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*The newly-refurbished Great Gate*

*Photograph by Rebecca Pitcaithly*

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*Summer flowers in Second Court*

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE MASTER

I have now completed two years as Master and am thoroughly enjoying the cycle of Cambridge life: meeting the Freshers, admitting the Scholars, welcoming back the MA graduands and, in the summer, conferring on the final year undergraduates their degrees. And so much more in between.

There have been many highlights of the year so it is quite hard to pick just a few to report.

I greatly enjoyed meeting Sandy Todd, son of Lord Todd, when he visited the Lodge with the Master of the Salters' Company to discuss their support of our undergraduate chemists. I first met Lord Todd when he was a distinguished visitor to the University of Adelaide, while I was a PhD student there, and it was wonderful to speak with Sandy about his experience of visiting the Lodge again, and about his father.

The opening and naming of the splendid Blyth-McGregor Boathouse was also a particular pleasure. The entire Lent Headship crew of 2015 attended, along with many descendants of William Blyth (m. 1829, the first Captain of the Boat Club), and friends and family of Grace McGregor (m. 2012, Captain when the women went Head, and a member of the Headship crew). That so many generations of Christ's boaties came together for this occasion was eloquent testament to the significance to them of the Club. We now have an excellent facility for future generations, and I am



*The Master with  
Dr Sandy Todd,  
Dr Anthony Coyne  
(Fellow in  
Chemistry), and the  
Reverend Professor  
Michael Reiss (the  
Salters' Company)*

looking forward to great results from the river. We are all very grateful to all those alumni and friends of the College who supported the redevelopment, and to those who worked hard behind the scenes to make it happen. It is particularly fitting to have a building part-named for a woman as we approach the 40th anniversary of the admission of women students to Christ's.

Last November we celebrated the 350th anniversary of the publication of *Paradise Lost*, at an event that included a *tour de force* by our Honorary Fellow Sir Christopher Ricks, poetry by alumnae Sarah Howe (m. 2001) and Helen Mort (m. 2004), readings from the book by our current students, and a musical performance, including a piece commissioned from alumnus Edwin Hillier (m. 2007).

Many academic and other accolades were bestowed on Christ's men and women this year including a GBE for Sir Keith Peters (Honorary Fellow) from the Queen, KBEs for Simon Schama (m. 1963, Honorary Fellow) and Charles Saumarez Smith (Honorary Fellow), and a KCVO for Tim Hitchens (m. 1980). Sir Michael Edwards (m. 1957, Honorary Fellow) received an Honorary Doctorate from the University, and David Klenerman (Fellow) received (jointly) a Royal Medal from the Royal Society.

We have elected three new Honorary Fellows: Professor Bill Steen (m. 1954), Professor Philip Kitcher (m. 1966), and Professor Sir Richard Treisman (m. 1974), and you can read more about them in the New Senior Members section. Two of our Honorary Fellows visited to give Lady Margaret Lectures: Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein (m. 1987, Honorary Fellow) and Simon Schama (m. 1963). Both of them delivered powerful thought-provoking talks, and it was delightful to have them back in College. Lord Luce, another Honorary Fellow, came to College in early July for lunch with a small group of Fellows. It is always a pleasure to welcome Honorary Fellows, and indeed all alumni, back to Christ's.

And of course I have now been to my first Christ's May Ball. This is entirely-student organised, and shows how our students can excel in so many different areas. Our academic results are absolutely outstanding this year, but the students also find ways to put their many talents to use outside their studies.

Finally, I was delighted to be able to host a BBQ for staff and Fellows in the Lodge garden at the end of June. We were blessed with excellent weather, and it was wonderful to sit relaxing under the trees with everyone chatting away. The spirit of the College is truly alive and well.

*Jane Stapleton*



*Professor Sir Simon Schama with the Master and the College Historians*

## BURSAR'S UPDATE



David Ball

*The Magazine* this year reports on many aspects of another successful year for the College. We are however very conscious that to sustain this good performance into the future we must continue to review and improve each aspect of the College's operations. I have described below just a few of the discussions and initiatives relating to the College's 'infrastructure', which are at various stages of development.

As in previous years, I must also take this opportunity to emphasise the College's continuing indebtedness to its staff, who manage all of these challenges with such commitment and good humour. Many of them have worked at the College for many years (one of our managers celebrates her fortieth anniversary here in 2018!) and they have all helped to build our successful culture.

### ***The College Environment***

We are at present preparing detailed plans for the next phase of refurbishment of the College's historic buildings, in First Court. One of the typical challenges in these projects is to source the appropriate materials, such as the specific stone used for the roof tiles, which has for some years been in short supply. We have also recently relied on expert craftsmen to refurbish the Gate and heraldic decorations in First Court, after careful research on the colours which were traditionally used.

Less visible immediately but equally important is our commitment to make better use of energy in the College's buildings. There are practical issues in preserving the appearance and character of historic buildings, but also opportunities both to improve the technology used and to encourage our building users to be more aware of energy saving opportunities. Our students are very supportive of these initiatives. A potential opportunity for renewable energy is to take the chill off the swimming pool: Fellows and students have been working together to develop a solar powered solution.

The College's gardens also contribute greatly to the character of the College. Many visitors this year have remarked particularly on the redesigned herbaceous border in Second Court. A few minutes away, the striking Boathouse redevelopment was completed in the Michaelmas Term, and provides much improved facilities.

An important part of College life is of course our catering, both formal and informal. The Catering Manager and his team continue to provide a wide range of attractive food, while being mindful of both sustainability issues and changing preferences. We continue for example to see significant increases in the numbers of diners choosing vegetarian and vegan meals. Meanwhile, the Buttery has been redesigned to create a more welcoming atmosphere for all members of College, and will re-open for the coming Michaelmas Term.

External expectations of the College (and the University) to describe and to account for its activities continue to grow. We receive each week a number of Freedom of Information requests on all aspects of the College's activity, from the media and individuals. We already maintain active social media programmes for our Members and for prospective applicants to the College, and work is in hand



to enhance our main College website, both to increase its user appeal and also to communicate more effectively through it.

Like all other organisations connected to the Internet, the College faces frequent attempts to compromise or disrupt its systems. The introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation in 2018 has placed further emphasis on the importance of managing cyber security well. We do have skilled staff and established systems in place, and also benefit from our cooperation with the University's specialist teams, but we are well aware of the continuing challenges in this area.

### ***The College's Finances***

Perhaps inevitably, the University and Colleges continue to face political uncertainties in relation to future funding and regulation. The future of the large USS pension scheme is also a continuing challenge for the higher education sector in the UK more broadly. There is little that the College alone can do to influence these debates.

Management of the College's finances is therefore very constrained, with low increases in fee income and the need to maintain a tight control of operating expenses. Full audited accounts will be available as usual on the College website in October. It is not possible to generate from 'current operations' the funds which are needed to provide additional student bursaries and construct additional accommodation, so we are fortunate that Old Members and others have been generous in supporting these initiatives. There is also a busy programme of commercial activity over the summer vacation, including conferences, summer schools and bed and breakfast accommodation, all of which makes a valuable financial contribution by using our spare capacity. There is however only a short period in the summer, and over the Christmas and Easter breaks, when this business can be pursued extensively without impacting the College's main activities.

The College therefore continues to rely on its endowment for about 30% of its recurrent funding. A 'spending rate' is set from time to time which limits the amount we can withdraw from the endowment each year. Our objective is to maintain or grow over time the real value, after inflation, of the endowment. The College's funds are managed prudently by professional managers, with good diversification (across equities, credit, property and other types of investment), but we cannot hope to outperform dramatically the main financial markets. We have seen a further year of good returns from equities (the MSCI AC World Index was up about 9% in sterling terms for the year to June) but we are cautious about the economic environment and the likely level of returns over the next few years.

*David Ball*

## LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR



Robert Hunt

As in previous years, I shall report on our examination performance. Two years ago I described this as 'exceptional' and last year I described it as 'even more exceptional'. I am now placed in the embarrassing position of having run out of superlatives. The proportion of final-year students receiving a II.1 or higher (a 'good degree' in the words of the media) this year was 96%, compared with a mere 92% last year. The proportion of first-class final-year results was 43%, easily our best ever, and significantly more than last year's 35%. And General Admission (graduation day) was sunny to boot!

As I have complained in previous years, grade inflation is rampant across the entire UK University sector, and Cambridge has not been immune. So any claims of outstanding performance should be met with great scepticism. The only way to tell whether Christ's is *really* performing strongly is to compare our performance with other Colleges in Cambridge. Last year we were placed second in the intercollegiate league table, up from third the year before. This year we are delighted to have been placed *first*. We are, therefore, clearly ahead of the pack even compared to the rarefied results across Cambridge as a whole and I can conclude that Christ's is doing well not merely because of grade inflation, but is genuinely outperforming academically.

However, I would like to make it crystal clear that high academic performance is *not* my sole aim. Indeed, I am on record as having stated that, so long as we are in the top quarter of the intercollegiate table, I will be satisfied that we are providing our students with an outstanding education. To be right at the top, as we happen to be this year, requires excellence in admissions, excellence in teaching and excellence in pastoral support; but it also requires a good deal of luck and it would be ridiculous to expect to stay there year after year without some kind of gerrymandering of our intake or restrictions on students' extra-curricular activities. I refuse to accept anything of the kind – we have taken great steps forward in widening participation in recent years (better than many other Colleges) and our students enjoy a healthy atmosphere in which they can enjoy learning at the same time as sports, art, drama and everything else. So we are careful not to put too much emphasis on the intercollegiate table, and we certainly try very hard not to place undue pressure on our students to perform. Fortunately, they seem to be naturally highly motivated about their subjects.

Talking of extra-curricular activities, currently fifteen Christ's students hold a full Blue, and seven half-Blues, representing the University in *over* twenty-two sports. The opening of the newly-renovated Blyth–McGregor Boathouse (a report on which may be found on page 65) has had a major impact on our rowers, though perhaps we need to wait until next year to see the presumably outstanding results that it will produce.

Many readers will have heard that University staff went on strike in Lent term over proposed changes to their pension provision. Normally, national strikes in higher education have a limited impact at Cambridge, but this time the strength of feeling was such that even the University of Cambridge suffered a serious impact from the strike. Lectures were postponed or cancelled, some lab work was disrupted, and even a few supervisions were called off. The College provided additional support

to those students who were affected, while many students actually supported the strike. Fortunately, it was put on hold before the start of Easter Term in anticipation of further negotiations, so there was little or no disruption to examinations.

Nevertheless, the strike might well be restarted if those negotiations don't go well. And, in any case, there is likely to be strike action over pay in general; the University & College Union (UCU) calculates that University pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2009, and it has rejected the employers' latest pay offer, also below the current rate of inflation. So, regrettably, disruption to students is likely to continue, and supervisions are expected to be more strongly affected by any strike action in Michaelmas Term than they were last time. The College will, of course, do what it can to support students.

The JCR has been very active this year in raising issues of concern with the College, some of them of wider political interest and others more parochial. Topics of interest have included: whether the College and/or University should divest from its investments in fossil fuel companies; whether the College should seek formal accreditation from the Living Wage Foundation; how the swimming pool might be heated; whether the College should install double beds into student rooms as a matter of course; and matters concerned with gender identity. We always engage constructively with the JCR, though sometimes their enthusiasm overwhelms our ability to keep up with them.

The MCR continues to go from strength to strength. The programme of activities for new graduate students is now well established, and Grad Halls are more popular than ever before, often selling out completely well in advance (especially in Michaelmas Term). There are social activities galore, as always, but the range of academic activities (lectures, presentations and similar) has expanded considerably. Often the two (academic and social) are combined, which works particularly well. We're continuing to try to enhance interactions between the MCR and the Fellowship, by arranging occasions on which those with similar interests can come together.

This year's May Ball, entitled *A Night's Tale*, had an amazing range of food and drink on offer (including mead and hog roast) and the decor was spectacular, including a huge pink dragon, full suits of armour, and stocks for misbehaving guests. I'd never heard of any of the bands (including Toploader, the main attraction), which probably means that they were perfect for students. There's no doubt that the May Ball Committee did a wonderful job, with an unusually short period of time in which to prepare.

To conclude, the 2017–18 academic year has been a busy but wonderfully successful one at Christ's. Next year will, as always, bring new challenges.

*Robert Hunt*

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate admissions to Cambridge have come under unprecedented scrutiny this year, from the press, politicians, and even our own students. I have received many questions from alumni, concerned to know where Christ's is positioned, relative to current debates in education, and how we are responding to the on-going challenges posed by Brexit and an under-pressure state school system. What follows is my attempt to answer the most common of those questions, though I am always happy to take others, directly, from interested alumni, and to hear ideas for improving our access and outreach initiatives.

### ***What percentage of the Christ's undergraduate intake comes from state schools?***

The percentage of incoming British students from the state sector varies from year to year, depending on our applicant field and attrition in August, when A-level results come out. In 2015, it was 64%, in 2016, 62% and in 2017, 63.3%. This puts us more or less exactly at the mean for all Cambridge Colleges and is better than most, if not all, of our 'comparator' colleges. The government target for state sector entry to Cambridge in 2015 was 61.3%, in 2016, 62% and in 2017, 62.7%.

### ***How do the figures for state school admissions compare with those for applications and offers?***

The success rate for state sector applicants to Christ's is around one in five, i.e. at the mean of all applicants to Cambridge. The percentage of Christ's UK applications, offers and admissions from the state sector in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 are shown below.

	Applications	Offers	Admissions
2015	75.5%	66.1%	64%
2016	74.4%	67.3%	62%
2017	73.3%	69%	63.3%
2018	69.6%	68.5%	Pending

(Note that these figures are slightly different from the published University statistics, which show acceptances, i.e. students whose places were confirmed in August, rather than admissions, i.e. students who actually arrived to take up their places in October.)

### ***What percentage of Christ's undergraduates are women?***

The percentage of female entrants to Christ's is relatively low, compared with other mixed colleges and indeed the University as a whole, where women constitute around 48% of all undergraduates. At Christ's it was 43.3% in 2015, 39.9% in 2016, and 46.6% in 2017.

### ***What percentage of Christ's undergraduates come from black and minority ethnic backgrounds?***

The percentage of British entrants to Christ's from black and minority ethnic backgrounds was 19% in 2015, 31.5% in 2016 and 20.5% in 2017 (against a University average of 21.5% across this period). The percentage of all undergraduate



*Emily Tomlinson  
after her talk to  
prospective applicants  
and their parents, in  
Kuala Lumpur,  
hosted by Sunway  
University*

entrants to Christ's from black and minority ethnic backgrounds was 26.5% in 2015, 38.3% in 2016 and 30.5% in 2017.

We are not able to access data relating to declarations of ethnicity by unsuccessful applicants to Christ's, or by offer-holders prior to entry. This means we cannot calculate the success rates of applicants from different ethnic groups at college level.

***What percentage of Christ's undergraduates come from disadvantaged backgrounds?***

The amount of information that is available about our UK applicants has been slowly increasing in recent years, and we can now access a range of indicators including: (i) average GCSE and A-level attainment at an applicant's school; (ii) whether an applicant comes from a Low Participation Neighbourhood (that is, a postcode with low rates of progression to Higher Education); (iii) whether they come from an area with a high proportion of residents from demographic groups known to be under-represented at Cambridge (including certain ethnic groups); (iv) whether they come from an area that scores highly on the Index of Multiple Deprivation; (v) whether they have spent time in care and (vi) whether they have declared themselves eligible for Free School Meals. (Note that we had no information relating to Free School Meals until 2017–18, and that we do not know whether students at independent schools are in receipt of scholarships or bursaries unless their referee tells us so.)

Categories (ii), (iii) and (iv) above are the focus of government targets for entry to Cambridge. The percentage of entrants to Christ's from each of these categories varies significantly from year to year, since the number of students involved is quite small. In the period 2015–2017, however, an average of 10.8% of incoming British students came from a Low Participation Neighbourhood, 6.8% came from an area with a high proportion of residents from groups known to be under-represented at Cambridge, and 7.8% came from an area scoring highly on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. This is close to, or at the mean for, all Cambridge colleges in each case.

At present, just over 20% of the College's UK undergraduates, and 50% of its undergraduates from other EU countries, receive a Cambridge Bursary (awarded on a tapering scale to students whose annual household income falls below £42,620).

***What percentage of the Christ's undergraduate intake comes from outside the UK?***

The percentage of incoming students (including British nationals) resident outside the UK was 22.2% in 2015, 22% in 2016 and 32% in 2017. These figures are broadly in line with the University as a whole, which admits around 25% of its undergraduates from outside the UK. They divide more or less evenly between EU and non-EU students over the three-year period, and a wide range of nationalities are represented: in 2017, our first-year undergraduates came from twenty-one countries other than the UK, making us one of the most internationally diverse Cambridge colleges.

***What do you look for in undergraduate applicants?***

Our primary criteria in choosing undergraduates are academic ability and potential: we are looking for the brightest and best students, irrespective of social, cultural, religious, educational and financial background. Our assessment processes are intended to help us gauge whether students have both the core knowledge and skills required to thrive on our degree courses, and the capacity to apply their knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. We want to know that they enjoy a challenge, and that they are self-disciplined, motivated and committed enough to manage a demanding workload and a fast-paced academic year. It is important that they are intellectually curious, genuinely interested in the subject for which they are applying, and willing to engage with that subject beyond the school curriculum (for example, through wider reading).

***What are you doing to increase the intake of undergraduates from under-represented groups?***

In addition to our outreach activity in and for the Christ's 'Link Areas' (see below), we run a number of events designed to boost applications from groups of students known to be under-represented at Cambridge. These include a Women in Maths residential for talented female mathematicians from state schools, a Low Participation Neighbourhood Summer School for students from areas with low rates of progression to Higher Education, Post-Results Advice Clinics for students who have done better than expected in their A-levels, and a rotating menu of themed 'taster days' in specific subjects. We offer financial and practical support to The Brilliant Club (which offers in-school enrichment programmes), IntoUniversity (which runs local learning centres for children and young people) and Target Oxbridge (which helps black students and mixed-race students of black heritage applying to top universities).

We are mindful of the need to ensure that more students from disadvantaged backgrounds succeed in meeting the conditions of their offer and take up a place at Cambridge. We are currently piloting a mentoring scheme for offer-holders with contextual 'flags', in conjunction with the charity Project Access, and contribute to the University's STEP support programme, for students whose offer includes grades in one or more STEP Mathematics exams. We are also active participants in the cross-collegiate 'open offer' scheme, whereby viable applicants with contextual 'flags' who do not secure a place at any Cambridge College in the December Admissions Round can receive a non-college offer from the University, then be allocated to colleges with places remaining in August.

The majority of our outreach efforts are focussed on UK students, and the College is relatively constrained in its ability to offer financial assistance to undergraduates from other countries. However, we do seek to raise aspiration and facilitate access

for non-UK students who may be able to secure government scholarships or sponsorship within their own country but lack the confidence and information to apply to Cambridge. Wherever possible, we do so in tandem with relevant charities and student societies, collaborating with (among others) Cambridge University Cypriot Society, the Danish Academy of Talented Youth, Project Access Poland, and foundations in Malaysia and Singapore.

***Do you make lower offers to students who have experienced educational disadvantage?***

We do consider contextual factors when we are drawing up College offer lists, and a candidate who fails to shine at interview and/or in our assessment is more likely to be given the benefit of the doubt if their record indicates that they are outperforming their school or regional context, or that they have overcome significant challenges in their educational career. However, we expect all our offer-holders to achieve the University standard offer of A\*AA at A-level (or equivalent) for entry to Arts courses, and A\*A\*A at A-level for entry to Science courses; we do not make offers below this level. Whilst our offers may seem challenging, it should be borne in mind that almost all successful applicants in fact exceed them (entrants to Arts courses at Christ's had on average 2.8 A\*s at A-level in 2017, and entrants to Science courses, 3.6 A\*s). There is also a strong correlation between outcomes at A-level and outcomes in Tripos, for students from all backgrounds, which suggests that entrants with less than A\*AA would be unlikely to thrive unless an additional 'transitional' or 'bridging' programme were put in place for them (a possibility that the University is now actively investigating).

***What are the Christ's 'Link Areas' and what do you do there?***

The University's Area Links scheme is designed to help Cambridge colleges forge effective relationships with schools across the UK by giving teachers in each region a designated contact point within the collegiate University and encouraging access teams to increase their knowledge of specific local educational environments. Christ's has four Link Areas: Herefordshire, Lincolnshire, Worcestershire and the London Borough of Harrow.

The College Outreach Officers regularly visit schools across these Areas and we frequently welcome school groups from Link Areas to Christ's itself, either on an *ad hoc* basis or at events such as our 'Preparing for Sixth Form' guidance days. We are part of the consortium that delivers the HE+ enrichment programme in Herefordshire, and this includes an Easter residential at the College, as well as in-school masterclasses. A separate Easter residential is offered for students from Worcestershire. We are also involved in a number of collaborative projects in our Link Areas, including Regional Teacher Briefings in Lincolnshire, and the Lumina Oxbridge preparation course for students in Harrow and surrounding boroughs.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Admissions Team, Directors of Studies, and other Fellows, or the support of a number of generous donors, to whom I am as ever extremely grateful.

*Emily Tomlinson*

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



*The Chaplain  
(bottom right) on the  
Chapel retreat*

It's been a year of blessings. Quite literally so, in fact, during Easter Term, when I was asked to bless the College's two new boats, *John Milton* and *Finch*. This did require, I must confess, a bit of homework – clergy are often called upon to bless houses, pets, or even newly-installed church toilets ('O Lord, you know all our doings...'), but commissioning a racing-eight and a racing-four was an entirely new experience for me. Thankfully, there are plenty of Bible passages seemingly custom-made for such an occasion – and *John Milton* and *Finch* were sent on their way in the name of the One who calms the storm, and who has authority over the wind and the waves.

Many of this year's blessings, though, were far more regular, and far less watery. Perhaps most obviously of all, Chapel life continues to flourish – weekly Sunday services are well-attended, lively, and full of warmth and good humour. Our Evensong preachers during 2017–18 have included the Bishops of Norwich, Rochester, Burnley and Beverley, and academic theologians such as Jeremy Morris (also Master of Trinity Hall), Jonathan Linebaugh, Peter Williams, and Ben Fulford. At Evensong on 29 October, two Christ's students (Eric Tippin (m. 2015) and Gareth Cornish (m. 2016)) were Confirmed by Bishop Philip North, and we congratulate them on taking this significant step in their journey of faith. Two (rather smaller) characters were Baptised in Chapel this year – Sophie Maria Smith (baptised by her father), and Nora Jane Tippin (who, at four days old, was the youngest recipient of this particular honour in the College's records!)

In addition to the regular round of services, some new initiatives bore fruit. A termly 'Theology in the Pub' meeting proved (perhaps for partly predictable reasons!) very popular, and together we explored issues such as 'Can I trust the Bible?' and 'Do I have free will?'. Chapel was also the venue for a fantastic production of Christopher Marlowe's play *The Massacre at Paris* during Lent Term. It was great fun, too, to give some tours of Chapel to various visiting groups during the year – the highlight being a class of primary school children, who were fascinated by the Chapel's hidden



doors and opening panels, and especially loved ‘Beaky’, our shiny lectern eagle. The generous response of the Chapel congregation to the weekly collections also meant that we were able to give large amounts in support of a variety of charities – including ‘SolidariTee’, which helps to organise legal aid for refugees, and was founded by one of our Choir members, Tiara Ataii.

One of the real joys of Chapel life is working alongside its committed and energetic group of student Chapel Officers. This year we welcomed aboard Richard Miller (m. 2014), Tom Baycroft (m. 2017), Sam Pinches (m. 2015), Katie Mountfort (m. 2017), Christian Holm (m. 2014), and Matt Lee (m. 2017) – and also celebrated the formal licencing of Michael Dormandy (m. 2016, a Christ’s doctoral student in Theology) as a ‘Licenced Lay Worker’ in the Chapel. For our annual Chapel retreat, we returned once more to Battle, where the bracing coastal air was splendidly complemented by the crackling fire (and fine port) of our retreat house. Our retreat speaker was the Reverend Peter Edwards, who gave an insightful series of Lent talks on the theme of confession and forgiveness.

This was also a year of great sporting blessings. The Choir football team went unbeaten throughout all three terms, rounding off their season with a glorious 3–2 victory over arch-rivals Jesus. We shall be sad to say goodbye to Gabriel Harley who, as well as being the Senior Organ Scholar, is also a sublime centre-forward. On a rather less athletic level, I was able to harness all the skills of my Essex youth to win the College Pool Tournament this year, and again captained the Staff & Fellows XI on the cricket field, though with rather less successful results (see the report later in this issue).

No review of the year would be complete, of course, without paying tribute to the fantastic work of the Chapel Choir. Under Professor David Rowland, the Choir continues to maintain exceptionally high musical standards, whilst also possessing a wonderfully friendly and jovial atmosphere. Their singing, both at weekly Evensongs, and at the range of other seasonal services (such as Advent, Christmas, and Passiontide) is a great blessing to the life of the Chapel, and to the life of the College more widely. The Choir brought out a new CD this year, *Even Such is Time*, featuring works by Finzi, Leighton and Howells, and went on an extensive tour of Canada over the summer. A further set of recordings, showcasing the works of distinguished composer (and College alumna) Annabel Rooney (m. 1991), is set to be released during 2019.

There is much to look forward to in the coming academic year – not least, in Michaelmas Term, a special Chapel service celebrating the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to Christ’s. College alumni are always warmly welcome to attend Chapel services, and, at the end of the Lent and Easter Terms in 2019, we shall once again be holding our special Alumni Evensongs. All that, however, lies in the future. For the moment, it is enough simply to express my thanks to all who make the Chapel and Choir such a consistently joyful, engaging, and encouraging context in which to minister. And, if it has been a year of blessings, then the praise must ultimately go to the God from whom all blessings flow – who, as St Paul puts it, ‘has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ’ (Eph. 1.3).

*Mark Smith*

## LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

We have had a good year, both in terms of engagement with alumni, and in terms of donations. Thank you to everyone who has supported the College in some way; we greatly appreciate what you do.

One of the highlights has been the opening and naming of the redeveloped Boathouse, the first capital project of the Campaign for Christ's to be completed. On 19 May a large number of alumni and guests joined descendants of William Blyth, as well as Grace McGregor and her family, to formally open the Blyth-McGregor Boathouse, named after William Blyth (m. 1829), the first Captain of the Club and the Stroke of the only men's boat to have been Head of the River, and Grace McGregor (m. 2012), the Captain of the Club and a member of the crew when the women went Head for the first time in the Lent Bumps 2015. There are many donors who made the project possible and we are grateful to you all. We are hopeful for excellent results on the river in coming years...

We were delighted to elect a new Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow: Mr Roger Rees (m. 1948). Roger is a long-standing supporter of Christ's, mainly for bursaries and for the King Street re-development, and we are looking forward to his greater involvement in the life of the College.

We held our annual George Spyrou LLM Scholarship Dinner in June, and were particularly pleased that all four former Scholars were able to attend, coming from Singapore, Hungary, Lichtenstein, and London. This has grown into a community of Scholars and is a fitting tribute to the late George Spyrou (m. 1971), created with the generous support of his family and friends.

Further afield, our Director of Admissions travelled to Singapore for the inaugural St Joseph's Institution Foundation Scholarships interviews. The Scholarships have been made possible through the work of Leon Yee (m. 1997) and are open to students at the SJI schools, who already have secured an offer at Christ's through the normal admissions process. We are looking forward to welcoming our first two students in October. We also have a new Scholarship programme in Hong Kong, named The Li Ka Shing Foundation Lord Sandberg Memorial Scholarship, generously funded by our Honorary Member, Li Ka Shing.

We ran the eleventh Telephone Campaign just after Easter, with fourteen current students telephoning alumni to talk to them about the College, gain careers advice, and to seek financial support. Again we were delighted by the response from alumni, and well over £300,000 was raised towards our Student Support Fund. Many of our student callers this year benefit from bursaries and were keen to give something back by helping raise funds for further support. They clearly enjoy the experience too: one of our callers took part in each of his three years here.

The Christ's College Fisher Society is well established and recognises those who have included a gift to the College in their Will. There are tax advantages to UK taxpayers in leaving a legacy gift to charity, with the charitable bequest excluded from inheritance tax, and a reduction in the rate of inheritance tax from 40% to 36% for those leaving more than 10% of their estate to charities. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss a possible legacy.

You can read more about the alumni events of the past year in the report from the Alumni Relations Officer (page 72). There has been a wide range of events, in College



*Dr Yusuf Hamied  
and Mrs Farida  
Hamied with  
the Telephone  
Campaign callers*

and elsewhere, and we always enjoy seeing how alumni re-connect with each other, and make new friends. Next year marks the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to the College, and the working group is putting together a programme for the academic year. There will be a networking session, and formal dinner, in College for alumnae on 6 July 2019, so I do hope to see many of the Christ's women there.

The Development Board continues to guide us in an engaged and inspiring way, under the chairmanship of Mr Guy Whittaker, and we were delighted to welcome two new members in 2017–18: Mr Brian Lott (m. 1962) and Ms Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989). Dr Alan Smith (m. 1964), who had been a member of the Board for many years, retired in November 2017, and I would like to thank him for his involvement. Guy Whittaker himself is, in fact, stepping down at the end of August, and chaired his last meeting in June. We have all benefitted enormously from Guy's energy and wisdom, and, on a personal level I have very much enjoyed working with him – he has kept me on my toes! Of course, I have also enjoyed the parties that he and his wife Utti have hosted over the years, and I hope we will be able to persuade them to carry on!

The new chairman is Mr Mark Davies (m. 1990), currently Chair of both British Rowing and of Archery GB, who will take over from Guy on 1 September 2018. We will be in good hands.

The current external members of the Development Board are:

*Mr Guy Whittaker (m. 1974) – Chair (until 31 August 2018)*

*Mr Brian Lott (m. 1962)*

*Mr Tim Lintott (m. 1971)*

*Mr Jim Warwick (m. 1983)*

*Ms Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989)*

*Mr Mark Davies (m. 1990) – Chair (from 1 September 2018)*

*Dr Susan Hill (m. 1992)*

*Mr Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)*

*Dr Peter Speicher (m. 1993)*

*Ms Caroline Carr (m. 1995)*

*Ex officio members are the Master, Development Director, Bursar and the Chair of the College Development Committee.*

All of us in the Development Office very much enjoy our engagement with alumni, so thank you for coming to events, reading our publications, and supporting the College.

*Catherine Twilley*

## SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as expected at October 2018 in order of election in the various categories, and records only higher doctorates and external honours. The date in brackets indicates the date of original election.

### Master

Prof. Jane Stapleton DCL FBA

### Fellows

1950 Mr David Yale FBA HonQC

1961 Dr John Rathmell

1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD

1966 Prof. Archie Campbell

1969 Prof. Martin Johnson FRS FRCOG FSB FMedSci

1969 Prof. John Wilson ScD

1971 Dr David Jones

1972 Dr Geoffrey Ingham

1976 Prof. Frank Kelly CBE FRS

1976 Dr William Peterson

1976 Prof. David Sedley FBA

1978 Dr Kelvin Bowkett (1966)

1983 Prof. David Reynolds FBA

1983 Dr Gareth Rees

1985 Prof. Ian Leslie FREng

1986 Prof. Christopher Abell FRS FMedSci

1986 Professor Susan Bayly

1987 Prof. Nicholas Gay

1990 Dr Richard Batley

1994 Prof. David Klenerman FRS FRSC FMedSci

1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)

1998 Dr Robert Hunt

2001 Prof. Marcelo Fiore

2002 Dr David Norman

2002 Prof. Jonathan Gillard MD

2003 Prof. Michael Edwardson

2004 Prof. Simon Tavaré FRS

2006 Dr Caroline Vout FSA

2006 Dr Sophie Read

2007 Dr Julia Shvets

2008 Dr Mauro Overend

2008 Dr Elena Punsakaya

2008 Prof. James Secord

2008 Prof. Sanjeev Goyal FBA

2008 Ms Catherine Twilley

2008 Dr David Thomas (2007)

2009 Dr Helena Browne

2010 Dr Duncan Bell (2004)

2010 Dr Tom Monie (2006)

2010 Professor Gerard Evan FRS

2011 Mr David Ball

2011 Prof. Ash Amin CBE FBA

2011 Prof. Sarah Radcliffe

2012 Prof. Sarah Franklin (2011)

2013 Dr Richard Williams

2014 Dr Mark Darlow (2006)

2014 Dr Sam James

2014 Professor Gábor Betegh

2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer

2014 Dr Dominic de Cogan

2015 Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau (2013)

2015 Dr Melanie Eckersley-Maslin

2015 Dr Jason Sanders

2015 Dr Ori Beck

2015 Dr Henry Spelman

2015 Dr Vytautas Gruslys

2015 Dr Christopher Thomas

2015 Dr David Trippett (2009)

2016 Dr Anthony Coyne

2016 Dr Richard Mortier

2016 Dr Felix Waldmann

2016 Dr Michael Stock

2016 Dr Edward Allen

2016 Dr Kylie Murray

2016 Dr Andrew Stewart

2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson

2016 Prof. Peter Cane DCL FBA

2017 Dr Harriet Lyon

2017 Dr Maya Feile Tomas

2017 Dr Ho-On To

2017 Dr Natasha Tanna

2017 Dr Edward Zychowicz-Coghill

2017 Dr Mike Housden

2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran

2018 Dr Tom Hawker-Dawson

2018 Dr Sean Fleming

2018 Dr Kylie James

2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla

2018 Dr Sam Stanier

### Emeritus Fellows

1975 Prof. Sir Hans Kornberg ScD FRS

1962 Dr Alan Munro

1963 Prof. Peter Landshoff

1964 Dr Richard Axton

1966 Dr Robert Diamond

1969 Dr Visvanathan Navaratnam

1969 Prof. Peter Rayner

1975 Dr Douglas Barker

1975 Dr Douglas Ferguson

1974 Prof. Andrew Cliff FBA

1976 Sir Peter Lachmann ScD FRS  
FMedSci (1962)

**Honorary Fellows**

- 1978 Prof. Sir Peter Hirsch FRS (1960)  
 1984 Prof. Barry Supple CBE LittD FBA  
 FRHISTSOC (1981)  
 1984 Sir Robin Nicholson FRS (1961)  
 1985 Sir John Lyons LittD FBA (1961)  
 1988 Prof. Bernard Bailyn (1986)  
 1990 Sir Rodric Braithwaite GCMG  
 1991 Sir Dillwyn Williams MD  
 1993 Prof. Sir Christopher Ricks FBA (1975)  
 1995 Prof. Sir Simon Schama CBE FBA (1966)  
 1996 Rt Hon Lord Irvine of Lairg PC QC  
 1996 Mr Neil McKendrick (1958)  
 1997 Prof. John Clarke ScD FRS (1972)  
 1998 Dr Adrian Ning-Hong Yeo (1970)  
 2002 Prof. Phillip King CBE Hon LittD FRA  
 2002 Sir Charles Saumarez Smith CBE FSA (1979)  
 2002 Sir Nicholas Serota CH Hon LittD  
 2002 Lord Williams of Oystermouth DD PC FBA  
 2004 Prof. Sir Martin Evans DSC Hon  
 LLD FRS FMedSci  
 2004 Rt Hon Lord Turnbull of Enfield KCB CVO  
 2005 Prof. Sir Keith Peters GBE FRCP  
 FRS FMedSci (1987)  
 2005 Sir David Cannadine LittD FBA  
 LittD FBA FRSL FRHistS (1975)  
 2005 Prof. Linda Colley CBE FBA FRA (1978)  
 2005 Rt Hon Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL  
 2008 Prof. Quentin Skinner FBA (1962)  
 2008 Dr Yusuf Hamied Hon ScD  
 2009 Prof. Sir James Smith FRS FMedSci (2001)  
 2009 The Rt Hon Lord Justice Moore-Bick PC  
 2009 Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo  
 2010 Sir Hugh Pelham FRS FMedSci (1978)  
 2013 Prof. Sir Michael Edwards OBE Hon LittD  
 2014 Prof. Margaret Stanley OBE (1991)  
 2016 Prof. Tony Hunter  
 2016 Dr Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein  
 2016 Prof. Duncan Haldane FRS  
 2017 Sir Martin Sorrell  
 2018 Professor Bill Steen HonFIMechE  
 2018 Sir Richard Treisman FRS  
 2018 Professor Philip Kitcher

**Bye-Fellows**

- 1999 Dr David Webster  
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthams  
 2005 Prof. David Rowland  
 2011 Dr Michael Gonzalez (2008)  
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipourous  
 2014 Dr Andrew Coburn  
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday  
 2014 Dr James Jones  
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys  
 2014 Dr Steven Murdoch (2008)  
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown  
 2015 Dr Jamie Gundry

- 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi  
 2016 Dr Richard Basset  
 2016 Mr Paul Fannon  
 2016 Dr Thomas Hopkins  
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones  
 2016 Dr Carmen Olmedilla Herrero  
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman  
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall  
 2017 Dr Alexander Rodnyanskiy  
 2018 Dr Richard Turner (2016)  
 2018 Dr James Wade (2012)  
 2018 Dr Loubab Zedane

**Fellow-Commoners**

- 1994 Mr Graham Ballard (1982)  
 1998 Prof. Geoffrey Martin LittD FSA (1966)  
 1998 Ms Shelby White  
 2008 Dr Michael Halstead (2002)  
 2009 Miss Elizabeth Norris (2004)  
 2010 Mr Michael Perlman

**Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellows**

- 2001 Sir Simon Campbell CBE DSc FRS  
 2001 Lady Jill Campbell  
 2004 Mr Cecil Hawkins  
 2004 Mr Guy Whittaker  
 2006 Mr Alfred Harrison  
 2006 Dr Mike Lynch OBE FRS FREng  
 2008 Mr Graham Clapp  
 2009 Prof. Stephen Blyth  
 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE FRS  
 2012 Mr Terry Cann  
 2013 Mr Richard Gnodde  
 2013 Mr Simon Palley  
 2016 Mr Jim Warwick  
 2016 Dr Jane Dominey  
 2017 Mr Tim Lintott  
 2018 Mr Roger Rees

**Honorary Members**

- 1999 Sir Li Ka-Shing KBE  
 1999 Mrs Fiona Fattal  
 1999 Mr Oscar Lewisohn  
 1999 Mr Chia-Ming Sze  
 2001 Mrs Beverly Sackler  
 2004 Ms Solina Chau

**Chaplain**

Reverend Dr Mark Smith

**Distinguished Visiting Scholar**

Professor Charles Kennel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, Lent Term 2018

## New Senior Members



*Sean Fleming*

SEAN FLEMING elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am thrilled to be joining Christ's College, not least because of its rich tradition in political thought and intellectual history. I completed my BA in Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland and my MA in Political Science at the University of Calgary before going to Trinity Hall, Cambridge to do a PhD in Politics and International Studies. My primary interests are in political theory and international relations.

My PhD is on theories of state responsibility, or justifications for holding whole countries responsible (as opposed to individual leaders and officials), such as for reparations and debts.

I will use my Fellowship to develop a new project about 'artificial persons'. Whereas my PhD was about the practice of ascribing responsibilities to states, my next project will be about ascriptions of rights and responsibilities to entities that are neither human nor collective – in particular, nature and robots. The background for this project is that there have been two recent attempts to expand the category of artificial persons: New Zealand granted legal personhood to a river in 2014, and the European Parliament suggested a new legal status for autonomous robots – 'electronic personhood' – in 2017. This project will examine both the history of granting personhood to non-human entities and the contemporary justifications for doing so.

What makes this a project of political theory rather than of law or philosophy is that it will focus on the question of whose interests are served by expanding the category of artificial persons.

TOM HAWKER-DAWSON elected a College Teaching Fellow



*Tom Hawker-Dawson*

I am absolutely thrilled to be joining Christ's as a College Lecturer, Fellow and Director of Studies in Law. I came up to Cambridge in 2010 to read Law at Downing College. Even at that stage my interest lay mainly in the criminal side of things, and this was fuelled further throughout the BA, after which I undertook an MPhil and then a PhD in Criminology, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. Straddling the boundaries of Law and Social Science can be challenging

at times, but is also incredibly rewarding. My doctoral research explores judges' communication in sentencing remarks (the pronouncements judges make when sentencing people that are sometimes reported in local and national newspapers). This can be a real juggling act for judges, who are simultaneously addressing the defendant, victims, the public and the Court of Appeal. I will be presenting my findings to the Judicial College, in order to support sentencing training.

My next research project will pick up on a growing issue in the criminal courts: the use of video links. This technology is increasingly used to communicate with defendants, who need not then be transported between prisons and courts for hearings. I will investigate the implications of this technology for access to justice, with a focus on defendants' right to participate effectively in their case under Article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

I have hugely enjoyed teaching on the Law Tripos for the past four years, most recently in my capacity as a College Teaching Associate at Downing, where I was a Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies. I greatly look forward to teaching Law at Christ's and to joining the College's wonderful community.

**MIKE HOUSDEN** elected a Fellow

I'm delighted to have been elected as a Fellow in Chemistry at Christ's and very much look forward to engaging with the College from this new perspective. I completed my PhD at Christ's in Organic Chemistry (Natural Product Total Synthesis) in 2011 and remained in Cambridge to undertake postdoctoral research in transition metal-mediated asymmetric catalysis. In 2012, I was elected to the Mays–Wild Research Fellowship, and later to an Official Fellowship, at Downing College, which gave me the funding to take on some more independent projects in the under-explored overlaps between modern synthetic chemistry and physics. In particular, I became interested in the classes of small molecules used in some of the most advanced types of organic solar cells and LEDs and how we might be able to chemically modify them to selectively tune their electronic properties. In stark contrast to most organic synthesis, this chemistry had the added advantage of literally being very colourful, much to the envy of my lab colleagues. Alongside this research, I also worked with a team synthesising a complex but highly potent and biologically selective chemical payload as part of an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) for targeted drug delivery in cancer therapy.



*Mike Housden*

Since 2013, I have been Director of Studies in Chemistry at Christ's and I will be continuing to supervise undergraduates across all four years of the Natural Sciences Tripos. In recent years, I have also become increasingly involved with undergraduate admissions for Physical Sciences at both a College and University level. Despite my moving about up and down Regent Street over the last few years, I have kept involved with the valiant efforts on the river of the Fellows' boat and hope to continue to do so.

**ISABEL HUANG-DORAN** elected a College Teaching Fellow

It is a tremendous honour to be joining the Fellowship of Christ's, fourteen years after first matriculating to study medicine. As an undergraduate, I soon discovered that I enjoyed the creativity of scientific research, and therefore opted to join the Cambridge combined MB/PhD programme. My PhD, based at the Institute of Metabolic Science, explored molecular and cellular mechanisms of insulin resistance, a pathological state believed to play a key role in the development of type 2 diabetes and other obesity-associated metabolic derangements. My approach was to study patients with rare, severe forms of insulin resistance caused by single gene mutations, and try to understand the mechanisms of their insulin resistance in cellular models.



*Isabel Huang-Doran*

After finishing my PhD and graduating from medical school, I worked as a foundation doctor in London before returning to Addenbrooke's Hospital in 2015 as an Academic Clinical Fellow. This post allowed me to pursue postdoctoral research alongside clinical training in General Medicine and Endocrinology. My research lies at the interface of metabolism and reproductive endocrinology, aiming

to better understand the molecular basis of subfertility associated with obesity and insulin resistance. Currently, I combine cellular, molecular and genetic approaches to explore the mechanisms underlying obesity-associated endometrial and ovarian dysfunction, and gynaecological cancer. I have recently taken up an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer post to continue this work alongside my role as a specialist registrar in Endocrinology and Diabetes.

I have supervised pre-clinical medical students at Christ's since 2007, first in neuroscience, and latterly (since 2015) as a Bye-Fellow in Human Reproduction. I am also a clinical supervisor, providing bedside teaching at Addenbrooke's to a small group of Christ's clinical students. I am continually impressed by the enthusiasm and talent of our students, who of course contribute enormously to the stimulating environment of the College. I look forward to continuing my research and teaching in this wonderful setting.



*Kylie James*

**KYLIE JAMES** elected a Junior Research Fellow

Growing up in the tropics of Cairns, Australia, I have always been inspired by the natural world. It is a great honour to be pursuing this passion as a Junior Research Fellow of Christ's College, with its history in the Life Sciences.

I completed my undergraduate studies (2008–2011) and doctoral research (2013–2016) in the field of immunology at the University of Queensland, Australia. My early research focused on how the immune cells respond to and clear the body of tropical infections, including schistosomiasis and malaria. In late 2016, I crossed the globe (taking a slight detour on the Trans-Siberian railway) to take up my current postdoctoral position at the Wellcome Sanger Institute.

My postdoctoral research continues to explore the enormous complexity of immune cells. In particular, I study the immune environment of the colon (large bowel). While this might sound a little off-putting, it is a particularly fascinating immune environment. Immune cells of the colon have a unique role in establishing tolerance for a community of commensal bacteria. Breakdown in the relationship between immune cells and these bacteria has been associated with the onset of diabetes, cancer and even Alzheimer's disease. My research project will be to create the first 'map' of immune cell types and neighbouring bacteria in the healthy human colon that will be used as a reference for states of disease.

In addition to science, I play on the Cambridge Women's Australian Football team and enjoy sketching. I look forward to being involved in College life and working with Fellows, students and staff.



*Philip Kitcher*

**PHILIP KITCHER** elected Honorary Fellow

Chance, more exactly good fortune, has played a major role in my life. When I was seven, I was lucky to have a teacher who recommended to my parents that I apply to Christ's Hospital. The advice was followed, and that famous school provided me with a superb education. Thus, I arrived at Christ's College well prepared for the rigors of the Mathematical Tripos.

During my first two years in College, however, it was the rich culture in music and drama that captured my imagination.



My supervisors kindly tolerated my submission of free tickets in the place of completed problem sets. Luckily for me, Richard Maunder recognized that I needed a change of direction, and set up a meeting with one of Cambridge's historians of science. His insight bore fruit, and in my final year, I switched to study of the History and Philosophy of Science.

Although I had originally thought to concentrate on history, philosophy provided the intellectual challenge and fascination I had been missing. Another chance event made me aware of fellowships to study in the United States, and the College scrambled to help me submit a last-minute application. To my surprise, I was successful, and set out across the Atlantic, intending to study for two years at Princeton – then the Mecca for philosophers of science – before coming back to Cambridge.

That plan was modified by the greatest good fortune of all. A year after I had begun my graduate studies, a young woman, Patricia Williams, arrived in the next entering cohort. A year after that we were married. Since completing our doctoral degrees, we have – through dumb luck – taught side by side in various American universities. The academic world into which we emerged was one in which married couples were sometimes forbidden by statute from holding faculty positions in the same department – and even when there were no strict rules the idea was regarded with great suspicion. We have been delighted to see the changes for women (and for their partners).

My early work focused on questions in the philosophy of mathematics and in the general philosophy of science. Then, at the beginning of my teaching career – another stroke of luck – my students urged me not to take all my examples from the physical sciences, but to attend to biology. I quickly discovered how exciting the then-nascent field of philosophy of biology promised to be, and I am glad to have participated in its early development. Throughout the 1980s, biology served as my source for ideas about the sciences, as I wrote on issues in the general philosophy of science (questions about explanation and scientific change), and also on evolutionary theory, molecular genetics, and human sociobiology.

Another fortunate opportunity turned me in a new direction. In the early 1990s, I was invited to serve as a Senior Fellow to the Library of Congress to write a report on the Human Genome Project. That work, particularly the discussions I had in Washington, opened my eyes to the need for philosophical attention to the role of the sciences in democratic societies. Ever since, my writings about the sciences have been preoccupied with ethical and political questions around science, topics that, until recently, were largely neglected.

Pursuing these issues led me inevitably to more general explorations in ethics and political philosophy. Here I have been primarily concerned to offer an account of ethical life that would fit with our understanding of human evolution, and to clarify the notion of democracy, (for me, these topics turn out to be intimately related). After we moved to Columbia University in 1999, conversations with my emeritus colleague, Sidney Morgenbesser, brought me to a new insight. Just as Molière's Monsieur Jourdain discovered that he had been talking prose all his life, so I found that I had been a pragmatist all along (in the tradition of William James and especially John Dewey) without knowing it. My current work is devoted to articulating both a general pragmatist framework for our times, and also applying it to understand the growth of knowledge, the evolution of values, the progress of democracy, and the proper goals of education.

Other philosophical interests have also emerged. The rich intellectual culture of Columbia has given me the opportunity to explore philosophical themes in literature and in music. I have returned to the passions of my early years at Christ's, writing on Wagner and Mahler, Joyce and Thomas Mann. As I write these words, I am also expecting the arrival of a volume of essays on the philosophical implications of Sophocles' Oedipus plays, a collection for which I have written a chapter. As I wrote it, I thought often of a production I directed of both *Oedipus Rex* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. The plays were performed together in the Christ's chapel just fifty years ago. The actors who played Oedipus and Theseus – Peter Emmerson and Will Mason – have, despite continental separation, remained dear friends for over half a century.

Indeed, I have been very lucky. I am deeply honored to rejoin the Christ's community as an Honorary Fellow, and I am delighted to have the chance to renew my ties with a place that has given me so much.



Giovanni Mantilla

GIOVANNI MANTILLA elected a Fellow

It is a true delight and an honor to become a Fellow of Christ's College. I was born in Colombia and received my undergraduate education at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogota. Later, I pursued my doctorate in Political Science at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and was lucky to spend time as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Affairs, and at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Most recently, I moved to Cambridge from Mexico City, where I taught for three years.

My research straddles the fields of international relations theory, history, diplomacy, and international law. I have devoted most of my efforts so far to investigating the origins, design and evolution of the international law of armed conflict, also known as international humanitarian law. My first book, which answers the question of why states have created international rules to regulate internal armed conflict (including civil war) is currently under contract and should be published within the next year or so. Ongoing projects include documenting and theorizing the role of the Third and Second worlds in the making of international law during the twentieth century, often successfully and against the wishes of the most powerful states in international society. I am fascinated by social theory in general, and apply it in my own work to understand the dynamics of international diplomacy and law through the systematic use of historical evidence from archives.

For any scholar, but especially for someone with an interest in history, politics, and law, becoming a member of Christ's is an intellectual treasure. I look forward to joining the Christ's community and to interacting with wonderful colleagues and students. I am already heartened by the warmth with which I have been welcomed even prior to my arrival in Cambridge, and I am thrilled to make Christ's my academic home moving forward.

ROGER REES elected a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow

Roger Rees matriculated at Christ's in 1948, having been educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Kirkby Lonsdale, to read Law. He was awarded a State

Scholarship and was an Exhibitioner, and then Bachelor Scholar of the College. He graduated in 1951, and then took the LLB in Public Law, before being admitted Solicitor in 1956. Roger's career was in public service, and his last posts before retirement were Chief Executive of the City of Salford (1974 to 1993), and Clerk of the Greater Manchester Police Authority (1986 to 1993).

Roger was appointed OBE in 1990. He has an Honorary Degree from Salford University, and is an Honorary Fellow of University College of Salford. He was also Company Secretary of Lancashire Wildlife Trust for many years, and in his spare time enjoys singing and travelling.



*Roger Rees*

**SAM STANIER** elected a Teaching Fellow

I am excited to be joining Christ's College in October of this year as a Teaching Fellow, having been appointed to a University Senior Lectureship in Civil Engineering within the Engineering Department earlier this year. My academic career began with a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, followed by a Doctorate in Geotechnical Engineering, both at the University of Sheffield (2003–2011). After this I moved to the University of Western Australia (2011–) to take up a series of Post-Doctoral and then Academic positions, including, most recently, a much-coveted Australian Research Council Early Career Fellowship.



*Sam Stanier*

Whilst 'down under' I have been conducting research and teaching that has been predominantly focussed on offshore geotechnical engineering, which provides many challenges locally due to the difficult ground conditions found offshore Western Australia, where there is still significant offshore oil and gas extraction activity and, increasingly, the prospect of offshore renewable energy developments. In my research activities, I enjoy both fundamental and practical aspects of geotechnical engineering, with the aim being to develop fundamental understanding at the same time as simple design methodologies that can be utilised in engineering practice. For example, on the one hand I have been developing numerical techniques for measuring sub-pixel displacements between pairs of images that have been widely used in fundamental geotechnical research, whilst on the other, I have been designing smart but practical tools for better measuring engineering design parameters for surficial seabed sediments that have been used in practice on commercial projects in conjunction with multinational industry sponsors.

After seven very rewarding years in Australia, the time feels right for myself and my young family (my wife Sophie, our three year old daughter Isla, infant son Jack and our dog Conan) to move back to the UK. I am very grateful to have been offered a Teaching Fellowship at Christ's and very much look forward to becoming immersed in College life, and teaching, in due course.

**BILL STEEN** elected Honorary Fellow

It was a surprise and delight to be elected to an Honorary Fellowship of Christ's, following on from my election to an Honorary Fellowship of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers as 'the father of laser material processing'.



*Bill Steen with his wife, Margaret*

The College has been a big part of my life. I was basically born into it in 1933 since my father was then a Fellow of the College of some ten years standing. Following National Service in the RAF, I came up to Christ's in 1954, where I met Lawford Howells while queuing outside Kempton's office. From that friendship much flowed, and we created the Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club, since my friends and I realised that we stood no chance of a Blue unless we invented our own game. A chance newspaper report on trivial reporting of Royalty entitled 'Does Prince Philip cheat at Tiddlywinks' allowed the club to challenge the Duke of Edinburgh to scotch this rumour once and for all. He appointed his champions as 'the Goons'. A media frenzy followed when we played them at Tiddlywinks in the Guildhall in Cambridge on 1 March 1958. We also graduated as chemical engineers.

From Cambridge I moved to Crawley in Sussex to join a small research group in APV developing the world's first continuous brewing plant. There I met and married Margaret Frankish. After qualifying as a Chartered Engineer, I felt the need to travel and do something for the less fortunate. So, we joined the Methodist Missionary Society (MMS) and went to West Bengal where I lectured in Industrial Chemistry at Bankura Christian College. While there I proposed a fisheries project based on the artificial tanks that abound in Bengal to provide much needed protein to the local people, this was supported by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (UNFAO), but rejected by the college, so after two and a half years we returned to England, and I got a job at the Imperial College Metallurgy Department, which was recruiting in process metallurgy.

At Imperial I had to develop a research interest. I was interested in the possibility of chemical deposition by blowing jets onto hot plates, but such a system lacked clarity. The laser had just been invented in 1960, and in 1964 the CO<sub>2</sub> laser was developed. That suggested a way, by focussing the heat, of increasing the definition of this as a printing system. So, I built a CO<sub>2</sub> laser, with 30,000V power supply, from scratch (a bit of a learning experience). It was a pathetic laser, but it got me a PhD for laser chemical vapour deposition (LCVD), a process now becoming of greater interest some fifty years later. My breakthrough came when The BOC Group plc along with the Welding Institute built the world's first Industrial 2kW CO<sub>2</sub> fast axial flow laser. I proposed a project to the South Eastern Regional College (SERC), BOC and Imperial College, and won it. I then had the only high powered laser research facility in any UK university. The sheer magic of cutting steel like butter with invisible beams and welding with superb thin weld beads still holds me captivated.

My research group grew dramatically; with imagination most industries could be made to consider one application or another. We were working with a new form of industrial energy and almost daily invented new ideas for its use. We worked first on cutting and welding, cutting anything from car parts to fish fingers; in welding we invented a process for adding an electric arc to the laser process where the two energy sources automatically locked to the same laser designated spot, keeping the high-quality laser weld but doubling the speed. We invented, with Rolls Royce, the blown powder laser cladding method, in which metal powder is blown into the laser

generated hot spot to create a clad layer, for hard facing or appearance. This was the start of laser direct casting a form of 3D printing which is also now the basis of an industry that has far to go.

In 1988 almost all the group moved with me to Liverpool University where I had been offered much more space and the newly formed James Bibby Chair of Engineering Manufacture. There we thrived and grew to over thirty people, branching out in 1996 into the Lairdside Laser Engineering Centre, a commercial wing for our research. In 1991, after giving courses in Vigo in Spain (where there is now a laboratory named after me), and later in Chile, I wrote the first textbook on Laser Material Processing, now in its 4th edition. In 1995 I was elected the first President of the newly formed Association of Industrial Laser Users (AILU), a position I held for the first ten years of the Association's existence while it grew to be the prime laser professional association in the UK. In 1996 I was awarded the Schawlow Award by the Laser Institute of America (LIA), the first European to be so honoured. This won me my first Honorary Fellowship, that of the LIA.

I retired from Liverpool and returned to Cambridge in 1998 where I was welcomed by the Metallurgy Department as a Distinguished Research Fellow. I spent a time as Editor of the *College Magazine*, and more recently I have been cataloguing the College picture collection, with additional help from Margaret, joining in with her craft skills to clean and refurbish many of the frames.

It is thus a peculiar joy and honour to join the ranks of Honorary Fellows of this College, many of whose portraits I have been cataloguing and researching. I am indeed grateful to the Fellowship for this honour.

**RICHARD TREISMAN** elected Honorary Fellow

I came to Christ's as an undergraduate in 1974 to read Natural Sciences, intending to go into chemistry research. I had chosen the College because it was not too big, was beautiful but not ostentatiously so, and Peter Sykes, author of a wonderfully clear book on organic chemistry, was a Fellow. But in the end, the biggest impact my choice had was that Douglas Barker, my director of studies, convinced me to follow the biology of cells course, in spite of my having given up biology in favour of geology at school. This was a real eye-opener, and I switched to Biochemistry for Part II. For reasons I cannot remember, the College conducted biochemistry supervisions jointly with Clare, and through this I met Tim Hunt and Hugh Pelham, who convinced me that a molecular biology PhD was the thing to do, and became lifelong friends.



*Richard Treisman*

I therefore emerged from Christ's as an aspirant molecular biologist, pursuing a PhD on polyomavirus mRNA biogenesis at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) laboratories in London (recommended by Tim). After a postdoc at Harvard, I set up my first independent research programme on growth factors and transcription at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, but rejoined the ICRF in the late 80s. This research kept me busy ever since: the reward of finding out new stuff, which amply compensates for day-to-day frustration involved, has been enlivened and enriched by a stream of ever-youthful trainees that have passed through the lab, whose hard work and talent has made it all possible.

Alongside research, I became Director of the Cancer Research UK London Research Institute – the successor to the ICRF labs – in 1999. From 2007 onwards, this involved working closely on the establishment of the new Francis Crick Institute, in a team including two other Christ's Honorary Fellow: Keith Peters and Jim Smith. The Crick includes researchers from the LRI, the MRC National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), and three London universities. Its development, in new laboratories next to the British Library, was the inspired brainchild of the then NIMR Director, Keith Peters. His successor Jim, who was my contemporary at Christ's, and who was similarly influenced by Douglas Barker, and I had a very enjoyable time bringing LRI and NIMR together in the brilliant new Crick Laboratory, which opened in 2016.

It's a great honour to have been elected an Honorary Fellow – and certainly something that I did not dream of in my room at the top of the gatehouse tower four decades ago...

## Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours

**SIR RODRIC BRAITHWAITE** (Honorary Fellow) had his book, *Armageddon and Paranoia: The Nuclear Confrontation* published by Profile Books in September 2017 and by Oxford University Press America in March 2018. He is now working on another: *Russophobia: Russia's Tangled Relationship with the Outside World*.

**PROFESSOR STEPHEN BLYTH** (Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow) recently held several exhibitions of his art work. He has turned his love of maps and road-trips into art forged from recycled license plates and has exhibited in Boston, Cape Cod and Brookline.

**PROFESSOR SIR DAVID CANNADINE** (Honorary Fellow) became the President of the British Academy and celebrated the publication of *Victorious Century: The United Kingdom, 1800–1906*. He was also awarded an Hon DLitt by the University of London.

**PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY** (Honorary Fellow) has been on leave in Sweden this academic year. She was invited to address the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and also delivered the London Review of Books Lecture at the British Library, and the Castle Lecture at the University of Durham. A Catalan translation of her book, *Acts of Union and Disunion*, was published in early 2018.

**PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1957) was recently awarded an Hon DLitt by Cambridge University, and in 2017 he served as Director of the Académie française.

**PROFESSOR MIKE EDWARDSON** (Fellow) was elected Sheld Professor of Pharmacology in the University with effect from 1 December 2017.

**MR PAUL FANNON** (Bye-Fellow, m. 1998) won a 2018 Cambridge University Students' Union (CUSU) Teaching Award for his work as an undergraduate supervisor in the Science and Technology category.



*Mr Paul Fannon  
Winning the CUSU  
Teaching Award  
2018*

**PROFESSOR SARAH FRANKLIN** (Fellow) was awarded a Fellowship to the Academy of Social Sciences. Fellowships of the Academy are given for the excellence and impact of the candidate's work in using social science for public benefit.

**DR YUSUF HAMIED** (Honorary Fellow) was awarded the degree of Hon DSc by The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay at their 55th Convocation Day for his outstanding contributions to the growth of the pharmaceutical industry. Dr Hamied was also given the Public Health Hero Award by Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and the first-ever Scientists of Valor Award from the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) Foundation, both in October 2017.



*Dr Yusuf Hamied  
receiving his  
Honorary degree at  
the Indian Institute  
of Technology  
Bombay*

In November Dr Hamied was elected an honorary member of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. He was also named among *India Today's* top 20 Global Indians, and Britain's 101 most influential Asians in *GG2* magazine's Power List of 2018.

**PROFESSOR SIR PETER HIRSCH** (Honorary Fellow) came to this country in 1939, as a Jewish refugee, at the age of thirteen, and this year he was asked to give the Holocaust Memorial Lecture by the Oxford University Chabad Society on 28 January 2018.

**DR KATHRYN HOWLEY** (Fellow) has just conducted a very productive first fieldwork season of the Sanam Temple Project at the first millennium BC temple of the Nubian king Taharqa in Sudan. She has been awarded a grant from the Egypt Exploration Society to continue this work next year. Dr Howley was also appointed as Lila Acheson Wallace Assistant Professor of Ancient Egyptian Art at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, beginning in September 2018.

**PROFESSOR TONY HUNTER** (Honorary Fellow) received the 2018 Pezcoller-AACR International Award for Extraordinary Achievement in Cancer Research from the Pezcoller Foundation in Trento in Italy on 19 May 2018. He also shared the 2018 Tang Prize in Biopharmaceutical Science with Dr Brian Druker (Oregon Health & Science University) and Dr John Mendelsohn (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center), which will be awarded in Taipei in September.

**PROFESSOR MARTIN JOHNSON** (Fellow) had the 8th edition of his book, *Essential Reproduction* published in March 2018.



*Professor Philip  
Kitcher*

**PROFESSOR FRANK KELLY** (Fellow) has been appointed a Trustee of the Alan Turing Institute, and Chair of the Scientific Board of the Smith Institute.

**PROFESSOR PHILIP KITCHER** (Honorary Fellow) was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society in Spring 2018.

**PROFESSOR DAVID KLENERMAN** was awarded a Royal Medal by the Royal Society, jointly with Professor Sir Shankar Balasubramanian for their co-development of DNA sequencing techniques transforming biology and genomic medicine.

**PROFESSOR IAN LESLIE** was appointed Director of University Information Services (UIS) from May 2018. He retains his role as Senior Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor with special responsibility for Information System Strategy and Environmental Sustainability, and remains a University-nominated director of Cambridge Innovation Capital. He stepped down from the Robert Sansom Professorship of Computer Science, a position he had held since 1998.



*Dr Mary-  
ellen Lynall*

**DR MARY-ELLEN LYNALL** (Bye-Fellow) was awarded the Core Psychiatric Trainee of the Year by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.





**PROFESSOR DAME THERESA MARTEAU** (Fellow) and her team were awarded a prestigious Wellcome Collaborative Award in Science to investigate ways to encourage healthier behaviours such as changing the size and shape of food, alcohol and tobacco products.

*Professor Dame  
Theresa Marteau*

**PROFESSOR SIR KEITH PETERS** (Honorary Fellow) was given an even higher honour in the New Year Honours list by being awarded a GBE (Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire) for Services to the Advancement of Medical Science.



*Professor Sir  
Keith Peters*

**PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS** (Fellow) wrote and presented *Balfour's Promised Land* – a BBC Radio 4 documentary recorded in London, Jerusalem and Beersheba to mark the centenary of the November 1917 Balfour Declaration. In October 2018 Professor Reynolds and Professor Valdimir Pechatnov (Moscow Institute of International Relations) published *The Kremlin Letters: Stalin's Wartime Correspondence with Churchill and Roosevelt* (Yale University Press) – based on extensive research in Russian, British and American archives.

**SIR CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH** (Honorary Fellow) opened the new Royal Academy of Arts in his capacity as Chief Executive in May 2018. He was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Art, Architecture and Culture in the UK.

**PROFESSOR SIR SIMON SCHAMA** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1963) had *Belonging: The Story of the Jews (1492–1900)*, which is volume 2 of *The Story of the Jews* series, published in November 2017 and it was subsequently short-listed for the Baillie-Gifford Prize. He delivered the Jerusalem Lectures in memory of Professor Menahem Stern in Jerusalem in December 2017 on art, history and memory. He also gave the Balfour Declaration Lecture at the Royal Society on the centenary of that event in November and a second version of the lecture in the Knesset in Jerusalem a week later. Professor Schama was the writer-presenter of five of the nine-programme series for BBC2 called *Civilisations* and gave the College's Lady Margaret Lecture on that subject in April 2018. He was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to History.

**PROFESSOR QUENTIN SKINNER** (Honorary Fellow) was awarded an Honorary Degree by the University of Kent at Canterbury in July 2017, and in January 2018 he was awarded an Honorary Degree by the University of Uppsala. His latest book, *From Humanism to Hobbes: Studies in Rhetoric and Politics*, was published by Cambridge University Press in January 2018. Professor Skinner and his wife also welcomed their third grandchild, Zoe, in November 2017.

**THE REVEREND DR MARK SMITH** (Chaplain) has a monograph forthcoming with Oxford University Press, entitled *The idea of Nicaea in the Early Church Councils, AD 431–451*. The book arises out of his ongoing academic research into the proceedings, decision-making processes, and theological argumentation of church councils in late antiquity, and especially their appeals to ecclesial tradition.

**DR HENRY SPELMAN** (Fellow) had his book, *Pindar and the Poetics of Permanence* published by Oxford University Press in 2018.

**PROFESSOR KRISTINA SPOHR** (Former Fellow) will join the The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) (in conjunction with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)) for the 2018–2019 academic year as the inaugural Helmut Schmidt Distinguished Professor in the Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs.

**PROFESSOR JANE STAPLETON** (Master) gave the Clarendon Law Lectures in Oxford in April 2018.

**PROFESSOR BILL STEEN** (Honorary Fellow) was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on 1 November 2017 for his pioneering work in developing the subject of Laser Material Processing. The College elected Professor Steen to an Honorary Fellowship in May 2018.

**DR NATASHA TANNA** was awarded the annual Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland and Spanish Embassy Doctoral Publication Prize that is run in association with Legenda (the Modern Humanities Research Association), in April this year. The prize includes publication of her reworked thesis as a monograph with Legenda.



Professor  
Simon Tavaré

**PROFESSOR SIMON TAVARÉ** (Fellow) has received a number of awards. In July 2017 he received a Hon DSC from the University of Sheffield; in January 2018 he was elected Fellow of the American Mathematical Society; and in May 2018 he was elected Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Sciences (in the US).

**DR CAROLINE VOUT** (Fellow) had her book, *Classical Art: A Life History from Antiquity to the Present* published by Princeton University Press in 2018.



Lord Williams  
of Oystermouth  
receiving his award

**DR FELIX WALDMANN** (Fellow) has been elected the J H Plumb Fellow from 1 October 2018, in succession to Dr Sam James.

**LORD WILLIAMS OF OYSTERMOUTH** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1968) was awarded the Benedict XVI Medal from St Mary's University, Twickenham in recognition of his services to Theology.



Dr Bernardo Zacka's  
recent publication

**DR BERNARDO ZACKA** (Fellow) had his first book, *When the State Meets the Street: Public Service and Moral Agency* recently published by Harvard University Press. Dr Zacka has also accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which he took up in 2018.

## STAFF NEWS

There have been a number of staff changes again this year. The Development Office was delighted to welcome **Ann Farrell** in December, who is the College's new Alumni Officer.

**Andy Pullin** from the Gardening team was promoted to Deputy Head Gardener. Andy has been with the College since January 2009. The Gardeners also recently welcomed **Tania Pauley** to the team. In the Porters' Lodge, **Colin Hakeney** moved from his position of Senior Night Porter to take over as Deputy Head Porter from **Roy Sloane**, following Roy's appointment to Deputy Head Porter at Trinity College. The Senior Night Porter post has been replaced with two Night Porter Shift Leaders and **David Elliot** and **Lisa Barnes** have been promoted to these positions. **Clare Sharpe**, who was previously at Trinity Hall, has joined the department and filled the vacancy in the Night Porter section. Also from the Porters' Lodge, **Ian Burkitt** (Porter) retired after twelve years' service to the College in April 2018.

Once again the College Library has plenty of news to report over the past year, including the arrival of their new Graduate Trainee, **Hannah Goodsell**, in September last year. The team also welcomed **Samantha Hughes** as the new Assistant College Librarian in March 2018. Sam's previous position was as Senior Library Assistant in the Bodleian Law Library in Oxford, and she succeeds former Assistant Librarian Charlotte Hoare, who left in mid-February 2018 to take up a new Special Collections Librarian position at the University of Manchester. Last but by no means least, Senior Library Assistant **Katherine Krick-Pridgeon** had two reasons to celebrate this year. The first was the award of her doctorate from the University of Durham; and the second, her marriage, in the College Chapel, to Greg Pridgeon in March 2018. The exhibition, *Numerous Verse: Four Centuries of Poets and Poetry at Christ's College*, curated by last year's Graduate Trainee **Beth Slater**, ran until the end of November 2017 and received nearly two thousand visitors. This fascinating display of treasures included items connected with John Milton, letters from Ezra Pound to W H D Rouse, and manuscript poetry written by an eighteenth-century College servant. The exhibition also explored contemporary poets at Christ's, and brought the story right up to the present day with current students' work. Between January and April 2018 there was a second exhibition, *Liberty in Print: John Locke, Thomas Hollis, and the Christ's College 'Two Treatises of Government'*, curated by **Dr Felix Waldmann** (Fellow). Keeping up with the latest news from the library is easy: the team have a presence on the College's new website ([www.christs.cam.ac.uk/library-archives](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/library-archives)), a Facebook page, a Twitter feed and an Instagram account (@christslibrary). On the monthly library blog (at



*Library Graduate Trainee Hannah Goodsell*



*Assistant College Librarian Samantha Hughes*



*Katherine Krick-Pridgeon's wedding in the College Chapel*

christstreasures.blogspot.com) they host more in-depth articles on some of the library treasures. The Friends of Christ's Library group continues to grow, and they welcome new members – contact them at library@christs.cam.ac.uk.

**Mark King** (Admissions and Outreach Officer) and his wife Tanya became parents when they welcomed their daughter, Evelyn Julia King (Evie) to the world on Sunday 18 February 2018.



*Mark King  
(Admissions and  
Outreach Officer),  
his wife Tanya  
with their baby  
daughter Evie*



*Brian Ferris (L)  
presenting the trophy  
to Donald Keeble (R)*

A number of members of staff have been very active this year. Four members of staff completed the Cambridge Town and Gown 10K race in support of Muscular Dystrophy in October last year. The finishing times were: **Martin Spooner** (Director of College Services) – 53:05; **John Dearden** (Maintenance Department) – 50:07; **Wayne Bell** (Maintenance Manager) – 47:07; and **Matthew Woosnam** (Maintenance Department) – 43:50.

Wayne also completed the 100 mile Prudential Ride London-Surrey on 29 July this year. He cycled in aid of Mind, the mental health charity. **Donald Keeble** (Porter) won the College Golf Match with a score of 76. **Brian Ferris** and **Tim Wilson** (Catering Department) came second and third respectively.



*Town and Gown  
10k Race 2017*

*Anna Krupinska**Chris Austin*

Also raising money for charity was **Carmel Marshall** (Catering Office) who organised a wonderful charity Bake Off to raise funds for Stand Up To Cancer. £310 was raised and **Chris Austin** (College Accountant) and **Anna Krupinska** (Catering Office) won Star Baker awards after all the cakes and savouries had been sampled.

Last, but certainly not least, **Sue O'Donnell** (Conference and Events Manager) celebrates forty years of working at Christ's this year. Sue began as the Assistant to the Accommodation Secretary in July 1978, moving to become Accommodation Secretary shortly after. She now runs the College's busy conference department.

## STUDENTS

### Reports from Clubs and Societies

Each report is written by the President or Captain of the society concerned unless otherwise stated.

#### THE JCR

Website: [www.thejcr.co.uk](http://www.thejcr.co.uk)

*President: Grace Etheredge Vice President: Oliver Jones Treasurer: Charlotte Campbell  
Committee: Shadab Ahmed, Roslynn Ampomah, Andy Cai, Ethan Dodds, Michael Collingwood, Charlotte Fraser, Lucy Gardner, Isobel Griffiths, Ryan Gidda, Greg Harker, Georgia Humphrey, Henry Mattinson, Ellie McAleese-Park, Kieran Patel, Arthur Robijns, Jake Simms, Caterina Quadrio Curzio*

October managed to creep up on students with very little notice and brought with it car loads of Freshers: their suitcases bulging with multiple kettles and unnecessary salad spinners gifted by well-intentioned relatives. Met by Roslynn Ampomah and Ethan Dodds in the College car park on that first Sunday morning however, they were whisked into the welcome of their second year 'parents' and it soon seemed as if we had all known them all our lives. Packed with indoor picnics, pub mixers and a 'School of Rock' Bop, Freshers' Week sped past. It is with great anticipation that Lucy Gardener and Michael Collingwood now look forward to taking care of their own shoal of fresher fish this year. Having started the year without any intention of getting involved in anything remotely serious, it was with great surprise that Oliver Jones (the wonderful Vice President) and I found ourselves heading the JCR. Due to a technical glitch, it did look as though I was intending to impose a dictatorship on the JCR, as the initial draft of the online ballot sheet somehow presented my name as the only option for all roles. While this caused significant hilarity for the Committee, I was very glad when the other members were elected. The JCR Charities officer, Isobel Griffiths, was the first to launch herself into her role and did a fantastic job of creating the charity Christmas calendar and formalising the JCR practice that one third of bop profits would go to JCR charities. Caterina Quadrio Curzio, JCR Entertainments Officer, ended Michaelmas term with a lovely Mince Pies and Mulled Wine evening and a 'Christmas Down Under' Bop. This was timed perfectly to coincide with the first day of heavy snow of the year and ended with a College wide snowball fight by students dressed in shorts, t-shirts and tinsel! Lent term was kicked off in spectacular style by a JCR awareness raising day for LGBT+ History Month. This was organised by the JCR LGBT+ officer Georgia Humphrey, and involved students attending lectures dressed as rainbows. This was followed by the JCR's first Interfaith Tea, hosted by the Chaplain, Mark Smith, which enabled a very constructive forum for discussion on how to facilitate non-Christian worship at College. This in turn led to the provision of food for students during Ramadan, and the awareness for the need of a College prayer room as a priority. In line with manifesto promises, Lent term also became a time for rent negotiations to take place and saw the development of a Student Rents and Expenses Survey to determine students' financial need in College. This was spearheaded by JCR officers Shadab Ahmed, Charlotte Campbell and Kieran Patel and enabled by JCR Webmaster Henry Mattinson. The JCR was additionally keen

to start conversations in College about social issues such as sexism and misogyny and this led to an extremely powerful International Women's Day celebration alongside the Christ's College Feminist Society by the JCR Women's Officer Charlotte Fraser. International Officer Andy Cai and BME Officer Roslynn Ampomah added further to a fantastic term card with their organisation of a Chinese New Year formal dinner, and Catering Officer Ryan Gidda turned students' stomachs upside down for one night with the inaugural Christ's College Catering Charity Chilli Competition. What with an extremely solemn commemoration of Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, and the creation of the Christ's College cocktail, I don't think anyone would disagree with the assertion that Lent term ended on a high. Now that Easter Term is here and the incredible Green Week (organised by JCR Green Officer Jake Simms) is over, exams are approaching but the JCR is still determined to force students to have fun! With the help of Welfare Officers Arthur Robijns and Ellie McAleese-Park and Cambridge Massage Company, weekly yoga and JCR ice cream, students are going strong and looking forward to summer freedom, the May Ball and end of year bop!

*Grace Etheredge*

## THE MCR

Website: [www.christsmcr.co.uk](http://www.christsmcr.co.uk)

*President: Lisa Ruff Secretary: Ruby Guyatt Treasurer: Tess Langfield  
Committee: Saloni Atal, Marieke Bigg, Sam Buckland, Chloe Cliff, Rachel Cliffe, Sean Cormier, Lisa Duan, Yasmina El Chami, Josh Hodgson, Asiya Islam, Sammy Mahdi, Christian Parschau, Harald Sagar Vöbringer, Michael Scherm, Praveen Teleti*

Over the last year, the Christ's College MCR has continued being a warm and welcoming community, enabling our members to engage both academically and socially through a number of events. The year began with a sensational Freshers' week, perfectly organised by Hayden Henderson and the rest of last year's committee. Starting off with the traditional barbeque on the Saturday before the start of term, the new Freshers were introduced to Christ's College and the MCR with events like sports day, punting and a movie night. The week was topped off with a fantastic 'Under the Sea' Bop where mermaids, octopi and sharks were dancing until late.

Michaelmas Term started off with a delightful Diwali night organised by new members of the MCR, which was followed by a broad variety of social and academic events. Successfully organised by our Academic Officer Asiya, grad students in social sciences met with Christ's Fellows of the same research field during our first 'Meet the Fellows' event of the year. With the holidays approaching quickly, we also celebrated 'Bridgemas in the MCR' with mulled wine and mince pies finally getting us into the Christmas spirit whilst enjoying a traditional British Christmas dinner.

Lent term kicked off with a fun Burns Night Dinner in Formal Hall, followed by the famous ceilidh session allowing the MCR members to dance the night away while listening to Scottish music. Social events such as sushi making and Chinese New Year as well as academic events like the Emerging Research Seminar Series with fascinating talks by graduate students and a Junior Research Fellow about their research in the field of geography, cancer research and history, helped the time go by more quickly during the cold and dark winter months. The old committee ended its year with a spectacular UV Bop handing over to the new committee and sending off everyone into the Easter holidays completely covered in UV paint.

With the beginning of Easter Term we welcomed more postdoc affiliates to our MCR Postdoctoral Affiliation scheme who joined our MCR Community, enabling them to experience the collegiate environment. As Easter Term is a very busy time for all students, we focussed on the welfare of the grads by giving them some time to relax with 'Donut Stress', a movie night, and 'Sundaes on Sunday'. Specific writing groups were formed to enable students to exchange their writing experiences and results and we were able to hear more about cutting-edge research undertaken by our peers during more pre-grad hall talks.

With the Easter Term coming to an end, we are now looking forward to Christ's May Ball and the summer, during which we will be planning the next Freshers' week.

*Lisa Ruff*

## CHRIST'S AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)

*President: Oliver Jones Vice President: Georgia Humphrey Treasurer: Kieran Patel Secretary: Arthur Robijns*

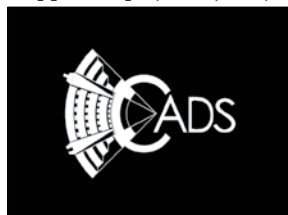
*Committee: Roslynn Ampomah, Rebecca Bradburn, Robin Franklin, Michael Hutchinson, Sathya James, Arianna Rabin, Joe Tyler Todd, Damian Walsh, Leah Wild*



*CADS performance in the College Chapel*

With the new committee taking over at the end of Easter term 2017, CADS have been keeping up funding for shows within College and across the Cambridge theatre scene. The main aim of the past year has been to bring in some great new events to make best use of the wonderful space we have

in the Yusuf Hamied Theatre, while still supporting projects across the University. CADS was involved in three shows over Michaelmas: holding the main slot at the Corpus Playroom in Week 0 and Week 4 with *My Eyes Went Dark* by Matthew Wilkinson and *On Raftery's Hill* by Marina Carr, as well as the staple of any CADS Michaelmas – our annual panto. Always a great opportunity to get Christ's students involved with theatre, this year's panto was written by the committee's own Arthur Robijns entitled *Brian Cocks and Zavid Blowie: An Adventure Through Spacetime*: a sci-fi adventure set in the Christ's College accommodation of Jesus Lane. Lent Term saw the introduction of a brand-new series of events for CADS, as well as the wider university, with the first ever CADS Monologue Clash. Now with a confirmed slot at the ADC Bar in Michaelmas 2018, these events are a great chance for performers to showcase their favourite roles and acting skills by performing a monologue of their choice. Our first event had a range of genres from Shakespeare to the more contemporary Sarah Kane, receiving great feedback from audiences and giving them snippets of plays they may have never encountered before. As well as the Monologue



*The CADS logo*

Clash, the CADS freshers' play returned this year with Marlowe's *The Massacre at Paris*, directed by Thomas Dixon, one of our members. Mark Smith, the Chaplain, kindly gave us permission to use the Chapel for the show, and the Tudor architecture gave atmosphere to the tense tragedy. This year also saw the introduction of our new logo created as part of a University wide



competition. The new design by Eleanor Humphrey makes brilliant use of the New Court building as inspiration, and we are so thankful for all her work on it. With our new branding and new shows, we hope the next year will follow on from the successes of this one. Additional congratulations should also be given to everyone that has been involved in the wider University, with Christ's being represented in the European Theatre Group's 60th anniversary tour of *Much Ado About Nothing*, the Marlowe Showcase, Lent Term Musical, and many more productions.

*Oliver Jones*

## BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

The society's third year of running was a success. Four new board games were bought, bringing our total up to eight, which are kept in the JCR and are available to borrow by all students. Two of these new board games became favourites among members of the society. *Betrayal at House on the Hill*, where players work against a traitor in a haunted house, and *One Night Ultimate Werewolf*, where each player is assigned a role and must find out who the werewolf is, while trying to convince others that it isn't them. In February, we hosted a joint board games night with St Catharine's College which had a large turn-out, and members of both societies had fun trying out new games.

*Esmac Woods*

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

It has been a very exciting year for the Boat Club due to our long awaited move into the redeveloped Boathouse. The newly kitted-out gym, sixteen ergs, balcony and social space make the Boathouse a very enjoyable environment in which to host socials and BBQs, as the over one hundred alumni who came to the official opening in May can testify, as well as, of course, the rowing! We were also able to name two boats at the opening: the *John Milton* and *Finch*, thanks to generous support from two alumni. Partly, perhaps, because of the promise of a move into the new building, Christ's has recruited well this year, with the men's side in particular maintaining more than four crews for the majority of the year. Our annual training camp in France was a great success, with beautiful sunshine and plentiful food helping us manage the intense schedule of rowing. Both M1 and W1 have had a lot to live up to this year after very successful results in last year's May Bumps. Lent Bumps, unfortunately, was something of an anti-climax, as after W2 battled through the blizzard, the first two days were called off for other crews due to the snow. Most crews put in a solid performance in



*Christ's College  
Boat Club Training  
Camp 2018*

the last two days despite the still freezing temperatures, with M2 unlucky to miss out on a bump, M1 bumping once, and W2 managing a row over. W1 went down, but a crew stricken with injuries meant they did well to get out. W1 and W2 were both disappointed to go down on all four days of the May bumps this year. For W1, a tricky year with numerous injuries meant they had not had enough time rowing as a full crew, but despite this, they managed to come together reasonably well by the end of the week. M1 managed to improve consistently throughout the week, coming back from being bumped by King's on day one to achieve two impressive row overs and a quick bump on Selwyn M1 on the Saturday. M2 and M3 both managed an impressive two row overs and two bumps, which for crews that included a large proportion who had noviced this year, was a great achievement. Results aside, however, the club has amassed an impressive base and is in a good position to move forward next year. We would also like to congratulate Tricia Smith, Tom Strudwick, and Miriam Apsley, all of whom won their races against Oxford.

*Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd and Anton Nilsson*

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION



*Christ's College  
Christian Union*

It's been so great to look back over the year and reflect on what's been happening in the Christian Union. One of the highlights has been our termly evenings of worship. It's been a real privilege to worship together, to reflect on the term and to pray for one another. In Michaelmas we ran a new weekly event called SHARE. Each week there would be a different topic

to discuss such as 'justice' or 'success' and students in College were invited to come along and present their views on these important topics. We consistently enjoyed fruitful discussions; it was so rewarding to think critically about these issues and to openly share our views with each other. Later on in the year, we ran a different weekly event called 'Text a Toastie'. Members of College texted in a toastie order and any question they had about Christianity. Then members of the CU delivered the toastie and answered the question. This event was well received in College, perhaps owing to the daring range of toastie options available which even included Crème Eggs! As a consequence of this event, several people in College decided that they would like to read the Bible with someone from the CU to further their investigations into the claims of Christianity. The College CU is also part of the larger university-wide Christian Union. Each year the CU runs a week of lunchtime and evening talks aimed at clearly communicating what it is that Christians believe. This year the theme of the events week was 'Real'. The idea behind this being that many of us are fearful of being truly ourselves around others, but that we can come to God as we are, being entirely real before him, and know his unchanging love for us because of the work of Jesus Christ. Everything that the College CU has done this year has aimed to communicate this good news to students in the College and we are so looking forward to continuing to tell people the difference Jesus makes to our lives in the year ahead.

*Rebekah Greenbank*

## COLOURS

The Christ's College Colours Presidents are pleased to announce that the College sports captains voted to award College Sports Colours 2017–2018 to the following students:

Adam Atkinson: Rowing  
 Jonny Carr: Hockey, Cricket and Tennis  
 Michael Cheah: Tennis and Badminton  
 Alfie Dent: Cricket and Football  
 Sam Dunbavin: Cricket, Volleyball and Rugby  
 Barney Fidler: Rugby and Lacrosse  
 Laragh Harvey-Kelly: Hockey, Lacrosse and Netball  
 Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd: Rowing  
 Kenki Matsumoto: Football  
 Anton Nilsson: Rowing  
 Alex Petrie: Cricket and Hockey  
 Connor Powell: Football and Pool  
 Alex Reeds: Football  
 Anna Westcott: Hockey and Netball

This year, the College went to Wadham College, Oxford for the annual sports day on a (very!) rainy day in January. The teams who made the journey were the rugby, men's and women's football, tennis, squash, and netball squads. Although only the women's football team emerged victorious, the day was a great success with over fifty students making the trip, and the dinner in Wadham afterwards was absolutely delicious. In November, the society hosted its biennial College Colours Dinner, which saw alumni



*Christ's Colours  
Sports Day*

who were involved in College sports, as well as the current sports captains, invited to a dinner in the OCR. We are very grateful to alumnus Tony Smith for giving an excellent after-dinner speech, as well as to all the lovely sportspeople who attended; we loved hearing everyone's stories and seeing the enthusiasm that everyone shared for College sport. In other news, the 'Daily Yale' Facebook page was created this year, administered by the Colours Presidents, on which College sporting news is shared. It has proven very popular with both alumni and current students; any alumni who are interested in staying up to date with College sports can find it by searching for 'The Daily Yale' on Facebook. We decided to start what we hope will become a tradition in future years: an end of year sports dinner. This is set to take place on Thursday 14 June in Formal Hall, after the Marguerites' and Hippolytans' Sports Day. The idea of the dinner is to celebrate all those who have made such a great contribution to College sport over the year.

*Sam Dunbavin and Laragh Harvey-Kelly*



*Christ's College  
Cricket Club*

## CRICKET

Although unfinished at the time of writing, the 2018 Christ's College Cricket Club season can only be described as a roaring success. Featuring many an experienced campaigner, the Club has been bolstered by a collection of fine cricketers from first and second year, all eager to replicate the legendary Cuppers win of 2015. Record attendances during nets in Lent term resulted in the inaugural Christ's vs Christ's intrasquad friendly. Among the freshers, a combative 34 from Ian Holdroyd quickly caught the selector's eye, as well as tidy bowling figures from the Carlisle-mad Lawrence Howard. With the health of the club in such fine form, it was extremely difficult for the co-captains Alfie Dent and Sam Dunbavin to name a side for the opening Cuppers match against Emmanuel, typically a strong team and somewhat of a rival of the Club. Having not attended nets and only two sessions of pre-season training, it was a shock to many that Blues opener Sam Turner was named in the squad, but he repaid the faith of both captains with a match-winning performance, hitting a swashbuckling 84 off the Emma attack, including back to back sixes off their captain. This was underpinned by a typically sensible innings by Henry 'that shot isn't in my repertoire' Makings (a recruit from Sidney Sussex College) and a fine bowling performance from scorecard-loving Nick Morgan. The second Cuppers fixture came against the formidable opponents of St John's. Batting first, Christ's put a respectable total of 94 on the board. With the St John's batsmen going well, the game was judiciously abandoned due to the weather on the recommendations of Alex Petrie, securing another point for the team. Sitting top of our group, our most recent Cuppers match came against Clare. With both our University keepers absent, it fell to Jonny Carr to keep wicket for the team. His typically cheeky sledging performance from behind the stumps, combined with a fantastic catch off the express pace of quickie Simon Fraser, who bowled beautifully in tandem with Parth Patel to open the innings. This opening partnership, combined with the crafty leg spin of Australian post-doc import John Liddicoat, limited Clare to a mere 84 runs. In a bid to secure a high seeding for the quarter-finals, openers Turner and Dunbavin made a blistering start to the run chase, which slowed somewhat when Mr Makings

strode to the crease. Dunbavin refused to let Makings slow him down, however, as Christ's cruised to the total in just 8.1 overs. Christ's has also played a friendly against Corpus Christi Grads this year, a game which saw some excellent performances by those involved. Energetic fielding from Matt Berry was augmented by fine bowling from skipper Dent, veteran Matt Baron, the reliable Shrav Gowrishankar, mercurial third-year Nick Partington, and, above all, keen fresher Amritz Ansara. Despite this, the power hitting of Corpus meant Christ's had quite a hill to climb when batting. After a typically English top-order collapse, a fine innings by Lawrence Howard gave Christ's some hope, but he started to run out of partners: first Ansara, then Dent, prolonging the inevitable, but succumbing eventually to a good bowling performance by Corpus. A fine game all round. Looking to the next weeks, Christ's face Pembroke in the quarter finals, as well as a potential date with destiny of the 21 June.

*Sam Dunbavin*

### STAFF & FELLOWS V STUDENTS CRICKET MATCH

The Staff & Fellows have not won this annual fixture in living memory, and, after the remarkable 2018 game...that remains the case. The early signs had all seemed to be in our favour. The student team had already played a game that day. We had twelve players. An upset was surely on the cards. Sadly, the dream began to evaporate as we actually started to play cricket. Bowling first, the Staff & Fellows XI conceded 46 runs from the first five overs, as Henry Makings (a recruit from Sidney Sussex College), Parth Patel and Nick Morgan feasted on some juicy deliveries. Thankfully, a shrewd pre-match agreement that batsmen should retire on making 30 ensured that these fearful power-hitters were soon safely back in the pavilion. Gradually the run-rate was curbed, and our fine ensemble of bowlers began to display their very particular set of skills. Ian Smith cranked up the pace, whistling past the outside edge on several occasions. John Liddicoat found some lovely flight and dip with his right-arm tweakers. Darren Heneghan and Henry Spelman kept the batsmen guessing with their marvellously scattergun approach to both line and length. But it was the Head Porter's balls that got everyone talking. Coming in off a short run, with a gentle action, Kevin Cash took two wickets in a single over – the second being a remarkable caught-and-bowled, pouched by Cash with the breezy nonchalance of the Man from Del Monte plucking an orange. Soon after, the student team captain, Alfie Dent, was (so the scorebook records) 'well and truly cleaned up' by a sizzling delivery from the Chaplain, who, like Samuel before Agag, king of the Amalekites, then swiftly dispatched James Bertlin, caught behind by the ever-dependable Peter Pride. Perhaps the most inspiring bowling display of all came from Dr David Norman, who rolled back the years, approaching his task with the lithe cunning of the Iguanodon. Considering that, at one stage, the students looked likely to score in excess of 200 runs, it was with a certain relief that, after 20 overs, the total stood at a 'mere' 174. The run chase did not go well. In fact, it was conducted almost entirely in binary figures. Oliver Neale was out for 0, Darren Heneghan for 1, Kevin Cash for 0, John Liddicoat for 0, Peter Pride for 0, David Norman for 0, John Dearden for 0, Matthew Clark for 1, and Wayne Bell for 0. Thank goodness for the sublime tonking of Ian Smith, who scored a rollicking 49 (including 10 fours and a six) before being dismissed. Henry Spelman looked silky-smooth for his 6 runs, which included his first career boundary. The Student Captain kindly let John Liddicoat have another stab at batting, and, rejuvenated, John scored

27 runs before falling a second time. The Staff & Fellows' Captain remained on the deck of his sinking ship, not out for 5 at the close of play. The team finished with a score of 102, which felt, by the end, like a rather impressive achievement. The score is, in one sense, less important than the spirit in which the game was played. It is a real joy to take to the field each year with such a keen and good-humoured group of staff, Fellows and students. Thanks are due, as ever, to Vis Navaratnam for umpiring, to the College kitchens for a splendid tea, and to our loyal band of spectators (including, this year, both the current and the former Master). I only hope that, one day, they can witness a cricketing resurrection. Stranger things have happened.

*The Reverend Dr Mark Smith, Chaplain, and Captain of the Staff & Fellows' Team*

## THE DAVIDSON NICOL POLITICS SOCIETY

*The Davidson Nicol  
Politics Society  
– (L to R) Nick  
Partington (Publicity  
Officer), Caitlin  
Hogan-Lloyd  
(Chair), Nick  
Westcott (Speaker)  
and Sophie Taylor  
(Chair)*



In its second year of existence, the Davidson Nicol Politics Society has enjoyed a successful programme of termly lectures on current affairs from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The lectures have been very well attended, attracting students, academics and staff, both from Christ's and the rest of the University. In Michaelmas term, we were joined by Dr Maung Zarni, a

renowned human rights activist and Fellow at the London School of Economics, in conversation with the Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh. This offered a unique and harrowing insight on the crisis in Rohingya. In Lent term, Ian Dunt, editor of politics.co.uk and author of *Brexit: What the Hell Happens Now?*, was able to provide a detailed assessment of Labour's policies on Brexit and the future of the party. Finally in Easter term, we welcomed Dr Nick Westcott, the new Director of the Royal African Society. Drawing on his long and impressive diplomatic and academic career, he gave a talk entitled, *Nations and States: The Causes of Stability and Instability*, a perennial and important topic for politics undergraduates. Our society was founded in Michaelmas term 2016 with the intention of bringing analysis on current affairs to the doorstep of the Christ's community, whilst promoting the legacy of a highly distinguished alumnus from an ethnic minority background. The society aims to curate a variety of perspectives and topics, to reflect the incredible multi-disciplinary career of Davidson Nicol. Nicol graduated from Christ's in 1946 with a degree in Natural Sciences and was elected Fellow in 1957, becoming the first black African student to receive a First or a Fellowship from any Oxbridge College. In his impressive international career he was never limited to one path and had great success in diverse areas, which we find to be particularly inspiring. Caitlin and myself have loved being co-chairs and know the society will continue to bigger and better things under the very capable leadership of Siân Smith and Roslynn Ampomah. We'd like to thank the College for their support of our new society, and hope that the legacy of Davidson Nicol will continue to be promoted.

*Sophie Taylor*

## CHRIST'S FILMS

*Committee: Zara Goldstone, Ellen Jolley, Imogen Lemon, Willem Nelis, Honor Pollard, Chris Talbot*

Christ's Films got off to a flying start this year with over two hundred names being added to our mailing list after the Freshers' Fair in October. In Michaelmas we showed some classics like *The Godfather* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, as well as some new arrivals such as *La La Land* and *Moana*.

A running theme this year in film has been diversity; for us this meant showing a range of genres as well as increasing the number of films that featured unrepresented groups, including the Academy Award winner *Moonlight*. We have also tried to showcase some less well known films such as *The Red Turtle*, a Dutch animated film about a man's struggle for survival on a desert island but with a twist; the film has no dialogue and instead uses the soundscape to transport its viewers to the remote island. In Lent term we partnered with Pink Week to raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer Care with a screening of *Notting Hill*. By far our most popular film this year was our annual showing of *The Room*, spoons and call outs included, with only a couple of seats to spare. We finished our film schedule on a high note, literally, with a sing along screening of *Mulan*. This year has been lots of fun and I have enjoyed my role as Publicity Officer as well as working with the President, Chris Talbot, and the rest of the committee to run the screenings. I would like to thank the committee for their excellent work in ensuring the films ran smoothly and that the audience had a great experience. Best of luck to the fantastic new committee who are already busy making plans for their schedule in Michaelmas 2018.

*Honor Pollard (Publicity Officer)*

## MEN'S FOOTBALL

Despite the exodus of many senior players from the club this season, Christ's College were able to field three men's football teams in the University league. Unfortunately, the efforts of the First team were not enough to avoid relegation to the Division Three, despite fighting bravely in many matches. The Second team cemented their place in Division Four with a strong season under the joint leadership of Benedict Aveyard and Hiral Radia. The Third team, often struggling for numbers, fought well but could not prevent relegation either. With the consolidation of the Twos and Threes and the addition of several new players we have welcomed to the club, the future looks bright for the Christ's College Athletic Football Club (CCAFC) in the coming years.

*Finlay Brown*



*Christ's Films  
Lent poster*

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL



Women's  
Football Team

The women's football team, joint with Lucy Cavendish College and Churchill College, has had a very busy season, taking part in both the Collegiate League and the Plate Tournament. As well as playing other colleges, we took part in the annual sports day in January against Wadham College, Christ's sister college at Oxford University, from which we walked

away victorious! The team were also thankful for the funding from Christ's JCR, which allowed us to finally buy new kit with our joint team name and crest (but still in pink of course)! Following on from last year's Plate final success, the team managed an amazing 7-1 win against Queens' College in this year's final in March. It has also had great success in the league, with highlights including a 5-0 win against King's/St John's, and a 12-0 win against Emmanuel College. The final results are yet to be announced, but following our amazing performance this year, the team is expecting to be promoted into the First Division for next season.

Lucy Ruben

## MEN'S HOCKEY

*Team list: Jonny Carr (C), Rafael Bertoli-Mitchel, Laragh Harvey-Kelly, Luke Ibbotson, Nancy John, Miles Mason, Will Matthews, Henry Morley, Nat Myers, Alex Petrie, Connor Powell, Arthur Robijns, James Shemilt, Shree Suresh, Kavin Vijayakumar*

The Christ's Hockey team was a great mix of old and new players, including women this year, and we maintained our place in the Second Division, coming third.

The combination of old members, Alex 'the whippet' Petrie, Will Matthews and Nat Myers (who's come on leaps and bounds and gains Most Improved Player), terrorised the Second Division defence. New members Shree, the new Social Secretary, and Miles Mason joined the defence. Miles, despite being known for his whining, was very solid at the back and has become the new Captain. There were good performances from Luke Ibbotson, who played very well when he wasn't hill walking, and Nancy John and Kavin Vijayakumar made sure the chemistry in the team was strong. I have high hopes for next season with the team in the dependable hands of Miles.

Jonny Carr

## LADIES' HOCKEY

*Team list: Laragh Harvey-Kelly (C), Phoebe Page (C), Pippa Ball, Sarah Benham, Emma Gilbert, Ella Hearne, Nancy John, Lucy Ruben, Chiara Sexton, Neha Sreekumar, Amalia Thomas, Anna Westcott, Jessy Zhang*

There have been big changes in Christ's Ladies' Hockey Club. Following a year of negotiations by previous captain Anna Westcott, Phoebe Page sealed the deal to merge with Emmanuel College. This was a brilliant merger, with full teams fielded comprising both new and experienced players alike. Perhaps the highlight of the



season was the first game where we turned out a squad of seventeen players, which allowed our fresh-legs to secure a win against a strong Downing side. We worked our way up the Division in Michaelmas, outnumbering many teams, and putting in some great performances. Lent term saw the Christ's/Emma team move up to the top Division. This posed us against some strong sides, but this did not stop a resounding win 5–1 against the combined team of Queens'/Clare/Selwyn. Clearly this historical merger was a success, so we look forward to playing with Emma next season.

*Lanagh Harvey-Kelly*

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY



*Law Society Dinner*

This last year has been an exceptionally busy one for the Law Society, with the benefits of having a lawyer in the Master's Lodge proving to be numerous. In Michaelmas term we were honoured with the company of the newly appointed President of the Supreme Court: Baroness Hale. The Law Society were invited to her address at the Cambridge Union, and then had the pleasure of joining her for dinner afterwards, which was a great privilege and proved to be an entertaining and enlightening experience for all of us. Michaelmas also saw the return of the Freshers' Moot, and we are immensely thankful to His Honour Judge Bate for his continuing support in adjudicating this. I hope he will agree with me in saying that the standard was exceptionally high this year. Lent term saw us welcome another Supreme Court Justice to Christ's, with Lord Reed kindly agreeing to judge a moot and join us for dinner. The mooters gave an excellent account of themselves despite some understandable nerves, and demonstrated a welcome (and sometimes surprising) confidence in their abilities. We thank him immensely for the stewardship and insight that he provided. This year's Lent term also featured the biennial Alumni Dinner, which I hope those who attended would agree was a delightful affair. I would like to thank everyone for their warm and interesting company, and look forward to attending as an alumnus myself in the future. The Law Society also continues to maintain and value its relationships with a number of law firms; the events and dinners organised with them proving especially popular and useful to students, and I speak for all of us when I say we are grateful for their continuing support. Following this excellent year, I am pleased to say that the Christ's Law Society remains one of the most supportive and close-knit communities in the whole University and, on a personal level, I would like to thank all the students and Fellows for making it the wonderful environment that it is, and no doubt will continue to be in the future.

*Tom Purkiss*

## MIXED LACROSSE

*Team list: Caterina Quadrio Curzio (C), Roslynn Ampomah, Benedict Aveyard, Esme Cavendish, Caroline Clarke, Suhayl Fazal, Barney Fidler, Shav Gowrishankar, Laragh Harvey-Kelly, Isabella Horspool, Connor Jennings, Oliver Jones, Will Matthews, Kieran Patel, Hiral Radia, Emil Sands, Ciara Simpson, Florence Stansall-Seiler, Florence Wiggins*



*Christ's Mixed  
Lacrosse team*

It has been a triumphant year for Christ's Mixed Lacrosse. We started the year at the bottom of Division Three, but having recruited some keen new players, and after a convincing victory against Downing early on in Michaelmas, the team began to come together and from then on improved in leaps and bounds. Weekly practice sessions just before each match helped

new players to work on their catching, throwing and ground balls, and despite several draws we moved up to Division Two at the end of Michaelmas. In Lent, playing against more difficult opposition, the strength of the team really showed, with all team members playing exceptionally well to win three of our five matches, moving us up to Division One for the start of next year. We narrowly missed out on going through to the quarter finals at Cuppers (by one goal) but it was a great day with an exceptionally strong turnout that put all other teams to shame.

Special thanks go to Will Matthews for being an incredibly supportive and helpful Vice Captain, and I look forward to great things from Christ's Mixed Lacrosse under the capable hands of Florence Wiggins next year.

*Caterina Quadrio Curzio*

## MARGUERITES AND HIPPOLYTANS

This year, the Marguerites and Hippolytans have continued to promote the proud tradition of sport at Christ's, as well as other important aspects of College life. In Lent term, the Margs and Hippos worked with the JCR to organise 'Good Lad Initiative' workshops, open to all members of College. The workshops attracted over sixty members of College and were a great success. At the end of Lent term, the Margs had their annual dinner to celebrate the tenures of Mark Devine (President), Alex Reeds (Secretary), Alex Petrie (Treasurer) and Henry Morley (Social Secretary). We wish all the best to the new committee: Henry Morley (President), Ben King (Secretary) and Hiral Radia (Treasurer). The Hippos' annual dinner saw Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd (President), Anna Westcott (Secretary) and Laragh Harvey-Kelly (Treasurer) hand over to the new committee: Caterina Quadrio Curzio (President), Ciara Simpson (Secretary) and Emma Gilbert (Treasurer). Easter term brings with it the Margs and Hippos Garden Party to kick off May week, which promises to be another unforgettable affair. Further to this, the current committee have worked tirelessly with the Colours Committee to arrange a sports day and Formal Hall to honour the raw athleticism and myriad sporting talents Christ's is blessed with. We look forward to another twelve months of glory for the Marguerites and Hippolytans and for College sport in general.

*Henry Morley (President of the Marguerites)*

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY

In the last year, Christ's College Medical Society (CCMS) hosted and was involved in several successful events. We started the year by welcoming thirteen new medical students to the society. In November, we held our Annual Medical Society Dinner, with Dr Ewan St. John Smith from the Department of Pharmacology as our guest speaker. His speech was very informative and highlighted how useful naked mole rats can be in research. In April, several members of the society attended a conference run by the Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA) on *Ethics, the Law and Patients' Choice*. The day consisted of talks given by speakers from both medical and legal backgrounds, which stimulated interesting discussions about a range of issues. This was followed by a formal dinner, which was an enjoyable opportunity to speak to alumni about their time at Christ's, as well as their current careers. We are excited to build our relationship with the CCMAA and are currently planning a joint CCMS/ CCMAA visit to the Francis Crick Institute in London for the new academic year. Throughout the year, we have held welfare 'Tea and Talk' events to give students an opportunity to mix with medical students from other years, as well as to get advice from older students on the best ways to revise! In June, we will hold our annual Garden Party, when the next committee will be elected. Overall, it has been an exciting year for the society and we look forward to hosting more events next year.

*Jasmine Bawa*

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

The College Music Society has had a very busy year, hosting a wide variety of events and concerts. The annual Christmas Concert and Lent Term Concert were particular highlights, with performances from the society's main ensembles: Christ's Orchestra, Christ's Voices, and Christ's Jazz Band. January featured another staple of the CCMS calendar; the Charles Blackham Memorial Recital Competition, held in memory of our late Chairman, Charles Blackham, and generously supported by Charles' mother, Mrs Sally Blackham. The winner this year was second year music student and oboist, Simon Fraser. Meanwhile, the Jazz



*Open Mic Night*

Band ran Week 5 blues in both Michaelmas and Lent terms, providing a much needed break from the stress of the middle of term for many of the College's students! Throughout the year, CCMS has been lucky enough to host a wide range of recitals and workshops, including masterclasses led by the prestigious piano trio *Trio Apaches* and speech therapist Dr Ron Morris. In November, the Cambridge Renaissance Ensemble, founded by Fitzwilliam Music Fellow Francis Knights, held a recital in the College Chapel. This year also featured two recitals from the College choral scholars, who all sing in the College's Chapel Choir. In March, CCMS also presented a recital of music by female composers, with all profits being donated to Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre. The event included music by a range of female composers, with

performers from across Cambridge, and was a welcome opportunity for all of us to discover some excellent music which has often been sadly neglected. Highlights included Lili Boulanger's *Les Sirènes*, with soprano soloist Maisie Hulbert, and Alexina Louie's *Memories in an Ancient Garden*, performed by pianist Laura Dunkling. A new addition to the CCMS calendar was our Open Mic night in Lent term, in which students were encouraged to take to the stage, with some even performing their own original songs. Moving into Easter term, CCMS remains active, with the continuation of our Squash O'Clock Recital series in conjunction with the Library, which debuted last year. This provides students with a short half hour break of music followed by squash and biscuits on Saturday afternoons. May Week will bring our annual CCMS Garden Party, to help bring to a close an excellent year! Keep in touch through our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/christsmusic>

*Lucy Ruben*

### CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

This has been a challenging season for the CCRFC; we lost some key players to graduation last year and a number of those remaining have been plagued by injuries. Despite this, we managed to take on a good group of freshers and some new graduate students to the club and the new players have proved themselves to be assets to the team. In Michaelmas term we had a difficult Division thanks to the new league structure which had been drawn up, which moved college leagues to five Divisions and meant playing games more frequently. We suffered four consecutive losses, but the score lines did not reflect the standard of play from the CCRFC, especially from our new members, some of whom were new to the game of rugby. In Lent term we had a friendly match away at our sister college, Wadham, in Oxford. The match was closely fought and Christ's narrowly lost. The day of many different sports in Oxford was followed by a formal at Wadham, hosted by their sports teams, which was an enjoyable evening for all. Back in Cambridge in Lent term, we had an unlucky Cuppers run and we were knocked out in the group stages. Our final match against Churchill was arguably our best of the season and was hard fought by every player on the pitch. At the beginning of Easter term, we hosted the annual Old Boys' Cup game, which was a good spirited chance to meet past members of the club. The Old Boys won the trophy for the third consecutive year since the new cup was generously donated to the club. The incoming Captain is currently in talks with Captains from other colleges who similarly find themselves in a position of having a limited number



*Christ's College  
Rugby Football  
Club Team*

of players. Our hope for the upcoming season is that by temporarily combining with another college we will ensure that everyone in Christ's who wants to play rugby every week can be guaranteed a game without risk of cancellation. In doing so we will be able to attract more players from Christ's to the game and rebuild the team for the following years.

*Barney Fidler*

## VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY

The Christ's College Visual Arts Society (CCVAS), founded in January 2016, continued its weekly Art and Chill studio sessions, making the most of the College's Visual Arts Studio for its last few months before closing. We had some particularly fun collaborations in Michaelmas, such as with the Cambridge University Prose and Poetry Society and CUSU Welfare, all of which we had a wide variety of students attend, as well as some of the most interesting work and ideas we have seen so far. The Halloween pumpkin-carving session was a big success and pumpkins were displayed in first court as part of the annual pumpkin-carving competition. We were also fortunate to have two sessions on appliqué and origami, guest hosted by fellow Christ's students, which gave us the chance to take a backseat and learn for the evening. The society reached a milestone this year with our first committee handover in Lent. The new committee comprises students not only from a range of subjects, from Art History to Natural Sciences, but also a range of colleges, and it is pleasing to see the reach that the Visual Arts Society has had. The new committee brought with them wonderful ideas for new sessions, including needle felting, guided painting, and art in the Peterhouse Deer Park, and have continued to host sessions during Easter Term to provide relaxing, stimulating breaks from revision. We are looking forward to the annual Grantchester trip, which is always popular across the university with regulars and newcomers alike. We are proud of how enthusiastically other colleges have welcomed and taken part in providing more outlets for student art, and we have even developed ties with the recently reopened Kettle's Yard. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time heading the Visual Arts Society, and we are excited to see the new directions the society takes.



*Christ's College  
Visual Arts Society*

*Mira Tiwari*

## VOLLEYBALL

This year saw Christ's College Volleyball Club enter the winter Cuppers, in which we played the Leys School in our first Cuppers game. A narrow loss meant that we were in the losers' bracket, in which we took on a Queens'/Trinity combo team, coming away with a very satisfying win. Unfortunately, due to the nature of Cuppers, that was it for this year, as there weren't enough teams. Thanks to all those who turned up to the two games. The club is left in the safe hands of Felix Kok as captain, as I am graduating this year.

*Sam Dunbavin*

**Prizes 2018**

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of June 2018.

*Archaeology*

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize      J. J. C. Meynell

*Architecture*

J. E. Lake

*Classics*

Calverley Prize	K. Phillips,
S. G. Campbell Prizes	T. H. Baarda, H. McTernan (Exhibition), E. L. Sands (Exhibition)
Rev'd E. T. S. Carr Prize	A. Saladyte
Harrison Prize	S. A. Marshall
Thompson Prize	B. D. Caven-Roberts

*Computer Science*

Sir Robert Cox Prize	T. P. Tiplea
Bob Diamond Prize	A. Roy

*Economics*

College Prizes	S. Agrawal, A. Aiyar-Majeed, L. J. Ibbotson, B. Y. N. Lui, A. W. Petrie, L. F. Righetti, K. L. Tham
James Meade Prize	J. M. Carr
A. R. Prest Prize	J. J. H. Phoon
Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize	C. Quadrio Curzio

*Education*

Levy-Plumb Prize	M. M. Tiwari
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*Engineering*

College Prizes	A. J. Cai, N. Myers, E. M. Nyborg, D. J. Ryan, Y. Wu (Exhibition)
M. R. Lynch Prizes	F. G. L. Brown, J. H. Chia, M. J. Hutchinson, C. K. Lee, C. W. Lim, Y.H. Lim, N. Loo, R. A. Pai (Exhibition), S. Thakur
Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prizes	T. Wang
T. C. Wyatt Prize	E. Y. Tee

*English*

Levy-Plumb Prizes	H. C. Dallas, C. E. Fraser, H. A. Hammans, C. F. Harford, O. Sutherland, J. Tyler Todd (Exhibition), D. Walsh
Milton Prize	E. Clancy
Skeat Prize	R. E. A. Bradburn, C. Kupperman

*Geography*

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Parker Prize	R. C. Last

*History*

Levy-Plumb Prize	J. T. Burn, H. Dawson, R. J. L. Franklin, G. Odell, A. M. Pipalova, A. Robijns, B. E. Rymer, A. H. Westcott
Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes	J. Kimblin, T. Sampson
Sir John Plumb Prize	T. Sampson

*History of Art*

Levy-Plumb Prize	Z. Zhou
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*History and Modern Languages*

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize	N. Sharma
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*Human, Social, and Political Sciences*

College Prizes	R. Ampomah, M. Gjesdal Hammer
Dr Fred Eade Prize	P. E. Bright
Haddon Prize	S. Taylor

*Law*

College Exhibition Prizes	D. J. J. Chee, C. L. A. Edmonds, E. H. Gilbert, B. King
de Hart Prizes	E. M. Cairns, R. Das, E. M. L. Ho, D. Katsifis, M. L. W. Mason, Y. J. J. Ng
Rapaport Prize	L. W. Cowdell

*Linguistics*

Levy-Plumb Prizes	I. S. Davies, I. F. Lemon
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*Mathematics*

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Kelly Prizes	P. de Friend, O. B. Faust
Dr J. A. J. Whelan Prizes	M. Chaffe, M. A. Gutierrez Guillen (Exhibition), X. Li (Exhibition), C. E. Murphy, N. Patel, B. H. Swannell, D. R. Yates

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Jennifer Perelman Prize	L. G. McGeoch
Michael Perelman Prizes	S. V. Gowrishankar, M r J. W. McLean, D. Patel
Rapaport Prize	R. A. Durham
Staines Read Prize	A. Faher
Szeming Sze Prizes	W. J. Chadwick, B. R. B. Grodzinski

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P. J. Fay Prize	E. Silberbrandt



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 Magrath, E. Markou, C. E. P. Talbot,  
 M. A. Zecca

## Sir Arthur E. Shipley Prize

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## Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prizes

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## Todd-Salters Prizes

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## Simon Wilson Prizes

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E. Ribinskas

## Walter Wren Prize

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## Levy-Plumb Prize

G. Malone

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Y. I. Reid-Linfoot

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*Second Court blooms*

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## SPECIAL FEATURES

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### Lady Margaret and the Law



*Portrait of Lady Margaret Beaufort*

Lady Margaret Beaufort, our formidable foundress, led a tumultuous life, the contours of which have been captured in many books and television dramas. One less well-known thread to her life is the way that, at crucial points, it was profoundly affected by how English law stood at the time.

Margaret was born in 1443 and lived through the entirety of the Wars of the Roses, which her son resolved by winning the battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 and ascending the throne as the first Tudor king, Henry VII. Both mother and son died in 1509 so their lives fell just at the end of the Late Middle Ages.

Of course, those times were fundamentally different from today. Today there are a variety of ways a person can experience security. For example, a good education can lead to a career with a stable income stream. A reliable banking system allows a person today to store and transfer wealth, and that wealth can grow by investments in non-tangible assets. But in Margaret's time life was far more precarious than today. In her time security was best found by having aristocratic status with access to the royal court with its potential of royal favours and by having legal control over real estate.

Indeed, in the Late Middle Ages the landowning aristocrat enjoyed the only source of a relatively secure stream of income. Compared to that of today, the English medieval economy was extraordinarily limited. People did not speculate in land. England did not yet have an equivalent of the financial elite that had emerged in late fourteenth-century Florence and was emerging in the Low Countries. The whole idea of generating wealth from investment in non-tangible assets was in its infancy. Financial security came from land ownership.

Legal control over real estate also gave the late medieval aristocrat access to physical security. In the Middle Ages nobles to whom a feudal king granted land came under various legal obligations. One was to supply military forces to the king when it was requested. There would be no standing army until Oliver Cromwell. The practical effect of this was that, by the later Middle Ages, the nobles were practiced in

arranging to have men-at-arms at their disposal. But by then, as the Wars of the Roses made abundantly clear, the nobles made up their own minds whether to supply them to the king or to use them for their own self-interest.

So, unlike today, in Margaret's time it was title and property that mattered. Fortunately for Margaret, she was born with a quasi-royal pedigree. Then before she was one year old her father died leaving her a vast fortune in land. These advantages gave her an enviable level of security relative to the general population. But Margaret's security was jeopardised by something beyond her control: her gender. In the medieval period female gender had critical legal ramifications. I will mention just a few of these.

### *Wardship of Children*

The first has to do with the medieval law governing wardships. At that time when a child such as Margaret was orphaned their wardship passed to the king. In her case this was a fellow Lancastrian, Henry VI. The legal relationship of a Guardian to a Ward is an example of what lawyers call a fiduciary relationship. Other examples of fiduciary relationships include: that of your lawyer to you, the client; that of your agent to you, the principal; and that of your trustee to you as a beneficiary.

In modern law a central obligation that a fiduciary owes to you is not to make a profit from the relationship. This is a particularly important duty because a fiduciary is typically in a position to affect the disposition of your assets. So for example today it would be blatantly illegal for a Guardian to pocket for himself the income accruing from the assets of his Ward.

But how different things were in Margaret's time! Then wardships could be very lucrative indeed because the Guardian *was* entitled personally to take the benefit of the revenues of the ward's estate during the ward's minority. This meant that a wardship was an asset and kings often gave wardships as rewards to favoured members of court. So we should not be surprised that when Margaret was orphaned, inheriting a vast fortune in landed estates, Henry VI gave her prized wardship to his principal adviser the Earl of Suffolk.

Now, today it goes without saying that a Guardian has no rights to marry off the ward to whomsoever he might choose. Astonishingly to our modern eyes, a medieval Guardian not only had the right to the Ward's income during his or her minority but to arrange the Ward's marriage as well. By the time Margaret was six, Suffolk foresaw that he might well be about to fall from favour. So he married her off to his own eight year old son in an attempt to ensure that, if he did fall, his family could continue to benefit from the revenues of Margaret's huge estate.

To our modern eyes the marriage of children is distasteful. Mind you, in parts of the United States today – in the State of New Hampshire, for instance – a fourteen year old boy can legally marry a thirteen year old girl. But, in medieval times, marriage at the top levels of social rank was about wealth and power and the sooner that both could be locked in, the better. But very luckily for Margaret she was not locked in. Under the law, unconsummated marriages were voidable so when Suffolk did fall from favour and was killed, her wardship again reverted to the King who promptly dissolved her marriage.

At this time Henry VI feared he would die without issue. His closest blood relatives were two half-brothers from his mother's second marriage to a Welsh

commoner in her service, a man called Tudor. Henry VI favoured his two Tudor stepbrothers. He made them earls and, what is important to us, he granted to them Margaret's wardship and rights to marriage. As soon as she turned twelve years old, the elder step-brother, Edmund Tudor, wasted no time in marrying her himself.

Why was Edmund in such a hurry to marry Margaret? The motive for his haste came from medieval law governing matrimonial property. I imagine many of us know that until the nineteenth century a married woman's legal rights were subsumed under those of her husband. A married woman could not own property, sign legal documents, enter into a contract or write a will. As William Blackstone put it, 'the very... legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage'. In particular, the husband was absolute master of the profits of the wife's property during the marriage so the moment Edmund married twelve year old Margaret he secured control of the huge income from her landed estates not just until the end of her minority when his wardship would have come to an end but for the whole length of their marriage.

#### *Tenure by Courtesy of England*

But it was another legal rule of matrimonial property law that had an even more momentous impact on Margaret. If a medieval woman was widowed she regained her independent legal status. That status was called a *femme sole*, a lone woman. That brought with it the right to control her own property again as well as to make contracts in her own name and so on.

But, while the husband lived a special doctrine called Tenure by Courtesy of England operated if there had been a child of the marriage born alive. Under this legal doctrine the husband secured the right to continue to enjoy all the income from the wife's property right up until when he himself died regardless of whether the wife pre-deceased him. He held on to these rights to his dead wife's resources even if he remarried. He held on to them even if the child died which, of course, they often did. And he held on to them even if the child lived and then reached full adulthood.

John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and Margaret's great-grand-father, was the most powerful English nobleman of the late middle ages. He gives a vivid lesson in how lucrative the doctrine of Courtesy of England could be. John's first marriage was to a very great heiress. Once their first child was born John was sitting pretty. Even though that child died quite quickly, its birth meant that John was entitled to the income from his wife's estates for the rest of his life.

In fact, before John's wife died they had another son who did live, Henry Bolingbroke. But this did not affect John of Gaunt's entitlement. The birth of the first child had already secured for John the vast income from the wife's assets for the remaining thirty years of his life. So it is worth remembering that, although during these decades John was acknowledged to be the greatest English nobleman, he held this position *not* in his own right, but as tenant by Courtesy of England of the estate of his rich first wife.

Of course, this meant that for those thirty years, Bolingbroke, was kept out of enjoying the inheritance from his mother. But Bolingbroke simply took a leaf out of his father's playbook: he married another great heiress. She was only twelve. But Bolingbroke's example was more chilling and controversial than John's. This legal doctrine of tenure by Courtesy of England was well accepted, but it was generally regarded as highly distasteful for the husband to consummate a marriage until the

wife had reached a substantial state of physical maturity. Typically this was sometime after the age of sixteen. But Bolingbroke did not conform to this humane custom and he consummated the marriage when his wife was only twelve. She gave birth at thirteen. That son died after a few days, but the very fact of his live birth entitled Bolingbroke to the income from his wife's property for the rest of his life.

We can now see the motives for Edmund Tudor wasting no time in marrying the great heiress, Margaret Beaufort, when she turned twelve. And we can anticipate what Edmund then did. Yes, he swiftly consummated the marriage and Margaret fell pregnant. Even as an adult Margaret was of very small stature and delicate build but as a mere twelve year old she would not have been full-grown. As a pregnant twelve year old Margaret probably felt real terror and she would have been right to be frightened.

To make matters worse, very soon Edmund Tudor died from plague and Margaret was widowed by the time of her confinement. That confinement was protracted and difficult in the extreme. We know that observers expected that both she and the child would die. That both she and her baby, Henry Tudor, survived may well have seemed miraculous to Margaret. But the trauma of the birth apparently caused her permanent physical damage as there is no record of her conceiving again despite two subsequent long marriages.

This under-age pregnancy and birth had the most profound impact on Margaret. She became deeply attached to her only child and gave his interests the very highest priority for the rest of her life. In a very real sense, it was only through her active lobbying and her other forms of tangible assistance and intriguing that Henry Tudor was able to bring the Wars of the Roses to an end on Bosworth Field. His subsequent marriage to the Yorkist heir, which Margaret had secretly negotiated, secured the peace.

### *Femme Sole*

Henry was deeply grateful to his mother. They were mutually committed to entrenching the Tudor dynasty. Two manifestations of this filial gratitude and mutual commitment were legally remarkable for their time.

The first had to do with Margaret's legal status. By the time Henry ascended the throne Margaret was married to her fourth husband. Remember that, as a married woman this meant she had no separate legal identity. Had nothing been done, her legal incapacity and social subordination would have prevented Margaret being as active a support to her son and his regime as they both desired.

But Margaret and Henry had very fine lawyers to advise them. They framed a move, probably suggested by Margaret herself, which was unprecedented for a married aristocratic woman. Legislation in Henry's first parliament conferred on Margaret the legal status of *femme sole*, a lone woman, even though she was still married. This gave her the right to control her own property, to make contracts, sign deeds and to sue, even though she was still married. This unprecedented legislation gave Margaret, for the first time in her life, the freedom to act entirely independently of any kind of male control. A deal was struck with her husband so that he was not out of pocket. But henceforth Margaret's properties and those subsequently granted to her by the King were for her sole use. Because she had no offspring except the King, in effect this meant that her vast estates, swelled by a stream of grants from him, were held in trust for the Crown. This substantially bolstered the stability of the new Tudor regime.

*Margaret's Judicial Role*

The second legal manifestation of Henry VII's gratitude to Margaret and their mutual commitment to secure the dynasty was an arrangement that is even more extraordinary to a modern lawyer's eyes than the first. It ensured she was the most powerful woman in the realm.

By the end of the fifteenth century Henry had by royal commission delegated substantial political *and* judicial authority to Margaret. She was based at Collyweston which is about ten miles west of Peterborough. Here Margaret converted her manor house into a palace. It contained not only a prison but what was called a 'council house', something quite different from a 'council house' of today! Her Council acted as a forum for legal redress with judicial powers similar to those enjoyed by the Prince of Wales's Council on the Marches. It was the seat of justice for the region and was empowered to settle disputes according to its own procedure. Margaret's Council dealt not only with private disputes about land, wardships and the like. It also dealt with allegations of treasonable talk. This gave Margaret an opportunity to wield legal sanctions in direct defence of the new Tudor regime.

Margaret's judicial authority was unheard of even for the most important woman in the realm which Margaret certainly was for the last fifteen years of her life. The idea that a *femme sole* could be empowered, through royal commission, to dispense justice in this way had never been contemplated before. Her role sparked considerable debate amongst the lawyers in the Inns of Court, and not surprisingly. Even more than a century later when the issue was again debated in the Inns, Margaret Beaufort remained the only example that could be cited of this delegation of judicial authority to a woman.

In any case, in her own time Margaret's authority was widely well respected. In a number of cases, the force of her moral standing was such that her Council was able to intervene in matters that would normally have been heard before an ecclesiastical court. I have read about some of these cases and, because I like cats, one particularly caught my eye. It involved a future Bishop of London. He came before Margaret's Council because he was accused of baptising a cat with the object of finding treasure by magical means. I expect Margaret had fun with that one.

Of course the law impinged on Margaret in a number of other ways there is not space to mention. But let me leave you with something closer to home. Margaret is widely acknowledged to have been the most powerful woman in England in her time and, as we all have reason to be grateful, she was a great benefactress. Even so, she did not enjoy the status she would have had she been a man. Had she been a man she might have aspired to membership of our extraordinary College that she had founded, but that was out of reach to her. As a woman, she could not even physically set foot in Christ's.

But Margaret had pluck. By a neat fiction, perhaps dreamed up by one of her A-team of lawyers, it was argued that the floors above the ground floor in the Master's Lodge were not to be seen as part of her male-only College at all, but a space above and apart from it. Certainly we know she visited the Lodge. I like the story that it was Margaret who had those two little windows inserted in the wall behind High Table, and the oriel window into the Chapel. From these she could hover and keep an eye on her College! What a memorable image that is as we celebrate the past forty years of woman students.

*Jane Stapleton (Master)*



## Edmund Tudor, Lady Margaret Beaufort, and Palace House, Much Hadham

*An historical note by Anthony Eastwood (m. 1953) who lived in Palace House from 1985 to 2017.*

The opening context is the death of Henry V, the spectacular victor of Agincourt. Henry's wife, and the mother of the new king Henry VI, was Catherine of Valois (daughter of the King of France). Catherine, now dowager queen, remained one of the Court, where she became interested in a young courtier, a Welshman, Owen Tudor.

This rather untimely interest matured in the form of a pregnancy, which was felt by the Court to be rather unseemly, given Catherine's status. It was decided that, given the sensitivity of the situation, Catherine should be *put away*, and she was put into the hands of the Bishop of London, who arranged for her to be quietly hidden in his country palace at Much Hadham in Hertfordshire.

In due course, a boy was born here at the Bishop's palace, and became known as Edmund of Hadham, Edmund Tudor. Henry VI looked, it is said, favourably upon his half-brother Edmund and created him Earl of Richmond.

Edmund was not by descent a Plantagenet, or a Yorkist, he was in fact part French and part Welsh, but the circumstances of his pedigree were enough for Margaret Beaufort's guardian to consider a marriage between the two as politically, and financially, constrictive: and so it was. Their progeny Henry Tudor was to challenge Richard III at Bosworth Field, and take the crown as Henry VII.

Hadham Palace came to the Bishops of London in 991 by way of the Will of Queen Ethelfreda, who had probably been given the manor by her father Aelfgar as her dowry on her marriage to King Edmund I. Ethelfreda in turn gave it in her will first, in their lifetimes, to her sister Aelfleda and her husband Brithnoth, the



*A sketch of Palace House by John Buckler c. 1850*



*View of Palace House in 2017*

Ealdorman of Essex who was slain by the Danes at the Battle of Maldon in 991. The will then passed the property to the Bishops of London – *to Saint Paul's*.

Queen Ethelfreda's Will of c.975 lies in the British Museum, where we have been able to study it – the Anglo-Saxon script remains clear, and its meaning can to an extent be gleaned. The Cambridge don Dorothy Whitelock in 1930 translated this and several other key Anglo-Saxon charters.

We know little about the house that then stood here. The present house dates from the 1400/1500s, starting out as an open hall with screens to the east, and a solar to the west. The hall, now with an upper floor inserted, comprises our drawing room, while the solar comprises our other principal rooms. Over the years the house was further extended, but after the Restoration the Bishops began to use it less. Eventually the Church let out parts of the house for private use, though retaining the main portion to the west for the continuing use of the Bishops. Eventually the Church Commissioners sold the palace as a whole. Finally, after WWII the palace was divided into more manageable proportions – our home, Palace House comprising the principal rooms originally retained for the Bishops.

Researching the history of the palace was a project commissioned by me when I was a trustee of the Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust, which had people with the requisite skills – a fascinating undertaking, which also focussed on the history of the fabric itself.

Palace House has now passed to another Christ's alumnus, Edward Docx (m. 1991) and his wife Emma.

## The Opening and Naming of the Blyth-McGregor Boathouse

*On Saturday 19 May 2018 the Master, Fellows, students, alumni and friends of the Boat Club gathered at the Boathouse to celebrate the completion of the redevelopment and see the building named the Blyth-McGregor Boathouse by Stephen Blyth (m. 1985) and Grace McGregor (m. 2012).*

William Blyth (m. 1829) was the first Captain of the Boat Club, and was the stroke of the first Christ's College Boat Club (CCBC) boat to be Head of the River in 1833. Grace McGregor (m. 2012) was Captain of the Boat Club in 2015 when the women went Head for the first time, and was in the four seat of the Lent Headship crew. The joint naming of the boathouse in her honour recognises and celebrates the achievements of female rowers and coxes since women were admitted to the College, and particularly the Lent Headship crew.

We were delighted that several of William Blyth's great and great-great grandchildren were present, including Stephen Blyth, and that Grace's family and the entire Lent Headship VIII were able to attend the event.

Speeches given by Stephen Blyth and Grace McGregor are reproduced below.

### *Stephen Blyth*

Thank you for coming today to celebrate the naming of the Boathouse. It is a pleasure for me and the Blyth family to be here with Grace, her family and her triumphant crew. I confess, rather shockingly, that today is the first time I have ever set foot in the Christ's boathouse. In fact, the closest I ever came to touching an oar at Christ's was living next door in New Court to Stuart Nivison, Captain of Boats in 1988. I remember his crew members banging on his door at 6.30am one morning after a particularly big night out with Andy Parsons; that put me off for life.



*The Boathouse opening and naming*

It was the magnificent achievement of Grace and her crew going Head of the River in 2015 that inspired me to get involved with the Boathouse. And I can imagine that Lady Margaret would be extremely pleased that her first College at Cambridge is now not only presided over by Jane, but also has finally named a building after a woman. It is extraordinary to think that my friends who matriculated with me in 1985 – Sarah, Annie, Fiona, Anita, Susan and Fiona – entered Christ's only seven years after the College admitted its first female students, forty years ago. Equally extraordinary is that my aunt Alison, then Alison Blyth, received her Cambridge degree in 1950, just two years after women were awarded full degrees. We have come a long way.

It was several years after leaving Christ's that I found out that my great-great-grandfather William Blyth was the first Captain of the Boat Club in 1830, and also was stroke of the first – and I am afraid to say only – Christ's men's boat to be Head of the River, in 1833. And thus was born the wonderful symmetry of the William Blyth Grace McGregor boathouse: two captains, two crews, two headships, one hundred and eighty-two years apart; one boathouse, one College.

I'm delighted that, as well as Grace and her family, we have many of William Blyth's one hundred and seventeen living descendants here – including all three of his great-grandchildren, ten of his twenty-three great-great-grandchildren, and my nephew Robert Blyth, representing William's sixty-six great-great-great-grandchildren and twenty-five great-great-great-great-grandchildren.

It was great to see two new boats named this afternoon in honour of Milton and Darwin. The latter is particularly fitting, since William Blyth was at Christ's with Darwin. The College *Magazine* wrote of William: '*he knew [Darwin] well, and the two as undergraduates often went together on botanizing expeditions. In after years Blyth was fond of recalling Darwin as he had known him, a 'boisterous' youth, whose life was yet free from vice.*'



*The Lent  
Headship crew and  
Stephen Blyth*

I would like to take this opportunity, in the spirit of naming boats after famous alumni, to propose that we christen the next two boats *Ali G* and *Borat*.

When William started rowing, Christ's did not even own its own boat. As James Hildyard, another of William's contemporaries, recounted: '*One day I saw a notice at the boathouse that a boat belonging to the St John's College was to be raffled for, tickets a sovereign each. There were about ten left, so I made a bracket and wrote opposite them, 'Hildyard, Christ's'. I told the men what I had done, and they agreed to back me up: we chose a man to draw for us who was supposed to be lucky in such things – his name was Blyth – he drew and won the boat.*'

So William's good luck with money brought Christ's its first boat – from the Lady Margaret Boat Club, no less. I doubt William would have predicted that his great-grandson (my dad), and his great-great-great-grandson (my nephew), would both become Captains of LMBC.

For those of you here, like me and Andy, who have never touched an oar: that's OK. William Blyth would understand. His son Ernest, who matriculated in 1862 and rowed in the Christ's first boat, fell ill and died of TB before graduating. William wrote a memorial to him, speaking fondly of Christ's, but adding, '*One thing there was in his College life which certainly I would have wished otherwise: I mean his connection with the Boat Club. I do not think he was constitutionally fitted for an exercise which must be designated as excessively violent.*' That is my excuse.

William died in 1886, and in his obituary, Christ's wrote, *Mr. Blyth's interest in his old College was fresh even in later years.* It ended with words which I believe apply well to the lives of all of us here, and especially to Grace, Alessa, Annarie, Miriam, Naomi, Elisabet, Emily, Helena and Lucy: *By such lives, the College lives, and makes its influence felt in the world.* May I now propose a toast to Such Lives, and in particular the Lives of the Women of Christ's College.

### *Grace McGregor*

During Freshers' Week 2012, Alisdair Docwra (m. 1975) taught me the basics of the rowing stroke in Christ's notorious wooden tub. Never did I imagine the adventures I'd have at Christ's, and the success the Boat Club would achieve. It took just thirty-five years from the first women joining the Club, for the women to bump to the Head of the River. In effect every woman that has sat in a W1 seat of a Lent 1st eight has had a role in that achievement. Every year since 1980, W1 moved up the table, until 2015, when W1 not only achieved Headship, but earned blades by bumping up to Headship!

In October 2015 the Master phoned me with the proposal that the new Boathouse was to be named the 'Blyth-McGregor' Boathouse. If I'm entirely honest, I burst into tears! The Master explained that although Stephen Blyth had preferred the football pitch to the river Cam, the women's Headship had sparked his interest in the Boat Club.

I am humbled to have my clan name join that of the Blyth name, as a unification of the men and women's clubs. When the first Blyths were diligently pushing the boundaries of academia at Christ's, Clan McGregor were shepherds on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond... a place we'd only just been allowed to return to after many a clash with other clans. I'm sure Rob Roy McGregor would be proud that we have learnt to harmonise, and our name is now united with the illustrious Blyth name. In fact, in 1833, at the time of the men's Headship, it was still illegal to call yourself a McGregor Clan. McGregor has certainly come a long way from our first mark in the

history books, as being the first recorded case of mass genocide following the battle of Glencoe... I'm immensely proud to be a female McGregor making a positive mark in our clan's history.

Pippa Cribb was the first women's Captain in 1980, and developed the women's Club. There were very few female undergraduates, but those who signed up established the sturdy foundations for each and every woman rower or cox to thrive from. Despite women having only been admitted to Christ's in the last forty years, we have truly flourished and developed a steely determination both on and off the Cam. The Boat Club has a cycle, as most of us are here for three short, but concentrated years. Yet it is the spirit of our Club that remains constant, as we pass it down to new novices.

That spirit aided the success of the Headship crew and the genuine pride and excitement from alumni and members of College, Boat Club or otherwise, was something very special to feel. The fact that Stephen too wants to celebrate that exceptional achievement is profound.

Headship required an exceptional boat, in which sat an exceptional crew, plus the luck of bumps on our side. It was the crew I captained that were the true shining stars. Each and every woman jumped her own personal hurdle, with the cumulative effect being an exceptional achievement out on the water. Those women are incredibly special to me and although it is my name next to William Blyth's, we all represent the outstanding contribution from women to Christ's College.

Every crew during my captaincy year came together as one tonne of pure woman (thanks to Nick Acock for that stat), to push us towards success. Our W1 crew was a power unit of many hours of training, sheer determination and solid friendships that still continue. We were united and hence every stroke was bigger than ourselves. In a boat you have to feel the boat, and the movement of every other crew member is finely tuned to the boat. W1 bonded and each woman pushed her own personal boundary, the cumulative effect being slick out on the water by race day.

Thanks to generous alumni, we are lucky to have access to a high standard of coaching at College level, with the opportunity to get to Blues standard. Christ's representation in the Blue boats is testament to this. But our Club offers *everyone* the opportunity to give rowing a go. The Club acts as a strong support network for students across all degree levels at Christ's. That network supported the 2015 Headship and every other crew we put out on the water. The Headship crew was not made up of GB trialists, and we had a tough journey in Lent term from the success of our Michaelmas Fairbairns win. The crew came together as one in our 'W1 bubble' and with luck on our side (and mothership McGregor cheering from the bank) we managed to make a mark in the history books.

Kate Hurst, our coach and current boatwoman, was instrumental in getting each of us to unlock the part of ourselves holding us back, come together as a unit and propel ourselves into Downing, then First and Third, then Emma, and then to row over at Headship. Kate is not one for instilling false hope. I phoned her as I walked to the Master's Lodge the night before we bumped Emma, having been summoned out of my pyjamas. She said he wanted to discuss the burning of a boat, as I needed to get permission from him. I got butterflies... if Kate felt we could do it, it meant we actually could! The last sentence of my captaincy proposal was 'why can't we bump to Headship?' Kate meant that became a reality. Her devotion and commitment were outstanding, and I'm delighted that she now has these facilities in which to progress rowing at Christ's.

A few years on, my blade hangs proudly in my living room. I forget it's there until someone visits and I get to reel off the stories... there are obviously photos and videos too. The women in each of the crews I captained, and many of the men, especially George Lord (m. 2012), were my rocks. Often as Captain you have to be strong when you're broken. You realise pain is mental and try to be optimistic to motivate your crew. With George as Men's Captain, we powered through organisational bedlam to put each of our crews (even rugby boat) in the best possible position out on the water. I can't thank George enough for putting up with my quirks and for always having my back.



*Grace McGregor  
and Stephen Blyth  
cutting the ribbon*

Cambridge is not for the faint-hearted, but Christ's is a nurturing environment, and rowing lets people flourish outside of their studies. We live in a high pressured bubble of infinite opportunities, one of which is to fully embrace being a member of the College Community through sport. More importantly, it vastly increases your chances of staying moderately sane, focused and able to overcome the extreme academic stresses we face.

The Boat Club gave me the opportunity to flourish. I was skinny, unfit and inexperienced, but I was keen! The Club gave me vital structured breaks when I would never have allowed myself a break from my studies. The Club saved me from myself, as I know it has done for many others. It reflects just how fundamentally important the Club and sport are to student welfare.

The type of person who rows, and by that I mean endures the cold, wet early mornings, and the uniquely exquisite pain of a 2K, uses rowing as an outlet. We get satisfaction from pushing ourselves physically, just as we do academically. Our stress can go into the footplate. Our frustrations can be sweated out (or shouted out if you're a cox). We thrive on the adrenaline. And there's always someone to go to hall or spoons with!

I gained a lot of confidence from being Captain, and Christ's is a very special and unique place to me. I'm honoured to represent the women's Boat Club with the Clan McGregor name, and I hope that by having the names of the two Captains side-by-side, current students can see that history can be generated in the twenty first-century. Tradition is alive, and support from all members of College, past, present, Boat Club or football team, is testament to the enduring community spirit at Christ's. This community is behind every student and with these phenomenal new facilities the Boat Club can continue to flourish.



*Beehives in the Fellows' Garden*

*Photograph by Sarah Proudfoot*



# ALUMNI NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

The past twelve months has seen another full calendar of events at Christ's, with social, academic, and sporting activities all contributing to another memorable year.

As the College *Magazine* went to press last year, the office was preparing for the College's Family Day. The weather was warm and sunny, and we had a great response from families who enjoyed a day of food, drink, bouncy castles, face painting and children's entertainment all in the beautiful setting of the Fellows' Garden.

We have played host to a number of different reunion events in the past year. September was particularly busy, with two Saturday reunions for those who matriculated up to, and including 1958, and in 1967 and, later in the month, those that started in 1980 through 1984 came back. Both events were very successful, with many alumni re-connecting with College friends.

In November the Christ's College Fisher Society returned to College for their annual lunch in Hall. It was a lovely affair held to thank all those who have left gifts to Christ's in their wills.

In early December we were off to London for the annual Winter Drinks Reception held at the Athenaeum Club. The evening was a lovely occasion to round off a busy 2017, and to celebrate the festive season with alumni, Fellows and guests.

The Law Society Dinner was held in College at the outset of the New Year. It was a lovely way for current students and alumni to link up and compare their College experiences, future career options, and mentoring possibilities.

On 24 February, the third inter-collegiate alumni event between Christ's and Wadham College, Oxford was held. The two colleges were twinned in 1932 and the lunch was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old College friends and to exchange Oxbridge stories with alumni from 'the other place'.

Our MA Congregation in April was another excellent opportunity for recently graduated members (matriculation year 2011) to reunite at College, with events and ceremonies culminating in a dinner in Hall. Also in April was the College Medical Association annual conference. This year's event was well attended by both students and alumni. The Master, Jane Stapleton, kindly stepped in as keynote speaker due to an unavoidable cancellation, and spoke eloquently on medical ethics and pharmaceuticals. The talk gave many in the room items for discussion and thoughtful contemplation.

Our Evensong Receptions for Alumni on the last Thursday of Lent and Easter terms have become anticipated events in the College Calendar. Alumni and their

guests are welcomed back to Chapel for an inspirational service highlighted by the College choir, and followed by a drinks and canapé reception.

Sporting opportunities at Christ's have received a major boost with the opening of the refurbished boathouse in May this year. A lovely ceremony including ribbon cutting and boat naming were held on the river, followed by a dinner in Hall.

The May Bumps picnic was a great afternoon by the river with a hog roast, as well as tea and cakes. The weather cooperated and added to the jovial atmosphere, with an enthusiastic crowd on the bank of the river cheering on our boat. It's a shame the rowing results weren't quite as successful!

Later in June, we welcomed back those who matriculated from 1995–1999 to a garden party and buffet lunch. It was another lovely day, with many bringing their children along to introduce to their contemporaries. Everyone seemed to enjoy catching up with fellow alumni.

The College's Annual Association Dinner was a particularly convivial occasion this year with an amusing toast to the College from Dr Larry Amure (m. 1976). The dinner provides an ideal opportunity for alumni to get-together with a group of College friends outside the normal run of year group reunions. Next year's Association Dinner takes place on Saturday 29 June 2019; please join us.

Our office has also helped organise events for the 2008 Year Group, the Economists, the 1970s 'Likely Lads' and the Golf Society. We are happy to help with the administration of alumni events you may want to organise, please give me a call on 01223 766710.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you, as this is the first alumni relations report I have written for the College. I took over the post at the beginning of December and I am very much looking forward to meeting many of you at events and reunions over the coming year.

*Ann Farrell*  
*Alumni Relations Officer*





**1943 Year Group Representative Hugh Dawson** writes:

I was able to attend the Reunion Dinner in September 2017, and for the first time I was the only representative of our year. However I have recently been in contact, by email and Royal Mail, with the surviving 1943 Members who are known to the College, and who are all well into their nineties! Gratifyingly there have been three replies. **David Bothwell** has recovered from a stroke, and is now able to drive, as well as, take a holiday with his wife on the Isle of Man. **Henry Boyland** recalled in a letter, his wartime weight on admission to Christ's of just over eight stones. This qualified him to cox Christ's second, and, on occasion, first boats. He also talked of his subsequent service in the Royal Marines. **George Kemp** has employed the time since the loss, three years ago, of his wife of sixty-nine years, in writing an absorbing autobiography, profusely illustrated by his own water-colours. Last year was an *annus horribilis* for me (**Hugh Dawson**) due to my wife's health. She is now resident in a care home. I hope to be able to attend the September Reunion, and there are already indications that I shall not again be the only representative of 1943!

**1952 Year Group Representative Graham Galer** writes:

In contrast to last year, when through forgetfulness I omitted to make contact with the 1952 group, several members replied to my invitation this year, showing that this now rather mature group is still alive and active! Sir **Rodric Braithwaite** had his latest book *Armageddon and Paranoia: The Nuclear Confrontation*, published in the UK in September 2017 (Profile Books), and in the USA in March 2018 (Oxford University Press America). **Berwick Coates** is still working as Archivist at West Buckland School and has now published four books about his work there. For the latest, *Nearly off the Record: The Archives of an Archivist*, he thought he would try to give some idea of how a school archivist goes about his work. 'Not exactly your compulsive page-turner', he says, but it is now on Amazon as one of thirteen books he has published. **Michael Fox** has lived in Amsterdam since 2014 in 'a listed building of Otto Warners who was a member of the Amsterdam school of architecture in the early twentieth century. It is situated midway between the Vondelpark (where we are, at present, doing a daily inventory of this year's crop of tiny geese, herons, storks, ducks, coots etc.) and the Royal Concertgebouw, where only last night we heard Mozart's 20th Piano Concerto and the 11th Symphony of Shostakovich'. He recalls that, 'in 2015, we had the great honour of being invited by the Master to the top table at an alumni dinner, accompanied by our friends and College members **Andy** and **Hannah Kennedy** (née Brown, both m. 1989). The latter was a member of my expedition to Nepal in 2005'. **Bill Pentelow** reports that, perhaps like many of us, he will celebrate his 85th birthday this year. He and his wife, reach their Golden Wedding later this year, have family here in the UK and a daughter and granddaughter in New Zealand. He writes, 'we have been out there quite a few times now, and long haul no longer holds any terrors for us. Sometimes we visit Australia as well, which has allowed us to meet up with **Ken McKenzie** (m. 1953). Apart from travelling, we are both involved in local activities here in Ringwood, and I have the position of Secretary to the Wessex Branch of the GlaxoSmithKline Retired Staff Association. Our main activities are lunches and we have no shortage of venues in the Bournemouth area'. **Colin Clay**, from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, writes, 'a while ago I started writing an autobiography for my family, but it wasn't long before I discovered that reading History at Christ's and later becoming a 'preacher man' led me to include a number of events that coincided

with happenings in my own life. As a result I produced two manuscripts which became two published books covering 1932 to 1952 (entitled *Schoolboy to Soldier*) and another from 1952 – 1959 (entitled *Fifty-Nine Dinners and Other Stories*). The former describes the tensions in the thirties, living near London during WWII, and National Service as a soldier in the Korean War. The latter, as readers may suspect, tells of life as an undergraduate at Christ's, a theological student at Wells Cathedral in Somerset, as well as my marriage, ordination, and emigration to Canada in 1959. To my surprise the books were well received in this community. I am now writing several more that tell stories of my family's life in Canada. One further event which is very important to me, my family and friends, and to a very close clergy friend as well, is the Jubilee celebration of the Ordination to Priesthood, coincidentally shared by Father Bernard DeMarjorie and myself which took place on 1 June 1958. Fr Bernard was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in Saskatchewan on the same day and year that I was ordained an Anglican Priest in Southwark Cathedral, London. On Sunday, 3 June 2018, at Solemn Evensong in St John's Anglican Cathedral, Saskatoon, a Roman Catholic and an Anglican Priest will, in the presence of many people from a wide variety of Christian denominations, celebrate our Diamond Jubilee as Priests in Christ's Holy Catholic Church'. **Philip Harber** reports that, 'I am a ten year plus veteran of life in Campinas, Brazil. My Canadian family likes visiting this country, as well as the Caribbean sunshine! There are a group of us from Cambridge in the south of Brazil, which often leads to meetings in Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo. I have the country cottage just outside Campinas to relax in and the seaside resort of Guarujá'. Others, including **Roger Richardson** and **Jim Roberts**, report that they have little news to contribute, but are in touch with various members of our year. For myself (**Graham Galer**), my wife and I continue to live quietly in a village on the edge of the Cotswolds, where we are active in village affairs and have extensive family connections, including grandchildren, nearby. Our daughter-in-law, Claire Galer, founded a successful business – *Derrière Equestrian* – in 2014, which has resulted in several awards, and even an invitation to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in 2016.

**1953 Year Group Representative Anthony Eastwood** writes:

This last year has seen us downsize from our family house in Hertfordshire to an incredibly small cottage on the south coast at Bosham in Sussex, and all that we were warned about proved true – it is a shattering experience. But, up until this, we had enjoyed a wonderful thirty-plus years in an exciting house with strong College connections as the birthplace of Margaret Beaufort's husband Edmund Tudor. In moving home, as it happened, we sold to one Christ's alumnus, **Edward Docx** (m. 1991) – and bought from another, **Guy Farnsworth** (m. 1965). At Christ's I read Mechanical Sciences which led on to a somewhat peripatetic career in finance, then overseas projects. I continue to manage a couple of ongoing connections – one with my old regiment, while the other focusses on South Atlantic politics. People are interesting!

**1955 Year Group Representative Robin Loveday** writes:

The 1955 year group seems to have gone into hibernation (or should it be eastivation!), with your representative garnering news from only one member. **Malcolm Page** reports that he continues to enjoy life in Vancouver, although he and his wife, Christine, spend the winter months in Australia and come to Europe

for a few weeks in the autumn. After thirty years, he continues to write a column on Vancouver theatre for Plays International.

**1956 Year Group Representative Peter Downes** writes:

Most of this year's respondents admit to 'living quietly' or, as one said, 'keeping up the even tenor of my life'. Others go into more detail on walking the dog, playing golf, looking after invalid relatives, and coping with the physical inconveniences arising from old age. However quiet or busy their lives, it is always good to hear from them. Many are supporting local and national charities, and several refer to the challenge of 'down-sizing'. **John Evans** continues to be an active sailor at Lymington, and has also been travelling more widely, including Hanoi, the Mekong Delta and Gran Canaria, and he has plans to go to Bhutan in November. **Anthony Smith** and his wife had careers in medicine abroad and in the UK, specialising finally in palliative care prior to retirement in 2002. For the last fifteen years he has worked with a Sussex charity teaching short medical courses in various countries, but he is now winding that down because of what he describes as 'an ageing memory'.

**Michael Bush** remains professionally active in spite of poor health. He continues to spend most of his time as a professional historian. Nowadays he works on British radicalism in the early nineteenth century, originally a consequence of his interest in collecting rare books. In this research field he is the author of three books: two devoted to the life of Richard Carlile and the third a study of the Peterloo Massacre. His latest book to be published is *The Friends and Following of Richard Carlile: A Study of Infidel Republicanism in Early Nineteenth-Century Britain*. His next book will appear under the title *Thomas Paine and the Polity of the Blood*. In connection with some of this research he has been involved, at a distance, with the making of the Mike Leigh film *Peterloo*, as well as with the preparations being made in Manchester for the bi-centenary commemoration of the Peterloo Massacre, due to take place in August 2019. **Gordon Maunder** writes to say that he has been closely involved with the purchase and naming of a new racing eight for the Christ's Boat Club. The boat was named *John Milton* during the opening ceremony for the magnificent Boathouse refurbishment, before a happy crowd on a magnificent blue sky day on the Cam. A number of our year group continue to seethe about the folly of the EU referendum. **David Quinn** feels particularly strongly about this, having spent the whole of his life in inter-governmental organisations trying to achieve international cooperation. He has become increasingly active by joining the European Movement and writing articles for them, and points out that 'the government seems hell bent on self-destruction in a manner I have never witnessed before, and we possibly face a unique situation in our lifetime when the House of Commons is going to vote through (or not prevent) a decision with which a large majority of the MPs do not agree'. **Richard Wade** lives in France, but has recently enjoyed a walking holiday in England, taking in the Pennine Way and South Tyne Trail. He spends a lot of time gardening at his two houses. He has particularly happy memories of the 'football guys' from 1956. **Richard Oldcorn**, who competed as a fencer four times in the Olympics but never won a medal, now has his own Olympic Gold; he bought it in an auction! It was being sold off by an Australian trap shooter, Michael Diamond, who won it in the Sydney Games but now needed to sell it off to cover legal debts. Richard said he felt sorry for him, and would be happy to sell it back to him at the purchase price. **David Carr**, while buying chips from his local chippy, was astonished to be asked by

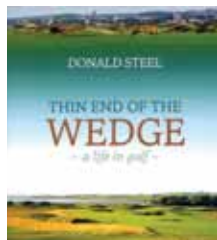


the fryer for lessons in Ancient Greek. This arose from the fact that the fryer's wife had spotted that David was reading a Mary Beard book, and David explained he had done Classics as his degree. The couple came from Cyprus, and David now helps them with the aid of *Reading Greek*, though, says David, 'Herodotus doesn't mention fish and chips at the battle of Salamis'. I (**Peter Downes**) recall that 2018 is the 60th anniversary of the Royal Tiddlywinks tournament in which Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club played The Goons, nominated by Prince Philip, in a memorable match at the Guildhall. I was keen to organise a light-hearted commemorative event, and managed to contact six of the eight members of the CUTwC team, including four Christ's men. So far, however, no plans have been finalised. I suspect that Prince Philip has had even more pressing matters on his mind over recent months, but it was reassuring to know that so many of my former tiddlywinking colleagues still have flexible thumbs. **Patrick Walsh** has spent his career in the Church, and has been Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Down and Connor, in Northern Ireland, for the last ten years. He reflects that many years of his ministry were during the worst years of turmoil and conflict, writing, 'they were demanding and stressful years, ministering to countless families and presiding at the funerals of innocents victims of violence.' Now in retirement, he has 'dabbled' in pure mathematics, studied his heroes St John Fisher and John Henry Newman, and enjoyed going back to Rome and Florence. He describes himself as feeling privileged to have preached in Christ's on the Commemoration of Benefactors Day. **Tim Hooker** spent nearly all his professional life teaching biology at Canford School in Dorset. He and his wife Barbara retired in 1991 to develop a collection of trees (about three hundred species) and to travel widely to follow up their shared interests in the natural world, including a visit to the Galapagos. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

**1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson** writes:

Our year group have had another active year, with topical references to grand-parenting, golden weddings and down-sizing. **Brian Wilson** has published *LACTOR 21*, his concluding contribution to the series of Ancient History source books for which he has done translations of ancient authors. **Jeremy Willings** continues his annual pilgrimages to Le Mans 24 Hours and *en primeur* Bordeaux wine tasting. This year he exhibited two oil-on-canvas paintings at Midhurst Art Society annual Summer Exhibition, and attended Goodwood Revival motor racing event. **Michael Edwards** published a small book of English poems in New York, and another of French poems in Brussels. He travelled to Gdansk for the launch of the Polish translation of his *Towards a Christian Poetics* and to give a poetry reading, and to Brussels again to have his head examined, with EEG readings taken of his brain as he played classical music from memory, and then as he listened to recordings of the same pieces. **John Eardley** is still keeping the Church of England flag flying in Wirral after fifteen years of 'retirement'. Having members of the Royal Society, High Court judges, retired ship's commanders and head-teachers in the congregation gives him a challenge to preach to! He is also involved in Trade Justice, Amnesty International, and other politically provocative matters, as well as being active in Christian Aid. **Tony George** continues to be involved with the Reserve Forces and the Durham Light Infantry Charities. He is also busy organising a Harvard reunion at Hadrian's Wall in September. **David Broom** sadly passed away last December, and **Joe Connor** this April. Their obituaries can be read in the *In Memoriam* section of this Magazine, on page 143. **Chris Eyles**

has been active, visiting Santorini for a week-long geology field course, to Bologna and Ravenna with The Worshipful Company of Scriveners, to Skye, Lewis and Harris for a week's walking, and finally to Aachen by road, followed by Basle for a party. He spent a month in Australia helping his wife attend a 60th reunion in Goulburn, New South Wales (famous for its huge Merino Ram statue). He is still flying his Cessna,



Donald Steel's book

was awarded an MSc in Geochemistry by Birkbeck College, and is Senior Warden of the Aldersgate Ward Club. **Donald Steel** has published his autobiography, *Thin End of the Wedge, A Life in Golf*—it has been well reviewed and contains a photo of First Court, Christ's and a chapter on Cambridge including a glowing tribute to Dr Pratt. **Keith Oldham** attended an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, at which Prince Charles presented his eldest daughter, Kathryn, with an OBE for Services to Local Government. She is the Chief Resilience Officer for the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities. Keith and his wife are both still ringing the bells at their parish church each Sunday. They learnt to ring forty years ago when the bells were rehung. **Brendan Mulcahy** teamed up with a German friend in 2009 to research and re-establish a mediaeval pilgrim route from the Algarve to Santiago de Compostela. A guide book was subsequently published which has proved quite popular with European pilgrims and hikers, to such an extent that the Portuguese Tourist authorities decided to adopt it as an official route. A substantial stretch has now been waymarked and the route, now christened Via Portugal Nascente, was inaugurated by the President of Portugal on 4 May. **Carl Whitehouse** celebrated his Golden Wedding at his son's tourist property near Hermanus, South Africa, and earlier this year he went to see his daughter's work in Uganda, where she is helping set up a University degree course in physiotherapy, although facing many bureaucratic difficulties. **Geoff Roberts** tells me he is still with us in spite of collapsing on a ghastly 'step' machine in the gym when his heart stopped. He received rapid CPR treatment (two broken ribs) and now has seven stents to be proud of. Life for **Tony Fawkes** continues in a fairly gentle way – seeing family, non-strenuous gardening, ride on lawn-mower, art classes, and genealogy! He meets up annually with **Alan Holmes**. **Brian Cleobury** keeps the garden going and continues to take an annual holiday in nice places: the Hebrides, the Scillies, and Sicily and Islay (not for the whisky). **Sam Legerton** had lunch recently with **Peter Colville**, **Mike Payne**, and **Steve Benson**. I (**Hamish Donaldson**) did a cruise circumnavigation of Australia on the way to Auckland to see my daughter **Fiona Stephenson** (m. 1987); I managed to find the church in Geraldton where my grandfather was the minister and where my mother was born. I am also just back from a trip to Eastern Europe *inter alia* to re-visit Warsaw, where I was working fifty years ago. Sixty years ago, in the long vac, **Alan Munro**, **Roger Harris**, **Hamish Donaldson** and **Trevor Hawkes** (Trinity) went to Norway for eight weeks' lumberjacking. This year saw a 60th anniversary reunion at Alan and Mary's house. **Alan Munro** has had a fall and broke his hip which resulted in some hypotension problems but he is now getting active again. **David Hargreaves**, **John Rudolf**, **David Ravenscroft** send their greetings but claim to have done nothing of interest for the last twelve months.

**1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford** writes:

This year I retired from my voluntary role in managing the accurate measurement of road running courses in the South of England, although I still do its website.

Any jogging I try is now at a walking pace, but I do manage a 500m swim twice a week. After twenty years of research I continue to make family history discoveries. A highlight of the year was a winter holiday in Jamaica with Gloria, staying with her relations. **Richard Rastall** reports that he is celebrating forty years of marriage to Jane (Oakshott) and fifty years of his doctorate: the rewriting of his thesis on minstrelsy in Late Medieval England is at last almost ready for publication. This winter he has held a Leverhulme Fellowship, editing the music of Martin Peerson (c. 1572–1651), a fine composer who was Master of the Choristers at St Paul's Cathedral. Richard regularly plays consort music on viols, and performs as an actor and reciter with Trio Literati ([www.trioliterati.org.uk](http://www.trioliterati.org.uk)). He is in regular (if infrequent) touch with **Timothy George** (with whom he has reciprocal god-daughters) and **Anthony Armistead**. Meeting many old friends at the Original Christian Minstrels dinner in College last year, Richard was delighted to find that his song *Back and side go bare* (written for the 1962 College performance of *Gammer Gurton's Needle*) is still performed. **David Black** says, 'I am still active in organic chemical research at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, but became an Emeritus Professor at the start of this year. I was awarded the 2017 David Craig Medal of the Australian Academy of Science for career achievements in chemistry, and have completed a random range of lectures across the country. In May 2018 I also received an Alumni Award for Professional Achievement from my initial *alma mater*, the University of Sydney. My honorary role as Secretary General of the International Council for Science (ICSU) will come to an end in July, after seven years, at the inaugural General Assembly of the new International Science Council, formed through the merger of ICSU with the International Social Science Council (ISSC). The merger of ICSU and ISSC is a truly historic event, because it emphasises the fact that every new scientific development has a social consequence. Hopefully the merger will lead to a broader consideration of all the factors involved in a research program, and provide better informed scientific advice for policy, as well as policy for science.' **John Bellamy** (former organ scholar) writes that, like so many contemporaries, he is happy to be completely retired. He is delighted to have time to follow various interests, and to enjoy family activities particularly with his two young grand-daughters. **Roger Mason** writes that he had dinner with **Steve Ashcroft** three weeks ago, who is enjoying retirement and divides his time between Sweden and Oxford, where he is a Fellow of Magdalen College. Roger and Steve are also in touch with 1960s matriculands **Dick Denton** and **Chris Morgan**. Roger plans to continue his adventures in China with a two month visit at the end of July. More next year we hope!

**1961 Year Group Representative Patrick Mannix** writes:

There are no earth-moving events to report for the 1961 group for the last year. **David Skinner** reports on continuing meeting of the 'Jacks'. One of the founding reasons for the Jacks being formed was the practice of meetings at 6.30pm in the College Buttery before dinner. If anyone failed to report, without an advanced explanation to a fellow Jack, you were deemed to have jacked the party, and a fine of six pence was levied. Once the fine 'pot' held sufficient funds to visit a nearby pub for a free pint or two, off we went. Happy and memorable days. Not quite able to retire, **Barry Shurlock** reports on the publication in 2017 of a paper entitled, *Real-time rotation of the multispiral operculum of Phorcus lineatus*, in the *Journal of Molluscan Studies*, demonstrating that the *operculum*, the lid which closes the shell of *Phorcus lineatus*,

rotates as the animal grows. Of course, I'm sure most of us already knew this! **David Harriss** reports on the annual meeting of the 1961 Golfers. Ten reasonably able bodies assembled at Luffenham Heath on 4 September 2017 (although it has to be said that of the ten, six opted for buggies!). The weather was kind with just a bit of wind, and they all enjoyed the very interesting and attractive course. **Bob Colvill** reports that the Freewheelers Theatre Company, a charity that he and his wife started twenty-eight years ago, has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Well done Bob! I (**Patrick Mannix**) visit **Les McMorris**, a rugby blue (this also describes the way he felt after the recent Six Nations performance), in Selby every couple of months.

**1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott** writes:

Like the rest of us, **Mike Muir-Smith** has reached the age of 50th anniversaries. He recalls the 2013 anniversary lunch at his flat in Putney, attended by seven of the nine who beat the 1963 OUBC Isis crew twice in two events. Mike rowed behind **Bill Howkins** (m. 1960) in the Christ's 'engine room'. Later that year, **Bob Cooper** (m. 1961), Bill and Mike celebrated the only Christ's College Boat Club Henley victory in its history when winning the Wyfold Cup. Alas, the other member of the crew, **Norman Crow** (m. 1963) succumbed to cancer in his forties during a distinguished career flying fighter jets with the RAF. The three of them, plus family and friends, celebrated at Henley with a slap-up lunch out of the back of the car in Butler's Field. In 2014 the 1964 Boat Race crew, which beat 'The Dark Side' by 6½ lengths, celebrated their victory fifty years earlier with a fine dinner, at Leander Club. Before the dinner Mike and his partner Amanda showed they could still 'cut it' by showing off in a double scull. And so to this year. In 1968, aged twenty-five, Mike was invited by the President of CUBC to be Chief Coach of the Boat Race crew. Despite Mike pointing out it was a somewhat reckless gamble as he had had only one year's coaching experience, they pressed on and beat the Other Side by a healthy margin. After Henley this year, the 1968 crew will be celebrating (at Leander Club again) the 50th anniversary dinner to which Mike has been invited as a sort of elder statesman (there are other less complimentary descriptions). It is a heartening advertisement for rowing that so many seventy-year-olds have been participating with varying degrees of gusto at these events. Mike and Amanda continue to train in their double scull based at Pangbourne, looking out for competitions which stage mixed doubles events for crews with an average age over seventy! Mike joins us in paying particular tribute to **Robin Kerr** (m. 1962, Captain of Boats) and his wife Sarah; their determination and inspiration over countless years have resulted in the opening of the fantastic refurbished and extended College Boathouse. On a particularly restricted site, with a Listed Building to boot, this is an extraordinary achievement. **Robin Kerr** records

that momentous event: the completion last year of the year-long boathouse expansion. As usual, he competed in the Fairbairn Cup on 1 December 2017 in *Crustaceans III*, being one of the first Christ's crews to take to the river from the new building. That evening a wonderful Old-Boatie feast was held in its vast new gymnasium, where there was hardly a dry eye. Then, in March, Robin skied with his three grandchildren



*The opening of the new Boathouse*

– unbeatable and probably unrepeatable! Four of us from the 1962 year enjoyed the Christ's Alumni Winter drinks party at the Athenaeum in December: the other three being **Ian Strachan**, Helen and **Ian Lang** and **Peter Brewin**. **Ian Strachan** is now spending much of his time in the USA. When **Ian Lang** is not playing bridge, he is actively involved in politics in Richmond and enjoys watching the odds and placing bets on the outcome of political events. In October **Peter Brewin**, and his wife Adrienne joined thirty others for a most rewarding tour of ancient Greece 'In the Steps of St Paul.' Peter has joined the University of the Third Age taking courses on Geology, History and Engineering. He highly recommends the experience, having steered clear for years. Their son Simon continues to develop his Jazz Guitar career with a new London based band called *The Drawtones* (they have a good website for event bookings!). Their middle daughter Nicola has now been accepted for ordination training in Bristol and is tackling the logistics of moving there from Reigate with husband and two primary school children. Peter modestly dismisses his professional attributes, calling himself a 'country bumpkin' when he comes up to meet the 'Londoners' **Tim Callan** and me for lunch. **Tim Callan** is back on his bicycle again, cycling around the countryside, after a spell in the Chelsea & Westminster hospital in December. Although not quite as fast as before he has spent a few days in the Cotswolds in Moreton-in-the-Marsh. Last heard of he was getting off the train at Twyford for a cycle ride along the Itchen valley. **Peter (Brewin)** and

Adrienne also keep in touch with **Robin Thompson** whose wife Shoko very sadly died recently after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Last October **Charles Lysaght** spoke at a lunch before a rugby match in Dublin when Trinity College defeated Cambridge, recalling how, when he was up, Christ's supplied half of a Varsity team that boasted several internationals. Early this year the paperback edition of a collection of *The Times* obituaries of the Irish that he had edited was published. He has also written an essay which awaits publication on the many connections between Christ's and Ireland from the foundation of the College. **Donald Forsdyke** writes from the Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. He continues his studies of Charles Darwin's Canadian-born research associate, George John Romanes (Gonville & Caius). A link with the founder of genetics is included in a biography published in the *Encyclopaedia of Life Sciences* (Wiley 2018; 'Mendel, Gregor Johann'). **Granville Tunncliffe-Wilson** and his wife Jean departed once again

in mid-January for summer time in the southern hemisphere, beginning in New Zealand. They tried the novel, and much to be recommended, experience of the 600m cave stream walk in the Cragieburn region of the mountains close to Christchurch. In Wellington for a few days, they arranged to meet up with **Chris Atkin** and his wife Sophie. After two months of warmth it was disappointing to return home from the Seychelles to find that spring was delayed here. However, not long after Easter they managed to meet up with **Doug Brear** on one of his regular visits from his home in Finland to act as assistant priest in Fleetwood. The time went quickly, chatting over coffee in the North Euston Hotel, and they plan



*Tim Callan and  
Peter Brewin*



*Granville  
Tunncliffe-  
Wilson and  
Chris Atkin*

Brian Lott and  
Peter Mrkusic at the  
Hurlingham Club



Oliver Everett (right)  
with school friend  
Martine Ronaldson



to meet up on future occasions. **Peter Mrkusic** visited his son, **Greg** (m. 1994), in London in September 2017, and again in May this year, on his regular trips to Europe. Judith and I met up with him for lunch on both occasions, first at Frantoio in Chelsea, and recently at the Hurlingham Club. After a trip to Madrid with Greg, Peter is going to Vienna for the 80th birthday of his cousin and then on to Budapest with Atsushi. At home in South Africa, Peter and his son Paul are still working hard on their antique jewellery business, at markets and antique fairs around the country as well as maintaining their website *bancroftantiques.co.za*. He has fully recovered from an ablation procedure and keeps fit

with tennis three times a week plus some stationary biking and swimming. **Oliver Everett** has continued giving his international lecture tours accompanied by his partner Diana. After a tour of Oz he took a group round south-east India (his fifth such tour). Earlier lecturing assignments had been in Florida and on a handsome cruise ship, Viking Star, round the Norwegian fjords. Oliver has also given many talks in the UK including two in Cambridge in the past year. He is pictured in Devon with an old friend from Felsted School. **Anson Allen** attended a Golden Anniversary party for old friends in Bristol in October and, by an extraordinary coincidence, found that one of his friends daughters was married to the son of **Mike Brough**. Anson had stayed with Mike in London not long before his fatal cancer, and he sent Mike's son pictures of him at Modern Pentathlon, Christ's and a safari trip they did with **Tony Chapman** in Southern Africa in the 1964 long vacation. Anson, at his own son's wedding last summer, also caught up with **Richard Coghlan**. **John Murray** periodically writes with his observations on British politics, recalling the days when he worked for the *Daily Mail* and *News of the World* in the 1960s. Advising "Beware Reason, stet Emotion!" he points to the Sun and the Mirror as the influential papers and looks at the twitter accounts of May and Corbyn; in other words the news sources for voters in the East End and Rotherham. **John's** Bolo deep sea fishing business, being on the Atlantic East coast of Florida, escaped the worst of Hurricane Irma last September. His boats suffered only superficial damage, having been professionally tied-down. However, thieves broke into two boats in the post-hurricane morning darkness when the surveillance cameras had run out of power, but the rods and reels which were stolen were quickly replaced. The winds, currents and autumnal high tides flushed out bait and fish from the canals into the Hillsboro Inlet and near in-shore, meshing with the annual mullet run to make for high quality fishing.

**1964 Year Group Representatives Roy Nettleship** and **Mike Jenner** write:

Apologies for contributing nothing last year despite having twice as many representatives as any other year group. Believe it or not, both of us were having our kitchens rebuilt at the same time last summer, leaving us *hors de combat* at the critical time when the College *Magazine* was going to bed. There will surely be not one of our readers that does not recognise that a kitchen rebuild is not to be trifled with. The experience brings us to realise that almost everything of any importance happens

in the kitchen, and it's only a fool who thinks that articles for College Magazines can be written anywhere else. Having got that off our chests... **Jay Bhattacharjee** speaks for most of us when he says that winding down on the work front is natural at this stage, but he has followed the dictum that it is essential to keep some assignments going to keep the grey cells working and the physique in reasonably active shape. The Indian business and political scene has also been volatile in recent times and he has kept up his writing, some of which has dealt with these as well as other issues. His two grandsons are a major factor in his and his wife's lives, and they frequently visit Singapore where their two sons and grandsons live. Last September, Jay got the opportunity to host Professor **Martin Johnson** (Fellow, m. 1963) at his Club in Delhi. The local Cambridge Society is a joint one with the Dark Blues. Happily, the last two Vice Chancellors loved visiting India, and had some interesting conferences and seminars centred around their trips. Jay is also associated with the national management association as well as two business chambers and regularly takes part in their activities. Readers of the last Lent Term issue of Christ's *Pieces*, may have read about a young College staff member, Oliver Neale, who while going through the issues of the *College Magazine* in the mid-1960s chanced upon an essay of Jay's written when he was 'wet behind the ears'. Oliver traced Jay through Facebook and wrote a moving article titled *1965–2018: An Unlikely Exchange*. Although **Elliot Berry** has retired, he finds that Parkinson's law applies, but with the difference that you can indeed choose what work to do and when. In fact, he has made a 'Not to do list', and will only get involved with projects he likes. This means working at a free walk-in clinic in Jerusalem to help patients – Arabs and Jews alike – organise their medical national health benefits during a thirty minute appointment. This is a luxury compared to his former hospital outpatient clinic. Elliot is also involved as Co Editor in Chief of a three volume Encyclopaedia on Food Security and Sustainability and as a Specialty Chief Editor for *Nutrition and Environmental Sustainability* as part of Frontiers in Nutrition. These responsibilities align well with membership of the United Nations Multi-Stakeholder committee on Sustainable Food Systems, as part of the ten year Framework Program. In his spare time, he has developed and published on the concept of the 'Sociotype', to try and answer those questions he failed to answer while at Christ's all those years ago – why we are what we are, and why we do what we do? And when all else fails there is always sailing between the Greek Islands come July. **Peter Braggins** contributes for the first time. His teaching career ended with fourteen years as a secondary head at The Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells. After that he was a tutor for trainee teachers on the Teach First programme in challenging London schools, which finished a couple of years ago. Now he has some voluntary roles – one involving teaching unaccompanied teenage asylum seekers English. Like others, of course, he takes great delight in grandchildren, and if he and his wife make it to August they will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. **Paul Calvert** is about to retire (for the third time) from New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico. He has been teaching kinetics, bioprocessing and biomaterials for the last three years. The university is small but the students are very good. The town however is just plain small, which has been interesting. His next career will be in 3D printing ceramics at a company in Albuquerque, in exchange for a lab bench and free coffee. In 1992, after **Richard Fenhalls** completed his career in the City (having sold the Banking Group of which he was Chairman and CEO), he started a Boutique Financial Advisory firm in which he plied his wares until he sold it in 2013. This was

his attempt to be an entrepreneur, and the jury is still out as to whether he succeeded or not. He is still very active advising two to three clients who declined to let go! He spends his leisure time rallying old cars in various parts of the world. **Charlie Findlay** is still alive and active, but remembers little of last year! (A 'senior moment' perhaps?). This year, he is struggling to clear his house of crazy amounts of 'stuff' which should never have been kept! Much more positively, he and his partner have just enjoyed a visit to the Liverpool World Museum to see an exhibition about the first and second Chinese emperors and their terra cotta warriors. They are also due to visit such exotic places as the Isle of Eigg, the South Downs, and the Peak District this year. Charlie is also attending a 50th Reunion Dinner of his Land Economy year group on 2 June at Christ's College, of all places. Riveting stuff eh? **Mike Freedman** is also still alive. Coming down from Christ's after one year, he found himself the next day sweeping floors in the Golden Egg Restaurant in Leicester Square. Mike took semi-retirement about eight years ago from a career in hotel management, photography, and gallery ownership. Since then he has been running his family's property portfolio, and helping his local Toastmasters (public speakers) Club – he gives it a lot of his time these days. His delightful seven year old grandchild, Poppy, takes the rest. **Michael Harpham** is still in Thailand after ten years. After a shaky start thinking that too many things Thai were frustrating, he has now done a one hundred and eighty degree shift, finding Bangkok a retiree's paradise: he could not live to this standard in the UK. Above all, this situation keeps him feeling younger and probably less grumpy than he believes he would feel at home – a blessing as he grows more decrepit! The downside however is the one that afflicts all expats; family is not close enough to enjoy the everyday luxuries of family life. It seems a long time since **Ian Harvey** retired as CEO of BTG plc almost fifteen years ago, yet he seems to keep very busy travelling between continents. He still goes to China regularly, where he has been organising and teaching on the *Innovation – Intellectual Property – Business Strategy* course that he started at Tsinghua University ten years ago. The course is now taught in Mandarin, and Ian will be handing over leadership of it next year to a Chinese person. He also still advises a group in the city of Tianjin, about 150km outside Beijing. When he first started at Tianjin, the drive took over four hours. Now the high-speed train takes thirty minutes – arriving and leaving to the second! He is also still involved with Intellectual Property (IP) in Sweden, Norway and the US as well as the UK. At Cambridge he is an advisor to an IP strategy group that has started in the Institute for Manufacturing within the Engineering Faculty, one which is long overdue, but has quickly become an excellent group with links both to the IP group at Queen Mary as well as Tsinghua and elsewhere. He also tries to engage interest at Imperial where he is also an adjunct professor, but that is uphill work. As his daughter and family live in Boston, and his son lives in Copenhagen (with all four parents having interesting and busy professional lives), he seem to jump on planes a lot both for planned visits/holidays as well as for emergency grandchild care. He has four now – two seven-year olds and two four-year olds. **John Hider** is pleased to report a good year with his first two great grandchildren born within a month of each other. He is deservedly taking life at a quieter pace, enjoying traveling around the UK while he still can. **Ken James** is still living in North Leicestershire, and doing a little business coaching for fast growing businesses. Keeping in touch with various College golfing groups and meeting up in College for good food, drink, and company after a hard day on the golf course. Sadly his local golf course closed to make way for a Leicester



City Football Club training ground – money talks and there seems to be a great deal of this in football. But Ken is pleased to see that Leicester Tigers Rugby Club are starting to play much better and are worth watching again. Ken and Jane still enjoy family holidays and visit the gang in Paris regularly. They also visited India recently and really enjoyed the trip, in particular the area around Cochin. They have most recently returned from a holiday to game reserves in Botswana, a trip marred only by the jaundice Ken caught on the way out. By coincidence, Ken has been selected for the yellow team in the next golf encounter, so should fit in well! **Roger James** is clerk to two charities which support the Bristol Diocese, a trustee of an Almshouse charity, a trustee of the County Girl-guiding Association, treasurer to the club which provides water activities for the Guides and Scouts in Bristol, and treasurer to the National Trust Bristol Centre. He also helps once a week with reading in a local primary school. He has nine grandchildren, four in Bristol, three in Scotland and two in Kent. Phew!! **Michael Jones** also confirms that he is still alive and active. All four thousand trees he has planted are still growing and a fifth grandchild is expected in the autumn. He is still alarmed by the prospect of Brexit, but consoles himself that Christ's 'men' [and women presumably] would not have been stupid enough to vote for the most egregious act of self-harm since the Mayor of Dover waved the last legionnaire goodbye, calling out 'we didn't need you anyway'. After seven years rowing with the Capital Rowing Club in Washington DC, and three years representing Cambridge in the Potomac boat races against Oxford, **Mike Jenner** finally ran out of puff and was ordered by the doctors to take it 'easy'. Fortunately grandchildren have arrived to fill the aching space. Since one of them is in Galway, Ireland, and another in Dubai, UAE, this brings whole new and delightful challenges as to bridging these huge distances. To his aid has come the latest internet technology: e.g. the Tinybeans app, Google photos and Skype. The whole family 'attended' Lucas's birth in Dubai courtesy of WhatsApp. **John Levett** is still promoting and acting as an agent for live music, mainly jazz, and still acting as a consultant to Sevenoaks Summer Festival. As he approaches the 20th anniversary of his Listening Room Music Agency, he has been invited to join the Worshipful Company of Musicians. Clearly all things musical take up a big part of his life now, but he does find time to read some history books. **Andrew Lister** continues to enjoy his retirement from academia, and is winding down his consulting activities to match his (slowly!) diminishing energy. He and Kate continue to travel widely, most recently to visit their newborn twin grandchildren in New York. He observes the world with increasing bemusement, and confesses to losing touch with the zeitgeist. He passes on his good wishes to fellow matriculants. **Nigel Martin** stood down from his position as elected County Councillor in Durham in May 2017 after thirty-two years' service, in recognition of which the County Council later made him an Honorary Alderman. He then had his arm twisted to stand as a Parish Councillor in his local area, a position he is now in until 2021. Otherwise he and Susan are enjoying a few more holidays, as well as golf and croquet in the summer months. He knows he lives in 'Pity Me', but you really don't have to! **Roy Nettleship** is still marking one A-Level Maths exam per year, still dinghy sailing, and still travelling around Europe, most recently to see the flamingos in Cyprus. He is also still trying, with some limited success, to collect information about the 1964 intake for the annual *College Magazine*. His daughter Janet has worked for some years for the International Association for the Measurement and Evaluation of Communication (AMEC), but at the weekends can often be seen with her partner at

Motor Cycling circuits, where she is a chief marshal. This summer is the 10th Anniversary of the International Commission on Glass (ICG) Summer Schools in Montpellier, run annually for international students, and **John Parker** is currently editing a three hundred page book to celebrate the event. The ICG school for Asian countries in Wuhan, China runs for the fourth time in November, and John is off to Venice shortly for a round table discussion on glass colours. He still writes and talks on glass history, although a heart attack last year meant a temporary suspension to activity. He's hoping that pills plus ballroom dancing and regular visits to the gym will prevent a recurrence. **Philip Parker** continues to be active, business wise, chairing a growing financial services group and doing some executive coaching. He and his wife of forty-seven years, Pat, have two sons who run their own businesses, and he hopes occasionally to transfer to them whatever wisdom he can as they navigate their way in this increasingly complex digitised world. The five grandchildren spread between Sydney and Gloucestershire fill in the gaps. Travel takes up a large part of the year with the northern hemisphere winter in Sydney, business commitments in the Middle East, one 'adventure' trip a year and summer in their home in the south of France. **Richard Peacocke** is still working while he enjoys the daily drama and the coffee machine at a French multinational on several interesting Canadian projects. His 1925 Arts and Crafts house in Ottawa has just been placed on a heritage register; after over fifty years in computing he's doing his best to keep in tune with the modern work environment and avoid a similar personal designation! His wife and daughter are doing fine. Richard continues as president of the Cambridge Society of Ottawa – any visitors among you are most welcome. **Paul Ramsey's** activities are various: a Reader at St Mary's Nantwich, now with a new Rector; volunteering with his wife at a local care home; sorting his father's papers (**Ian Ramsey**, m. 1934); writing articles on railways; visiting Sweden three times a year where his elder son and three grandchildren live; and with a younger son who blogs on *daftmumbblings.com...* who says retirement is relaxing? But it is enjoyable. **Peter Reynolds** is still enjoying the sunshine and fresh air of the west of Scotland, less so the wind and rain! He got in a good game of golf around the championship course at Turnberry recently – what a treat! Eleven years retired from hospital medicine, and he has no regrets. He is still married to Sue, and having fun with the grandchildren! **Howard Rose** recently celebrated fifty years since emigrating to Australia, although truth be known he still supports the mother country in all matters cricket and rugby. Following the sad loss of his wife of forty-two years last year, he is finding comfort in retirement with their two grandchildren and also on the golf course. He will be visiting the UK later this year to play golf in Scotland and hopes to catch up with some old College friends on that trip. **Justin Roxburgh** is coming close to celebrating ten years of retirement and is kept busy with the running and maintenance of his classic cars, particularly a 1937 Riley Lynx Sprite, and the upkeep of an allotment where the key products are raspberries. He's just converted the remains of last year's crop into raspberry jam, greatly appreciated by the grandchildren. He is enjoying his five grandchildren's company, watching them growing up in an uncertain world. He's also watching the progress of Brexit with great interest. He spent his career in the non-ferrous metal industry, where one of the key attractions was that it was beneath the Government's radar and you were allowed to get on with it without interference. Justin was glad to retire and leave these fights to his younger colleagues! **John Skorupski** retired from the chair of moral philosophy at the University of St Andrews in Scotland in 2013.

He's still an emeritus up there (with continued use of the St Andrews email system), but he's moved down to London where he's a visiting professor at Birkbeck, which involves no duties but affords some pleasant facilities. His wife Barbara also retired from HM Revenue and Customs in 2013. They live now in Fulham and are enjoying being back in London, which for both of them is home. But they try to get up to Scotland at least once a year. Half a century on from his Christ's days **Dennis Smith** is still in the East Midlands, which seems to suit him, working as a historian, or, perhaps, a historical detective. His latest 'case' concerns four famous prisoners – Oscar Wilde, Jean Améry (Google him!), Nelson Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi. Seven years ago it was supposed to be just 'compare and contrast.' By 2018 it had turned into an investigation, via comparative biography, of the West's decline, the British Empire's demise and the Brexit trauma. Routledge took it, and it is coming out in May in paperback as *Civilized Rebels. An Inside Story of the West's Retreat from Global Power*. So, be warned – you never know where idle curiosity might lead! After many years teaching on Merseyside, **Trevor Stent** moved with his family to Central Brittany twenty five plus years ago. He taught in a lycée in Quimper for fifteen years and was blissfully happy. Now retired, he plays music (clarinet) fulltime and organises a successful jazz festival that is becoming worryingly large. La vie est belle! Claire and **Martin Stentiford** are still both well and their second (step) great grand-daughter will soon be one. Barnaby, number three son, was victorious at Henley last year in the Stewards' Cup, proudly watched by Mum and Dad. Martin remains active as an umpire for West of England rowing events, and is currently organising the beer list for their annual village beer festival, Ipple Tipple (the twelfth one); it would be wonderful to see anyone there who happens to be in the area – good beer guaranteed, weather not so! **Mike Smith** did not realise how his retirement job would be so time consuming. He is on his third extension serving as a Medical Member of the Judicial Tribunal Service and, with a current shortage of those willing to serve, he has been travelling throughout Scotland sometimes at very little notice to help out when there have been cancellations. The upside is that he earned enough to take his wife on a safari in Botswana, one of the less advertised countries, but giving a wide range of habitats in the Okavango Delta to see wildlife. It is very strongly recommended for those who might be considering a safari for the first time or even for those considering a third or fourth safari. He is still much involved in the fund raising side of the local Rotary Club, but leaves it to others to spend what is added to the Charity Fund. **Peter Stone** is still doing a bit of work in his retirement – as Chairman of a drama school called Drama Studio London and, more importantly, as Chairman of a medical charity, The National Brain Appeal, which supports The National Hospital in Queen Square (England's foremost neurology hospital). Little has changed since **Philip Tyack's** last report – probably a good sign. It is now fourteen years since he moved to the south of France, in a village near enough to Marseille and Aix en Provence to prevent going totally native. He loves the climate, the pace of life, the people – just enough musical activity to keep the brain and fingers agile – and his contribution to preventing the European rosé lake from getting too big pays off. Philip lives next door to a donkey who lives purely for pleasure and laughs openly at him. His children live in Paris, Tuscany and Edinburgh, so the occasional vacation is assured. But he rarely goes to the UK – waiting for the nonsense of Brexit to resolve itself into whichever disastrous form it decides. **Chris Underwood's** career as a singer is approaching its Frank Sinatra stage, with increasingly infrequent final concerts! His

professional life has in any case become more and more involved with training the new generation of classical singers, in particular at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, which Chris still visits regularly to give masterclasses. He now lives near Cambridge, and is starting to do some work with postgraduate singing students in London. **David Waczadze** confirms that he is alive and well. He and his wife are active entertaining relatives and friends in their retirement home near Colmar in Alsace. They are close to Germany, the Black Forest, and Switzerland, which they visit quite frequently. Piano lessons and their big garden keep David busy. Paris is only two hours and twenty minutes away by high-speed train. He's a member of the Cambridge Society of Paris and occasionally attends their events.

**1965 Year Group Representative Terence Kyle** writes:

**Alastair Simkin** writes from his retirement home in Riquewihr, a small village in Alsace in France. He is enjoying life there and would welcome any old friends who would care to drop in for a glass of wine or two. **Andrew Lauder**, who now resides in Cyprus, was appointed the Chairman of St Michael's Hospice Charity in Paphos last year. His efforts have greatly increased the sums raised for charity and the Charity raised Euro 20,000 last year through entering a team of runners and five kilometre walkers in the 20th Cyprus Marathon. The two hundred and seventy participants included fifteen people from Twycross House School in the UK. **Jim Mackison** and his wife, Nobuko, moved in late 2016 from Maidenhead to New Malden to be near their daughter and grandson. It was also convenient for Jim's day-job with BA. In 2017, Jim took part in **Robin Field's** 70th birthday celebrations on a walking holiday based at Hathersage in the Peak District in Derbyshire. During the past few months he has also bumped into **David Firshman** (m. 1965), with whom he was at school, on a bus to St Paul's in the City. **Edward McParland** has reached the age of seventy-five and has therefore retired as one of the Pro-Chancellors of the University of Dublin (Trinity College, Dublin), where he spent a long and distinguished academic career after graduating in Fine Arts and Architecture at Christ's. **Wynne Aveling** retired last year from his anaesthetic practice, just before his 70th birthday, and has set himself the goal in retirement of climbing all the Monros (Scots mountains of 3,000 feet or more) to keep himself occupied. To date he has managed to conquer one hundred and forty-one out of the overall total of two hundred and eighty-two.

**1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer** writes:



1969 5th  
Rugby boat

My wife and I have been busy downsizing to a three bedroomed ground floor flat nearer the town in Petersfield in April. We decided to forgo for now the downsizing of photos albums but in packing them I came across an old photo of our 1969 5th Rugby boat in which we won oars. I have had the photo blown up and offered to everyone in the crew except **Ed Franks**. So Ed if you would

like a copy please do get in touch. **John Beal-Preston** has written to me to say, 'we have been living in Fleet for thirty-three years. It was a good commuting base for London and later for Addlestone when the office moved. I retired at the end of 2010 as CEO of Pandrol International, an engineering business which designs and

manufactures rail fastenings and noise & vibration suppression systems for metros and transits, nothing whatsoever to do with my Cambridge degree in Agriculture, but more to do with a later masters degree in business. My time is mostly occupied with learning to play the piano, an absurdly optimistic thing to start upon retirement, running “Fresh Start” courses with my wife Rosemary for people who want to break dependencies/addictions, weekly child care for one of our daughters, playing golf, gardening, and painting in oils. We are both active in our local ecumenical church. The last few years have involved us in a number of reunions, 70th birthday parties and 45–50th wedding anniversaries. Our own 50th is only three years away. We are regular visitors to South Africa, where I have farming cousins and a house at the sea, inherited from my parents. We have enjoyed many visits to ‘the bush’ (game reserves). We are about to sell the house by the sea as it is getting more complicated to manage from a distance, and I am not too sanguine about the long term future there, but we hope to continue to holiday there.’ **Phil Child** has written, ‘a few years ago I drew the ‘golden straw’ and took voluntary redundancy from BASE. In my last year at Christ’s I did a course in Pharmacology and found it fascinating. In a bid to keep an ageing mind active I did an Open University MSc in Molecular Medicine, and last year passed with Merit. Yes, a lot has changed in, erm, nearly fifty years. As one of my tutors mentioned, when she did her PhD, her references were a couple of dozen, held in a card index system. For the MSc, we had thousands of references, relevant ones kept in Mendeley. I was impressed by the OU, and its Chancellor Baroness Lane Fox is my heroine!’ **Robin Derricourt** says, ‘glad you are doing this again ... hope the silence from so many contemporaries is not a bad sign! What news from me here in Sydney? Well: I was recently elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities; and my most recent book, out this June (and perhaps influenced by our grandchildren!), is on Children in Prehistory.’ **Peter Osborne** writes, ‘in the summer I am mainly working to support my wife Heather’s Gardening Opening with the National Garden Scheme. The second NGS opening is on Sunday 2 September 2018, when ornamental grasses, hot colours and Autumn berries start to show, and all Christs Alumni will be welcome at 20 St Stephens Avenue, St Albans. We open jointly with our neighbours at No 30, and sell teas and plants between us. My particular interest is a wild-life pond and a complicated compost system. In odd moments I sketch wildlife and other subjects, and sometimes post the results on Facebook, where I also follow the Christs Alumni page and a few 1966 friends.’ **Anthony Nelson** writes, ‘I am pretty much retired from the fray as I approach my three score years and ten. After a career in politics and banking, which I found rewarding in different ways, I spend my time between our homes in Sussex and Cape Town. As the last Chairman of Britain in Europe, I am dismayed by the prospect of Brexit and am joining efforts to pull us back from the brink before it is too late.’

**1967 Year Group Representative Barry Carter** writes:

Many of the 1967 class have happy memories of **Ian Martin** who passed away on Friday 22 September 2017: ‘such a nice man with a sunny personality and great smile’. He is certainly missed. **David Colville** remembered that **Peter Foster** made clear in his remarks at the Reunion dinner in College on 9 September that Ian was unwell, but few of us realised quite how very unwell Ian must have been at that point. Ian kept us connected, acting as the 1967 Year Group Rep for the three years until he died. We appreciate his efforts and his support of the College; Ian would be pleased

to know that we have heard from quite a good number of our Year Group this year. We are beginning to enter our Platinum Years (that's gold plus twenty!). Travel is still doable but getting harder. **Jim Webber** attended the reunion dinner in September but commented on the challenge of crossing the Atlantic for a weekend jaunt! **Laurence Edward Alexander Franks** wrote a six-page review of Jacek Wiewiorowski's *The Judiciary of Diocesan Vicars in the Later Roman Empire* which was published in *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*, Band 109 Heft 2 (2016). He has now greatly expanded his short article on the Roman Diocese from two to twenty-five pages. Having not enjoyed the snow and the miserable New England winters (though some think they are wonderful), he is thinking of moving back to California, perhaps to Palm Springs which he says is known locally as God's Waiting Room! During the Spring of most years he still visits friends in Austria, Italy and Greece. **Jeremy Tafler** continues to work occasionally; he has just finished a project providing assessment for California science students, but mostly he enjoys the Spanish house, plays bridge and takes photographs. Jeremy is presently directing *Fiddler on the Roof* for the local AmDram. **Peter Tymms** is gradually retiring from his position as a Professor at Durham University in the School of Education. At the Reunion we heard more about Peter's time working in Africa. He claims that with an aging body he can no longer play the sports that he used to enjoy, but has found that croquet is still possible! He is married with two adult boys and enjoyed the 50th Reunion. **Owen Davies** wrote while on holiday in France so just a couple of lines. He has been retired from paid employment for four years now, but remains pretty busy as a trustee of Age UK Lambeth and as an NHS campaigner. He has also found a niche reviewing opera for the website <https://playstosee.com>. **David Perry** got married in September, six months short of his 70th birthday (congratulations David), and is now living in Cambridge again with his wife. He reflects that after decades slaving in the salt mines of the BBC he is now doing some media work for the Woolf Institute, so he says it's a sort of Cambridge return in spades! (<http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/>) **Richard Tebboth** comments that he had no special news but he recently heard of the death of **Trevor Bowley**, whose obituary can be read on page 148. Trevor's wife, Joyce, is still in contact with Richard. **David Colville** joined part of what is now Price Waterhouse Cooper after Christ's (though he is not sure that Lord Todd approved); later he spent over thirty years with Pearson, the media and educational publishing group. David retired in 2013 and, like many of our generation, has so far found retirement perhaps unexpectedly busy – with a mixture of travel, some modest charitable work and personal interests, the latter including keeping up with an increasing number of great-nephews and great-nieces. David and his wife live in London. He visited Christ's three times in 2017 – once for the September Reunion, once for a smaller 'fifty years on' event held in July and once in June, along with **Robin Broadway**, in preparation for the fifty years celebration. He and Robin enjoyed a stroll in the Fellows' Garden on a beautiful June day. They were lucky because on the two later occasions the weather was poor and the promised drinks in the Garden had to be abandoned for a more sheltered but less pleasant location. He sat with **Barry Carter** at the end of the top table if you're trying to picture him. **Andrew Higgott** read English, and unfortunately missed those interactions with the Natural Sciences group. (It's not too late!) Not long after Cambridge he moved in a sideways direction into architectural history and theory, and is continuing an academic career, based in London, post-retirement. He has a new book published by Bloomsbury which

appeared in May 2018: *Key Modern Architects: 50 short histories of Modern Architecture* (www.andrewhiggott.com). **Clive Butchins'** big recent event was his new granddaughter who was born last August; he sees her quite regularly. Life goes on as a councillor pretty much the same. Clive does attend most of the Reunions in College. **Fred Frith** has just retired from his post as Professor of Composition at Mills College in Oakland, California, but continues as Professor at the Musik Akademie in Basel, Switzerland and as visiting professor at the Universidad Austral in Valdivia, Chile. He still composes and performs in a variety of contexts, and is frequently involved in film soundtracks – most recently you may have heard his rendition of Jerusalem in Sally Potter's *The Party*. Fred and David Perry recently met up for lunch in Oakland, CA. **William Allberry** (Rev) continues to spend some time each year in India, teaching at Tamilnadu Theological Seminary in Madurai. For nine years this included the month of May, the hottest of the year, when he ran a Remedial English course, an induction course for the new seminary students, but this year he handed this over (with some relief). William hopes to continue to go to India, doing some classroom teaching for the Bachelor of Divinity students and helping the Masters students with their English theses. Back at home, he is fully involved in Surbiton life and the life of a retired vicar, leading services on two or three Sundays each month in local churches. **Ray Langford** retired from teaching in France (Nevers) nearly ten years ago. He sat for the French teaching exams and became *professeur agrégé* after doing his National Service over here. Now he lives mostly in the South in Agde (which he says is not to be confused with Cap d'Agde – if you are a reader of Michel Houellebecq). There are now Langfords in Troyes, Pau and Montpellier. Although he couldn't make the fifty-years reunion, he is still trying to match faces to names on the old photo. (Start by removing most of the hair.) After twenty-six years in Oxford (as a geriatrician) **David Sebastian Fairweather** retired to Cornwall, and lives literally on the water (well literally sometimes), between Truro and Falmouth. He has now been a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, for over twenty-five years. It was encouraging seeing so many old friends at the fifty year Reunion – many, like **Conway Harries**, **Lloyd Zokay** and **Adrian Lowe** are probably saving their news for next year. **Pete Adriaenssens** took up a position in a contract R&D lab in early 1971 and then built a career centered on analytical chemistry. This included academic stints with the University of Edinburgh (PhD), the University of Exeter (postdoc), and visiting fellowships in the US with National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and Stanford University. This was followed by various positions in the pharma industry, in analytical development and pharmaceutical quality, with both start-up and multi-national companies, until he retired in April 2017. Liz and Pete have resided in the US since 1985. They retired together last year and are now enjoying the freedom to get out-and-about more! Both of their children are at this time living in England. Pete and Liz joined **Dave William** and Margie, **Colin Chipperfield** and Linda and **Barry Carter** and Bryony at the Association Dinner in June 2017. Colin is settled in Australia, but still visits England regularly. **Dave Williams'** eldest son Matt and daughter-in-law Sarah, produced a daughter, Quinn Cordelia, in Chicago in December 2017. So Dave and Margie are now experiencing the joy of grand-parenting. His other two sons, Bryn and Steve, recently followed their wives to jobs in London and Toronto respectively; thus travel to three great cities has been the order of the day for the last year and will no doubt continue. While being Engineering Dean at Ohio State still consumes time – and

entertains for much of that time – there was also room for a couple of weeks of Malbec and filet in Argentina and a train ride across the Canadian Rockies. It's forty-five years since Dave and two other Christ's men (of later vintage) helped defeat Oxford at Twickenham in 1973, and he will be joining them in Cambridge next December where the intervening years will have ensured that memories of that game will have been refined to recall only its extraordinary heights. Dave has now not only written a book with me (**Barter Carter**), but edited a second one on the exciting topic of transmission electron microscopy! Finally, after twelve years on the Cornell Faculty and sixteen years at the University of Minnesota, I (**Barry Carter**) became Emeritus at UConn on 1 June 2018, although I continue my positions in the Center for Integrated Technology in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Materials Science. My three children are distributed from Minneapolis to Ann Arbor to New York City, with the five grandchildren in the latter two locations. My younger son **Adam** is also a Christ's man (m. 1994) and is on the Faculty at New York University.

**1968 Year Group Representative Andy Symonds** writes:

**Robert Bergerhoff Mulder** writes, 'having never met in Cambridge, three Christ's men from the 1970s recently joined forces to show that age is no barrier to sporting achievement when they completed a marathon ski tour of the Sierra Nevada in southern Spain. Having climbed the highest peak in continental Spain, and several other summits, they descended on every conceivable type of snow, skiing with vigour, style and endurance. **Harley Nott**, who turned seventy during the exercise, **Rick Nelson** and **Robert Bergerhoff Mulder** cleared rock falls from remote mountain tracks to allow the passage of vehicles at the start of the day; braved bitterly cold winds throwing ice particles in their faces; climbed with skis on packs and then with crampons on feet to the tops of mountains whose names they struggled to remember or pronounce before returning downhill safely with enormous pleasure in the good care of their (slightly younger) mountain guide, Jim Blyth. The unexpected fellowship, shared adventures, and beauty of these lovely mountains will not easily be forgotten.'

**Peter Thomas** writes, 'I co-chair the Kensington and Chelsea Music Society (KCMS) and I'm quite liking the life of an impresario, organising seven chamber music concerts per season at Leighton House Museum, London. At the end of the season, the Barbican String Quartet performed an evening of Mozart, Debussy and Brahms for us. Our talent spotting appears to work, as the Barbican String Quartet won the St Martin's Chamber Music Competition in March 2018. With a network of musicians built up over more than ten years, my interest in classical chamber music has enabled me to start a festival in the Camargue: the Festival International de Musique Classique d'Aigues-Mortes (FIMCAM) is now into its third year. **Mike Woffenden** and his wife Mary had an excellent trip to India last year, including a very pleasurable meet-up with **Sumanjit Chaudhry** and his wife Anu in New Delhi. Back home, two grandchildren are keeping Mike and his wife busy. He sends his best regards to all the other 1968ers. **Paul Ormerod** is still active professionally as a visiting professor at University College London (UCL). He writes a weekly column for *City AM* newspaper, and a selection of his columns over the past six years has just been published by the Institute of Economic Affairs, in conjunction with *City AM*. **Gordon House**, now a grandfather, has enthusiastically embraced his second childhood by writing children's plays for the Colour House Theatre in Wimbledon. His latest play *Beast!* – an



idiosyncratic re-working of *Beauty & The Beast*, directed by himself – was enthusiastically received by friends, family, and a smattering of children who were somewhat confused by the fact that the Beast, when kissed, resolutely remained a Beast. (Be happy with who you are!) Having retired some years ago as Head of BBC Radio Drama, this was the first theatre play Gordon had directed since a College tour of Germany in 1968 with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Where have the fifty years gone?! **Stephen Hart** writes, 'I and my wife Valerie spend much time travelling, including last year to India, where we took up the kind offer from **Sumanjit Chaudhry** and his wife Anu to visit them while in Delhi, and were well entertained. I am now researching and writing the biography of a Christ's man from an earlier generation, **James Chuter Ede** (m. 1903), who became Home Secretary throughout the Attlee Government, at the time most of our group were born. He is not widely recognised by the College, and is the only senior member of Attlee's Cabinet of whom no biography has been published. I hope that by next year I may rectify that, and have a book to offer anyone interested. **Paul Roper** and his wife Sarah had a busy year of holidays. A fabulous trip to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos in the Spring was followed by three weeks on their narrowboat exploring northern waterways to get to Liverpool. In the Autumn they had a cruise to the Canaries, enabling them to practice their ballroom dancing skills: after nearly four years of lessons they have progressed from poor though mediocre to just about average! **Duncan Kenworthy** reports, 'I've produced a new film, *The Children Act*, written by Ian McEwan, directed by Richard Eyre and starring the brilliant Emma Thompson in her best role since *Sense & Sensibility* (well, all right, if you insist – since *Love Actually*). It opens in the UK, US and most of Europe in late summer 2018, and I'm hopeful Emma might be remembered come Oscar time next year. My last film, *The Pass*, starring an amazing Russell Tovey as a conflicted gay footballer, premiered online in the US on May 8 2018, and is on Netflix here. Spare time is spent gardening in Dorset and the Luberon, bee-keeping in Soho, sobbing at Old Trafford, though a bone-on-bone right knee has taken its toll on hill-walking. Knee replacement a good idea?' **Nigel Collin** writes, 'having retired in 2016, after twenty-two and a half years as the Financial Director of a global chemical conglomerate, I bought a twin-engined Fairline 33 Targa vessel with thoughts of regular trips to France. Failing eyesight intervened, thus I had eighteen frustrating months with 'Nauti Nigel' on the Thames, doing four knots when she was capable of forty. She was sold in March and I can testify that the two best days of boat ownership are the day you acquire the boat and the day you sell it. Like Ladies, boats are beautiful to look at but very high-maintenance! **David Topham** relates the following anecdote from his year as a Freshman in College: 'The 1968 regulations required students in College to request permission to install a wireless set (radio) in their room. Duly I was granted this permission, but omitted to declare that the installation comprised a transmitter/receiver for ham radio. I saw no reason to complicate matters. For an aerial I ran a very thin, almost invisible wire from my window in Y staircase, across the car park to the window of an anonymous collaborator in X staircase. All went very well and I made life-long friendships in Cambridge and



*Nigel Collin's  
boat*

Andy Symonds and  
Richard Savage



across the world. But... sharp eyed observers might have noticed pigeons mysteriously stationary, wings furlled, resting overhead.' **Richard Savage** is relieved to say that work on the publication of a series of archaeological excavations undertaken in Surrey between 2008 and 2015 (including that of Woking Palace) has proceeded very well, with only one report left to complete. When not spending time with their two grandchildren, he and his wife Pamela continue to study the development of Old Woking where they have found archaeological evidence that the settlement was in existence by the end of the seventh-century AD. In the summer of 2017 they enjoyed an extensive and somewhat nostalgic trip to Alberta and British Columbia, the latest in a long sequence of visits to Western Canada since the first immediately after graduation in 1971. Since the summer of 2015, after forty-two years on the staff of the University Library (UL), **Bill Noblett** has been working as a volunteer there, some say a glutton for punishment! At the UL he has been sorting and listing the papers of Sir **John Plumb**, a former Master of Christ's. In addition to this, during the last twelve months, he has also been helping **Neil McKendrick**, an Honorary Fellow of our College and a former Master of Gonville & Caius College, with his book-length memoir and study of Plumb. **David Smith** sends his best wishes to the Year Group and hopes they are enjoying retirement as much as he is. In addition to grand-parenting duties and helping out with a family farming business, David has been involved in a number of charitable and voluntary organisations. His five-year term as Chairman of Aldeburgh Music Club ended last year and he continues to be a member of the choir performing regularly at Snape Maltings concert hall. David has also been Secretary/Treasurer for the Suffolk Cambridge Society for a number of years. The Society is the University alumni group for Suffolk with over two hundred members and organises four or five social events each year. These events provide an opportunity for members and their partners and friends to hear an interesting talk, visit stimulating places, and of course, have an enjoyable meal. If you are not already a member of your local Cambridge alumni group, David very much recommends that you consider joining. **Stewart Fergusson** writes, 'retirement has brought the joys of travel. In the last year I have delighted in the architecture – mosques, madrasas and mausoleums – of the central Asian cities of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. Uzbekistan is leaving behind its legacy as a drab Soviet republic and embracing the cultural heritage of the Silk Road and Tamurlane. More recently a trip down the Elbe to Dresden, Meissen, Wittenberg, Dessau and Magdeburg and then across to Berlin gave an insight into the way the German's openly reflect on their troubled past but look to the future. Besides travel non-executive work has been absorbing particularly as chairman of Coventry's Belgrade Theatre which was at the forefront of Coventry's successful bid to be the next UK City of Culture. Our three kids all doing fine; my youngest son, a freelance film editor, has just finished a big web based project on the history of the Kurds, the *Kurdistan Memory Programme* which is well worth a look. The history bug that took me to Christ's has never gone away so I have gone back to researching and writing history with a recent article on Coventry's 17th century history and another in the pipeline. **Richard Warren** had the sad task of notifying the death of his friend **Bill Bennett**. An appreciation of Bill can be found in the *In Memoriam* section (page 149). **Philip**

**Tomlinson** reports, 'I was part of the 'Class of '68' and benefitted from the flexibility of the Tripos system, reading Pt 1A Natural Sciences and Pt II Economics. Both proved relevant in my subsequent career, studying the markets for metals and minerals, firstly with a major mining company and latterly as director of the leading specialist global consulting firm in this area. My speciality was steel and iron ore. Having spent most of my career in a structurally depressed industry, the China driven boom in the last two decades was a pleasant surprise with lots of commercial due diligence work for new projects. Well, the boom is over and I have finally retired. Being half French it was tempting to go and join the family in South West France, but I will stay in my corner of South East London where I have lived for forty years, although I have just downsized to a more manageable house; just for one, as sadly my wife died of cancer five years ago after thirty-five years of marriage. My two sons also live in London: one is a teacher and the other a web design consultant. No grandchildren yet.' In 2017, the title of Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon, was conferred on **Kiernan Ryan** by the University of Birmingham. Now Emeritus Professor of English Literature at Royal Holloway and an Emeritus Fellow of Murray Edwards College, Kiernan continues to lecture on Shakespeare at home and abroad, most recently at the Globe, the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre, and as a Visiting Professor at the University of Hannover. His online articles for the British Library on *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth* can be found at the BL's *Discovering Literature* website: <https://www.bl.uk/discovering-literature>. **Tim Palmer** sends greetings to all in the year of '68. This year has been a full one, with three months spent in the Ardèche continuing the hands-on barn conversion project – much less of a building site now with parts even quite comfortable. Back in Cambridge, the winter months started with getting to grips with a new Computer Aided Design (CAD) package to produce drawings to get planning permission and then builders' drawings for a project at home. There's been lots of singing – song recitals with an accompanist in France and Cambridge every couple of months. Doing everything one can to resist Brexit on demonstrations and social media has been a major part of the year too. **Tony Cornah** reports, 'my daughter Anna and I ran the Sheffield Half Marathon, as usual, in April, and came in at 1:54:30, so a huge thirty seconds within our target time of 1:55. We're now on a two-year training schedule for 2020 when I'll be seventy and she'll be forty. Polly and I went on holiday to the Scillies in April and visited the Bishop and Wolf pub for their music night: the organiser took a video which she uploaded to <https://www.facebook.com/thebishopbandsessions/videos/178397849534228/> if anyone's interested in listening to a clip of me performing.' **Philip Bradney** writes, 'being a glutton for punishment I have embarked on a welding course (yes, that is how you stick bits of metal together), have joined the masters swimming sessions in Chepstow and am taking the advanced driving course. Otherwise busy with family, garden and hobbies. I still work for the Ministry of Justice but should finish next year. I am no longer on the Village Shop Committee having served five years. I was moved by Bill



*Kiernan Ryan*



*Tim Palmer's barn in the Ardèche*

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Bennett's death, not least because we were in the middle of an email conversation; please see Richard Warren's tribute. It seems we have a college dinner coming up so I look forward to catching up with folks then.' I (**Andy Symonds**), wish to thank all those who sent messages of support in taking on the role of Year Group Representative. In the last twelve months I took part in two long-distance challenge walks organised by the Long Distance Walkers Association: a twenty-seven mile one in the Surrey Hills with my daughter Evelyne and grandson Charlie (aged ten), and a fifty-three mile one in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley with my son-in-law Nick. On the latter occasion I enjoyed a small drink with **Philip Bradney**, who happens to live close to where the walk took place. My wife Geneviève and I attended the Spring get-together of the South West France Cambridge Alumni group, which takes place in a very picturesque part of the Dordogne. In May we had the pleasure of a visit from **Richard Savage** and his wife Pam.

**1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson** writes:

As is now customary, the 1969 report begins with a disclaimer: the responses to the call for news were few, several merely reporting 'no news', or a modest 'nothing spectacular' (**Eric Webb**). That may be a positive sign; we are all content with life, in its varying formats, even if having a sense that, 'time seems to be going both faster and slower' (**Martin Milmo**) ... or occasionally out of control (me). Retirements (where experienced) provide opportunities to catch up on the gardening and all those anticipated-but-not-taken holidays, if grandparenthood does not become a dominant feature. Some responses pointed to continuity: **Hamilton Bryson** still working on seventeenth-century English law reports; **Clive Bell** playing the Japanese flute, sometimes in intriguing and idyllic contexts. (One 'fresh challenge' was his involvement in the *Singing With Nightingales* project broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May, 'duetting with nightingales at midnight in a wet Sussex forest. A magical experience, under a sky full of stars. A pond full of frogs contributed backing vocals.') For others, new circumstances bring new interests, or the change to enhance old ones. While still 'doing the odd consultancy assignment', **Frank Knight** has taken up making stained glass panels as a retirement occupation (but is not yet accepting commissions). **Chris O'Brien** has completed and (self-)published a biography of Sir Neville Cardus, cricket writer and music critic. 'It's early days but I was pleased that my *Cardus Uncovered* was Book of the Month in *Wisden Cricket Monthly* earlier this year.' **Eric Webb** has 'taken up house-guiding for the National Trust ... to keep my grey matter functioning'; some of his photographs have been used as book illustrations (by Jane Russ, in *The Fox Book* and *The Owl Book*). **Stephen Coe** is still in the early and anticipatory stage of his own retirement. After twelve years as vicar of Holy Trinity, Wallington, he has moved to Wootton (near Oxford). Some plans go awry as nature takes its ruthless course, but not with automatically negative outcomes. **Jonathan Best's** bad news that major surgery had meant that 'my lifestyle has entered a new phase' prefaced his good news that its success has left him 'full of beans – throwing retirement on the scrapheap and taking up employment supervising new disability therapists'. His continued cross-planetary contact with **Dave Crust**, **Nick Devons**, and **Andrew Thornton** points to the continued vitality of small networks among the year group; like others he also notes friendships with members of other year-groups. Such 'trans-generational' links pose a challenge for year-repping; **Harley Nott's** reponse recorded dramatic mountain skiing in the Sierra Nevada with **Robert**

**Borgerhoff Mulder** (m. 1968) and **Rick Nelson** (m. 1973), which could fit in the reports for all three years, but triplication would be over-indulgent. Fuller details appear in the 1968 entry. Most of us seem satisfied with overcoming our own lesser challenges; even without operating at full throttle, our lives are full enough.

**1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait** writes:

Members of the 1970 Year Group should note September 2020 for the celebration of our 50th anniversary, likely to be on a Saturday in the second half of the month. The College will promulgate the date. **Dougal Goodman** is Chief Executive of The Foundation for Science and Technology ([www.foundation.org.uk](http://www.foundation.org.uk)). He continues to keep his interest in the polar regions, travelling to Spitsbergen, Greenland, North Norway, and Iceland in 2017. **Steve (Boris) Magraw** worked in large comprehensive schools in Dagenham for over thirty years. He took early retirement in 2005 as Head of History, then working part time in security at the National Gallery until 2016. In 2012 he moved back to his home town of Watford, where he now spends time playing bowls, singing in folk clubs, supporting Watford FC, and going on holiday whenever time and money allows. **John D Smith** reviewed forty-five years since graduation, all spent at the chalkface in Geography-related education: ten years in a Grammar school; seven years as a Head of Department in a boys' boarding school; three years as Boarding Housemaster; a short period of redundancy in 1992; two terms supply teaching; twelve years as Head of Department in a mixed comprehensive school; early retirement in 2006; five years part-time lecturing in a community college; thirty-eight years of examining, twenty as Chief Examiner; co-author of six textbooks. He is now fully retired, and enjoys the company of three grandchildren, assorted bottles of wine, and spending pensions/royalties/examining fees on riotous assembly with those nearest and dearest to him. **Hugh Williams** has sold his interest in the Smith's of Smithfield London restaurant group, started in 2000 with TV Masterchef John Torode and Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason. He continues rowing with The Tideway Scullers School Masters section. He rowed in the last Cambridge Small Boats Head race with David Sprague (Emmanuel), with whom he raced in the CUBC Lowe Double Sculls of 1971. The crew starting behind noted that their combined ages were exactly a century less than his crew's.... In March 2018, **David Hall** and his wife Janet attended the funeral of a soldier killed in 1915. Remains found in a Belgian field had been identified by DNA tests as those of Thomas Telford Edmundson, a relative of David's, after years of research. This was coordinated by the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre of the Ministry of Defence. Thomas was reburied with full military honours in the war cemetery near Ypres, with many relatives and local people present to pay their respects. Thomas's war lasted one week, from when he was mobilised as a member of a Territorial Army brigade, until he was killed by a shell on the front line in Belgium. His body was interred in a battlefield grave that was then disturbed and lost as a result of intense shelling. The remains were undisturbed until building work in 2014. ID tags were cardboard and so had disappeared. He was identified because of his metal shoulder title – Durham – showing he had been in the Durham Light Infantry. **Edmund Dehn** is still acting, and with friends has started a new theatre company, And Tomorrow Theatre Company. They have produced their first show *Death of a Hunter*, the first ever translation of the play by German playwright, Rolf Hochhuth, about the last hour of the life of Ernest Hemingway before his suicide. It is a one man show and Edmund plays Hemingway.

Other work included playing Winston Churchill in a new play and playing a small role in a Norwegian TV series that has just been in competition at Cannes. I (**Dewar Donnithorne-Tait**) remain passionately involved with family, wildlife conservation, photography, travel and unmanned aviation standards and regulation.

**1971 Year Group Representative Tim Lintott** writes:

**Charles Harris** has had a new book of short stories published, *The Cupboard*. Meanwhile, his literary satire *The Breaking of Liam Glass* was shortlisted for a Wishing Shelf book award earlier this year and has also been featured in Amazon's best-seller lists for satire in both the UK and in the US. He is currently working on a second novel, a literary noir. **Stephen Barnfield** is still working full-time for a large accounting firm as a Chartered Accountant who specialises in tax. He plans to cut down to part-time in the next few months. He reports that he ran his tenth marathon in April 2018. **Alan Brown** reports, 'my eldest daughter turned forty this year, and boy does that make one feel old! Subject to regulatory approval, I am taking on the Chair of an asset management company, Artemis. That brings my non-executive positions to seven, which is one or two too many, but a couple will come to an end in the next twelve to twenty-four months. But the most satisfying event of the year relates to our Family Trust. We established this a couple of years ago, and my wife, children and I look out for causes to address. One cause we found works with a remote Masai tribe in Kenya trying to change three issues: HIV, FGM and shooting elephants. About four hundred young women reach maturity each year and, until recently, all suffered FGM. In the last couple of years that number had dropped to 80%. We were hoping this year's report would show further progress to about 70%. The big news we have just heard is that the leadership of the tribe have agreed to a declaration of abandonment next year on world FGM abandonment day. That had us punching the air!!' **Martin Lockett** is still in China at the University of Nottingham. He has appeared on Chinese TV a couple of times – about UK/ China regional cooperation, and on the main national news channel in a feature on the University when Theresa May visited. He also writes for the *China Daily* newspaper. He has also just undertaken a review of the quality of UK higher education in Hong Kong for the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education). **Simon Vivian** has been appointed to a College Lectureship in Statistics for Psychology at St Anne's College, Oxford, from October 2018. He reports that his boss there is Professor **Kate Watkins** (Christ's 1987–1990). It's a one-year renewable appointment and he hopes it will keep rolling for the foreseeable future. He is already there as an 'out-tutor' and this is a promotion! **Linda Abbott** writes, 'my work on lichens continues. I have spent a huge amount of time on the essential, but very un-glamorous, task of sorting out the nomenclature of lichens. There are about twenty thousand species of lichens, but only about one hundred thousand names have been published for them. I have also created a website, [lichensofgreece.com](http://lichensofgreece.com). About six years ago I started learning Greek traditional dance. Throughout that period I have been dancing with schools in Tripoli, the nearest town, but for two years I travelled to Athens every Saturday, to dance with the Dora Stratou school – the best school of Greek dance in the world.'

**1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall** writes:

First with news was **Jim Whelan**. He says, 'I have now lived in Louisville, Kentucky, for twenty-six years. We usually manage one trip a year to Europe.' It seems unlikely

that will tie in with a Christ's reunion, but Jim says he doesn't make it to Harvard reunions either. Challenges are explaining Brexit to the Americans and, for Jim's wife, explaining Trump to the British. With my own son in California married to an American I can echo this dilemma. When visiting, I noted he relies on Christ's Member, **John Oliver** (m. 1995), to explain America to the Americans. One correspondent ably captured the mood of many with the summary 'my life is quiet and not interesting to others'. The ambition for a 'quiet life' has great appeal when other popular adjectives are 'busy' or 'stressed'. Another adds perceptively 'I am beginning to think that at our age no news is good news'. Whether quiet or stressed, some continue to write. Have you ever used those Oxford University Press books beginning 'A very short introduction...'? I certainly have, when needing to appear knowledgeable quickly. **Joachim Whaley**, based at Gonville & Caius College, is publishing another in this series: *The Holy Roman Empire. A Very Short Introduction*. He adds, 'it's part of the popular Oxford paperback series and aims to give a good general introduction to anyone who has ever wondered what the Holy Roman Empire was!' *1983: The World at the Brink* by **Taylor Downing** was published last April. It's about an almost unknown Cold War scare that he argues was as dangerous as the Cuban Missile Crisis, but no one knew about it! **Steve May** combines careers as a writer (mainly for radio) and academic, and is currently Provost of the College of Liberal Arts at Bath Spa University. **Patrick Reade** hopes to write about his connection and correspondence with Sir Patrick Leigh Fermor: the British Museum currently have had exhibition about him. 'Does retirement work?' is a question on our minds. Or do you retire from traditional employment and find you have a lot of work. Various states and stages of retirement are on offer: *Beckoning*: **Simon Clark** notes, 'retirement from my career in insurance markets beckons. More time for fishing and shooting then.' *Thwarted*: 'I keep thinking of retiring but other people have different ideas as they offer me contracts with school principals and the Ministry of Education. At the same time we are awaiting the slow processes to work their way through the local council so we can start building our new home by the sea on the Coromandel Coast.' [I had in mind this was somewhere near Eastbourne but then recalled that **Neil Marshall** is in New Zealand]. *Transition*: **Alan Cottenden** muses, 'I retired at the end of last September and am feeling very much "in transition", continuing with some of my old work commitments (editorial boards, conference organising, international standards etc) while beginning to explore some new avenues and work through a considerable amount of 'stuff' I brought home when I retired!' *Counting*: 'I have installed a count-down app on my phone which tells me I have three hundred and seventy-six days until I retire', writes **Nigel Price**. *Effectively Retired*: **Bob Stevenson** has this status. He is now reviewing classical CDs for Music Web International, finding that yoga is good for sciatica, but not letting that stop his badminton and water skiing(!). He still manages to organise a few parties each year. I am sure he'd be pleased to see you. Contact him first. Don't just say I sent you. *Semi-Retired*: **John Corner** says, 'I am now well into semi-retirement. I am Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Leeds, following thirty years at the University of Liverpool. I continue to research and to publish on the rapidly changing field of political communication, on broadcasting history and on documentary film and television. I have enjoyed visiting Cambridge both as a speaker and an examiner (as well as tourist!).' *Retired*: **Simon Young** retired in 2016 after twenty-five years as a Finance Director in the NHS. He moved in 2017

from London to Woburn Sands, where his wife Diana is now the Vicar. And of course – *Happily Working*: **Pete O'Brien** says he is still in this state working as a GP in Coventry. **Dean Baines** reminds me that some years ago he and I met at an Open University MBA seminar, and wonders if I managed to complete the course. **Francis Drasar** has no real news, but I suspect this is more his achievement of a successfully quiet life, as he has supplied no 'fake news'. Talking of which, my next email rumoured that one of our number is about to become an Abbott. In the climate of paranoia about fake news and data security, I hesitate to publish what you have told me about others, but do keep telling me. In defence of my paranoia, I am still scarred from being told that one of my staff had left a child's adoption file at the local Garden Centre. It was swiftly retrieved! So, it would be good to hear directly from any Abbots among us next year. One of my anxieties in contacting everyone was 'Do bulk e-mails work?' and this engendered considerable debate, with **Gareth Ward's** response the most authoritative: 'My experience of sending bulk emails is that sometimes as few as twelve is no guarantee that all twelve will arrive. I believe it is more often decided by the recipient's email and spam facilities – either at their Internet Service Provider, or their computer's security software, and whether we remember to check the spam folder.' Several groups are still in touch however: First **David Hitt** recalls, 'sadly we lost **Jerry Taylor** last August. We gave him a good send off in Yeovil where he lived and worked from graduation.' More about Jerry appears on page 150. **David** hopes to carry on working for a while yet, as, like many of us, he sees his children embarking on their careers, with one an engineer... 'Good to know the Mech Eng genes are alive and well, though I quit engineering after eleven years, longer than a lot of people!' He is still in touch with **Dave Knight, Tim Tyler** and **Tony Rowe**. **Phil Smyth** reports, '**Nick Booth, Martin Fitch, Bert Lister, Bill Morgan, Pete O'Brien** and I, and our spouses, still meet at least once a year for our own Christ's reunion. This year it's on Alderney in the Channel Islands of all places!' **Dave Pope** has this year enjoyed both his bus pass and the joint lunch at Wadham College. This proved a mass gathering of the class of 1972 with **Steve Bagnall, Rob Scriven, Roger Coates**, and **Nicholas Bayley** who were also present. A Wadham member told me they had been one of the first to admit both men and women, and, as I looked across the hall at **Dave Pope**, I noted he was framed by two large portraits of alumnae Rosamund Pike and Felicity Jones, who sprung to international fame after playing Emma Grundy in the Archers and other roles. Recently at Trinity Cambridge I noted over twenty portraits of College women in their Hall. As one of the last all male year groups, perhaps we could encourage more portraits of women for Christ's Hall.'

**1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees** writes:

This year we focus again on the Natural Scientists from '73. Like a good culture they have matured in their test tubes over the past forty-five years, and have now reached what could be said to be maturity. A good example is **Bill Golush**, who is developing software to evaluate the physical property of crude oils. Bill recently obtained the significant honour of being made a ruby life master in the American Contract Bridge league. **Mike Emery** also steered into the field of computing. Mike's parents bestowed on him the perfect email name for a future employee of the British Computing Society (memery) and Mike used it to great advantage during his career there. He is now doing sterling work as a Reader and Lay Minister at



Saint Mary's Camberley. **Graham Sutton** has retired from his role as consultant audiological scientist in the national newborn hearing screening programme. He is currently spending his time in the applied chemistries of baking and cooking, as well as managing household building projects as he helps his son through GCSEs. **John Entress** modestly disclaims being a true NatSci as he graduated as a chemical engineer, but as he matriculated as a natural scientist he makes the cut for inclusion in this survey. John continues to be in demand as one of the world's leading experts on complex chemical engineering disputes. His latest case required a lengthy sojourn in Singapore, but he has now returned safely to Sussex. Win or lose in Singapore, one feels that nothing will console the Entress household until their beloved Swans return to the Premiership. (By the way, **Andrew Bruckland** runs a very good service for putative Spurs supporters, as he holds an impressive three season tickets: in order, you understand, to ensure his grandson Benjamin, aged two, is properly provided for in later life). **Clive Dyson** is another scientist who went into the world of IT, setting up a national collaborative organisation for those working in semiconductors and electronics, which led to masters and technician courses at universities and colleges across the UK. Clive has spent the last fifteen years founding and managing early-stage technology companies. He was also a community councillor in Scotland. Having relocated to Shropshire in his active retirement, he has now become a local councilor, resolutely interdependent independent of political party of course. Away from the NatScis, **John King** is due to retire after thirty-five years as a partner in his surgery on the beautiful river Usk. John says that he is at the stage where he is looking after children of mothers he has known since he delivered them decades ago. He is particularly proud of having started the local hospice which has just located to a splendid purpose-built facility serving very nicely as a glimpse of paradise. Like many of the others mentioned here, John is a man of parts and has been renovating a fifteenth-century windmill in Bordeaux to provide a suitable bolthole for his still growing family of grandchildren, five at the latest count. **John May** continues to provide his considerable ballast as non-executive director to a number of companies. He has also just taken on the chairmanship of the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust which tries to help young people improve their life chances and transfer skills between the two countries. Perhaps this will provide a way of importing some cricket skills to England in time for the next Ashes series. **Tony Smith** was at Lord's for the first three days of the Pakistan test; perceptively he had not planned to be there for the Sunday. Tony has also become a grandparent so he had better get his days at the cricket in while he can. He is an advisor to an academy trust in Manchester, and along with **Pete Clark** (m. 1971) is organising a reunion at College of sportsmen from the early '70s. Perhaps the most inspiring story this year comes from a classicist. **David Bolger** and his wife have acted on a long held belief that we need to do more to help young people with less visible challenges such as autism, Asperger's, and epilepsy, particularly at the point of transition from school. So the Bolgers have bought Underwood House in Ayrshire and are working with local services and voluntary organisations to put their vision into reality. Dave is keen to hear from anyone who has tried, or is thinking of trying, anything similar.

**1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood** writes:

This year seems to have been a very quiet one for the 1974 year group with most of us approaching retirement. **Richard Baker** continues to exhibit his paintings in



Artwork by  
Richard Baker

and around Cambridge, as well as further afield. He won First Prize for an oil painting of a corner of his garden in the Cambridge Open Art exhibition at Swavesey in November 2017, and has regularly shown work at the Cambridge Drawing Society since 1983 (<https://twitter.com/BakerPaintings>). Finally, please could I implore you to dig deep next year and contact me at [plittl@hotmail.com](mailto:plittl@hotmail.com) with any news you may have, however trivial it might seem!

**1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki** writes:

After bumper crops in recent editions, news from the 1976 year group this past year has been scarce, presumably we're all too busy celebrating our 60th birthdays and, for some, early-ish retirements. I and my wife Liz (Liz Bradbury, m. 1976, Girton) managed to get to Miami in April for **Iain Stewart's** (m. 1977) surprise 60th. Meanwhile, retirees from school-teaching include **Al Reid**, and also **Colin Pendrill** who, after publishing his book on Oundelians in the Great War, now has time to sing in Cambridge with the Cambridge University Musical Society Chorus. **Andrew Pinhorn** is finding more time for walking after a distinguished career in banking. **Richard Morrogh** has left Citibank to become Manager of the London Stock Exchange's International Advisory Groups. After retiring from the Hong Kong government, **Shu-Kee Wai** is working as an engineer helping build public housing for the needy. The annual Muscular Sclerosis (MS) sponsored walk, initiated in 1986 to raise funds for multiple sclerosis research when **Richard de la Hoyde** (m. 1977) had become afflicted with the disease, took place in glorious weather on 6 May in the beautiful Surrey countryside around Effingham and Polesden Lacey, organised by **John Thornton** (m. 1977) and his wife Vicky (m. 1977, Homerton). In addition to this correspondent, the walkers (plus families) included **Tim May** and his son **James** (m. 2011), **Richard Morrogh**, **Tony Overs** and **Andrew Pinhorn**. Regulars **John Philips** (m. 1975), due to a family wedding, and **Tim Saunders** (m. 1975), because of the birth of a grandchild, were unable to attend. Not only has the MS walk raised money for several worthy causes over 'nearly a third of a century', it is also a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Cambridge friends and their families. We used to cover twenty miles but now we are down to a gentle 'somewhere between eight and nine' with a nice lunch afterwards! Usually held on the Sunday of the Early May holiday weekend, anyone interested in coming along next year please get in touch. As a brief reminder, **Dicky de la Hoyde's** memory also inspired the 'walkers' to establish the Richard de la Hoyde Sporting Bursary as a College fund to provide an annual award to support the sporting efforts of a College undergraduate. The 2018 Award has gone to **Calum Ferguson** (m. 2014), a 4th year Natural Scientist, who is a triple Blue for swimming and captain of the University Men's Swimming Team. Anyone considering a donation to the College might consider nominating this fund. Finally, after last year plugging my own book containing the First World War letters and diary of my great uncle, Walter Coats, I can now recommend a super book *The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock*, a debut novel written by Imogen Gowar, daughter of **Chris Gowar** (m. 1977). It is a great read and, at the time of writing, is short-listed for the 2018 Women's Prize for Fiction.

**1977 Year Group Representative Roger Newenham** writes:

I am based in Dorset and when not working as a freelance refining and petrochemical consultant, I am gun-dog training my Labrador. **Peter Cheshire, Sean McEvoy** and **Anthony Agius** meet up from time to time when **Bernard Disken** visits London from Yorkshire. **Peter** has retired from teaching French and German at Eltham College. He recently completed training as a Lay Minister in the Church of England. **Sean** has retired from Varndean Sixth-Form College in Brighton. He was Head of English there and, more recently, the International Baccalaureate Co-ordinator. Having completed his doctorate at Royal Holloway, he currently teaches part-time at Murray Edwards College. His most recent book, *Theatrical Unrest: Ten Riots in the History of the Stage, 1601–2004* was shortlisted for the 2017 Theatre Book Prize. **Anthony** is now working for a private care agency as a care giver, looking after elderly people in their own homes. In his spare time, he sings as a bass with Richmond Opera, and canvasses voters on behalf of the Green Party at election time. **Bernard** is a solicitor and senior partner in the family firm of solicitors Disken and Co in Dewsbury. He recently stood down as race director of the Dewsbury 10k, but continues to be chairman of his local running club. He has retired from running marathons but still does 5k park runs. **Hugh Smith** is still based in San Jose, California and may sometimes be found at the local Cambridge in America events. He was recently visited by **Adam Dawson**, enjoying an American odyssey as a break from his role as a volunteer palaeontologist at the Natural History Museum, London, studying fossils in the London Clay.

**1978 Year Group Representative Tim Podesta** writes:

It seems as if the year of 1978 is reaching a milestone of completing careers and taking the opportunity to do new things and find time to catch up with old College friends. I hope to have more news of renewed friendships for next year's report. **Andrew Jeffreys** writes, 'I retired at the end of last academic year after thirty-five years in teaching, mostly in the independent sector, latterly in Bangkok as Head of Secondary at one of the culturally more Thai of the British international schools in the city. On return to the UK I settled in Berwick Upon Tweed. I have regarded the north east as home for many years, though north Northumberland was a less familiar part of the region and I have been enjoying exploring it over the last year. I visit Cambridge fairly regularly and keep in touch with a group of friends, from a variety of colleges, from my undergraduate days.' **Jack Levison** writes, 'I've spent the last twelve months adjusting to the Texas heat and politics. The summer heat is tolerable because so much of the year is a marvel of good weather, minus the occasional hailstorm. The politics are more difficult for me, though I've found a plucky group of Democrats in my congressional district. All in all, we find Dallas an interesting, multi-ethnic, and pleasant place to live. I moved here late in my career to take up a position as the W. J. A. Power Chair of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; we don't have the daffodil-crusts of Cambridge, but our classic American red brick campus is awash in daffodils. More importantly, my wife, Priscilla Pope-Levison, is in the office just down the hall, and both of our adult children have moved to Dallas, so it's all in the family. I still look back fondly at my Christ's days and treasure four small volumes of Hebrew Bible that Cambridge lecturer Henry St. J. Hart gave me after I studied Hebrew with him a full biblical generation ago.' **Jonathan Goldberg**

writes, 'we emigrated (or as they say in Hebrew – went up) to Israel in May 1989, where we have now been living for twenty-nine years (more than half my life). We have been living in Ra'anana (a town some 15 km north of Tel Aviv) ever since. I have been very conservative in my employment, as a software engineer and more recently as an integration architect in Amdocs, an independent software vendor in the worldwide telecom industry. We have four lovely children, most of whom are in various stages of academic study (one nearly finished PhD, one working in Google, one nearly finished BSc, and one just started BSc). I'm an armchair follower of the extracurricular activities that I enjoyed as an undergraduate (eg cricket, bridge), but have not really played. I suppose that bridge can wait until my retirement, and I will be way too old by then for cricket! I greatly value my time at Cambridge (and at Oxford, it must be said), and it had a very formative influence on the way I developed (hopefully for good). If anyone remembers me from those times and wants to reconnect, there is always Facebook. My profile page is <https://www.facebook.com/JonathanEGoldberg>.' **Simon Jones** writes, 'I used my grounding in the Chinese language to found and then to publish Britain's first Chinese community magazine from 1984 to 1999. Eventually I retreated to Snowdonia. We make a living selling firewood and timber now, planting and tending an oak upland woodland in the stead of a coniferous plantation. My best mates from College have always helped to keep me sane; not sure where I'd be without you all.' Finally, **Peter Horrocks** writes, 'I remember with great affection my time at Christ's and my subsequent career owes much to my time at Cambridge. I spent most of university life writing journalism and taking photographs which seemed to equip me for little other than a journalistic career. I was fortunate to gain a role on the BBC news training scheme, which I joined a few months after graduation and where I stayed for thirty-three years before becoming Vice Chancellor of The Open University. I led the UK's largest university into the biggest changes in its fifty year history. I then left the OU, after three years in charge, in April 2018. So for me, love, a family, a lifetime in journalism and a passion for learning all flowed from arriving at Christ's forty years ago.

**1979 Year Group Representative Fazal Hasan** writes:

2019 will be the 40th anniversary of our matriculation from Christ's College. To celebrate this event our year group is planning a dinner on Saturday 28 September 2019 in London. Emails to this effect have already gone out, if you have not received this please get in touch so that your contact details are updated and we can make sure as many of our year group as possible attend – it will be fun! We are also organising a smaller get together lunch this year in London on 29 September 2018, a number have already confirmed they will attend and, so if you would like to attend please let me know.

**1980 Year Group Representative Clive Hyman** writes:

**Christopher Dearlove** got in touch to say, 'I've been the extreme end of the curve; since graduating I've had one job, although the changing name of the place, and even the company, has slightly hidden that. But no more. At the end of February this year I retired from BAE Systems Applied Intelligence Laboratories (formerly BAE Systems Advanced Technology Centre, formerly GEC-Marconi Research Centre) after thirty-four years and change. Some irons in the fire for consultancy possibilities or I may be

fully retired, I don't know yet.' Congratulations to **Tim Hitchens** who was Knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours, and who took up his post as President of Wolfson College, Oxford, in May 2018.

**1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox** writes:

2017 was a special year for us, marking thirty-five years (how did that happen?) since we matriculated. College invited us all back for a reunion dinner on 23 September, along with people from the years just below and above. Our year turned out in force, and the chance to catch up has reinvigorated our networking activities. **Frank Knowles** and myself (**Cathy Stone** (née Wilcox)) sponsored a competition to set the College Latin grace to music. A scratch choir (including **Frank, Cathy, Jane Harwood** (née Laughton), **Derek Stone, Janet Satterthwaite, Paul Parker** and **Nicholas Vineall**) gave the winning entry its first public outing at the September dinner. **Nicky Ridley** writes, 'following the very enjoyable College get-together in September, I met up with **Martin Nye, John Hall, Jane Ross-Macdonald** (née Graham-Maw), **Emma Douglas-Hamilton** (née Warlow), **Nina Gold, Matt Glossop** and **Chris Morrogh** for lunch in London, which was good fun.' She sees quite a bit of **Matt Glossop**, as they live in the same village in the Peak District (small world!), and has also been in touch with **Guy Shanks** and **Dave Gillott** recently when Guy came over from Sweden to run the London marathon. She goes on to say, 'other than that, life with three grown up daughters, all doing their own thing, is very relaxed. I still work in community sexual health medicine, although I've cut down my hours in order to work for a Sheffield-based charity that supports refused asylum seekers. In my spare time I cycle, run, walk the dog and drink a lot of coffee. Next year the plan is to set off in our newly acquired camper van for a year or so...possibly never to return, who knows!' The September reunion also spawned another get-together: **Paul and Laura Parker** (née McLelland), **Cathy and Derek Stone**, Sue and **Frank Knowles** and Simon and **Lucy Wood** (née Reynolds) (aka the 'Chramblers' although the 'Crumblers' may be more accurate...) have met a few times for a leisurely weekend dog walk somewhere between Cambridgeshire and the Cotswolds, followed by a pub lunch. **Janet Satterthwaite** put in a guest appearance for one walk, while on a brief stopover in the UK. **Julian Bradfield** is 'inordinately proud of having managed to publish a paper entitled *The Sound of a Spherical Cow*. The paper is about the choices that have to be made when building computational models of language – how much of the real world should we include? There's a long tradition of spherical cow jokes at the expense of physicists and mathematicians.' **Jai Chitnavis'** children have left home but he's still in Cambridge working as an orthopaedic surgeon, demonstrating anatomy dissections at the Downing site and also doing some research there. He is now a Fellow Commoner of Trinity Hall. **Louise Hartley** is working as a paediatric neurologist at the Royal London Hospital, having moved to London at the end of last year after fourteen years in Cardiff. Her husband is also a neurologist and they have three children aged eighteen, seventeen and twelve. **Clare Melhuish** has just been appointed Director of the UCL Urban Laboratory in London. For more details see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/urbanlab/news/ucl-appoints-dr-clare-melhuish-new-director-urban-laboratory>. **Derek Stone** is now General Counsel and European HR director of NSC Global, an IT services company based at London Bridge.

**1983 Year Group Representative Julian Critchlow** writes:

After thirty-one years with Bain & Company, I have finally changed career to join the Department of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) as the Director General for Energy Transformation and Clean Growth. I am excited about the opportunity to continue contributing to the UK energy sector on the Policy/Regulatory side rather than advising utility clients.

**1984 Year Group Representatives Sophie Sutherland** writes:

**Richard Anton** has started a technology venture capital firm called Oxx, which invests internationally (for now in the UK, the Nordic countries and Israel) in growth stage software companies. **Susan Meech** (née Crabtree) writes that she is 'safely ensconced in the Cotswolds, running Investment Operations for St. James's Place during working hours, and the village at other times, married to the lovely Robin, with two dogs, two stepchildren and two step grandchildren.' Sue chairs St James's Place Responsible Investment Committee and has interests in diversity and the corporate responsibility agenda. **James Durrant** (Department of Chemistry at Imperial College London) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2017. **Stuart Hall** helped launch two blockchain-based ICOs in 2017, and is currently working on OpenCryptoTrust, a new blockchain based telecom startup. **Aidan Laverty** has moved to Australia to run science content for ABC, which is the Australian equivalent of the BBC, and is enjoying living in Bondi Beach. **Alastair Ronn** is Head of Science at the International School of Geneva and lives in Switzerland where he has been for the past ten years and writes: 'never a great sportsman at Christ's (I played for the 3rd rugby team) I am still skiing in winter and dragging myself up mountains in the summer.' **Ron Slye** just finished his twentieth year teaching at the Seattle University School of Law. His book, *The Kenyan TJRC: An Outsider's View from the Inside*, is to be released by Cambridge University Press in August 2018. It recounts his experience as a Commissioner with the Kenyan Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission from 2009 to 2013. He is a founding member of the Barcelona-based Law and Peace Practice Group. Most recently he co-authored an analysis for the Department for International Development on applying the lessons of transitional justice to addressing violent extremist groups like ISIS, Boko Haram, and Al Shabaab. **John Snyder** and Sarah (née Brewster, St John's) celebrated the arrival of their first grand-daughter last Christmas. John writes that it has been 'a very active Cambridge year for some of the family.' Their elder son Sam (Queens') graduated in Computer Science last summer, whilst youngest of the four children, Joshua (St John's), is enjoying his Mathematics undergraduate studies. John's second Cambridge tech start-up company Grapeshot was recently acquired by US Oracle Corporation, delivering a 'dragon' (two times whole fund size) return for local Cambridge venture investor IQ Capital. **Rory Sutherland**, who said he would never be a 'corporate' man, reached his thirtieth year at Ogilvy and Mather, as well as his tenth year as a *Spectator* columnist. In Autumn 2017 he presented the series *Hacking the Unconscious*, for BBC Radio 4, exploring the psychology behind well-known and influential marketing campaigns. His book on a similar theme will be published in 2019. I (**Sophie Sutherland** – née Whitmore) am an 'Anna Chaplain' to older people in Bromley, South London and also a Chaplain within the King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

**1985 Year Group News:**

Lianne Frost was Captain of the 2017 Ladies Fly Fishing team who won the Home International between England, Ireland (both Eire and Northern Ireland), Scotland and Wales. Last year the team fished Lough Melvin in Northern Ireland and won Gold, receiving a team trophy from the President of the International Association. In September, Lianne also won the England Ladies Loch Style National Championship. She is interested in hearing from any alumni who are interested in taking up fly-fishing or competition fishing. You can message her on the England Lady Fly Fishers team Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422432827778467/about/>).



*Lianne Frost (R) receiving the trophy from the President of the International Association*

**1987 Year Group Representative Fiona Stephenson** writes:

**Jane Martinson** is now Professor of Financial Journalism at City University, London. She continues to work for *The Guardian* as a columnist.

**1989 Year Group Representative Angie Mettrick** writes:

'Busy but happy' was the comment of one respondent, and this seems to sum up the news from the 1989 year group. **James Maxwell-Scott** and **Andrew Allen** were both appointed as Recorders in the Crown Court. **Jennifer Haywood** became a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and so is now practising as an arbitrator as well as a barrister and a mediator, 'all very different challenges – though trying to balance working life with parenting still presents the greatest challenge!' **Caroline Wilkes** (née Sargent) is Assistant Head of Sixth Form at Kew House School, teaching Politics and History A levels. She writes, 'my three children are getting very grown up and our eldest is taking her GCSEs, this year so I'm surrounded by exam students! Over the last few years I completed an MSc in Comparative Politics at LSE. I'm also involved with a First World War charity, *Never Such Innocence*, which has been running an arts competition for the duration of the centenary commemoration to help children contribute to the centenary legacy. My husband Giles is working in Downing Street as a policy adviser so no dull moments there...' Meanwhile **Angela Wright** (née Borman) has recently transferred from the charity Scope to a private provider of social care and education services for the disabled, Salutem Healthcare, as part of the divestment of the charity's services. She and husband **Andrew** (m. 1987) still live within sixteen miles of Cambridge, which has been useful since her eldest son Matthew is in his first year at Clare reading Natural Sciences (physical): 'although it's hard to believe that we have three children who are now all over school leaving age. We both came back for the reunion last June and had a great time with those from our year who made it back.' **Charlotte Carty** (née Large) reports, 'life goes on happily in Dorset. Not much has happened in the past twelve months here. Eldest has started at university, and seems to have found a new hobby in coxing. Our son is preparing for his L6 exams and our youngest is settled in her secondary school. Not great public offices or awards but general contentment.' **Barry Williams** has spent another year 'trudging' into London every day. He records that his low point of

the year was breaking his foot and putting on two stone as a result. The high point, however, was going on stage with Kylie on Saturday Night Takeaway! And finally **Sarah Tett** (née Dalzell) writes, 'trips to Cambridge have continued with Isabelle (20) now combining Japanese with her Mandarin studies at Caius. James (18) is off to the Royal College of Music on a scholarship to study joint principal organ and violin. I had a busy ecclesiastical autumn being involved in the nomination of the new Bishop of London, and have also been in touch with **Jill Duff** (m. 1990) – now Bishop of Lancaster.'

**1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson** writes:

Reverend Dr **Jill Duff** is to be the next bishop of Lancaster. According to the Diocese of Blackburn website she is a, 'a priest who is passionate about planting new congregations and creating confident witnesses for Jesus Christ who can become 'beacons' in their communities.' **Sally Archer** (née Maidment) is Secretary General of the International Congress of Maritime Museums. Dr **Dan Gluckman** is the Digital Content Manager at the Wellcome Trust. **Ben Sinnott** writes, 'changes afoot over here. Departure of final child and itchy feet catalysed a complete rethink



Graeme Jeffrey  
and family

of location and lifestyle. To be scrapped is the large house in the suburbs in Connecticut, in favour of the French Quarter in New Orleans. Vanessa will be teaching at a local charter school and I will likely be starting a real estate business down there. Doors will be open to visitors starting September so come on down for some gumbo and beignets.' **Graeme Jeffery** writes, 'I'm still trying to convince banks to work more efficiently all over the world (I've clocked 250,000 miles in the air this year already). Meanwhile **Caroline** (m. 1992) juggles General Practice with driving children all over Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hampshire for various horse and sporting engagements.' **Geraint Lewis** writes, 'I'm still a

professor at the University of Sydney (have been here for sixteen years now) but will be spending June and July in the UK on sabbatical at the University of Surrey, as well as getting in some hill walking. I did a talk tour in the UK in November, discussing my book *A Fortunate Universe: Life in a finely tuned cosmos*, including lecturing at the Royal Institution in London. I will be speaking there again in July on 'The End of Time'. **Richard Smith** is enjoying being back in the cubs and also playing in a brass band with both his kids. **James Donaldson** is married with two boys aged five and seven and lives in Perth (Australia). He welcomes people to visit. **Paul Fernandez** is still in San Diego, working with Qualcomm. He coaches Lego Robotics to kids. **Neil Edwards** writes, 'I've been married for thirteen years and set up home in Cobham, Surrey. Having spent many years in ecommerce with Amazon, PayPal and eBay, I am now CFO at an online insurance broker called Simply Business. It has been a momentous couple of years having sold the business twice, eventually to Travelers, the US based Insurance giant. Part time on weekends I also run Edwards Cars for three private clients: Euan (12), Luella (10), and Hugo (7), although that is proving to be less of a lucrative venture! I have taken up coaching rugby to juniors. And I'm attempting to play cricket.' **Laura Marschall** (née Hicks) writes, 'last year was



certainly a rollercoaster ride. We came very close to opening the restaurant, but it went spectacularly up in smoke when the development was suddenly sold to a US company. It obviously wasn't meant to be. I was lucky shortly thereafter to work for a famous chef. After several months of sixteen hour days and not seeing my boys, I had an out of body moment one evening and saw myself in front of a dining room full of guests, putting micro leaves on a dish with bloody tweezers! It has been wonderful not working. I'm loving spending time with the boys and have passionately taken up quilting, (who knew!). I've not stopped cooking, but am being very selective about which private jobs I take on.' **Mark Davies** writes, 'I've had quite a year one way or another – and am now just happy to be here!! I had a massive heart attack in November. I'm now absolutely fine, as I was immediately before, and more or less immediately after. Since then, I'm on a mission to repair the lifts at Hammersmith hospital, so I am fundraising. I'm planning to run the Athens Marathon on 11 November. I am also trying to build a youth centre in Hammersmith for the charity On Side Youth Zones – a £7m public/private partnership project in conjunction with the local council. I was appointed Chairman of British Rowing in April, and I am also Chair of Archery GB. Bells (**Arabella Duffield**), Chod (**Richard Pollard**), **Annette (Alcock)** and I got together recently. I hadn't seen Annette in years and it was great to see them all.' **Pieta Das Gupta** writes, 'my son Robin, seven, has been elected to a choristership at King's College. He will join King's College Choir and be on TV. We live very near Cambridge so we will still see him a lot.' **Richard Pollard** writes, '**Eamonn (Keane)** and I are again attempting to visit **Ewan (McLellan)** in a few weeks. Having undertaken an exhaustive review of last year's debacle, we have elected to travel on separate flights to reduce the risk of us both being stranded in the bar at Gatwick. Not sure what awaits us when we arrive, but Ewan says he will supply sleeping bags. Which sounds ominous.' **Nick George** writes, 'living in Leamington Spa with Janette, Immy (thirteen) and Abigail (eleven). I commuted to Germany for seven years with E.ON, but have worked for National Grid for last the two and a half years and can cycle to work which is great! Most of my spare time is supporting my daughters' sporting activities, helping with their Sea Scouts group, running and playing tennis very badly.' **Sabine Gallis** (née von Stieglitz) writes, 'our days in Cambridge seem like another life. I send my best greetings from sunny Athens, where I have been living for ten years. I am back to being a student and am struggling to finish my thesis for a Master in Educational Psychology. I also ran a small workshop last month; eight kids attended. My son is hoping to follow his mother's footsteps to Cambridge in 2020. Living in Greece, despite what the news show, has been wonderful.' **Divi Perera** writes, 'I've returned to cycling, twenty plus years since the last time I was on two wheels, in Cambridge. Last June I cycled half the circumference of Sri Lanka (750km) to raise funds for a local charity who are planning to build a children's cardiac unit in Colombo, and this July, I will be taking part in Ride London (100 mile Olympic 2012 route), with **Griff Kane**, to raise funds for MIND, the mental health charity.' **Arabella Duffield** writes, 'I have given up smoking (after a strong and committed thirty-two years). Life is a little more dull but apparently my skin glows much more. Save the Children and my own children



*Arabella Duffield, Richard Pollard (and his son Theo), Mark Davies and Annette Alcock*

still taking up most of my time.' **Sarah Ellson** writes, 'I went to a CUWBC dinner in February which reunited eight of the crew I rowed with twenty-five years ago. We shared a table with the current crew who have Apps to monitor every aspect of their training and nutrition; we told them we didn't even have email. None of them were even born when we raced. I'm now the global editor of the *Healthcare Law Review* and I've been appointed to the *Guardian* Public Leaders Network editorial advisory board. And finally I've learnt to swim crawl.' I (**James Ellson**) write, 'at Easter we watched five chicks hatch in the incubator in our dining room – a truly magical thing. In due course, the two hens will start to lay and the three roosters



1992 Christ's College  
May Ball Survivors  
Photograph featuring  
many of the 1990  
year group

will climb into our freezer. Both bee colonies survived the winter, and we are now selling comb honey. I ran a whip 'n' tongue grafting course (for fruit trees) in March – two people attended. I've signed up for a third year at Manchester Metropolitan to do an MFA in Creative Writing. I've been made a Judge – of the Erewash Writers' Group short story competition. Six entries, £20 in expenses. I phoned **Sarah** at work to tell her.'

**1992 Year Group Representative Krishna Shanmuganathan** writes:

News seems to be a bit thin on the ground for our 1992 year group, or perhaps it is because we were such a shy, retiring and humble year group, or maybe it's post GDPR fatigue syndrome. Perhaps **Robert Weller** summed up best what many of us feel, 'I'd love to give you an update but really I have nothing to report other than I am still alive... So apart from the family/kids (who are great), life is a bit of a hard slog and not really newsworthy. I hope to be able to provide more exciting updates in future! I'm sure Robert, and others, will. My heartfelt thanks to all those who did write with their news, such as **Sara Spratt** (née Collie), who told us, 'after a few years off I am back working in a city law firm (and missing my garden). I am also a trustee of a local law centre and do all that I can to try to improve access to justice, as legal aid cuts have meant devastating consequences for our justice system.' **Miranda** and **Phil Threlfall-Holmes** meanwhile 'moved from Durham to Liverpool this year, as Miranda moved to a new job as Team Rector of the St Luke in the City team of churches in Liverpool city centre. Miranda's latest book has also just been published this year, *The Prayer Experiment Notebook*, an experimental journal for eight – twelve year olds introducing a wide variety of prayer and spirituality traditions and techniques. Phil is now a Visiting Professor in Mechanical Engineering at Leeds University, as well as running his consultancy business in spray and droplet technologies.' And that's about it. Except to say that it has been a pleasantly uneventful year for me (**Krish Shanmuganathan**) as well, echoing the fine words of Robert Weller. The kids are at a great age when they are fun, interesting and want you to be around. So I am trying to spend as much time at home as possible... and long may it continue.

**1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton** writes:

The 1993 year group are still reeling from the fact it is twenty-five years since matriculation! A few new arrivals this year; **Alison Whiteley** and her partner Nick Howat were delighted to welcome their daughter, Jessica Mary, into the world in

December 2017. **Jo Giddings** (née Rimmer) and husband Charlie welcomed their daughter Beatrice in June 2017, a baby sister for William. Updates from members on the move; **Sapna Tombolis** (née Garg) moved to a new house in Brook Green, Hammersmith in 2015. She is a consultant commercial dispute resolution lawyer, and her husband, Glafkos, is a corporate lawyer. They have two children, now twelve and ten, and two small kittens joined the family a month ago: Blaze and Luna. **Alison Martin** is about to leave the University of Reading, where she has worked for six years as Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, to take up a position as Professor of British Studies at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz/Germersheim. A bit of a change of scene for **Stuart Edwards** this year; he and Charlotte moved to Adelaide in January where they have purchased an Occupational Therapy practice. They also welcomed the arrival of their second daughter, Bronte, in April. News from **Tim Minshall**: he was appointed the inaugural Dr John C Taylor Professor of Innovation at the University of Cambridge, a new post that will build on the University's strengths in science, engineering and entrepreneurship, and he is really keen to do more to encourage more young people to consider engineering as a career, especially in the light of so many changes in society, economy, etc. For the last ten years, **Sukanya Rajaratnam** has been an art dealer and partner at the Mnuchin Gallery, the legendary New York gallery founded (coincidentally twenty-five years ago) by Robert Mnuchin. She curates shows here but also works on private and institutional sales. It is a far cry from reading economics at Christ's, although she finds knowing something about finance helpful in this blue-chip world. It's been a quiet year for **Matthew Parish**. The year group has a reunion event planned on Saturday 22 September at College so please put this in your diary and book in via the College website – I hope to see many of you there. To celebrate our twenty-five years, I also hope to organise an evening meet up in London, and possibly Manchester, later this year, probably in November – I will keep you posted.

**1996 Year Group Representative Rakhee Rajani** writes:

**Alyssa Gilbert** (née Eisenberg) is happy to have made herself a fun, interesting and motivating professional home back in a university (Imperial), working with academics across subjects from maths to science communications to bridge the gap between evidence and environmental policy making. She is currently getting solar panels put on her house to charge the devices needed to keep her four kids entertained. After much frustration with current politics, she stood (and lost) as a candidate in the local elections in May. But is inspired to do more... **Chris Harris** is trying to avoid becoming a 'Middle Aged Man in Lycra', but was rather too excited by the opportunity to spend two weeks in Mallorca last year while (cycling and) giving some summer school lectures about operational oceanography on behalf of the Met Office. **Kit Whitfield** has had two novels published by Random House, *Bareback* and *In Great Waters*, which was shortlisted for the World Fantasy Award, as well as a variety of non-fiction titles under pen names. Kit works with Young Mums Support Network, a social enterprise that supports low-income families and aims to develop communities and empower mothers. She also volunteers with special-needs children. She is married with one son, and lives in London. **Matthew Richards** writes, 'my daughters are now ten, eight and four, and each has a godfather from our year: **Rob van Dorp** (formerly Rob Schmidt), **John Thorneycroft** and **Alex Hennessy**.' **Francis Percival** celebrated the publication of his first book, *Reinventing the Wheel: Milk, Microbes,*

*and the Fight for Real Cheese* (Bloomsbury/University of California Press; 2017) written with his wife, Bronwen. An exploration of the history, science, and future of cheesemaking and dairy farming, *Reinventing the Wheel* won a Gourmand Award, was longlisted for the Art of Eating Prize, and was *Wine & Spirits* magazine's Book of the Year 2017. The global tour to promote the book illustrated how the 1996 Year Group has spread across the world: Francis was delighted to reconnect with **Chris Thompson** in Charleston, South Carolina, and **Ian Jackson** in Melbourne, Victoria. **Ryan Rockwood** writes, 'after over a decade in mining and exploration (with mixed success), based in Western Australia, South Africa and Madagascar, I returned home to Sri Lanka in 2016. I have been serving the Government at the Ministry of Trade & Investment since 2016 and have been involved in shaping Trade Agreements with the EU, China and India, and some of the significant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects (eg ports, branded hotels, liquefied natural gas (LNG) power) into the country.' **Terence Ho** works in as a divisional director in Singapore's Ministry of Manpower. He is married with two children aged one and three. In the US, **Evan Medeiros** has been appointed the inaugural Penner Family Chair in Asian Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. **Stephen Marquiss** has launched *Piano Portals – The Art of Conscious Flow*, a holistic daily practice for pianists and mindful substitute for conventional exercises. It's a radical approach to piano practice and performance, which uncovers transformational tools that have been all but neglected by history. You can find out more at [www.pianoportals.com](http://www.pianoportals.com). **Sally Curran** (née Thompson) currently lives in Saffron Walden, Essex with her husband and two children (Alistair, eleven, and Elspeth, nine), but is looking forward to moving (back) to Cambridge later this year. She is currently the global Head of Intellectual Property for AstraZeneca's Respiratory, Inflammation and Autoimmune therapy area, having joined AstraZeneca in 2010 after eleven years in private practice in London and Oxford. **Ed Williams** is currently living in North London with wife, Lindsey (m. 1999, Jesus), and daughters Lucy (5) and Claire (3). He runs the London office and 'Portfolio Improvement' team for a global investment fund, Coast2Coast Capital.

#### **1998 Year Group News from Representative Brooke Morriswood:**

**David Baldry** is still enjoying life in Singapore and exploring Asia – he and his wife have been living out there for eight years and counting... with two kids (6 and 3) keeping them on their toes! He is continuing to work for Standard Chartered and getting to travel to more weird and wonderful places – Bangladesh was a highlight so far this year. **Michael Bourke** will become a fellow of the Royal College of Defence Studies in September 2018, studying for nine months and then returning to the civil service. **Henry** and **Gemma** (née Amer, m. 2001) **Chubb** have recently moved out to the San Francisco area in California with their two sons. Henry has completed his training as a paediatric cardiac electrophysiologist and is currently working at Stanford University and Stanford Children's Hospital in a mixed clinical/research role. Gemma is an employment and data protection lawyer working at Fieldfisher LLP, also in Palo Alto. They will probably be in California until 2020 and would welcome visitors if they are in the area! **David Costich** is still living in Preston with his wife and two sons (aged 4 and 0). He has worked for Amey (previously Enterprise) for fifteen years and is currently Financial Controller for their Facilities Management contract, covering about sixty prisons. When not busy with work/family he is involved in bridge and is representing Lancashire at the national Corwen Trophy for the third time this summer.

**Caroline Cowe** (née Muspratt) and husband Ian became parents to baby Sophie in March. **Dan Eves** is working at an exciting cyber-security start-up in London – Garrison Technology – designing hardware for securing corporate networks from web-based cyberattacks. **Mui Pong Goh** and Grace (m. 1999, Emmanuel) returned to Singapore after a year (2016–2017) in Boston. Grace did her Masters in Public Health at Harvard, whilst Mui Pong Goh (supposedly) took care of the kids. They were grateful for the year away from hectic Singapore to have more time together as a family. **Tina Greve** (née Crudginton) is still working in M&A at the Beeb whilst raising her three young sons in Surrey. Scarily, she almost died in March following the sudden onset of Guillain-Barre Syndrome but now on the road to full recovery... **Baz Jones** is still into black metal, black beer, and black coffee, but less of the black eyeliner these days. He is currently Head of Science at Carlton le Willows Academy, Nottingham, teaching a mixture of chemistry, physics and astronomy. Darth Vader would say that the horrible metal is strong in this one. **Joshua CY Lim**, looking back, definitely would not have thought that he'd end up in agriculture. He is working with an agribusiness to manage sustainable supply chains for edible oils & fats in Asia and Africa. He's been fortunate enough to witness how commercial agriculture can make a positive impact on poverty alleviation in the many developing countries that he's worked in. **Chris Mason** finally moved into an actual HOUSE! He is living in Charlton in south east London with his wife Polly, who is a primary school teacher, and a very chatty little two year old daughter called Ivy. **Kathryn Moore-Bick** (née Dooks) and **Chris Moore-Bick** welcomed their second daughter Sarah in April, a sister for Hannah. As well as it being twenty years since matriculation, Chris and Kathryn are also celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in September this year, having married in Christ's Chapel in 2008. **Brooke Morriswood** survived his first funding crunch and thanks to a grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, there will now be a Morriswood lab until at least the end of 2021. He's now registered for Habilitation at the University of Würzburg, and has recently started organising social evenings for Oxbridge alumni in the Frankfurt area. His science blog, Total Internal Reflection, continues to be a means of scratching the creative itch in the current absence of any theatrical opportunities. **James Poulet** is in Berlin and working at the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine. He is happy to catch up with anyone passing through. **Wasim Rehman** has three children – Ehsan (12), Sana (9), and Safi (6) – with the oldest just starting secondary school. He has just started a two year part-time Masters at Imperial College in Applied Maths, which has been challenging and fun, but also very interesting for seeing how further education has evolved in the last twenty years. **Matthew Rose** has been in Beijing since 2011, working for Huawei Technologies as in-house patent counsel, and is hiking, biking, and motorbiking in his free time. He would welcome anyone to get in touch! **Chris Yiu** is leading work on technology, politics and public policy at the Tony Blair Institute. He lives in Edinburgh with his wife and their two children. **Clary Evans** has finally completed her medical training to be a consultant and, three children later, is about to leave Cambridge for the US where her husband has a new job at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York state.

*1999 Year Group Representative Louise Buchanan writes:*

**Lauren Gardiner** became the Curator of the Cambridge University Herbarium, part of the Department of Plant Sciences, and based in the Sainsbury Lab within the



Lauren Gardiner

University's Botanic Gardens, in October 2017. After graduating she went on to complete an MSc in Plant Diversity, Taxonomy, and Evolution at the University of Reading. Her PhD focused on the conservation and phylogenetic relationships of the horticulturally important genus *Vanda* (Orchidaceae) in South East Asia, and was completed in collaboration with the University of Anglia and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Lauren spent the last ten years employed at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in a range of roles.

**2001 Year Group Representative Sarah Watson** writes:

I was a little late with the entry last year, so I'm combining two years' worth of news... In Autumn 2016, the fifteen year reunion was held for the 2001 year group in the Fellows' Garden. The sun shone, the temperature was ambient, and lots of children got to go exploring. It was a fantastic opportunity for the year group to get back together, share news and enjoy College for the day. The next one is the twenty year reunion in 2021... only three years away. In November 2016 Josephine Alice Potts was born to **Catherine Potts** (née Darby) and her husband Dan Potts. Also in 2016 **Vicky Timothy** (née Wood) married Wesley Timothy in Poynton in Cheshire,



Vas and  
Ian Thoroughgood  
and family

where they now live. 2017 saw **Vasandhara** and **Ian Thoroughgood** welcome their third child Maayaven, into the family. It also saw Ian combining his two careers to date, that of teaching and accountancy, as he now works training the next generation of accountants towards their professional qualifications. In

May 2017 **Michael Mann** married his partner Joe, and on 11 May 2018, their baby Juliet (nicknamed Etta) was born with the help of their lovely friend and surrogate Sarah. Michael has also retrained to be a primary school teacher. Also in 2018, **Shanaz Musafar** got married to Raffaele Anastasio. **Zoe Davies** has continued to sing with the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Choir after their fantastic Christmas Number One single in 2015 and she is looking forward to celebrating the 70th birthday of our NHS this summer with a new record with celebrity friends – look out for her! She will also be starting a new job as a consultant Endocrinologist later this year. And finally... some words from **Sam** and **Xanthe Barker** (née Holliday). Sam is working through terminal colo-rectal cancer and Xanthe is caring for him. They continue to find huge comfort in their Christian faith, friends from College and elsewhere, and the many walking and dining opportunities offered by Cambridge. The whole of the 2001 year group send the Barker family their love and prayers.

**2002 Year Group Representative Abteen Mostofi** writes:

It has been another bumper year for births; **David Lupini** and Sneha welcomed their first child Dilan Nicholas Lupini in September 2016. **Ben Jackson** and **Rós Ní Dhubháin** had a little girl, Eleanor Mary Jackson, on 24 November 2016, a sister to three year-old Patrick, whose ongoing challenges with severe full body cerebral palsy and its complications were reported in the 2015 edition of the *Magazine*. **Christina**

**Robinson** and **Bibek Gooptu** (m. 1995) welcomed the birth of their daughter Lila Jane Gooptu in February 2017. Her middle name was chosen after their dear friend **Jane Greenstock**. Bibek has recently taken up a Professorial Chair in Respiratory Biology at the University of Leicester and Christina has taken a break from the classroom, but continues to work with the examination board Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) in developing the new Classical Civilisation A-level. Also, **Iain Mansfield** and his wife Sarah had their second child, Charlotte Olivia Rose, who joins big brother Edward in their family. **Aimi Swift** (née Bleasdale) and her husband James welcomed George Alan John Swift on 28 May 2018, a younger brother to May (aged four) and Albert (aged two). **James Forrest** and wife Shari welcomed their first child, Rose Anne Forrest, on 12 April 2018 at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York. **Archana Vardaraj** started her own research group in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. She married Naren in an Indian wedding ceremony in India on 11 July 2016. Congratulations to **Ben Ravenscroft** who has been living in the United States since 2009. He met his wife Michelle Bernstein in Chicago in 2014 and they were married there on 5 May 2018 at City Hall. A small selection of Christ's alumni will be in attendance at the reception which is planned at Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire on 9 June 2018. Ben works for GKN as a Global Product Manager in the Off-Highway Powertrain division, while Michelle is an attorney with Dispart Law Group, P.A. It has been a busy year for **Sarah Ferguson** (née Ballantyne). She and husband David welcomed their second daughter, Margot Eva Ferguson, on 11 April 2018. Margot is adored by her big sister Daphne Jean Ferguson who turns three at the end of this year. David has taken a career break to become a full time dad and the family has moved out of London permanently to settle in Yorkshire. Congratulations to Sarah and David who celebrate their ten-year wedding anniversary in July. And to cap it all off, Sarah was chosen as the 2017 Business Lawyer of the Year UK in the prestigious Lawyer Monthly Legal Awards!



*Shari, James  
and Rose*



*Archana Vardaraj  
and Naren on  
their wedding day*



*Ben and Michelle*

### **2003 Year Group News:**

**David Lowe** writes, 'a book I have written, on law, has just been published. It is called *Understanding Legislation: A Practical Guide to Statutory Interpretation*. It is co-authored with another Cambridge graduate, Charlie Potter (m. 1997, Caius). In brief, the book is designed to be a practical, accessible guide to this crucial subject for practitioners and students alike. It seeks to distil the core principles and approach applicable in this area, and provide concise guidance backed up wherever possible by the most recent case law from the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, and High Court. While focussing on English law, it also covers the interpretation of EU law, and the interpretation of treaties. We are honoured to have had a foreword to the book written by Lord Neuberger, the former President of the UK Supreme Court.

2004 Year Group Representative **Anjulie Devi Rusius** writes:



*Victoria Morris  
on her walk*

**Annabel Baxter** (née Lloyd) married Michael Baxter on 15 July 2017, at St Gregory and St George Church, Pentlow, Suffolk. **Victoria Morris** (née Gregson) writes, 'in 2017, I became the first person to complete a continuous walk between the highest points of every historic county on the British mainland. Starting from John O'Groats in March, I walked for two hundred and eleven days, covering over three thousand five hundred miles, and climbing more than one hundred and nineteen metres, before completing my journey at Land's End in early October. This is something

that has never been done before – perhaps an indication of how daft an idea it was. You can visit my website [www.mappamorris.co.uk/countyTops](http://www.mappamorris.co.uk/countyTops), which includes links to more photographs, and a map of my route. Having completed my unique walk, I have been fundraising for two charities: Mental Health Research UK, and Mountain Rescue (England and Wales), and have nearly reached my target of raising £1 for each mile that I walked. I have also written a book about the walk, and am now in the process of trying to find a publisher or literary agent to take it on.' **Emma Yap** married Dmitry Chumachenko in Moscow in February 2018 and moved from working at Universal Pictures to start working in a new TV drama production company. **Amy Barnes** writes, 'I'm happy to announce my engagement to Ed Clark, to be married on 21 July this year.' **Ananth Sivanandan** and Suzanne Sivanandan (m. 2004, Gonville and Caius) welcomed their second child, Devan Michael Sivanandan, on 3 April 2018 at Nottingham City Hospital. **Ali Amini** and Faezeh (m. 2004, New Hall) welcomed their second son, Danial Amini, on 4 August 2017 at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. **Victoria Grebe** writes, '**Matthias** (m. 2009) and I are awaiting the birth of our second child, a son due in June (so he will have arrived by the time this goes to press!) After our daughter's birth in 2016, we took advantage of the generous paternity leave offered by German employers, alongside my maternity leave in the UK, and spent four months travelling through the Philippines (where we also both completed our Divemaster apprenticeship whilst juggling childcare), Hong Kong, Vietnam and Sri Lanka. We are now planning a similar trip – this time with two little ones, two slings and probably a larger backpack! – towards the latter part of this year.' **Joseph Marwood** is pleased to report that he passed his Fellowship exams



*Thomas Henry Kirby*

for the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine last November, and will therefore finish his specialist training in June. **Melanie Shaw** (née Gedge) was admitted to practise as a lawyer in Queensland, Australia in June 2018. **Jess Kirby** and her husband **Dave** (m. 2003) had their second baby, Thomas Henry Kirby, on 8 April this year. Finally, I (**Anjulie Rusius**) and **James Rusius**, whilst working full time in 2017, undertook a travel challenge to visit one country per month (Vietnam, Cambodia, Ireland, France, Singapore, Indonesia, Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, the USA and Chile) and were both promoted at work in the year. James now works as a GP Partner at Longrove Surgery in High Barnet and Anjulie, as a Deputy Fund Manager on the M&G Gilt and Fixed Interest Income Fund and M&G Index-Linked Bond Fund.



**2005 Year Group Representative Lottie Bagnall** writes:

**Matthew Stanton** and **Hannah Stanton** (née Walker-Gore, m. 2006) had their first child called Alfred Stanton on 31 March. They hope he grows up to play mixed netball for Christ's one day. **Tom Hayes** has recently been re-elected to Oxford City Council in St Clement's Ward with an increased vote and majority. He is also back on the City Council's Cabinet as Community Safety Lead, tackling drug dealing, modern-day slavery, and violence against women and girls. **Sam Berkeley** was at the Scottish Press Awards in Glasgow in April, where he and the newspaper's Editor picked up the Weekly Newspaper of the Year award for the East Lothian Courier newspaper, of which Sam is Content Editor. **Matthew Yip** is now qualified as a Chartered Patent Attorney and a European Patent Attorney. He remains based in London. **Deviyani Misra-Godwin** has recently graduated from Harvard Business School and is now moving to Houston, Texas, to work at a Private Equity firm. She also recently got engaged. **Betony Bayliss** has grown the perfect beans (specifically dwarf and runner beans) and has high hopes for the village fete. **Sophie Sharp** has passed her driving test (automatic only at this stage). **Lucy Buzzoni** is proud to announce she is now a qualified master herbalist, with a diploma in phytotherapy. Finally I (**Lottie Bagnall** (née Greenhow)) will be returning to Cambridge in October 2018 to take up a place for an MMus in Choral Studies at Jesus College.



*The Stanton Family*



*Tom Hayes*



*Deviyani Misra-Godwin graduating*

**2006 Year Group Representative Anna Horvai** writes:

**Phil Boynton** got in touch to say, 'Claire Wheeler Boynton (m. 2005) and I welcomed our baby son Thomas Wheeler Boynton on 22 May 2018 and are living in Leeds.' **Ding Jian Wong** writes, 'God is good. I've found my footing in Malaysia, serving in a local Church with amazing young adults, married to a beautiful soul, also from Cam, and we have a boy of five years old. We've lost two beautiful unborn children along the way, but after all is said and



*Phil Boynton and Claire Wheeler Boynton with baby Thomas*

done, God is good! At the professional front, I've been part of the technical team in PETRONAS since graduation, and recently moved to the corporate side of things, looking at strategies and global related matters affecting the company. Enjoying every bit of it! Warmest love to everyone in '06 Year Group! **Bethany Daisy Kandemir** (née Sims) got married last August to Cem Kandemir. She is currently teaching English Literature and Language at an international school in South London. **Katie Taylor** writes, 'in September, I left my job as a solicitor at Hogan Lovells in London after five years. I have been accepted as a Fellow onto the Oxford Policy Fellowship – this is a two-year programme that places lawyers in Government Ministries in Sub-Saharan Africa to provide legal advice and build local capacity. I am now working as the Legal and Policy Officer at the Public-Private Partnerships Unit in the Ministry

of Finance of Uganda, which is as complicated and challenging as it is interesting! If any alumni are ever passing through Kampala, then let me know.' **Nikki Comiskey** (née Rettie) writes, 'in the last year I have been promoted to Marketing Manager at Unilever, managing our washing and bathing business. But the highlight of the



*Amanda Fone and Miles Coverdale on their wedding day*

year has to be the birth of our baby daughter Belle, who was born in November weighing 6lb 5oz. **Amanda Coverdale** (née Foan) and **Miles Coverdale** got married last summer in the Chapel at Christ's; the ceremony was conducted by the Reverend **Christopher Woods**, a former Chaplain of the College. They write, 'we were lucky that it was a lovely sunny day (it poured with rain the day before!), and the College and Chapel looked beautiful. We have also recently moved out to Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, and have started the long process of renovating a house. It will be worth it for a view of the sea in the morning on the way to work, that's what we tell ourselves anyway!' **Clémentine Beauvais** writes, 'I'm still working at the University of York as a Lecturer in English in Education, writing children's books, and travelling a lot to do school visits. This year I've done my first foray into literary translation, too, translating Sarah Crossan's verse novels *The Weight of Water* and *One* into French, as well as Meg Rosoff's *Moose Baby*, and now Elizabeth Acevedo's *The Poet X*. Literary translation, especially of poetry, is a real pleasure and a fascinating creative exercise. I've been leading translation workshops with children as well and incorporating the study of translation into my research.' **Mico Tatalovic** has been awarded the Knight Science Journalism program at MIT, an internationally renowned mid-career fellowship program. He has also been pursuing a research project on the applications of artificial intelligence in science journalism, publishing his findings in the *Journal of Science Communication* recently. **Freddy Simpson** writes, 'I'm all done with the Army and now reading for the Bar in London.' In October 2017 **Giles Robertson** married Margherita Wisdom Devine (m. 2010, Magdalene). Finally, I (**Anna Horvai**) oversee one of the strategy teams within the Department for Education, working across the South West of England – with lots of regular travel to lovely Bristol. I also continue to be a governor at a brilliant all girls secondary school in east London.

**2007 Year Group Representative Anna Protasio** writes:



*Tom Tyldesley as Georgia Tasda*

Following a sell-out show at Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year, **Tom Tyldesley** returned to the Edinburgh Fringe as comedy drag queen Georgia Tasda for 2018. Winner of London's *Not Another Drag Competition* and host of *Queer AF Cabaret*, Georgia Tasda took on the headline slot at CC Blooms for the whole of the fringe, before jetting off to New York to perform at the legendary drag festival Bushwig. **Marko Thiel** writes, 'during my time working as a pure mathematics researcher in Zurich, my interests have broadened to include machine learning and quantitative finance. Thus I've decided to make a career change and will be joining Jane Street Capital in London as a Quant Trader in summer 2018.' **Sajanthi Nathan** writes, 'on 1 July 2017, I got married to Yavi Ganeshamohan (m. 2005, St John's), at Hampton Court Palace. Yavi and I met whilst we were both students at Cambridge, when we were both involved with Cambridge University Hindu Cultural Society's annual

variety show, *Mastana* in 2009. We were blessed to be able to share our wedding day with close family and friends – with all but one of our army of sixteen bridesmaids and groomsmen being good friends of ours from Cambridge also! **Claire Cahoon** and **Gianluca Consoli** got married in San Casciano in Val di Pesa, Tuscany on 16 June 2018 and were very excited to celebrate with family and friends (including a strong Christ's contingent). And from me (**Anna Protasio**); '2017 was a year of adventure. As part of my postdoctoral fellowship, I had the opportunity to work in the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine in Bangalore, South India. My husband Jeff was granted a year of unpaid leave by his employer and we found tenants for our house. In March we left our lives behind and headed east, spending nine months in India. It was an amazing experience, even if life in Bangalore comes with some challenges! The institute was a special place to work, with lots of fun people doing good science. The food was great (if a little spicy) and the fruit was out of this world. My husband enjoyed his short stint in an academic lab and my research direction really came into focus, making me feel excited about my future career. Of course, it wasn't all about work. In October and November, we took a four week holiday, travelling around North India by train. We started in the Himalayan northeast, visiting Darjeeling and Sikkim, travelled south to Kolkata, then zigzagged our way westward, taking in ancient cities, tiger reserves and the Taj Mahal, and finally spent a week travelling around the desert state of Rajasthan. We moved back into our little house in South Cambridgeshire in mid-January and, even if the weather left something to be desired, it felt good to be home. On our return I took up an appointment as a Research Associate at Darwin College and have enjoyed integrating into that community.'



*Anna and Jeff  
in Jaipur*

**2008 Year Group Representative Valerie Teh** writes:

Our year group are very much looking forward to catching up in Formal Hall for our ten-year reunion since matriculation; the event is set to take place on 11 August 2018. In addition, I am delighted to share that **Will Wadsworth** married Diana Satham, alumna of Murray Edwards College, on 6 April 2018 at a ceremony and celebration in the heart of the Chiltern Hills. Reverend **Christopher Woods**, Chaplain during our time at College, acted as officiant for the happy couple. After graduating from his MRes/PhD from Christ's in 2015, **Josh Jones** married Helen Joanna Stacey in March 2017. He is currently a Research and Teaching Fellow in Infection Medicine at the University of Edinburgh.

**2009 Year Group Representative Stephen Morris** writes:

**Iain Johnston-White** has become a lecturer in British History at the University of Roehampton. **James Patton** has been living in Vienna for the past five years. While he has been teaching English to make ends meet, he has been working on a small cyberpunk management game which is called *Spinnortality*. After a very successful kickstarter funding round, James is now able to work full time on the game which will be released in September this year.

**2012 Year Group Representative Peter Howarth** writes:

**Pete Howarth** and **Rebecca Coombs** were married on 7 July 2018.



*The Fellows' Gate*

*Photograph by Sarah Proudfoot*

IN MEMORIAM

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## Charles Richard Francis Maunder (Fellow)



Richard Maunder died on 5 June 2018, aged 80. He was admitted to the Fellowship in 1964, becoming a Tutor in 1972. He served as the College's first (part-time) Domestic Bursar from 1979 to 1986 where his good taste and attention to detail were manifest – for example in the panelling of the Old Combination Room and the furniture of the Plumb Auditorium. His major academic achievements were as a mathematician and a musicologist.

As a Part III student, I had attended Dr Maunder's course on Simplicial Topology: he was a very clear lecturer, aided by his calm, mellifluous voice, and his course notes were some of the best we took. But I got to know Richard much better after I had become a Fellow of Christ's, and while Master it was a particular pleasure for me to host a Wine Night to celebrate the 50th anniversaries as Fellows of Richard, Peter Landshoff, and Richard Axton, all of whom were elected in the same year.

Richard Maunder wrote his PhD thesis at Cambridge, under the supervision of J F Adams. A few years earlier Adams had solved the Hopf Invariant One Problem, a problem concerning the homotopy groups of spheres with several concrete consequences, for example that the only  $n$ -spheres having  $n$  linearly independent vector fields are those with  $n = 1, 3,$  or  $7$ . To solve this problem Adams had used 'cohomology operations of the second kind', and Richard's 1962 thesis, *Cohomology Operations of the  $N$ th Kind*, published in the Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, extends this line of thinking to its logical conclusion.

The main direction of his later mathematical research was into the structure of homology manifolds. These had been introduced in the 1930s to study the Poincaré duality of manifolds. By the late 1970s it was understood that their analysis would clarify parts of the theory of ordinary manifolds, but already by 1970 Richard, partly with his PhD student Nigel Martin (m. 1964, later member of Durham County Council and Principal of Trevelyan College, Durham) began setting up foundations of the theory of homology manifolds.

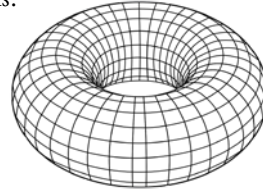
Richard is well-known among British students of algebraic topology for his textbook of that title, published in 1970 and republished in 1980 and 1996, based on his lectures to Cambridge undergraduates and first-year graduate students.

I shall not try to explain the details of his work, but I would like to give some idea of the attraction of his field. The torus illustrated is a two-dimensional manifold, as is the 2-sphere (the surface of a sphere in three dimensions): a small region around a point on either of these manifolds is indistinguishable from the Euclidean plane. But

while any closed curve on a 2-sphere can be continuously shrunk to a point, there are closed curves on the torus which cannot. The illustration shows two types of loops, neither of which can be shrunk to a point, and neither of which can be continuously deformed into the other. Homotopy groups are algebraic structures generated by such loops, and algebraic topology is the branch of mathematics that uses tools from algebra to study objects such as manifolds.

Manifolds arise naturally as solution sets of systems of equations and as models of spacetime in general relativity.

Throughout his life Richard had a passion for music as well as mathematics. Even while working towards his distinction in Part III of the Mathematical Tripos (sat in his third year) he was already researching and editing works of J C Bach, and early music eventually became his main interest. He prepared a new edition of Mozart's *Requiem*, in which he replaced Sussmayr's additions with material more in keeping with Mozart's composition practice, including an Amen fugue from another Mozart source. His new edition was recorded in 1983 by Christopher Hogwood with the Academy of Ancient Music, and appeared in 1988 in full score. In 1990 Richard's edition of Mozart's *Mass in C Minor* was published and later recorded by Paul McCreesh. In 1998 his book on *Keyboard Instruments in Eighteenth-Century Vienna* appeared, and in 2004 *The Scoring of Baroque Concertos*. In 2014 he published *The Scoring of Early Classical Concertos*. His books argued that Vivaldi, Bach, Haydn and Mozart intended their concertos for chamber groups rather than orchestras.



Richard was a fine practical musician, and played harpsichord, piano, viola, and violone (eighteenth-century double bass). He was also an outstanding craftsman, and made replicas from scratch of a Hitchcock two-manual harpsichord, a Mozart-era piano, and eighteenth-century bassett horns (as used in the *Requiem*). This was a part of his life that he enjoyed sharing with friends, where his delight in performing was apparent to all. His funeral in Sawston parish church recalled his modest and self-effacing nature (quite misleading, given his accomplishments) and his dry sense of humour, as well his contributions to village life including his practical involvement in the refurbishing of the church organ and the interior of the church.

He married Marilyn in 1963 and they have three children, Nick, Matthew and David, and six grandchildren.

Frank Kelly (Fellow)

### **Michael Richard John Manktelow** (Former Chaplain, m. 1945)

Michael's death was announced on 24 July 2017. He was Chaplain of the College from 1957 to 1961 and later served as Bishop of Basingstoke. Michael leaned, though not fanatically, towards the Catholic wing of the church and did much to further its links with Orthodox Christianity; a connection which he feared might be endangered by the ordination of women. Michael lived his early life in Croydon, where he was educated at Whitgift School before coming up to Christ's. Here he read History. He was influenced by the historians Anthony Steel and J H Plumb and spent time with the Franciscans at St Bene's. After graduation, Michael served for two years in the Royal Navy and then went to Chichester Theological College, where the tinge was strongly Catholic, to prepare for holy orders. There he encountered the Principal, John R H Moorman, under whom he was to serve as a parish priest and

whose biography he would later write. Michael's training continued with a curacy in Boston, Lincolnshire, where he was ordained. The four-year chaplaincy at Christ's, which followed, was a happy time for him not least because of the publication of his *Disciple of Love*, a collection of the writings of an earlier Cambridge Chaplain and Christ's man, Forbes Robinson (m. 1931), and the growth of a firm friendship with the classicist Arthur Peck. From Christ's, Michael went to Lincoln Theological College, as Chaplain and then as sub-warden. Here he met and married Rosamund Mann (who survives him with their three daughters and seven grandchildren). Some years of parish priesthood in Yorkshire followed, at Knaresborough and Harrogate, until in 1977 Michael was called to be Bishop of Basingstoke in Winchester diocese. Here he served for sixteen years, living first in the close at Winchester where he doubled as a Canon Residentiary, and later in Basingstoke. During these years he undertook much valuable ecumenical travel in Europe and when, at 65, he retired to Chichester he continued this connection as assistant Bishop in Europe, ministering to English-speaking congregations in the Balkans and Scandinavia, parts of the world where he and Ros loved to travel. In Chichester, Bishop Michael was an active and valued member of the Cathedral community. Latterly he became increasingly frail and his final weeks were spent at a care home in Selsey. Here he died, at the end of a life in which head and heart worked together in the service of faith.

*Martin Woolley (m. 1959)*

**Gordon Manley** (Former Chaplain, m. 1953)

Gordon was born in 1933 in Oldham, Lancashire, where his father was Headmaster of the Bluecoat School. I first knew him in the early forties at Surbiton where we were pupils at Shrewsbury House Preparatory School. In the late forties, we were in the same House at St John's School, Leatherhead, and in 1951, in the same platoon of the National Service recruits at Canterbury. In 1953, we both matriculated at Cambridge, albeit at different colleges.

*The Very Reverend Robert Grimley (m. 1963) was assistant curate to Gordon at Radlett 1968–1972. He writes:*

'Gordon served as Chaplain of Christ's from 1961 to 1966. He was a deeply serious and sensitive person, but people's first impressions of him were often shaped by his boyish enthusiasm, which could swiftly help him to establish cordial relationships with those drawn from every aspect of College life. He never lost that vigour and human warmth: it characterised his ministry all through, even into his eighties in retirement. He had read theology at Christ's as an undergraduate, and after theological college training and a curacy in Bristol, he was delighted to be invited to return as Chaplain. He saw the Chaplain's role as having a care for the whole of the College, not only for those who attended chapel services, sang in the choir, or who were reading theology. That meant that he spent many afternoons on the towpath or on the touchline, especially when the Bumps races or Cuppers competitions came around each term. He made it his business to get to know every new member of the College each Michaelmas term, making it clear that he was there for anyone who wanted to talk through their problems or perplexities, or at times of particular stress or tragedy in their lives. He had a great love for music, not only the sacred music sung by the Chapel Choir, but also the wider musical tastes and enthusiasms reflected in the activities of the Christ's College Musical Society, and his support was much appreciated by the College's musicians. During



his time at Christ's he married Susan Carter, whom he had got to know during his Bristol curacy, and they enjoyed entertaining members of Christ's at their flat as well as in his College rooms. Her whole-hearted support for his ministry continued into their subsequent parish life, and on into retirement. After Christ's he became Vicar of Radlett, a prosperous Hertfordshire commuter parish, where articulate men and women who had risen in their professions brought considerable skills to the running of the parish, and ensured that parish policies and theological teaching were subject to lively debate. From there he and Susan, and their three children, moved to Faversham, an ancient town just outside Canterbury. The town's fine medieval church has a very beautiful 'Crown' spire, in which carved branches of stone are woven into a high openwork pinnacle surmounting the tower. This is instantly recognisable over a wide area and local people have always taken great pride in it. During Gordon's time it was necessary to launch a major campaign for funds to save and restore the spire and carry out other conservation work. It was his personal drive and respected place in the town's life that ensured the campaign's triumphant conclusion.'

My own friendship with Gordon flourished in retirement. He loved Canterbury and its surrounding country and took us once to see the font at Littlebourne where his grandfather, the vicar, had baptised him. As an honorary canon of the Cathedral and Retirement Officer of the diocese, looking after fellow clergy who might welcome support, he remained busy, with that characteristic vigour hardly diminished, assisting at the Cathedral, and serving in local parishes, until close to his sudden death. At his funeral in St Paul's Church, crowded with fond and grateful clergy of a certain age, Bishop Richard Lewellin, another former curate of Gordon's to reach high office, said of Gordon's family life: 'Their dining room was not large, but was never too small to welcome children and grandchildren to Sunday Lunch.' Those Sunday Lunches were very special occasions, notable celebrations of Gordon's truly remarkable devotion to the roles of father and grandfather.

*John Vallins*

### **Alexander John McDonald** (m. 1938)

Alexander (Alastair) was born in 1919 and was brought up near Falkirk. He was educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh and from there he went up to Christ's to read Classics in 1938, having won a scholarship. At the end of his second year, Alastair was called up for National Service and spent six years in the Army, serving in India, Burma and Germany. After demobilisation, he was awarded a 'war emergency' BA in Classics. He subsequently studied Law at Edinburgh University, graduating with a LLB with distinction, and a handful of prizes, in 1949. He qualified as a solicitor, became a Writer to the Signet, and was appointed to the Chair of Conveyancing at Queen's College, St Andrews in 1955. Over the next few years, he was Dean of the Law Faculty, a member of the University Court and Senate, the Solicitor for the University, as well as a partner in a thriving law firm in Dundee. He played a huge part in the successful creation of Dundee University as a separate institution from St. Andrews University, which was finalised in 1967. He continued as Professor in Conveyancing at Dundee University, until retiring



in 1979. He wrote the *Conveyancing Manual*, which is now in its 7th edition, and remains a standard textbook. He retired as a partner from his legal firm in 1984, but continued as a consultant for the next twenty years. He met his wife Doreen at Edinburgh University and they were happily married for more than sixty years, until she died four years ago. They had four children, and his son, Sandy, continues to work in the legal firm that Alastair founded. He had six grandchildren, and was immensely proud of them all. He was particularly delighted when his youngest grandchild, Duncan Scott (m. 2012) chose to study Natural Sciences at Christ's. Alastair died peacefully after a short illness in March 2018, in his 100th year.

*Claire Scott*

**Fritz Gerson** (m. 1939)

Ted was born on 16 February 1921 in Essen, Germany. He fled to London just before his eighteenth birthday by way of the Kindertransport. He took the Cambridge entrance exams and came up to Christ's in 1939. Ted enjoyed the good fortune of living with the family of Professor Loewe, a prominent engineering professor. He was also generously assisted by Mr C P Snow. Ted was sent to an internment camp on 10 May 1940 as an 'enemy alien' and was later moved from London to a camp in Fredericton, Canada. Mr Snow continued to lobby tirelessly on Ted's behalf, and was instrumental in arranging for him to attend the University of Toronto. Influenced by Professor Loewe, Ted enrolled at the University of Toronto in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering in November 1941. He joined the Canadian army from 1943 until 1945, returned to the engineering department in 1945, and graduated in 1947. He enjoyed working for John Dale Limited from 1949 to 1960, including posts in London, England and Toronto. Ted left in 1960 to begin a career as owner and President of F T Gerson Limited. Through his consulting practise, he pioneered developments in reducing the environmental impact from the production of metals and plastics. Ted's professional honours included designation as a Fellow of Engineers Canada, lifelong Warden and Honorary Warden of Camp One, Toronto and membership in the Hall of Distinction, University of Toronto Engineering Alumni Network. He enjoyed his association with the University Club, Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Ted enjoyed fifty seven years of marriage with his wife Margo and he was much loved and respected by his two children, and his five grandchildren. Ted lived his life to the fullest and on his own terms.

*Jamie Gerson and Deni Cashin*

**John Rosewarne Trahair** (m. 1939)

John was born on 29 March 1921 and came up to Christ's in 1939. While at College John read Law and was a member of the hockey club. He was appointed CBE in the 1990 Birthday Honours while he was Chairman of the Plymouth District Health Authority. He was also a former High Sheriff of Devon. John died aged 95 on 26 January 2017.

**Anthony George Joseph Cottam** (m. 1940)

Anthony was born on 3 July 1922 and came up to Christ's in 1940, where he read Economics. He died on 15 August 2017, aged 95.

**John Grigor Taylor** (m. 1940)

John was born in India, the son of a career officer in the Indian Army and a schoolteacher. He spent his first eight years there, mostly in Rajasthan where his father was posted. He was then sent back to school in England and did not see his father for another eight years. He was a boarder first at prep school and then at Cheltenham, being farmed out during the holidays to aunts and other relations. John went up to Christ's to read Economics in 1940, but was called up for war service after only a year. He elected to go to India and join his father's old Regiment, the Rajputana Rifles. He was natural staff officer material and spent much of the war in Delhi and Bombay, but also fought in Burma. In 1945 he returned to Cambridge to complete his degree and subsequently joined HM Diplomatic Service. He was sent immediately back to India, just after independence, to help set up the new High Commission. It was an exciting but difficult time, with the aftermath of partition and the assassination of Gandhi. Following his wartime experience, John mixed more easily with Indians than most of his colleagues and established a number of lifelong friendships. Postings followed in the Hague; Burma; Paris; the UN in New York; India again as Councillor (of Information; Washington; Geneva; and then finally as Consul-General in Johannesburg where he was particularly concerned with establishing good relations with the black community, not easy in apartheid days. He spent his long retirement mostly in London, but much of his heart was still in India, to which he returned several times. John died on 20 December 2017, aged 96.

*Sophia Lambert*

**Geoffrey Colin Tootill** (m. 1940)

Geoffrey was born on 4 March 1922 in Lancashire. He grew up in Birmingham and was educated at King Edward's High School, where he won a scholarship to Christ's. He came up to College in 1940 and read Mathematics. During WWII, the three-year degree was compressed into two years and at this time he realised that his vocation lay in engineering rather than mathematics. After graduation he worked in operations research at the Telecommunications Research Establishment (TRE), however after a few weeks he managed to switch to an engineering role there. When the war was over, Frederic Calland Williams was appointed to the Chair of Electro-Technics at Manchester University and he brought in Geoffrey to work on a computer memory project. They designed an elementary computer, officially known as the Small-Scale Experimental Machine, but better known as 'Baby'. The following year, Geoffrey moved to Ferranti to specify a full-scale computer base for Manchester University. Geoffrey then took up a senior lectureship at the Military College of Science, before moving to a research position at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. From 1963 to 1969 Geoffrey was seconded to the European Space Research Organisation, where he established a network of computerised ground stations. In 1973 he was transferred to the National Physical Laboratory to work on the European Informatics Network. He retired in 1982 but remained active in computing and academic pursuits. He died on 26 October 2017 and is survived by his second wife Joyce, three sons from his first marriage, and two grandchildren.



*Adapted from obituary by Martin Campbell-Kelly, The Guardian*

**Edward Winter** (m. 1940)

Ted was educated at The Nelson Thomlinson School in Wigton, Cumberland. He came up to Christ's in 1940 on a County Major Scholarship to read English; however his time in Cambridge was interrupted by war service. After three and a half years, mainly spent with the Field Security section of the Commando Group, he resumed his studies. Ted played rugby for the University XV and was a member of the Cuppers-winning Christ's team. After graduation, Ted trained as a teacher. His first post was at William Hulme's Grammar School in Manchester. Whilst there he played rugby for both Broughton Park FC and Cumberland. After four years he left to join Mill Hill School in London. Here he was housemaster of Murray House and Director of English, coached rugby and athletics and produced eleven school plays. He also played rugby for Saracens and was president of the Cumberland and Westmorland Association of London, where he met his wife, Mary. A highlight of his career was a happy exchange year at Lakefield College School in Ontario, during which he produced *Juno and the Paycock* at nearby Peterborough. After thirty-one years at Mill Hill School he retired to what had been his father's house at Blennerhasset where, as he put it, after serious resistance for some years, he finally overcame his love of gardening. In retirement he wrote and published a book of poems *The Allerdale Years*. Ted died on 12 May 2017, aged 93. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three sons, of whom the eldest, John, followed him to Christ's in 1980.

*John Winter (m. 1980)*

**David Geoffrey Ford** (m. 1941)

David was born on 4 March 1923 and came up to Christ's in 1941 where he was a member of the boat club. David died on 19 March 2018, aged 95.

**Francis Hughes** (m. 1942)

Frank was born in North London. He was evacuated during the Second World War, to Cosgrove, in Northamptonshire. The evacuees shared Towcester Grammar School with local children – one lot came in the morning and the other in the afternoon – and this was where Frank first met his future wife. In 1942, as part of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, he read History at Christ's and was a member of the Cambridge Air Squadron. During the war he was trained in Canada to be a navigator on Avro Lancaster Bombers and after the war he was stationed in Egypt with No. 70 Squadron, still flying Lancasters. He married Jean Robinson on 7 August 1948 at St Guthlac's Church, Passenham, Northamptonshire. As Frank was unable to return to his studies at Cambridge after the war, he took a course in Physics at night school, and worked in various jobs until eventually he joined the then Gas Board, at Watson House. In 1954 he joined Flavels of Leamington Spa and worked on the development of the very successful Flavel Debonair, an innovative wall-mounted gas fire with a wooden surround. After further posts in the gas industry, at Robinson Willey of Liverpool, and Main Gas in Edmonton, Frank joined British Gas as Standards Manager in 1978. He joined the British Combustion Equipment Manufacturers Association as a consultant in 1990, and became a Director in 1992, continuing his earlier work on the incorporation of European Directives into British

Regulations, chairing international meetings of experts, often in French. Frank was admitted to University College Hospital in September 2017, after a fall, and died there on 10 January 2018. He is survived by his three children, Philippa, Elisabeth and Gregory, and by eight grandchildren and a great grandson.

*Philippa Sondheimer*

**Geoffrey Graeme Baldwin** (m. 1943)



Geoffrey was born on 28 February 1925 in Keighley, Yorkshire. He was educated at Keighley Boys' Grammar School, and then came up to Christ's to read Mechanical Sciences in 1943. After graduation he won a research scholarship with the Silsoe Agricultural Research Institute. He served in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserves (RNVR), on HMS Farndale and HMS Leander, becoming Sub. Lieutenant, before moving to work for David Brown Tractors as a Market Research Manager. This involved visits to China and led to him learning Mandarin. He

later became Chairman of the Working Group at the European Committee of Agricultural Engineers and then General Manager at the Turbine Products Division of Daniel Doncaster & Sons, Steelworks. In this capacity he travelled to Asia, Europe and the USA, taking time where possible to indulge his interest in entomology, specifically the study of butterflies. In retirement Geoffrey took up a new career, editing a farming journal with the assistance of his wife Dorothy. They moved to the Peak District where Geoffrey was active in the Yorkshire Naturalist Trust, alongside caring for Dorothy before her death. In his eighties, extended stays with his brother Brian in Australia and frequent trips to visit his daughter Nicola and grandson Louis in London notwithstanding, Geoffrey remained close to Holme, maintaining a wide circle of friends through bridge, walking and village life. Geoffrey died on 12 December 2017, aged 92. A Butterfly Club for local children to learn science through nature has been formed in his memory at the village school. He is survived by his brother Brian, daughter Nicola and grandson Louis.

*Brian Baldwin and Nicola Baldwin*

**Robert Nigel Barratt** (m. 1944)



Bob was born on 29 August 1926. He became partially deaf following a double mastoid operation at the age of seven but he never used his deafness as an excuse for not doing things; he just got on with life with his hearing aid. Bob was educated at the Leys School during the war when it was evacuated to the Blair Atholl hotel in Pitlochry. His love of hillwalking stemmed from his schooldays in Scotland. Bob went up to Christ's in 1944 to read Civil Engineering. While at Cambridge he also played cricket and hockey, and was a member of the Marguerites

Club. On leaving Cambridge, Bob had a fulfilling career working for a variety of local authorities. During his time working for Ipswich Borough Council he was awarded medals from the Institution of Municipal Engineers for his papers on water management and bridge reconstruction. Indeed his redesign of Seven Arches

Bridge over the River Orwell significantly reduced flooding in the town centre. From Ipswich, Bob moved to North West England where he held the post of Borough Engineer in Bootle and latterly Deputy County Engineer for Merseyside. Bob retired to Ipswich where he resurrected his study of Latin (begun at school) and continued to be keenly interested in civil engineering. He was Engineer in Charge at a local steam railway which provided work for unemployed young people. He also kept up with major projects in France and Britain, including the Pont de Normandie, the Viaduc de Millau, HS2, and the Mersey Gateway project. In 1949 Bob married June, whom he had met while they were both students at Cambridge. June sadly passed away in 2011. Bob is survived by his three children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He died on 28 August 2017, aged 90.

*Sue Griffin*

**Ion-Dan Edeleanu** (m. 1944)



Ion-Dan died peacefully on 5 March 2018 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife, Doreen, his children, Hugh and Louise, and his three grandchildren. Ion-Dan was born on the 14 June 1925 in Bucharest, Romania to Ion and Marie Edeleanu. He came to the UK in 1937 to be educated. He attended Morrison's Academy in Crieff, followed by Bedford School. He graduated in Medicine from Christ's in 1946 and continued to study at the London Hospital between 1946 and 1950. After qualifying he joined the British Army as a Medical Officer, during which time he played Rugby for the Army. In 1953 he married Doreen Hughes from Bala in North Wales. In 1954 he started his own medical practice in Northfleet, Kent, which grew rapidly over the years. By the time Ion-Dan retired from full-time medicine in 1991, he had six partners and the largest medical practice in the Gravesend area. Ion-Dan took an active role in the hypnosis section of the Royal Society of Medicine and continued with part-time and private medical work until he was in his late 70s. Ion-Dan was an active Rotarian and together with his wife Doreen, created a much admired nine acre garden in the Kent countryside over the forty-five years that they lived at 'Haydown'. Their garden was open to the public under the National Garden Scheme for numerous years, raising substantial sums of money for various national charities. The garden contained a small vineyard, and Ion-Dan's friends and family much enjoyed his wine, together with his jovial company and great sense of humour during his long life.

*Hugh Edeleanu (m. 1974) and Louise Edeleanu*

**Derek Hall** (m. 1944)

Derek was born on 12 May 1926 and came up to Christ's in 1944 to read Law. He attended Christ's under the 'Y' Scheme which was designed to give educational opportunities to a few fortunate men who, at the age of 18, would otherwise have been fully conscripted. The course lasted six months from October 1944 to April 1945. At College, Derek was an active member of the Squash Club, enjoyed a brief stint in the Boat Club, and also joined the Cambridge Mummers where he had two supporting roles on the stages of the Arts Theatre and the ADC in Cambridge. Immediately upon leaving Christ's Derek worked his way through Naval Training and got his commission. He decided not to return to Cambridge after the war and

joined the Bank of England, working in the City until 1953 when he transferred to their printing works which printed currency notes. He qualified as a Chartered Secretary and ended his working life as Deputy Directing Manager, Engineering Services Division. Derek took advantage of an opportunity to retire early and enjoyed many hobbies and sports. He died on 3 May 2017, aged 90.

**Roy Hull** (m. 1944)



Roy was born in 1919 and came up to Christ's in 1944. He was a man driven by his passion for organic chemistry. From a humble background in Farnworth, near Bolton, (his parents owned a tobacconist's shop), he attended Farnworth Grammar School and then obtained a BSc in chemistry as an external student at London University. Sponsored by Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) he came to Christ's to complete his PhD. In his own words, 'apart from the thrill of delving into a new awareness of chemistry, the mind was stimulated by a variety of other subjects:

the philosophy of Bertrand Russell, the arts with an appreciation of paintings, bio-chemistry from lectures given in the rooms off Tennis Court Road, daily excursions with George Kenner into Heffers in the hope of buying a good second-hand book – I thus discovered Proust and Huxley during this period.' He later went back to ICI and eventually he was given a team of about six PhD chemists and their assistants 'to work on any topics we thought, as a long term investigation, might be fruitful to the pharmaceutical industry or as a spin off to some other division of ICI. These were halcyon days of complete bliss.' He discovered the use of beta-blockers, and his team developed Tenormin. He retired from ICI in 1979. His other passions included collecting antiques, and his collection of netsuke was donated to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge in 2008. Roy died on 6 September 2017, aged 97.

*Roger Hull*

**Dennis Rotheray** (m. 1944)

Dennis was born on 30 August 1921 and came up to Christ's in 1944. He died on 29 November 2017, aged 96.

**Thomas Wallace Craik** (m. 1945)

Tom was born in Warrington, Cheshire on 17 April 1927. He attended the local grammar school before coming up to Christ's in 1945 to read English, and where he was taught by F R Leavis. During his time at College he was a member of both the Musical and Milton Societies. Whilst an undergraduate he undertook research on early modern drama which led to the publication of *The Tudor Interlude* (1958), a work of major importance for the understanding of early drama. His first post after graduating was as a lecturer in English at Leicester University. He married in 1955, and in 1965 he moved to the English department at Aberdeen University. Tom then took up a chair at Dundee University in 1972, from which he moved to Durham. He acquired in his career a reputation as a fine scholar, and meticulous editor of the plays of Shakespeare and other contemporary playwrights, and this remained his chief academic interest. Tom was Professor of English at Durham University from 1977 to 1989. He died on 11 October 2017.

*Adapted from obituary by Dick Watson, Durham University*

**Eric Brian Devon Hamilton** (m. 1945)

Eric was born in Birkenhead in 1927. He had a happy childhood, spending much time at the Cammell Laird Shipyard where his father helped launch the Ark Royal amongst other ships. He went to Rydal School in North Wales during the war, and from there to Christ's College to read Medicine. He subsequently qualified at the Middlesex Hospital in 1951. National Service followed, based at RAF Pembroke Dock with the Flying Boat Squadrons 201 and 235. His medical career then began in earnest in 1955. After training posts at the Mile End, Middlesex and Brompton

Hospitals he became registrar at the Rheumatism Research Unit, Taplow, under his mentor Professor Bywater. In 1963 he was appointed a Consultant Rheumatologist at King's College Hospital, London and worked there for the next thirty years, many as Head of department. He wrote over fifty published scientific papers, and had a passion for teaching and the treatment of his patients. He was the World Health Organisation Consultant to Nigeria, Vice-President of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and Consultant to St Luke's Hospital to the Clergy. He retired in 1992, but worked right through into his 80s at Harley Street and the London Bridge Hospital. Outside of his career he had a love of gardening, mountaineering (in his youth), political diaries and in recent years the Christ's reunion dinners which he always looked forward to immensely. His Christian faith remained a central pillar of his life, alongside his wife Claire, his four sons and six grandchildren, who will all remember him with great affection. Eric died on 27 February 2018, aged 90.

*Gavin and Tim Hamilton*

**Cecil Eric Arrindell** (m. 1946)

Cecil died in Sydney, Australia on 16 July 2017, aged 91. He had been in poor health during his last years and was cared for by his devoted wife Jean and loving family. He was born, the youngest of three children, in Sandakan (British North Borneo), where his father was a Commissioner of Lands. When his elder siblings were sent away to school, Cecil was given an orangutan as a companion. He was seven when his father retired, and the family returned to their homeland of Trinidad where his mother's French family had emigrated during the Revolution. Cecil was a

diligent pupil at Queen's Royal College (QRC) and won an island scholarship to Cambridge. In 1946 he went to Christ's, his father's old College, to read Modern Languages (French and Spanish). He rowed, played tennis and was a member of the Marguerites, but sailing was his main passion. Times were frugal but interesting after the war, when a wide mix of undergraduates arrived at the University, including those resuming their studies after life in the Forces. During his fourth year, Cecil married Jean Tinne, then in 1950 joined the Colonial Service. His first posting was to his old school, QRC, in Trinidad. Seven years later he transferred to Kenya, where he became headmaster of the Delamere High School. On leaving Africa he taught at Clifton College, Bristol. He was an inspired teacher who took infinite delight in



words. He and Jean emigrated to Australia in 1995 to be near family, where they were able to continue their shared love of travelling for many years. Cecil leaves his wife Jean, four children, eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

*Jean Arrindell*

**Geoffrey Hugo Buchanan-Wollaston** (m. 1946)

Geoffrey was born on 23 October 1925 and came up to Christ's in 1946 to read Natural Sciences. He was on the JCR committee during his time at College and had a life-long interest in rugby and gardening. He died on 13 June 2017, aged 91.

**David Hywel Davies** (m. 1947)

Hywel, or Dai, as he was also known, was born on 28 March 1929. He graduated from the Mechanical Sciences Tripos in 1950 with the Charles Lamb prize. After National Service he returned to Cambridge to study, completing a PhD in 1956. His PhD concerned 'the use of automatic electron trajectory tracers', and it was perhaps no surprise that he joined the Ministry of Defence's Radar Research Establishment (RRE) the same year that he graduated. At RRE, Hywel rose to become Head of the Airborne Radar Group. From there his career advanced through various leadership roles – Head of Weapons Department at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment; Assistant Chief Scientific Adviser (Projects) at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in Whitehall; Director of the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment; and the MoD's Deputy Controller of Research Programmes. His final post was at the European Commission as Deputy Director-General for Science, Research and Development. Taking up this position required him to learn, from scratch, proficiency in French. As with all the challenges presented to him during his working life, Hywel embraced the task with gusto. A committed European, after retirement he remained actively involved with a variety of European Commission projects, including the aeronautical research project EUROMART, which he had been pivotal in launching. Hywel died on 16 October 2017 and is survived by his wife, Valerie, three children and five grandchildren.

*Ginny Rattray*

**Philip Head** (m. 1947)

Philip was born on 6 February 1928 and came up to Christ's in 1947 to read History. During his time at Christ's he was President of the JCR Committee. Philip died on 5 March 2018, aged 90.

**Hubert Adrian Emerson** (m. 1949)

Hugh was born on 14 January 1928 and came up to Christ's as a choral exhibitioner to read Law. During his time at College he took part in a number of clubs and societies including squash, cricket, the Milton Society and the Cambridge Union Society, as well as being a member of the Marguerites. After graduating, Hugh pursued a career as a Marketing Manager and Head of Training for a large mutual life assurance office. Hugh was also a freelance financial journalist for twenty years, writing especially for *The Daily Mail* and *The Daily Telegraph*. During his retirement he enjoyed being a Community Service volunteer, supporting people from his area and various building projects. Hugh died in early February 2018, aged 90.

**Ronald Schwarz** (m. 1949)

Ronald was born on 10 March 1930 and came up to Christ's to read Medieval and Modern Languages in 1949. During his time at College, Ronald was a member of the German Society. After graduating, he became a Modern Languages teacher. He died on 19 May 2017, aged 87.

**Humphrey John Lukyn-Williams** (m. 1950)

Humphrey was born on 19 March 1930 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Architecture. He died on 23 April 2017.

**James Bradbury Seaton** (m. 1950)

Jim had expected to train as a teacher; however, quite suddenly when talking to a friend, he realised that he really wanted to be ordained and after taking his degree in Geography, he went to Westcott House. This was interesting as, although his father was Headmaster of his own prep school in Mill Hill, Jim's grandfather and several other ancestors had been clergymen. Very much the geographer, when called for interview by Ken Carey, Principal of Westcott, he replied that he couldn't attend as he was involved in a weather survey on the top of the Cairngorms. Convinced that he had scuppered any chance of a place at Westcott, he then discovered that Ken Carey loved the Cairngorms and had a house in the area, and a place was offered! Jim had four parishes: two in County Durham and two in Leicestershire. He and I met in Geography lectures, and we were married in 1964 as he took up his first parish. In the Leicester diocese, he was made Rural Dean, and later Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral. He took great pleasure in occupying the stall named after Hraeththrun, a medieval Bishop of Leicester. In 1994 he retired to Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds, and having been given Diocesan 'permission to officiate', took services in many parishes in the area until back trouble caused him to retire again. He loved life in Chipping Campden and took an active part in its many activities, particularly enjoying the wonderful music festival and the opportunities for theatre and concerts in Stratford and Birmingham. In 2017, increasing health problems caused us to move to a care home near family in Surrey, and it was there that he died of congestive heart failure, receiving wonderful care in our own apartment right until the end.

*Rosemary Seaton (Newham, m. 1950)*

**Thomas Senior** (m. 1950)

Thomas was born on 26 June 1928 in Menston, Yorkshire. He went to the University of Manchester to study Applied Mathematics. After this, Thomas came up to Christ's in 1950 and graduated with a PhD in Applied Mathematics. Upon leaving College he obtained a position with the Government Scientific Service, and in October 1952 he was appointed a Scientific Officer at the Radar Research and Development Establishment (RRDE) in Malvern. He quickly established a reputation as a leading expert in electromagnetics research. He accepted an invitation to join the University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory at Willow Run as a visiting scholar in 1957. He then emigrated to the USA, and remained at the University of Michigan for the remainder of his career. In 1969 he was appointed Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the department of the same name, and later took over as Director of Dr Siegel's laboratory. Thomas then served in several administrative positions within the Department before formally retiring in 1998; however he

continued with some research activities. He received professional recognition from his peers and many teaching awards from his students. Thomas was predeceased by his wife Heather and is survived by their four children and six grandchildren. He died on 24 November 2017, at the age of 89.

*Adapted from online obituary, Ann Arbour*

**Alan Wragg** (m. 1950)



Alan was a Lancashire lad through and through, from very humble beginnings, born and raised in Audenshaw. It was apparent from an early age that Alan had exceptional academic abilities, and he was awarded a fully paid scholarship to Christ's, where he read Mathematics from the age of seventeen. Alan went on to obtain a PhD, and instead of national service worked at A V Roe and Company, being part of the team that designed the wings of the AVRO Vulcan, a stalwart of the Cold War. Alan spent a long career as a lecturer, then reader at Salford University where

he touched many people's lives, both students and colleagues alike. Even after early retirement Alan continued to share his passion for mathematics late into his seventies, as a tutor and lecturer for the Open University as well as personal tutor for sons and daughters of neighbours and friends. Alan was a keen sportsman, playing rugby at school, Christ's and for Aldwinians RUFC, where he was a lifelong member. He also played golf and cricket, and took part in athletics in his time, although was apparently defeated by the pole vault. Alan was rather a handy bridge player too, winning trophies on more than one occasion, enjoyed completing *The Times* crosswords and doing quite advanced DIY, particularly carpentry. He always seemed rather fond of a table he made using numbers from the Fibonacci sequence; even then his mathematics was never far away. Alan was an upright, highly principled and disciplined man, admired and respected by many people. It goes without saying that he will be greatly missed by his wife Margaret, and children, Catherine, Michael and Hilary.

*Hilary Yeates*

**Ian Fredrick Bennett** (m. 1951)



Born in 1930, Ian was brought up in south India, where his father was a missionary. The family returned to England just before the war, and Ian attended St John's School in Leatherhead. In 1951, after National Service, Ian went up to Christ's to read Classics, and subsequently gained a teaching qualification at Hughes Hall. In 1955 Ian took on a teaching position in Peshawar, Pakistan. While there he encountered Rachel Appleton, whom he had first met in Cambridge when she was studying English at Girton. She was teaching in Lahore, which is where they both worked

after they married in 1958. In 1960 their first set of twins was born. They returned to England in 1961, and Ian attended theological college at Westcott House. Their second set of twins was born in 1963, shortly before Ian was ordained. Ian was a curate in Hemel Hempstead before becoming a university chaplain, first at The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), then at The University of

Manchester itself. Ian and Rachel put their large vicarage to good use, hosting weekly student evenings. They also had many visitors, old acquaintances from their times in India and Pakistan, but also strangers whose relatives were being treated for cancer at the nearby Christie Hospital. In 1979 the family moved to Birmingham, and in 1989 to Newcastle, where Ian eventually retired. He and Rachel then spent a lot of time tending their allotment, which they maintained for twenty-seven years. Ian also indulged his life-long love of art. In 1991 he took up art classes and spent more and more time painting in oil. Rachel died in August 2017 and Ian died soon after, on 29 December 2017. They are survived by their four children and four grandchildren.

*Jim Bennett*

**Frederick Max St Lawrence Bircher** (m 1951)



Freddie, who died in October 2018 aged 85, always came across as the quintessentially English gentleman. In fact he had three nationalities; British, Swiss and Canadian, and he was tri-lingual, in English, French and German. Arriving at Christ's from Radley, his studies were in Law and Modern Languages – and rowing. He was in the Goldie boat, as well as the College eight, and represented Cambridge on a rowing tour of Japan. Freddie opted for the Navy for National Service and spent most of it enjoyably in Malta before joining the Alcan Group as a graduate trainee in 1957. Various appointments in the UK and Switzerland followed until 1974 when he became Managing Director of Alcan Ekco Ltd. He was promoted in 1984 to Chairman and CEO of Alcan Benelux based in Brussels while at the same time becoming a member of the Management Committee (Europe). After three years there, and thirty years with Alcan, Freddie left to join Powell Duffryn as head of that group's engineering companies. Seven years later he became Chairman of all its European engineering subsidiaries. In 1995 he left to concentrate on his non-executive directorships of which he had as many as six. One by one they fell, away giving Freddie time to become a trustee of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) and then its Chairman from 2004 until 2009. At the same time, and until 2014, he was a Church Warden at St Clement Danes where his father-in-law was the erstwhile Resident Chaplain and where Freddie and Teresa were married in 1960. We and our wives met quite often over the years and every occasion was an enormous pleasure because Freddie was such an exceptionally, and straightforwardly, delightful person. It was indeed a privilege to have been one of his friends. Over three hundred came to the Service of Thanksgiving for his life – a living tribute.

*Roger Richardson (m. 1952)*

**Brian Martin Lane** (m. 1951)

Brian died at home in Bath on 27 February 2018, aged 89. Born in Cardiff, where his father had been temporarily stationed during his military career, he spent his early childhood in Birmingham. His gift for music as a composer, and his knowledge and passion for the organ, was apparent from an early age. He attended Salisbury Cathedral School between 1937 and 1943 as a Chorister. He was then awarded a Music Scholarship to St Edward's School, Oxford from 1943 to 1947 and he also excelled at sport. Following his National Service in the Royal Air Force, he attended



the Birmingham School of Music from 1949, and then won an Organ Scholarship to Christ's, matriculating in 1951. A brief stint as a management trainee at Marks & Spencer followed in 1955, before he became a schoolmaster, and organist and Director of Music at Luton Parish Church from 1956 to 1963. In 1962 he married Joanna, daughter of Reginald George Apthorpe (m. 1926). Between 1963 and 1966 he was County Music Adviser for Bedfordshire, and then became an H M Inspector of Schools from 1966 to 1989. Following retirement, he used his experience and talent to great effect as a National Casework Official for the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) until he finally retired in 2007. Although his love of the organ never diminished, due to the onset of Dupuytren's Contracture in both hands, he had to give up playing the piano some years before retirement. He also had a lifelong interest in cars and would liked to have been a racing driver. At one time he could be seen driving around in a pre-war two seater Bentley 4 1/4 litre Sports Coupe 'Honeymoon Express'. Brian was a strikingly tall man who was always fastidiously turned out and he had a notable and irrepressible sense of humour and a prodigious vocabulary. His wife survives him, together with a son and daughter, and two grandchildren.

*Robin Apthorpe*

### **John Lacey Stibbs** (m. 1952)

John was born on 29 November 1932 and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read English and Theology. He spent his working life in secondary education as a teacher, head teacher and consultant. John enjoyed fifty years as a Licensed Lay Reader in the Church of England. He died on 4 April 2018, aged 85.

*Ruth Lyons*

### **William David Harper** (m. 1954)



David was born in Liverpool and spent the war years in North Wales. He then attended St Paul's School in London and boxed for the school. As a committed Quaker and Pacifist he became a hospital porter rather than do his National Service. This experience led him to choose to read Medicine at Christ's. Whilst a student, David ventured to Moscow, with other Quakers, courageously breaking through the Iron Curtain in order to establish links with young Russians. After graduating he worked at the Middlesex Hospital, where he met nurse, Eleanor Woolley, daughter of the President of

the NFU, Lord Woolley. He married Eleanor in 1961, with whom he would have three children, and they worked at Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral. Then David took up General Practice in West Kirby and was a much loved GP. He was involved in research into epilepsy and ran a pioneering clinic for drug addicts. He also spearheaded the campaign to save Hoylake Cottage Hospital and to open St John's Hospice. In 1990 he and Eleanor bought an eleven hundred acre farm on the slopes of Snowdon – Clogwyn y Gwin (Precipice of wine). Eleanor farmed there alone until David retired and joined her. He swapped his stethoscope for shears and his clinics for pens. This was the happiest time of their lives as they farmed a thousand sheep and thirty cattle. David

sang in Welsh in a local choir and attended Bangor Quaker Meeting. Sadly Eleanor died of breast cancer in 1999. David sold the farm in 2005 and moved to Cambridge to be near his son, James. Then he moved to the Isle of Mull in 2009 to be near his daughter. David had a wonderful time in Tobermory. He joined the Gaelic Choir and he and his daughter set up Mull and Iona Quaker Meeting. He made many friends on Mull and became much loved by the local community who cared for him as his dementia developed. When he was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 2016 he said, 'good, it will be a kinder death than from dementia'. Nursed by his daughter for the last year of his life, David died a peaceful death, in the local cottage hospital on the Isle of Mull in August 2017. He leaves behind him his children: Andrew, Katharine and James, and grandchildren: Grace, Hamish, Ben, Robert, Lauren, William and Daisy.

*Katharine Elwis*

### **Michael William Morgans** (m. 1954)



Mike was born in Bristol on 21 May 1935 to Dr Christopher Morgans and wife Madge, the eldest of three children. He attended Kingswood School, Bath where he was a Prefect and he was a keen Scout and King's Scout. Mike read Geology at Christ's, following in his grandfather, Humphrey Morgans's footsteps, who was President of the Institute of Materials, Metals and Mining and where Mike was also a Fellow. He was also a Senior Fellow of the Geological Society. Mike travelled extensively with his Geology career. He worked for Kaiser Engineers for twenty years, notably as Resident Geologist for the Volta River Project in Ghana and then Chief Geologist working out of the London office covering Europe, Africa and the Middle East. On leaving Kaiser Engineers he worked for Bullen Consultants as Senior Engineering Geologist. Work colleagues remember him as hard working, fun loving, professional, astute, a perfectionist and a gentleman. Mike married Sally in 1959 and they had three children and eight grandchildren. After living in West Africa for eight years, Mike and Sally returned to the UK in 1965 and they lived happily in Shepperton, Middlesex for forty years. Mike's first love was his family and he also enjoyed music, singing, gardening and *The Telegraph* crossword! Once retired, Mike and Sally moved to Cornwall, where they lived in an old piggery and became involved in the local community. Mike was a Parish Councillor, active on the Parish Planning Committee and contributing a level-headed, engineering-focused input. He was forthright in debate, spoke with conviction and was extremely well respected. Mike died peacefully in his sleep in hospital on 13 January 2018, aged 82, having lost his wife the previous May.

*Rebecca Wierenga*

### **Philippe Ralph Servieres Epps** (m. 1955)

Philippe was born on 5 February 1934 in Paris, France. Philippe was fostered to several families during his childhood. His father died while interred in France during the war when Philippe was nine, and his mother, who suffered from mental health problems, had little part in his upbringing. When Philippe was fourteen his father's

sister adopted him, and brought him to England to give him a more stable life, and he started at Westminster School in London. After graduating from Christ's and then training to teach, Philippe married Sheila Kirby in 1960, also a school teacher. They lived in London before their two children, Mark and Laura, came along. The Epps then found a family home in Chessington, Surrey, where the children were schooled. Philippe worked as a Maths lecturer at Havering Technical College, and latterly for Ford Apprentices in Dagenham, Essex. Lifelong interests were painting, philosophy and the Eastern religions, and he meditated daily. His guru, he said, was Swami Vivekananda. He enjoyed learning languages, and kept up a degree of French speaking. Philippe enjoyed travelling in Europe and Britain, often on walking holidays with Sheila and the children. He loved the Peak District particularly and considered moving there from the second family home in Hornchurch (where Mark and Laura went to secondary school) but settled on a move to Maldon in Essex on the Blackwater Estuary in 1985, to coincide with retirement. He kept up his many hobbies and took up new ones including joining a spiritual healing group. He and Sheila separated in 2001, divorcing a few years later, and he moved to Norfolk where he spent the last fifteen years writing and living quietly with and acting as carer for his friend Gina. He died in a nursing home near Mundesley, on 21 November 2017.

*Laura Epps*

**Christopher Allen Marshall** (m.1955)



Born in Lincoln on 8 September 1934, Chris grew up watching the dam busters taking off from the airfields around his home town. Chris graduated from Lincoln Grammar School and completed his National Service with the RAF in 1955 before enrolling at Christ's in 1955 to read Law. Despite this and his classical education, Chris chose to become a College Lecturer before being called to the Bar in 1968. Having been called to the Bar, Chris nonetheless chose to continue his work in education and eventually became Assistant Director for Further Education in Cumberland, then The North Riding of Yorkshire, returning in 1976 to the enlarged county of Cumbria to resume his previous position. It was in Cumbria where he chose to remain for the rest of his life; his love of the fells and the area were strong and it was upon the Cumbrian fells that his ashes were scattered in March 2018. He leaves a wife, Betty, and son Robert. He will be remembered not only for his devotion to the field of education, but also for his humour and quiet humanity. Chris died on 20 January 2018, aged 83.

*Betty Marshall*

**Malcolm McFarlane** (m. 1955)

Malcolm was born on 15 March 1935 and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Natural Sciences. After graduating, he embarked on a career teaching Biology, first at Northampton Grammar School from 1959 until 1962, and then at Ijebu Ode Grammar School in Western State, Nigeria from 1962 until 1971. Malcolm returned to the UK the same year, and continued teaching in Somerset and East Sussex before retiring in 1989. He died on 14 May 2017, aged 82.

**John Medlyn** (m. 1955)

John was born on 19 October 1936 at Redruth in Cornwall, where he lived until the age of eighteen. He attended Trevergie Primary School, followed by Redruth County Grammar School and he became captain of the school in 1955. He was awarded a Rugby cap playing for England against France. He then won a place in the County Cricket XI and in two successive years was runner up in the All England Long Jump. As a Flight Sergeant in the Air Training Corps (ATC) Squadron he visited Canada, won a scholarship to the Outward Bound School and captained the England ATC Team in Ireland. John won a County Exhibition to Christ's. Going up to Cambridge in 1955, he won a Full Blue for Athletics in his first year and was the youngest member of the Cambridge team. He was the first boy to win a Blue from a county grammar school. Graduating from Cambridge, John went on to teach at Manchester Grammar School; then Worcester Royal Grammar School; The Chase, Malvern; and King Charles I, Kidderminster, progressing in his career from Chemistry teacher to Headmaster. Retirement opened new chapters for John and he continued his varied interests with a desire to participate in the community to make a difference. This involved being on the Parish Council, becoming a school governor, a Cotswold Warden and Member of the Admiralty Interview Board, to name but a few. He was a husband, father, grandfather and a true gentleman. John died on 26 June 2017, aged 80.

*Pauline Medlyn*

**Peter James Bradley** (m. 1956)

Peter was born on 7 January 1938 and came up to Christ's in 1956 to read Chemical Engineering. During his time at College he was a member of the Boat Club. After graduating, he initially worked for Union Carbide in UK, Belgium and Switzerland. He married Gill in 1962, and he retired in 2000 having been the UK Managing Director for a German engineering company. In retirement he and his wife moved to a small village where he took up golf and gardening, and spent a lot of time with the family; his two children, eight grandchildren and great granddaughter. He and Gill both loved travelling and had many happy holidays around the world. Peter died in January 2018, aged 80.

**Haydn John Davies** (m. 1956)

Haydn was born in 1935 in Cowbridge, South Wales. He attended Cowbridge Grammar School where he excelled in all sports, and was a rugby and cricket schoolboy international, winning several caps. Haydn undertook National Service from 1954 to 1956 and served in Germany with the Royal Air Force. Haydn went up to Christ's in 1956 and read Law and Economics. He played rugby throughout his time at Cambridge, and won a Rugby Blue playing in the victorious Cambridge team of 1958. He also rowed in the Christ's Rugby Boat in the bumps. In the same season Haydn won two international caps for Wales. Haydn met his wife Edna whilst at Cambridge and they married in December 1959. They enjoyed a happy marriage for the rest of Haydn's life. He graduated that same year, and subsequently qualified as a chartered accountant with a London firm. During





this time Haydn and Edna lived in Ealing, West London, before ultimately moving to Elstree, Hertfordshire. Haydn continued playing rugby after leaving Christ's, playing for London Welsh RFC where he was captain for the 1964–65 season. He also toured South Africa with Wales in 1964. He pursued a successful career in business as a financial director with various London based companies and firms, alongside brief periods in private practice as an accountant. After retiring from first class rugby he played cricket, tennis and golf at club level. He had a wide circle

of friends and was remembered as a kind and generous man. He was outgoing and sociable, amiable, and always impeccably courteous. He was described by one close friend as a true gentleman. Haydn leaves three children and nine grandchildren. He is greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. He died on 22 December 2017, aged 82.

*Guy Davies*

**David Robert Broom** (m. 1957)

David passed away peacefully at The North Shore Hospice from cancer on 5 December 2017, aged 78. He is survived by his wife of forty eight years Rita Anne, their children Catherine, Hilarie and Ness, and six grandchildren. David was born in Manchester, England. He proudly attended Christ's College on a scholarship, and gained degrees in languages and law. His working years were spent as an entrepreneur and business man. He had a yen for travel and loved to write, penning his autobiography, *A Charmed Life*. He met his wife Rita in London, and they enjoyed many travels together before eventually settling in Mexico City. The family enjoyed many happy years there, before moving to Vancouver in 1984. His favourite hobbies were sports, especially tennis, sailing, skiing and golf. He also loved his family, friends, Manchester United, and the Hollyburn Club. He was a great planner and had an excellent sense of humour, compassion and quiet strength.

*Catherine Broom*

**Joseph Anthony Connor** (m. 1957)



Joe died on 14 April 2018 as a result of a fall from a ladder while clearing moss from the roof. He was born in Crowborough on 26 October 1938 and attended St George's College, Weybridge. He came up to Christ's having been awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages but accepted a bursary from Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) to convert to Natural Sciences. After completing his BA in four years, he went on to complete a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry under Evelyn Ebsworth. During his time as a research student he met his future wife Meriel at a party when she was intrigued by an apparently smoking cold bucket. This prompted Joe to deliver a lengthy lecture to her on the properties of 'dry ice'. He moved to Munich for more research at the Polytechnische Schule, followed by lecturing appointments at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST). He also spent a sabbatical at the University of North Carolina. In 1981

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he was appointed Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Kent, and was Director of the Chemical Laboratory from 1981 to 1990. He was appointed Dean of Natural Sciences in 1988, and he later served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1990 to 1996. His research interests included organometallic chemistry, and later in his career he specialised in thermochemistry of organometallics as well as developing methods to determine the photostability of pharmaceuticals. He enjoyed teaching and was described as a clear minded and calming influence in the Chemistry Laboratory and Faculty of Natural Sciences. He was invited on several occasions to tour South American universities during which he delivered his lectures in Spanish. He had a deep Catholic faith and in his retirement he took up prison visiting, using his language skills to assist prisoners awaiting deportation. He is survived by Meriel, daughters Sarah and Clare, and six grandchildren.

*Christopher Eyles (m. 1957)*

**Michael Raphael Gabriel de Lendinez** (m. 1958)

Michael came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Law and Economics. After graduating he pursued a career in journalism which lasted over fifty-one years, where he wrote about Gibraltar and conducted a number of interviews with various notable people such as Governors, Parliamentarians and Trade Unionists. Most of his interviews were published in the *Gibraltar Chronicle* and the *Gibraltar Magazine*. In retirement he spent his winters in Gibraltar and summers in England, and took an active role in the Cambridge University Alumni Society of Gibraltar. He was the 11th Marques de Lendinez at Elche in Alicante and the hereditary grand inquisitor of Cordoba. He was included on the infamous *Persona Non Grata* list during the economic siege by General Franco, meaning he could not enter Spain for several years until the dictator died. Michael died on 4 February 2018, aged 80.

**Victor Sydney James Harding** (m. 1958)



Vic was born in London on 18 June 1932. From a relatively tough working class upbringing, he was a diligent pupil, and upon passing his Eleven Plus he attended Marylebone Grammar School where he first made his mark as a keen rugby player. During this time he began playing for Saracens and was selected for the England Schools team, quickly establishing himself in the second row. In 1952, he was selected for Middlesex, which he represented for over a decade. He captained Saracens between 1956 and 1957 and the following season played for London against the touring Australians, but was in the Saracens side which reached the Final of the Middlesex Sevens. From 1958 to 1959 he left a trainee position as a Gas Engineer to begin an Engineering Degree course at Christ's, winning the first of three Blues for Cambridge. In 1961 he won the first of six caps for England, scoring on his debut against France, and also played for the Barbarians. From 1961 to 1962 he moved clubs to Sale, and in June 1964 was married to Caryl at St Mary's Church in Bowdon. David Perry (m. 1958), his former second row teammate at Cambridge and a future England Captain, acted as Best Man. Subsequent moves took Vic back to London where he played for the Harlequins and in 1969 he moved to Edinburgh where he set up the Solid Fuel Advisory Service, a brand new marketing arm for The

National Coal Board which he ran until he retired in 1986. Vic was entered into the Saracens 'Hall of Fame' in 2006 as only their second ever rugby international after John Steeds (St Catharine's College, Cambridge). He died on 1 November 2017 and is survived by Caryl, his two sons, Richard and Edward, and five grandchildren.

*Eddie Harding*

**Michael Paulson-Ellis** (m. 1958)



Michael was born on 18 June 1939 and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Classics. He qualified as an accountant after graduating, and then spent thirty-four years in University administration at both the University of Strathclyde and the University of East Anglia (UEA). Michael rose very rapidly to become Academic Secretary at the University of Strathclyde before being appointed as UEA's second ever Registrar and Secretary at the early age of thirty-eight, working with the University's first Vice Chancellor Frank Thistlethwaite. Michael was awarded an OBE for his work in Higher Education in 1992. He retired in 1999 from his post at the University of East Anglia, but continued as a Higher Education Consultant. In 1963, Michael married Christina, a fellow classicist at Girton, and they had four children. Michael died on 8 January 2018, aged 78.

**Graham Milo Dixon** (m. 1959)



Milo was born on 26 July 1936, and came up to Christ's in 1959. During his life he excelled at tennis, badminton and squash. He became a mathematician at Exeter University, and from the 1990s Milo marked Cambridge Assessment International Education (CIE) A-level Mathematics papers until serious respiratory illness prevented him from doing so around 2012. Milo died on 13 January 2018, aged 81.

**James Charlton Thompson** (m. 1959)

Jim was educated from 1949 at St Lawrence College in Kent and, in 1959, came up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences. He graduated in 1962 and stayed at Christ's for his PhD, which was awarded in 1965. He then obtained a post-doctoral position at Rice University, Houston, Texas for two years. In 1967 he moved to Toronto University, initially as lecturer, then Professor and Associate Chairman of the Chemistry Department. For about ten years he was Chairman of the University's Physical Sciences Division, before retiring in 2003. Ex-curriculum, his passion was target rifle shooting, starting at St Lawrence, where he was a member of an Ashburton Shield winning team at Bisley. He was involved in shooting at Cambridge, representing the University in numerous national competitions and becoming a Half Blue. In Canada, he shot for and captained international teams, and even became an Executive Vice-President and Life Governor of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA). He is named in the DCRA Shooting Hall of Fame and refereed at the Commonwealth Games in Australia, India and Scotland. He was also elected a Vice-President of the NRA (National Rifle Association of the UK) based in Bisley. In appreciation of his many years of dedication to Canadian and International shooting

in general, the DCRA's home office located in the Connaught Ranges in Ottawa has been dedicated the 'Dr J C Thompson Building'. His friends recall well that he was selected to shoot for the University on the range at 3pm, during his final practical exam, timed from 10am to 4pm. He chose to take his rifle into the lab, prop it against the wall, complete his experiment and clear his bench by 2.30pm, then pick up his rifle and leave. He still got his first! Jim died on 12 April 2018, aged 77.

*Mike Gore (m. 1959)*

**Guy Mylorie Kelly Godbeer-Dunbar** (m. 1964)

Guy attended Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, from 1945 to 1963, and came up to Christ's in 1964. After graduating, he embarked on a career in teaching. While at Arthur Mellows Village College in Peterborough as an English teacher, Guy won *The Evening Telegraph's* Education Award for Outstanding Teacher. He was also the author of a number of books relating to the teaching of English, including *Snapshots: A Collection of Short Stories* for Key Stage 3 onwards. Guy died on 25 May 2017, after an accident at home.

**Charles Robert Lowe** (m. 1964)

Charlie was born on 17 October 1945 and was brought up in Corby, Northamptonshire. He went to Malvern College in Worcestershire and then on to Christ's where he read Law, rowed a lot, and made many friends. After Christ's he went on to complete his legal education at Guildford Law School, before starting work as a solicitor in London. He then joined Holman Fenwick & Willan, now known as HFW, in 1971, where he remained for the rest of his working life. He specialised in admiralty law, and was made a partner in 1978. In the same year he was posted to Hong Kong, where he opened a brand new office for them, and remained there until 1982 when he returned to London. In 2000 he relocated to Greece, and ran HFW's Piraeus office until July 2006 when he again returned to London. He became a consultant with HFW after his retirement from the partnership in March 2013. Charlie had been one of the partners that made HFW preminent in the area of Admiralty law. He had been universally liked, popular with all staff, and had always treated everyone as equals, from the tea lady to the senior partners. His family and friends, as well as his colleagues, will remember him as one of life's gentlemen with a wicked twinkle in his eye but always acting with great honesty and integrity, as well as possessing a sense of fun and humour second to none. Charlie died in January 2018 and is survived by his wife, Gillie, and his two children, Robin and Suzie, all of whom will greatly miss him.

*Guy Farnsworth (m. 1965)*

**Julian Spencer Rouse** (m. 1964)

Julian came up to Christ's from Cranbrook in 1964. By then Julian was an orphan, under the guardianship of his Uncle Roller, who was a larger than life character and Julian inherited many of his uncle's attributes; he was affable and sociable, and his bonhomie quickly won him many friends. But it was his stature that earned him his pre-eminence on the river, rising to cox the Christ's 1st Boat. Upon graduating, Julian used his inheritance to purchase a house in the up and coming area of Islington, which was the envy of many of his friends. From here, he went into the City, working

for ICL marketing, a state-of-the-art daily updated list of share prices printed out by a computer. In 1968 he married Pauline, and they had two daughters, Lucy and Sally. However a career in the City was not for Julian, and he bought The Crown Pub in Oxney, Kent, securing his future in hospitality. Drawn back to London, he had a spell at The Crown in Islington before moving to Tunbridge Wells to run the Bistro Extraordinaire. In 1984 he divorced Pauline and became the Landlord of The Pump House in Brighton. He returned to London again, this time to East Molesey. Initially he managed Mort's Wine Bar, before finally setting up his own bespoke tours company, acting as driver and guide for literary pilgrimages, mainly around his beloved South England. This saw him through to retirement and matched his skills in hosting and telling a tale. During this period he returned to settle in Brighton. He was proud of his home and his carefully tended garden, enjoying the company of a tight group of friends at his local. From 1987, he was accompanied on his life's journey by his partner Pam, through to the end.

*Ian Pawlby (m. 1964)*

**William Wilson** (m. 1964)

William was born on 11 August 1946 and came up to Christ's in 1964 to read Modern Languages. He then trained as a chartered accountant and moved to Sweden, with his Swedish wife, in 1975. He worked as an auditor in Stockholm until he joined Mettler Toledo Nordic in 1983 where he worked until his retirement. William died on 10 December 2017, aged 71.

**Vivian Robert Chapman** (m. 1965)



Vivian was born on 3 January 1947 in London, and attended King's College, Wimbledon. He gained a scholarship to Christ's to read Law, his academic prowess being such that his scholarship was renewed for the whole of his undergraduate career. This secured him a room in College, which was much appreciated as a rendezvous by his less highflying fellow lawyers. He decided that a legal career was for him, and after remaining at Christ's for a fourth year to obtain an LLB (later re-designated LLM by the University), he was called to the Bar as a member of

Lincoln's Inn. There he pursued a very successful career, being made a QC in 2006. He was Head of Chambers at 9 Stone Buildings, and a Bencher of the Inn, as well as was also a Recorder. One field of law where he made a name for himself was the rather specialist area of Town and Village Greens, acting both as Counsel and Inspector, involving him in the contentious issues of those who wished to preserve open spaces upon the one side and those who wished to develop on the other. Vivian was very much a family man, enjoying travel, anything involving fresh air in the country in rural Surrey, and more recently, Gloucestershire, classical music, theatre, and opera. Vivian died on 16 November 2017, aged 70, and is survived by his wife Sheila, two daughters and three grandchildren.

*Anthony Peace*

**Richard Jones** (m. 1965)

Richard read Archaeology and Anthropology at Christ's from 1965 to 1968. However the most important event in his life came just before coming up to Cambridge, when he went to teach at a school in Kenya. This led to his lifelong affection for East Africa, its wildlife and its people, and, through yoga classes in Nairobi, to Buddhism. After graduating, he returned to work in Kenya as a tour guide and company representative. Meticulous, and with an acute eye for detail, after some years he was called to assist at the company's head office in Surrey. This proved not to be to his taste, and he was able to escape to hotel management in the West Indies. When he returned to the UK he became an active member of the London Buddhist Vihara in Chiswick. A final spell working in Tanzania was followed by retirement in London, where his time was occupied by working and teaching at the Vihara. It was at this time he was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a fatal condition for which there is no known cause and no known cure. After a slow and painful decline, borne with great dignity, he died on 2 April 2018, aged 72. The respect and affection in which he was held by all was shown by the size of the congregation at his funeral.

*John Hardwick*

**Trevor Bowley** (m. 1967)

Trevor attended Alderman Newton School in Leicester, and followed in his elder brother Anthony's footsteps to Christ's, where he read Law and History. He later made a career in education, both as a teacher and education officer. His retirement years were marred by the onset of Parkinson's disease, which he bore with determination and bravery, until a heart attack suddenly ended his life. Trevor was a dedicated family man, who will be much missed by his wife Joyce, two sons and grandchildren. He also had the capacity to sustain friendships over long times and distances, for which I among others am grateful. Another close friend, Jim Webber, described him as a 'movie buff, intrepid traveller, a perfect gentleman, and above all a great friend'.

*Richard Tebboth (m. 1967)*

**Ian Alexander Martin** (m. 1967)

After a distinguished career at Birkenhead School, Ian won a place to Christ's to read Economics, and went up in 1967. A keen sportsman, he narrowly missed out on a Rugby Blue. He experienced a similar fate at the Other Place, where he studied for his DipEd at St Edmund's Hall. That said, he did play in the Varsity Match for both the LX Club and the Greyhounds, and he was a proud member of the Cambridge Hawks' Club. After a brief foray into teaching at Bedford and Caterham Schools, he followed the invitation of his friend and fellow Old Birkenonian, John Howard, and joined Christie & Co. Here he developed a formidable reputation for himself as a hotel valuer, working with them almost up to his untimely death. Establishing the family home in Caterham also marked the beginning of his long

association with Purley (now Purley John Fisher) RFC. It was at Cambridge that Ian met Janet, who was studying at Homerton College, marrying her in 1970 and founding his family of Emma, Jeremy and Andrew. He was later re-married in 1996 to Barbara (all survive him). An indefatigable 'doer', Ian organised rugby and skiing tours, devoted time and energy to his beloved Purley Rugby Club, both on and off the field, sang in the Croydon Male Voice Choir, and even found time to be the Christ's Year Group Representative. His last game of rugby was in 2001, allowing him to claim that he had played in six decades. He possessed a great sense of humour, and had a keen imagination for nicknames. To borrow a phrase from his long-standing colleague at Christie & Co, Ian was 'small in stature, but a giant of a man'. He passed away on 22 September 2017, a week after his 70th birthday.

*Chris Martin*

**John Frederick Hayward Bennett** (m. 1968)

Bill Bennett (properly John, but always known by his preferred name) very sadly died unexpectedly on 9 May 2018 following a period of ill health. Bill had steadfastly refused all requests from our Year Group Reps for news; beyond a single greeting that he later claimed was unintentional. Thus, the news of his too early death is his first appearance in these pages – an irony he might have enjoyed. At College, where he read English, Bill was a familiar figure on the student left, and he was later active in the Cambridge squatting movement; an experience that usefully informed his subsequent work as a housing officer for Cambridge Council, from which he retired in 2012. He worked for what he believed in, and believed in the work he did; he had no time for pomposity, privilege or injustice, and he was always loyal to the values by which he chose to live. As a poet, he also stayed loyal to the imperative to write. His fierce intelligence, his critical powers and his love of language were never diminished. He was phenomenally well read and well informed; his last email to me touched on the poetry of Housman, travel in Greece, the Romans' use of strigils, the Molesworth books in the context of Tory education policy, recent film animation and definitions of the 'historical' novel – and that was a lightweight instalment. It is difficult to appreciate that such a humane and lively mind is no longer active in the world, and he will be much missed by many. Our thoughts and best wishes go to his loved ones, Alison, Polly and Nicky.

*Richard Warren (m. 1968)*

**James Philip John Trew** (m. 1968)



James was born in London on 11 November 1949. He was the eldest son of James Lesley and Henrica Trew, with a younger brother Michael and a sister Margarita. He attended Brentwood Grammar School before going on to Christ's College, where he obtained a degree in Mathematics. He continued his tertiary education at the University of Birmingham, obtaining an MSc in System Engineering, Radar and Radio Communication. He worked on the GWS 25 Seawolf Project, the defence system used in the Falkland wars. He then worked for Marconi. In March 1976, James immigrated to South Africa, where he worked as a System Engineer at Perseus and Persetel in Pretoria. In 1988 he received Perseus's

Professional Excellence Award. In 1999 he took up a position as System Engineer at Netsys, a weather radar system for airports, where he worked until his retirement in 2014. James got married on 16 July 1983 to Anita and they had two sons, Christopher and Stefan. His favourite hobby was collecting stamps, especially British ones, and he was a member of the Philatelic Society for twenty-three years. He also served in the Red Cross for many years. Other pastimes were Sudoku and reading. As a nature lover, many holidays were spent at either the seaside or in the Kruger National Park. James was a man of great knowledge. He was a loving, helpful, caring husband and a wonderful father. James took ill suddenly and passed away on 5 February 2017 of a heart attack.

*Anita Trew*

### **Stephen John Buckley** (m. 1969)



Steve passed away peacefully on 12 May, 2017, aged 66. He came up to Christ's in 1969 to read Natural Sciences, completing his degree with Part II in Zoology. Steve then remained at Christ's while doing graduate research in the Zoology Department, alongside becoming proficient at darts, while sharing a house on Hertford Street with five other graduate students, all scientists. The 2016 Nobel Laureate in physics, Duncan Haldane (m. 1970), was a frequent visitor. Upon leaving Cambridge, Steve moved to Chichester, West Sussex, and began a career in teaching, ultimately becoming Head of Science at Bishop Luffa School in 1982. After thirty years as a highly respected educator, Steve retired in 2012, and began writing a novel together with his wife, Jenny, whom he had met in Cambridge during his graduate studies. They divided their time in retirement between Chichester and a small house in Beer, Devon. Sadly, his retirement was cut short by illness – Steve died within eighteen months of receiving a diagnosis of motor neurone disease. He is survived by his wife, their three adopted children, and three grandchildren.

*John Lambert (m. 1969)*

### **Jeremy Swinnerton Taylor** (m. 1972)



My father, Jeremy passed away on 9 August 2017, aged 64. Born in Hampstead, London on 12 March 1953 to Tom and Margaret Taylor, Jeremy was the youngest of six and had five sisters. He attended the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School where his father was Headmaster, then took a gap year in the USA prior to beginning his Engineering Degree at Christ's in 1972. He had a calm and relaxed attitude to student life and excellent stamina. Even following the heaviest of nights in the student bar, Jeremy would be on the river Cam for 6am practice with the Christ's Boat Club. On completion of his studies, he moved to Yeovil in Somerset and began working at Westland Helicopters. This is where he met Hazel and they were married on 16 September 1978. In 1982, Jeremy and Hazel decided to adopt, and became parents to Robert and Christopher, aged four and three respectively. Jeremy enjoyed Morris Dancing and skittles, and became a member of the local Amateur Dramatics Society.



Later, the couple would become active in the Methodist Church, running numerous clubs and activity groups for children. As a couple they both lived with complex health issues and it was for these reasons that Jeremy took early retirement. On 18 July 2016, Hazel passed away very suddenly and Jeremy was heartbroken and inconsolable. His health deteriorated rapidly and despite the family's efforts to help him manage the loss, Jeremy passed suddenly on 9 August 2017 due to diabetic complications.

*Robert Taylor*

**Robert Michael Asquith** (m. 1977)

Robert, known as Bob, was born into a Catholic family in Leeds in June 1959. He attended St Michael's College, Leeds, where he excelled academically and he read Economics at Christ's. During our first year, Bob lived in the room next to me in Y block in Third Court. He enjoyed his trips home at weekends, made possible by the recent introduction of high speed trains on the East Coast main line. He was a regular Mass attender, and used to go to Fisher House while in Cambridge. Bob continued to be a committed Catholic and worshipped at St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. After leaving Cambridge, he worked for the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food as an Executive Officer near Hull. He was transferred to the Lawnswood Civil Service site in Leeds and subsequently promoted to Higher Executive Officer. A few months after leaving Cambridge in 1980, I went on holiday to Scotland with Bob and another friend from Christ's, Bernard Disken (m. 1977). We went youth hostelling and camping in Oban and Fort William. One of my fondest memories of time spent with Bob comes from the following year, when I was visiting Bernard in Dewsbury. Bob drove across from Leeds one Sunday and took Bernard and me to Oxenhope where we travelled on the Keighley and Worth Valley railway to visit Haworth and the Brontë Parsonage. On the return journey on the steam train we were able to drink a pint of beer at 4pm, since a moving train was exempt from the old licensing laws. Bob was a proud and plain speaking Yorkshireman. He died in March 2018 and is survived by his two sons Matthew and Christopher, and by his sister who lives in Canada

*Anthony Agius (m. 1977) (with input from Bernard Disken (m. 1977) and Stephen Sadler)*

**David Jaffee** (m. 1977)

David was born on 22 July 1954 in New York and came up to Christ's in 1977 to read History. He had previously received his BA from Harvard University and returned there to complete his PhD after Cambridge. He progressed to become a Professor and taught at City College of New York from 1987 to 2008, and at the Bard Graduate Center, where he was Professor and Director of New Media Studies from 2007 until his death. He wrote *People of the Wachusett* (1999) and *A New Nation of Goods* (2010) and he was also a prolific essayist. David died after a valiant struggle with pancreatic cancer on 20 January 2017, aged 62.

*Adapted from obituary in The New York Times*

**Miles John Whitworth** (m. 1984) \*resubmission from 2017

Miles grew up with his parents and two older sisters, in the New Forest, Hampshire. At secondary school, Miles won a scholarship to Winchester College; however, it was thought preferable for him to go to Taunton School in Somerset as a boarder. He thrived academically, but also discovered an enjoyment of fencing and tennis, playing



in school teams for both sports. At eighteen, he gained an industry sponsorship with British Telecom (BT), and was then awarded a scholarship to read Electronic Engineering at Christ's, where he graduated with a first class honours degree. He went on to hold jobs within large corporations but then decided to set up his own business as a freelance Software engineer and Electronics Consultant. Miles had an interest in photography from childhood, when he had helped in his father's darkroom in the attic. His membership of the Cambridge Camera Club helped him develop his skills and knowledge, going on to win a number of club competitions. His enjoyment of sport continued, for many years into his adult life, and he became a member of both the Cambridge Fencing and Tennis Clubs, where he won a number of awards. He was diagnosed with widespread prostate cancer aged 49. During his last two years, he dedicated himself to giving his time freely to code a new website for the Camera Club, to fund raise for cancer charities, to take part in clinical trials for others' benefit, and to spend time with his family and friends.

*Jennifer McNaught*

**Matthew Neale** (m. 1991) \*resubmission from 2017



Matthew came up to Christ's in 1991 to read Natural Sciences, where he leant towards Zoology and eventually studied for a PhD on the maternal behaviour of spiders. Sporting long blond hair and a beard, Matthew was a passionate pianist-composer, had boundless enthusiasm for D H Lawrence, and was notorious for his drawings which scandalised the more prurient and decorated a late twentieth-century salon, a place of coffee-drinking and free-thinking conversation, massage and music-making. Matthew's doctoral fieldwork took him to the Panamanian rainforest, where he awoke to experiences unattainable in Cambridge: in 1999 he moved to Cairo to teach English for the British Council. Inspired by the friendships he made there, more visual art and poetry flowed forth and he rapidly became fluent in Egyptian and classical Arabic. Profoundly opposed to the ordinary forms of religion, yet excited by the Islamic mystics (Rumi above all), dressed in the rural galabeya, Matthew cut a Socratic figure on the streets of Cairo. Soon he began to split his time between Cairo and Kathmandu, where he entered the Rangjung Yeshe Institute and followed the traditional programme of Mahayana philosophy. Mastering Nepalese, Sanskrit and Tibetan, he took up the Ngagpa robes of a lay Vajrayana practitioner. Returning to the UK after the Arab Spring, he completed a second PhD at Durham and Oxford on the connections between Madhyamaka Buddhism and the Pyrrhonist school of Ancient Greek philosophy. In October 2014 he became a research associate in Buddhism at the Faculty of Divinity in Cambridge, a move which suggested the opening of a brilliant new chapter in his life. However, less than a year later he became ill and was hospitalised with symptoms of AIDS, the disease which led to his death in March 2017, and to the extinguishing of a source of truth and joy in the lives of his many friends.

*Alex South (m. 1990)*

**Tyler Henry Hung** (m. 2006)

Tyler Hung passed away on 20 October 2017 in Singapore, at the age of 29.

I first met Tyler, also known as Henry, as his personal Tutor when he arrived at Christ's in Michaelmas Term 2006 to read Natural Sciences. My immediate impression was of someone with a buoyant spirit, full of joy. His Director of Studies wrote in his very first supervision report that Tyler was 'fun to supervise ... lively and interested, full of ideas and mischief.' This sense of playful mischief never deserted Tyler.

Tyler got easily distracted from his work by his many other interests – particularly music, athletics and other sports of all kinds. He edited various College publications as well as writing for them and even publishing his own cartoons! His Tripos results perhaps suffered, but he never stopped enjoying learning. At the end of his second year he asked to change to Law, which clearly fitted his interests very well, and he graduated after just one year of Law (in 2009 it was still possible to do that).

College grants enabled Tyler to travel, the highlight being a trip to Borneo. His report on the trip – which was supposed to be half a side long – went characteristically over length and ended up two and a half pages long, full of anecdotes about snakes, orang-utans, exotic plants and indigenous tribes.

Tyler made friends easily, and his naturally outgoing and 'larger than life' personality made him a natural student caller for the College's telephone fundraising campaign. After he graduated and moved to Singapore, he kept closely in touch with the College and with me in particular. I encouraged him to return to College regularly. He was dedicated to evangelising for Cambridge, and for Christ's in particular, seeking to nurture and improve the already strong ties between the College and Singapore. He was committed to widening access and worked hard to bring that about through his many personal links and his work with the British Council.

One recent applicant to Christ's from Singapore was asked at interview why he had chosen this College. The applicant replied, 'I had a mentor, Tyler Hung, who had been at Christ's. He was so warm, and had so many friends, from so many countries, who had been at Christ's. Such an amazing international network. I thought: I want to be part of that.'

We will remember Tyler for his dedication to his College and for his warm, infectious smile and personality.

*Robert Hunt (Fellow)*



*Flowers in the Fellows' Garden*

*Photograph by Sarah Proudfoot*

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

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## COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

The College is generally open to members of the public from Monday to Sunday 9am to 4pm (except during the Quiet Period and during the Christmas closure) and the Fellows' Garden is open Monday to Friday only, 9am to 4pm.

In addition, members of Christ's are welcome to visit at any time. Please check in at the Porters' Lodge (St Andrew's Street) on arrival and let the Duty Porter know that you are a member of College.

During full term, Choral Evensong is sung in the College Chapel at 6.45pm on Thursdays and at 6.00pm on Sundays. Members of College are very welcome at services. Information can be found on the College's website: [www.christs.cam.ac.uk](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk)

## MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

### Dining

MAs of the College (with effect from the beginning of the academic year after proceeding to the degree of MA) and PhDs and other higher degree graduates are invited to dine with the Fellows up to ten times per academic year. Those dining assemble in the Senior Combination Room (SCR) (entrance from Second Court) where pre-dinner drinks are available from 7.20pm. Gowns are worn except when dinner is served in the SCR (normally outside the dates of Full Term) and gowns may be borrowed from either the Porters or Butlers if required. After dinner, coffee can be taken in the Fellows' Parlour, or wine and coffee will be served in the SCR on evenings where there is sufficient demand.

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time and Monday to Friday out of term and the first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring an adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement. The current guest cost is £48.40 inclusive of wine (2018–19 academic year) and an invoice will be sent via email after the dinner. Please note that although this price is correct at the time of writing, it is subject to change throughout the

academic year, so please check with the Catering Office at the time of booking. A maximum of six alumni and guests can exercise their dining privileges on any one night and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office on either (01223) 339556 or (01223) 334985 or by email to [cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk).

Bookings must be made before 1pm on the day on which you intend to dine, or by 1pm on the Thursday if you wish to dine on a Sunday. Whilst we encourage you to book in at your earliest convenience, please note that bookings cannot be taken more than three weeks in advance. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

## Accommodation

During term time, the two single student guest rooms in College may be booked by Members, subject to availability.

The guest rooms are C.3 (1st floor level) and C.5 (2nd floor level) and you should note that each guest bathroom is also shared with one student occupant. Bookings may be made by contacting the Accommodation Office on either (01223) 334926 or (01223) 334969, or by email to [accommodation@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@christs.cam.ac.uk).

The College welcomes enquiries about dinners, meeting and conferences. Please contact the Catering Office ([cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk)) regarding dinners and the Conference Office ([conference@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:conference@christs.cam.ac.uk)) regarding meetings and conferences. Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: <http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/alumni/accommodation>

To receive the alumni promotional rate on single rooms, all you need to do is enter the code: **chalum18**. This is the code for 2018, which will change to **chalum19** in 2019 and so on.

## Keeping in Touch Online

You can now use the online community (<https://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk>) to keep in touch with College friends, update your details, write a personal profile, book online for events and much more. The interactive parts of the site are password protected; if you cannot remember your user name or password, please re-register on the site. The Development Office has set up a number of social media channels so you can keep up-to-date with College and alumni news online:

- Join us on Facebook to see photographs of College, hear the latest news and learn about events (<https://www.facebook.com/christscollegecambridge>)
- Follow us on Twitter for news and 'tweets' from College ([https://twitter.com/christs\\_college](https://twitter.com/christs_college))
- Become a member of the Christ's College, University of Cambridge Alumni group on LinkedIn – a great way to make useful professional connections (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2351765>)
- We also have an Instagram account so come and have a look at our photos! (<https://www.instagram.com/christscollegecambridge>)







## Christ's College Cambridge

### Personal Details

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Matric Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

*From time to time we publish lists of donors, please tick this box if you wish your gift to be anonymous*

### Gift Aid Declaration

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the Charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Online Giving

Christ's College website now carries online facilities for single and regular gifts. If you would like to make a gift online please visit <http://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk> and follow the appropriate links.

### Legacy

I would like information about leaving a gift to the College in my will

I have included a gift to the College in my will

Please return this form and direct any enquiries to:

The Development Office  
 Christ's College  
 Cambridge CB2 3BU  
 UK  
 Tel: +44 (0) 1223 334919  
 Fax: +44 (0) 1223 747495  
 email: [development@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@christs.cam.ac.uk)

Registered Charity No. 1137540

## Regular Gift

Standing order mandate

Name of your bank \_\_\_\_\_

Address of your bank \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Sort Code \_\_\_\_\_

Account No \_\_\_\_\_

Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ on the same day each month / quarter / year (delete as appropriate) on the \_\_\_\_\_ (day) of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) until further notice

OR until \_\_\_\_\_ payments have been made (delete as appropriate)

For Office Use: Please make the payment to  
 Christ's College Acc No 03322253 at Lloyds Bank,  
 3 Sidney Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BQ  
 Sort code 30-91-56 quoting reference no. \_\_\_\_\_

## Single Gift

I enclose a cheque / CAF donation payable to Christ's College Cambridge for £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge £ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  Visa  Mastercard  Maestro

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit Security Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Located on the signature strip on the back of the card. For security reasons you may wish to phone, email or send separately.

# DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The College's full data protection statement can be found on the website ([www.christs.cam.ac.uk](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk)).

We use your data to keep in touch with you as alumni (and life-long members of the College) and supporters, in order to keep you apprised of our activities and developments, to provide services to you, and to identify ways in which you can support us, through donations and/or other forms of financial and non-financial support.

Communications to you may be sent by post, telephone or electronic means, depending on the types of communications you wish to receive.

If you have concerns or queries about any of these purposes, or how we communicate with you, please contact us at [development@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@christs.cam.ac.uk).

