember Aaron's intelligence, sharp wit, humour and boundless enthusiasm. He leaves his mother, Jenny, his sisters, Anna and Deborah, his stepmother, Daphne, and his stepfather, Derek.



Charlotte Featherstone, née Garrett (1994)

1994 FEATHERSTONE (née GARRETT),

Dr Charlotte Anne, grand-niece of Edward John Garrett (1934) and Henry Hamilton Garrett (1936), sister of Owen John Garrett (1990), died 25 March 2017, aged forty-one. After Glenlola Collegiate Grammar School, Bangor, Charlotte read Medical and Veterinary Sciences and joined the Tropical Biology Association. In her elective year in Kenya, Charlotte recognised the reactions between people and animals, inspiring her passion to understand zoonotic diseases. She worked as a vet in Yorkshire, helping to eradicate the foot-and-mouth epidemic of

2001, joining the Veterinary Laboratories Agency in Thirsk and leading the non-statutory Zoonoses and Veterinary Public Health project for Defra. She built an extensive network of expertise and contacts, including public authorities, specialist laboratories and universities, and was awarded an MVPH by Glasgow University. Charlotte published many papers, served on the Human Animal Infections and Risk Surveillance Group, and was pivotal in trying to improve animal and human health and well-being. Courageous, independent-minded, highly respected and much loved, with a twinkling smile, Charlotte's premature death is a tragic loss to family, friends and colleagues. In 2003 Charlotte married Steven, who survives her together with their children, Robert and Kathryn.

2007 SHOWLER, Dr Edward 'Ed' John, died 11 June 2017, aged twenty-eight.

After Simon Langton Grammar School, Canterbury, Ed read Medical Sciences and completed a BChir and an MB. An outstanding clinical student, he graduated with a Distinction in Pathology and Final MB, and was awarded Rolleston Scholarships (2012, 2013) and a College Prize (2013). After John Radcliffe, Royal Berkshire and University College Hospitals, Ed was training to become a Consultant Haematologist at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. Articulate, lively and enthusiastic, he had a mature approach to patient care and team working. Tragically, in September 2016, Ed was diagnosed with

clear cell sarcoma. He decided to spend his remaining time travelling in the US, Europe and the UK, enjoying the company of family and friends and recording memories. He leaves behind his parents, John and Ellie, brothers, Tom and Laurie, and his girlfriend, Lucy. In their words, Ed 'wanted his life to make a difference', 'touched the lives of so many people' and leaves 'a huge void in the lives of all those who knew and loved him'.



Ed Showler (2007)

2008 CHANDLER, Professor David, died 18 April 2017, aged seventy-two. After a degree in Chemistry at MIT and a PhD in Chemical Physics at Harvard, David enjoyed a distinguished career. He was an Overseas Visiting Scholar at St John's (Michaelmas term 2008), which he remembered affectionately. David's appointments included several positions at the University

of California, Berkeley: Bruce Mahan Professor of Chemistry; Physical Biosciences Division Scientist; Head, Computational and Theoretical Biology Department, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Professor of the Graduate School; and Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry. A kindly man, David inspired thousands of scientists, published prolifically, won prestigious awards and prizes and was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal Society. His Berkeley obituary states that David's work 'changed the course of ... physical chemistry ... crafting the modern language and concepts for describing structure and dynamics of condensed matter ... He also developed the methods by which rare events can be simulated with computers.' In 1966 David married Elaine, who survives him. They had two daughters, Phoebe and Cynthia. 🌱



Fireworks during the May Ball 2018



SOCIETIES AND SPORTS

ENTREPRENEURS SUPPORTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Dr Liisa van Vliet (2002) explains how the Johnian Entrepreneurs Club has been supporting OpFix, a glaucoma diagnostic social enterprise co-founded by PhD student Ivana Yeow (2014).



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Eye specialist Dr Ahmedu examining a Nigerian patient with a slit lamp in 2007

The Johnian Entrepreneurs Club (JEC) was founded in 2016 with a mission to build a community that encourages and develops the entrepreneurial spirit of Johnian students. It has organised talks by successful Johnian entrepreneurs, hosted a student workshop on innovation and business creation, and has also run a Business Plan

Competition. The JEC aims to grow this community beyond the walls of the College through the involvement of entrepreneurial alumni, who can support the Club's activities by volunteering some of their time to share their experiences, help to judge business plan competitions, or mentor budding entrepreneurs.

Business Plan Competition finalists: OpFix

In April 2017 the JEC held its first Business Plan Competition, in which teams of student entrepreneurs were selected to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges comprising entrepreneurial alumni and senior College members. Since the competition, the JEC has been helping OpFix, one of the 2017 finalists, to take its business proposal to the next level.

Co-founded by PhD student Ivana Yeow OpFix is a digital health social enterprise start-up that uses software to turn any smartphone into a low-cost, portable visual-field-loss detection device for the early detection of glaucoma.

Ivana and her team met in October 2016 at an Impact Through Innovation Cambridge event, with the goal of developing a product that could be available to those in low-resource settings. The team has subsequently won several business plan competitions across the University for its portable glaucoma vision-loss detection kit, which is 1000 times cheaper than the bulky instruments currently used in a medical setting.

Diagnosing the problem

Glaucoma, an irreversible condition characterised by progressive visual field loss, results in almost six million people each year being left visually impaired. Treatments are available to stop the damage progressing, but an early diagnosis of the damage that starts at the edge of the vision is crucial.



The current machine used to detect visual field loss is large, bulky, non-portable and expensive. OpFix has created an analyser that is 1000 times cheaper, by simply combining a smartphone with a small piece of kit that allows the test to reach those who need it the most. Patients with glaucoma in developing countries are at a particular disadvantage: with limited access to diagnosis, they have an increased risk of blindness. Around seventy-five per cent of the world's blind children are in the developing world. With this low-cost portable solution, screening for vision loss will be much easier and will greatly increase the rates of diagnosis – helping to provide more people with access to cheap medication, and ultimately preventing blindness.

Ensuring success

After OpFix impressed the judges of the JEC Business Plan Competition, the JEC provided the OpFix team with a mentor to help them improve their business proposal and get them ready for investment. Through the JEC, they were introduced to the St John's Innovation

Centre, which has also championed their technology and introduced them to the Innovation Centre's network of entrepreneurs. The company was registered in October 2017.

OpFix is currently a team of five people, including Ivana, with backgrounds ranging from life sciences and medicine to business, programming and design. They are currently developing their prototype and looking for funding that will enable them to build their minimum viable product, test it in comparison with the current instruments, and bring their first model to market. Their business model consists of selling

their testing kit to the developed world and using a portion of the profits to sell the kit at cost to the developing world.

The JEC looks forward to following OpFix's progress and to inviting Ivana to speak about her work at future JEC events. Anyone interested in getting involved with the JEC can contact them through their website: joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian-entrepreneurs-club. 📧

For more information about OpFix you can view the short video 'OpFix: Making blindness a disease of the past' online at bit.ly/OpFixVid.



Captain Ivy Madson conducts an eye exam for a patient in Haiti, 2010

JOHNIAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Johnian Society President *Sir Alastair Norris* (1969) reflects on the aims and outcomes of the Society's inaugural President's Forum.



Kateryna Bobrova presenting on societies, technology and innovation

The idea of a roundtable of former Presidents of the Johnian Society was promoted by Professor John Wyn Owen CB and the Master at the Johnian Society Day in 2016. In his presidential year John realised that idea by convening, in September 2017, a forum of former Johnian Society Presidents and their

guests (including members of the student body in residence) under the title 'Vital Directions for the Wellbeing of Future Generations'. This forum considered the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, taking three particular perspectives in relation to future generations:

1. prosperity and well-being (embracing education, access to employment, food security, public health and the effect of and responses to globalisation),
2. the impact of technological advances (as regards both their nature and the speed of change), and
3. economic and political stability (including in relation to non-state entities).

But even from these perspectives the themes are vast in scale, and the forum did not aspire to produce solutions in the course of one day's discussion. Rather, the objective was to enable those who worked within particular specialisms to bring their experiences and insights to bear upon broader questions that transcended those specialisms: and to do so not as well-meaning amateurs, who happened to have attended St John's, musing upon grand questions, but as those undertaking to view grand questions through the lens of their expertise and with the same rigour that they would apply within their chosen field.

The format was the presentation of short papers on given themes, followed by discussion among all participants and explored further by a panel at the Johnian Society Day. Dr Frank Salmon (College President) undertook the Introduction. Professor Jane Heal and Professor John Wyn Owen led on 'Sustainable Prosperity'.

Dr Manon Antoniazzi, Treeva Fenwick and Kateryna Bobrova led on 'Society, Technology and Innovation'. Sir Kevin Tebbitt, Sir Roger Palin, Sir Richard Aikens and Emily Brand led on 'Geopolitical Risks, Global Security and Global Responsibility'. Jesse Allardyce (President of the SBR) coordinated and presented the contribution of Johnians in residence.

The papers that were presented at the Forum are being collated and edited, and will be placed in the College Library: we shall see if we can also make them available online. To summarise them would produce an indigestible concentrate, but the morsels to the right will give a taste. To continue the metaphor, but conscious of the warnings on that subject given by Professor Heal, there is to be found there much food for thought. Enough indeed for the Society and the College to decide that the President's Forum should be convened triennially: though in an innovative approach to number theory the next one will be held in 2019 and will consider 'New Ageing: the Challenges and Opportunities of Increased Life Expectancy'. 🍷

Any Johnians interested in contributing to the 2019 Forum are encouraged to contact the Society's President, Sir Alastair Norris, via the College Development Office (development@joh.cam.ac.uk), to share their thoughts.

Quotations

‘The challenge is to bridge the aspirational and the operative.’

‘Whilst some specialisms may have pessimistic outlooks the general horizon might be brighter.’

‘We need to formulate the questions correctly. There is a huge difference between “What can we do?” and “What should they do?”’

‘A multi-disciplinary approach depends on there being disciplines in the first place: a formally trained way of approaching the topic.’

‘One health: people and planet. The health of human beings is dependent on the health of the planet.’

‘No society can be sustainable without culture.’

‘Having a confident culture can make you open to what others have to offer.’

‘The richest 1% owns more than the other 99%.’

‘The aim must be to grow, reducing environmental impact and increasing social impact. It is achievable by becoming more efficient.’

‘Disruptive innovation does not necessarily produce something better. It may produce something that is simpler or more available.’

‘Social media creates the illusion of contact: you “share” with 600 but meet 3.’

‘It took thirty-eight years for there to be fifty million users of radio. Thirteen years for there to be fifty million users of TV. Four years for there to be fifty million users of Internet Explorer. Three-and-a-half years for there to be fifty million users of Facebook. Nine months for there to be fifty million users of Twitter. And thirty-five days for there to be fifty million users of Angry Birds.’

‘The drive for innovation means we are developing things without knowing where they lead: there is in that sense a vacuum of values.’

‘Corporations develop values – their “excellence models” – to take account of global business and a global workforce.’

THE JOHNIAN SOCIETY



The inaugural Johnian Society pub quiz, 2017

The Johnian Society was established in 1923 to ensure alumni could keep in touch with one another and the College after graduation. Today, the Society is flourishing with some 10,000 members, representing alumni interests and supporting current students through bursaries and travel grants. To find out more about the Johnian Society and its committee, please visit johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/johnian-society.

The Society has an increased schedule of events, which are listed below, but is also keen to facilitate initiatives from Johnians to meet on a more informal basis.

Events include:

ANNUAL DAY

The Society's Annual Day (this year's having taken place on 22 September) is held in College and incorporates the Annual Lecture

in the afternoon, following tea in the Divinity School, with the General Meeting and Annual Dinner in Hall in the evening. Following the successful introduction of the President's Forum last year (see earlier article), which will now be held every third year, this year's lecture took the form of a panel discussion on 'Enterprise & Entrepreneurship' with contributions from successful Johnnians.

LONDON DINNER

The annual London dinner took place in April at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where a full house was addressed by the Society's Chair, Graham Spooner. The committee is also keen to organise an informal dining event at a lower price point to be held in 2019.

GOLF

Five matches were scheduled in 2018, including the new Lady Margaret Trophy between Christ's and John's held in June. If you would like to compete in any Johnnian golf events or attend their annual dinner in College, please contact Nigel Snaith (nigel.snaith@gmail.com).

SCOTTISH DINNER

A dinner at the New Club in Edinburgh was held in March (organised by Dr Oliver Choroba) and once again was enjoyed by attending Johnnians and their guests north of the border.

PUB QUIZ

This inaugural event in London proved to be extremely successful (see photo), which fits

well with the committee's desire to extend the Society's activities for younger members. We are also eager to extend our outreach to the current student body, and both the JCR and SBR presidents serve on the committee *ex officio*. We continue to support the College's careers fairs, attended by current students and recent graduates.

While not a fundraising body for the College, we provide some £8000 per annum towards the College's *Free Thinking* campaign, Open Access Bursaries and Travel Exhibitions to current students, funded by past endowments to the College and from membership income.

Our committee membership spans the past six decades (with matriculation years from 1961 to 2012) and we elect two new members each year from the College's alumni. If you are interested in joining the Society's committee please contact the Secretary (ColinBurrows@me.com).

2018 also marks the end of Graham Spooner's tenure in the chair. Under his leadership the Society has been reinvigorated and brought up to date. He has worked tirelessly in the interests of the Society and the College. The committee is fortunate to have had him at the helm during this time and wishes to thank him for all his hard work. 🍷

Colin Burrows (1978), Johnnian Society Honorary Secretary

THE JCR

It has been an exciting year for the Junior Combination Room Committee (JCRC), with numerous changes and improvements to both the Committee and the wider College community. Ben Jones and I, as the JCRC's first ever co-Presidents, have had the immense privilege of working with a tremendous Committee this year, whose enthusiasm and eagerness to enhance all aspects of College life have enabled us to achieve all that we have so far.



One of our primary focuses as a Committee was continuing the fantastic work done by the previous Committee with regards to the welfare and well-being of students. This was the first year to see both male and female Welfare Officers elected to the role in order to best suit the welfare needs of students. Last year's exceptionally

popular welfare events such as gelatos on the Backs and puppy therapy were repeated, and students took some time away from the library and their studies to enjoy new events, such as smoothies in the JCR. Meanwhile, Easter term saw nightly library drop-ins from our welfare team for those working late.

As well as continuing the general welfare events mentioned above, a key aim of this Committee was to increase awareness of, and improve support for, mental health in St John's. This has been done in conjunction with the College, supported in particular by the new Director of Education & Senior Tutor, Annis May Timpson. I addressed staff, Fellows and tutors at a Staff Briefing and an Education Forum within College, with both events proving fruitful in terms of suggestions of what more the College and the JCRC can do to improve mental health. Practical solutions arising from these events, such as mental health training for porters, are already being implemented. In addition to the series of mental health and well-being workshops that the JCRC and the Senior Tutor intend to implement in Michaelmas, the JCRC have organised mental health workshops during Freshers' Week in order to reduce the stigma surrounding the issue and to encourage open discussion. To facilitate these workshops, Ben Jones and Student Minds Cambridge have arranged facilitator training for twenty students in St John's.

In collaboration with the SBR, the JCR staged a joint welfare event and brought a petting zoo into College in March to better integrate the undergraduate and graduate students and further the sense of community within College. This was the first such event, and there are now plans to hold similar ones, bringing together undergraduates and graduates in both an educational environment – through educational symposiums and the exciting new Lady Margaret Beaufort Intellectual Connections

competition, which will run in the Michaelmas term – as well as socially, following on from the great success of the joint welfare event. We hope that this increased collaboration between the JCR and the SBR can foster an increasingly integrated community within St John's.

This year, the Ethical Affairs Officer role underwent a name change, with the new Ethical and Charitable Affairs Officer collaborating with other members of the Committee in order to run a series of charitable events in College for worthy causes. In conjunction with our Ents Officer, an event was held in aid of Pink Week, and the first charity netball match between the football and netball team was organised, also in aid of Pink Week, with the two events raising almost £400. We continued to run the JCR bar quiz, in aid of Jimmy's Cambridge, the JCRC's chosen charity, while the first ever St John's College Clothes Sale raised further funds for the same cause.

That's not to say that it has all been plain sailing. The University and College Union (UCU) strikes in the Lent term were certainly a challenging period for the JCRC. However, it is a testament to the strong working relationships that exist within the College, between the JCRC, Senior Tutor, Domestic Bursar and the Senior and Junior Members Committee, that the JCRC was able to engage in continuous dialogue in order to minimise the disruption to students in St John's and their education. The JCRC ensured the provision of multiple work spaces around College for those who were unable to access their faculties, as well as

directing any student concerns directly to the appropriate College officers, with The Master's open letter to students providing much needed reassurance.

Alongside these challenges, and ensuring that students are supported academically, our Committee has worked tirelessly to make the holistic Johnian experience as enjoyable as possible, not only through the continuation of the ever popular John's Ent's, but also through the reintroduction of the JCR June Event.

With inflatables, live music, alcohol and food all in Cripps Court, it's no surprise that almost 300 people attended from colleges all across Cambridge. The event was a huge success and is well on its way to becoming a May Week staple.

As always, the JCRC used its close relationships with the senior members of College to tackle all of the issues, large or small, that the undergraduate student body faced, be it rent, food prices or the provision of standing desks in the Library. We would like to offer our thanks

to the Master, Sir Christopher, and the Senior Tutor, Dr Annis May Timpson, for their continued support of the JCRC and for being open and receptive to the views and thoughts of the undergraduates. We would like to offer special thanks to Mark Wells for all that he has contributed to College life as Domestic Bursar, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We would also like to welcome Helen Murley into the role and hope that we can maintain and build on the excellent relationship that Mark helped to develop.

Finally, Ben and I would like to thank the members of our Committee for all their hard work and effort throughout the past two terms. We look forward to our final term as co-Presidents and to welcoming a new cohort of Johnians in early October. We wish our successor the best of luck and hope that they can build on our efforts and enjoy the role as much as we have. 🍷

Fionn Dillon Kelly, co-President

THE SBR

The Samuel Butler Room (SBR) has once again had a busy and successful year. This year's committee started in the Easter term, which had as the highlight the SBR Garden Party held in the Master's Lodge. The brass band, ice cream and Pimm's were enjoyed by all. To maintain a sense of community over the summer break we continued the recently introduced SBR Summer Hall. Having more than 200 graduates and friends participating is a testament to the importance of this new tradition to the graduate community.



A graduate 'Lightning Talk' held in the SBR, where graduate students have the opportunity to develop their communication skills and share research with their peers

The academic year kicked off with our traditional Freshers' Fortnight, during which new members are welcomed with an extensive programme of tightly packed activities. This year's Fortnight included a range of events, including a wine reception in the SBR, a barbecue in Corfield Court and research talks by graduate students. One of the highlights of the period was our new Members' Night – a BA table in Hall praised

by the Master for achieving such a high attendance. Incoming members were also introduced to our knowledgeable Fellow Borderer, who treated us to a series of talks on the history of the College and the University.

This year the SBR community enjoyed a wide array of activities, catering to a range of interests. From sunny sports days on the Backs, shared with members of the Trinity

College BA Society, to Lightning Talks, where graduate students share their research over port and sherry before heading to dinner in Hall, to the third annual SBR symposium. In collaboration with the JCR, a widely popular petting zoo was organised for Mental Health Day, which had everyone leaving with smiles all round. The annual Easter, Michaelmas and Lent dinners, with ceilidhs and bands, remained popular events.

The SBR can be proud that they attended over twenty swaps with colleges in Cambridge, Oxford, Italy, Dublin and Sweden, allowing students the opportunity to explore new cities, cultures and traditions and to discuss research. In return we hosted and entertained guests here in Cambridge, showing them what St John's is all about.

As always, the common rooms of the SBR are the epicentres of graduate student life in College. Port and sherry continue to be served there before and after BA table every Tuesday and Friday during full term. However, in the light of the growing size of the graduate community at St John's, together with fire safety concerns in the common room, the SBR had to adjust where it holds some of its events. As a temporary measure, the larger gatherings, such as the SBR New Year's Eve event, were held in the Old Divinity School.

The SBR committee has continued to foster a welcoming and encouraging atmosphere for graduate students. Part of this involved working with the College to plan future infrastructure for graduates, updating sexual misconduct policies and programmes for improving mental health, upgrading graduate housing, and creating stronger connections with the undergraduate community and Research Fellows.

This is my chance to thank the SBR committee for their hard work throughout the year. On behalf of the outgoing committee I would also like to extend my gratitude to those Fellows most closely associated with the society – Dr Sue Colwell, Senior Treasurer, and Professor Patrick Boyde, Borderer – as well as the Master, Sir Christopher Dobson. Our thanks also go to the College staff who help the SBR during the year, with a special mention to Bill Brogan and the Catering Department. Lastly, I wish incoming President Jessica Tearney-Pearce and the new SBR committee the best of luck for the forthcoming year. 🍀

Jesse Allardice, President

THE CHOIR

The Choir's year has included two international concert tours, two album releases, numerous commissions, webcasts and BBC broadcasts, and our first video livestream of Evensong.



The Choir on its return to the top of the Chapel tower to sing the Ascension Day Carol

We began with the release of our ninety-seventh CD, *KYRIE*, which included masses by Poulenc and Kodály. Anne Denholm, Official Harpist to the Prince of Wales, joined us for Janáček's setting of the Lord's Prayer, *Otčenaš*.

Six new works were commissioned for the College Choir this year. Music by the following composers was premiered: Ben Comeau, Michael Finnissy, Daniel Gilchrist, Christopher Gower, Piers Kennedy, David

Nunn, Ian Shaw, Jeremy Thurlow, Joanna Ward and Lara Weaver. This list includes five current Cambridge students. Among the new music were works for choir and double bass and, excitingly, for choir and live electronics.

December included the annual Advent Carol Service broadcast, a performance with orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, and a concert series with renowned concert organist Thomas Trotter that took us to



Some of the Choristers enjoying the snowy spell at the start of 2018

Birmingham Symphony Hall, MUPA Budapest and Berlin Konzerthaus.

Our series of singing Bach Cantatas liturgically each term completed its tenth year. This included 'Ein feste Burg' to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In March we also sang Telemann's beautiful Trauer Cantata, with its exquisite instrumentation. We combined with student instrumentalists on various occasions, including masses by Haydn, Mozart and Schubert.

Over the Easter vacation, we travelled to the Far East to perform at concerts, workshops

and alumni events in Hong Kong and Singapore. At our concert at the Singapore Esplanade, we were honoured to be joined by the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Long.

May began with a live broadcast of Evensong on BBC Radio 3, and the Choir were delighted to return to the top of the Chapel tower to sing on Ascension Day, for the first time since the restoration of the tower began in 2014.

We released our ninety-eighth album, *Mass in G minor*, with music by Ralph Vaughan

Williams, to critical and commercial success. This was the fifth release on the College's record label and was chosen as 'Choral Disc of the Month' in *BBC Music Magazine*. On the album launch date our Evensong was livestreamed by Classic FM via Facebook, a first for Classic FM. Within the first fortnight the service was watched over 80,000 times by viewers around the world. The service is now available to view on the Choir website: www.sjcchoir.co.uk.

Various individual instrumentalists have joined us for services during the year, including harp, theorbo, three trumpets, double bass, archlute and percussion. In

addition, we have joined forces with three outstanding Johnian undergraduates: violinist Stephanie Childress, cellist Laura Van Der Heijden and saxophonist Ignacio Mañá Mesas. Replacing organ voluntaries with Bach played on the saxophone was a strikingly poetic experience. The presence of a fine low bass led me to include lots of Russian music in the year's repertoire, including Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, Kedrov, Chesnakov and Golovanov.

The year included services sung jointly with St John's Voices and the choirs of Caius, Clare, King's and Trinity Colleges. We invited past and present Choir family



The Choir pose for a photograph with Mr Lee Hsien Long – Prime Minister of Singapore – and his wife, Ho Ching

members to sing with us in a June Evensong, and we invited students, staff and Fellows to sing with the Choir in January.

The Choristers and Gents have excelled themselves as usual, as have our two fine Organ Scholars, Glen Dempsey and James Anderson-Besant. At the year's end, we said farewell to some of our members: Choristers Matthew Brown, James Buttery, Alan Chen, Adam Chillingworth, Charlie Cobb and James Lewis; and Gents Daniel Brown, Jack Hawkins, Michael Bell, Piers Kennedy and James Quilligan. We wish them every success in the future. 🍷

Andrew Nethsingha , Director of Music



Mass in G minor, a recording of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams



KYRIE, a recording of music by Poulenc, Kodály and Janáček

ST JOHN'S VOICES

As St John's Voices entered its fifth year of existence, it became clear that there was to be no let-up in the rapid upward trajectory, both in quality and ambition, which our choir has displayed over its previous four years. The incredibly swift development of the Voices from gentle beginnings to its current position as one of the finest choirs of its type in Cambridge has been nothing short of remarkable.



With several new Choral Scholars appointed in March, we already had a strong contingent, and we were delighted to be able to admit several extremely talented Johnian Freshers from a wide variety of academic disciplines, following further auditions in October. The Voices' first performance of the year took place during the Matriculation

Dinner, at which the now-traditional Grace Anthem was sung. This enables the new students to witness both of the College's fine choirs during the day, the College Choir taking part in the Matriculation Service earlier. Shortly afterwards we started our usual round of Evensongs, which take place each Monday during full term.

As the Voices have developed so quickly, we have recently broadened our outlook to include concert repertoire as well, which in the Michaelmas term featured seventeenth-century German music. We were joined by members of the Cambridge Baroque Camerata for a memorable concert with instrumental music by Biber (three of his *Mystery Sonatas*) alternating with motets by Praetorius; the second half was taken up by Schütz's wonderful *Christmas Story*, the solo roles taken by members of the Voices. This was all the more impressive as it came the day after the Voices sang a Christmas Carol Service. This latter event, now firmly established in the College calendar, drew a congregation of nearly 200, to hear a traditional selection of Christmas carols and seasonal music.

At the end of the Lent term the Voices performed three concerts, with music including Bach's *Komm Jesu Komm* and Harris' *Faire is the Heaven*, before taking the programme on tour to Switzerland. We were fortunate to have extremely fine weather, and to be able to perform in the beautiful locations of Lugano, Lucerne, Kappel-am-Albis and Fribourg. We are most grateful to the assistance of Robert Michaels, who promoted our concert in Lugano; Clare Cavenagh (2015), who arranged everything for us in Fribourg; and Brian Fenwick-Smith (1956), whose generosity and good humour made the visit to Kappel-am-Albis a real highlight of the trip.

The Easter term saw us beginning to rehearse our Mathias repertoire, in anticipation of a disc of his music to be recorded next year for the Naxos label, and as I write we are finalising preparations for what is sure to be a memorable performance of Copland's amazing *In the Beginning*, the virtuoso solo part taken by Ruth Murphy (2017). We hope to be able to take advantage of Ruth's Irish connections to be able to tour the country in 2019.

It has been another remarkable year, and once again I would like to acknowledge the help of our alumni, both as individuals and through the Annual Fund: we very gratefully took delivery of a piano for our choir room this year. Alumni support enables us to make the most of the talents of our students and to help them to take full part in the extraordinary tradition of excellence in choral singing for which the College is so justly renowned. 🍷

Graham Walker, Director

ADAMS SOCIETY

As one of the oldest undergraduate societies, the Adams Society has had another successful year, offering events including both academic talks and social events.



Adams Society Annual Dinner

In the Easter term, the year started with a talk by Professor Townsend on 'Hidden dimensions and the hypercomplex numbers'. Offering the students some maths outside revision, this

was a very well-attended talk. Following the end of exams, we celebrated with an overwhelming victory against the Trinity Mathematical Society in our annual cricket

match; a well-deserved victory after three consecutive years of narrow defeats. Our main social event of the term is as usual the successful garden party, featuring the traditional barbecue, Pimm's and games.

The Michaelmas term kicked off with the Freshers' squash, where the first years meet their fellow 'Johnmos', which was then followed by a few talks. Dr Jacob Rasmussen introduced ideas on 'Knots, graphs and polynomials'; Dr Mike Tehranchi discussed how to make decisions when faced with randomness; and Professor Natalia Berloff explained how to solve optimisation problems with 'magic dust of light and matter'. Also, for the first time, we had a friendly Frisbee match with Downing's mathematicians. This was a lot of fun for both sides, and I hope it will be repeated in future years.

In the Lent Term more talks were organised: Professor John Lister spoke about 'The fluid-mechanics of CO₂ sequestration' and Professor Geoffrey Grimmett spoke on 'The geometry of chance'. Throughout the year we continued the other traditional events, from Christmas parties to football matches. Finally, we were honoured to have Professor Michael Cates, the current Lucasian Professor, as our guest speaker for the annual dinner.

I would like to thank the committee for the smooth running of the Society, and everyone who has helped in shaping it, and I wish all future committees all the best. 🍷

Clara Ding, President

CHESS CLUB

St John's Chess Club has been going from strength to strength. We went into the final round of Division One of the University-wide College League with the team in formidable form and aiming to maintain our 100 per cent record. A tense encounter with a strong Christ's team followed, with John's losing out by the finest of margins. This meant we finished second, narrowly missing out on the title.



Outside the League matches, the Club continued to develop players of all abilities, holding a number of coaching sessions, including sessions from FIDE master Richard Weaving. Events such as these enabled the Club's members to gain insight into the game at the highest levels.

Next year, the Club plans to provide more coaching sessions given by international players, since these have proved such a success.

Away from the chessboard, we held the Club's second annual dinner, which was very well received, and we hope to make this an annual tradition for St John's Chess Club. 🍷

Anna York-Andersen, President

CHRISTIAN UNION

This year has been a full one for the Christian Union. As a society we exist to make Jesus Christ known to students in Cambridge and to that end we have put on many events this term in College, as well as meeting regularly to study the Bible, pray and organise practicalities for events. It has been an absolute joy to work together with such wonderful people.



In the Easter term we ran a few weeks of rounders matches against Trinity Hall and Queens, with a short talk about the life of Jesus given by a student worker from one of the local churches. These proved to be a very enjoyable break from revision, even for those who had never played rounders before.

In the Michaelmas term we hosted mulled wine and mince pies in the JCR before heading off as a group to the carol services in Great St Mary's, which was a lovely way to celebrate Christmas. In the Lent term the University Christian Union held a week of events aimed at giving students a chance to explore the claims of Christ, and as a group

we joined in helping steward those events. Throughout the year we put on numerous 'Text-a-toastie' events where students text in a question about Christianity and we go to their rooms and answer it along with bringing them a toastie of their choice. These proved to be popular and a great chance to ask important questions while getting free food!

Many thanks to my co-rep Georgina Lithgow for all her dedication this year, and I wish all the best to the new reps, Sophie Truesdale and Edward Shellard, for the year ahead. 🍷

Sam Watt, outgoing President

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The St John's Classical Society has continued its work as one of the College's vibrant societies and as the biggest Classics society based around one college. The committee has endeavoured to organise activities and events that have a particular focus on Classical themes but which have also been of interest to the wider public.

On 2 November 2017 we hosted Professor Edith Hall from King's College London, who spoke about 'Two John's Men and Transvestite Burlesque': a talk that revolved around a late-Victorian prose translation of the *Odyssey* by an alumnus of St John's, Samuel Butler. The Lent term saw the annual desserts evening in the Wordsworth Room, organised by our very own Professor Schofield. The evening was an opportunity to come together as a Society and enjoy some good cheese and port halfway through the year. In the Easter term, the annual Newell Event, organised by the Senior Member of our Society, Professor Tim Whitmarsh, offered us the world première of *After the War*, Emily Wilson's stage adaptation of the *Odyssey* (in one hour!). Surprise cast members included Professor Whitmarsh himself, alongside Edith Hall, Emily Wilson, Gail Trimble and Patrick Boyde.

The highlight of May Week 2018 would have to be the Classics Garden Party taking place in College, co-hosted with the University Classics Society. The event was an exciting experience and an immersive insight into how Cambridge classicists can work hard but party harder – *in horto*.



The organisers of the Classics Garden Party

Although small in numbers, our Society makes up for it in the enthusiasm of its members, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the new cohort of Classics Freshers at St John's in October. We on the committee are excited to provide another year of events that will bring the Cambridge Classics community closer together, while also allowing non-classicists to appreciate the ancient culture. 🍷

Camilla Bertocchi, President

EFFECTIVE ALTRUISTS



Jamie Bernardi delivering a workshop to society members seeking to pursue high-impact, ethical careers

Effective Altruism is a growing social movement of people who seek out evidence and careful reasoning to work out how they can do the most good they can. St John's College Effective Altruists have maintained a strong membership this year, putting on a wide variety of well-attended and high-quality events.

This year saw the continuation of discussion groups, which have proved to be a particularly valuable addition to our calendar, with topics ranging from career paths to systemic change. This was extremely valuable, both to the society in its aim to provide a platform from which effective altruism can be discussed and explored, and to attendees

who came away having gained knowledge and renewed energy to use their free time or careers to help solve global issues.

We also continued to host many outside guests throughout the year, including a workshop delivered by a spokesperson for the Centre for Effective Altruism, and Fran Day on exploring the overlap between 'Giving and Faith'.

The calendar culminated in the society's delivery of 'careers workshops' (pictured), presenting research done into how students may aim to maximise the impact of their career. Resources for this event were kindly provided by the charity 80,000 Hours.

This continuation of activity within the College is possible thanks to our diligent committee members, namely: Annanay Kapila (Vice President), Charly Pressdee (Junior Treasurer) and Shreshth Malik (Secretary). We also extend our thanks to our Senior Treasurer, Dr Helen Watson, for her continued support of the society. 🍷

Jamie Bernardi, President

HISTORY SOCIETY

This academic year proved to be both successful and enjoyable for those associated with the History Society, and we hope that during it the Society's events forged closer ties among those who study the subject at our College.

The two talks we hosted saw a significant improvement in attendances from previous years, demonstrating both the appeal of the topics lectured on and the wider interest in history among students at John's.

Our first talk saw us welcome Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and current Shadow Security Minister Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, who spoke about his political hero Clement Attlee. Not only did the talk provide an opportunity to be enlightened about the life of one of Britain's most significant Prime Ministers, but the Shadow Minister's own story also proves that it is possible to still immerse ourselves in our subjects once we move on from John's and leave the Cambridge 'bubble'.

We then welcomed Visiting Beaufort Scholar Professor Jonathon Schneer, who outlined the British government's plot to kill Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin in 1918, the subject of his new book. The greatest endorsement I can give of what was a fascinating talk is that I will be buying the book.

Our academic year ended with the privilege of a candlelit dinner for all historians at the College in the Combination Room.



L-R: Suneet Dias; Patrick Dunne; Willa Prest; Annabelle Molyneux; Sam Willis; Nathaniel Esworthy

We were fortunate to be joined by another treasure of St John's, Professor Peter Clarke, who first joined the College in 1960, to speak on historians and Brexit.

Special thanks goes to committee members Sam Willis, Suneet Dias, Willa Prest and Annabelle Molyneux for their hard work this year, and to outgoing President Lizzy Galloway for her continued support, and we wish the best of luck to incoming Presidents Thomas Musgrove and Yasmin Watling for next year. 🍷

Patrick Dunne, co-President

LARMOR SOCIETY



Photo: Sean Irving

The committee at the Annual Dinner (L-R: Daniel Harris, Anastasia Ershova, Rebecca Richmond-Smith, Liz Gaberdiel, Isabel Neale and Kristian Franze. Absent: Will Dean and Stephen Cole)

The Larmor Society had another successful year of talks and events. Activities were extremely well publicised by Stephen Cole (Publicity Officer) in conjunction with Daniel Harris' (Webmaster) fantastic abilities to manage the website and mailing lists. A number of swaps with other colleges, as well as the annual hog roast and dinner, were organised by Will Dean (Social/Events Officer), with Liz Gaberdiel (Academic Affairs Officer) assisting in talk organisation and running a number of academic workshops. All of this wouldn't have

been possible without the paperwork abilities of Anastasia Ershova (Secretary) and the fabulous financial management of Isabel Neale (Treasurer). It has been a genuine pleasure seeing the Society grow this year, and I look forward to Matt Lewis' and Liz Gaberdiel's (incoming Presidents) year of Larmor Society events being started off in great form with the traditional Larmor Hog Roast! 🍖

Rebecca Richmond-Smith,
outgoing President

MAY BALL

The 2018 May Ball theme, *Extravaganza*, brought together celebrations from all around the world for a truly unforgettable night. We invited guests to embrace their inner showgirl under the Moulin Rouge's red windmill, make fairy tales come true at the electronic dance festival Tomorrowland, and, when they'd had enough of the bright lights, run away with the circus. Courts varied in tone from the Venetian sophistication of the Biennale art show, to the Japanese cherry blossom festival's aesthetic assault on the senses, to the all-night party-parade in Third Court, which set the scene for Rio Carnival's explosion of colour and energy.

This year saw a real effort from the committee to make the Ball bigger and better than ever before. Behind the scenes we reformed our employment and ticketing systems. Our new silent disco tent proved a huge success and was a hot spot in the early hours. We also introduced a new chill-out zone in the Buttery with an emphasis on R&R before getting back onto the dance floor.

Food and drink highlights included the delicious mochi, specially made for the Ball by Jack's Gelato, and the Dreamline sparkling rosé, whose swirling sparkles made each glassful a visual treat.

The Ball continues to combine budding artists with musicians at the top of their game. We were especially lucky that 2018 finally saw Sigala grace us with his chart-topping presence – only one year late! The up-and-coming TAYA's performance was also a huge success.

Centrepiece's work was exceptional, and their rotating windmill surpassed all expectations.



May Ball committee 2018

Subscene's work throughout the year was also indispensable, from the Japanese-style garden in Chapel Court to the handmade cherry blossom flowers.

A huge shout out to the exceptional people who make this event possible. It has been a pleasure. 🍷

Dominique Goddard, President

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The past year has been a particularly rewarding year for members of St John's College Modern Languages Society, with cultural trips and events that brought together members from across academic years and languages.



The first event, as always, was the 'Year Abroad Evening', where second-year students planning their year abroad met with those who had just returned. It was a great evening, full of amusing anecdotes from South America to Europe, and hopefully some of the wisdom of the year abroad 'veterans' has been passed on.

Cultural trips remained the main activity of the Society. In the Michaelmas term we went to see *Collaborators* at the Corpus Playroom, while the Lent term coincided with the release of Guillermo del Toro's film *The Shape of Water*, which had us debating for hours at an after-cinema social.

Going forward, the Modern Languages Society has a stronger community and Internet presence. The new website page for the Society will hopefully be a great place for applicants and Freshers alike. We are looking forward to expanding the number of e-resources available to MML students in a bid to strengthen the student community here at John's.

The Easter term was unfortunately too short to organise the alumni networking event we had in mind for this year. Hopefully next year there will be such an opportunity for current students to mingle and get to know recent graduates while finding out more about the careers available for MML students. The garden party and Society dinner were, however, two extremely enjoyable events that brought everyone together, allowing us to express our gratitude to our Director of Studies and Tutors who have seen us through yet another exam term. Congratulations to all finalists and the very best of luck to the remaining members for the years to come! 🍷

Ana Persinaru, President

MUSIC SOCIETY

We have had a particularly exciting year of music-making at St John's. Two of the innovations of which I've felt most proud have been the creation of *Aquila*, our female a cappella vocal ensemble, and the College Jazz Band. Both groups have inspirational and energetic leaders: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange and Oli Lepage-Dean respectively. Joanna is a former Musical Director of the Swingle Singers. Ollie is a former College Chorister and teacher at the College School. Their inaugural concert in the Old Divinity School in March was one of the most moving events of the year. It was wonderful to see the joyous way in which music can bring people together from different parts of the College community.

We are striving to make music in College more inclusive. The 'Come and Sing' day in January was an enjoyable opportunity to sing alongside the College Choir. Song-writer workshops have been successful and it has been great to have undergraduates, graduates, staff and Fellows all performing in lunchtime concerts. There have been excellent Composers' Concerts in the Divinity School and evening performances of Renaissance polyphony in Chapel, as well as more exotic fare such as a concert on Ondes Martenot and Theremin. Dr Castelvechi's Master's Lodge Concerts continue to be packed to the rafters, with a recital by Dame Emma Kirkby being among the highlights. I have greatly enjoyed my first year as Chairman of the College Music Society, and I want to express profuse thanks to all the very hard-working and enthusiastic members of the committee.

The biggest praise must go to Stephanie Childress. She has been an inspirational and galvanising President for the Music Society

and has contributed so much to College music-making during the past three years. I don't expect ever again to see an eighteen year-old conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with such assurance; the performance in Chapel was a remarkable event that made me think of stories of the eighteen year-old Simon Rattle conducting Mahler's Second Symphony all those years ago. It was great to have so many players from College involved in the Beethoven. Another wonderful occasion was the College Orchestra concert in March, with Matthew Gibson conducting Mozart's Symphony no. 40 from memory with great control, and with Jamie Conway's accomplished conducting of the Brahms Double Concerto. It is hard to imagine an Oxford or Cambridge college ever having simultaneously had two undergraduates capable of playing the Brahms as beautifully as Stephanie Childress and Laura van der Heijden. Another triumph was an opera composed by Charlotte Eves and inspired by Russian Futurism, *Victory over the Sun*, which was performed in January.

The Combination Room Concert in February was much enjoyed by a capacity audience. The programme was full of variety, including intimate Dowland Lute Songs, a Vivaldi sonata for recorder and bassoon, and virtuosic music for saxophone and for violin by Tomasi, Brahms and Enescu. The many performers included Dr David Williams, Carys Brown, Dr Hilary Martin, Benedek Kruchió and Prishita Maheshwari-Aplin. The May Concert in Chapel was a great success and boasted another wide-ranging programme, including 'Otherworldly', a song composed and performed by Jo Ash, Parry and Copland from the College Choir, St John's Voices with Glen Dempsey at the piano, and a Japanese work played by Ignacio Mañá Mesas; this work emulates the sound of the *shakuhachi*, a bamboo-flute used in

Buddhist music. The concert also featured a Widor organ solo from James Anderson-Besant and a nineteenth-century arrangement of Handel for violin and cello by Halvorsen, played by Stephanie Childress and Laura van der Heijden. The Chapel part of the concert concluded with a set from *Aquila*. It was then fabulous to be greeted by the College Jazz Band as we moved out into Chapel Court for sumptuous refreshments. There have been countless musical successes for Johnians this year. Both of the College's two musician Honorary Fellows featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours: a knighthood for Simon Keenlyside and a CBE for Thomas Adès. Francis Bushell, a former Chorister, and Stephanie Childress both reached the televised finals of BBC Young Musician of the Year. Laura van der



Aquila after the May Concert

Heijden's extraordinary debut album on the Champs Hill label was chosen as 'Disc of the Month' in *BBC Music Magazine*. This CD of Russian music is entitled *1948* and I simply can't recommend it highly enough; you have to hear it! Allan Clayton won the Royal Philharmonic Society award for best solo singer. Iestyn Davies has been starring on Broadway alongside Mark Rylance in *Farinelli and the King*. Having stopped his career in law less than a year ago, Sam Oladeinde has already joined the cast of the Olivier Award-winning musical, *Hamilton*. Richard Wilberforce has been appointed Musical Director of Cambridge University Symphony Chorus. The list goes on!

Sophie Kirk joined us as College Music Administrator last September. Her work is transforming what is possible for music-making in College. She is a perfect colleague and I am deeply grateful for her good humour, efficiency and initiative. 🍷

Andrew Nethsingha, Director of Music

PUNT SOCIETY



The Punt Society had another successful year. The punts ran well throughout February to November thanks to Maintenance Officers Marius Cannon and Alex Garton, with greatly increased publicity generated by Publicity Officer and Secretary Jessie Davidson.



Punt pool

This allowed Social Secretary Phattharaporn Singkanipa to organise a number of successful swaps with Pembroke Pie Society, night-punting trips and picnics. Meanwhile the finances were handled exceptionally well by Alexandre Loktionov, Silas Yeem and Alina

Antonova, resulting in profits enabling a new punt to be bought. I wish the very capable new committee, headed up by newly elected President Marius Cannon, every success, and look forward to the blessing of our new punt, 'Enterprise'. 🍀

Rebecca Richmond-Smith,
outgoing President

ATHLETICS

The St John's Athletics Club has had a fantastic year. Strong performances from the men's side in both autumn and summer Cuppers combined to give St John's the overall win. Some highlights from the summer competition include a triple win in the men's A and B string and women's (single string) 4x100m race, double wins in the men's 400m race for Alexander Taylor and Ciaran Flaherty, and a four-race sweep in the mile for Diane Vitry, Lauren Holmes, Henry Choong and Nat Amos. Further note must be given to George Lodge, who competed in no fewer than nine individual events and two relays over the two competitions.



Men's team after winning Cuppers

Furthermore, several Johnian athletes have gone on to represent the University at the recent 144th Varsity Match against Oxford. Daisy Irving-Hyman and Caroline Johnson ran in the Blues Team 200m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x400m relay, and 200m, 400m and 4x400m relay respectively, while Ciaran Flaherty and Alexander Taylor competed in the Second Team 400m and 4x400m, and 4x400m respectively. In the field events, Olivia Shallcross and Amara Mulliner

competed in the Second Team triple jump and pole vault. Finally, Rob Waddy rounded up the Second Team steeplechase.

Looking to the future, we are aiming to restructure the Club to allow us to continue to field strong women's and men's teams and keep both trophies at the College where they belong. 🏆

Al Taylor, Captain

BADMINTON

The 2017/18 season was a mixed bag for SJC Badminton. The start of the year was promising, with a revival of interest in the sport following our League promotion and Cuppers victory last year. However, as the year progressed we found we didn't manage to fully capitalise on the momentum we had created.



Wes Chow mid-shot

Most of the League matches were very close affairs, often – and annoyingly – swinging marginally in the way of the opposition. However, the commitment of new players Arin Ward and Shahzaib Ahmed helped us stay steady through the year and finish the season in the middle of the Division.

The Open Cuppers tournament was a short-lived affair, losing 2-1 to Downing's very formidable First Team. Mixed Cuppers brought more success. With Briony Whitfield and Anusha Ashok joining the team, we made it to the quarter-finals before a narrow loss to Homerton's very strong First pair knocked us out of the running.

Aside from the First Team, the club has gained popularity among the College community. This year saw the return of the Second Team, captained by Aman Mehan, which allowed more people to get involved with competitive play. There was also an increase in popularity in casual play, increasing the visibility of the sport in College.

Overall, this season did not pan out as successfully as we had hoped following the success of last year. However, I have belief that the following academic year will bring new talent to the team to fill in the gap left by many of our graduating veterans (Wes Chow, Henry Choong and Andrew Derrett), to whom I wish the best for the future. 🍀

Shreshth Malik, Captain

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2016/17 season ended on a high, with the Yales acceding to Division One for the first time in nearly a decade. The team's strong nucleus, built over the last four seasons, began to slowly fragment with the loss of a very important rebounder, Baba Bob-Soile, to graduation. Yet the Captain, J. R. Lalancette, kept the Yales soldiering onwards into the first half of the 2017/18 season, and there was mood for optimism. The team kicked off the season with the return of the speedy Ryan Limbocker on point, the indefatigable Cillian Leow crashing the boards, the deadeye shooter Aaron Tam, the scoring machine Adam Lerner, the stalwart Markus Schober at guard, and two new members from the JCR – Bill Xuan and Reinis Irmej. The Yales went 3-1 in the first half of the season, with the most memorable wins coming against former champions the Lithuanian Society and a last-second win against perennial rivals Trinity. The second half, however, was one to forget. The team only managed to field a minimum team because of graduate members' preoccupations with conferences and field work. With only one win and four losses, the Yales were relegated to Division Two.

However, 'it ain't over till it's over', as they say. J. R. Lalancette organised extra training sessions for a Cuppers run and secured the participation of two great University players,



The Yales with the Madden Cup after winning Cuppers

including former Blues Captain Luka Skorić. The Yales quickly dispatched St Edmund's and Hughes Hall in the early rounds. The last three years had seen the Yales lose out in Cuppers to Robinson, a side stacked with University players, but this was the year for revenge, with John's winning comfortably with a stellar performance from Skorić. The final, against a determined Darwin side, was a nail biter. With the new Cuppers trophy looming on the sidelines, the Yales dug deep and played their best ball of the season to win the inaugural Madden Cup 50-41. 🏆

J. R. Lalancette, Captain

GRADUATE FOOTBALL

The 2017/18 season has been a good one for the Graduate Football Team, but not without its ups and downs. We started off with two unfortunate injuries, ruling out star players Antoni Woss and Gwilym Sims-Williams for most of the season. We bounced back from this, however, with the fantastic Kweku Abraham slotting into our defensive line and the brilliant Blaise Delaney consistently applying pressure up-front. Special mention must also go to Kemper Edwards, who had an awesome season in goal and was an invaluable Team member.



The highlight of our season was a 2-1 win against Hughes Hall, which in the end secured our place to remain in the Top League next year. We were also undefeated in the Graduate League's six-a-side tournament in May, just missing out on a title because of a few tough penalty shootouts. Thanks to all the Team for

their efforts this season, and also a big thanks to Keith Ellis for all his help in scheduling our games. We're very much looking forward to the next season, and we hope that even more graduates will come along and join us! 🍷

Matthew Conder, Captain

MEN'S FOOTBALL

The 2017/18 season has been a slightly frustrating but extremely encouraging one for St John's Football Club. Having somewhat struggled in Division One last year, Division Two presented some much more competitive and enjoyable games for the Blackboys. With only two losses in nine games, our inability to put away goals against the weaker teams turned out to be our downfall – narrowly missing out on promotion by goal difference in a League where the top four colleges finished within one point of one another. Nonetheless, we were regularly playing excellent football and showed excellent potential.



Match against the St John's Old Boys Football Team

A disappointing 1-0 defeat by St Catharine's was perhaps the only real downer on the season, with particularly strong wins against King's and Gonville & Caius as well as an unlucky exit from Cuppers against a strong First Division Churchill.

The intake of four Freshers along with three second years stepping up from the Second XI added necessary depth to the squad, which was unfortunately beset by injuries once again. Noticeable improvements in our attacking play were seen upon the return of Charlie Selway and Sam Smith in the Lent term, with Sam chasing the impressive goals

total of John Greathead. Playing out of position for the majority of our games, player of the season was awarded to Ned Gompertz, who demonstrated class and composure at centre back.

Despite having a talented squad, we failed to capitalise on our strengths this time. But with few players leaving us, and strengthened by the experience of this season, I have every confidence that under Captain-elect George Hearn the Blackboys will seize promotion next year. 🍀

Jamie Campbell, Captain

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The St John's College Women's Football Team has gone from strength to strength this year. Although we did not win the League, the numbers of our Team have tripled over the season and this lays the groundwork for future success. Whereas previously numbers have been limited to five to seven players per match, this year we have consistently fielded a full eleven with subs in support. In addition, we have immensely benefited as a Team from regular training sessions throughout the year, with Jamie Campbell and Noah Stevenson as dedicated coaches. We unfortunately fell short once again at the end of Cuppers; yet it is testament to our progress and growing ambitions that being defeated in the quarter-final against Jesus this year felt an undeserved disappointment.



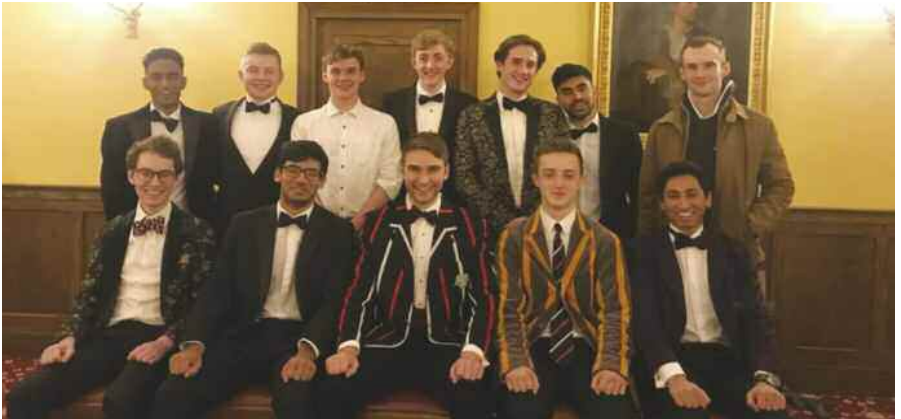
As with all University sport, success relies on integrating and cultivating the talent of our new first years. It has been a pleasure, however, to also see members of College from all years get involved, especially those who had never kicked a football before. With the rising profile of women's sport we have no doubt that the club can expect

this engagement at all levels to continue. We wish Charly Pressdee and Phoebe Harris all the best carrying the baton forward as Captains next year: they will lead the club on to the successes it so deserves. 🏆

**Georgina Hill and Emma Shaw,
Captains**

MEN'S HOCKEY

As the Nogs gathered for their AGM in the final week of the Lent term, the pride and sense of achievement was inescapable. The season had not only witnessed the Men's Hockey Club's promotion to the First Division in the Michaelmas term, but had then seen them rise to the top of that Division in the Lent term, taking the League trophy back to St John's for the first time in over fifteen years. All the senior players knew we were in for an exciting season when we rolled over Christ's 14-0 in the second week of term – a result that prompted an email from the League Secretaries asking if it was a typo – yet its eventual conclusion was beyond our wildest dreams.



The Nogs at their end of season dinner

The progression from when I joined the Club as a Fresher in 2015 is remarkable, transforming ourselves from a part-time squad languishing in the Bottom Division to College League champions. That has been the work of past Captains, in particular my predecessor Jim Dickson, but also of two successive years of top-quality Fresher intakes who have continued to drive the quality of hockey in the right direction. Yet we have also found talent among the aged as well, with finalist Noah

Stevenson somehow finishing our season as top scorer. I am still unsure whether that reflects worse on us or our opposition. Lewis Collins in particular has been inspirational as a leader both on and off the pitch this season, and I could not be more pleased to hand the Club over to him to captain next season. After a few too many years in the wilderness, hockey is back where it belongs at John's. GBTHC. 🍁

Russell Hughes, Captain

MIXED LACROSSE

The Mixed Lacrosse Team has had a successful year after welcoming many new players at the start of the season, including five complete novices. Despite the range of abilities, the Team's enthusiasm and eagerness to learn from one another led to solid stick skills in no time.



The St John's Mixed Lacrosse Team pictured at Cuppers

We had a very strong start to the season, with several decisive wins including two scores of 6-0 against Caius and Robinson. With no games lost in the Michaelmas term, we were delighted to move up a division. Although we were faced by more experienced teams and had more losses than wins, the Team were keen to improve. After popular demand, we held training sessions to improve our skills and work on tactics.

With an impressive turnout of seventeen players at Cuppers, the Team gave it their all, with some excellent play against the challenging opposition. Unfortunately we did not make it through to the final stages, but the Team's spirit and positivity resulted in an enjoyable tournament nevertheless.

We would like to thank Mark Wells (former Domestic Bursar) for allowing us to purchase new lacrosse sticks for our extended squad, and Keith Ellis (Head Groundsman) for letting us use the pitches for many of our matches and our new training sessions.

It has been a wonderful season for Mixed Lacrosse and we look forward to playing next year under our new Captains, Kate Williams and Callum Spencer! 🍀

**Kate Williams and Charlotte Stephenson,
co-Captains**

MIXED NETBALL

After a challenging season this year, Mixed Netball remained in the Second Division, playing against teams with a relatively wide range of abilities. The focus this year was encouraging an enjoyable atmosphere and increasing awareness of the team in College. Many of the team were giving netball a try for the first time.

Michaelmas was a tough term as, having been promoted at the end of last year, the team found itself in the First Division. With a large number of players trying netball for the first time, we found it difficult to keep pace with opponents despite close matches with Fitzwilliam and Selwyn. In the Lent term, now in the Second Division, we were able to be more competitive, with a convincing win over Girton and close matches against Pembroke and St Catharine's.

In Mixed Cuppers, despite being placed in a very strong group with teams in the top two divisions, we ended with a respectable two wins and two losses. While this was not enough to progress to the quarter-finals, our win against Magdalene was by the largest margin of the year, and an excellent effort was made by all.

All in all, despite a few losses and some difficulties in the Top Division in Michaelmas



term, the year has seen new people trying netball and the team has made an outstanding effort. 🏀

Will Fenwick and Charley Yen,
co-Captains

WOMEN'S NETBALL

The 2017/18 season has been another outstanding one for Women's Netball at St John's, culminating in Ladies One defending their title as League Champions in the First Division and Ladies Two being promoted to the Second Division.

The Ladies One team saw the return of many familiar faces, but was also lucky to gain amazing new talent from the Freshers intake. The team got off to a flying start and was unbeaten throughout the Michaelmas term, which included fantastic wins of 38-14 against Sidney Sussex, 36-13 against Murray Edwards and 25-4 against Trinity. Despite the weather not always being on our side, a mixture of excellent shooting, great ball skills through the mid-court and very tight defending meant we managed to maintain our unbeaten form through the Lent term. This included a 23-4 win against Queens' and a hard-fought game against Churchill, won 22-20, resulting in the Ladies One team being crowned League Champions for the second year in a row.

In Cuppers, the team eased their way through the early stages, and played well to beat Fitzwilliam in the semi-final before meeting Churchill in the final. This was an incredibly hard-fought match, but unfortunately it just went the other way and Churchill came out with the win 29-27. Nevertheless, the team should be immensely proud of another fantastic season and of being League Champions and Cuppers Runner-Up.

Ladies One has consisted of Chloe Fairston (Captain), Katherine Klemperer, Yasmin Khan-Osborne, Jemima Currie, Emily Young, Yasmin Khan, Yasmin Watling, Lydia Ladbrooke, Olivia Dadge, Imogen McLean, Dani Moon, Holly Hampton (co-Captain) and Kate Garnett. Ladies Two Captains Anika Prasad and Anna Ratcliff have also led a very strong team to numerous successes this season, and one can only hope that next year will be as successful as this one for netball at St John's. 🏆

Chloe Fairston, Captain

RUGBY

A dominant victory in the Cuppers final represents the pinnacle of what has been a fantastic year for rugby at St John's, both on and off the pitch. As a club, we have made a real effort to create a more inclusive environment, and I believe we have made progress. We started the year by welcoming a record number of fifteen new members to the club, four of whom had never played rugby before. We followed this with immediate success on the pitch, winning the 7s tournament for the second year in a row, and defeating Keble College, Oxford, in Supercuppers. The match raised several hundred pounds for a development charity based in Rio de Janeiro and confirmed the Redboys as the best college team in Oxbridge.



The Cuppers Final

October also saw the return of the Redgirls, the Women's Rugby Team in College. This was met with real interest, and training sessions have run throughout the year, as well as several tournaments. A number of the Redgirls went on to train and play for the University in the Tigers' Varsity Match against Oxford. With this solid base of players, and under the captaincy of Evvia Gonzales, hopefully the Redgirls will grow over the next few years to become a formidable force in women's college rugby.

Congratulations must also go to a number of Redboys representing the University, with Will Dean earning a Full Blue and Jacob Heath, Will Saunter, Demetri Moros and Dan Blick all representing the LXs. Despite finishing Michaelmas at the top of the League, the Redboys were unable to retain the League trophy. However, from here our season picked up. In February, we played our annual Oldboys match in support of the LGBT+ community and raised over £100 for Stonewall, the prominent LGBT charity. This day also saw the Redboys record their first win (31-17) over the Oldboys in twenty years. The victory

was particularly significant given the strength of this year's Oldboys team, with the likes of Jack Morris, Rory McFadyen and George Baxter all vying for a place in the starting line-up. We built on this momentous victory the following week, with a 29-7 victory against Robinson in the Cuppers quarter-final, and four days later we beat Girton 47-12 in the semi-final. Following a hard week of training, the season culminated with a fantastic team performance as we beat Queens' in the Cuppers final (35-13).

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish all the best in the future to our departing Domestic Bursar, Mark Wells, and our departing Junior Dean, Alex Wilshaw, who both gave so much of their time to interacting with the undergraduate body. A special thanks also to our Head Groundsman, Keith Ellis. I wish the Redboys all the best next year, under the guidance of Charlie Smith and Max Antcliff.

Ad gladium, 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

Sam Fitzsimmons, Captain

SWIMMING

The John's Swimming Team has had another strong year in the pool. Despite Cuppers clashing with the start of May Week we were able to pull a strong men's team together to successfully retain the Cuppers title for an eighth year in a row.

The evening consisted of five individual events and two relays. John's took second place in all the individual events, except for the 100m Front Crawl, where we took first place with an impressive time of 1.00.12. The highlight of the evening was the team's success in the relays. In both the 4x50m Individual Medley and 4x50m Freestyle Relays, the team won by an amazing nine seconds against their closest competitors, 'Christ's *et al*', a team that combined numerous colleges. Unfortunately, we were unable to put forward a women's team. Nevertheless, the impressive performance from the men's side secured the Cuppers title.

Aside from Cuppers, John's students had a strong representation in the Blues and Marlins teams. In the Blues team, Henry Choong, Dom Holloway and Katy Wilson competed in BUCS and the 2018 Varsity Match against Oxford, which ended in a controversial tie. Highlights from the year were: Dom breaking the University record for 50m Breaststroke in a time of 28.88; a relay team (including both Dom and



The men's team at Cuppers

Henry) breaking the University 4x50m Medley record twice (first at BUCS 2017, then bettering it by a second in BUCS 2018); and all four Blues teams entered in BUCS 2018 making the finals against tough competition from teams such as Loughborough and Edinburgh, both of which included numerous Commonwealth Games swimmers.

Nick Maini competed in the Marlins Varsity Match. New member Nat Amos is currently aiming to secure his place in next year's team.

Going into 2018/19 I would like to wish all our swimmers the best of luck with another hard year's training, and hope we can replicate our success! 🏆

Katy Wilson, Captain

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The Ultimate Frisbee team has been rebuilding this year after losing several key members.



Last year ended on a high, with a combined John's–Jesus team taking the Lower Division trophy at Cuppers at the end of the Easter term. This victory wouldn't have been possible without the alumni members who returned for the tournament, so thank you to them.

It was great to see a new group of players at the start of the year, with Francis Pollock, Jacob Moxham, Indi Pritchard and Lennie Wells all becoming regulars. Clara Ding and Jessie Davidson also made valuable appearances, but the Michaelmas term League proved to be difficult nonetheless. A very tight game against a strong Churchill team in windy conditions and other tight games showed our potential, but we lacked the experience of University-level players we'd relied upon in previous years.

To develop our team and learn from their more experienced players, we teamed up with Jesus again for the Lent and Easter term League. The Lent term proved to be a great learning opportunity, both to improve our game and adapt to playing with Jesus. Then at the start of the Easter term we returned to our winning ways, having at the time of writing taken three of our first four games.

While we may be losing long-time dedicated Frisbee player Ben Woodhams at the end of the year, with these results I look forward to seeing the return of a strong John's team next year, and wish the best of luck to next year's Captain, Alfie Curry. 🍀

Jeremy Knott, Captain

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB – MEN

We maintained our historic success over the past few years into the 2017/18 season, holding our position as Head of the River in both the Lent and May Bumps races. The LMBC has held the Mays Headship for the last three years, which is a phenomenal and truly rare achievement.



The First Lents VIII row through the snow to hold the Headship

We started the year having lost many oarsmen from the Headship crew, as well as our coaches from the previous year (Roger Silk and Paul Wright). Despite having no Mays Colours in the First Coxed Four, the crew still finished second in the University Fours races. This demonstrated the depth in the squad, and gave a solid marker on which to build. After an incredible week training in

the High Performance Centre in Seville in January, we pushed on to the Lents campaign. Two of the four days of Lent Bumps were cancelled because of snow, but this didn't stop the Men's boats from enjoying successful campaigns, with M1 holding the Lents Headship with relative ease. M2 and M3 also had positive campaigns, with their fair share of gutsy row-overs.



The First Mays VIII hold the Mays Headship

The Mays truly was the Men's side's crowning glory. M1 remained Head of the River with four row-overs and no crew getting anywhere close, despite the presence of extremely strong and confident Clare and Pembroke crews. M2 held their position in the First Division, despite a last-minute concussion to the five seat, and M3 also had a fun and fast campaign. It was great to see the Red Boys competing in the May races, as their involvement serves to reinforce the position of the LMBC as a group at the heart of the College. However, one of the most historic achievements of the year, and

indeed a seminal moment in Bumps history, occurred when M4 contrived to be quadruple over-bumped on the second day, going down nine places. This has never before happened in the 200 or so years of May Bumps racing, and hopefully will never happen again!

The LMBC continues to provide a strong contingent of University squad rowers, with Charles Fisher celebrating the rare achievement of winning his second Boat Race this year. Moreover, Theo Weinberger and Felix Koninx were both in the crew that won



the Lightweight Boat Race. We are extremely fortunate to have had three Boat Race winners in the First Eight this term, and are very proud of the success that our trialists have enjoyed this academic year.

The success of the Club is greatly facilitated by the continuing support received from College in the form of the Master, the Fellows and the outgoing Domestic Bursar, Mark Wells. It is with great fondness that we would like to wish Mark all the best in his future endeavours, and we look forward to

working closely with the new Domestic Bursar, Helen Murley, in years to come. Further thanks must also go to the LMBCA, the Club's alumni group. Headed by Sandy Black and Ben Richardson, the LMBCA work alongside College to fund events such as the January training camp in Seville and our off-Cam races. Perhaps even more importantly, they are instrumental in bringing the LMBC past and present members together. It is always great to see and hear such a strong group of supporters cheering the Club on from the bank during the May races.

Massive thanks must also go to Pere Gisbert, who became our Head Coach this year. Bringing his methods across from the Spanish Olympic Programme, Pere took a while to convince us that he truly knew how to make a boat move. However, our results this year speak for themselves, and I think it is no understatement to say that we would not have held the Headships without him.

My final thanks as Captain must go to the students themselves, as above all it remains a Club designed for them. It has been a pleasure to lead a group of dedicated and fun individuals. I pass on my best wishes to the Captain-elect, Aidan Williams, and I look forward to observing the continued success of the LMBC.

Viva Laeta 🇬🇧

Robert Blyth, Captain

The University Fours*The First Coxed IV*

C: Sophie Compton

1. Alex Aits
2. Aidan Williams
3. Matthew Paterson
4. Henry Stevens

Lost in the final to Caius.

The Second Coxed IV

C: Matthew Parry

1. William Hall
2. Annanay Kapila
3. Hatem Sadik
4. Samuel Moore

Coach: Pere Gisbert

Lost in the quarter-final to Clare.

The Fairbairn Cup*The First Senior**Fairbairn IV+*

C: Sophie Compton

1. Alex Aits
2. Robert Blyth
3. Matthew Paterson
4. Isaac Webber

Coach: Pere Gisbert

Fourth fastest college IV+,
26 seconds behind
Pembroke.*The First Novice**Fairbairn VIII*

C: Amara Mulliner

1. Ryan Geiser
2. Fahd Omar
3. Max Antcliff
4. Louis Fearn
5. James Darby
6. Jorgis Marinos
7. Jonnie James
8. Henry Cousins

Second fastest Novice Eight.

*The Second Novice**Fairbairn VIII*

1. Daniel Mobbayyen
2. Alex Darch
3. Faidon Varesis
4. Patrick Meere
5. Richard Pickup
6. Payton Danner
7. Jonny Barry
8. Cormac Fagan

Third fastest Novice
Second Eight.*The Third Novice**Fairbairn VIII*

1. Yu Hsuen
2. Eoin MacLachlan
3. Kurran Aujla
4. Faris Khan
5. Anthony Kattuman
6. Rajeev Kumar
7. William Green
8. William Smith

Ninth fastest Novice
Third Eight.



The Second Lents VIII battle through tough conditions

THE LENT BUMPS

The First Lents VIII

C: Matthew Parry

1. Benjamin Paxton
2. Alex Aits
3. Robert Blyth
4. Annanay Kapila
5. Matthew Paterson
6. Henry Stevens
7. Aidan Williams
8. Isaac Webber

Rowed over at Head of the River for two days.

The Second Lents VIII

C: Sophie Compton

1. Eoin MacLachlan
2. Richard Pickup
3. Ryan Geiser
4. Henry Cousins
5. Tom Vinestock
6. Cormac Fagan
7. Jonnie James
8. Payton Danner

Down 1.

The Third Lents VIII

C: Liz Gaberdiel

1. Faris Khan
2. Alex Darch
3. Jonny Barry
4. John Perry
5. Tom Scheidt
6. Martin Fabry
7. Cameron Wallis
8. Cormac Fagan

Down 1.



The Second Mays VIII chase Christ's I

THE MAY BUMPS

The First Mays VIII

- C: Matthew Parry
 1. Henry Stevens
 2. Robert Blyth (C)
 3. Felix Koninx
 4. Matthew Paterson
 5. Isaac Webber
 6. Charles Fisher
 7. Aidan Williams
 8. Theo Weinberger

Rowed over at Head of the River for four days.

The Fourth Mays VIII

- C: Shreshth Malik
 1. Jonny Barry
 2. Rajeev Kumar
 3. Daniel Mobbayyen
 4. Alex Darch
 5. William Green
 6. Charles Prior
 7. Faidon Varesis
 8. William Smith

Down 7 (including going down 9 to Madgalene M4 on the second day).

The Second Mays VIII

- C: Sophie Compton
 1. James Alvey
 2. Payton Danner
 3. Cameron Wallis
 4. Annanay Kapila
 5. Jonnie James
 6. Hatem Sadik
 7. Sean Sheppard
 8. Alex Aits

Down 1, but maintained place in First Division.

The Fifth Mays VIII – 'The Red Boys' Boat Club'

- C: Lydia Hudson
 1. Will Saunter
 2. Jamie Campbell
 3. Will Halfpenny
 4. James Laudage
 5. Max Antcliff
 6. Russel Hughes
 7. Will McClune
 8. George Lodge

Down 3.

The Third Mays VIII

- C: Liz Gaberdiel
 1. Eoin MacLachlan
 2. Richard Pickup
 3. Faris Khan
 4. Paddy Meere
 5. Tom Scheidt
 6. Cormac Fagan
 7. Ryan Geiser
 8. Henry Cousins

Down 4.

LADY MARGARET BOAT CLUB – WOMEN

2016/17 was a year of remarkable success for the LMBC Women. Impressive performances from all crews throughout the year, culminating in W1 earning their blades in the Mays, marked LMBC out as one of the friendliest and best-performing clubs on the river. The 2017/18 year has built upon our previous successes to further expand College participation in rowing and strengthen the Women's side. Particular success has been seen in our lower boats, with a Second Eight being fielded in the Michaelmas term for the first time in nearly a decade and a strong crop of Novices boding well for the LMBC in 2018/19.



Courtesy of Isabel Nimmo

W1 at Henley

The Michaelmas term provided the first test for our rowers with the University IVs races. For the first time, the LMBC Women were able to enter three Coxed Fours into the event – a testament to the Club’s ability to retain talent. Unfortunately, University IVs occur during the day within normal term time and therefore caused clashes for our First IV+, resulting in them scratching. However, our Second IV+ raced well, placing second overall after narrowly missing out to Downing, and our Third IV+ put in a strong performance, making it to the semi-final.

The Michaelmas term also provided an exciting opportunity for our Novice rowers to try their hand at racing for the first time. A strong crop of eager rowers enabled us to train up three Novice Eights as well as a few spares, in line with the impressive numbers seen over the past two years. Our First Novice VIII+ proved themselves to be one of the best on the river, taking second place in both Emma Sprints and Novice Fairbairns, alongside a victory in Clare Novices. None of these results would have been possible without the dedication of volunteer student coaches, who continue to be a real asset to the Club.

Throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms, W1 and W2 have focused on training in smaller sculling boats to improve sensitivity and boat feel. The purchase of new sculls has enabled the whole of W1 to scull at the same time, providing a stronger crew atmosphere and allowing racing time trials to be run. This has been invaluable in allowing us to

enter sculling races, with five LMBC sculls entering Winter Head to Head. Moreover, the purchase of eight dynamic ergs has further improved the technical abilities of the Women’s side. Owning sixteen ergs allows for W1 and W2 to train together, further fostering a strong Club spirit.

The Lent term built on the work done in Michaelmas. Term started with a week-long training camp on-Cam, where we merged the Novices with the Senior squad to form four Women’s crews. The camp culminated in W1 rowing a quad and three singles from the LMBC boathouse to the new Cambridge University boathouse in Ely. The 28km scull, in perfect conditions across the scenic Cambridge landscape, was a difficult but rewarding challenge and the perfect way to start the term.

Lent term ended with a spell of incredibly cold and snowy weather. Icy conditions proved difficult for the safe running of the Bumps and resulted in several days of cancellations. Racing was able to restart on the Saturday thanks to the combined effort of all the college clubs, who spent many hours de-icing and gritting the towpath. Despite the days of cancelled racing and the bitterly cold weather, the Women’s side put on a fantastic show. No LMBC Women’s crew was bumped throughout Lents. W3 ended the week +2 (bumping Clare III and Newnham III) and both W2 and W1 ended on +1, having bumped Pembroke II and Girton I respectively.

The Easter term brought more success as we were able to field three complete Women's crews throughout the term and into May Bumps. W1 were unlucky on day one, being bumped by Clare W1, but finished the week with three gutsy row-overs. W2 had no such bad luck. Bumps on Caius W2 and Clare W2 brought the Maggie girls to the top of the Third Division by the end of day two. A fantastic row on the final day, spurred on by the enthusiastic supporters on the bank, led to a bump on Queens' W2 and secured W2's position in the Second Division. W2 ended the week +3 and in the Second Division for the first time in many years, reflecting the strength and skill of the LMBC Women.

As always, our achievements rely heavily on the generous support of the College and the LMBCA. We'd especially like to thank Mark Wells for his work as the Domestic Bursar up to April this year, alongside the support of the Master, the new Domestic Bursar, and the LMBCA Committee. Next year the Women's side captaincy will be passed on to Laura Ferrier, our current Lower Boats' Captain. Laura has done an exceptional job organising the Novice crews in Michaelmas and coaching W3 throughout the year. I have no doubt she will do a fantastic job.

Viva Laeta 🏴

Freya Casson, Captain



Warm-up for Lent Bumps

CREWS FOR 2017/18

Lent Women's First VIII+

Coach: Lance Badman,
 Karen Wiemer
 Jamie Bailey (cox)
 Skye Fletcher (str.)
 Freya Casson (7, capt.)
 Mieke Slim (6)
 Emma Pruin (5)
 Anna Odorici (4)
 Emma Li (3)
 Dorina Pokai (2)
 Elizabeth Galloway (B)



Snow during the Lent Bumps

Lent Women's Fourth VIII+

Coach: Cameron Wallis
 Amara Mulliner (cox)
 Eszter Bencsik (str.)
 Julia Goddard (7)
 Elizabeth Bearblock (6)
 Helen Brady (5)
 Noelle Woolery (4)
 Blanca Planells (3)
 Lucy Chinnery (2)
 Maja Lezo MacFarlane (B)

Lent Women's Second VIII+

Coach: Silvia Breu
 Gemma Cairns-Smith (cox)
 Rachel Green (str.)
 Camille Knight (7)
 Clara van Uffelen (6)*
 Ane Espeseth (5)
 Charlotte Eves (4)
 Sophie Michalski (3)
 Emily Beevers (2)
 Rachael Speed (B)
 *Crew Captain

Lent Women's Third VIII+

Coach: Laura Ferrier
 Nick Tekkis (cox)
 Sarah Wooding (str.)
 Julia Michalska (7)
 Katy Wilson (6)
 Natalie Harris (5)
 Hannah Lawson (4)
 Lucy Chojecki (3)
 Elle Wilkinson (2)
 Suraya Yusuf (B)

Mays Women's First VIII+

Coach: Karen Wiemer,
Lance Badman, Silvia Breu
Jamie Bailey (cox)
Freya Casson (str., cpt.)
Elizabeth Galloway (7)
Dorina Pokai (6)
Emma Li (5)
Clara van Uffelen (4)
Ane Espeseth (3)
Emma Pruin (2)
Sophie Michalski (B)

Mays Women's Second VIII+

Coach: Silvia Breu, Lance
Badman
Elizabeth Gaberdiel (cox)
Rachel Green (str.)*
Camille Knight (7)
Sarah Wooding (6)
Rachael Speed (5)
Julia Goddard (4)
Laura Ferrier (3)
Emily Beevers (2)
Elle Wilkinson (B)
*Crew Captain

Mays Women's Third VIII+

Coach: Laura Ferrier
Nick Tekkis (cox)
Lucy Chinnery (str.)
Suraya Yusuf (7)
Maja Lezo (6)
Noelle Woolery (5)
Blanca Planells (4)
Eszter Bencsik (3)
Elizabeth Bearblock (2)
Helen Brady (B)

LOWER BOATS***First Novice Women's VIII+***

Coach: Cameron Wallis,
Laura Ferrier, Anna Odorici
Gemma Cairns-Smith (cox)
Rachel Green (str.)
Rachel Speed (7)
Ane Espeseth (6)
Sophie Michalski (5)
Katy Wilson (4)
Maja Lezo (3)
Sarah Wooding (2)
Julia Michalska (B)

Second Novice Women's VIII+

Coach: Emily Kilner,
Natalie Harris
Nick Tekkis (cox)
Kelly Minot Rafey (str.)
Hannah Lawson (7)
Lucy Chinnery (6)
Maria Tang (5)
Katrin Fischer (4)
Elizabeth Bearblock (3)
Suraya Yusuf (2)
Eszter Bencsik (B)

Third Novice Women's VIII+

Coach: Emily Beevers,
Camille Knight
Chloe Luo (cox)
Charlotte Rispoli (str.)
Elle Wilkinson (7)
Dara Winters (6)
Maddie Paige (5)
Lucy Chojecki (4)
Christina Okafor/
Clemence Huckel (3)
Blanca Planells Merchan (2)
Noelle Woolery (B)

COMMITTEE

Honorary Secretary: Hatem Sadik

Women's Captain: Freya Casson

Men's Captain: Robert Blyth

Women's Vice Captain: Dorina Pokai

Men's Vice Captain: Alex Aits

Chief Cox: Jamie Bailey and Sophie Compton

Women's Lower Boats Captains: Anna Odorici and Laura Ferrier

Men's Lower Boats Captain: Alex Aits

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Reflection in Fred Hoyle's telescope in the Old Library

DONORS

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A DECADE OF DIALS

As the College Telethon turns ten, former Head of Annual Giving Will Evans and student caller Ben Shing (2016) reflect on the history, development and impact of this vital fundraising initiative.



The 2014 Telethon team

For many, 29 August 2017 passed by unremarkably. Vineyard owners in Switzerland, I'm reliably informed by Wikipedia, celebrated Swiss Winegrowers Day, and scurvy sufferers in the United States may well have rejoiced at the arrival of National Lemon Juice Day. Here at St John's,

however, that day marked something else entirely: the tenth anniversary of the College Telethon. Though I admit this probably wasn't an occasion highlighted in the diaries of many, it nonetheless represented an important milestone in the history of philanthropy at St John's.

Over the last decade the Telethon has gone from strength to strength, evolving from a novel and mildly controversial addition to the College calendar (telephone fundraising only really caught on in Cambridge in the late noughties) to an irreplaceable source of support for our students. It started life as a way of raising awareness of, and money for, the St John's College Campaign – the first major and multi-purpose fundraising drive undertaken by St John's. It succeeded admirably, with the collective generosity of 1560 Johnians providing almost £1 million to bolster the endowment prior to the College's quinqucentenary in 2011.

More recently, the Telethon has become synonymous with the College's Annual Fund. Over the last four years a total of forty-seven projects, each costing at between £1,000 and £25,000, have been made possible through this auspicious pairing, enhancing almost every area of College life. Funds raised each September are set aside until the start of the following academic year, when College members are encouraged to submit proposals for initiatives they feel will improve St John's academically, culturally or socially. Successful applications are granted funding in the spring of the following year, having been reviewed by the President, Senior Bursar and Development Director, and approved by the College Council.

All this nitty gritty may seem surplus to requirement, but serves to highlight the immediate and empowering effect that the

generosity of alumni has at St John's. Money raised during the Telethon is utilised within a matter of months and, through the Annual Fund, gives those who know the College best a way of effecting hugely positive change. The catalogue of projects that have been brought to life is too long to cite here, but you can find details of a handful in the box-out accompanying this article.



Hugo Macklin during the 2013 Telethon

Alongside the financial benefits to St John's are the remarkable relationships formed through the Telethon. Our team of student callers, many of whom are recipients of bursaries or scholarships themselves, gain a huge amount from the advice and life experience of their predecessors, and unlikely friendships are formed. I remember vividly an hours-long conversation between a PhD candidate and a gentleman who had also studied Engineering at St John's. They got on famously, despite never having met in person, and I believe they still keep in touch to this day.



Esme Nicholson during the 2011 Telethon

This, really, is the beauty of the Telethon. It brings together Johnnians of all vintages and from every corner of the world, united with a single purpose and with at least one very significant factor in common: St John's. We are immensely grateful to all who have taken part over the last ten years, whether by making a donation or by simply taking the time to speak to one of our callers.

These passionate and hardworking individuals are among the finest ambassadors St John's has to offer, and few more so than Ben Shing, a final-year HSPS student who, on the following pages, recounts his time on the front line of the 2017 Telethon team. 🍷

Will Evans

Will left St John's this summer to pursue further studies. Amy Reeve, the new Head of Annual Giving, has just finished managing the College's eleventh Telethon.

A CALLER'S PERSPECTIVE

When I first applied to university I had no idea how to go about it. Having grown up in a town west of Paris and attended the international school there, I had no clue how to complete a UCAS application properly, let alone ace an Oxbridge interview. Despite this, I managed to get myself invited to Corpus Christi, Oxford, in December 2015 to attend an interview to study History. After a pitiful performance, following questions about how a budding historian would approach the study of the 'Lower Paleolithic,' I was not invited to become a 'Corpuscle.' Suffice to say that this turned out for the best, however, as after a year abroad teaching English I applied to Cambridge, became a proud Johnian, and haven't looked back since.

Aside from the fact that I have loved every minute of my time at St John's, part of the reason I decided to apply for the Telethon was that I wanted in a small way to help future students who might apply to the College. The previous year's team had raised money for the *Free Thinking* campaign, enabling St John's to offer studentships and summer bursaries to students from lower-income households. I also knew that donations to the College's Annual Fund had made possible an access tour to North West England, where College members visited schools to provide guidance to potential applicants and to dispel some of the myths that make top students think twice about applying to Cambridge.

I was eager to hear what alumni had made of their time at St John's, and to ask them what career path they had chosen; aside from an uncertain conviction that I would like to do something 'political,' I still have no idea what I will do after university!



Ben Shing

I confess that on the first day of the Telethon I was nervous. Although I love speaking to people, the prospect of asking someone I did not know for money, no matter how worthy the cause, made the English part of me feel profoundly uncomfortable. My only reference points for this sort of telephone-based work were the films *Glengarry Glen Ross* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*, both of which I had re-watched over the holidays in preparation for my new role, and neither of which offered

me any comfort. The night before we were due to start training, I could not dispel the image of a member of the Development Office unleashing an *Alec Baldwin-style* tirade on the importance of ‘closing a deal’ from my mind. However, the initial atmosphere, which had been somewhat hesitant and uncomfortable, soon became something I had not expected: fun.

The team became remarkably close-knit in the two weeks that followed, despite – or perhaps because of – its incredible diversity. Among us were students from all corners of the globe – from as far afield as Australia and Canada to as close by as France, Hungary and Switzerland. Rowers and fencers, undergrads

and PhD candidates, young and old(er), but all of us Johnnians, united by the one noble objective of wanting to improve our College for future students (as well as the enticing offer of free meals at the Buttery). The fact that last year’s Telethon was the most successful to date, raising over £320,000, is a testament to the solidarity and cohesion of the group – developed during gruelling late-night calling sessions and slightly less gruelling trips to the College Bar and Buttery – and to the kindness and generosity of the alumni of St John’s, without whom the College would not be the incredible institution it is today. 🍷

Ben Shing (2016)

TELETHON STATS FROM 2008 – 2017

- Total raised in cash and pledges = £2,681,770
- Number of conversations shared = 6976
- Number of donations received = 4327
- The average value of each donation received = £5 – 10 per month

NOTABLE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL FUND

- The North West Access Tour, which saw Fellows, students and members of the Admissions Office give outreach talks to more than 1200 pupils in Bolton, Rochdale and Blackburn.
- The St John's College Reading Group on Health Inequalities, which was established to study the underlying causes of geographic and sociodemographic disparities in human health.
- Pre-Admission Prizes to encourage talented students from less well-off backgrounds to apply to St John's, and to support them through their studies.
- The SBR Research Symposium, which created a platform for postgraduate students to present their research and exchange concepts with their peers.
- The St John's College Music and Poetry Festivals, to showcase the talents of current students, staff and Fellows to members of the University and the public.
- The purchase of oars and boats for the LMBC, to ensure that the College remains competitive on the river.

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St John's College is grateful to the following donors for their support between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. We would also like to thank the ninety-six donors not listed below who wish to remain anonymous.

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The Development Office has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of this list (as of 1 July 2018). If you discover an error, please contact us at development@joh.cam.ac.uk. Please accept our sincerest apologies for any inaccuracies or omissions.

1929

The late Dr Norman Heatley

1937

The late Mr Geoffrey Stanley

1938

The late Mr Hartley Withers

1939

Professor Richard Goody

The late Dr Patrick Willmore

1940

Mr George Connelly

Mr Tony Orchard

1941

The late Mr Alan Brierley

The late Professor Toby Milsom

Professor Peter Sturrock

1942

The late Mr Reg Farrar

The late Mr David Scott

1943

Mr Len Ogden

1944

Dr Leonard Barrett

Mr Ian Mackintosh

1945

The Revd Martin Boyns

The Revd Peter Cobb

Dr Geoffrey Tyler

1947

Mr John Burns

Mr Patrick Field

Dr Peter Hacking

The late Mr Hugh Stewart

Mr Robert Watts

1948

Mr Hugh Barnes-Yallowley

Dr Gerard Berry

Mr George Butcher

Mr Pat Davies

The late Dr Edward James

Mr Bill Rodger

1949

Mr Alan Baird
 Mr Nick Clack
 The late Mr John D'Arcy

1950

Mr Alan Baird
 Mr Malcolm Darling
 Dr Tony Hosking
 Mr Alan Mould
 Dr John Shaw

1951

Mr John Bush
 Sir Bryan Cartledge
 Mr Chris Lean
 Mr Geoffrey Morris
 Dr Robert Nesbet
 The Revd Geoffrey Scott
 Professor Richard Tomlinson
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1952

Mr Martin Axford
 Mr Malcolm Cross
 Mr Roy Dailey
 Dr Michael Haslam
 Mr James Miller
 Mr John Morris
 Dr Ludwig Piening
 Mr Ron Steele
 The late Mr John Wynford Evans

1953

Professor George Blackburn
 The late Mr Walter Bromley
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Dr Jack Gunson
 Professor Gerald McGrath
 Dr Derek Stables
 Mr David Sutcliffe
 Dr Howard Wintle
 Mr David Wright

1954

Dr Kenneth Blyth
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 Mr Arthur Tait
 The Revd Robert Varley
 Mr Patrick Vincent

1955

Mr Donald Brierley
 Mr John Cockcroft
 The Revd John Hodgson
 Ambassador Andrew Jacovides
 Mr Donald Jones
 Dr William Norman
 Professor Ian Phillips
 Major Colin Robins
 Mr John Sales
 Mr Barry Sealey
 Dr William Shand
 Mr John Spencer
 Mr Eric Willcocks

1956

Mr Michael Bright
 Professor Hugh Brogan
 Mr Graham Brown
 Mr Trevor Davies
 Dr Robin Eaglen
 Mr Hugh Edwards
 Dr David Fagan
 Professor John Faulkner
 Mr Brian Fenwick-Smith
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 Mr Roy Swift
 Dr Brian Tong
 Mr Michael Trotter
 Mr John Vincent
 The late Dr Anthony Waring
 Mr Brian Webber
 Dr Anthony Weston
 Mr Nicholas Wood

1957

Mr Mike Andrews
 Mr David Barnard
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The late Mr David Brewster
 Mr Donald Cave
 Mr Roger Chetwode Clarke
 Mr Patrick Constantinides
 Mr Donald Crump
 Dr John Dickinson
 Professor David Evans
 Mr Guy Jillings
 Mr Richard Jones
 Mr James Leahy
 Dr Geoffrey Lewis
 Mr Brian Lloyd
 Mr Michael Lumley
 Mr Inder Mirchandani
 Dr Robert North
 Mr Michael Pemberton
 Mr Brian Richards
 Mr Bryan Sheppard
 Mr David Skey
 Mr Tony Stalbow
 Mr Brian Taylor
 Mr John Trubshaw
 Mr Bill Waghorn

1958

Mr Edwin Barritt
 Professor Ian Bent
 The late Mr Peter Britton
 Mr Archie Burdon-Cooper
 Dr John Buttrey
 Mr Derek Councell
 Mr Robert Dick
 Mr David Farris
 Mr John Garner
 Mr David Gelder
 Dr Tom Harris
 Mr Christopher Joseph
 Mr John Kilgour
 Dr John Leake

Professor Alan Maley
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 Mr Michael O'Hara
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 Mr John Rawling
 Mr John Rounce
 Mr Michael Rowse
 Mr Bill Stallard
 Mr Robin Symonds
 Dr Bob Tan
 Mr Tony Thorncroft
 Mr Brian Webster
 Professor Fred Williams
 Dr Philip Wraight

1959

The late Mr Inniss Allen
 Mr David Beare
 Dr Dick Bramley
 Mr David Brown
 Mr Philip Cheetham
 Mr Andrew Collier
 Professor Chris Cook
 Mr John Coombs
 Mr Richard Crack
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 Mr David Saltmarsh
 Mr Peter Sanders-Rose
 The Revd Peter Snow
 Brigadier Mike Stephens
 Mr James Taylor
 Dr Humphrey Tonkin
 Professor Frederick Vine
 Dr Stephen Waters
 Mr Alan White

1960

Professor Jim Barber
 The Revd Dr Victor Barley
 The late Dr Jim Charles
 Mr David Ellis
 Mr Bob Foottit
 Mr Martin Hardy
 Mr Richard Hermon-Taylor
 Professor Edmund King
 Dr Nick McAdoe
 Sir Mark Moody-Stuart
 Mr Philip Paxman
 Mr Ian Ray
 Mr Roger Reissner
 Sir Michael Scholar
 Mr Nick Timmins
 Mr Peter Woodsford

1961

Mr Richard Baglin
 Mr John Barber
 Dr John Bell
 Mr Mark Bertram
 Mr David Botting
 Dr Tim Chilcott
 Mr Christopher Cockcroft
 Mr Hugh Corner
 Mr Robert Courtier

Dr Rob Crow
 Mr Colin Davis
 Dr Christopher Hammond
 Mr Leonard Harris
 Professor Brian Harrison
 The Revd Tony Jarvis
 Mr Roger Lambert
 Mr Huw Lewis
 Mr Christopher Mack
 Mr Alan Miller
 Mr Peter Milton
 Sir Robert Nelson
 Mr Godfrey Salmon
 Professor Kevin Tierney
 Mr Richard Ward
 Professor John Wyke
 Professor John Wyn Owen

1962

Mr Peter Baird
 Mr William Barnard
 Mr Jonathan Beels
 Mr Patrick Browning
 Dr Colin Butler
 Professor James Cargile
 Mr Christopher Carnaghan
 Professor Roger Cashmore
 Mr John Chapman-Andrews
 Dr Michael Clark
 Mr Laurence Cockcroft
 Mr Peter Collins
 Mr Jefferey Cox
 Dr Ian Crawl
 Dr Jim Cutts
 Dr Wayne Davies
 Dr Peter Davis
 Mr Leo Doyle
 Mr Paul Evans
 Mr Rupert Forbes

Mr Peter Gosling
 Professor John Horton
 Mr Procter Hutchinson
 Mr Gareth Keene
 Dr John Kilmartin
 Mr Stephen Landon
 Mr John Loney
 Dr Neil Macfadyen
 Professor Alan Maryon-Davis
 Mr Peter Moody
 Mr Malcolm Moss
 Mr Martin Roberts
 Mr Trevor Roberts
 Mr Tony Seward
 Mr Giles Thorman
 Mr Peter Unwin
 Dr Graham Winbow

1963

Dr Alan Afif
 Mr Bill Ball
 Dr David Bowen
 Mr John Broadbent
 Mr Peter Brown
 Dr Timothy Bushell
 Mr Michael Carter
 Dr Dermot Chamberlain
 Mr Alan Daniels
 Mr Tim Davies
 Professor Garth Foster
 Mr James Haslam-Jones
 Mr Oliver Hawkins
 Mr Chris Ingham
 Mr Edwin Kemp
 Mr Mike Millward
 Dr David Mitchell
 Mr Samuel Mossop
 Mr Murray Park
 Professor John Price

Mr Mark Rowntree
 Mr David Roy
 Professor Michael Russell
 Dr David Shepherd
 Mr Rodney Smith
 Dr Ewart Thomas
 Mr Tony Whittaker
 Mr Robin Williams
 Dr Timothy Williams

1964

Mr Francis Baron
 Dr Jim Bayliss Smith
 His Honour Peter Birts
 Mr Stephen Boys Smith
 Professor Simon Bridge
 Mr Clive Burns
 Mr Clive Chivers
 The Revd David Coulton
 Dr David Curnock
 Mr Arnold Fairless
 Mr John Forsyth
 Mr Richard Gaines
 Mr Anthony Gould
 Mr Keith Gowing
 Mr Mike Graham
 Mr Rob Heap
 Dr Gareth Jones
 Dr Diamond Kassum
 Mr Richard Kennett
 Dr David Lawrence
 Professor David Lowe
 Mr Ian Marvin
 Mr John Murphy
 Mr John Newman
 Mr Robert Park
 Mr Christopher Roose
 Mr Paul Simpson
 Mr John Titford

Mr Bob Waterton

1965

Mr John Apsey
 Mr Bill Blyth
 Professor Robin Carrell
 Dr George Clark
 Dr Anthony Cowen
 Mr George Darwall
 Mr Peter Davies
 Mr Paul Droar
 Dr David Earl
 Mr Gerald Gardiner
 Mr John Hakes
 Mr David Hart
 Mr Angus Hislop
 The late Dr Guy Houghton
 Dr Edward Hulme
 Mr John Johnston
 Mr Graham Kay
 Mr Mike Leach
 Mr Neil Lerner
 Professor Gordon Mackerron
 Mr Bruce Mathers
 Mr David Moss
 Mr Adrian Parker
 Dr Geoff Roberts
 Mr Mike Samuel
 Professor Harold Tarrant
 Mr Peter Taylor
 Mr Roger Terry
 Dr Steve Warrington
 Dr Tony White

1966

Mr David Auger
 The Lord Browne of Madingley
 Mr Roger Cave
 Mr Brian Cooper

Sir Nick Forwood
 Mr Peter Gray
 Mr Richard Griffith
 Dr Allen Hancock
 Dr Philip Hazel
 The Revd Godfrey Holdstock
 Mr Peter Hughes
 Mr Peter Johnstone
 Mr John Lackington
 Bishop Peter Lee
 Dr David Mason
 Dr Philip Mayne
 Mr Robert Michael
 Mr John Naylor
 Dr Clive Phillips
 Mr John Rahtz
 Mr Clive Sanders
 Mr Richard Siddall
 Dr David Sturge
 Mr Peter van Went
 Dr Christopher Ward
 Dr David Webb

1967

Mr Aubrey Adams
 Dr Martyn Agass
 The Rt Hon Sir Richard Aikens
 Mr Bill Boyes
 Dr Chris Bradfield
 Mr Andrew Burridge
 Dr Stephen Desborough
 Dr John Doviak
 His Honour Judge Mark Furness
 Mr Ian Galbraith
 Mr Robert Hirst
 Mr Geoffrey Howe
 Professor John Irven
 Dr Andrew Johnson
 Mr Brian Lerner

Mr Andrew Lewis
 Mr David Lindars
 Mr Desmond McCann
 Mr Tim Millward
 Mr Roger Morgan
 Mr Andrew Mummery
 Mr Michael Neff
 Mr Raymond Neinstein
 Mr Steve Ollerearnshaw
 The Revd Canon Douglas Peterson
 Professor Jon Rhodes
 Dr John Short
 Mr Nigel Smith
 Dr Peter Stacey
 Mr Chris Stokes
 Dr David Thackray
 Mr Dave Thomas
 Dr Ronald Webbink
 Dr Simon Wilkinson
 Dr Peredur Williams

1968

Dr Ray Armstrong
 Professor Alan Aylward
 Mr Michael Bacon
 Mr Keith Barron
 Mr Tony Bramley
 Mr David Browne
 Mr Tom Burnham
 Dr Robert Dingwall
 Mr Mervyn Dobson
 Mr Robert Gray
 Professor Steve Gull
 Mr John Halliday
 Mr Graham Harding
 Dr Milan Hauner
 The Revd Canon Peter Jones
 Mr Cedric Kennedy
 Mr John Knee

Mr John Lees
 Dr Moojan Momen
 Mr Richard Morgan
 Dr Geoff Morrison
 Mr Frank Neale
 Dr Michael Neiditch
 Mr Raymond Newman
 Mr Tony Nickson
 Dr Nick Odom
 Mr Adrian Palmer
 Mr Robert Palmstrøm
 Mr Stephen Pickford
 Mr John Robinson
 Professor Steve Royle
 Mr Michael Shaw
 Mr George Sim
 Mr David Small
 Dr David Smith
 Mr Joe Taylor
 Professor Robert Tombs
 Dr John Willcox

1969

Mr Julian Burgess
 Mr Philippe Carden
 Dr Martin Carter
 Mr Andrew Duff
 Mr Chris Harding-Edgar
 Dr Brian Jacobs
 Mr Trevor Jones
 Mr Gareth Kelly
 Mr Michael Lawton
 Dr Graham Lovegrove
 The Hon. Lloyd Macdonald
 Mr Sean Magee
 Mr David Murphy
 The Hon. Sir Alastair Norris
 Professor Peter Parham
 Mr Hugh Parker

Dr Andrew Petrie
 Mr Duncan Smith
 Dr Alasdair Steven
 Mr John Tudhope
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 Dr Ian Veltman
 Professor Rory Walsh
 The Revd Nigel Warner
 Mr Les Wilkinson

1970

Professor Bill Alford
 Mr Vivian Bazalgette
 Sir David Beamish
 Dr Richard Clifton-Hadley
 Professor Jeremy Cooper
 Mr Mike Davis
 Mr Derek Drummie
 Professor David Ford
 Mr Keith Galbraith
 Mr John Gilbert
 Mr David Gray
 Mr Jonathan Hellyer Jones
 Dr Alan Jones
 Mr Ken Jones
 Mr Christopher Judson
 Dr Roderick Lumsden
 Dr Edward Metcalfe
 Mr Colin Percy
 Mr Vaughan Pomeroy
 Dr Dean Pope
 Mr Paul Redhead
 Mr Stephen Smith
 Mr Paul Smyth
 Mr Dodge Thompson
 Mr Edmund Waterhouse
 Dr John Wilson

1971

Mr Andrew Argyle
 Mr Stuart Bell
 Mr Ian Boulton
 Mr Edward Davis
 Mr Anthony Dawson
 Mr Stefan Filipkiewicz
 Mr Graham Fletcher
 Mr Alan Lodwick
 Dr Joe McDermott
 Mr Andy Moore
 Sir Peter Robinson
 Mr Richard Stuart
 Dr David Tanton
 Mr Andy Taylor
 Professor John Waterton

1972

Mr Martin Bailes
 Dr John Barter
 Dr David Bowers
 Mr Richard Constant
 Dr Tim Cox
 Mr Ruurd de Fluiter
 Mr Lewis Duke
 Mr John Gillbe
 Mr Peter Hartnell
 Mr Tim Lewis
 The late Mr John Mears III
 Dr Michael Napier
 Mr Benjamin Odom
 Mr Robert Parkes
 Mr Malcolm Parr
 Mr Stuart Pomeroy
 Mr Jeremy Snewin
 Mr Michael Turner
 Professor Peter Webb
 Mr Richard White
 Mr Bruce Wilson

1973

Professor Richard Ball
 Dr Alan Begg
 Professor Jeff Bernhard
 Mr Robin Bloomfield
 The Revd Simon Boxall
 Mr Christopher Brain
 Mr Anthony Broomhead
 Dr David Coppel
 Mr Edward Coulson
 Dr Dylan Davies
 Mr Julian Davies
 Mr Andrew Elliott
 Mr Andrew Grenville
 Mr John Grint
 Mr Peter Hardyman
 Mr Martin Hayton
 Dr Tim Hunt
 Mr Timothy Jacobsen
 Mr Peter Le Voir
 The late Dr Michael McCall
 Dr Paul Manning
 Dr Steve Martin
 Professor Andrew Masters
 Mr Nicholas Morton
 Mr Eric Parker
 Mr Richard Roeder
 Mr Geoffrey Simmonds
 Mr Louis Singer
 Dr Kim Siew Tan
 Mr Stephen Thomas
 Mr Geoff Tierney
 Mr Keith Tilson
 The Revd Dr Malcolm Torry
 Mr Graham Urquhart
 Mr Colin West
 Mr Mike Williamson

1974

Mr Siddharth Amin
 The Hon. Sir Jonathan Baker
 Mr Robert Billing
 Mr Anthony Blaiklock
 Mr Peter Burrows
 Dr Peter Caddy
 Dr Andy Cairns
 Mr Paul Cobb
 Mr Ian Cooper
 Mr Ken Cornfield
 Mr Chris Dale
 Mr Roger Dix
 Dr John Fells
 Mr Mike Gibson
 Mr Mark Jerrum
 Mr Tim Jones
 Mr David King
 Dr John Le Geyt
 Mr David Littlewood
 His Honour Judge Michael Longman
 Mr John McCollin
 Dr Angus McIntosh
 Mr Peter Matthews
 Mr David Pollard
 Mr Jeremy Sargent
 Mr William Schenck
 Mr Tony Shiret
 Mr Nick Slocombe
 Dr Nick Starling
 Professor David Stocker
 Mr Stephen Wickham
 Mr Christian Wignall
 Dr Peter Wilding
 Dr Owen Williams
 Dr Clarke Wilson

1975

Mr Rod Anderson

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 Mr Andrew Barker
 Mr Nigel Bates
 Dr Mark Charter
 Mr Martin Dickins
 Mr David Dixon
 Dr Mark Evans
 His Honour Judge Jonathan Furness
 Mr David Gorsuch
 Mr Peter Hockless
 The Revd Mark Jones
 Mr David Lewis
 Mr Donald Mark
 Professor Michael Moriarty
 Mr Charles Naylor
 Mr Anthony Nixon
 Dr David Parker
 Mr William Peters
 Mr David Shilston
 Dr Christopher Smith
 The late Mr Gerry Spring
 Dr David Wilkinson

1976

Mr Stephen Anderson
 Mr Nick Bashall
 Mr Anthony Butler
 Dr Paul Cockerham
 Dr Andrew Cole
 Mr John de Boer
 Mr Jim Dewes
 Mr Mark Emerson
 Mr Huw Evans
 Mr James Green
 Lieutenant General Sir Andrew Gregory
 Dr Andrew Hamilton
 Mr Mike Hardyman
 Professor Trevor Harley
 Dr David Hill

Mr Simon Holmes
 The Revd Michael Horton
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 Mr Tim McCarthy
 Mr Colin McKay
 Mr Andrew McNulty
 Mr Adrian Morgan
 Professor John Murphy
 Mr Kieran Murphy
 Mr Malcolm Noble
 Mr Simon Palmer
 Professor John Plane
 The Revd Ian Rawley
 Professor Stefan Reif
 Dr Michael Robson
 Mr Alan Simpson
 Mr Peter Smith
 Mr Richard Stradling
 Professor Chris Summerton
 Mr Michael Tosdevin
 Mr Mark Tucker
 Mr Martin Turner
 Mr Nigel Turner

1977

Dr Kamal Ahuja
 Dr Nigel Bew
 Mr Nick Brown
 Mr Stephen Buck
 Professor Gilbert Cockton
 Mr Quentin Compton-Bishop
 Mr Andrew Crossley
 Mr Andrew Fogg
 Mr Tim Foster
 Mr Martin Gilmore
 Dr Adrian Hearle
 Mr Adam Jollans
 Dr Roger Jones

Mr Garth Lindrup
 Dr Chilin Prakash
 Mr Stuart Southall
 Dr Robert Stroud
 Mr Andrew Tomlinson
 Mr Derek Wilson

1978

Dr Julian Allen
 Mr Tim Arnold
 Mr Bernard Bell
 Dr Andrew Cameron
 Mr Nick Corfield
 Mr John Cruickshank
 Dr John Dear
 Mr David Edney
 Mr Mark Harris
 Mr Richard Jordan
 Mr Warren McDavid
 Mr Stephen MacDonald
 Mr Colin Massey
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 Mr Richard Pierce-Saunderson
 Mr Steve Rozario
 Mr Chris Saul
 Mr Paul Torrington
 Professor Richard Verrall
 Mr Aidan Whitfield

1979

Mr Ben Andradi
 Mr Wilfried Becker
 Mr Tony Bridgewater
 Mr Phil Brown
 Mr Trevor Burton
 Mr Nicholas Busvine
 Mr Kevin Curtis
 Mr Gilbert Dunlop
 Mr John Fishwick

Mr Devon Flynn
 Mr Anthony Hui
 Mr Andrew Lamb
 Mr Andrew Lawson
 Dr Hin Low
 Mr Jeremy Macklin
 Mr Tony Moran
 Mr Steven Smith
 Dr Paul Wright

1980

Mr Tanveer Bhatti
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 Mr David Budenberg
 Dr Steven Bunkhall
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 Mr Andrew Carrier
 Dr Joddy Chapman
 Mr David Croft
 Mr Geoffrey Davis
 Mr Hugh Dunlop
 Mr Stuart Fowler
 Mr Mark Halliwell
 Mr Jeremy Hunns
 Dr Neil Jenkins
 Mr Ed Matthews
 Mr Jeremy Mercer
 Mr Julian Molyneux
 Mr Paul Nicholas
 Mr Charles Pott
 Mr Justin Ripman
 Dr Derek Roberts
 Mr Richard Sealy
 Mr John Smith
 Mr Colin Stone
 Mr Richard Watson
 Mr Geoffrey Zelin

1981

Mr David Aprahamian Liddle
 Mr Alan Baldwin
 Mr Martin Bedford
 Mr Adrian Brown
 Mr Tom Butler
 Mr Paul Campion
 Dr Tami Davis Biddle
 Dr Austin Forey
 Mr James Fox
 Mr Ashley Fulton
 Mr Kevin Gardiner
 Mr Tom Hawkins
 Mr Charles Heard
 Professor Graham Hillier
 Mr David Hughes
 Mr Jonathan Lancashire
 Mr Richard Lewis
 Mr Paul Lindon
 Dr Marc Lipman
 Dr Peter Mitchell
 Mr Rory O'Brien
 Dr Robert Ritchie
 Dr Nick Robinson
 Mr David Rogerson
 Mr Rupert Ross-Macdonald
 Mr Mark Rothera
 Mr Keith Scott
 Dr Fred Stoddard
 Dr Will Watkins
 Mr John Zealley

1982

Mrs Rachel Baldwin (née Tregear)
 Mr Sandy Black
 Mrs Henrietta Butler (née Shaw)
 Ms Sharon Chen
 Dr Paul Digard
 Dr Laurence Drake

Mr Dennis Forbes
 Dr Emad George
 Dr David Greaves
 Dr Greer Haskell
 Mr Roger Hill
 Mrs Dalla Jenney (née Cox)
 Mr Oliver Jory
 Professor John Kerrigan
 Mrs Gabrielle Knights (née Hodgetts)
 Mr Patrick Lane
 Mr Patrick Litton
 Mr Clive Moody
 Mr Peter Moore
 Mr Ed Naylor
 Mr Robert Samuelson
 Mr Murray Scott
 Mr David Seers
 Mr Mark Sarguy
 Mr Edward Timmins
 Mr Peter Udale
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 Mr Paul Williamson
 Mr Robin Wilson

1983

The Revd Vicky Barrett
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 Mr Stephen Boxer
 Mrs Tanya Castell (née Wade)
 Dr Heidi Doughty
 Mr Marc Feigen
 Mr Steven Fobel
 Mr Guy Freeman
 Ms Alex Gethin
 Mr Martin Greenslade
 Dr Dimitrios Hatzis
 Mr Duncan Jubb
 Mr John Krumins

Dr Ruth Le Sueur
 Mr Paul Lindsell
 Mr Anthony May
 Mr Stephen Munday
 Dr Chris Perks
 Mr Jeremy Podger
 Ms Bríd Rodgers
 Dr Richard Steeves
 Mr Mark Thomas
 Mr Martin Tod
 Mr Peter Wilms van Kersbergen

1984

Dr Tim Allison
 Mr Nicholas Antoniou
 Dr A. H. Awang Mois
 Mr Tom Backhouse
 Mr Paul Baker
 Dr Catherine Bryant
 Mr Ian Cumming
 Mrs Emma Davies (née McLaren)
 Mr Christopher Dawe
 Dr Helen Duncan (née Wood)
 Mr Iain Gibson
 Mr David Gould
 Mr Nick Gregory
 Mrs Emma Hooper (née Howard)
 Mr Nigel Jones
 Mrs Penny King (née Rimmer)
 Mrs Tessa Leuchars (née Graham)
 Mr Alan Marsh
 Dr Andrew Mayhook
 Professor Pete Nienow
 Mrs Susan Palmer (née King)
 Mrs Annamarie Phelps (née Stapleton)
 Mr Michael Schueppert
 Professor Thomas Smith
 Mr Stephen Spall
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Mr David Stoyle
 Dr Caroline Styles
 Mr Byron Thomas

1985

Dr Alison Ball
 Dr John Bradbury
 Ms Alexandra Citron
 Dr Julius Clayton
 Mr Jonathan Davies-Jones
 Mr Piers Dennison
 Mr David Eagles
 Mr Andrew Goodbody
 Ms Claire Griffiths
 Mr Andrew Ground
 Mr David Hale
 Mrs Christine Hanway (née Chang)
 Mr Bill Harcourt
 Dr Mark Hayter
 Mr Marc Hillard
 Mr Andrew Holt
 Mr David James
 Mr Neil Jefferies
 Dr Rebecca Kenneison
 Dr Kit Kilgour
 Ms Deborah Lynch
 Mr Iain McIntyre
 Mr Bill Mills
 Professor Martin Noble
 Dr Magnus Ryan
 Mr Akhil Shah
 Mr Ian Simm
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 Mr Peter White

1986

Colonel John Adams
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 Mr David Barr

Mr Richard Beales
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 Dr Tom Carrell
 Dr Andrew Gates
 Ms Joanna Grice
 Ms Jo-Ann Gumb
 Mr Neil Hampson
 Mr Andy Jones
 Mr Paul Kelly
 Dr Roger Macklin
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 Mr James Miller
 Mr Tim Morgan-Wynne
 Mr Denis Mustafa
 Mr Piers Pressdee
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 Ms Vanessa Richards
 Mr Jon Saltmarsh
 Mr Derek Shakespeare
 Mr Ross Sharpe
 Mr Nav Sheera
 Dr Jacqueline Smith
 Dr Wendy Sweetman (née Carter)
 Mr Justin Tivey
 Mrs Karena Vleck (née Ward)
 Mr Pete Webster

1987

Mr Neil Allen
 Dr Sumudu Atapattu (née Vithanage)
 Miss Lisa Burton
 Mr Robert Carey
 Mrs Katy Cherry (née Imlach)
 Ms Emma Dobson
 Dr Giampiero Esposito
 Mr Hilary Gee
 Mr Colm Gibson
 Mr Alistair Hancock
 Mr Steven Harrold

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 Mr John Louth
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 Mr Andrew Nethsingha
 Mr Alan Overd
 Dr Jo Prigmore
 Mr Donald Reid
 Dr Jonathan Seidel
 Mr Adam Stronach
 Mr David Thomson
 Mrs Hester Turton (née Froggatt)
 Ms Kathy Ward
 Mr Stephen Webb
 Mr David Wigglesworth
 Miss Kirsty Wilson
 Dr Michael Young

1988

Mr Andrew Brindle
 Mr Tim Chambers
 Mrs Theresa Collier (née Salter)
 Mr Khaled Dawas
 Mrs Sally Fisher (née Newton)
 Mr Fabio Galantini
 Mr Adrian Garnon
 Dr Fiona Kelly
 Mr Daniel Kershaw
 Ms Vera Lengsfeld (née Wollenberger)
 Mrs Patricia Peters (née Dunnett)
 Mr Jeffrey Roskell
 Ms Nicola Rushton
 Mr Jiten Samani
 Mr Duncan Sinclair
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1989

Miss Nazlee Ali
 Mr Mike Allan
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Dr Nikki Deards
 Mr Mark Farrar
 Professor Steve Finnigan
 Ms Sophie Green
 Dr Ralph Grobecker
 Mrs Tazim Hall (née Jaffer)
 Dr Karen Harman
 Mr Simon Lacey
 Ms Laurie Leigh
 Dr Emma Mawdsley
 Mr Simon Morris
 Dr Liam O Súilleabháin
 Mr Steve Senior
 Mr Christian Taylor
 Dr Neil Turner
 Mrs Alison Turner (née Sanderson)
 Ms Catherine Twilley
 Mr Paul Williamson
 Mrs Lindsey Wood (née Scutt)

1990

Dr Joss Adams
 Mr Hiro Aragaki
 Dr Rachel Budge (née Benamore)
 Mr William Clements
 Ms Jessica Corsi
 Mrs Lisa Davey (née Caulton)
 Mrs Johanna Donaldson (née Jones)
 Mr Owen Garrett
 Dr Edward James
 Mr Andy Jurgenson
 Mr Dominique Kini
 Mr John Leonard
 Mr Matthew Moss
 Mr Salim and Mrs Umeeda Nathoo
 Mr Gautham Radhakrishnan
 Dr Valtcho Valtchev
 Mr Charles Wilson

1991

Mr Ali Ali
 Mr Jon Bell
 Dr David Burns
 Mrs Anne Campbell (née Martin)
 Mr Declan Costello
 Mr Bruce Davis
 Mr Douglas Davis
 Dr Timothy Ebbels
 Mr Xabier Echevarria
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 Mr Graham Hart
 Mrs Claire Horwood (née Broadbent)
 Dr Stacey Lee (née Anderson)
 Dr Alistair Lumb
 Dr Karl Pichler
 Dr Hannah Quirk
 Professor Jonathon Read
 Miss Emma Sewell
 Mrs Catherine Shepherd (née Martin)
 Mr Jonathan Smith
 Miss Sarah Taylor
 Mr Stephen Tunnicliffe Wilson
 Dr Christopher Van Houten
 Mr Toby Watkin
 Mr Keith Webster
 Dr Ursula Weekes (née Mayr-Harting)
 Dr Sam Williams
 Mr Paul Wuensche

1992

Mr Aaron Armstrong
 Mr James Bowden
 Mr Jon Burgess
 Mr James Burton
 Mr Peter Clarke
 Mr Alasdair Kennedy
 Mrs Kate Kent (née Aubury)

Mr Adam Kilgour
 Mrs Harriet Lay (née Winkelman)
 Mr Rob Mann
 Mr Sameer Modha
 Professor Sanjay Reddy
 Mr Graham Robertson
 Mr Simon Robson Brown
 Mr Jim Standing
 Dr Graham Stewart
 Mr Tom Stokes
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 Dr Joan Tumblety
 Mr Vires Vireswer
 Mr Andrew White
 Mr Arthur White

1993

Mr Talib Ali
 Mrs Alison Baldock (née Hardie)
 Mr Daniel Bennett
 Mr Matt Bonetti
 Mr Thomas Cairns
 Mr Stefan Crampton
 Mr Jonathan Craven
 Mr Edward Cropley
 Mrs Gemma Harrison (née Watts)
 Dr Ursula Hurley
 Mr Jonathan Lloyd
 Mrs Rachel Lord (née Tipping)
 Ms Shiona MacPherson
 Mr Jon May
 Dr Paul Milligan
 Dr Rob Milner
 Dr Reza Motallebzadeh
 Dr Mark Muller
 Mr Jamie Ogilvy
 Mr Tosin Oguntayo
 Dr Marion Palmer
 Miss Karen Parkes

Mr Nick Pye
 Dr Ellen Rawlinson
 Dr Bernhard Sakmann
 Mr Jonty Shipley
 Mr Nicholas Studer
 Mr Gavin Taylor
 Dr Andrew Thompson
 Dr Sam Waddy
 Dr Roseanne Wilkinson

1994

Mr Phil Allison
 Mr Jeremy Bassinder
 Professor Steven Brenner
 Mrs Lucy Carver (née Milton)
 Mr Peter Davis
 Mr Methun De
 Mr Nigel Edwards
 Dr Thomas Hulme
 Mr Jeremy Ip
 Mr Peter Jones
 Mr Dan Jordan
 Mr Ian Kegel
 Mr Timothy Kendrick
 Mr Phil Makinson
 Ms Catherine Milward
 Mr Alex Moir
 Mrs Sarah Pye (née Power)
 Mr James Samworth
 Mr Brian Sivyour
 Miss Elizabeth Sywyj
 Ms Amelia Torode
 Dr John Winn

1995

Dr Sevag Arzoumanian
 Mr Robert Cadwallader
 Dr Graham Davies
 Dr Keith Davies

Mr Niklas Evans
 Mr Paul Foster
 Mr Malcolm Gates
 Mr Nick Geddes
 Mrs Nikki Geddes (née Brotton)
 Mr Ross Hutchison
 Mrs Rachel Ip
 Mr Alexander Massey
 Dr Paul Overton
 Mr Matthew Pettifer
 Dr Mark Radon
 Dr Ed Rowe
 Mr Tim Rule
 Mr Choon Sim
 Mr Martin Towns
 Professor Roddy Vann
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 Mrs Sarah Waring (née Boardman)
 Dr Vaughan Wittorff
 Mr Graham Wynes

1996

Mrs Elizabeth Babister (née Rosambeau)
 Dr Theresa Biberauer
 Miss Caroline Boddy
 Mr Mark Brand
 Dr Emma Brooker
 Mr Dan Carter
 Dr Oliver Choroba
 Mr Mike Daley
 Mr Christian Forsdyke
 Dr Amanda Fuller
 Mr Soujit Ghosh
 Mr Christopher Godfrey
 Dr Nadia Godin-Heymann (née Godin)
 Mr Mal Green
 Mr Timothy Hawkins
 Mr Andrew McDonald
 Dr Koye Odutola

Mr Christopher Perrell
 Dr Nagulan Saravanamuttu
 Mr Lee Saunders
 Dr Joanna Seddon (née Griffiths)
 Mr Graham Walker
 Mr Choon Wah Wong

1997

Mr Richard Avery
 Mr Andrew Bostock
 Mr Ben Corlett
 Dr Samantha De Silva
 Commander David Evans
 Mr Chris Gabbitas
 Miss Camille Gatin
 Miss Nabila Jiwaji
 Mr Matthew Jukes
 Mr Ronnie Khan
 Mr Simon Messman
 Mr Philip Moore
 Dr Thomas Nielsen
 Mr David Richards
 Mr Nimar Sehmi
 Dr Suchita Shah
 Mr Sunil Sharma
 Mr Andrew Veitch

1998

Mr Tom Blathwayt
 Dr Clare Bostock (née Palmer)
 Mr Sebastian Brenner
 Mrs Sophie Bryan (née Hill)
 Mr Will Critchlow
 Mrs Heather Critchlow (née Grieg-Smith)
 Mr Saurabh Dinakar
 Dr Richard George
 Mr Paul Gurnham
 Mr Simon Leslie
 Dr Tom Lumbers

Mr Christopher Nichols
 Dr Hannah Oram (née Fuller)
 Dr Tim Paulden
 Dr Joel Pitkin
 Mr Nicholas Ray
 Dr Timothy Rayner
 Dr Iain Southern

1999

Miss Lizzie Ball
 Mr Daniel Cooney
 Mrs Joanna Cooney (née Barnsley)
 Mr James Dee
 Mr Johan Duramy
 Mr Tom Edwards-Moss
 Mr Tim Foster
 Miss Emma Gargitter
 Ms Galen Goldsmith
 Dr Richard Gunton
 Ms Lindsay Hufton
 Ms Sarah Langslow
 Mr David Martin
 Mr Tom Meyer-Mallorie
 Mr Stuart Nuttall
 Mr Christopher Rice
 Dr Benedict Russell
 Mr David Singleton
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 Mr Tristian Smith
 Mrs Katie Smith (née Lydon)
 Dr Kathryn Spencer (née Digger)
 Mr Michael Strother
 Mrs Catherine Vallejo Veiga (née Jones)
 Mr Gregory Willis

2000

Mr Rehaan Anjum
 Mr King Bhattacharyya
 Mr Thomas Chacko

Mr Michael Dudley
 Dr Barry Fine
 Mr David Harding
 Dr John Hilber
 Mrs Francesca Lane (née Frame)
 Ms Lorraine Lee-Hirano (née Lee)
 Mr Rajeev Mathew
 Mr Angus Murray
 Mr Brendan Palmer
 Dr Chia-Ling Phuah
 Mr Timothy Short
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 Dr Andrew Wildsmith
 Dr Denis Zuev

2001

Mr Henry Addison
 Dr Chester Brown
 Mr Gordon Cookson
 Mr Alan Cunningham
 Professor Sir Christopher Dobson
 Lady Mary Dobson
 Mr Tim Froydenlund
 Dr Debashis Haldar
 Mr Kenneth Ingram
 Mr Yacoob Kurimbokus
 Dr Andrew Lynn
 Mr Christopher Milton
 Mr Stuart Moore
 Miss Roya Motalleb-Zadeh
 Mr Gareth Roberts
 Miss Christine Schoenzart
 Dr Richard Tamblyn
 Mr Igor Ushkarev
 Dr Gerald Weldon
 Mr Jamie White
 Mr Rob Wiygul

Mr Samuel Wring

2002

Mr Mike Adams
 Mr Alistair Baker
 Mr Jack Bakes
 Ms Candida Caldicot-Bull
 Mr Will Cartwright-Hignett
 Mr Gary Chan
 Mr Nick Charlwood
 Mr Toby Coleman
 Mr Mark Colley
 Mrs Zip Colley (née Jila)
 Mr Tom Dye
 Mr Andrew Fenn
 Mr Matt Fittall
 Dr Stuart Fraser
 Ms Lizzie Gibney
 Mr James Greene
 Mr Michael Gun-Why
 Mr Andrew Hicks
 Mr Karim Jetha
 Dr Chris Kelly
 Dr Alexandra Komissarova
 Mr Lennard Lee
 Mr Brian Lum
 Ms Nadine McCarthy
 Mr David Myhill
 Dr Jenny Oates
 Mr David Reid
 Ms Felicity Robinson
 Dr Peter Scott
 The Revd Stephen Stavrou
 Miss Sonja Stoffels
 Mr Ben Tyers
 Dr Liisa van Vliet
 Mr Conrad Williams
 Miss Jocy Williams
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2003

Mr Jonathan Abecassis
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 Ms Emma Agyemang
 Dr Sam Ahir
 Mr Timothy Angliss
 Mrs Susan Armstrong (née Kendall)
 Mr Peter Attard Montalto
 Mr Matthew Cannon
 Dr Shelley Chapman
 Mr Nirup Chawhan
 Mr Daniel Cliffe
 Mr Alex Dixon
 Mrs Emma Dixon (née Jacob)
 Mr Thomas Foley
 Miss Alison Gaudion
 Mr Alex Groot
 Mr Mike Horridge
 Miss Claire Jarvis
 Miss Allyson Ke
 Mr Greg Lowden
 Mrs Emma McMurray (née Woolley)
 Mr Robert Pugh
 Dr Nicholas Ross
 Mr Ed Russell
 Mr Rob Shorter
 Mr Andrew Wheatley-Hubbard
 Mr Alex Williamson

2004

Mrs Laura Bispham (née Sturdee)
 Mr Warwick Bloore
 Mr Daniel Fallon
 Mr Michael Griffiths
 Mr Thomas Griffiths
 Dr Arabella Hunt
 Mr Gareth John
 Dr Michael Jones
 Mr Jonathan Knight

Mrs Juliet Knight (née Courtney)
 Dr Myles Lavan
 Mr Duncan Loweth
 Commander Mark Metcalf
 Mr Peter Morton
 Miss Kate Swearengen
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 (née Brewer)

2005

Mr Asad Akhter
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 Dr Raina Brands
 Mr Chris Charles
 Mr Edward de Minckwitz
 Mr Tom Dearing
 Mr James Diggle
 Dr Mila Ginsbursky
 Mrs Almaz Ismayilova (née Ahmadova-
 Ismayilov)
 Mr Rishi Khagram
 Mr James Martin
 Miss Sam O'Hara
 Mr Paul Reynolds
 Mr Adam Rowell
 Mr David Sheard
 Mrs Manon Sheard (née Hughes)
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 Dr Kyle Williams

2006

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 Mr Paul Boot
 Miss Clare Briscoe

Miss Lucy Chambers
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 Miss Carol Evans
 Mr Will Gray
 Mr Daniel Guetta
 Mr Aled Jones
 Mr Jacky Luk
 Mr Richard Lum
 Mr Charles Marshall
 Mr Donal Moore
 Mr David Nissenbaum
 Mr Vishnu Parameshwaran
 Dr James Park
 Mr Pavel Spirine
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 Mrs Rebecca Tatton-Brown (née Nelson)
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 Mr Mike Totton
 Ms Sarah Turner

2007

Mr Ben Baker
 Mr Jonathan Beresford
 Mr George Dye
 Mr Peter Hughes
 Mr Thomas McCollin
 Miss Claire Mason
 Miss Fran O'Brien
 Miss Alix Palmer
 Dr Cristina Pierro
 Dr Ian Ralby
 Dr Linus Schumacher
 Mr Carlo Scott
 Mr Bradley Smith
 Mr Stephen Teal
 Mr Alexander Torrens
 Mrs Claire Torrens (née Bush)
 Mr Andrew Wheelhouse
 Mr Franky Williams

2008

Mr James Bown
 Mr John Challenger
 Mr Dominic Collingwood
 Mr Paul Denver
 Mr Charlie Draper
 Dr Kirk Ellison
 Mr Aditya Gurtu
 Dr Asger Jakobsen
 Dr Julia Fan Li
 Mr Simon Lock
 Mr Basil McDonald
 Ms Alice Meredith
 Mr Hamish Peebles
 Miss Alexandra Reichl
 Mr James Robinson
 Mr Derrick Sim
 Mr Peter Stovall
 Dr Tom Sutton
 Mr Mat Thomas
 Mr Matthew Turner
 Miss Simone Wetherall
 Mr Karl Williams
 Mr Oliver Withers
 Dr Callum Wright

2009

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 Mr Waheed Chaudhrey
 Mrs Sarah Ellison
 Miss Jenny Green
 Mr Tom Harrison
 Mr George Hunter
 Mr Huw Leslie
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THE LAST WORD

FINALLY, A GONG FOR JOHN'S

April 2018 saw one of the most significant events in the College's history: St John's earned its first ever victory on *University Challenge*. Jennifer Griggs (2015) dug into the records to find out more about the College's historic involvement in the show, and interviewed this year's winners to find out more about their experiences.



The 2017–18 Series 47 winning team. L-R: John-Clark Levin, Rosie McKeown, James Devine-Stoneman and Matt Hazell

A brief history

The *University Challenge* story began back in September 1962, and St John's was involved right from the start: 2 November 1962 saw the College pitted against Edinburgh for its first ever first-round match. However, it wasn't all plain sailing: they lost to

Edinburgh, and this was to set the tone for many of the other series in which St John's participated during Bamber Gascoigne's years as quizmaster. For instance, 1971–2 saw a first-round loss to University College, Oxford, the scores being 130–200. But the reaction was one of steely determination.

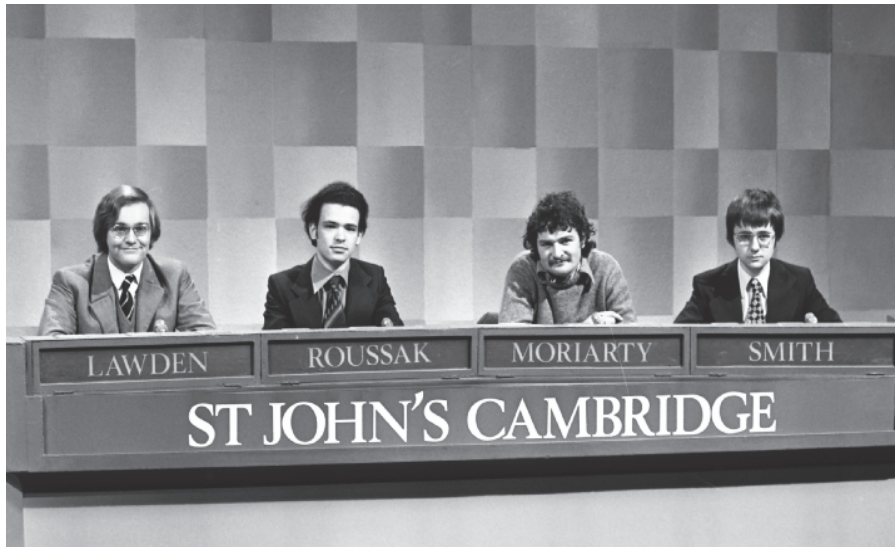
'We'll be back', threatened Michael Spilsbury, the 1971 team selector – and, indeed, back they came, with great success. The team reached the quarter-finals in 1977–8, while the 1981–2 team made it all the way to the semi-finals before losing again to Edinburgh.

After the 1987–8 series came a hiatus, and with the revival in 1994–5 the quizmaster's baton was passed to Jeremy Paxman. Under Paxman, the College has taken part in five series. Perhaps the most notable was the 2008–9 series in which the team reached the semi-finals, eventually losing 150–260 to series winners Corpus Christi College,

Oxford. This team, headed by 'human Google' Gail Trimble, later had its victory in the final repealed on the discovery that one team member was no longer a student; St John's thus earned the unofficial title of joint runner-up of the 2008–9 series. Aisling Byrne, a member of that team, recalls some of her experiences: 'We met up quite frequently to practise for the show, and after the show ended we met up for pub quizzes in Cambridge ... As a team composed of three Irish students and one Welsh student, questions on English geography were usually our Achilles' heel. There was frantic cramming of the contents of various atlases in advance of some later rounds!'



The 2004–5 Series 34 team with Jeremy Paxman. L-R: Owen Jones, Lizzie Gibney, Nick Milanese and Steven Martin. Courtesy of Rex Features



1977–78, Series 15 team. L-R: Mark Lawden, Jeremy Roussak, Michael Moriarty and David Smith. Courtesy of Rex Features

That said, it was not enough to hold them back: their second-round score of 345 against King's is thought to be the twelfth-highest score ever in the period 1994–2017. It is fair, then, to conclude that St John's had done well over the years: the College had reached a number of quarter- and semi-finals and was (according to Sean Blanchflower's compilation of historical statistics) absent from the list of lowest scorers for the period 1994–2017. However, in fifty-five years it had never won the title. This year's series was to change that.

The winning team

Let's start off, as Paxman does, by meeting this year's winning team: John-Clark Levin, a PhD student in Politics and International Studies; Rosie McKeown, an MML-cr;

James Devine-Stoneman, a PhD student in Materials Science; and Matt Hazell, a veterinary medic.

To start, I was interested to know about their favourite moments from the show. For John-Clark, a personal compliment from Paxman on the ballroom shoes he wore for the final was one of his most memorable moments – unsurprising given Paxman's reputation as someone so difficult to please. For Matt, too, Paxman's fashion compliments were a highlight: he describes Paxman as having been 'particularly impressed' with the embroidery on his tie.

But perhaps the best aspect was knowing how much the show means to so many Brits.

John-Clark speaks of the show's 'intergenerational element – like people who write to say that they watched *University Challenge* with their parents and grandparents while growing up, and now have it as a Monday night ritual with their own children who hope to be on the programme one day. I can't think of any other show with quite that effect ... I just feel very lucky to have taken part in something people love so much.' And he is right. *University Challenge* has unquestionably become something of a pan-generational national institution – watched, discussed and even parodied across different periods, generations and media, from TV episodes such as 'Bambi' (*The Young Ones*, 1984) to films such as *St Trinian's* (2007).

For all its joys, though, performing in the show is not without its challenges, and one of the toughest is dealing with public responses. Aisling Byrne comments that despite the show's general conservatism, the nature and frequency of public response is one element that has really changed. 'The social media reaction to recent series is something we didn't experience in 2008–9. Back then, there was some blog coverage of the show, but none of the instantaneous reaction you see now.' Instantaneous reaction has certainly not been lacking this year. The boys tend to have been lucky: James tells me of some messages he describes as 'odd' ('please make me your Devine-Stonewoman' being one such), but describes the majority as 'good fun and often very flattering'.

However, Rosie has ended up on the receiving end of a number of unwelcome comments, and unfortunately this is in line with the fact that women who have appeared on the show have historically tended to receive a disproportionate number of objectifying and unpleasant comments, often about appearance. That said, for Rosie the story ended on a high: no one was able to deny her stunning performance throughout the series, and following the final she was showered with well-deserved recognition, being described variously by the major tabloids as the 'star performer' and the 'standout performer', and by James as 'the absolute MVP [Most Valuable Player]' – rightly so.

A perfect storm

Why do they think they were so successful this year? The team rightly attribute part of their success to the invaluable support of reserves Aneesh Aggarwal and Max Bayne, JCR Academic Affairs Officer Alex Sampson, the Master and Dr Dobson, and College staff from Student Services, Communications, Accommodation and Bookings, IT and Catering, to name but a few. James also modestly attributes part of their success to luck. 'I think there's a fair amount of luck involved in getting onto the show in the first place,' he says, reflecting on the fact that Tomas Kesek, the St John's captain for the three consecutive years prior to this year's win, was a 'great quizzer', but St John's was simply unlucky not to have been selected. Luckily, the year Tomas left St John's, John-



1971–72 Series 9 team. L-R: John Bush, Adrian Salter, Mike Webb and Philip Milton. Courtesy of Rex Features

Clark and Rosie arrived. ‘This team coming together at this time was just a perfect storm,’ James adds. And what a storm it was: not only strong individually but also, in Paxman’s words, ‘well-balanced’ in their spread of specialisms.

I suspect that while it was in some sense fortune that brought these diverse four together in College at the same time, it was more than anything their determination that carried them to victory. I had naively thought that for practice the team might have relied on casual quizzing in Cambridge (the College’s online Buttery Potato Quiz and SBR-led pub quizzes in the College bar come to mind). How wrong I was: James tells me of a wide range of methods used – some individual, but mainly team-based – from creating team info spreadsheets to watching old episodes together. In preparing

together, they were able to discover one another’s strengths, and build up the high level of trust that is essential for any team to work well in the competition.

At the final gong

So for this year, it’s goodbye from the contestants from St John’s College, Cambridge. Life for them goes on as usual: only, as James tells me, ‘with a slightly higher profile in College, on the street and online’. But all the contestants seem to share the hope that the future will see St John’s repeat this year’s phenomenal performance. What will happen is anyone’s guess, but with this win under their belt to serve as motivation, they certainly have a fighting chance. 🍀

The Biographical Librarian, Fiona Colbert, must take credit for much of the available information about Johnians on previous years of University Challenge, and this article owes much to her research. However, there are still some series for which she is missing details. She would like to thank those who have already approached her with details of the teams they were a part of, including recollections of the selection process, opponents, scores and photographs, and would be grateful to hear from any other participant, or from anyone else with recollections concerning the show, at f.colbert@job.cam.ac.uk

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