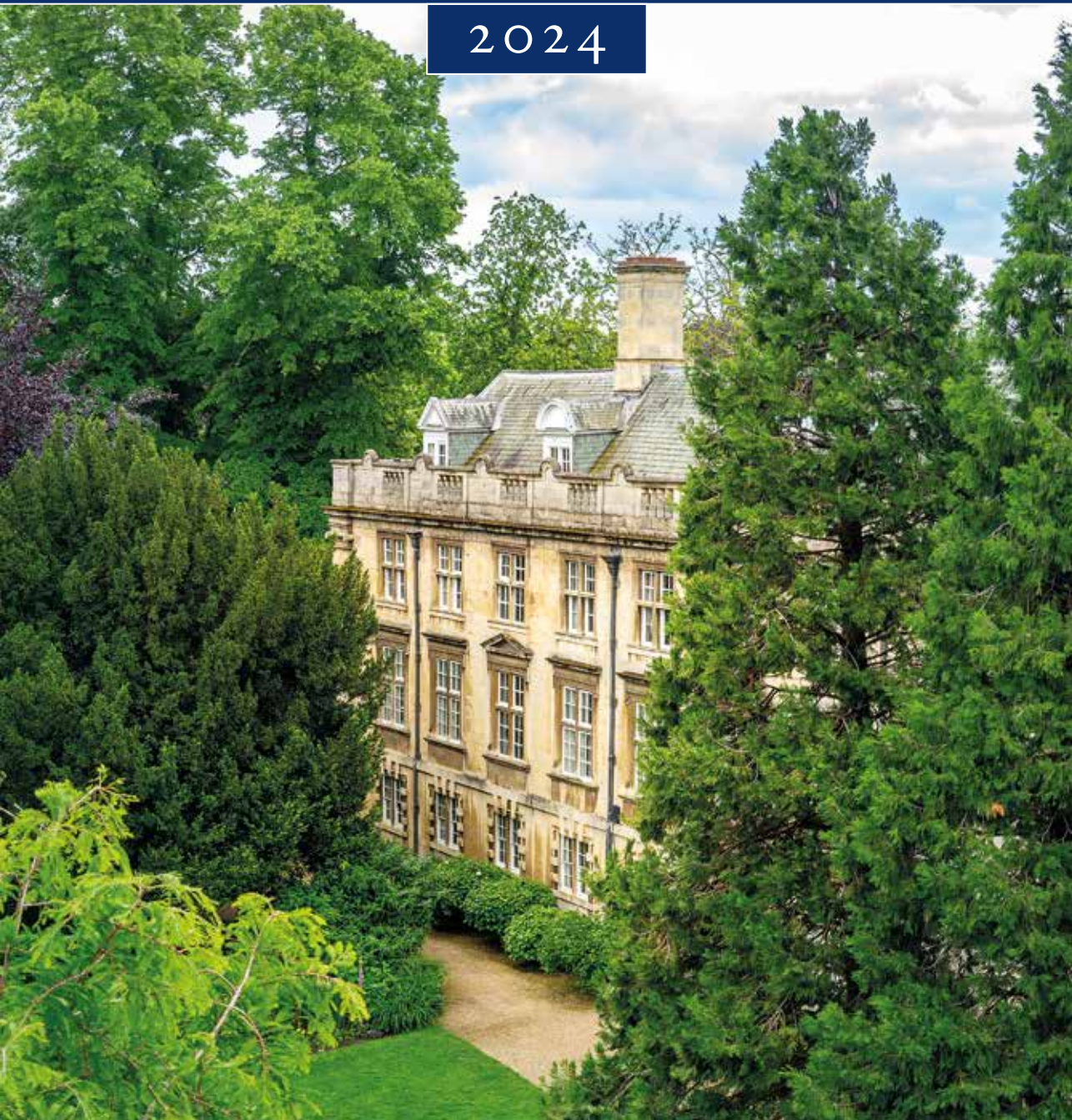


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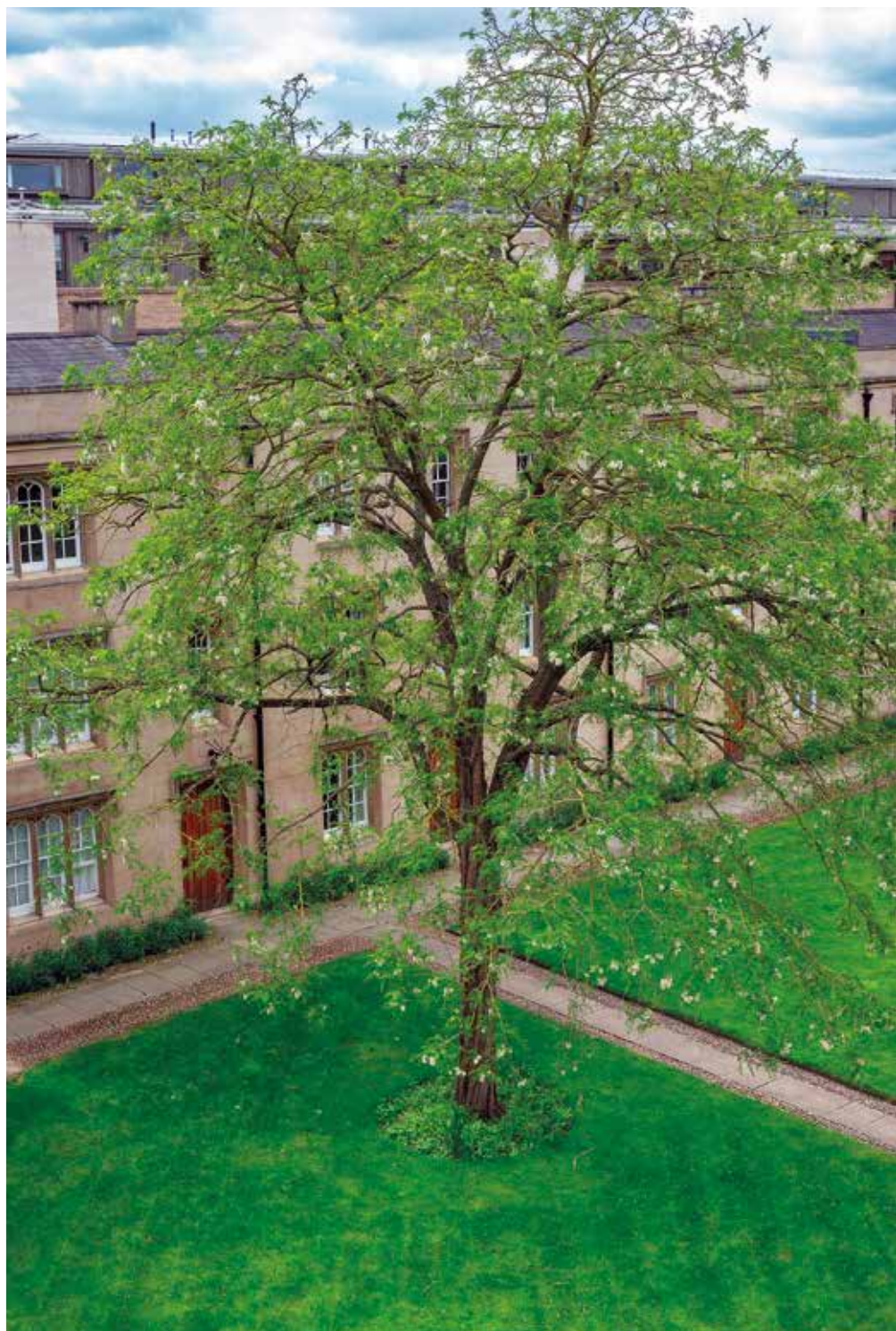
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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

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*Lord McDonald
of Salford*

Last week I celebrated two years as Master. This week I began my second trip overseas for Christ's. I am writing in Hong Kong reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the academic year beginning next month. The alumni welcome in East Asia – and in the US in the spring – has been warmer than my jet lag has been tiring; the Christ's global network is gratifyingly keen to keep in touch.

First, and worth stressing although obvious to anyone following the College, it's been an excellent year. Our students performed brilliantly at Tripos: 48.2% of our finalists took First Class degrees; the percentage for all students was a shade under 40%. Academic excellence lies at the core of everything we do.

Second, extracurricular activities were strong. The Chapel Choir were received enthusiastically everywhere they performed during their tour of New Zealand. The Women's second boat won their oars during Lent Bumps. And one of our Master's students was elected to Parliament: Sam Carling, who matriculated here in 2020 and was JCR president when I arrived in 2022, is now MP for North West Cambridgeshire; he's the first MP to be born this century.

Third, the fabric of the College looks better than ever. Last month, the scaffolding came down in the south-east corner of First Court where the roof shimmers with new Collyweston tiles and all rooms have been refurbished. Not all previous occupants have been able to reclaim their set: because the programme continues with the refurbishment of the south-west corner, the Porters' Lodge has temporarily relocated to the old Law Library with student pigeonholes migrating to H2. The next phase will complete the repair of the remainder of First Court roof.

We have revived the plan to replace the (collapsing) working library in Bath Court. In the spring, Grafton Architects won the competition to design the new building; the project will also see the restoration of Upper Hall and de-gasification of the kitchens. Dr Yusuf Hamied's outstanding generosity allowed us to proceed but

we shall need others' help to finish. In future *Magazines*, I hope to report milestones of this key endeavour, including its completion (fingers crossed) before I step down in 2029.

Two years in, I have almost completed a refresh of the College strategy with members of Governing Body. It won't be a radical document (it doesn't need to be): stewardship of a thriving institution is its main flavour. But the draft gives (even) greater prominence to the green agenda, and to attracting more applications from under-represented groups; it also aims to improve our offer to postgraduate students (particularly, accommodation) and to shift our commercial business away from (more disruptive/less profitable) bed and breakfast towards conferencing and summer schools.

Christ's is looking good and doing well: come and check for yourself! Almost all alumni have dining rights; please join us at High Table!

Simon

McDonald of Salford

PAUL EVEREST



First Court

BURSAR'S UPDATE



Michael Parsons

Income (excluding donations) for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 was £15.8m (2023: £14.1m) and expenditure of £16.4m (2023: £14.8m) was incurred, however this was offset by £0.9m from the one-off revision of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) pension provision, resulting in adjusted expenditure of £15.5m.

The current level of UK tuition fees falls well short of the cost of educating our undergraduates: our education account was in deficit by £3.3m last year (2023: £2.9m deficit) and as a result the College's

reliance on philanthropic support continues to increase.

The investment return from the endowment applied to fund current spending was £6.1m (2023: £5.6m) and although commercial activity is back to pre-COVID levels, the deficit on continuing operations (excluding donations and pension provision movements) was little improved from last year at £0.54m (2023: £0.65m deficit).

Donations income was £5.1m (2023: £5.4m) and without these donations the College's resources are insufficient to maintain its current operations. With donations, total income for the year was £20.9m (2023: £19.5m).

Endowment & Balance Sheet

The Endowment is the College's investment portfolio that is invested for the very long term and provides an annual distribution to the College that supports the College's operations in perpetuity. It is managed completely separately from the College's day-to-day or 'operational' finances.

The College's widely diversified investments performed well in 2023–24 with an overall return of 9.7% (2023: 3.8%); the total return from the College's investments was £15.8m (2023: £6.1m).

The consolidated balance sheet remained strong, with total reserves of £259m (2023: £244m).

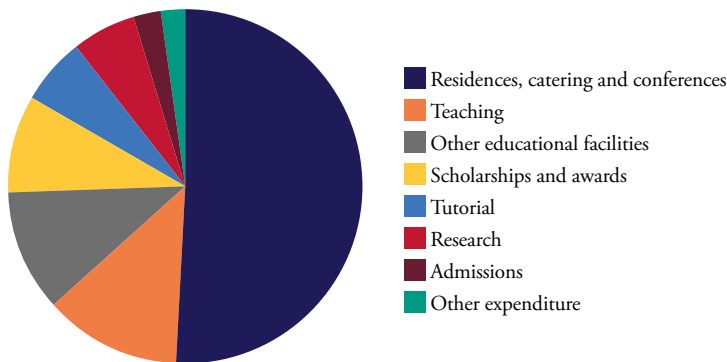
Within this total, Unrestricted reserves are £115m, which include £102m of operational fixed assets (including the domus site). The difference is £13m of "free reserves" (equivalent to approximately nine months of operational expenditure) available to meet unforeseen costs and to invest in capital expenditure.

Capital Programme

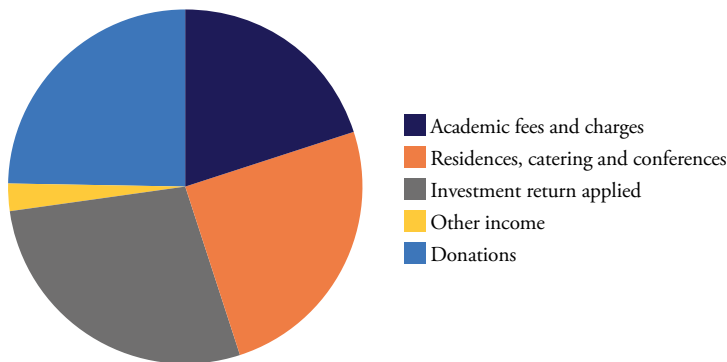
The major project to replace the First Court roofs with new Collyweston tiles, improve insulation, and renew mechanical and electrical installations, is now moving into its final phase (between the Great Gate and the Chapel). This work will continue for the next two years and includes preparing for low temperature heating systems to accommodate future heat pump plans for the domus site. During this time the Porters' Lodge will be relocated temporarily to the old Law Library.

A rolling programme of refurbishment work in the College's hostels, including improving insulation and replacing gas boilers with air-source heat pumps, continues with work underway on three further hostels on Jesus Lane and Willis Road.

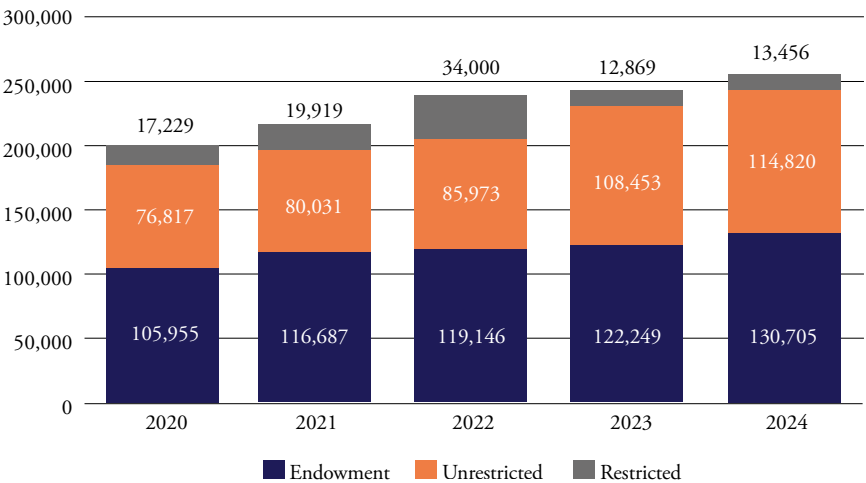
Expenditure 2024 – £15.5m



Income from all Sources 2024 – £20.9m



Reserves £'000



These projects across our built estate will contribute to reducing our energy usage and carbon emissions – a vital contribution to the College's approach to sustainability.

Future Plans

A comprehensive space planning exercise for the domus site was undertaken last year, with recommendations presented to Governing Body in autumn 2023. The masterplan confirmed the need for a significant expansion of flexible study space and the Governing Body re-affirmed its commitment to replacing the existing working library. The Governing Body considered two options for the location of a replacement library and decided it should be built on the site of the current working library. A design competition was held in early 2024 and Grafton Architects have been appointed to design the new library. The Project will also include connection to the Bodley Library (and through it to the Archives and Muniments Room), a revitalised Bath Court, an expanded and improved Upper Hall, and refurbished and electrified kitchens.

Other opportunities emerging from the space planning activity will inform future development priorities.

Outlook

The College continues to face a number of significant financial challenges: frozen home undergraduate fees; the need to sustain and build on our student support (particularly for postgraduates); the demand for improved wellbeing provision; the legacy effects of high inflation; tight labour markets in Cambridge putting pressure on staff costs; and the need to continue to invest in our buildings (for refurbishment, for new facilities and to meet our ambitious sustainability targets).

For the College to continue to adapt, improve and thrive, continued philanthropic support will be vital.

Michael Parsons

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

During the Lent Term one of our students said to me “Time in Cambridge is so strange. A single day can feel so long, then suddenly, three weeks has passed.” I write this, having completed my first full academic year as Senior Tutor, knowing exactly what they mean, and wondering quite how it has flown by so quickly.

One might think that one academic year would be quite like the next. Topped and tailed by Matriculation and Graduation, we have routines, events, and processes that follow a regular pattern. Our Fellows provide teaching and supervision in their areas of academic expertise, our staff support the day-to-day activities of College life, and our students attend lectures, sit exams, and engage in a whole range of interesting and exciting extracurricular events. However, within this aura of familiarity we are exposed to internal and external influences that bring change and variation. Our community changes and develops and new opportunities are seized. A major boon of being Senior Tutor is never quite knowing what each day will bring.

I’m therefore going to take this opportunity to focus on two different, but connected, areas that have been different during the 2023–24 academic year – examination results and wellbeing.

In last year’s *Magazine* article, I highlighted two things that were important to me – opportunity and wellbeing – and stated a desire to see our students engage with a range of academic and non-academic activities. I also told you that we had just appointed a new College Nurse and Wellbeing Advisor. Having a full-time professional mental health nurse has transformed the pastoral and wellbeing support in the College. For several years, we have provided access to external counselling support to our students. Now, with the Nurse’s expertise, along with changes in the University provision, we have been able to provide rapid, appropriate and effective support in-house for a wide range of health needs. The positive feedback on this appointment and the impact it has had within the College has been wide-ranging and expansive.

This has also allowed us to think proactively about how to improve the general wellbeing of our students. One-to-one support is fantastic to have, but what can we do to help our students collectively, to build up their resilience, increase their ability to manage their daily lives and therefore engage effectively in College and University life? Thinking about this, we applied for, and were awarded, funding from the University College Wellbeing Stimulus Fund. The money received will allow us to introduce a range of changes and initiatives that have been shaped by student input and will, we hope, reduce the anxieties of neurodivergent students enabling them to more fully participate in all aspects of College and University.

Now for examination results. Many students who took their examinations in the summer of 2023 did not receive their results to the normal timelines. The impact of a marking and assessment boycott meant that it was not until almost the end of November 2023 that we had the complete set of examination results for all students. This was disruptive to many students, interfering with plans post-graduation, hindering applications for postgraduate study, and resulted in many continuing students starting the 2023–24 academic year without knowing how they’d done the year before. Hopefully, this situation will not occur again.

This therefore puts me in a unique position of being able to report on the academic results for both 2022–23 and 2023–24 at the same time. I am very pleased to be able

to say that in both years our students did exceptionally well. My congratulations are extended to all of them, and to those other members of the College who have taught, supported and looked after them. Obviously, there is a lot of data associated with examination results, but for most of you I imagine just the headline figures are of interest. Therefore, and using the official University figures, in 2022–23, 41.7 % of Christ's students got First Class marks and 88.7 % got either a First or an Upper Second (what the Office for Students describes as Good Honours). This placed our students above those at all other Colleges in Cambridge. In 2023–24, these figures were very similar at 38.8% and 87.3%, putting our students second and third across all Colleges respectively. A fantastic achievement from all those involved.

These results highlight the academic talent within the College. Talent that we see continued in our postgraduate community. In fact, two of our postgraduate students have had their research, on deaf and disabled histories, and cancer research respectively, highlighted by the main University this year. It is not just academic talent that we see at Christ's. This year our students have excelled in university and international level sports, performed music at an international level, and participated in national and international drama and theatre. In many ways it is these aspects of the College that make Christ's such a rich and rewarding place to live, work and study.

June this year saw the biennial transformation of the College grounds that happens with the Christ's May Ball. The theme this year was A Midsummer Night's Dream, and many students celebrated the end of the year, and in some cases, their time at Christ's, with friends throughout the night.

For those of you who have been into the College in the last few years you will be aware that we have been engaged in several large and important building projects. These include the fabulous Yusuf Hamied Court and the renovation of First Court. This year has seen us appoint the award-winning Grafton Architects to design a new library. This is going to be an extremely exciting project and provides the opportunity to create a resource that will provide a heart and hub to the College for decades to come. More on this next year.

Tom Monie

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Christ's, like other Colleges of the University, selects its students on the basis of academic achievement and potential alone. At the same time, we seek to grow the pool of applicants from which we make our selection so that it better represents the range of young people with the ability to succeed at Cambridge, across subjects. Over the past year, we've reviewed and expanded our outreach activities to try to ensure that we encourage disciplinary diversity at the College as well as social diversity, maintaining a balance between the Arts and the Sciences without sacrificing our ambition to attract students from a wide range of backgrounds.

The flagship activities in the Christ's outreach calendar are our four residential events. The first of these to take place in 2024 was the annual Christ's-Trinity Women in Maths Residential, now in its seventh iteration and so heavily over-subscribed that this year we had to arrange a second "mop-up" Mathematics event at the College, as well as directing some disappointed applicants of an applied mathematical bent towards the parallel Women in Economics taster series. Next up was the new World of Words Residential, a joint venture with King's for students interested in languages, literature and culture, supported by Fellows of both Colleges across Asian & Middle Eastern Studies, Classics, English, Linguistics, and Modern & Medieval Languages (with a bonus session on hieroglyphics from current Wallis Budge Fellow, Alex Loktionov, who enjoyed himself so much he will be staying on at Christ's as our Access Bye-Fellow in 2024–25).

Our third residential, Experience Christ's, is also a new venture, replacing the previous Low Participation Neighbourhood Summer School with a programme better aligned to the University's Access and Participation Plan targets, which have been refreshed to focus on under-represented and deprived regions. Like World of Words, this residential offers its attendees the opportunity to sample a range of subjects, including Architecture, Design, Engineering and Law. Last but not least in the outreach calendar, the Christ's-King's Bridging Course, now in its fifth iteration, allows offer-holders who have experienced educational disruption the chance to spend time in Cambridge and start building social networks and navigating the transition between A-levels and undergraduate study before the Michaelmas Term gets underway.

These aren't, of course, the only occasions when secondary school students stay overnight in College. Christ's is a proud participant in the cross-collegiate STEM SMART scheme, which provides free complementary Science and Maths teaching to young people from groups that are statistically less likely to progress to Higher Education. As part of STEM SMART, we accommodate twenty Year 12 students for several nights each August. Year 12 students from our designated Link Areas of Harrow, Herefordshire, Lincolnshire and Worcestershire are also welcomed to the College during the University Open Days in the July, enlivened this summer by a foreign affairs Q&A with the Master.

Alongside our residential events, we run many one-day events, and in 2024 these included our inaugural Medicine Taster Day, when 270 aspiring Medics attended in-person and online events delivered by Christ's Fellows. We offered taster series in Biological Natural Sciences, English and History on the themes of Charles Darwin, John Milton and Lady Margaret Beaufort, respectively, as well as a programme of in-person school visits and webinars intended to support prospective Cambridge

*Dr Mike
Housden and Dr
Emily Tomlinson
with the winners
of the 2024
Access Abroad
Hong Kong Essay
Competition*



undergraduates at different stages of the application process, from choosing their A-level subjects to crafting a personal statement. We are particularly keen to provide advice and resources for groups otherwise neglected by the broader Collegiate University: home-educated students, expatriates from the UK, and post-qualification applicants.

Most of our webinars and all our multi-subject Open Days are accessible to students from any type of school, any social context and any country, and we try to arrange offer-holder support in the form of mentoring and/or STEP tutoring for every candidate whom we believe would benefit from it. Christ's has long been one of the most international Cambridge Colleges, and we are unusual in the diversity of our non-UK students, both in the range of countries and the range of backgrounds represented: many come from state-regulated, low- or no-cost schools, and a significant proportion are in receipt of scholarships or sponsorship. The inclusivity and variety of the Christ's community are routinely cited by British and non-British undergraduates as College strengths, and we take active steps to preserve those strengths, engaging in targeted outreach in several countries outside the UK.

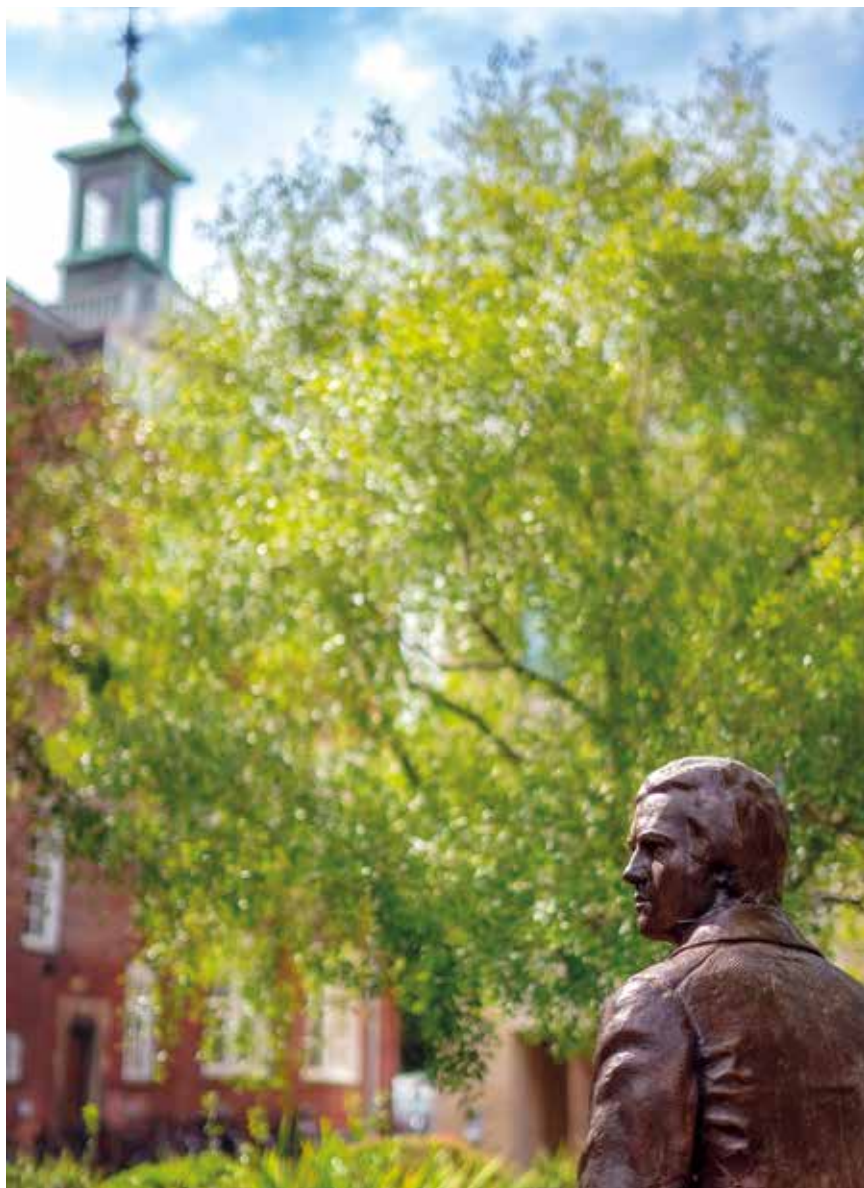
Some of our work abroad is funded by the University, some is funded through the generosity of alumni and supporters, and some through corporate sponsorship. Much of it is delivered in partnership with student-led organisations and in-country advocates for widening participation, particularly Project Access International, but also Maths Beyond Limits, the Nordic Study Abroad Community and the Academy for Talented Youth: organisations which have between them enabled us to attract outstanding candidates who would otherwise not have applied to Cambridge from (among others) Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Malaysia, Poland, Singapore, Sweden and Vietnam. In 2024, we added a new partnership to the list, with Access Abroad Hong Kong, running an essay competition for low-income students for which the prizes included mock "supervisions" from Christ's Fellows and (more excitingly) an all-inclusive, corporate sponsored trip to the UK during the University Open Days.

None of our work, in Cambridge or elsewhere, would be possible without the many individuals who take an active interest in Admissions and Outreach at Christ's.

I am especially grateful to my team, Fran Daly, Kristy Guneratne, Hayley Stephen, and Ellie Wood, to Bridging Course leads Paul Fannon and Jenny Gibson, to STEP tutor Jan Wijek, to the Senior Tutor and other Fellows and Directors of Studies involved in the admissions process, to our supporters in the alumni community, and to our tireless outreach volunteers in the undergraduate and postgraduate community. I should also record thanks to College Cats and Instagram stars Finch and Baines, who may be sadly lacking as welfare assistants, but are routinely cited by our applicants as the reason they applied to Christ's.

Emily Tomlinson

PAUL EVEREST



*Darwin sculpture
in New Court*

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

It has been an enjoyable and exciting challenge during my first full year as Chaplain to explore ways of making the Chapel accessible to a wider section of the College community. In essence, it is a shared space where we can come together to reflect, rejoice and learn in an atmosphere of acceptance and peace. Ensuring that all-comers are welcome and feel they can both receive and contribute something – regardless of background or belief – is an imperative of this chaplaincy.

We began Michaelmas Term exploring the impact of Artificial Intelligence on our lives, considering what it means to be human in an age where robots are being developed to meet our every need and, in some areas, replace us. I was delighted to welcome Fellow and President Richard Mortier to give an address at Evensong. As Professor in Computing and Human-Data Interaction he was particularly well-placed to kick off the AI series. More Fellows followed him during the year, ascending our pre-Reformation eagle lectern as part of my attempt to encourage greater participation and enable colleagues to share their experience and views. After all, why go abroad for speakers when there are treasures at home? The Michaelmas sermon series was stimulating and well-received. We learned from speakers reflecting on issues of sustainability, justice, creativity and mortality, with Kathleen Richardson, Professor of Ethics and Culture of Robots and AI at De Montfort University giving a particularly thought-provoking address on the moral implications of 'sexbots'.

In Lent Term we shifted our gaze to think about language with our series 'Polyglot Poets, Prophets and Peacemakers'. I had thought it might be fun to have the lessons at Evensong in different languages during the term, with the English translation in the pew sheet. Emailing the students to ask if anyone would like to read in their mother tongue or a language they were learning, I was delighted to be inundated with volunteers. From Arabic to Greek, Indonesian to Ukrainian, we had twenty different languages spoken on Sundays throughout the term (with five people volunteering to read in Chinese alone!). The Choir also stepped up to the mark, singing anthems in ten different languages, including Cantonese and Latvian.

As part of this series we were addressed by our Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy, Dr Farbod Akhlaghi (in splendid national dress), on the poet Rumi; and by second-year Law student Qinglan Du, who spoke inspirationally about her time in the Jerusalem Youth Chorus before singing in Arabic and Hebrew. At the end of term we were treated to a rendition in an Evensong service of *Sponsus*, a sung dramatization of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins from medieval Aquitaine which the Choir performed in Latin and Occitan. Providing a new



The Master and Chaplain with student Qinglan Du after her address in Chapel



*The Choir relaxing
by the aquarium*

translation and score, Dr Mary Franklin-Brown, Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages, gave a fascinating address and it was truly thrilling to hear a little-known text from 1050–1100 brought alive in the Chapel.

Not all languages are spoken with the mouth and we were delighted to welcome Father Paul Fletcher, Chaplain to the Catholic Deaf Association, who preached for us in British Sign Language with an interpreter relaying his message verbally. We were delighted to be joined in this service by members of the deaf community from around Cambridge, two of whom brought their hearing dogs with them. ‘Hmm’, I thought, ‘that gives me an idea for the next sermon series...’.

Easter Term began with a couple of innovations. Having decided on the theme ‘Celebrating Creatures’, it seemed an obvious move to install an aquarium into the ante-chapel. Given that fish are proven to have a positive impact on mental health, what could be more appropriate for exam term than a tank of tropical fish serenely gliding through the water? This proved an instant hit with students and was much visited throughout the term. Additional members of the animal kingdom were welcomed into Chapel on the first Sunday of term when we held our first ever Pet Service. While ‘Blessing of the Animals’ services are fairly common fixtures in the life of a parish church I suspect this was one of the first, if not the first in an Oxbridge chapel. It was wonderful to see students and staff interacting with and enjoying dogs, cats and guinea pigs. Those who could not bring their pet in-person (so to speak) brought a picture instead, and a quacking time was had by all.

Our speakers for the rest of the term were interesting and challenging. From our own Daniel Field, Professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Strickland Curator of Ornithology, talking humorously and movingly about the wonders of birds; to speakers from Compassion in World Farming, the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, and a Franciscan Friar discussing our relationship with, and responsibility towards other inhabitants of this planet.

In addition to Evensong, we have begun to offer evening Eucharistic services on major feasts, giving the choir an opportunity to sing some beautiful mass settings.

This we did on All Souls' Day (Fauré), Candlemas (Britten), Ash Wednesday and Corpus Christi (Kodály); with a Jazz Mass in Lent Term led musically by second-year musician and Choir member Manav Paul. Compline continues to be extremely popular and not just, I feel, because of the post-service port and hot chocolate, enjoyable though that is. Discussion evenings have also run throughout each term during the year, with 'Picturing Faith' sessions exploring scriptural narratives through the lens of artistic representations; and 'Lectio Divina' (a contemplative method for discussing biblical texts), coming to the fore in Lent and Easter. All in all it has been a fruitful and enjoyable year during which I've had the opportunity to meet a good number of alumni at Evensong and dinner. I do hope to meet even more of you in the coming year and, if incentive is needed, the Michaelmas 2024 sermon series will be on the sense of taste, with palate-appropriate post-service refreshments provided after addresses on sweet, salty, sour, bitter and umami. Do join us to tickle the tastebuds, stretch the mind and refresh the soul.

Rev'd Dr Helen Orchard

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



I write this at the end of July, reflecting on my first academic year as Development Director of Christ's. Our final event of the year has just passed – a wonderful reunion for the 1954 year group, who celebrated their 70th anniversary of matriculation with a splendid lunch, excellent conversation and a fascinating exhibition of the College Plate. For me, the day encapsulated my first year back in this special place. After 70 years, the 1954 'boys' (as they call themselves!) are so proud of their enduring friendships, their sense of community and their affection for Christ's. As one said to me at lunch, 'I feel as welcome today as I did the first time I walked through those gates.'

Indeed, the last academic year has seen us welcome around 1000 alumni to events here in College and a further 250 to our Temple Church Carols and Tate Britain events in London. On our Spring trip to the US, the Master and I met over 90 alumni in eight cities across ten days. No matter the location or generation, the things that have lit up every room have been a genuine love for Christ's, a lively interest in the College today, its students and Fellows, and an acknowledgement that the time spent here has been hugely influential, even transformational, for our alumni. Put simply, whether it is 70 years, 40 years, or just a few, that sense of community, and that love for this most special of places, shines strongly across the world.

I have hugely enjoyed meeting so many alumni this year; the welcome I have received has been universally warm and supportive. In particular, I offer my thanks to the alumni members of our Alumni and Development Committee – Mark Davies (Chair), Soumen Das, Jennifer Heywood, Susan Hill, Misiek Piskorski, Bindesh Shah and Jim Warwick – who give so much of their time and energy to support this department, along with our Fellows, staff, and the wonderful Development team, Jonty, Fiona, Owen and Paul, who have worked so hard this year.

The 2024–25 academic year will kick off with our September reunions, the Blades Regatta, and a trip to meet alumni in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia. We have events scheduled that will celebrate sport, music, the College's heritage and the achievements of our Fellows, students and alumni. I hope that you will join us, and do remember that alumni are always welcome to exercise their dining privileges and dine at High Table. We would love to see you.

In the 2023 *Magazine* I wrote that 'now, more than ever, the generous support of our alumni makes possible so many of the wonderful and vital things we are able to achieve in College.' As you will see from the Bursar's report, the same remains true in 2024. In the last financial year, almost 1100 alumni have made philanthropic gifts to the College totalling just over £5m. They have made possible the many grants and bursaries offered to support our students and ensure that they can make the most of their time at Christ's, academically and beyond. They have enabled us to invest in both conserving our beautiful historic buildings and in making provision for a greener, more sustainable future for the estate. And they have allowed us to undertake dedicated outreach work across the UK and internationally to ensure that we attract the brightest students with the most potential to Christ's, whatever their financial means.

Of the many wonderful gifts to College last year, some merit special mention. We have been delighted to receive a trio of gifts focused on offering support to international students, to ensure that the high costs of studying in the UK do not present a barrier to young people with potential from across the world. Sukanya Rajaratnam (m. 1993) was admitted as a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow after endowing a new international award for female students from Commonwealth countries in Asia. Likewise, the Parvathi Foundation (Lukshmi Selvarajah, m. 1999) has established a similar award for students from Asia, and Elwyn Wong (m. 1976) has established a fund to support students from across the world to benefit from a Christ's education. Elsewhere, the ever-generous Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation has helped us purchase another house on Emmanuel Road to increase further the amount of accommodation we can offer to our flourishing postgraduate community. Peter Attfield (m. 1977) and his wife Alison have established the Attfield Fund to benefit scientists in College, in the same way that the Levy-Plumb Fund supports so many students in the arts and humanities. Thank you, all.

I would also like to thank the many hundreds of alumni who continue to donate regularly to our Annual Fund, year in, year out. In the face of ever-rising costs and static tuition fees, unrestricted philanthropic income is becoming ever more important to the long-term sustainability of the College. Indeed, a striking 50% of our fundraised income in the 2023–24 year was as a result of our alumni generously remembering Christ's in their wills. We are honoured that so many alumni choose to safeguard the College's future by leaving a legacy and do encourage you, if you would like, to let us know so that we can say 'thank you' at our annual Fisher Society event for legators.

Several Old Members have been in touch to ask whether the lack of a Telephone Campaign in 2024 indicates that the College does not have fundraising priorities and targets at the present time. Whilst we have been rethinking how and when we contact our alumni, that is certainly not the case. Core fundraising priorities, like teaching and student support, remain at the heart of our work, and new projects are on the horizon. The Pritzker Prize-winning Grafton Architects are beginning the process of designing a much-needed new library, linked to a refurbished Upper Hall, kitchens and Bath Court. We are committed to investing in a refreshed approach to student well-being and a redoubled focus on outreach in under-represented regions of the UK. All of these projects will rely on the generosity of our alumni to make our aspirations a reality, and we will share more information soon, as well as ways that you can help. We hope that, just as for the 1954 year group, your sense of community and your affection for Christ's will inspire you to support this place of excellence, of transformation, and above all, of friendship.

Alexandra Rowlands

SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as of October 2024 in order of election in the various categories, and records higher doctorates, external honours and membership of some learned societies. The date in brackets indicates the date of original election.

Master

Lord McDonald of Salford GCMG KCVO

Fellows

1961 Dr John Rathmell
 1962 Professor Cecil Courtney LittD
 1969 Professor John Wilson ScD
 1971 Dr David Jones
 1972 Professor Geoffrey Ingham
 1976 Professor Frank Kelly CBE FRS
 1976 Dr William Peterson
 1978 Dr Kelvin Bowkett (1966)
 1983 Professor David Reynolds FBA
 1983 Professor Gareth Rees
 1986 Professor Susan Bayly
 1987 Professor Nicholas Gay
 1994 Professor Sir David Klenerman FRS FRSC
 FMedSci
 1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)
 1998 Dr Robert Hunt
 2001 Professor Marcelo Fiore
 2006 Professor Caroline Vout FSA
 2006 Dr Sophie Read
 2007 Dr Julia Shvets
 2008 Dr Elena Punskeya
 2008 Professor Sanjeev Goyal FBA
 2010 Professor Duncan Bell (2004)
 2010 Professor Tom Monie (2006)
 2011 Professor Sarah Radcliffe FBA
 2013 Dr Richard Williams
 2014 Professor Gábor Betegh
 2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer
 2015 Professor Christopher Thomas
 2015 Professor David Trippett (2009)
 2016 Professor Richard Mortier
 2016 Dr Edward Allen
 2016 Dr Andrew Stewart
 2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson
 2017 Dr Harriet Lyon
 2017 Dr Mike Housden
 2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran
 2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla
 2018 Dr Sam Stanier
 2019 Professor Daniel Field
 2019 Dr Mary Franklin-Brown
 2019 Dr James Jones
 2019 Dr Henry Bradford
 2019 Professor Mark Girolami
 FRSE FREng

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 2020 Professor Chiara Giorio
 2020 Professor Hrvoje Jasak
 2021 Dr Anna Protasio
 2021 Paul Fannon
 2021 Michael Parsons
 2021 Alex Savu
 2021 Dr Camilla Nord
 2021 Dr Stephanie Rohner
 2021 Dr Matthew Ward
 2022 Professor Chris Pickard
 2022 Dr Irit Katz (2020)
 2022 Dr Henry Spelman (2015)
 2022 Dr Ori Mautner
 2022 Dr Kareem Estefan
 2022 Professor Jane Stapleton
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 2023 Dr Paul Barker
 2023 Revd Dr Helen Orchard
 2023 Dr Damon Wischik
 2023 Dr Joanna Bellis
 2023 Alexandra Rowlands
 2023 Dr Marcella Montagnese
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 2023 Dr Luca Sapienza
 2023 Dr Arianne Urus
 2023 Dr Richard Tse
 2024 Martin Spooner
 2024 Dr Lucas Sá
 2024 Professor Deborah Prentice
 2024 Dr Rob Doubleday (2014)
 2024 Dr Lewis Graham
 2024 Miles Kempton
 2024 Professor Jenny Gibson (2020)
 2024 Benjamin Tan
 2024 Dr Christoph Schran
 2024 Ella Grunberger-Kirsh
 2024 Thomas Cressy

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1962 Dr Alan Munro
 1963 Professor Peter Landshoff
 1966 Dr Robert Diamond
 1969 Professor Martin Johnson FRS FRCOG
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 1969 Dr Visvanathan Navaratnam
 1969 Professor Peter Rayner
 1974 Professor Andrew Cliff FBA
 1976 Professor David Sedley FBA
 1985 Professor Ian Leslie FREng
 1990 Dr Richard Batley

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1978 Professor Sir Peter Hirsch FRS (1960)
 1984 Professor Barry Supple CBE LittD FBA
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 1984 Sir Robin Nicholson FRS (1961)
 1990 Sir Rodric Braithwaite GCMG
 1991 Professor Sir Dillwyn Williams MD
 1993 Professor Sir Christopher Ricks FBA (1975)
 1995 Professor Sir Simon Schama CBE Hon LittD
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 1998 Dr Adrian Ning Hong Yeo (1970)
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 2005 Professor Sir David Cannadine LittD FBA
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 2005 Professor Dame Linda Colley DBE FBA
 FRSL FRHistS (1979)
 2005 Rt Hon Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL
 2008 Professor Quentin Skinner FBA (1962)
 2008 Dr Yusuf Hamied Hon ScD FRS (2004)
 2009 Professor Sir James Smith FRS FMedSci (2001)
 2009 The Rt Hon Sir Martin Moore-Bick PC
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 2010 Sir Hugh Pelham FRS FMedSci (1978)
 2013 Professor Sir Michael Edwards OBE Hon LittD
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 2019 Sweet Keat Heng
 2020 Professor Simon Tavaré FRS (2004)
 2022 Professor Dame Theresa Marteau
 DBE (2015)
 2023 Professor Sir Peter Mathieson FRCP
 FMedSci FRSE
 2023 Annilese Miskimmon
 2024 Professor Chris Frith FRS FBA

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1999 Dr David Webster
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthams
 2005 Professor David Rowland
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipouros
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys
 2014 Professor Steven Murdoch (2008)
 2015 Rupert Brown
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall
 2018 Professor Richard Turner (2016)
 2020 Mark Lewisohn
 2020 Dr Nuno Miguel Oliveira
 2020 Dr David Wallis
 2021 Dr Tony Jewell
 2021 Dr Ho-On To (2017)
 2022 Alan Brown
 2022 Dr Matthew Cheetham
 2022 Professor Dominic de Cogan (2014)
 2022 Dr Charlotte Houldcroft
 2022 Dr Anthony Ng
 2022 Professor David Norman (2002)
 2022 Dr Nick Pyper
 2022 Dr Stanley Strawbridge
 2022 Professor Boris Kashnikov
 2023 Dr Anthony Coyne (2016)
 2023 Sandi Toksvig OBE
 2023 Dr Fran Eastwood
 2023 Dr Holly Giles
 2023 Dr Sharon Lee
 2024 Dr Maria Rostovskaya
 2024 Dr Yvonne Sherratt
 2024 Dr Marissa Smit-Bose
 2024 Jonathan Haines
 2024 Dr Alexandre Loktionov (2019)
 2024 Dr Blanka Grzegorcyk
 2024 Dr Ilona Kater
 2024 Kelvin MacDonald
 2024 John West

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 1998 Shelby White
 2008 Dr Michael Halstead (2002)
 2009 Elizabeth Reddaway (2004)
 2010 Michael Perlman
 2021 David Ball (2011)
 2022 Professor Jim Secord (2008)
 2022 Professor Charlie Kennel
 2024 Professor Ash Amin CBE FBA (2011)

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 2001 Lady Jill Campbell
 2004 Guy Whittaker
 2004 Cecil Hawkins
 2006 Alfred Harrison
 2008 Graham Clapp
 2009 Professor Stephen Blyth
 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE FRS
 2013 Richard Gnodde
 2013 Simon Palley
 2016 Jim Warwick
 2016 Dr Jane Dominey
 2018 Amanda Hawkins
 2023 Leda Nelis
 2023 Hendrik Nelis
 2023 Hon James Suenson-Taylor
 2023 Sukanya Rajaratnam

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1999 Sir Li Ka-Shing KBE
 1999 Fiona Fattal
 1999 Chia-Ming Sze
 2004 Solina Chau

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Professor Nathan Kutz, Professor, Department of Applied Mathematics and Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Washington, 2023-24
 Professor Michael Schapira, Professor of Computer Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2024-25

New Senior Members



Joanna Bellis

JOANNA BELLIS elected a Fellow

I joined Christ's in September 2023 as a Fellow in English, after a happy few years in Queens' (Cambridge), and before that in Oxford.

I'm a medievalist, which means that I have the lovely task of teaching the newly arrived first-years in their first term at Cambridge. Part I of the English degree is a slow march through time from 1300 to the present day, and the first instalment of that is "English Literature and its Contexts, 1300-1550". 1300-1550 was a wild time to be alive: the Black Death first swept through Europe in 1347; for forty years from 1378 there were two, and then briefly three, people claiming to be Pope; in England in 1381 the peasants revolted (as their counterparts had done in France some decades earlier, the rebellions known as the Jacquerie); at the same time, Wycliffe's ideas were taking hold, and in 1401 Henry IV burnt the first Lollard, William Sawtre. Throughout all this, England and France (with occasional involvement from Spain, Portugal, Burgundy, Scotland) were intermittently at war, a war normally end-dated at 1453 although England kept hold of Calais until 1558, and the nostalgic claim to France died hard for the Lancastrians and the Tudors alike.

That conflict (The Hundred Years War) is what my research has been interested in: my first book, *The Hundred Years War in Literature* (Cambridge, 2016) traced the ideology of its narration from fourteenth century contemporaries (chroniclers, political poets) to history plays (by Shakespeare and others) that brought it to the stage in the late sixteenth century. Through that, I discovered the little-known John Page, whose verse account of Henry V's siege of Rouen in 1418-19 I then edited (for *Middle English Texts*, 2015). His poem is remarkable: it has profound literary aspirations ("A more solempne sege was neuyr sette / Syn Jerusalem and Troy were gette") and makes assertive truth-claims about its eyewitness status ("the better telle I may, / For at that sege with the kyng I lay"). It is a deeply propagandist and deeply troubled account that ultimately fails, valiantly, to reconcile its loyalism with its compassion. At one point the garrison ejected those unable to assist in its defence, and these 'bouches inutiles' (the old, the young, the vulnerable) were not permitted to pass the enemy lines and disperse; instead they had to spend the winter sheltering in the ditch surrounding the city walls, where many thousands of them died. Page is unflinching about the horror of this spectacle; and equally unhesitating about the justice of Henry V's cause. He likens the cognitive dissonance of apprehending, in the same field of vision, the starving Rouennais citizens and the splendid pavilions of their besiegers, to beholding a diptych: "As helle and heuyn ben partyd ato, / That one of welle, and þat othyr of wo."

That editing project was possibly the most satisfying academic work I've ever done; and following that I got the editing bug, and have been part of a team preparing a new *Complete Works of Chaucer* for CUP. I'm also beginning a new book on the genre of eyewitness writing in the Middle Ages. Great claims were made for eyewitnessing: the cornerstone of historiography, the foundation of faith. Medieval people believed the Trojan War to have been eyewitnessed (by Dares Phrygius on the Trojan side, Dictys Cretensis on the Greek): "They were present

and seyen everydel, / And as it fel they write trewe and wel”, declared Lydgate in the Troy Book. What kind of truth claims did literary eyewitnesses like Page, asserting their veracity whilst yearning for fictional modes of expression (epic, chanson de geste) believe they were making? How did they understand the ethical parameters bounding the idea of verisimilitude?

Most students haven’t read any medieval literature when they begin their English degree; some may have encountered the odd Canterbury Tale. They tend to approach it with trepidation, and their expectations of how much they might enjoy it are rather low. It is great fun every year to see how surprising, urgent and moving medieval literature continues to be. I am deliberately avoiding the word ‘relevant’, as though its value resides only in its relation to us; likewise the word ‘modern’, as though anything that feels progressive about the Middle Ages was ahead of, rather than proper to, its time. But these words crop up, as students navigate their relationship to the past: what are its claims on me? what are my duties towards it? Those questions animate the study of historical literature in compelling ways. One of the most fun things we do is look at some of the medieval books in Christ’s (facilitated magnificently by our librarians): Higden’s *Polychronicon*, Stow’s 1561 Chaucer, illuminated Books of Hours, a thirteenth century Bible with the signature in verse, ‘benet reynolds is my name / and with my pen i writ the same / and if my pen it had been better / I should haue mend it euey letter’; and the reply on the next page, ‘Ann is my name and if my pen had ben better i had mened meny letters.’

I don’t have pink hair any more, alas (it was as glorious as it was short-lived). When not gushing about the Middle Ages I play the cello a bit, read fiction, kid-wrangle, swim in Christ’s pool, and get up to the Lake District from time to time (a pretty great place to grow up, would recommend).

THOMAS CRESSY elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am humbled and thrilled to be chosen as a George Kingsley Roth Research Fellow. My research focus for the past decade has primarily been on global and cultural reception histories of European baroque music, affect theory, popular culture, ritual and religion, and material anthropology. Christ’s will provide and excellent base for me to continue my work on music, which finds an unstable home at the intersection between social anthropology, social theory, Japanese studies, and historical musicology.



Thomas Cressy

After moving to Scotland from Cyprus as a child, I studied music (composition and aesthetics) at the University of Glasgow (MA First Class honours); then I was selected as a Japanese MEXT Research Scholar and spent four years in Japan, which resulted in an MA in Musicology (distinction, Acanthus Prize) from Tokyo University of the Arts. My life in Japan inspired me to further study Japanese culture and society, which I did on a MSc (distinction) Social Anthropology course at the University of Oxford. For my subsequent PhD thesis at Cornell University, I wrote an ethnographic and anthropological reception history of J.S. Bach’s music in Japan. My dissertation was grounded on eighteen months of fieldwork conducted across the Japanese isles, with support from the Japan Foundation.

I am excited to continue working on a historical anthropology of music in Japan at Christ’s, where I plan to focus on the multinational Foreign Settlement

communities of Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama. During my doctoral research, I had found hundreds of previously unknown sources pertaining to concert, religious, and domestic music making activities between 1859–99. I am keen to explore the historical intricacies and multicultural legacies of such port spaces as a new project at Christ's, while I re-write my PhD thesis on Bach in Japan as a monograph.

As a retired guitarist/lutenist, I have also been caught writing academic articles on progressive rock, popular music, heavy metal, seventeenth and eighteenth century music, Early Music, and British musical counterculture more broadly. At Christ's, when I'm not listening to music or playing video games for ludomusicological 'research,' one will likely find me in the swimming pool (even if it is not quite as warm as the Mediterranean beaches of my infancy).



Rob Doubleday

ROB DOUBLEDAY elected a Fellow

I'm over the moon to have been elected a Fellow of Christ's College. I joined the College in 2014 as a Bye-Fellow and have enjoyed being part of the College community ever since. This has included convening the annual Kennel Climate and Sustainability Lectures – now in their twelfth year. I'm excited by the opportunity to play a fuller part in the life of the College. I hope to draw on my twelve years' experience as Executive

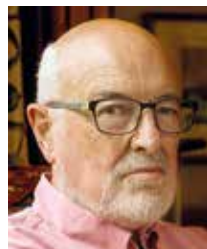
Director of the University's Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP), which promotes the use of evidence and expertise in public policy through creating opportunities for policy makers and academics to learn from each other.

I get huge satisfaction from the spark that comes from introducing people from different professional worlds with shared interests who otherwise might not have met. Every year CSaP convenes over a thousand such conversations between researchers and policy professionals, the majority of whom come from the UK civil service. These policymakers deeply appreciate the opportunity to step outside their daily context to be stimulated by conversation with an interdisciplinary mix of academics. At Christ's, I hope to help connect the College to the worlds of public policy, helping students and researchers address the most complex and pressing policy challenges.

The professional path that has led me to my current work has been circuitous – and fulfilling. While studying chemistry at Imperial College I spent a year working in a pharmaceutical company in Michigan. During that year I became interested in American politics and debates over the regulation of the pharmaceutical industry. After graduating I joined a Master's course at the University of Sussex on Science and Technology Policy, which proved pivotal. My plan had been to join the civil service to work on science policy, but instead I became fascinated by the nature of scientific knowledge and its relationship to human values and politics. I went on to study controversy over genetically modified foods at UCL and Harvard. Then, in 2004, I turned up at Cambridge to a postdoc position at the Nanoscience Centre on social and ethical aspects of nanotechnologies. After stints lecturing in the Department of Geography and on secondment with the UK's Chief Scientific Adviser, I joined CSaP in 2011 and became its Executive Director in 2012. I live in Cambridge with my partner, Halima, our two teenage kids, a dog, four hens and two guinea pigs.

CHRIS FRITH elected an Honorary Fellow

I am delighted to become an Honorary Fellow of Christ's College. My family has long-standing connections with Cambridge. My great-grandfather, Henry Wiles, a sculptor, lived in Cambridge. His marble busts of worthy people can be found in some colleges. I went to school in Cambridge (the Leys) and then to Christ's. This was at a time of change. I was in the first cohort that avoided National Service and in the last cohort who had to pass a Latin exam to read Natural Sciences. Fortunately, I had a bit of Latin since my father had read Classics at Christ's. Another change was the appearance of Psychology in Part 1B of the Natural Sciences Tripos. To the distress of my tutor, a physicist, I eagerly took this up.



Chris Frith

My subsequent career was dedicated to neuropsychology, the study of the relationship between mind and brain. Again, I was able to take advantage of some dramatic changes. I had access to a computer (a LINC-8) in the 1960s and used this to run experiments as well as to apply more sophisticated data analysis. Later, in the 1980s, I had access to the first brain imaging machines. Funded by the MRC and, subsequently, by the Wellcome Trust, I was able to measure brain activity in healthy volunteers while they performed various psychological tasks relevant to my interest in consciousness and free will.

In 2007, aged 65, I 'retired' and, with my wife Uta, visited Aarhus University in Denmark to initiate the Interacting Minds Centre. Here we studied people working together, rather than in isolation. We identified the contexts in which working together enables people to make better decisions than when working on their own. We also revealed the importance of diversity for making decisions.

In 2023 I was back in Cambridge to receive an Honorary Doctorate. This was a particularly special occasion since my wife had received her Honorary Doctorate in 2012. It is wonderful to make this full circle and be back at Christ's as an Honorary Fellow. I mentioned the importance of diversity. In contrast to a research institute, this is one of the glories of a college like Christ's. Who knows who might be sitting next to me at dinner?

JENNY GIBSON elected a Fellow

I am honoured to join Christ's College as a Fellow in Psychology and Education. I've been involved with the College since 2020, supporting the Admissions Director with the running of the Christ's-King's Bridging Course - an important part of our work to enable students from under-represented backgrounds to thrive in our College community.



Jenny Gibson

My academic specialism is in the psychology of language and communication, focusing on autism, speech and language development, and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). I did my undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Manchester, completing a PhD on the linguistic and social development of children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Post-PhD, I carried out mental health research at the University of Cambridge Clinical School and did a stint as a Clinical Lecturer at UEA, before returning to Cambridge in a lectureship role at the Faculty of Education in 2014. This summer I was delighted to receive news of my promotion to G12 Professor of

Neurodiversity and Developmental Psychology, which happily coincides with my Fellowship at Christ's.

I recently completed a two-year secondment as Chief Scientist at Nesta, the UK National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts established by Rt Hon the Lord Smith of Finsbury (who is just completing his term as Master of a College not too far from here.) This experience underscored my conviction that connections with policy and practice are so important for academics – different sectors have so much to learn from one another, and we have the best chance of making positive change on complex issues when we work together. I'd love to connect with members of the wider College community who have interests in neurodiversity or in education policy and practice, so please do get in touch by email.

Outside of academic life I enjoy reading, paper folding and playing video games (yes, I probably should get out more!). I live in Cambridge with my husband Carlos and our adorably grumpy miniature schnauzer Captain.



Lewis Graham

LEWIS GRAHAM elected a Fellow

It is a huge honour to be joining Christ's as a Fellow. It is my first time at Christ's, but not my first time at Cambridge – I spent a happy three years at Pembroke College completing my PhD from 2017. As part of my role here I will be teaching undergraduate law students various things – some of them useful, I hope – in relation to administrative, constitutional and human rights law.

The main focus of my research relates to judicial power and judicial politics. I am really interested in who our judges are, and the question of whether, and why, the identity of our judges makes a difference. I am particularly interested in individual judicial behaviour, and the extent to which we can predict judicial votes and case outcomes in the UK context. In addition, I am really interested in administrative law and human rights law in the UK and Europe. In this respect, I have published work on issues relating to issues such as errors of law, proportionality and the workings of the Human Rights Act. I am currently working on a project looking at appropriate judicial remedies for human rights abuses and am collaborating with academics at other universities on a large-scale database of human rights communications; we hope to publish our database for public use very soon.

My first book, *Judicial Individuality on the UK Supreme Court* is due to be published in early 2025 by Hart Publishing, and a twin series of edited collections entitled *Private Law in the Supreme Court* and *Public Law in the Supreme Court* are due out in next year too. I am looking forward to this research finally seeing the light of day and, of course, am excited about future work and collaborations.

I will be spending my time between Cambridge and London as I settle in to my new role at Christ's. When I am not working I enjoy walking my beautiful greyhound Millie, reading fiction, listening to music of all kinds, and drinking Belgian beer.

ELLA GRUNBERGER-KIRSH elected a Junior Research Fellow

I'm truly delighted to be joining Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow. I work on social and cultural history in the later Roman empire, from about the third to the seventh centuries C.E. Before joining Christ's, I did a BA and MSt in Classics at Exeter College, Oxford, and then moved to Marlboro College, a small liberal arts college nestled among the Green Mountains of Vermont, where I was a Teaching Fellow (a Visiting Assistant Professor post) in Classics and Ancient History for two years. I then moved to Providence, Rhode Island, and completed a PhD at Brown University. My doctoral thesis studied shorthand-writers in the later Roman empire, using what remains of their school textbooks, biographies, transcripts and more. I investigated how shorthand-writers, whose work was seen by elite society as shameful and slavish, constructed their own distinct intellectual traditions legible only among themselves, and how their decisions and practices shaped domestic, religious, and legal life at the end of antiquity.



Ella Grunberger-Kirsh

At Christ's I will also be turning to my next book project, tentatively entitled *Women who count: the nuptial curriculum in late antiquity*, which will explore how women and girls were trained to withstand late Roman marriage. It will trace the network of systems that dispensed legal, financial, and social instruction to those who found themselves excluded from traditional Roman education. As part of this project, I am currently developing an article on women as writers of the law in the fifth century C.E. I have already begun to get a taste of the welcoming and supportive community at Christ's and in Cambridge more generally, and am looking forward to learning a great deal from the Fellows, staff, and students in the next few years.

MILES KEMPTON elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am thrilled to be joining Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a historian of modern science with a special interest in the history of zoology. Before coming to Christ's, I completed my BA at Royal Holloway, University of London, my MSc at the University of Oxford, and my PhD in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science here in Cambridge. Stints outside of academia have included teaching English in La Réunion, making films for an edtech startup, and grant writing at Defra.



Miles Kempton

My doctoral project was a history of zoological television. In my thesis, I examined the many links between commercial entertainment and ethology, the science of animal behaviour, in postwar Britain. Focusing on London Zoo, I investigated how scientists and broadcasters collaborated on films which served as research and communication tools as much as they made for wholesome telly. This productive milieu, I found, was key to the content and stunning success of zoologist Desmond Morris' international bestseller, *The Naked Ape* (1967).

Growing up minutes from Down House, I spent many happy hours watching wildlife on the entangled banks which were so important to Charles Darwin's science. At Christ's, I am hugely excited to be following Darwin's footsteps much further afield to one of the most mediagenic locations in modern science: the Galápagos Islands. Moving images have been crucial to modern visions of the archipelago: on the one

hand, a pristine paradise for nature-loving tourists; on the other, a once-untouched 'laboratory of evolution' increasingly ravaged by overpopulation, mass tourism, and invasive species. My project at Christ's is to chart the historical interdependencies of filmmaking, conservation biology, and tourism in the fragile ecosystems of the Galápagos. I am very much looking forward to joining Christ's social and intellectual community, which I am certain will be the perfect setting in which to carry out my research.



Peter Mathieson

PETER MATHIESON elected an Honorary Fellow

After my medical degree in London, I was a postgraduate student at Christ's, matriculating in 1988, completing my PhD in 1992, and was then Director of Studies for Clinical Medicine 1992-95 working under the wonderful Vis Navaratnam. I married Tina whilst we were both still undergraduates in London and we had our two children whilst we were still considered young ("children" that are now, shockingly, aged 42 and 37; plus we have two grandsons with more grandchildren hoped for).

I left Cambridge for Bristol in 1995 where I was the Foundation Chair of Renal Medicine. I determinedly avoided institutional-level administrative work to concentrate on research, teaching and a half-time clinical role as a consultant in a regional renal unit providing kidney dialysis and kidney transplantation. My research group became internationally highly regarded for our work on the physiology and disease of the glomerulus, the filtering unit of the mammalian kidney, and I still take great pride in the success of my former PhD students, post-docs and others, many of whom are now Professors themselves, including no less than six in Bristol. Things changed in 2003 when I reluctantly became Deputy Head of Department, then Head of Department in 2007, and even more reluctantly Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry in 2008. This appointment was for a five-year term: after four the Vice-Chancellor (Eric Thomas, who sadly recently died) asked me to do a second term and I said no, but I would do one more year to allow a successor to be found. Therefore I served almost six years in a role which was challenging not least because two weeks after I started, the Lehman Brothers crash happened and a severe economic recession rapidly followed. Before the completion of the sixth year as Dean I was appointed as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong where I served from 2014-18 before taking up an analogous post at the University of Edinburgh where I am still currently, serving as the 35th Principal of this relatively young (only 441 years old) university. I was thrilled and honoured to be made an Honorary Fellow of Christ's and to return there in March to formally acknowledge receipt of said Fellowship. Time and opportunity to visit Cambridge are scarce commodities at present but I hope in the future to be able to make some contributions to the College's activities.

ANNILESE MISKIMMON elected an Honorary Fellow

I was a very green, book-obsessed, Northern Irish aspiring bohemian when I arrived in College in 1992. I had the most amazing three years immersing myself in the glories of English Literature, CADS, the University Opera and Gilbert and Sullivan societies, ending up as JCR President and directing my first plays and operas – little imagining that it would turn into a career! – and making friends for life.

From my state school perspective, I never anticipated being part of Cambridge – it seemed a strangely fictional place I came across in novels. Challenged by a family friend to ‘chance my arm’ and apply, I found myself on a freezing December afternoon in a russet frock (specially made by my lovely Auntie Madge for luck), interviewed in succession by Dr Bowkett (searching but warm), Dr Axton (delighted to hear me read *Piers Plowman* in a Northern Irish accent) and Dr Rathmell (enjoyed a chat about our mutually shared appreciation of grumpy Irish poets). I was offered a place and Cambridge became real.

I am currently the Artistic Director of English National Opera and the London Coliseum – and have inherited Christ’s own Professor Martin Johnson as a much valued member and supporter! After leaving Cambridge I studied Arts Management and since then have been privileged to have a very international life, directing opera in numerous places and leading national companies in Ireland, Denmark, Norway and now in the UK. Being on the bruising frontline of tumultuous political debate around the public funding of the arts, and navigating complex challenges as an artistic and organisational leader has been immensely fulfilling and enriching. Working with extraordinarily talented people onstage, backstage, offstage and in orchestra pits across the world has been an incredible honour.

ENO, founded nearly a century ago by the indomitable Lilian Baylis, has been built on the revolutionary agenda that opera is for everyone. The masterpieces of the operatic canon when made in new and exciting ways for the audiences of today are as thrilling and challenging as they were at their conception. This constant dialogue in my operatic life between tradition and innovation mirrors what I loved about being at Christ’s – the experience of being part of something both venerably ancient and yet also ambitiously contemporary. College’s generosity in making me an Honorary Fellow is a delightful privilege that I will always greatly treasure – thank you!

DEBORAH PRENTICE elected a Fellow

I am delighted to join the Fellowship at Christ’s College. I came to Cambridge in April 2023 to take up the role of Vice-Chancellor and have learned more in the last eighteen months than I can remember learning since I left university as a student. As I begin my second academic year in post, I am now well and truly settled in the Cambridge community.

My arrival in Cambridge was improbable. I grew up in Oakland, California with my mother, attended state schools and spent much of my time playing the piano for fun and money. I did well academically, especially in maths and science, and found my way to Stanford University as an undergraduate, where I studied human biology and music and discovered my interest in psychology. Going to Stanford was a huge stroke of luck for me: it introduced me to a world of knowledge, gave me space to experiment, and opened doors in all directions. Many students at Cambridge, especially those from non-academic backgrounds, would probably recognise that experience.

Once I decided that I wanted to pursue a PhD and an academic career in psychology, I took a straight path: to Yale University for my postgraduate work and to Princeton University for my first teaching post. At Yale, I studied people’s psychological attachments to ideas, opinions, beliefs, and possessions. At Princeton, I discovered the social group as a dynamic system that shapes and is shaped by the



Deborah Prentice

behaviour of group members. I spent 25 years deeply engaged in research and teaching on these topics and their applications to behavioural phenomena including alcohol abuse, gender stereotyping, and intimate partner violence. Over time, my research and teaching became increasingly focused on policy issues and on interventions designed to promote behaviour change.

In parallel, I took up administrative assignments on committees, as Director of Undergraduate Studies, and as Head of Department. In many ways, these positions were a natural extension of my academic work. I have always been interested in how groups make decisions, how their internal dynamics shape their outcomes, and how they can be more than the sum of their parts. My administrative roles gave me a reality check on what scholarly work suggested.

For many years, there was always a next role at Princeton, more of the University to see, more to learn. When I became Dean of the Faculty in 2014, I had oversight of the whole University, all academic staff and postdocs in all disciplines. When I became Provost in 2017, I was the Chief Budget Officer of the University, as well its Chief Academic Officer. I got to know the other Provosts at all the major U.S. universities and became deeply involved in fundraising.

Then, in spring 2022, a headhunter called and asked if I might consider applying for the position of Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cambridge. I arrived to take up the post a year later. With me in Cambridge is my husband Professor Jeremy Adelman, who is Director of the Global History Lab at CRASSH and a Fellow of Darwin College; our dog Luke and cat Sylvester also made the trip across the Atlantic. We still have three grown children between ages 19 and 27 working and studying in the U.S., but for us, the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge on Latham Road is now home.



Lucas Sá

LUCAS SÁ elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to join Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a theoretical physicist working in the new thriving field of dissipative quantum chaos. Before joining Christ's I did a BSc and MSc in Engineering Physics and a PhD in Physics, all at the University of Lisbon in Portugal, where I am originally from. I then joined the Cavendish Laboratory as a Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Research Fellow and took up my JRF at Christ's in April.

I am broadly interested in the collective behaviour of quantum particles. Just like people, microscopic particles behave very differently when in large groups, leading to emergent collective phenomena whose properties are very different from and much more complex than those of the individual constituents. The uncertainty and complexity of outcomes are embodied by a statistical and probabilistic framework known as quantum chaos: complicated quantum systems behave as if they were completely random. But no physical system is truly isolated from its environment, and the interaction of a system with its environment has dramatic consequences, such as dissipation (loss of energy by the system) or decoherence (loss of its very quantum nature). I use what is known as random matrix theory to investigate how to reconcile openness and decoherence with chaos in strongly interacting quantum systems.

The growing field of dissipative quantum chaos has allowed us, for instance, to understand better how current-day noisy quantum computers operate, yet many

exciting questions remain, which I will pursue during my time at Christ's: how to use dissipation and strong interactions to induce transitions from order to chaos and prepare special states of matter? What are the best tools to distinguish dissipative order from chaos? And why does dissipative quantum chaos work in the first place?

Outside of work, I often travel back to Portugal to enjoy some time on the beach and some long walks and games of fetch with my dog Armona.

LUCA SAPIENZA elected a Fellow

Joining Christ's College as a Fellow in Engineering has been a great honour and a unique opportunity. Everyone has been very welcoming, and I am very grateful for all the help and support that I have been provided during the last year, whilst I was trying to figure out how things worked in the College, Department, and Cambridge in general. I look forward to interacting more with the students, Fellows, and staff, and to explore the new opportunities that the College life will offer.



Luca Sapienza

After an undergraduate degree in Italy, a PhD in France, and research positions in the United States, Denmark and Ireland, I have landed in the United Kingdom. My background and interests span theoretical physics, materials science, and quantum optics. My work focuses on quantum science and technology, covering simulations, nanofabrication and optical characterisation of photonic devices where single photons, the smallest constituents of light, are emitted by semiconductor nanostructures, and are trapped, guided and manipulated by nanoscale on-chip optical components. Besides the fundamental interest in understanding light emission and propagation at the nanoscale, applications lie in the areas of secure communication, high-resolution imaging, positioning, navigation and timing, and quantum computing. I also work on interdisciplinary research, in particular towards understanding and reverse-engineering photosynthesis, using quantum photonic techniques, to try and address the big question of whether quantum phenomena are at the basis of the way bio-molecules function, and more broadly, of life.

When I am not in the lab, or teaching, reading and writing papers and grant proposals, I can be found jumping into Christ's pool, rowing with the Fellows' boat, cycling and hiking, at art, photography, architecture and design exhibitions or concerts – and travelling as much as possible!

CHRISTOPH SCHRAN elected a Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow in Physics. At the University of Cambridge, I lead the "Frontiers in Atomistic Simulation Techniques" (FAST) group, where we use machine learning techniques to explore the mysteries of water and complex materials at the molecular level. My role also includes serving as the deputy director (atomistic) of the MPhil in Scientific Computing, overseeing academic content and mentoring students. I also contribute to the strategic leadership of the Lennard-Jones Centre in my role as member of the management team, fostering collaborations within the molecular and materials modelling community in Cambridge and beyond.



Christoph Schran

My research journey has taken me across the world – something I value deeply in my career. Before joining the Cavendish Laboratory, I was a Research Fellow at the

Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry and University College London, working on machine learning potentials for complex aqueous systems. I also held a post-doctoral fellowship at Charles University in Prague and completed my PhD at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum in Germany, focusing on hydrogen bonding in superfluid quantum solvents. My academic path has also taken me to Stanford University for my Master's thesis research and the École Normale Supérieure in Paris during my PhD studies.

Outside the lab, I love brewing coffee and beer, a process that takes me back to my roots as a chemist. I'm also a regular at parkruns and multi-day hikes through remote nature.

Joining Christ's College is an exciting new chapter, and I'm looking forward to contributing to its vibrant academic community. Whether it's through my research, teaching, or simply improving the College's coffee quality, I hope to make a positive impact and inspire others in their scientific pursuits.



Benjamin Tan

BENJAMIN TAN elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow in the History of Political Thought. Prior to coming to Christ's College, I studied for a BA in History and Politics at Harris Manchester, Oxford, and for an MPhil in Intellectual History at Trinity College, Cambridge, where I stayed for my PhD.

I am primarily a historian of political thought with principal interests in the changing meaning of 'race', especially in the United States and Britain since c.1800, and the relationship between ideas about democracy and empire. My doctoral project, which I am now revising into a book manuscript, examines an unusual set of critiques about race that emerged in Britain around the turn of the twentieth century. It traces how progressive and socialist intellectuals in this period claimed to reject 'racial prejudice' and 'white supremacy', even as they remained committed the right of Britain to rule despotically over so-called 'lower races' in the empire. This project seeks to understand how new racial idioms such as 'white supremacy' come into broader circulation, and is part of a broader effort by political theorists and historians to trace the past entanglements between western empire, democratic thought, and race. The second project I plan to undertake while at Christ's involves tracing the origins and globalisation of 'racism' in the anglophone world. Though the concept entered the English language over a century ago, we have yet to trace how it came to be deployed and redefined in divergent political debates, including those about Nazi fascism, American segregation, and Cold War imperialism.

When I'm not working at the library or at my desk, you will probably find me looking for new Asian food restaurants to try, rummaging around London vintage markets, or listening to disco music.

RICHARD TSE elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to have joined Christ's as a Todd-Croucher Junior Research Fellow in 2023. My research interest lies on supramolecular chemistry, which explores how molecules self-assemble into complex structures. I am particularly interested in molecular recognition, and its applications in developing real-life sensors and smart functional materials.



Richard Tse

Before coming to Cambridge, I earned a First-Class Honours degree in Chemistry from the University of Hong Kong. Afterward, I completed a DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Oxford, under the supervision of Professor Paul D. Beer. My doctoral research centred on designing molecular hosts capable of selectively binding specific ions. Following my Oxford studies, I returned to Hong Kong for postdoctoral research with Dr Ho Yu Au-Yeung, investigating the use of catenanes, mechanically interlocked rings, for metal cation detection in biological systems.

In Cambridge, I am working with Professor Oren A. Scherman in the Yusuf-Hamied Department of Chemistry to develop high-performance hydrogels. By replacing the traditional, static crosslinkers with dynamic supramolecular interactions, we aim to develop self-healing hydrogels that can respond to changes in their environment.

When I am not engrossed in the lab, I enjoy running, video chatting with my fiancée Jessica in Australia, and spending time with friends.

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours



Dr Farbod
Akhlaghi

DR FARBOD AKHLAGHI (Junior Research Fellow) reports that his paper 'Transformative Experience and the Right to Revelatory Autonomy' was the most read paper in the leading philosophy journal *Analysis* in the 2022-23 academic year. It now has the highest Altmetric score of any paper ever published at *Analysis* and it is in the top 5% of all research outputs ever scored by Altmetric.

On February 8th 2024, he gave the first lecture of a public lecture series at Trinity College Dublin. The sold-out lecture series, which he co-organised and was entitled *Philosophy Today*, covered a range of topics from transformative experience, meaningful work, and wisdom to the nature of modality and the ethics of AI. His talk, on the ethics of romantic love and transformative experience, was entitled 'Changing Partners: Should You Stop Your Beloved from Changing Who They Are?'



Cover of
*Asian Lives in
Anthropological
Perspective*

PROFESSOR SUSAN BAYLY (Life Fellow) is pleased to report publication of her most recent book. The title is *Asian Lives in Anthropological Perspective: Essays on Morality, Achievement and Modernity*. It was published this year (2024) by Berghahn Books, and it is based on her many years of anthropological research in both Vietnam and India.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN BELL (Fellow) was elected a Member of the Academia Europaea in 2024.

PAUL FANNON (Fellow) was awarded an OBE for Services to Education in the King's Birthday Honours 2024.

PROFESSOR JENNY GIBSON (Bye-Fellow) has been appointed Professor of Neurodiversity and Developmental Psychology from 1 October 2024.

PROFESSOR CHIARA GIORIO (Fellow) has been appointed Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry from 1 October 2024.



Dr Irit Katz

DR IRIT KATZ (Fellow) is a Co-Investor (leading the Public Engagement strand) on an interesting research project called the Public Map Platform in Anglesey, Wales. The Public Map Platform is a two-year research initiative led by Cambridge University to make places in the UK better for the people who live there.

PROFESSOR FRANK KELLY (Life Fellow) co-chaired a US-UK Forum, of the Royal Society and the (US) National Academy of Sciences in September 2023, on Researcher Access to Data.

The pandemic demonstrated that there is strong public benefit derived from researchers having prompt access to a variety of data sources, such as data from public

and government bodies, as well as private companies (in particular, tech companies). There is also significant interest in how we connect and link the different data sources. The Forum addressed the evolution of researcher access to data; best practices and lessons learned from fields that are on the forefront of data sharing (i.e., climate studies, astrophysics, biomedicine); and challenges related to pressing societal problems such as online information (and misinformation), modelling for pandemics, and using data in emergencies.



Summary of the
US-UK Forum

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID KLENERMAN (Fellow) won the 2024 Canada Gairdner International Award, “for the fundamental and applied research that led to a revolutionary and affordable method to sequence DNA on a massive scale, which has dramatically accelerated discoveries in the life sciences and medicine”. He also won the 2024 Novo Nordisk Prize, which “recognises an active scientist who has provided outstanding international contributions to advance medical science for the benefit of people’s lives.”

PROFESSOR TANYA LUHRMANN (Honorary Fellow) has been awarded the 2024 J.I. Staley Prize by the U.S. School for Advanced Research for her book *How God Becomes Real: Kindling the Presence of Invisible Others* (Princeton University Press, 2020), a ground-breaking exploration of faith and spirituality based on decades of wide-ranging fieldwork in many global contexts. The prize is presented annually to an author whose work exemplifies outstanding originality in the field of anthropology, going beyond traditional frontiers and adding new dimensions to our understanding of the human species, honouring books that cross subdisciplinary boundaries and thus reach out in new and expanded interdisciplinary directions.

DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA (Fellow) was invited by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to participate as panellist at the event *The Geneva Conventions 75 years on: age-old universal values responding to contemporary challenges* on 24 May to celebrate a landmark anniversary of the core treaties regulating conduct in war. The public event was hosted by the Director General of the ICRC and followed a closed workshop on the same theme.

He was also a participant at the prestigious annual conference of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo (Italy) on 12-13 September where he joined a panel discussing the history of the Geneva Conventions, again on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

DR CAMILLA NORD (Fellow) reports that her book *The Balanced Brain* (Penguin, 2023), was named a *Financial Times*, *Sunday Times*, and *Prospect Magazine* ‘Book of the Year’.



Cover of
The Balanced Brain

PROFESSOR CHRIS PICKARD (Fellow) gave the 2023 Larmor Lecture to the Cambridge Philosophical Society, entitled 'From superconductors to giant planets: a computational window on materials', and chaired the Research at High Pressure Gordon Research Conference in July 2024.

PROFESSOR GARETH REES (Fellow) has been appointed Professor of Polar Geoinformatics from 1 October 2024.



Professor David
Reynolds

PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS (Life Fellow) has given a series of talks during the year on how we might view the legacies of Winston Churchill, in this the 150th anniversary of his birth, building on his book *Mirrors of Greatness: Churchill and the leaders who shaped him*, which went into paperback in the UK in October 2024. He spoke at literary festivals (including Cambridge and Buxton), and lectured at Berkeley, California, the University of Tartu, Estonia, and the British Embassy in Prague, where former Christ's history student Kate Davenport OBE, is now Deputy Ambassador. David also gave a British Academy lecture at Queen's University, Belfast, on 'The Meaning of Brexit and the Future of the Union' – an extended version of which has now been published in the *Journal of the British Academy*.

DR LUCA SAPIENZA (Fellow) has been appointed as a member of the newly announced UK Hub for Quantum Enabled Position, Navigation and Timing (QEPNT). The QEPNT Hub – led by the University of Glasgow – will develop quantum technologies which will be key for national security, critical infrastructure and sectors such as aerospace, connected and autonomous vehicles, finance, maritime and agriculture. Dr Sapienza's group will investigate how single photons – the smallest constituent of light – can improve the accuracy of positioning and navigation systems in order to develop quantum-enhanced devices to replace global positioning satellites (GPS) which are vulnerable to technical problems or deliberate signal-jamming.



Hungarian premiere
of *Sardanapalo*

DR DAVID TRIPPETT (Fellow) reports that the Hungarian premiere of his reconstruction of Liszt's Italian opera, *Sardanapalo*, took place on Liszt's birthday, 22 October 2023 to a sell-out crowd at the Palace of the Arts in Budapest. He also published a book with Cambridge University Press: *Wagner in Context*, and delivered lecture-recitals at the Liszt Academy and Liszt Museum, Budapest, with Spanish tenor Airam Hernández.

DR CHUCK WITT (Junior Research Fellow) has been appointed Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in Computational Science and Engineering at Harvard University. Along with Chris Pickard, he organised a summer school at Christ's, hosted by the Leonard Jones Centre this September, which was attended by over 50 PhD students from around the world.

STAFF NEWS

Long Serving Staff Members

Wendy Giles and Marilyn San Miguel, from the Housekeeping team (Bedmakers), have both marked 25 years of service at Christ's this past year. Wendy has been at the College since 1 September 1998 and Marilyn has been at Christ's since 4 May 1999.

The picture is from a celebratory event held for Marilyn.



Staff Changes

After 41 years of service to the College, **Paul Davis** left Christ's in August 2023. Paul has since joined Lucy Cavendish College as a Porter. **Dale Davies** was appointed as the Head Butler (Front of House Manager) and joined the College in January 2024, having worked the previous seventeen years of his career at Homerton College.

In August 2023, after many years in post, **Tim Wilson** stepped down as the College's Deputy Head Butler for family reasons into the role of Food and Beverage Supervisor. **Kiril Vitinov**, the College's Buttery and Bar Manager, has been internally promoted and appointed as the College's new Deputy Head Butler.

On 31 October 2023, **Helen Willows** left Christ's after twenty years of service as the College Accountant. **Peter Pride**, the College's Investment and Management Accountant, was internally promoted into the vacant position of Head of Finance, as Helen's replacement.

After fourteen years with the College, **Clare Kitcat**, the Master's Assistant, left the College on 31 July 2023, although she continued to support the Junior Research Fellow recruitment process during Michaelmas Term. **Sharon Knight** joined the College in October 2023 as the Master's Assistant.

There have been some fantastic cases of personal development and career progression over the past year:

Celia Vartholomeou, Senior Library Assistant, left the College in August 2023, having been appointed as the Librarian at Fitzwilliam College. **Ashley Roberts** joined the College as Senior Library Assistant in September 2023.

Amy Leahy, Assistant Librarian, left Christ's College in December 2023 having being appointed as College Librarian at Emmanuel College. **Holly Marie** joined the College as Assistant Librarian in March 2024.

Matt Clark was promoted to Housekeeping Supervisor in October 2023, after six years of service in the Housekeeping team.

Lisa Barnes was promoted to Deputy Head Porter in July 2023. Prior to her promotion, Lisa worked as the Senior Night Shift Supervisor, after starting her career at Christ's College in 2010 in the Housekeeping team as a Bedmaker. **Gordon Glenton** was promoted from Night Porter to Night Porter Supervisor as a result of Lisa's promotion.

Darren Heneghan was promoted to Deputy Maintenance Manager in February 2024. Previously Darren was the Buildings Supervisor. He joined the College in 2012.

Having joined the College in May 2022 as a Food and Beverage Assistant, **Ross Hilton** was promoted to the role of Food and Beverage Supervisor in April 2024. **Janos Krajnik** was similarly promoted to the Buttery and Bar Supervisor role in April 2024, having previously worked as an Assistant.

Karen Spencer was promoted to the role of Payroll and Pensions Manager in April 2024, having worked as an Accounts Assistant since April 2020.

Kitchen Apprentices

Alfred Lytollis and **Elliot Scoffings** joined the College in September and November 2023 respectively as Apprentice Chefs. In April 2024, they took 1st and 2nd prizes in a competition held at Cambridge Regional College. They both devised and cooked a three-course meal; Alfred cooked asparagus velouté, duck breast and a vanilla, cardamon and raspberry pannacotta, while Elliot served pan-seared pigeon breast, roast lamb and a tiramisu.



*Alfred (L) and
Elliot (R)*

Staff Cricket

The following XI represented Christ's valiantly in the inaugural Christ's vs Pembroke cricket match: **Catherine Ascough** (Library), **Owen Brown** (Development), **Thorunn Byrne** (HR), **Jonty Carr** (Development), **Matt Clark** (Housekeeping), **Holly Marie** (Library), **James Foster** (Gardens), **Valerio Loffredo** (IT), **Phil Roberts** (House Porter), **Ajay Robinson** (Front of House) and **Dihan Udugampola** (Student).



*Christ's vs Pembroke
cricket match*

Fielding first, Christ's restricted Pembroke to 132 in 25 overs. In the chase, Christ's were on the cusp of victory, but were agonisingly bowled out just four runs short of victory (129 all out).

Staff Rowing

The staff rowing team competed in the Christmas Head in December, a fancy dress race. They beat five other crews in the category of Novice Mixed 8+ and were the fastest in their category. The staff crew also rowed in the Town Bumps in July 2024, bumping up three times and rowing over once.



*Town Bumps in
July 2024*

STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

THE JCR

I have been delighted to act as JCR President for two terms thus far. To continue the work of the previous Committee has been extremely rewarding. In Michaelmas the 2023 Committee were finally able to offer a solution to the everlasting problem of heating our wonderful (but cold) outdoor pool. The addition of a pool cover to the Malcom Bowie Pool means that the average temperature of the pool has risen by a couple of degrees. Although it doesn't sound like much, students definitely appreciated the warmer water in Easter Term, particularly with the colder June that we had. Michaelmas also saw another successful Freshers' Week, including the introduction of an official International Freshers' Week within Christ's.

During my term as President I have seen an increase in student interaction within the JCR. Several new societies have been formed including the Sewing Society, and resurrecting the Nollywood Society. Our Open Meetings have also increasingly become a popular platform for students to share their concerns and views with the JCR. It is lovely to see that the student body are eager to get involved in student life! Lent Term saw some really fun events held by our two Ents Officers. That's right, the JCR decided it would be best for the role of Ents Officer to be shared! One of the events Ruby and Andreas held included organising a secret admirers scheme for Valentine's Day, where students could anonymously send roses to each other. The beginning of the year also saw efforts by the whole Committee to begin plans for a refurbishment of the JCR. This includes bringing in a new pool table, providing more seating and much more. It's a huge task that I fear will carry on after my time as President, but I am happy with the progress the Committee has made so far! Other Lent projects included working to centralise all student information. Our DSO officer Josie and Webmaster are collaborating to deliver a more user-friendly way for students to quickly access key information regarding the JCR and the College as a whole, including Upper Hall menu and times, and how to form a society.

During the Easter Vacation our Welfare Officers Chris and Zain organised a weekly pizza and games night for students remaining in Cambridge over the break. As is the usual with Easter Term, most students were focused on studying for their exams. However, our Ents Officers had plans for several College-wide events to celebrate the end of exams, including a pool party and sports day. One of our most popular events was a pub quiz, with the draw of a £50 Sainsbury's voucher - it's great to be able to see what motivates students!

I look forward to seeing what the JCR will do in the future. Current projects in Michaelmas 2024 include implementing a trial run of a communal pantry consisting of dry goods, medical equipment and other essentials. My own personal project of providing students with bike safety equipment will also be a feature!

I am extremely grateful for all the hard work the 2024 Committee has put into their roles so far, and would love to thank them all for continuing to ensure Christ's is a welcoming home for our students.

Isabelle Mohammed

THE MCR

President: William H. Cook; Vice President & International Officer: Marlo Avidon; Treasurer: Oliver O'Brien; Secretary: Isobel Magrath; Welfare Officer: Yunxiao (Betty) Wang; Bar Manager: Alaric Sanders; LGBTQ+ Officer: Jackie Rao; Women's and Non-Binary Officer: Jiaxin (Jasmine) Fu; Ethnic Diversity Officer: Walter Santana Garcia; Disabilities Officers: Kirstie Stage & Laura Chilver; Green Officer: Aramish Fatima; Halls & Swaps Officers: Elâ Sutcliffe & Josep M. Tirapu Sanuy; Ents Officers: Immi Sandhu & AC Chauhan; Academic Officer: Ardon Pillay.

The recently elected MCR Committee would like to thank the previous Committee for their hard work over the course of the year. They have handed over organisation of the postgraduate community at Christ's in a particularly strong state. We have enjoyed a successful year of events, dinners, and other initiatives which have contributed to an increasing sense of community among the 272 current Christ's postgraduates.

The Freshers' Week in October 2023 was a great success and included a packed programme including buddy tours, an international 'mixer', a consent workshop, Matriculation Dinner, and of course a BOP. The rest of Michaelmas went by in a blur with a wonderful swap to St John's College, a Thanksgiving SuperHall, and annual Christmas Hall on the term card. Lent started with a bang with a joint BOP with Darwin, followed by Burns Night and ceilidh dancing, which was incredibly popular. We enjoyed numerous swaps with other colleges from all over Cambridge including Girton, Homerton, Clare, Corpus Christi, and even to Wadham, our sister college in Oxford. Other highlights included Valentine's SuperHall with its annual speed dating table and St Patrick's Day pub crawl. Welfare Coffee continued to grow and became an important fixture in the weekly timetable of many postgraduate students.

The previous Committee did a great job reinvigorating the MCR space and rebranding 'Maggie's Bar', maintaining a strong focus on welfare, and Grad Hall attendance continued to grow alongside the popularity of former President Christian Hühne's after-dinner speeches.

The new Committee has made a strong start to our year in office. Bar Manager Alaric has launched incredibly successful Friday themed cocktail nights at Maggie's Bar, with crowd favourites including the Tudor Rose and 'Maggierita'. Betty's Welfare Coffee has continued to attract an enormous turnout on Sunday mornings, and usually follows a new morning running club that Secretary Isobel has established. We have a strong Disability team in Kirstie and Laura who are pushing for more recognition of certain disabilities at College and advocating for improvements in accessibility. Amongst our other officers, AC and Immi have organised two successful BOPs and a masquerade-themed SuperHall already, Jackie has led multiple well-attended LGBTQ+ events, Marlo put on a tasty international picnic in addition to her incredibly strong work as Vice President, Ardon has organised stimulating Emerging Researcher Seminar Series (ERSS) and Meet the Fellows events, Aramish has been working closely with the College gardening team and established gardening opportunities for students, Ollie has been looking after our finances wisely, Jiaxin has introduced new initiatives to the Women's and Non-Binary role, Walter has some exciting cultural events planned, and Elâ and Josep have already organised numerous swaps to colleges including Downing and Pembroke.

Our priorities for our remaining time are working closely with the Development Office to connect postgraduates with alumni for mentorship opportunities, minimise the cost of student living, and help students find accommodation if they are unable to live in College. We will continue to provide full term cards and comprehensive Freshers' Week activities for new members and encourage all postgraduate members of College to participate in the Christ's MCR, surely one of the strongest postgraduate communities at Cambridge.

William H. Cook & Marlo Avidon



MCR Committee

CHRIST'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB (CCBC)

We saw a mix of success and defeat on the river this year, but every boat took to the water with camaraderie and determination. In Lent Bumps, we celebrated blades for W2 in the whole boat's very first campaign. M1 raced at the Head of The River placing 62nd of 113 university crews with a time of 19:27.7. At the X-Press Head, W1 took 1st place in their division, with W2 taking 2nd place in their own category. M1 also took 1st place in their division at Champs Eights Head.

Having rowed to a win in the 2023 Lightweight Women's Blue Boat, our former Captain of Boats, Katy Hempson, took 7 seat in this year's Openweight Blondie Boat. They unfortunately lost to Oxford, but Katy continued to represent Cambridge in Easter term, winning a Gold Medal in WChampLwt4- at BUCS Regatta and progressing to the quarter final of the C2- Redgrave Challenge Vase at Henley Women's Regatta. We were delighted to have Katy return to W1 for May Bumps, which she balanced alongside her Henley (and Clinical School) training!

In Mays, we saw two men's and four women's boats entered with four crews "getting on" to race. After being bumped twice, W1 suffered a further blow with the illness of their 5 seat on days 3 and 4. The crew made a gallant effort, but ultimately ended the week with spoons. Fresh from Lent blades, W2 were sadly down 3, but rallied a row over on the final day. M1 battled two row overs, but were unluckily bumped by Wolfson M1 (+3) and Churchill M1 (+4). After being bumped twice, M2 came back fighting with a heroic row over on day 3 and a bump up on the final day.



Christ's College Boat Club (CCBC)

Following a mixed bag at Bumps, our spirits were lifted by M1's trip to Henley Royal Regatta Qualifiers. Whilst they didn't make it to the main event, Christ's covered the course in 6:55.8, making them the fastest Cambridge college crew to enter this year.

In May, we were saddened by the passing of Chris Lloyd, former Christ's coach and founder of the X-Press Rowing Club. The significant impact that Chris had on CCBC has been clear, with an outpouring of stories from the Christ's community. Our thoughts are with everyone who knew Chris, especially his wife, Debbie, and their family.

Next year, the student committee will hand over to a brilliant team, led by Mariam Alireza (Captain of Boat's and Women's) alongside Will Woodard (Men's). Our outgoing captains, AnaRosa Capp (Women's), Mateo Hoare (Men's) and Georgia Denham (Captain of Boats) have no doubt in the bright future of CCBC. As ever, we are indebted to our Head Coach and Boat Woman, Kate Hurst, who works endlessly to support the club. Our thanks also to the whole coaching team and our many alumni who support CCBC on and off the towpath.

After a hiatus, we are looking forward to the return of our Blades Regatta on 13th – 15th September 2024. It promises to be a fantastic weekend of rowing and reunion – the club is looking forward to welcoming you home.

Georgia Denham – Captain of Boats

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CHOIR

At the start of the academic year, in October 2023, the Choir welcomed an especially large and enthusiastic cohort of new starters – including undergraduate freshers, current students, and graduate students, from the UK and overseas. The regular pattern of weekly rehearsals and services, together with formal dinners and other social events, means that everyone quickly becomes part of the team.

It is no surprise, then, that members of the Choir make memories and form friendships to last a lifetime, and it is always a pleasure for members of the current Choir to sing with and meet alumni at annual events that help to keep those connections alive. In December 2023, we began what looks set to be a new favourite tradition, with a Christmas carol event in central London. The Choir performed a short programme, supported by alumni singers for some pieces, and all alumni and Fellows in attendance joined in for some familiar carols. The reception afterwards allowed a chance to talk to faces old and new, and enjoy the food and drink on offer. We hope to see many of you at this year's event: look out for information in the coming months.

It was strange to hear the Choir singing Christmas carols again in March 2024 – this time, for a CD recording of tradition English carols. The recording took place in the College Chapel and was produced by Simon Haw MBE, with whom the Choir has worked on a number of projects in Cambridge and in London in recent years. For the first time, this recording was also captured on video. We look forward to sharing the results, as well as some videos recorded specially in June, over the next academic year. In the last few months, the Choir has reinvigorated its presence on social media. We invite all alumni, together with family and friends of the Choir, to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, where we have started to post regular photos and updates.

2024 has seen not one but two of the Choir's CDs released on Regent Records. In February, the second CD of music by alumna Annabel Rooney (m. 1991) was released under the title *Like to a flower*, following the success of *As a seed bursts forth*, released in 2019. The new release has already attracted positive reviews, and we were delighted to hear a track from the CD played on BBC Radio 3. The recording sessions for this CD, in March 2022, were followed a year later by an exciting weekend in central London in March 2023, when over 100 current and alumni singers came together to record music by C. H. H. Parry. The results are very impressive, and at the time of writing we look forward to the release of the CD, 'I was glad', in September 2024. Both CDs, together with a selection of the Choir's previous releases, are available to purchase at College events throughout the year; many are now available for streaming online. We look forward to marking the launch of the Parry CD as part of a wider celebration of college and alumni music in Michaelmas Term 2024. Alumni who have not received information about this and would like to do so should contact the Development Office.

As in previous years, the academic year ended with the Choir undertaking a substantial international tour. This year we visited New Zealand, the destination for previous tours in 2019, 2015, and 2006. Undertaking seventeen concerts in the first three weeks of July, we performed in the fishing village of Kaikōura, the great metropolis of Auckland, and many places in between. The Choir would like to express not only our appreciation for the hospitality of the New Zealanders who welcomed us universally with open arms, but also our gratitude for the generous

contributions of alumni and the College itself. Without these, one of the most memorable experiences of many Christ's musicians' time at the college – past, present, and, we hope, future – would not be possible. Next July, we hope to return to the United States (as we did in 2022), or to Australia; we would be much obliged to any alumni in those countries who would be able to host Choir members or recommend venues, or who would simply like to be kept informed about our concerts. For those interested in more details about our July 2024 tour, please find a full report at www.cambridgechoir.co.uk.

Tom Baarda - Choir Manager; Tour report - Brendan Bethlehem

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Christ's College Choir

SIDNEY-CHRIST'S CHRISTIAN UNION

The Sidney-Christ's Christian Union exists to equip Christians in College to share the amazing news of the gospel, to find joy in knowing Jesus and to join a thriving community as we study God's word. This year we've enjoyed meeting together regularly to read the Bible, to pray, and to grow in community. We've loved joining with Christians at Sidney Sussex as well as Christ's, making use of the beautiful gardens in both Colleges.

God has provided us with lots of opportunities to love our friends in College, including giving away free hot chocolates, offering prayer, and hosting events to give College members the chance to ask any questions about Christianity and to discuss worldviews. A highlight of the year was the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union week of events around the theme of Jesus the light of the world and how this good news shapes our understanding of peace, diversity, knowledge, justice and love. We look forward to seeing how God continues to work in our Colleges in the next year and give special thanks for our new reps Matt Parker and Kirsty Lyttle.



*Sidney-Christ's
Christian Union*

Lois Turner and Pippa Wakelin

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CLASSICS SOCIETY

Committee: Dylan Boyles, Lydia Broadley, Anniko Firman, Emma Mansell.

This year marked an important milestone in the history of the Christ's Classics Society, as we are now officially registered as a College society for the first time. After a lull during the pandemic, we were determined to build the society back up to its former glory (although the apparently 'legendary' – if the College website is to be believed – punting trip is yet to make a reappearance). Three years on, we found ourselves with a thriving community, and were determined to ensure that our final year as a Committee would be a memorable one!

Michaelmas kicked off, as ever, with a start-of-term drinks reception, followed by bi-termly undergraduate cocktail nights to lift everyone's spirits during the cold winter months. On the academic side of things, we were delighted to bring back our yearly evening of PhD research presentations: Tom Baarda charted a course of Catullian cargo, then Jessica Lawrence moved us back to modernity with Madeline Miller's classical reception. This term also featured the first instance of what was to become the social highlight of every term: the Classics Society quiz night, also known as 'Henry's Halfway House'.

The new year saw the opening of Lent Term with our regular drinks evening, before the Return of the Quiz in February, this time featuring improvised presentations by the Fellows. Great hilarity ensued with topics such as "Homer was one guy" and "the pro's of prose". The highlight of our year came with this term's guest talks, for which we were honoured to be able to welcome speakers from outside Christ's and even outside Cambridge for the first time. Professor Ingo Gildenhard (King's College, Cambridge) and Dr Christoph Pieper (Leiden) gave fascinating papers titled "Cicero and the Affordances of Justice" and "Cicero Avant les Lettres" respectively, followed by lively discussion and a black-tie dinner in the OCR. We concluded the term with an evening of Part II thesis presentations, with topics ranging from ancient comedy to modern art.

Easter Term saw fewer events, although the Christ's classicists stuck together with some informal group revision sessions. The end of exams gave us the chance to go out on a high: May Week not only saw the final quiz of the year (featuring paleography, *Only Connect*, outfit changes, and a tearful farewell montage), and our annual garden party in the Fellows' Garden, which saw perfect weather and even better company! We were sad to say goodbye to Dr Il-Kweon Sir, who has been a wonderful supervisor and friend to all in the Classics Society for the past four years. We wish him all the best in his new job at the University of Western Ontario!

We are immensely proud of what the Committee has achieved over the past couple years, building the Society back up from scratch after the pandemic, and would like to thank the Classics Fellows (especially Professor Vout, Dr Spelman and Dr Ward) for supporting us in hosting so many successful events. The fact that we're now registered as a JCR Society will hopefully allow us to welcome many other members of the College join us from outside Classics as well. Christ's Classics Society has been an invaluable part of our undergraduate time in Cambridge, and we can't wait to see the Classics community at Christ's rise to new heights next year when we return as postgraduates/alumni!

Dylan Boyles & Anniko Firman

DARWIN SOCIETY

The Christ's College Darwin Society provided a wide variety of lectures, activities and social events to nourish an interest in science among the members of Christ's College this year. In Michaelmas Term, we enjoyed academic talks from College Fellows and Bye-Fellows, ranging from Dr Alexander Jones's presentation of his work in plant sciences at the Sainsbury Laboratory to Professor Gareth Rees's delightful exposition of his travels in Antarctica while establishing a satellite imaging system for tracking penguins. In Lent Term, Professor Jim Secord, a former Director of Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science at Christ's and the Director of the Darwin Correspondence Project, gave a lecture on the nature of scientific discovery with reference to Darwin's development of his theory of natural selection. Moreover, to celebrate Darwin Day on 12 February, we hosted Bassel Arnaout, a Christ's PhD student, and Dr Matthew Cheetham, a Bye-Fellow at Christ's, who discussed how their work drew direct and indirect inspiration from Darwin's outlook on science. The Darwin Dinner – the premier event in the society's calendar – was held at the start of Easter Term; the accompanying Darwin Lecture was delivered by Professor Florian Hollfelder of the Cambridge Department of Biochemistry on the subject of multidisciplinary challenges in protein engineering and design. Later in Easter Term, we welcomed Professor Oleg Brandt from the Cavendish Laboratory, who described his high-energy physics research at CERN, and Mr Stuart Blake, who talked about Darwin's travels in Patagonia.

The Darwin Society organised a variety of lighter events in addition to these scientific presentations. This included formal swaps with other colleges, including the Gonville and Caius Science Society, the Franklin Society from Newnham and the John Ray Society from St Catherine's, as well as film nights, a quiz and a garden party. Social media takeovers, in which members of the society described their daily lives on the Darwin Society Instagram account, were also popular. Moreover, we held a tour of the Cambridge Herbarium and a stargazing trip to the Institute of Astronomy, both of which were well-attended.

I am very grateful for the hard work of the rest of the Society's Committee in organising our events this year, namely Ocean Tsang (President), Will Brammer (Secretary), Georgie Van Dyke and Vanness Lai (Events Officers), Chiara Delpiano Cordeiro (Webmaster), and Arthur Chiu, Giannis Karageorgiou and Dhruv Shenai (General Committee Members). We are all extremely grateful to the Fellows of the college for their support of the Darwin Society throughout the year.

Oscar Despard - Vice-President and Treasurer

CHRIST'S COLLEGE FEMINIST SOCIETY

Christ's Feminist Society has continued to provide a space for members of the College from all backgrounds to discuss feminist and gender issues. Our events have included screenings of various films, including *Saint Omer* and the Oscar-winner *Moonlight*, grappling with a variety of thought-provoking subjects such as race, sexuality, and motherhood, among others. We have also hosted several forums, such as one on women in pop culture and fiction together with Downing Feminist Society. We collaborated with fourteen other colleges' feminist societies to arrange the inaugural 'Reclaim the Club' female and non-binary club night, which followed from the Reclaim the Night movement and enjoyed great success.

To provide much needed time off from our studies, we held multiple arts and crafts nights accompanied by discussion of gender roles and how they influence creative expression. Special thanks go to our outgoing Vice President, Ana-Maria, for her support and guidance in maintaining the success of the Feminist Society since it's re-establishment in 2022.

Eleanor Brettell

MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM

Christ's Is: Louie McGinley-Gravestock (GK), Alexander Adderley, Oli Lewis (VC), Benjamin Hilton, Luke Wright, Zain Ali, William Goacher, John Thompson, Jamie Fraser, Bartosz Grzegorzewski, Tom Spencer, Frankie Bregazzi, Billy Howard, Caleb Todd, Cameron Bicknell, Elvis Addai, Tristan Martin, Julen Lippman-Errasti, Alexis Lauga, Matthew Van Schalkwyk, Stanley Somogyi (C).

Christ's IIs: Khai Wong (GK), Daniel Bohm, Owen McGovern, Sam McFlury, James Morris, Josh Nathan, Jesse Edwards, Cian Dunne (C), Tung Le Xuan, Anton Havryliuk, Savinu Weerasekeera, Alex Girban, Kiran Raja, Kozak Andras.

A successful season for CCAFC ended in promotion from Division 3, after winning the promotion playoff final. The team started the season brilliantly with a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Corpus Christi Is, leading into a strong Michaelmas Term where we picked up 10 points from an available 12. After returning from a hiatus over the Christmas holidays, the team slumped to defeats in the league and plate, with injuries to key players, such as centre back stalwart Alexander Adderley, taking their toll. With two games remaining in the league, a change was needed, and a 5-3-2 formation was adopted in favour of our traditional 4-3-3. This had an immediate impact, with a 3-6 victory away to Caius IIs, followed by a 4-4 draw to Magdalene Is. At the end of the regular season, we sat third in the league, setting us up for a rematch against Magdalene Is. After an Easter break where the team went on tour to Portugal for some team bonding, we lined up against Magdalene Is missing key players such as Caleb Todd and Frankie Bregazzi. However, the return of Blues player Tristan Martin to the starting lineup was welcome, as he put in a shining man-of-the-match performance in a 5-4 victory. The match began with a strong start from us, going 5-1 up courtesy of a hat-trick from myself, Stanley Somogyi, and goals from the outstanding Tristan Martin and Julen Lippman-Errasti. Magdalene made a late comeback, with many of our players going off injured, but our makeshift team was able to hold on to victory for our most glorious day in years.

Next season we will be led by Julen Lippman-Errasti as we face a tough challenge to stay up in Division 2, but with the further integration of a good crop of new faces I believe we have more than enough to have a great year. We also say goodbye (possibly?!) to a legend of the club. Matthew Van Schalkwyk may soon finally finish his PhD and head to pastures new. With four goals and nine assists, Matt was a key part of our promotion this season. Other key players in our promotion include Julen himself, Tristan for the few games we were able to prise him away from CUAFC for, and Alexander Adderley (the Northumbrian Cafu).

The IIs team, under the leadership of Cian Dunne, had a tough season. Although unable to achieve promotion from Division 6 this season, the addition of key

players, such as Daniel Bohm, means that under new captain Owen McGovern, a strong season is likely next year.

In his role as social secretary, Julen Lippman-Errasti took CCAFC to new heights, with a tour to Faro, Portugal, which featured a comprehensive defeat against the University of the Algarve. Additionally, the Old Boys game was a great success once again, and a couple of fun nights at Madagascan Matt's will live long in the memory. I for one cannot wait to see what new social secretary William Goacher brings to the table.

Stanley Somogyi



*The men's
football team*

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL (CHRIST'S, CHURCHILL AND LUCY CAVENDISH)

The Christ's/Churchill/Lucy Cavendish Women's Football Club (CCC) has had a very memorable year, which ended with us becoming Plates Champions after a stunning 5-0 victory against Gonville and Caius/Hughes Hall/St Catharine's! Despite some mixed results in the earlier matches, our performance continuously improved as we consolidated as a team and learnt to play with each other through weekly training sessions and matches, culminating in that remarkable final victory.

In addition to our exceptional season, we had the benefit of some new training kit which was essential to our training sessions, while the team shirts contributed to us looking, and feeling, like a team. Our training sessions were often followed by beverages at the Churchill buttery, which were particularly welcome on the chillier days. Another fantastic social event was attending a formal at Lucy Cavendish celebrating women in STEM, which provided an opportunity to bond as a team.

The genuine warmth and solidarity which was truly felt by all in the team was even reflected in the team's being shortlisted by the University of Cambridge Sport for the College Team of the Year award, which was created to celebrate the values of respect, participation, sportsmanship, and enjoyment. Besides the team's undoubtable success, it provides a genuinely supportive environment for growth.

CCC will strive to maintain the exceptional standard it has set of not only training, but also of community and solidarity. The team will be in the most capable

hands of Alisa Kinaret – our fantastic goalkeeper – next year, who I am confident will do even greater things for the team!

Ivi Yamasaki Patrikiou



The women's football team

THE HIPPOLYTANS

The 2023-24 academic year was a brilliant one for the Hippos and women's sport at Christ's. At the University level we had ten women compete for Blues and 2s teams in sports ranging from Gymnastics to Fencing and Pentathlon. The women's sporting highlight has to be the brilliant Katy Hempson who competed in the Lightweight Blue Boat which resoundingly defeated Oxford on the Tideway.



The Hippolytans

On a College level the Netball Club has been thriving with the women's team achieving back-to-back division promotions and the mixed team maintaining their place in the First Division. The Lacrosse and Hockey teams continued to enjoy regular matches. The College sports day against Wadham in Oxford was a success, where we managed to win almost every matchup except the football. In Easter Term the Hippos spent seven weeks training to enter a sports boat into Bumps, where despite

our best efforts we failed to 'get on' – nevertheless we had a blast learning to row (if we're being generous and calling our attempt 'rowing').

In between the sports and the studying, the usual swaps were enjoyed and the annual sports dinner was a brilliant opportunity to catch up with alumni old and new – I hope to see a few more Hippos alumni at the forthcoming dinner! I had a wonderful year as President of the Hippos and am certain the sporting success will continue.

Ellie Mason

CHRIST'S COLLEGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Christ's College History Society has enjoyed another year of enriching and intellectual events. Without a doubt, the highlight of our Michaelmas Term programme was hosting Professor Lyndal Roper in conversation with Dr Helen Pfeiffer alongside Presidents Laura and Finton. The discussion spanned a plethora of topics: the difficulty of German Archives, Martin Luther, the use of AI in historical investigation and the difficulties of writing dissertations. This was a fantastic opportunity for the undergraduate students to engage with a highly respected historian in a relaxed setting. Michaelmas included our yearly quiz with the coveted tub of Celebrations won by a team guided to victory by Dr Harriet Lyon.

Lent Term heralded our annual dissertation evenings. These are always a highlight of the Society's calendar as the third years present the research they have been working on from the past year. This cohort's dissertations were well received by all, dealing with a wide range of topics that included Mary Queen of Scots, racial discrimination in Colombia, Franco-Mughal relations, and recent French political thought, to name a few. To celebrate these achievements the third years enjoyed a dinner together pictured here.



*Christ's College
History Society*

Later in the term, we were fortunate to enjoy lectures from Christ's own Dr Purba Hossain and Dr Helen Pfeiffer on their recent research: translators in Colonial India, and horses and masculinity in the Ottoman Empire respectively. This was a deeply insightful evening that brought us to the cutting-edge of historical research. Another delightful year of History in Christ's with all looking forward to Lady Margaret Beaufort's birthday party to round off the year in style.

Finton Hanks

CHRIST'S AND PEMBROKE JOINT HOCKEY CLUB: "CHREMBROKE"

Captains: Ollie Sharp (Chr) & Matt Williams (Pem); Christ's vice-captain: Luke Poulston.

This season saw success after success for Chrembroke, winning the First Division in the Michaelmas league, and coming second in the Lent league. The end of Lent Term and the start of Easter Term saw Cuppers unfold, where we managed to make it through to the finals day, held at Wilberforce Road. We secured a 5-0 win over Jesus to make it to the final, which unfortunately saw a strong John's side take the win. Nevertheless, we are super happy with our performance, and a huge well done to everyone in the team. Congratulations go to Tom Myles (Pembroke) for being awarded Player of the Year, as the top scorer in both leagues and Cuppers this year.

The (now) annual Chrembroke Christmas formal was a great way to celebrate our top spot in Michaelmas, and the end of year formal after Cuppers rounded off the year nicely.

Ollie Sharp



*Christ's and
Pembroke Joint
Hockey Club:
"Chrembroke"*

CHRIST'S COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Captain: Ollie Sharp; Vice-captain: Lucas Greenhalgh.

Another year, another two promotions for Christ's 1st Tennis team, making it four promotions in the last five seasons. This now puts us up into the top division out of seven, which will be a tough place to stay, but hopefully with some new players joining next year it is something we can hold on to.

Unfortunately, Cuppers was right in exam time for a lot of our team, meaning despite attempts to rearrange, we had to forfeit in the very first round this year, not the result we were hoping for! Fingers crossed next year doesn't see the same fate and we can fight for a strong result.

Ollie Sharp

THE MARGUERITES

Over the last year, the Marguerites Club has continued to promote sporting distinction within the College. The club has also seen a strong intake of new members. Among them, Tristan Martin earned a Blue in Football, and Elvis Addai represented the LX Club in their Rugby Varsity match. Seb Walton appeared in his third consecutive Blues Hockey Varsity match, while Harris Wood and Luke Poulston earned half-Blues in cricket and hockey respectively.

The Marguerites Club, as always, is greatly indebted to Dr Navaratnam for his 53 years as Senior Marguerite and Fellow in charge of the Club. On behalf of the Club, we would like to express our gratitude for his continued and steadfast support.

It has been said that the Marguerites Club celebrates “more than mere athletic distinction.” Although the jury may still be out on this claim, it is likely that the owner of Sesame agrees. The Club has enjoyed a lively social calendar, with frequent swaps as well as joint socials with the Hippolytans.

The latter part of the year brought traditional Club events, including C Sunday celebrations and Lockwood’s, all under the stewardship of the new Committee: Monty Hunt (President), Jesse Edwards (Secretary) and Josh Nathan (Treasurer). We wish the new Committee and the Club all the best in their endeavours, both on and off the field, in the coming year.

Kiran Raja

MATHS SOCIETY

President: Patrick Thomas; Vice-President: Dora Chen; Secretary: Lucy Ivey; Treasurer: Wren Stuart; Social Secretary: Kinnary Patankur; General Committee: Giacomo Leonida, Adam Bascal, Alex Yan.



The Maths Society

This year has been an exciting one for the Christ’s Maths Society as we continue focusing on nucleating socialisation within the mathematical community of the College, broadening our mathematical education beyond a simple “definition, theorem, proof” narrative, and including students from other subjects.

Alongside our internal social events (hosting several very successful board games nights), we've had formal swaps with the Maths societies of Queens' and Homerton. These have been merry occasions and a great opportunity for 'Christmos' to meet 'mathmos' from other colleges in addition to mixing between cohorts.

What we're most proud of this year is that, for the first time, we hosted a suite of student talks. We had three speakers on a range of topics presenting for 20 minutes each followed by questions. I (Wren Stuart, PhD student) talked about waves behind a swimming duck, and how the wake pattern (known as the Kelvin wake) can be predicted mathematically using some surprisingly elementary techniques. Then we had Giacomo, a second year, talking about some work he did as part of a summer project (with the polymath junior summer research program) on a problem in combinatorial geometry known as the Erdős-Fishburn problem: "what is the maximum number of points that can be placed in the plane which span k distances". Finally, we had Alex Yan (a fourth year) talking about the challenges of using p-values, focusing on common misconceptions, replicability problems, potential abuse of statistical methods in the sciences and how we might address these problems. We're pleased to say that this event sparked a huge amount of discussion from people of different academic backgrounds, and we're very eager to host similar events in the near future.

Wren Stuart (Treasurer)

MEDICAL SOCIETY

President: Jeremy Yuan; Vice President: Isabella Monsanto; Freshers' Reps: Samuel Badmus, Max Grossman.



The Medical Society

This year, Christ's College Medical Society (CCMS) has arranged various events, some traditional and some new. Our first large gathering was the annual MedSoc Dinner, bringing students and supervisors together in the Formal Hall, subsidized by the brilliant Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA). We were honoured to have Professor Menna Clatworthy as our guest speaker, an incredible immunologist leading the prestigious Clatworthy Lab at the Cambridge Institute of Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Disease.

In Lent, we continued our collaboration with our esteemed medical alumni, holding a joint CCMAA/CCMS Careers Evening in early February. Here, we welcomed back various medical alumni from Christ's College across a broad range

of specialities and careers to speak about their journeys after studying at Christ's in a panel format. This was followed by a well-received formal dinner, allowing students and alumni to dine and talk together in a much more informal manner. We are extremely grateful to Dr Jewell, Dr Huang-Doran, and Professor Gillard for their collaboration in making these events possible and look forward to further partnership.

We also held a Research Evening for the benefit of our undergraduate cohort, focussing on entering clinical research. Later in Lent, we held a Part II evening accompanied with wine and cheese, sharing guidance on the possible third year options to our IA and IB medics and helping prepare them in their later years.

Over the year, we've also held various social events, including welcome drinks for the new cohort, café welfare sessions, MedSoc Curry, a brunch swap with the King's College medics, as well as our annual MedSoc Garden Party in Easter – these occasions offer a diverse range of platforms for students to meet and foster a sense of community and support.

We would like to thank Dr Stewart and all the other supervisors for their support, as well as the student body who have made it a great pleasure!

Jeremy Yuan

MIXED LACROSSE TEAM

Members: Georgie Van Dyke (Captain), Maise Craddock (Captain), Shonit Sharma, Mikolaj Rycek, Ana-Maria Skaricic, Daanyal Morrish, Kiran Raja, Bruce Mauger, Benjamin Hilton, Adam Sandhu, Julen Lippman-Errasti, Luke Wright, Caitlyn Furley, Will Jackson, Bella Monsanto, Laura Herbert.



Mixed Lacrosse Team

The Christ's College Lacrosse team has had another successful and enjoyable year. We remain a relaxed society - a team of friends who get together every weekend for a fun match. We are really supportive of everyone getting involved and lots of our players pick up a lacrosse stick for the first time just before playing their first game! They usually really enjoy it and end up becoming part of our lovely team. We are preparing for an exciting social to begin next year and grow the team with lots more fresher recruits.

We have been continuing to grow our social media (@christslaxbros on Instagram) with posts and post-match 'run-downs'. Despite a couple of matches that required last-minute phone calls for an extra player, we worked well as a team and comfortably held our place in Division 2, which the team were very excited about! Our new lacrosse sticks are group favourites and definitely brought a sense of excitement to the team.

An honourable mention is definitely deserved for Shonit and Julen who have quickly grown to love the sport and know how to run the field! And also to Mikolaj, our Social Secretary, who enjoys entertaining the other teams with some artistic passes and questionable moves. And of course, a huge thanks to the previous captains Ana-Maria and Daan, who have always been so supportive and are incredible on the pitch!

The postponed Cuppers tournament was held during exam season, resulting in a smaller turnout than we might've hoped for. But with a couple of Pitzward players on loan for our first match and a team member flown in from Pembroke, we had an enjoyable time and managed to score some good goals! Despite not making it to the group stages, we were smiling all morning and played some



really good lacrosse – a fantastic end to such an enjoyable year! It has been an honour to share the pitch with such a friendly, welcoming, fun group of people this year and I look forward to seeing what great things the team go on to achieve next year.

Georgie Van Dyke

MUSIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of Michaelmas Term, the CCMS held its annual Freshers' Recital to welcome incoming students to the Society, followed shortly by the inaugural concert for the new Bill Fitzgerald Music Room at Christ's, both of which proved to be successful events. In November, the CCMS put on the annual Christmas Concert which sold over 100 tickets and proved to be one of the most profitable events in recent years. We also experienced overwhelming enthusiasm for our Friday Recitals Series, where performers can play any genre of music, fostering a diverse musical environment and many musical connections between students inside as well as outside of the College.

The CCMS Lent Term card saw these Friday Recitals achieve further success, with performances occurring throughout the months of February and March, culminating in our Lent Term Concert pioneered by CCMS Treasurer and instrument fixer, Manav Paul. The concert was well attended and ticket sales were healthy.

Easter Term saw the launch of the CCMS Composition Competition which invited entries from students both at Christ's and other colleges. The launch proved successful, with many entries being submitted. The winning performance was performed in our May Week concert, which attracted a good audience despite other May Week events occurring around this time.

Nell Ramdenee

NETBALL CLUB

Isabella Steinmeyer (Captain), David Adegbeye (Captain), Savinu Weerasekera, Eleanor Mason, Boo Godfrey, Finton Hanks, Monty Hunt, Amelia Cheeseman, Sofia Choteborska, Stanley Somogyi, Gauthami Vireswer, Rocio Leyva Thomas, Laura Herbert, Vivek Bilous, Helena Stuart, Kate Young, Cathryn Kirk, Claudia Turnell.

This season has been very successful for both the Ladies' and Mixed Netball teams. Having recruited lots of new players at the Freshers' Fair, we ran a taster session to allow everyone to get to know each other and play non-competitively before the league began. Though some of the new sign-ups had not played netball before, they picked it up very quickly, helped by the addition of some very experienced players to our team.

In Michaelmas Term, our Mixed team managed to maintain their position in Division 1 while the Ladies were undefeated and were promoted to Division 3. Lent Term brought more success as the Mixed team held their position in Division 1, winning six out of ten matches against very competitive sides. Meanwhile, the Ladies' team earned yet another promotion as we were once again undefeated for the whole term. To round off the season, we participated in both Mixed and Ladies Cuppers. The Ladies won two matches, drew one and lost one, just missing out on a spot in the final. However, as our shooter was injured we were proud to have performed so well and the tournament was a lot of fun and great for team bonding. After the initial Mixed Cuppers was rained off, unfortunately, some of our team were unable to make it to the rescheduled event, and we didn't make it through to the final, but once again, were really proud of our performance.

Overall, both teams have finished the season in their best league positions yet, coming third in Mixed Division 1 and earning a place in Ladies Division 2. We are confident that our team will continue to develop under the captaincy of Rocio Leyva Thomas and Helena Stuart. On top of our league success, this year our teams have become more cohesive than ever, and I am happy to have found some new friends through CCNC.

Isabella Steinmeyer

POLITICS SOCIETY

The first full year of the revitalised Christ's Politics has established our society as the go-to space for political discourse in College. We started 2023 with a series of elections, and have since held a range of events to cater to our members. The highlight of the calendar was our annual dinner, held in Formal Hall in collaboration with Lucy Cavendish Politics Society, and preceded by a round of well-attended debates in the Yusuf Hamied Centre.

We have established our society as one of the foremost of its kind in Cambridge, attracting interest from outside the walls of the College, as the wide attendance of the pre-dinner debate attests to. We were also fortunate enough to host Jeevun Sandher (recently elected MP for Loughborough) for a stimulating speaker event, at which our members had the opportunity to ask our guest a range of challenging questions, and received a unique insight into party politics. In future, we look forward to expanding our range of social events, having established a forum to meet other politically-minded members of College in a relaxed environment. We have imminent elections, and leave the new Committee with a relatively new society, but one which has already aroused a sizeable interest from the College, and looks only to improve in the years ahead. I finish this report with thanks to the current Committee, without which none of this would have been possible.

Luke Stokle

QUIZ SOCIETY

The Christ's College Quiz Society was founded in Michaelmas Term with the intention of co-ordinating the College's participation in intercollegiate and inter-university quizzes. The Quiz Society selected its team for the year in November via a two-round selection test: those interested in taking part were first required to submit their answers to a 100-question quiz by email, with the top ten performers being invited to an in-person test on the buzzer. Of these, the top four – Anniko Firman, Brendan Bethlehem, Linus Luu and myself – were selected to be on the team, with Ari Vladimir being selected as the reserve member (later replaced by Adam Sandhu). This Christ's team went on to great success in the Cambridge Intercollegiate Quiz, progressing to the knockout stages by beating teams from Trinity Hall, St John's and Murray Edwards in its three pool-stage matches. After victories over a Trinity College team in the round of 16, another Trinity College team (comprising the reigning champions) in the quarter-finals and Wolfson in the semi-finals, Christ's went on to win the Cambridge Intercollegiate Quiz in a close-fought final against Pembroke College on a score of 210–195. The same team was also submitted to represent Christ's on University Challenge, although no announcement has yet been made of whether the application has been successful.

I am indebted to Linus (who also served as the Society's Treasurer), Brendan and Anniko for being such excellent team-mates, as well as to Adam and Ari for acting as the team's reserve member at different points over the year. I also thank everyone who filled out the initial selection test, which was filled out by a large number of both undergraduate and postgraduate students. With this new Society now in existence to encourage Christ's students' interest in quizzing, I look forward to seeing even more people participate in the team selection process next year.

Oscar Despard

CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCRFC)

Squad: Joseph Robertson (Captain); Harris Wood (Incoming Captain); Elvis Addai (Kit Officer); Taha Elhamri (Social Media and Recruitment); John Thompson; Robert Taylor; Ari Vladimir; Bailey Liu; Khai Wong.



*Trinity-Christ's
Rugby team*

Coming into this year, Christ's Rugby was in a slightly worrying state. With departures of key players over the last couple of years, there was only a single rugby player at Christ's starting the 2023-24 season. However, an impressive effort in recruitment saw numbers rise to around ten, which included a strong set of freshers that can carry the club forward in the coming years. This increase, combined with a good player retention at Trinity, meant that hopes for the Trinity-Christ's team were high for the season. The year kicked off with the usual set of tripartite fixtures, which, unfortunately, we somewhat underperformed in. Nevertheless, the first meaningful league game was met with optimism and saw a remarkable and unexpected win against eventual Cuppers runners-up St Catz/Homerton, which included a game-winning, last-minute penalty, the game ending 17-14. Unfortunately, the remainder of the league season was not a particularly kind one to Christ's, losing players most weeks to injury or University sport duties, ending the league season with only one win, in spite of a particularly spirited performance against a strong John's side and a narrow loss to CCK (Clare, Corpus and King's).

Cuppers was slightly more positive. We unfortunately lost our first-round match against All Greys (the mature colleges), who turned up with multiple Blues and overpowered us on the day. Our second-round match was more positive, convincingly beating an albeit weakened Churchill/Magdalone side to progress. Next, we faced Pirton (Girton and Pembroke) at Grange Road in the Cuppers Bowl Semi-final.

Unfortunately, we were once again plagued by a lack of players, only managing 16 and were forced to drop to 14 players as we were lacking a contestable front row. The game was very close, with both teams scoring impressive tries. However, in the end the extra man was too much to overcome and we lost a tough fought match. In spite of the struggles this year, Christ's rugby has seen a sharp increase in players, meaning hopes for next year will be much higher after a solid platform for a rebuild was set this year. The College also had one player selected to start for the LX's in their Varsity match against Oxford and one player selected to start for the Rugby League Blues in their Varsity campaign. Therefore, the future of Christ's College Rugby is bright, and I cannot wait to compete again next season and bring home some silverware for the College.

Joseph Robertson

SQUASH CLUB

This year Christ's Squash was able to enter two teams into the inter-collegiate leagues, with both teams starting off Michaelmas Term in the top division! After a hard-fought term of fixtures Christ's 1s fell short only to Queens' to come second in the Division 1. While Christ's 2s' promotion to the top division in Lent Term in 2023 was impressive, they were not able to stay in Division 1, dropping down to Division 2 after Michaelmas. In Lent Term Christ's 1s came back with a vengeance and managed to secure the top spot in Division 1, winning the League for Lent 2024! The success of the 1s could not be reproduced by the 2s who will unfortunately be starting the next academic year in Division 3. The year of College Squash was concluded in Easter Term with Cuppers. A Christ's team of students and staff managed to top their group to qualify for the quarter-finals but after a few poorly timed injuries we were knocked out by Queens' who proceeded to the semi-finals. After a league title this year hopefully next year Christ's can challenge the Cuppers title and grow throughout the College!

Matthew Coxon

THE JAMES MEADE SOCIETY

President: Amandeep Singh; Vice President: Oskari Peltonen; Treasurer: Koo Ii; Secretary: Kenneth Weng; General Committee Member: Robert Hicks.

The James Meade Society, founded only this year, has quickly become a vibrant community for those interested in economics. We have been delighted by the enthusiastic response at Christ's, with both students and staff members actively participating in our discussions and events. One of our most popular initiatives has been the "Policy over Pizza" events. These gatherings provide an informal setting to discuss contemporary economic issues over a slice of pizza! Topics ranged from the long-term impacts of Brexit on the UK economy to questioning whether private education should exist. We organised several social events to help members unwind and build connections. Our economics-themed movie nights, featuring films like *The Big Short* and *A Beautiful Mind*, sparked engaging post-screening conversations. We also hosted college swap formals and sports socials, offering opportunities to connect with peers from other colleges and disciplines. The year concluded with our highly successful annual Christ's Economists Dinner, organised for the first time by



*The James Meade
Society*

the James Meade Society. The event brought together economists of various years, both alumni and current students, fostering the strong sense of belonging for which we founded the James Meade Society. We are immensely proud of the dynamic and inclusive environment we have cultivated within the Society; it provides the College with a platform for intellectual growth and social interaction for anyone interested in economics!

Amandeep Singh



The Master's Lodge from the Fellows' Building

Prizes 2023

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of June 2023.

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic

Levy–Plumb Prize A.C. Barrett

Architecture

Levy–Plumb Prize E. Dyer-Fernandes, A.L. Jones, D. McCleery

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Syed Mahmood Prize C. Olivieri

Classics

Calverley Prize A. Firman
Rev'd E.T.S. Carr Prize D. Boyles
S.G. Campbell Prize E. Mansell
Levy–Plumb Exhibition Prize E. McKinnon

Computer Science

Bob Diamond Prize C.Y.A. Lo
College Prize S. Jones, J. Konig, K. Susters, M.T. Watson
Sir Robert Cox Prize B. Mauger
College Exhibition Prize W.Y.R. Tam

Economics

A.R. Prest Prize R.D. Hicks
College Prize M.T. Brogaard, Z. Cao, B. Choo, I. Koo,
O. Moynihan, O.J.R. Norbury, O. Peltonen,
A. Sanil Kumar, A. Singh, E.J.A. Sutanto,
A. Tkacz
James Meade Prize B.M. Holland

Education

Levy–Plumb Prize M.D.P. Lykkesfeldt

Engineering

College Exhibition Prize Y.S. Gaikwad, J. Zhao
College Prize A. Bevins, Z. Qin, Y. Xie, S. Yu

Engineering or Chemical Engineering

Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize O.T.S. Sharp
M.R. Lynch Prize B.C. Atchinson, J. Chen, J.X. Ho, S. Kwon,
J.H.J. Lee, C. Lyu, S.J. Sindhi, Y.Y. Yap,
L. Zhang
T.C. Wyatt Prize B. Zandonati

English

Levy–Plumb Prize

C. Borges Dantas, K. Burge, J.W.
Harrington, M. Hitchens, A.I. Munoz, L.
Reed, S. Smith

Milton Prize

D.L. Pereira

Skeat Prize

I.A. Jackson, A.J. Winter

Geography

College Prize

C. Lazarus

Parker Prize

M. Harris

History

Levy–Plumb Prize

M. Condron Asquith, B.M.S. Jones,
O. Visick, R. Wake

Mrs Vincent Astor Prize

F.P. Kirman, F. Pechey

Levy–Plumb Exhibition Prize

C.B. Kirk, J. Lippman-Errasti, L.W.L. Tay

Human, Social, and Political Sciences

College Prize

A. Capp, A. Okoli, N. Pauly, R.L. Queiros,
A-M. Skaricic, S.J. Walton

Dr Fred Eade Prize

H.A.F.G. Lederman

Haddon Prize

E. Burnett-Stuart

Land Economy

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize

G. Merega

Law

de Hart Prize

V. Athinodorou Zevedaïou, S. Hughes,
M.Z.K. Law, H.J. Patel, R.G. Thomson

Sir Elihu Lauterpacht Prize

T.D. McManamon Cookson

Stapleton Prize

I.S. Yamasaki Patrikiou

Linguistics

Levy–Plumb Prize

H.M. Chan, L. Snowdon

Walter Wren Prize

R.A. Whittall

Mathematics

College Prize

H. Chen, Z. Chen, O.J. Lake, B.Y. Nielsen,
T. Ramanan, A. Sandhu

Whelan Exhibition Prize

H.J. Stuart, M. Yan

Dr J.A.J. Whelan Prize

J. Dobrowolski, J. Morris, H.R.P. Phillips,
I. Pylaiev, V. Suresh, A. Yan

Kelly Prize

P.R. Thomas, G. Zaphiris

Paley Prize

G. Leonida, L. Luu

Medical Sciences

College Prize

L.F. Gardner, I.J. Holdroyd

Jennifer Perelman Prize

I.X. Zou

Michael Perelman Prize
 Staines Read Prize
 Szeming Sze Prize

Szeming Sze Exhibition Prize

N. Badhe, B.S. Beresford-Jones, N.S. Flora
 J.Y. Tai
 T. Eddleston, W. Jackson, A.D. Morrish,
 J.S. Yuan
 L.G. Herbert, S. Shankar Betgov, H. Zhang

Modern and Medieval Languages

Latimer Jackson Prize
 Levy–Plumb Prize

Levy–Plumb Exhibition Prize
 Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize
 W.B. Lauder Prize

C.G. Henshaw
 O. Csakany, I. Fleming, J. Gowers, R. James,
 A. Lewis, L. Turner
 J. Nathan
 A.S.C. Mortimer
 O.M-A. Flint

Music

Canon Greville Cooke Prize
 Levy–Plumb Prize

I. Salter
 L. AlYousif, J. Jeffery

Natural Sciences

College Exhibition Prize
 College Prize

Darwin Prize
 Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prize
 Greig Prize

Lord Todd Prize
 P.J. Fay Prize
 Rosabel Spencer-Thomas Prize
 Simon Wilson Prize
 Sir Arthur E. Shipley Prize
 Valerie Barker Prize

K. Cheng, C. Turnell
 J. Bi, W. Brammer, I. Brant, S. Carling,
 R.R. Chagla, C. Chua, M.L. Coxon,
 C.T. Day, C. Delpiano Cordeiro,
 C. Furley, P. Georgiou, A. Gowda, X. He,
 N.M. Jagodzinska, S. Kapllani Mucaj,
 V.W.J. Lai, A.H.PJ Lauga, C. Lawrence,
 J.Y.J. Lee, H.J. London, A.W. Maksymiuk,
 M.W. Malowidzki, D.X.X. Ng, S. Park,
 P. Rukovansky, G.M. Scott, S. Somogyi,
 H. Wang, Y.Ye
 A.K.M. Lim
 Y. He, I. Karageorgiou
 C.J. Bicknell, A.B.C.S. Blackwell, H.C.
 Chiu, C.B. Cole, E. Gilpin, E.S.
 Jaaskelainen, A. Kinaret, Y. Lin, H.Y. Tsang
 J.T. Mutch
 N. Hari Krishnan
 P.R. Bridges
 J. Barrett, K.M. Iwanowski, T. Spencer
 E. Wenban-Smith
 O.E.M. Despard

Philosophy

Levy–Plumb Exhibition Prize
 Levy–Plumb Prize

S. Hardstaff
 N. Fuglsang

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

College Prize

E. Brettell, E.Z. Jin, S. Majorova, O.M. Stecko

Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion

Edith Elmslie Prize

E.J. Kelly

Rev'd J.D. Ridout Prize

R. Jenkins

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Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize

A.S. Chan

Architecture

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize

D. McCleery, H. Stuart

Levy-Plumb Prize

V. Charalambous, E. Dyer-Fernandes,
A.L. Jones, E. Torres Gonzalez*Chemical Engineering*

College Prize

S. Sharma

Classics

Harrison Prize

J.V.A. Millar

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize

E.J. McKinnon

Rev'd E.T.S. Carr Prize

L.R. Broadley

S.G. Campbell Prize

A. Firman

Thompson Prize

E.F. Mansell

Computer Science

Bob Diamond Prize

B.R.M. Mauger

College Prize

C. Falas, S. Jones, J.M.C. Konig,
W.K.V. Loh, A. Nema, K. Susters, D.H.K.
Toh, M.T. Watson

Sir Robert Cox Prize

C.Y.A. Lo

Economics

A.R. Prest Prize

O. Moynihan

College Exhibition Prize

Z. Cao, A-M. Singh

College Prize

T. Chee, B. Choo Guang Neng, P. Madan,

O. Peltonen, C.K.K. Weng

James Meade Prize

E.J.A. Sutanto

Education

Walter Wren Prize M.D.P. Lykkesfeldt

Engineering

College Exhibition Prize J.W. Loh, J.Y. Tai
 College Prize A. Bevins, O.T.S. Sharp
 Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize S. Yu
 M.R. Lynch Prize B.C. Atchison, J.H.J. Lee, Y.T. Lin, B. Liu,
 C. Lyu, M. Rycek, T.R. Shen,
 B.A. Zandonati
 T.C. Wyatt Prize J.X. Ho

English

Levy-Plumb Prize K. Burge, M.Z.K. Gould, A. Horgan,
 A. Mansfield, L. Reed, S.C. Smith
 Milton Prize I.A. Jackson
 Skeat Prize A. Hebditch, E.B. Howard
 Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize K. Briggs, L. Glucina, S. Jensen,
 R. Leyva Thomas, L.W.L. Tay

History

Levy-Plumb Prize S.E. Clark, J. Lippman-Errasti
 Mrs Vincent Astor Prize F. Pechey, O. Visick
 Sir John Plumb Prize E.J.A. Smith
 Sir Simon Schama Prize N.A.E. McDowall

History and Politics

Levy-Plumb Prize Y. Huang, J. Iino

History of Art

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize L. Owens

Human, Social, and Political Sciences

College Prize A.A.A. Capp, S.A. Hart, B. Knight,
 R. Livingston, N. Pauly
 Dr Fred Eade Prize A-M. Skaricic
 Haddon Prize R.L. Queiros

Land Economy

College Prize A.C.E. Danis, J.A. Thompson
 College Exhibition Prize Moayed, L.M. Milanini

Law

College Prize J. Zhang
 de Hart Prize Q. Du, S. Hair, I. Petruskevicius,
 M.E. Ramli, M. Stępniewska, A.G. Tan
 Rapaport Prize C.S. Westwood, I.S. Yamasaki Patrikiou
 Stapleton Prize V. Athinodorou Zevedaïou

Linguistics

Levy-Plumb Prize

H.M. Chan

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize

L. Snowdon

Mathematics

College Exhibition Prize

S.P. Hauke, F. Lee, A. Luchnikov,

S.H.L. Nicholls, T. Ramanan

College Prize

H. Chen, Z. Chen, G. Leonida, X. Peng,

A. Sandhu, Z. Wright

Dr J.A.J. Whelan Prize

O.J. Lake, L. Luu, B.Y. Nielsen,

H.R.P. Phillips, P.R. Thomas, A.D. Yan

Kelly Prize

Y. Luo, J.A.D. Morris

Paley Prize

A. Bascal, I. Pylaiev

Medical Sciences

Jennifer Perelman Prize

J.W. Howard Dicks

Michael Perelman Prize

M.A. Chimonides, T. Eddleston, A.L. Tolley

Staines Read Prize

M. Del Campo Martinez

Szeming Sze Prize

Y. Al-Moghrabi, N. Badhe,

I. Ibrahim Iranzo, S. Shankar Betgov,

L. Tybura, T. Vinod

Modern and Medieval Languages

Latimer Jackson Prize

C. McCarthy

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize

A. Lelewel, C. Young

Levy-Plumb Prize

J.C. Caminer, B. Clarke, O. Csakany,

K.F. Falconer, J. Gowers, S.L.P. Macadam,

O. McGovern, B.M. Mulholland, L. Turner,

M.R. White, W.B. Lauder, A.S.C. Mortimer

Music

Canon Greville Cooke Prize

B.M. Callington, N. Payne

Levy-Plumb Prize

F.J.L. Clapham, A. Modica

Natural Sciences

College Prize

J.W.H. Barrett, J.S. Blakytyn, R.R. Chagla,

K. Cheng, H.C. Chiu, B.C.H. Collishaw,

M.L. Coxon, E. Gilpin, X. He, L.R. Ivey,

V.W.J. Lai, J.Y.J. Lee, A.D. Morrish, J.Y. Ng,

J. Ong, S. Park, T.E. Wood, X.J. Zhang

Darwin Prize

O.E.M. Despard

Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prize

S.A. Banerjee, N. Hari Krishnan

Greig Prize

W. Brammer, C. Chua, R.E. Doran,

E.S. Jääskeläinen, E.Z. Jin, I. Karageorgiou,

A.S.T. Kinaret, C. Turnell, Y. Wang

Lord Todd Prize

J.T. Mutch

P.J. Fay Prize

S. Gao

Rosabel Spencer-Thomas Prize

P.R. Bridges

Simon Wilson Prize
 Sir Arthur E. Shipley Prize
 Valerie Barker Prize
 College Exhibition Prize

N.S. Flora, T. Spencer, C. Reeves
 S.N. Somogyi
 R. Windle
 M. Zhang

Philosophy

Levy–Plumb Prize

N. Fuglsang, T.C. Kitsberg, L. Macleod,
 D. Wang

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

College Prize
 College Exhibition Prize

E.O. Cragg, A.A. Yew
 D. Shypovych

Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion

Rev'd J.D. Ridout Prize

P.R. Wakelin

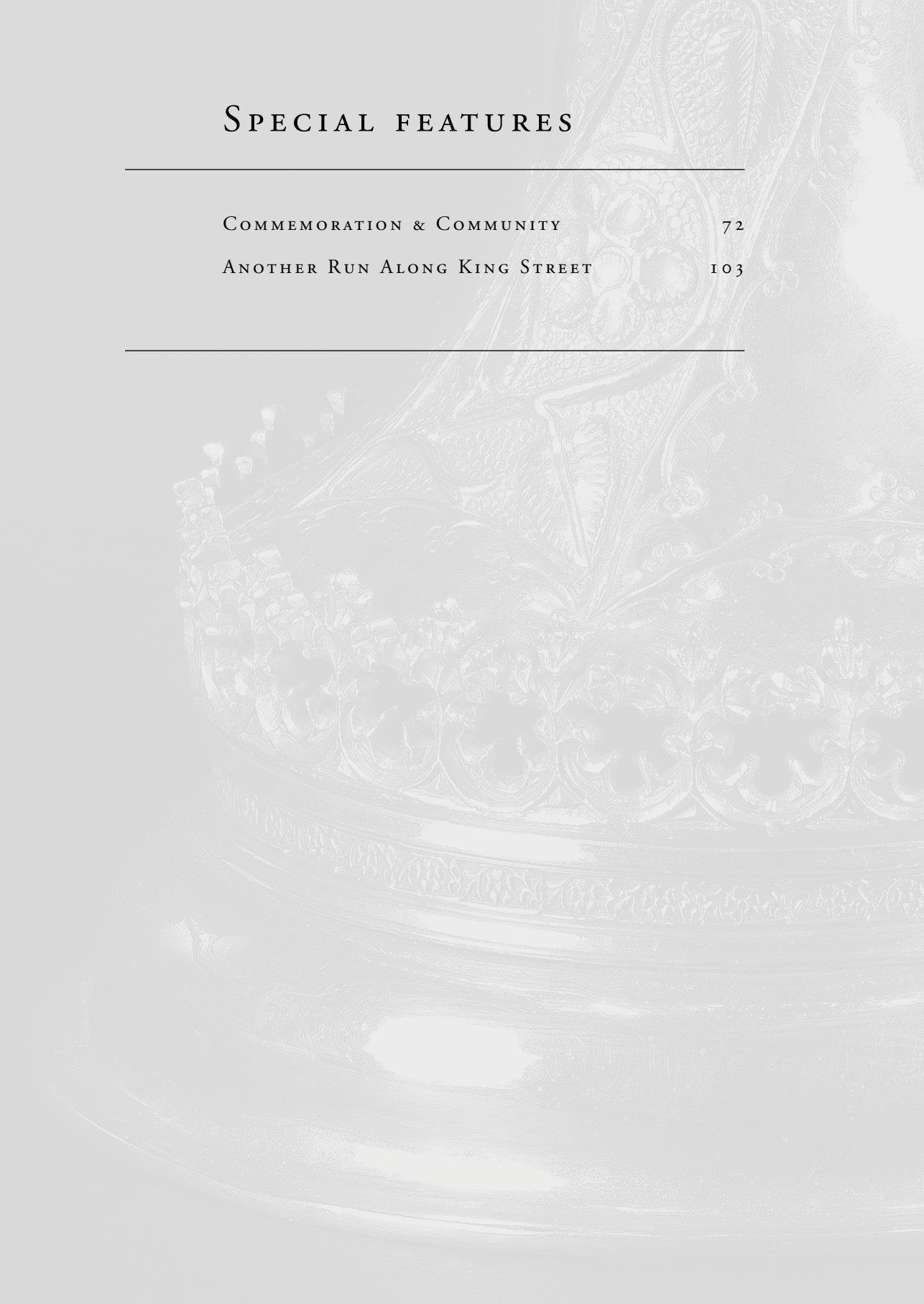


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SPECIAL FEATURES

COMMEMORATION & COMMUNITY

The Plate of Christ's College, Cambridge

Dr Mary Franklin-Brown
Fellow in Medieval French & Occitan
Honorary Keeper of the Plate

Christ's College possesses remarkable plate, both historic and modern. The gilt standing cup known in College as the 'Foundress' Cup' or the 'Wreathen Cup' is a Gothic masterpiece. At College feasts, the whole length of high table shimmers with pieces donated in the first centuries of the College's existence, while Fellows and their guests pour water from jugs engraved with the names of those we have known. The faces round the table are scholars and sportsmen and women, and our safes hold medals of the highest academic honours and cups won by our Boat Club. In our Chapel, readings are still delivered from a rare medieval brass lectern, but the Chaplain christens children from a font of the twenty-first century made with innovative laser technology. Almost all our plate serves a function at table or in liturgy, but its commemorative function is no less significant. It exemplifies the ties of affection and memory that bind the College together as a community across time.

Our earliest objects are few but exquisite. They have survived many perils. Losses of plate occurred at all Cambridge and Oxford colleges. Henry VIII began suppressing the monasteries and seizing their assets in 1536. In London, a mint was dedicated to melting down objects removed from religious foundations. This continued under Edward VI. Although colleges were academic as well as religious foundations, they lost much liturgical plate in this period. Independent of royal initiatives, the Reformation generated a wave of puritanism, particularly strong in Cambridgeshire, that swept across the colleges, ending whatever remained of medieval chapel rites. During the tenure of Matthew Parker as Archbishop of Canterbury (1559–75), medieval chalices, with their slender stems and hemispherical bowls, were removed from churches. They were replaced with communion cups: deep, footed vessels that had probably been made with some of the metal from the destroyed chalices. Next to go was the table plate, requisitioned as a loan to the depleted royal coffers during the Civil War (1642–51). In principle, founders' gifts were exempt and yet somehow



Fig 1

they did not escape. This time, it was Oxford, occupied by the royal army and site of a mint, that suffered the worst, but the Fellows of some Cambridge colleges, including Christ's, were royalists. There were some attempts to smuggle Cambridge plate to the king. Have Lady Margaret's standing cups survived because she and subsequent benefactors had given so much to the College that it was possible to deliver a valuable cache into the hands of royal officers while secreting a few treasured pieces, or because the Fellows' political convictions were weaker than their love of a resplendent table?



Fig 2

The College's collection reflects the transformations of dining over the centuries: changing taste in beverages (tea, coffee, potable water), new table manners (forks), and new ways of serving (salvers, tureens). The plate's design allows us to observe the competing demands of commemoration and innovation. An institution must continue using an object received as a gift, and the butlers strive for visual harmony in the table setting, but the history of style in plate is marked by abrupt shifts from the simple to the ornate and back again. The candlesticks given in the middle of the eighteenth century are not elaborate examples of the period's rococo style, but they embody the rococo awareness that the surface of silver and the treatment of a piece's angles can reflect the softness of flowing water. These candlesticks continued to be used, and donors even commissioned new ones, for some years after taste shifted to the rigid architectural forms of the classical style, c. 1765. The classical candlesticks that were finally introduced to the College in the 1790s are in use today because they suit our taste, but the earlier candlesticks remain in the safe, awaiting the inevitable shift that will make them preferable. Thus the objects in our collection belong to two times, for they respond to changes in dining practice and artistic taste but also fit the long, commemorative visual tradition of Christ's plate.

This article is the first in a series that will introduce readers to the most important pieces in our collection. Future articles will consist of brief notices on multiple pieces. This year, however, after a short introduction to the standing cup and its purpose, I offer a feature-length and fully researched article on a single object, the Wreathen Cup. I have not singled it out only because I am a medievalist. It is the most significant piece of plate in our collection and one of the most significant in the country, and yet it has never been fully studied. In the coming months, it will be visible to the public in the exhibition *Medieval Women: In Their Own Words* at the British Library (25 October 2024–2 March 2025). I have not yet had sight of the exhibition book, but since the curators are focusing on women's literary activities they are unlikely to examine the cup's purpose or symbolism. It is also a couple's cup, commissioned by Humphrey and Eleanor, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. In histories of the fifteenth century, their story has not been well told. The intellectual patronage activities of 'Good Duke Humphrey' make him a worthy, if accidental, connection for Christ's, but the couple's intellectual engagements also played a role in their downfall. Finally, the cup's itinerary from the hands of Duke Humphrey to Lady Margaret Beaufort has remained a mystery, and I would like to propose plausible scenarios.

Hanaps

The early, covered standing cups in our collection were called 'hanaps'. The word came into Middle English from French, but its root was a Germanic word for 'goblet'. Few hanaps survive. One sees them more frequently in feast scenes in the visual arts. In an illustration for the month of January in the calendar that opens the *Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry*, a prayer book painted in France c. 1412–16, a courtier in the lower left holds a hanap while he pours wine (fig. 3).

These cups were among a household's most valuable pieces of plate, often known by special names, and frequently singled out when drawing up a will. Thus in 1392



Fig 3

Richard, Earl of Arundel, bequeathed to Philippa, his wife, 'her own cup called Belchier', and the prior of Durham in 1446 called one of his cups 'Beda'.

The drink served in cups of this shape was usually wine, imported in barrels from the ports of Rouen and Bordeaux. The participants in a feast drank light, young reds from Burgundy, Gascony, or Languedoc and whites from the Loire Valley or Auxerre. The latter were described by Jehan Bodel c. 1200 as 'flowing clear as the tear of a sinner, lingering on the tongue of the gourmand, and rising to the head like a squirrel scurrying up a tree'. At the end of a meal in summer, claret — which at that time

merited the name because its colour was closer to a rosé — would be served with fruit and cheese. In cooler seasons, the feast ended with a sweetened, spiced wine called ‘hippocras’. The name was an adaptation of ‘Hippocrates’, the name of the ancient physician who had taught that wine was healthful and aided digestion. (Medieval elites were attentive to the health benefits of food and drink.) Recipes for hippocras appear in *The Forme of Cury* (c. 1390), by the master cooks of Richard II, and *Le mesnagier de Paris* (c. 1393), by a rich bourgeois of that city. The drink was served with sweet, dry pastries.

A hanap may have held the owner’s drink alone, or it might have been shared with another person. At the end of the meal, these cups could also be passed from hand to hand in a ritual of sharing, the ancestor of our ceremony of the Loving Cup. Some antiquarians would have us believe that this ritual was a demonstration of mutual non-aggression. One could hardly be fingering a dagger while holding the hanap or its cover. This idea derives from the misinterpretation of a single manuscript illustration. There is no reason to assume that, in a culture where it was customary to carry one’s own knife for cutting food, people were always stabbing each other at dinner. The real danger in these turbulent centuries was poison, which the cup’s cover made more difficult. The passing of a cup at the conclusion of festivities was a performance of mutual sharing that can be traced back to the ancient world.

The visual impact of the hanap was as important as its practical use. Standing before its owner at dinner, it represented that individual’s power, wealth, attachments, and dynastic affiliation. During the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, aristocrats indulged in armorials, badges, elaborate clothing, and ritual gestures that could give visible expression to their self-image. They had devices embroidered onto textiles, carved in wood and stone, outlined in stained glass, and worked in fine silver and gold. The brightly coloured ornament of our College’s early buildings is a tribute to that age of performance, and the Wreathen Cup is its outstanding artefact.

The Wreathen Cup



Fig 4

The Wreathen Cup is the oldest hanap we own. Its archaic name, which appears in that form in a seventeenth century inventory, distinguishes the cup from a second drinking vessel given by Lady Margaret Beaufort that I will introduce next year. The early Fellows seem to have adapted a salient term from the description of the cup in Lady Margaret's will of 1509: 'To Doctour Wilford our confessour we will he have a stonding cupp gilt with a cover chased writhen, the on chase indented with traifoilles, the other imboised with acorns and oken leves and arme[s] enamyled on the bothom of the cupp.' Edmund Wilsford, Doctor of Divinity, was Reader in Theology at the University of Oxford and Provost of Oriel College. Oriel might own the cup today had Dr Wilsford not chosen to exchange it for another, less precious piece of her silver and an indemnity for the difference of value. Since Lady Margaret had willed to Christ's all her plate except the special bequests, the Wreathen Cup travelled to Cambridge in what must have been a great convoy bearing her household and chapel goods.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester



Fig 5

The cup's story had begun more than 70 years earlier, when it was commissioned by a couple who can be identified from the enamel armorial mentioned in Lady Margaret's will (fig. 5): Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester (1390–1447), the youngest son of King Henry IV of England, and Humphrey's second wife, Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester (c. 1408–52).

Eleanor came from a branch of the numerous and prosperous Cobham family, well established in Kent and Surrey. Her great-grandfather, Reginald, 1st Lord Cobham, Knight of the Garter, had held commands under Edward III and the Black Prince. But her father was only a knight. He had served honourably under Humphrey during the campaigns of Henry V in France, and this had allowed him to place his daughter in the retinue of Humphrey's first wife, Jacqueline, Countess of Hainaut (1401–36).

As brother to Henry V, who reigned 1413–22, and uncle to Henry VI, Humphrey played a leading role in the government of England for three decades. His initiatives have proven difficult to understand. The sudden death of Henry V seems to have left unfinished certain plans concerning Hainaut, Holland, and Zeeland that the king had been developing with his youngest brother before the two men parted for the last time. These plans are not fully elucidated by surviving records, but Humphrey's pursuit of them shows that he was more concerned about the future of English trade than the other English magnates. Also long misunderstood were the plans Henry made for the government of England during the minority of his son, then an infant. As a result, older historical studies have painted Humphrey as a grasping, ambitious, and unprincipled disrupter. The power of this long-held view is responsible for the

incoherences of K. H. Vickers' 1907 biography of Humphrey. More recent studies, most significantly R. A. Griffiths' monumental *The Reign of Henry VI* (1981), have transformed our understanding of the period. Humphrey emerges as a dogged and irascible advocate of his eldest brother's vision, even as its flaws became apparent, but also as a man who proved loyal to his royal nephew to the bitter end. After his eldest brother's death, Gloucester, still comparatively inexperienced as a politician, was compelled to operate in a chaotic milieu of factions competing for power and influence.

The first conflict concerned the government of England. Henry died in France while Humphrey was serving his second term as regent of England. In his final days, the king made clear his wishes for the division of responsibilities during his son's minority. His uncle Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, would have charge of the infant king. Henry wished his brother John, Duke of Bedford (perhaps the most diplomatic of the Lancastrian brethren) to assume the responsibility of governing English possessions in France and become regent of France after the death of Charles VI, although this would mean a delicate diplomatic dance with the Duke of Burgundy. Humphrey, already known as a friend to Londoners and the middle classes, was to continue as regent of England. These arrangements were implemented with the exception of the regency of England. The failure was probably due to the machinations of the brothers' uncle, Henry Beaufort, then Bishop of Winchester and later Cardinal. Several years earlier, after the discovery that the bishop was playing a double game, Henry V had forced him to relinquish the chancellorship of England. The prelate was probably still smarting from this wound, renewed by his exclusion from any significant role during the minority of Henry VI. Through his quiet efforts, the English lords, who had at first been willing to accede to the late king's wishes, were brought round to the position that England did not need a regent. Instead, Humphrey was made Lord Protector, a role that was defined by little except its limitations. All consequential decisions for the kingdom would be made by a large council, for which no rules of attendance or voting were drawn up.

For the reasons Henry V had wanted to avoid such an arrangement, we have only to consider the bloody harvest of fifteenth century English history. A weak king such as Richard II or Henry VI posed problems for a system of strong monarchy, but even worse was the power vacuum of a minority government without a regent. Conflicts among the leading lords became entrenched, and a stronger personality than Henry VI would have struggled to take matters in hand on coming of age. The principal conflict of the first 25 years of Henry VI's reign began with this initial dispute. Humphrey and Henry Beaufort became adversaries. Humphrey believed that the bishop's fabulous personal wealth could not have been got by honest means and that his ability to lend to the impecunious government in cases where he approved its strategy gave him too much power. The bishop believed that the Duke of Gloucester derived too much power from his positive relationship with the people. When John of Bedford died, childless, in 1435, Humphrey also became heir to the throne and the sole Lancastrian, other than the king, in the direct line of Henry IV. He would remain in that position for the rest of his life.

Humphrey and Eleanor were wed sometime between 1428, when his marriage to Jacqueline was invalidated by the Pope, and 1430. He would have been in his late 30s. The date of Eleanor's birth is unknown. Her parents married in 1400, but the chronicler Jehan de Waurin, writing of her in France 1424–25, describes her in

a way that could only have applied to a girl still in her teens. This would put her birth after 1404 and likely closer to 1410. By the time she married Humphrey, she was probably about 20. The couple settled into domestic life. They shared interests. Together, they built a palace and park called 'La Pleasaunce' in Greenwich. Here, a short river's journey from Westminster, they established a court frequented by intellectuals, musicians, and poets. 200 years later, William Camden would praise the palace's situation: 'there is a ... faire and pleasant prospect ... to the river winding in and out ... the greene meddows and marshes underlying, the Citie of London, and the Countrie round about.' One of the ironies of this story is that La Pleasaunce is now the site of the Royal Observatory.

Probably educated at Balliol College, Oxford, Humphrey was a reader and bibliophile. In Greenwich, he amassed one of the great libraries in an age when books were luxury objects. Many he marked as his own with a line in French, 'This book belongs to me, Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester', often followed by a note about how he acquired it and from whom. The *ex libris* may have been inspired by that of the famous bibliophile king of France, Charles V le Sage (1338–80). Humphrey had Christine de Pizan's *Life* of Charles, and at least three of Charles' books had found their way to him as gifts from his brother Bedford, who had purchased the French royal library. Altogether, 47 surviving manuscripts have been traced to Humphrey's library, and the lists of his donations provide further insights into his reading. In Latin, he collected history, philosophy, Biblical commentaries, saints' lives, astronomy, astrology, geomancy, and medicine. He owned romances and dream literature in French as well as English poetry. In French translation, he read the Italian works of Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio.

Admiration for Boccaccio's *De casibus virorum illustrium* (c. 1355–74) led Humphrey to commission an English translation from John Lydgate, *The Fall of Princes*. This long poem has not inspired much love from scholars of literature. They usually prefer another of the duke's commissions, *On Husbandrie*, a verse translation of Palladius' treatise on agriculture, the *Opus agriculturae*, c. 400 CE. The translator, who had considerable talent of his own, sings Humphrey's praises with all the hyperbole that would have been expected, but he also claims that his patron 'taught' him versification and depicts Humphrey going through the work line by line like one of today's fiercer supervisors marking a student essay. The presentation manuscript of *On Husbandrie* is not the most lavish of Humphrey's collection, but it is striking (fig. 6). The copyist, perhaps the translator himself, has employed ink of different colours to highlight the rhymes of the poem.

Capable of discerning the qualities of English and French style, and an admirer of the elegance of Classical Latin, Humphrey also longed for other ancient languages. At some point he borrowed a Hebrew psalter from the Cathedral library at Canterbury. It is not clear what his objective was since there is no indication that he had studied the language, but a particular love of the Psalms is clear from another of his surviving books, a personalized selection of Biblical poetry (in Latin). Also unable to read Greek, he entered into correspondence with Italian humanists to commission Latin translations. In this way, he acquired new versions of Aristotle's *Politics*, Plato's *Republic*, and Ptolemy's *Cosmography*, among other works (fig 7). The *Republic* seems to have become a particular favourite. His interest in Hebrew poetry and Greek philosophy anticipated the study of those languages in England: we should recall John Fisher's emphasis early in the next century on education not only in Latin, but



Fig 6

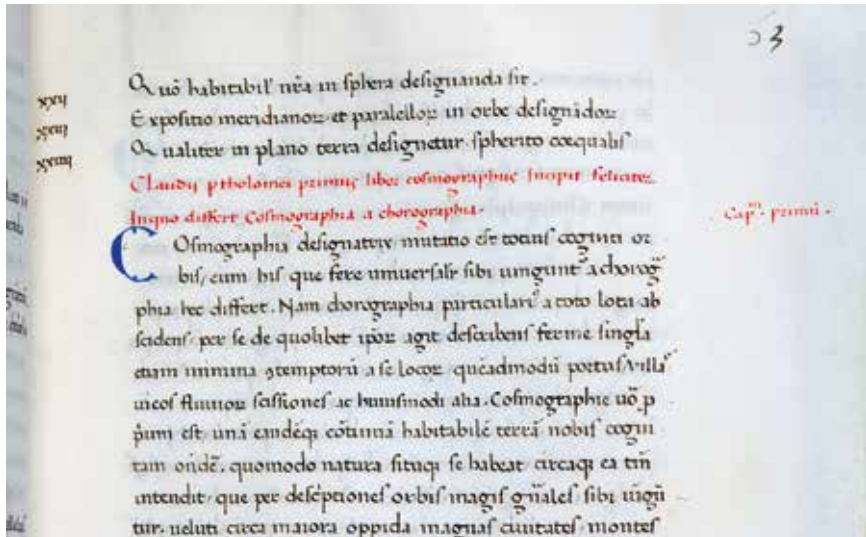


Fig 7

also in Hebrew and Greek. Humphrey's commissions and his sponsorship of Italian humanists visiting England facilitated the introduction of Continental Renaissance practices to England.

The Duke of Gloucester maintained his ties to Oxford University and proved its most active protector. The university's authorities wrote to him when they did not receive Henry V's bequest of books and when the students stirred up trouble. Humphrey may have been unsuccessful in recovering his brother's books, but he made generous donations of his own during his life, some 280 books, which made possible Oxford's first university library of note. He promised to bequeath to that institution all the Latin books remaining in his library in Greenwich.



Fig 8

The Duchess of Gloucester was also a reader. The British Library's exhibition catalogue is not yet in print and existing scholarship is contradictory on this point, but I know of two manuscripts that passed through her hands. One was her personal possession: a French translation of the English *Ancrene Riwe*, a monastic rule for

anchoresses (holy recluses). It would have comforted her in the sad autumn of her life. During happier years, she probably gave the other book to her husband: a Latin translation of the treatise on remedies and antidotes from the Arabic encyclopaedia of medicine by Abū al-Qāsim al-Zahrāwī (c. 936–1013), a pioneering physician from the golden age of Islamic Spain.

We can savour the private humour of this gift. Humphrey and Jacqueline had been suspected of eliminating a rival, Jacqueline's uncle, by arranging for the pages of his prayerbook to be poisoned. (The plot is novelistic, but what can one do when people will insist on keeping covers on their cups?). Evidently Eleanor did not share the suspicion and believed that Humphrey would accept her gift with good grace. What he could not have known was that she herself had administered draughts to him after the dissolution of his marriage to Jacqueline. The couple were already lovers, but by this time he had one, possibly two illegitimate children by other women, and Eleanor must have feared that his eye would wander again. Marriage would restore her respectability and secure her future. It would ensure that her own children, when they came, would share their father's social position. The difficulty was that men of his class married for rich dowries or powerful connections. Humphrey's first wife had been heiress to Hainaut, Holland, and Zeeland; Bedford's wife was sister to the Duke of Burgundy. Eleanor could offer only her person. Fearing this was not enough, she sought love potions from one Margery Jourdemayne of Ebury, a manor near Westminster. Eleanor must have heard about Margery from other young, besotted denizens of the court who had gone to her with the same need. Eleanor could have administered the potions to Humphrey in a shared cup, since she had already quaffed the draught of love.

A Subtle Design

The Wreathen Cup may have been a wedding cup for Humphrey and Eleanor, or else they commissioned it later, to share while hosting dinner parties at La Pleasaunce or their residence in London, Baynard's Castle. The cup's union of magnificence and refinement befits the man whom Henry V had once appointed as his Great Chamberlain. It stands 32cm high and weighs 36 troy ounces (1.12kg). Its chalice form is typical of this period, as is the conical cover, which is slightly elongated at the top as if the tip has been drawn upward. The profile is similar to another rare survival, the Lacock Cup, which can be seen at the British Museum.

Unlike the Lacock Cup, the surface of the Wreathen Cup has been delicately worked. The design is inspired by the simple spiral lines that must have been embossed on much plate of the period. Archbishop Henry Chichele (d. 1443) gave a pair of silver-gilt flagons in this design to All Souls College, Oxford (fig. 9), and pictorial representations often show such pieces (fig. 16). There are close parallels in sculpture. The Cathedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia, Barcelona, has a marble baptismal font with spiral ridges on its surface, carved by Onofre Julià in 1433 (fig. 10). This kind of ornament can be related to Gothic sculpture's fluid treatment of drapery, which was drawn into diagonal folds across the fullness of bodies or allowed to tumble so that the hem folded diagonally back on itself (fig. 19). Our goldsmith has innovated by applying the spiral to garlands of foliage, which appear to be draped across the curvature of a bowl.



Fig 9



Fig 10

The plants suit the court's love of open-air excursions, particularly the festival of Maying, when courtiers would weave garlands for their heads or shoulders. The calendar of the *Très Riches Heures* offers an exquisite depiction of this practice in the illumination for that month. Here we see an elegant band riding past a low hedge of blue flowers (fig. 11). The miniature scale allows little detail of the flowers, but depictions of plants became more naturalistic in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. In this way, artists could evoke herbal lore about medicinal properties or well-known symbolism. They also sought the visual impact of gardens blooming with many plants, which might provide the setting for a depiction of courtly pursuits or announce a new Eden made possible by the Incarnation. An Annunciation tapestry made in the southern Netherlands c. 1410–20 shows Gabriel entering Mary's house from such a garden (fig. 12). The weaver charged with this part of the tapestry has sought variety of shape and colour. Although the plants are stylized, we can identify the blooms of sweet Williams, pinks, and baby's breath. Inside the house, an elegantly drafted lily blooms in an urn, signifying Mary's virginity.

In crafting the Wreathen Cup, the goldsmith has made the plants identifiable despite the uniform colour of his material. They are arranged into tapering wreaths. Since the wreaths are all about the same width, six appear on the bowl but only five on the cover and three on the stem. Most frequently there appear oak boughs with acorns, which are represented sometimes with the leaves of the sessile oak (stem, bowl, and lid), sometimes with the English (bowl and lid). Nearly as frequent is a flower with five petals of uniform shape, a centre with a distinctive, raised ring, and tapering leaves with smooth edges that grow in an alternating pattern. This plant appears on all three parts of the cup, twice on the bowl. To identify it, we can leaf through a remarkable prayer book, the *Grandes Heures*, painted by Jean Bourdichon 1503–08 for Anne de Bretagne, Queen of France. The borders of this book are filled with detailed paintings of hundreds of plants, labelled in French and Latin. Our plant appears on folio 29, where it is identified as the *Sovieine vous de moy*, the forget-me-not (fig. 13).

The narrow channels on the cup's surface have compelled the goldsmith to place the flowers individually, rather than in clusters, and to make the leaves the same size as the blooms, but the strongly delineated centre ring of the flower and the fine hairs engraved on the leaves identify the plant (fig. 15). Less frequent on the cup, but wreathed once around each part of it, is the fruiting vine (grapevine). On the bowl and stem only, there also appears a foliage plant whose leaves have many blunt lobes (see fig. 3, left side of cover). After hunting through medieval herbal manuscripts, I am inclined to identify it as rocket. The goldsmith shortens the leaves, producing something like what we see in an Italian herbal of the same period (fig. 14).

The choice is surprising, since rocket is a Mediterranean green that may not have been commonly consumed in England at the time, but we will see that it contributes to the meaning of the cup. The final plant represented is the eglantine (dog rose or sweetbriar), which runs in narrow bands round the edge of the lid and the foot. It is minute but identifiable from the symmetrical pattern of the leaves' growth (fig. 15). Together, these plants manifest in gold the tastes and smells of the meal: wine drawn from oak barrels would have been served in this very cup, and greens would have been served in season, while fresh or dried rose petals were often strewn on the fine linen tablecloth before a feast. In winter by candlelight, the tiny plants on the surface of the cup would have seemed to sway in the flickering light like a golden garden in the breeze.



Fig 11

Today, we still recall the symbolic significance of some of these plants. Forget-me-nots evoke love, remembrance, and fidelity. The grapes and herbs exemplify tastes, sweet and bitter. Oak symbolises royalty: the crowns worn by the effigies of Henry IV and Joan of Navarre at Canterbury Cathedral alternate fleurs-de-lys with oak leaves. The rose had a wide range of meaning: it was associated with the Virgin Mary but also served as the metaphor for the object of desire in that medieval bestseller, the *Romance of the Rose*. With its beauty and its thorns, it represented the pleasures and pains of desire. Its presence activates another possible meaning of rocket: in the Middle Ages, it was thought to be an aphrodisiac. But the ascendance of the forget-me-not over both these plants suggests that physical pleasures contribute to lasting devotion. At the same time the combination of the rose and the forget-me-not signals dynastic affiliation. The red rose was taken as a device by the Lancastrians, while the forget-me-not was personal to the first Lancastrian king, Henry IV. He had the little blue flower worked into his clothing, sometimes in conjunction



Fig 12



Fig 13

with the letter S, which recalled both his mottos: *Soverayne* and *Soveyne vous de moy*, that is, *Forget me not*. The tester above his effigy at Canterbury once showed the flowers. On the Wreathen Cup, Humphrey has not forgotten his father, although with some restraint he has chosen not to include letters or inscriptions. In fact, it is worth noting how subtle the dynastic claims of the cup are. The flowers can mean many things, and do, in association with the other plants. The importance of this polyvalence emerges if we compare the Wreathen Cup to the Foundress' Tun, a covered beaker that Lady Margaret commissioned in the last decade of her life and willed to the College. I will describe this piece in a notice next year. For the moment, what is relevant is that the tun is entirely covered with dynastic devices. It is a vessel of dynastic identity. The cup is more generous in its possible meanings.

The decoration has been executed with a range of techniques. Since Lady Margaret names a few when describing it in her will, we should keep that document to hand when examining the cup's detail. Chasing involves working from the outside using a small hammer and punches. The technique has been used to create the channels for the garlands. By 'imposed' (embossed) work she seems to mean what is now usually called repoussé. This involves doing the same from the inside. Here it has made the garlands. Repoussé work alone creates the impression that a design emerges from the surface of an object.

Chasing followed by repoussé creates a

subtler effect, inviting the eye to focus on a design that has been made to recede. Together, the two techniques create wide, tapering bands of ornament that alternate with bands of smooth gold. The edges of the smooth metal are softened by a string of trefoils (Lady Margaret's 'traifoilles'), a geometric motif of three circles, which have been embossed (she distinguishes this technique from repoussé by saying that the trefoils are 'indented'). They echo the openwork trefoils that run round the cup's foot and the edge of its cover, where they are capped by little sprays of foliage that also

outline trefoils (fig. 15). This openwork has been cast. The eglantines have been stamped below it, and the strip moulded to form a ring.

The final addition would have been the armorials. The placement of the enamel inside the cup is a subtle touch. Another hanap in the College's collection has such an enamel on the finial (the knob atop the cover), where it is immediately visible. The enamel inside the Wreathen Cup was clearly meant to be seen, or else it would have no point, but it would only come into focus slowly, as the cup was emptied, and only for those privileged to drink from it. This gradual, private revelation was probably intended as a complement to some device on the finial, which would have been visible to all. The original finial has not survived, but the devices that Humphrey used in his life were a pair or trio of ostrich feathers, often associated with his armorial, a vase of foliage that symbolised the transience of pleasure and beauty, and the swan that had been the family emblem of his mother, Mary Bohun. The swan had been adopted by Henry IV and Henry V before Humphrey, becoming a Lancastrian emblem. Humphrey might have chosen the device of his mother as a complement to the flowers of his father.

It is now clear that Lady Margaret's description of the cup was incomplete but precise. A will requires only a few salient details, and in the autumn of her life, preoccupied with the building works at her foundations in Cambridge, she was thinking of oak, not flowers. Nonetheless, her recollection of multiple details of form and workmanship demonstrates that the early owners of these objects had a knowledge of fine metalwork, and the time they spent handling their acquisitions acquainted them with even the most minute motifs. No doubt the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester had discussed the design and workmanship in even greater detail with their goldsmith.

Of that individual, sadly, we know nothing. There are no identifying marks on the cup. Goldsmiths were prosperous burghers in this period, sometimes singled out for portraiture (fig. 16), but for one reason or another there was long resistance to the requirement of punching work with a personalized mark of the kind we will see on the College's Tudor plate. Also lacking from the cup is the 'King's mark', the leopard's head. The goldsmiths of London had organized into a guild in the twelfth century, and, in 1327, they had received a royal charter, becoming a livery company. All masters were to have their work assayed and punched with the King's mark. Provincial English goldsmiths were supposed to use the mark of the closest



Fig 14



Fig 15



Fig 16

assay town. In France and Flanders, the major cities had distinct marks for the same purpose. Yet many of the pieces that survive from this early period — including objects whose metal has tested very pure — lack even this mark. One reason may be the frequency with which patrons provided goldsmiths with an old piece of hollowware as metal for a new piece. (Let us hope that it was plain bowls and beakers that disappeared into the crucible of our Gothic goldsmith, and not a Romanesque or Anglo-Saxon masterpiece.) A craftsman who had not purchased the metal may not have felt the need to have the new piece assayed, but without the assay mark, only stylistic similarities can indicate a piece's origin. In this regard, it is unfortunate that Wreathen Cup is without parallel in surviving plate or pictorial representation. Nonetheless, the 1447 inventory of the estate of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, lists several cups that were 'chased Wreathwise'. The specification of chasing rather than embossing (as in Chichele's flagons) suggests that the wreathen ornament on these lost pieces involved similar variation and detail. Perhaps the chased garland had become the specialty of a London master.

Disaster

Humphrey and Eleanor were not given many years to enjoy their cup. In the fifteenth century, learned couples could read astronomy and medicine and astrology and geomancy. The contradiction that we see in this mixture of science and divination was not visible at that time. The medieval understanding of the movement of the heavenly bodies suggested that they could influence the sublunar world. An advanced knowledge of astronomy and complex calculations were required of physicians wishing to determine the favourable conditions for a course of treatment. The star sign under which a patient was born would determine their 'complexion' or tendencies (hot/cold, moist/dry), and would have to be taken into account, as would the current time of year and location. Humphrey, for example, was born in August or September, so his sign may have been Virgo, making him prone to coldness, dryness, and melancholy (fig. 17, upper right). Substances with the opposite qualities would provide equipoise, and this may be another reason for the representation of rocket (hot and moist), rather than some other herb, on the cup from which he would drink his hippocras. Meanwhile, it was believed that similitudes in the created world revealed the virtues and sympathies of plants, animals, or stones, which could be employed to treat illness. The extracting of essences, the brewing of potions, and ongoing experimentation created a continuum between medicine and magic. Image magic, in which effigies were manipulated to induce healing, fertility, love, or death, combined pharmacology's logic of similitude with astrology's principle of action at a distance.

Despite the discomfort of theologians, who worried that divination impinged on human free will, astrologers were respected Fellows of Cambridge and Oxford Colleges and prominent medical practitioners. Their work was followed eagerly by leading members of Court. It has been a canard in historiography to treat the Gloucesters as eccentric, silly, or sinister for their interest in the field, when in fact it was widely shared by Charles V of France, Richard II of England, and their courts. John of Bedford commissioned a long treatise on physiognomy from the author of Humphrey's book of geomancy, and the presentation copy opens with an elaborate

pictorial representation of the relation between the signs of the zodiac, the planets, and the bodies of men. The calendar of the *Très Riches Heures* of the Duke of Berry concludes with a similar image (fig. 17). John Whethamstede, Abbot of St Albans, gave books on astronomy and astrology to both Bedford and Gloucester.

Nonetheless, these practices lent themselves to misconstrual, which could be exploited in the rivalries at court. In the fourteenth century, the royal court of France and the papal court at Avignon had seen a series of trials for necromancy and witchcraft, trials motivated by political expediency. By the fifteenth century, the practice had spread to England. The dowager queen Joan of Navarre was imprisoned (without trial) for witchcraft 1419–22. Her arrest helped to manage public perceptions, for her first husband had been the Duke of Brittany and her children by that marriage were actively supporting the King of France against Henry V. The seizure of her dowry also helped pay for Henry's military campaigns. Meanwhile, comfortable quarters and a generous allowance gilded her prison and eased the minds of its architects. The trial and execution of Joan of Arc on charges of heresy in 1431 was an event of a different order. We can recognize an attempt to combat the perception that her battle to expel the English from France was divinely ordained, although the principal actors on both sides probably believed that Joan's visions must be angelic or demonic: they knew no other explanation. The major sources that allow us to understand these events are court records (if there was a trial) and chronicles. The former were drawn up by those with an interest in justifying the outcome; Joan's included falsifications. Chronicles can provide additional context and details, but these narratives also require critical reading because they have been shaped by propaganda, common prejudices, and familiar story motifs.

The Duchess of Gloucester had once commissioned a book on divination from Roger Bolingbroke, an Oxford-trained cleric and principal of St Andrew's Hall, whose tracts on astrology and geomancy were widely admired. The fragments of his writings that survive show him to have been an erudite man, but one incapable of anticipating the effect of his statements on a readership broader than his intellectual coterie. In early 1441, Bolingbroke and Thomas Southwell, a physician who had trained at University College, Oxford and risen to become one of the leading medical practitioners in London, cast a horoscope of Henry VI. It showed that the king was at risk of mortal illness from the month of April through the rest of the year. The prediction may have been plausible. A decade later, Henry would suffer a long, incapacitating bout of mental illness. Modern historians have diagnosed him as a schizoid personality, but Henry's doctors called his condition an excess of phlegm. One may wonder whether symptoms appeared earlier but were concealed by his household and council. This would explain why he had not fully assumed the reins of government in his mid teens, as would have been expected. It may well have been rumours about the king's health that attracted the professional interest of Bolingbroke and Southwell.

Somehow, in late spring 1441, the horoscope came to the attention of members of the king's household. In *Humphrey Duke of Gloucester: Politics and Reputation* (2009), Frank Millard has suggested that Bolinbroke and Southwell, motivated by the desire to put in place a plan of treatment for the king in his hour of danger, may themselves may have brought their work forward. This would fill in a puzzling blank in the story — how the horoscope, which was clearly not meant for public circulation, could have come to light to begin with — but it would have been an



Fig 17

act of astounding political naiveté. The two astrologers were known associates of the Gloucesters, while the Steward of the Royal Household was William de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, a close ally of Cardinal Beaufort. To make matters worse, the approach would also have activated professional and institutional rivalries. The king already had a personal physician, who had trained in Oxford but then held a fellowship for more than a decade at Pembroke College, Cambridge. The king's chaplain was the master of the same College and Chancellor of Cambridge University.

The king's household and council took swift action to silence men whose work threatened to expose the king's fragility. Another astrologer was prevailed upon to produce a new horoscope. He must have been prominent himself, but he chose not

to sign this piece of work. After weeks of delay (labour, procrastination, or distaste), he submitted a treatise in which he identified errors in the calculations of Bolingbroke and Southwell and offered an (equally erroneous) alternative. Meanwhile, the two men had been arrested and the case had taken a sensational turn. Bolingbroke was subjected to a public recanting in which he sat on a painted chair wearing a paper crown, surrounded by what purported to be the diverse instruments of his dark arts, including images. An investigation had been opened into the household of the Gloucesters, and a 'witch' had been arrested — the Margery Jourdemayne I have already mentioned — after the discovery that she had supplied the duchess with certain potions.

Eleanor had the sense to claim sanctuary in Westminster Abbey. This meant that she was able to make her case to a panel of bishops before facing the king's justice. Although Cardinal Beaufort was one of those prelates, so was Archbishop Chichele, a friend of Humphrey's and a just man. Chichele's health was failing, however, and he was absent for much of the case. Eleanor was charged with 28 articles of felony and treason related to a conspiracy to bring about the death of the king. Through repeated questioning and against the testimony of the others, who may have turned against her on the false promise of saving their own lives, she admitted to only five articles. She maintained that her questions to the astrologers concerned only her future, that the potions of the late 1420s were to make Humphrey love and marry her, and that the recent potions (and possibly image magic — this point is unclear) were not poisons (or curses), but treatments to help her conceive a child by him. The last claim has not received the attention it requires. Historians, following the chroniclers, have assumed that Eleanor desired to be queen (the 'ambitious woman' motif) and that her childlessness is irrelevant or unworthy of discussion by serious people. But for a woman who had not borne a child in more than a decade of marriage, her husband's ascent to the throne would have been as much a matter of anxiety as hope. Humphrey was now over 50, and Eleanor's childlessness would have caused a crisis of succession. Prominent among other potential Lancastrian heirs to the throne was John Beaufort, Earl of Somerset, an adversary of her husband. Somerset was more than a decade younger than Gloucester. A few years earlier, he had been ransomed from a long imprisonment in France, and he had swiftly married a widow who had already demonstrated her fertility with the birth of seven children to her first husband. For both the Gloucesters, the birth of an heir of their own would have provided security.

The duchess had access to the greatest physicians in the land, including Southwell, who may have been her personal doctor. For years they had failed her. Now she had quietly brought her medical condition to Margery. The choice demonstrates that, although Margery sold love potions, she also offered medical consultations. Despite her characterization by the chroniclers (the 'wicked witch' motif), she was married into a family of respected yeomen. She may have been one of those laypeople who worked as healers, drawing on generations of experience of the powers of different natural substances. These empirics played a role in the history of pharmacology, but physicians held them in contempt and they were only just tolerated by religious and secular authorities. They were always susceptible to charges of witchcraft. Margery herself had been arrested on such charges in 1430. This did not prevent Eleanor from returning to her in a moment of need. The farmwife may not have been educated like Southwell and his set, but Eleanor knew from experience that her potions actually worked.

Among the charges the two women faced, the one concerning the love potions of the late 1420s likely worried them the least. There were theological objections to love magic (free will again), but authorities rarely intervened unless a potion killed someone. Margery admitted the sale, and when confronted with her testimony, Eleanor confessed. Margery may also have hoped that she would be protected by the benevolent nature of her more serious work and the list she could produce of grateful and respectable clients. These factors may have saved her



Fig 18

after her earlier arrest and allowed her to continue practicing discreetly (for it is hard to believe anyone was unaware of her activities). Not this time. Her second arrest showed her to be a relapsed witch, and she was condemned to be burned at the stake. The astrologers were tried for treasonable necromancy and found guilty. Southwell died in prison (perhaps by procuring a poison), but Bolingbroke endured a public execution that sent shock waves through the intelligentsia of the kingdom. The two chronicles based on eye-witness accounts concur that, from the scaffold, he declared himself to be innocent of 'that for which he died' (or of 'treason against the king's person'), but he begged God's forgiveness for knowing too much. This is another statement whose implications have been missed. If Bolingbroke was not lying as he faced death, then the charges of dark deeds that Eleanor faced were fabrications.

The ecclesiastical court could try Eleanor for witchcraft but not treason, which was the purview of temporal authorities. The bishops concluded that, because Humphrey had entered into the marriage with her under the influence of witchcraft, it was invalid. The couple must separate and she would be stripped of her title. The bishops also imposed on her the kind of public penance ordinarily reserved for prostitutes. On three successive market days, she was to walk bareheaded through London, carrying a lighted taper to a designated sanctuary. The perception that this penance was unjust and unseemly, and the dignity with which she performed it, earned her enduring sympathy in some quarters. On the charge of treason, Eleanor was not tried, but she was sentenced. After all, *Magna Carta* required only that men receive a trial by jury. (Parliament was so alarmed by this expedient that it passed legislation in the very next session requiring that women of noble rank be tried by a jury of peers.) She was to be imprisoned indefinitely. This meant confinement to an apartment in a castle far from London and a pension of 100 marks *per annum*, which was paid to her custodian. She was not to be kept on bread and water — 100 marks allowed her to have a modest household — but a message was being sent. Queen Joan had been allowed ten times that amount. Griffiths speculates that Eleanor was a hostage to 'Humphrey's good behaviour', which may have been the case, but her sentence would never be commuted even after

Humphrey's death. Joan had been released and her dowry restored to her after three years. Eleanor died after a decade in captivity.

Humphrey had not been directly implicated in the events of 1441. I think it unlikely that he had commissioned the horoscope, as Millard has proposed, because the investigation was nothing if not thorough, yet charges had to be fabricated to achieve a dramatic outcome. If Humphrey had initiated the horoscope, it is hard to believe he would have escaped the gallows. Nonetheless, it was probably he rather than Eleanor who was the real target of the proceedings. The public spectacles, which would hardly have soothed a frightened king, and the savage *dénouement* suggest that interested parties had seen an opportunity to turn an impressionable young man against an uncle and aunt he had once loved. The element of cruelty towards Humphrey as well as Eleanor is hard to ignore: the enquiry had reached into the intimacy of their household, sweeping up a secretary, chaplain, physician, and probably the duchess' ladies in waiting, who might have required a good scare before revealing the potions. The ecclesiastical trial had provided the opportunity to represent Humphrey's disinterested marriage to Eleanor and whatever attachment had grown between the spouses as nothing more than smoke, mirrors, and fornication. The Church had asserted its authority to terminate the union, which must have been a bitter reminder of the fate of his first marriage, but this time, it had sundered him from a woman who had been his companion for more than a decade. In the political sphere, the consequences were also grave. Eleanor had now been implicated in any harm that might befall the king, and this would make it difficult for the Duke of Gloucester to claim the crown should the king die.

Humphrey was progressively excluded from the king's circle of advisors. Eleanor was moved multiple times, always under close guard. These measures may reflect the king's paranoia, but they also demonstrate that the couple's acquaintances believed the bond between them had survived the revelations of the trial. The bishops, some of whom were instruments of the cardinal, might not have been so quick to dissolve the marriage had they believed Humphrey likely to seize the opportunity to remarry and father an heir. He probably also made provision in his will to improve Eleanor's lot by ensuring that her dowry was returned to her, or even by increasing it. He may have expected her to be released in the event of his death. And he may have had a premonition. After the king's marriage to Margaret of Anjou in 1445, Humphrey's opponents had found an energetic new ally. Forbidden to approach the king, he now spent most of his time at La Pleasaunce.

In February 1447, the Duke of Gloucester was summoned to a parliament at Bury St Edmunds. One chronicler reports that he hoped to plead for better treatment of Eleanor. Historians have considered whether he was planning to make an appeal to the Commons to prevent the cession of Maine, a valuable county in France, which the king of France was demanding as a condition for peace. Upon arrival in the town, Humphrey was placed under arrest on unspecified charges. His request to see the king, to confront his accusers, or even to know the charges against him, was denied. According to witnesses, he fell into a deep melancholy. Within days, he was dead. If anyone else had been inclined to try overt action to block the foreign policy proposed by the king's inner circle, they had second thoughts. Slowly but inexorably, Maine was ceded to France.

On the day of Humphrey's death, the king declared him to have died intestate and began distributing his property. La Pleasaunce was given to the queen, who quickly

ordered new stained glass. Yet rumours of a will circulated. The parliament roll records an act debarring Eleanor from receiving any dowry. Was fury toward Eleanor still so great that she could not be allowed to benefit from the small dowry her father must have given her, or had Humphrey settled on her a property desired by one of the king's inner circle? If so, Humphrey's generosity was twisted into a life sentence for Eleanor, who could hardly be set free without property. Among the other claimants, the authorities of Oxford believed that the duke had bequeathed his Latin books to them. Their appeals fell on deaf ears. The king's new foundations at Windsor and Cambridge petitioned for Humphrey's library. King's College eventually received some books. Yet the idea of keeping one of the greatest princely libraries in England intact and giving it to an educational institution had not occurred to the commission appointed to oversee the distribution of Humphrey's goods. Recent investigations with UV light have revealed, in valuable Latin books that never reached Oxford, King's, or Eton, the traces of Humphrey's *ex libris*, which had been carefully erased. The commissioners must have sold them piecemeal. The erasure of their provenance and the fact that an enquiry was later opened suggest that the proceeds were being diverted.



Fig 19

The Duke of Somerset had died two years before Humphrey, and by early 1447 an elderly Cardinal Beaufort was nearing his death. Their faction had been led to this triumph by Suffolk and the queen. But their victory was Pyrrhic. They erred in believing that opposition could be eliminated once and for all, when in fact it was constantly generated by the inadequacy of Henry VI's rule. In his paradoxical role of 'loyalty in opposition' (as one historian has put it), Humphrey had focussed public attention on process and personnel. It is easy to understand why that strategy terrified the king's inner circle, but their fear blinded them to the way such a stance, when assumed by the last son of Henry IV, ensured that questions were not raised concerning the legitimacy of the Lancastrian claim to the throne. His death opened the way for a new leader of the opposition, Richard, Duke of York, scion of that Mortimer line that King Richard II had once favoured. The conditions were set for the Wars of the Roses.

An Obscure Itinerary

There appears to be no documentation of the Wreathen Cup's ownership during the period of civil war. The disappearance of Humphrey's will means that we cannot even tell whether the cup was in his possession when he died — a thing that should not simply be assumed. It is striking that Lady Margaret's third husband, Thomas Stanley, 1st Earl of Derby, was the son of the Thomas, 1st Baron Stanley, who had the

custody of Eleanor from her sentencing until her death in 1452. Might Humphrey have given the cup to her when they parted, as a memento of their years together? Another possibility is that the cup remained in Humphrey's possession until his death and was given to Eleanor after that event. Stanley also served on the commission that liquidated Humphrey's estate. It is possible that he took the cup for her in an act of compassion for a grieving woman, or even in a quiet attempt to execute one small provision of a will he had actually seen. In several ways, then, the cup could have come to Eleanor. When she died, it would have passed to the Stanleys. The earl could have given it to Lady Margaret at any point in their long marriage of 1472–1504. She would not have remembered her father, the Duke of Somerset, and her many marriages and attendance at both Lancastrian and Yorkist courts would have left her with no illusions about any of the personalities of her parents' generation. But the cup was a lovely thing.

The Stanley scenario would explain not only the cup's survival, but also why the Gloucesters' arms were left inside. As with Humphrey's *ex libris*, so with that enamel: no partisans of Henry VI or beneficiaries of his second-hand largesse would have wanted to see it when they raised the cup to their lips. But Eleanor would not have removed it. To her, it would have recalled the golden years at La Pleasaunce, a garden that had bloomed but never borne fruit. After her death, there would have been no urgency about erasing the marks of the cup's original owners. In fact, in every year after 1447, a petition had been made to Parliament to rehabilitate 'Good Duke Humphrey'. As the country careened toward civil war, a Yorkist faction wishing to inherit his popularity with the people began to represent Gloucester as someone who had died opposing the Lancastrian abuse of power. The Stanleys, for their part, were not zealous factionalists despite their role at court. This was the kind of family that might pack a pretty cup away for a time while events took their course.

At some point after Henry VII's accession to the throne in 1485, the cup's finial was replaced with one engraved with a Tudor rose (fig. 20). But Lady Margaret never replaced the enamel boss. The cup is outwardly Tudor, but privately it recalls a Lancastrian favoured by the Yorkists. At the same time, the special bequest to Dr Wilsford indicates that she thought the cup a particular treasure. This is one of the imponderables a scholar encounters when writing the history of objects. Choices were made and preferences expressed for reasons that escape us because we cannot really know the individuals involved. Perhaps by the end of the century the rehabilitation of Humphrey had been so effective that glimpses of his arms brought pleasure. Or perhaps the Gloucesters' intellectual activities and the duke's



Fig 20

support of Oxford made Lady Margaret see them as a model. If my Stanley scenario is right, it is possible that affection for her final husband and the knowledge that the cup had once been a gift of affection or compassion made her want to recall that story. All these possibilities should be considered in the light of the flowers worked on the cup. More than merely a vessel for wine, it had become a vessel of memory. *Soveyne vous de moy* had become *Souvent me souvient*.

An Unintended Destination

Why did Lady Margaret bequeath this cup to her confessor? Did she judge its subtle symbolism better suited to quiet enjoyment than institutional display? Did she anticipate that, as a scholar at Oxford, he would enjoy recalling Duke Humphrey? She calculated wrongly, or else Dr Wilsford found himself in want of funds. We are the beneficiaries. The Wreathen Cup has been enjoyed by members of Christ's College, Cambridge for more than 500 years.

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Further Reading

For plate in general I recommend Philippa Glanville's *Silver in England* (1987, repr. 2013), which discusses creation, ownership, and use. John Cherry's *Medieval Goldsmiths* (2011) covers all aspects of the craft. The catalogue for the Victoria & Albert Museum's 2003 exhibition *Gothic Art for England* featured plate prominently (there are still copies available in the second-hand market). Susan Crane's *The Performance of Self: Ritual, Clothing, and Identity During the Hundred Years War* (2002) offers a wonderful introduction to the fashioning of aristocratic identity. The dazzling art of court banquets has been studied by Christina Normore in *A Feast for the Eyes: Art, Performance, and the Late Medieval Banquet* (2015). Gardeners will appreciate Tania Bayard's *Sweet Herbs and Sundry Flowers: Medieval Gardens and the Gardens of The Cloisters* (1985) or Celia Fisher's *The Medieval Flower Book* (2007), while wine connoisseurs will enjoy Rod Phillips' *French Wine: A History* (2016, illustrated edition 2020). Recipes for hippocras may be found at <https://rarecooking.com/2018/12/10/hippocras-or-spiced-wine/>. Scholarship on the political situation of fifteenth century England is now vast. For an introduction, I recommend Christine Carpenter, *The Wars of the Roses: Politics and the Constitution in England* (1997). Daniel Wakelin's *Humanism, Reading, & English Literature 1430–1530* (2007) provides insight into the first generations of Renaissance humanism in England. The intersection of science and magic in the period c. 1200–1700 has been treated

in two wonderful recent studies, Anthony Grafton, *Magus: The Art of Magic from Faustus to Agrippa* (2024) and David Collins, *Disenchanting Albert the Great: The Life and Afterlife of a Medieval Magician* (2024).

Figure captions

Figure 1: The Wreathen Cup of Christ's College, Cambridge. The cup was probably made in London in the 1430s. Silver-gilt, height 32 cm, weight 36 troy ounces all in. Photo by Jonathon Vines, 2024.

Figure 2: The Wreathen Cup on High Table, set for a special Fellows' dinner celebrating the cup in summer 2024. Photo by the author.

Figure 3: The illumination for the month of January, painted by the Limbourg brothers c. 1412–16 for the calendar that opens the *Très Riches Heures*, a luxury prayerbook commissioned by Jean, Duke of Berry (1340–1416). In such calendars, the month of December or January is often decorated with scenes of feasting. Here the duke himself presides. A grand tapestry representing a battle hangs on the walls, and the duke's wealth is evident from the collection of gold or gilt plate on the sideboard. In the firmament above appear the signs Capricorn and Aquarius. Chantilly, France, Musée Condé MS 65, fol. 1v. Photo: GrandPalaisRmn / image, reproduced by permission of the Musée Condé.

Figure 4: The Wreathen Cup. Photo by Jonathon Vines, 2024.

Figure 5: Detail of the enamel armorial of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester inside the Wreathen Cup. Photo by Jonathon Vines, 2024.

Figure 6: Presentation manuscript, completed before 1447, of *On Husbandrie*, the Middle English translation of the *Opus agriculturae* of *Palladius*. Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, commissioned the translation after 1439. The angular book hand is typical of northern Europe in this period. Oxford, Bodleian Library MS Duke Humfrey d.2, fol. xixr. Photo © Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford.

Figure 7: Opening page of Ptolemy's *Cosmography* (or *Geography*), first translated from Greek into Latin by the humanist Jacopo d'Angelo (da Scarperia) in the early 1400s. This copy was made for Humphrey by Pietro Candido Decembrio in Milan c. 1442, and Humphrey donated it to Oxford in 1444. The Italian humanists had adapted Carolingian letterforms to create a more rounded book hand. Oxford, Magdalen College, MS lat. 37, fol. 61r. Photo reproduced with the permission of the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Figure 8: The interior of 'Duke Humfrey's Library' at Oxford University. Photo by Dilliff, 2015, for Wikimedia Commons.

Figure 9: Wine flagons given to All Souls College, Oxford, by Archbishop Henry Chichele (c. 1364–1443). Wine would have been decanted from the barrel and

brought to the table in such bottles. Note the cast swan's heads to which the chains are attached: Chichele's coat of arms was supported by swans. These bottles were made in Paris, c. 1400–1440, where Chichele may have acquired them while on a diplomatic mission. Silver-gilt, height 40.7 cm. Photo reproduced with permission of The Warden and Fellows of All Souls College, Oxford, and the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Figure 10: Marble baptismal font carved by Onofre Julià in 1433, in the Catedral de la Santa Creu i Santa Eulàlia, Barcelona. Photo by the author, 2024.

Figure 11: The illumination for the month of May in the *Très Riches Heures*. On May Day, the lords and ladies have ridden out to gather greenery, which they have fashioned into wreaths. In the firmament above: Taurus and Gemini. Chantilly, France, Musée Condé MS 65, fol. 5v. Photo: GrandPalaisRmn / image, reproduced by permission of the Musée Condé.

Figure 12: Tapestry representing the Annunciation, woven in the southern Netherlands, c. 1410–20. There has been much modern restoration, particularly to the upper left quadrant, but the blooming greensward around the angel is original. New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art inv. no. 45.76. Photo by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Figure 13: Floral border depicting the forget-me-not (*myosotis scorpioides*) in another luxury prayer book, the *Grandes Heures* painted by Jean Bourdichon 1503–08 for Anne (1477–1514), Duchess of Brittany and Queen of France. The golden borders of this book display more than 300 different plants, all labelled in Latin and French. Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France MS lat. 9474, fol. 29v. Photo: Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Figure 14: Painting of a woman cutting rocket (*eruca vesicaria*) in an illustrated copy of the Latin translation of the treatise on herbs from the medical encyclopaedia of Abū al-Qāsim al-Zahrāwī (c. 936–1013). This copy was made in Italy in the first half of the fifteenth century. Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France MS NAL 1673, fol. 21v. Photo: Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Figure 15: Detail of stem of the Wreathen Cup from fig. 2, showing the chased channel for the wreath, the repoussé flowers and leaves of the forget-me-nots, the embossed trefoils, the cast cresting of gothic foliage, and the stamped band of eglantines. Photo by Jonathon Vines, 2024.

Figure 16: Petrus Christus, *A Goldsmith in His Shop*, 1449. The face of this Bruges goldsmith has been so carefully drawn that the picture is thought to be a portrait, perhaps of Willem van Vleuten. He is shown weighing a ring. The shelf behind him displays his materials: gemstones, pearls, crystal and coral, a coconut. Above them are arranged generic pieces: a parcel-gilt cup with embossed lobes and two parcel-gilt ewers. The richly dressed couple have come to commission a more personal piece of jewellery. Oil on panel, 100.1 x 85.8 cm. New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art inv. no. 1975.1.110. Photo by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Figure 17: Depiction of Zodiac Man, which concludes the calendar in the *Très Riches Heures*. Diagrams of this kind often appear in medical manuscripts, where they indicate the favourable times for bleeding a patient. On this page, the four corners have been used to record the complexions of individuals born under different star signs. Chantilly, France, Musée Condé MS 65, fol. 14v. Photo: GrandPalaisRmn / image, reproduced by permission of the Musée Condé.

Figure 18: The harvesting of wormwood (*artemisia absinthium*), from the Italian manuscript of al-Zahrāwī. Wormwood and the related mugwort (*artemisia vulgaris*) were indicated for a range of ailments in the Middle Ages, the latter especially for gynaecological complaints. Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France MS NAL 1673, fol. 33v. Photo: Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Figure 19: Mourner carved in alabaster for the tomb of Jean sans Peur (1371–1419), Duke of Burgundy, now at the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Dijon (pleurant no. 51). This genre of sculpture had been developed 1406–10 by Claus Sluter and Claus de Werve for the tomb of Jean's father, Philippe le Hardi (1342–1404). Joan de la Huerta and Antoine Le Moiturier continued the tradition for Jean's own tomb. Photo by Shonagon, 2013, for Wikimedia Commons.

Figure 20: Finial of the Wreathen Cup, engraved with a Tudor rose. This must be a replacement crafted after the accession of Henry VII in 1485. It closely matches the design of two early Tudor standing salts in the College's collection. Photo by Jonathon Vines, 2024.

The Foundress' Cup at the British Library

The Foundress' Cup is currently on loan to the British Library as part of the exhibition 'Medieval Women', running until 2 March 2025. Christ's alumni are entitled to half-price entry to the exhibition by using the code CCALUMNI when they book online.

ANOTHER RUN ALONG KING STREET

Graham Tite (m. 1963)

A few numbers back (*Magazine* 246, 2021 pp. 54-61) were published some notes and reminiscences of King Street as it was in the sixties, with some reminders of how its much-loved pubs and the Corner House eatery were – for the undergraduates of the day – welcome places in which to relax and perhaps even to find lodgings outside the walls of Christ's College. The seventies then saw a great deal of redevelopment of the area with many of the older buildings being replaced, some pubs closing and put into non-licensed uses whilst Jesus College (and Christ's to a lesser extent) put into effect schemes of renewal. Total demolition, however, was avoided and today the area still retains enough original fabric to give a fair idea of its architectural origins and it still retains three of the old pubs open for business. All of King Street is now part of the city's Conservation Area and many of its individual buildings are Listed.

The piece was described as '*work in progress*' but it did achieve the aim of drawing a response (see note 1) from Old Members who could tell tales of The King Street Run and of other incidents in student life. With the passage of time since the original publication in 2021 a good deal more has emerged due to research, revision and the finding by good luck of material in the College Archives. My special thanks go to Lucy Hughes whose archival work and untiring loyalty to this project have been of immense help.

We can begin at the Champion of the Thames as situated on a corner between the street and the lane that runs through Christ's Pieces to take pedestrians back to St Andrew's Street (fig. 1). The familiar wrap-around pub sign was already there in 1921 to advertise this most typical small alehouse that has remained a favourite with both 'town' and 'gown' for about 200 years. On a recent return to its main bar I found student types, family groups and some Irish regulars enjoying the draught stout which they proclaimed supreme.

The sign in the sketch advertises Bailey & Tebbutt's Gold Medal Ales and Stout as the Champion was one of the 48 houses in Cambridge and district selling these products out of the Panton Street brewery (demolished in 1969 after 100 years of existence) that was taken over by Greene King of Bury St Edmunds in 1925. As well as the sign, another



Fig 1

odd survival here is the Greene King ceramic stating 'Cambridge' ales rather than the usual 'Suffolk' ales. The anomaly is due to the continuation of brewing at Panton Street after the takeover until 1957; thus, for 32 years, you could still enjoy local beers here at the Champion whilst other Cambridge breweries were closing fast.

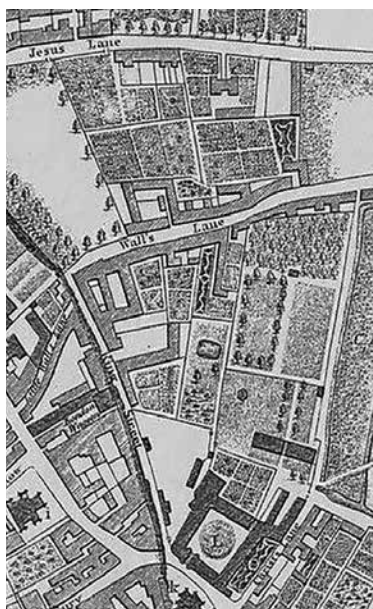


Fig 2

Before continuing a tour of the pubs and former sites in King Street, a word about the name of the street about which some clarification has been achieved during recent work. A map of Cambridge (fig. 2 & note 2) has come to light which gives some clarity. The long walls inside which the College is contained at the rear gave rise to the original name 'Walles Lane' for the entire distance. By the 1700s, however, the stretch of these surroundings (now Hobson Street) as defined by the course of The King's Ditch had taken on the King Street name as the map illustrates. Later, the part of the old and winding street beyond its sharp bend close to the rear of Sidney Sussex took on its modern King Street name and Walles Lane was forgotten. Such changes were probably aided by the rise of postal services and the need to provide accurate names for streets and numbers within them for houses and businesses.

A key discovery has served to tell us more about the first pub site you come to on your right after the bend between Hobson Street and King Street.

This is the former Cambridge Arms (fig. 3) as constructed in 1866 to sell the products of Scales Brewery which stood at the back of the pub and originally shared rear walls with the College. George Scales (1834–1904) transferred a fledgling business here in 1866 and lived 'above the shop' with his family. George came to own or supply a chain of fourteen licensed houses in Cambridge and became a prominent member of the community as a Freemason and active Anglican at the nearby parish church of Holy Trinity. He also took payment for insurance and sold ales and stout, as well as supplying hops and malt. The latter were perhaps made in the kiln at the rear whose conical roof can be seen (fig. 4). His funeral in 1904 was conducted with much ceremony and George's gravestone may be viewed in the Mill Road Cemetery.



Fig 3

Brewing then continued at the site for another 22 years but the business was sold to Barclay's, a London brewer, before another takeover by Wells and Winch, which was itself subsequently acquired by Greene King (1961) and assimilated into that larger business. This notable ex-Scales site has buildings of a solidity and architectural dignity that

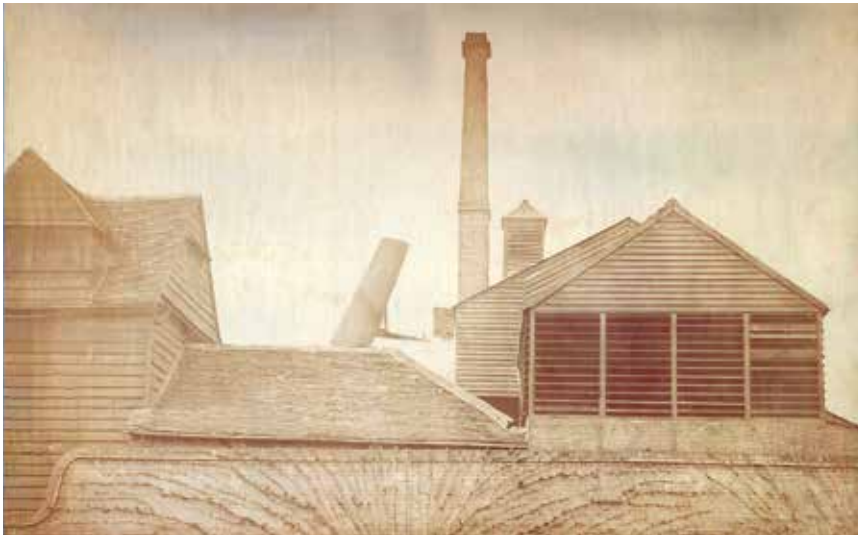


Fig 4

make it somewhat different from other pubs (remaining unlisted but placed on the Council's 'Local List') and it shows how a common brewer and innkeeper such as George Scales could rise in Victorian local society to a position of some dignity. It is believed the pub went on until the 1990s but it is now in restaurant use. How few pubs *now* only serve drink!

The outline of the Scales site and the next one along King Street are both to be seen in Figure 2 with the latter becoming another small pub, The Millers Arms, and next door a rear yard occupied by Storey's Trust (fig. 5). The long-established Trust was one of the many charitable bodies that provided a roof over the heads of the poor long before the state welfare and pensions known to us. As well as its small business

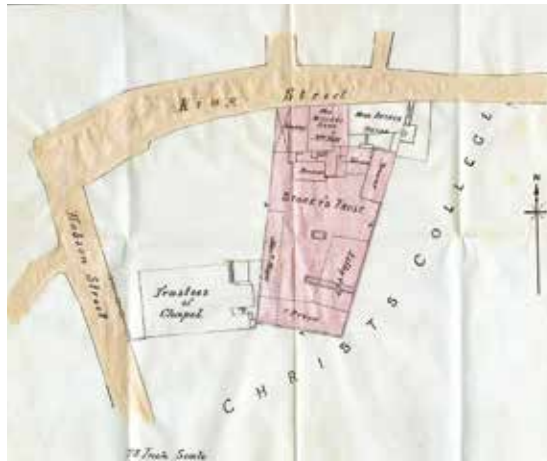


Fig 5

premises, shops and pubs, King Street was the location of many former almshouses either fronting the street or hidden behind it in short cottage rows.

Other pubs may be cited including those that survived into the time of 'Runs' in the postwar years when undergraduates were given new freedoms by their parents and by the University. Such freedoms had not existed in Victorian times as the article's conclusion points out below. Meanwhile, consider the Earl Grey; it had a glazed double frontage allowing light into its two main bars and this layout, almost a rival in dignity to the former Cambridge Arms (as above), may still be seen in the preserved shop front and since reborn as the Raja restaurant at number 60.

Farther along come the King Street Run (the former Horse and Groom) and the St Radegund, both of which survive as pubs and were written up in the earlier *Magazine* article (reprinted in expanded form in Number 187 of the *Journal of the Brewery History Society*).

With so many pubs, some of them also giving lodging to short-term tenants in their upper rooms, and the back alleys that existed just off old King Street, it comes as no surprise that the whole area was known in the past for a degree of crime and violence. One instance was the murder of the shopkeeper in the house next to the Champion (fig. 1). A status such as this might have consigned King Street to the 'Barnwell' of Cambridge. This was the poorer east side as opposed to the University area as centred on the Senate House, Great St Mary's and King's College. Farther west (as seen in the 1901 edition of the Ordnance Survey Map) stood open meadows, cricket grounds, Newnham and Selwyn Colleges and the large and roomy new red-brick family homes of the married University senior members. Here, Cambridge resembled a 'garden city' but, to the east, it was more like a poor suburb of London or Manchester with small dwellings built in the local grey or off-white brick and since darkened with soot.

The poignancy of this 'town and gown' contrast has recently been brought to light by Caroline Biggs in her new book (see note 3) which brings to light something obvious but largely ignored. In Victorian times and perhaps even up to the outbreak of World War II, Cambridge suffered from the fact that 3000 or so students lived here in their colleges for about half the year during term-time. For the rest of the year the town had to make do without them and the poorer servant classes were deprived of employment in laundries, kitchens etc. when these trades slackened off.

It came as a bit of a shock to learn in the new book that discipline was exercised by the Vice-Chancellor working via the Proctors and their 'Bulldogs' (black-coated and bowler-hatted security men) to attempt to bring order in the streets especially after nightfall. Although the remnants of this still existed in the sixties, the restrictions had once been much more severe: students were obliged to wear gowns in the street and it was a 'crime' for young women to speak with or accompany them. Arrest for the women could result in incarceration overnight within the walls of the Spinning House, a lock-up and almshouse originally given to the University by Thomas Hobson early in the 1600s. The Vice-Chancellor presided over the mini-court inside that decided the terms of imprisonment in this building on St Andrew's Street.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor (at one time also a Master of Christ's, John Piele, 1838-1910) was responsible for the issue of liquor licenses in the whole of Cambridge. This privilege, along with many others, derived from the earliest centuries of the University's existence but took a long time to repeal and to fade from the collective memory. No doubt, the effective control of students was a difficult and enduring task but learning of its persistence and of the transfer of 'guilt' to others (particularly to the vulnerable women liable to spend dark nights in the Spinning House) has come as an unpleasant surprise but also as a stimulant to go on with more research into the social history of back streets next to College walls.

Notes

1. An excellent piece was sent in by Gordon Beer, the Year Rep for 1966, in No 247 of the *Magazine* pp. 79–80. It goes into much more detail about the King Street Run: its origins as a student game in the 1950s, the rules and tales of successful Runs with the possible award of commemorative ties to be worn by drinkers of all eight pints.
2. For a better understanding in more detail of the layout of Christ's College in previous centuries we can look at David Loggan's birds-eye view, *Collegium Christi* (1690), and the map seen here in Figure 2. It is believed to be one of the products of the cartographer, John Rocque (1704–1762) whose career is summarised in an online article in the *Journal*, No 13, of the Brentford and Chiswick Local History Society by Rodney Walshaw: *John Rocque: a Revolutionary Map-maker*.
3. *The Spinning House: how Cambridge University locked up women in its private prison* by Caroline Biggs, 2024, The History Press, Cheltenham. Janet Oswald's PhD thesis had previously opened up this topic of street-walking in Cambridge in the past. The Women's Refuge had operated at the rear of Christ Church on Newmarket Road from about 1840 to 1939 and has now been converted into Grade II Listed flats.
4. The article published in the 2021 edition of the *Magazine* referred to a late sixteenth century woodcut map by Richard Lyne. Further enquiry has revealed this map to have been printed from a copper engraving.

Figure captions

Figure 1: The Champion of the Thames in 1921 from a press notice of the day. A brutal murder took place here in the house next door; it is now a fast food outlet.

Figure 2: A mid-eighteenth century map of Cambridge showing 'King Street' (now Hobson Street) with the course of the King's Ditch, the original source of this name.

Figure 3: A classic view of King Street at a time when the former Scales group of buildings were still in the hands of Wells and Winch Brewery. Image from Capturing Cambridge: <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/king-street/4-king-street/>

Figure 4: A rare view at the rear of Christ's College from April 1877 in which behind the wall can be seen the Scales malt kiln. College Muniments: cc03178.

Figure 5: A plan showing the location of Storey's Trust. It also shows the small site of a former pub called the Millers Arms, an Anchor Brewery pub – yet another beer available in Victorian King Street. College Muniments: Brazen George and Cambridge (Box 4) U1.



The Lasdun Building from Yusuf Hamied Court

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Year Group News

1951 Year Group News:

David Adler writes: 'Bobby and I have lived in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida for the last twelve years. Our small family has some academic distinctions I would like to report. One son is a long time professor of mathematics at American University in Washington DC. One granddaughter graduated from MIT and now has a PhD from Cornell. One daughter-in-law is an associate professor at a well-known large medical institution. I have turned 90 and I am afraid that many of my contemporaries will not be around to read this.'

1952 Year Group News:



*Francis Boston and
his wife Jocelyne*

Having celebrated his 90th birthday last July, **Francis Boston** remains heavily involved with the Montreal Philatelic Club, of which his wife Jocelyne is Honorary Treasurer. He continues to indulge his lifelong interest in ornithology through the Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, a passion nurtured through his membership of the Cambridge Bird Club during his time as a medical student at Christ's. This year marks 70 years since Francis re-discovered the Savi's Warbler, a bird that had not been seen in the UK since 1908, on a summer's day in Wicken Fen (see *British Birds* vol. 49 for details).

Additionally, 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of Francis' participation in the annual punting relay (pictured) on the Backs against Oxford – a feat of physical prowess that no doubt ranked alongside his sporting endeavours with the Christ's Hockey First



*The punt relay
of 1954*

XI and as part of the College's successful half-mile relay team. During his time in Cambridge, Francis also started a visitors' book which contains many Christ's connections and is still in active service today. As well as signing the book, visitors to his Montreal home can expect to hear the regular chime of a clock that mimics the call of a great horned owl!

1953 Year Group News:

Keith Chesterton writes: 'I live a quiet life. I have always been a keen walker, and done many long distance walks, but now just lead shorter walks for my local Guildford Ramblers. I still also do voluntary work for a number of local organisations. My wife and I had our 65th wedding anniversary this year. I am making slow progress on writing two books – one memoir and another on a walk between Nelson's Monument and Portsmouth Dockyard, visiting the sites of the old Semaphore signals.'

Anthony Eastwood has written with the following reminiscence: 'I took the O&C School Certificate exam (equivalent to O-Levels) in 1949 and did well enough to be referred to Doctor Davies at Christ's with a view to reading Mechanical Sciences (Engineering).

We duly met in his First Court rooms for a few words about Christ's before cycling over to the Engineering Department across Cambridge, off Trumpington Street – where we did a grand tour of the workshops.

I recall a myriad of challenging questions – 'what is this?' – 'how does that work?' – challenging, alive, but a thrilling way to fill an otherwise dull morning. By the time we parted the morning had fully run its course.

The outcome was the offer of a place in Christ's in four years' time – after successful S-levels, and having completed two-years National Service. Altogether, a very exciting challenge – enjoyed to the full!

George Hill writes: 'You may be interested (but probably won't be!) to learn that in March this year I met with **Stephen Hall** at Buckingham Palace. The occasion was a reception for veterans to mark the 70th anniversary of the armistice to signify the end of the Korean War.

Stephen and I were both National Service subalterns serving in the Durham Light Infantry in that conflict. The King invited us to the reception, but was unable to be there. The Princess Royal and the Duchess of Edinburgh "did the honours"!



*Four veterans.
Stephen Hall is
sitting front left and
George Hill is
standing back right*

1954 Year Group Representative Lawford Howells writes:

2024 has been a very significant year for the Christ's College Class of 1954. It marked the 70th anniversary of their matriculation. To celebrate this special milestone, **Yusuf Hamied** and his wife Farida invited all '54s and a family guest to a Reunion Lunch. This 'crowned' the series of '54 reunions that had taken place over the past couple of decades.



*The 1954 Reunion
Lunch*

This time, the date was mid-July when we gathered in the SCR in readiness for our celebration. Seventy years on from 1954, fourteen of the original '54s plus their guests were in attendance. A further eighteen sent regrets and wished us a great time – and by all accounts, a good time was had! Our special guests invited by Yusuf and Farida included the Master and Lady Olivia, former Master Frank Kelly and Jackie, and Alison Finch, wife of the late Master Malcolm Bowie. A special 'greeting' was extended to our late Senior Tutor, Dr Lucan Pratt, who meant so much to the '54s.

At various times during the delicious Lunch, there were short interruptions by yours truly – one to toast absent friends: those that couldn't make it to Christ's that day, and those who had passed on. In another short break I recapped the history of our past reunions and 'sang', to the tune of "John Brown's Body", some lyrics – set out below – written by **Bob White** who was present and enjoying the occasion. This was followed by a resounding "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" in grateful thanks to our hosts. In fact, there was a palpably wonderful atmosphere as we enjoyed this significant get-together.

The verses by Bob White were as follows:

Yusuf Hamied matriculated 70 years ago,
The photograph will testify, with others we all know.
Then after Todd, his mentor, he would set the world aglow
With Cipla and his own philosophy.

The buildings of the College stayed the same since years ago,
Then suddenly in Third Court we were galvanised to grow.
Now we have a Fourth Court with a big new-build to show,
It's the Yusuf Hamied Court.

But here at Christ's his vision has been bountiful and free,
Transforming by his gratitude – it's everywhere to see.
We came to Christ's today to celebrate longevity
Many thanks to Yusuf and Farida Hamied.

A special gift from the '54s was presented to Yusuf and Farida in appreciation for their great generosity in inviting us yet again to another wonderful reunion.

Yusuf especially enjoys these reunions and in his speech emphasised his particular pleasure at meeting and catching up with old student friends. The Lunch was rounded off by the Master, new to our reunion gatherings, expressing his pleasure at being present at this happy occasion.

A comment was made, bearing in mind our age, that waiting for five more years for the next '54 reunion might be a bit of stretch for some of us – so for now, let's all stay well!

1955 Year Group News:

George Astbury writes: 'When Canon Raven used to say at Bump suppers that "we can now say that Christs is now a Rowing College" he may have exaggerated a little, but we did HAVE GOOD BUMPS & **John Pitchford** was, first Secretary, and then President of the CUBC with two winning Blue boats: alas he is now sadly Parkinsonated, though still at home. His successor as captain, **Mike Johnston**, is now in a Home in Dublin where I recently visited him and about twelve other

Johnstons. The Irish connection was quite strong then and our Four won the Chapelized Trophy in the Trinity Regatta, a silver cup rather larger than that for the FA event.

Most of my contemporaries seem to have become immobile, or even died, but it was a great pleasure to meet Honorary Fellow Bill Steen at the recent Fisher Society Lunch. I think he is older than me and certainly much sharper.'

Robert Mueller writes: 'Other than a bout of heart palpitations suffered in November last year, which took a while to regulate, I have nothing spectacular to report. Approaching our diamond wedding anniversary next year and my 90th birthday the year after, we are thankful that we can still visit our respective families in Barcelona with two granddaughters and Zurich with two grandsons and a granddaughter twice a year. Has that perhaps something to do with the fact that I still play tennis regularly and a round of golf (nine Holes!) occasionally? By the way, an octogenarian doubles in full flow is a sight to be seen.

By the time this may get printed, England will have won the European Championship. Did I say England? In the meantime, it must be noted that at this time Harry Kane is one of the, if not the most popular football player in Germany. Greetings to all who may remember me.'

Richard Simmons says: 'My wife and I sold up in rural France after 23 years of happy residence and came to live in Lichfield near our daughter. Old age has reduced our mobility, but I am still researching and writing with an article soon to appear in the *Proceedings of the Bibliographical Society of America*. I have not been able to revisit Christ's but would like to do so. I send greetings to all 1955ers and to all who remember me.'

1956 Year Group Representative, Peter Downes, has compiled the news for his cohort: **Tim Coltart** responds: 'Life ticks by. On July 4th Eileen and I celebrate our diamond wedding. She was a nurse at St Barts Hospital, and we met on the gynaecology ward at Barts when I was a medical student. Coincidentally I went on to become an obstetrician and gynaecologist!

I still manage to get round eighteen holes of golf two or three times a week and Eileen continues to take tours round both Tate Britain and Tate Modern, where she has been a voluntary guide for over 45 years (actually the longest serving guide out of several hundred!).'

Peter Downes 'retired' as a County Councillor three years ago but continues to support his local party, delivering leaflets insofar as a gammy hip permits. He continues his active involvement in local music, playing viola in the local orchestra and singing a rather thin bass line in local choirs. Last year he was President of his local Rotary Club and is now the Secretary. This brings him in touch with many local charities which he is pleased to support. He helps as a tour guide at the school where he was headteacher, Hinchingsbrooke, Huntingdon, where the historic house is open to the public on Sunday afternoons in July and August.

John Evans has continued to do much of what he has been doing since he retired, namely sailing a small dinghy, travelling in South East Asia and getting involved some technical boating stuff. Whilst last season saw him sailing regularly it has been a slower start, partly due to poor weather and partly due, to quote Rufus Clarke (m. 1956) – "When you are young, they do not tell you about the bits of the body that fall off as you age." John did have an interesting trip to Laos, still his favourite

country of South East Asia, on his own and organised essentially day-by-day, to many places other tourists do not visit. This coming winter it may be a trip to Athens – by train and using a circuitous route.

Christian Loehry writes: 'Life goes on much the same for me. Weights and brisk walks on the beach in the morning and then the *Telegraph* codewords and cryptic crossword in an effort to keep body and mind in as good a shape as I can. I get a lot of pleasure from my little nine-year-old step-granddaughter who plays fantastic tennis and competes at the highest level for her age and fills the mantelpiece with trophies. Otherwise, chairman of the Board of a moderately large block of flats which from time to time requires a lot of organisation.'

1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

Our average age is about 87 so it is no surprise that the grim reaper is taking his toll. This year we have lost **Jerry Evans, Tony Fawkes, Roger Haslegrave, Peter Johnson, Basil Maddox, John Rudolf** and **Brian Wilson**. But many others are still living active lives.

Peter Colville tells me he now has twelve great-grandchildren – which means he must have married very young. **Anthony Harkavy** is still writing short stories (you may remember that last year he published *The Jury's Out*). **Roger Cass** has finally retired from the Economic Consulting Business. After 40 years running his own company, he has moved back to southern California to where he had emigrated in the 1960s. He still follows Hull City whom he has supported for almost 70 years and listens to their games on the computer during the season. He is now enjoying a quiet life with his wife, children and grandchildren in the beautiful climate in Camarillo on the coast north of Los Angeles.



Roger and Jean Cass

Roger Gillard is well settled in their bungalow in Upton-on-Severn, an attractive little town not far from Malvern where he taught for many years. He is much involved in the life of the parish church just outside Upton though he has just retired from the position of churchwarden. It is a wonderful, large, mainly twelfth century building which is in need of both repairs and internal improvement of its facilities. They are about to apply to National Heritage for a grant of £250,000. He remains active but faces the prospect of a hip operation – the result no doubt of all those hours spent on the cricket and football field in particular at Christ's. He helps a little on a voluntary basis at the Care Home close to their bungalow and is still an official guide at a wonderful country house just outside Malvern called Madresfield Court.



Sam Legerton

Brendan Mulcahy visits family in Australia who have relocated from Sydney to Port Douglas in the far North Queensland, which is a change for the better, rather to his surprise. The region is beautiful and varied with loads of historic remnants and has a most congenial climate if you don't mind a bit of rain in the wet season. **Sam Legerton** is still battling with planning permission for the new village which moves

forward at a glacial pace. He keeps in regular contact with **Mike Payne** (m. 1956), **Peter Colville** and **Tom Burton**; but they are all wearing out.

After leaving Christ's and a spell as a schoolmaster, **David Bennett** decided to become a Patent Attorney. This did however require a return to the educational grist mill to get his US law degree and necessary legal qualifications. This qualification proved better than a passport. With that in hand he got a job with an American company with international interests around the world, the chance to secure patent protection for its best inventions and the chance to travel there to provide whatever technical or legal assistance that might be needed. All in all, it was the most satisfactory way to build on the groundwork provided by his wonderful experiences at Christ's. David is now fully retired with his American wife at their home on Cape Cod.

Philip Edmondson finds that the Cotswolds provide plenty of gardening both to do and to visit, and he gets in quite a bit of trout fishing. His best family event was a granddaughter being selected to play cricket at Lords and netball for her county. **Chris Eyles** is as active as ever. The suspension of his pilot's licence (following a heart murmur) was duly lifted but he has done little recent flying because they had to have the engine dismantled which proved to be a very lengthy (and expensive) process for their flying group. In July he and his wife flew to Newfoundland which they toured for a couple of weeks, during which they spent several days with **Howard Clase** in St Johns, explored the fjord country, went whale watching, and stayed in a former lighthouse keeper's house. Chris remains busy as the Treasurer of Marlow U3A and of his professional Institute's Benevolent Association, as well as singing in Marlow Choral Society. Pauline and **Rodney Hillman** stayed with them in Marlow in January and they visited Rachel and **Carl Whitehouse** in Weymouth in March. Almost as soon as the **Eyles** had left, **Howard Clase** set off to join in the second "World Gathering of Clases" in Helsinki, his favourite city. As in the 2016 meeting there, all nine were present. Howard was four days in the Finnish capital then another three days in the western coastal city of Vaasa.



*Howard Clase and
Chris Eyles*

Michael Edwards is nearing the end of another book of poems, *A Country for Old Men*, the title of which should resonate with everyone in our cohort! The Girard Quartet have also asked him to collaborate with them – their music: Haydn, Schubert and Beethoven, interspersed with his French poems – will take place in the south of France in August. During an Arts Festival in Blois, he was interviewed along with Jean Arambat concerning a *bande dessinée* (strip cartoon I think) he had written on a lost play of Shakespeare, basing the overall action of the work on his interpretation of the sense of Shakespearian comedy. At the Académie Française he was partly in charge between the sudden death of the Perpetual Secretary and the election of a new one, and is now actively working on the principles to be followed in preparing the next edition of the Academy's Dictionary. He was also invited to the State Banquet for the King and Queen in the Château de Versailles, and found himself in the King's party. While the cameras were on the King and Macron, those sitting opposite had to move their chairs to the side to let them be seen. There were



Jeremy Willings

many interesting people to meet, and the wine was nectar, including a Bâtard-Montrachet (about £600 a bottle according to Google).

Alan Munro is no longer very active but welcomes visitors to Rock Road. **David Ravenscroft** celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary. **Paul Fitzgibbon**, **John Nye**, **Michael Hession**, **David Hargreaves**, **John Hockey**, **Ben Sladen** have nothing special to report but send their best wishes to all our year. **Jeremy Willings**, following the death of his wife, has moved down to the centre of Chichester. He has also bought a Porsche Cayman S which just fits into his small garage (there was no room for his Honda). He has travelled a

lot, beginning last autumn in the Algarve, Portugal, and this year to the Maldives Islands and to Mauritius. He brought his painting of the Maldives to show **Hamish Donaldson**. Jeremy retired finally in March from chairing Milland branch of Chichester Conservative Association though he now helps occasionally the local MP. Fortunately, he is able to lead an active life and enjoy several interests.

Mike Branch was diagnosed with skin cancer over a year ago. However, he is receiving treatment and seems to be holding his own. He has moved into a very nice BUPA care home in Cheltenham and is trying to live life to the full – spending the inheritance with lots of travelling and holidays. He has bought an old Bentley which provides much enjoyment. **Tony George's** wife Judith died suddenly last October but he is having great support from families and neighbours. **Fred Cooke** is being well looked after in a care home in Wymondham, Norfolk, suffering from dementia. **Nick Rouse** and his wife have just moved into a very comfortable Care Home in Victoria, British Columbia, after spending the past nineteen years in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Cambridge seems a long way away, but he still has wonderful memories of his years at Christ's. **Richard Gregory's** wife has now been in late-stage dementia for nearly three years. He has been surprised by the positive experiences; there was a sail training manual that said "Bad weather should not be sought out, but not avoided either" – it's a bit like that. He sings in the local choral society, and sang Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers last March.

Edward Stewart had an interesting start to the New Year, admitted to hospital on New Year's Eve with a heart block. Now a proud possessor of a pacemaker. It was an interesting experience as he spent the first few days of the New Year in a state of delirium – with vivid recollections of the strange working of the mind. He is back now in semi-retirement but able to carry on a reduced ministry. **Donald Steel** was asked to open the University's new Trophy Cabinet at Royal Worlington Golf Club, Cambridge's golfing headquarters. Another Christ's man, **Roger Dalzell** (m. 1959), who had a lot to do with the financing of the Cabinet, was also present. The third person in the photo was last year's Cambridge Captain.



*Donald Steel and
Roger Dalzell*

Ian Brook's wife, Frances, died last year after 62 years of happy marriage. But his three children, five

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are all thriving. He is still driving, painting (watercolours) and trying to improve his Italian. He keeps in touch with **Mike Hession** and **John Stone**. **Roger Wade** is in good health but with no significant news. He continues to play golf regularly, serious bridge, and spending time with family and friends. **Nigel Stanley** writes from Christ's (where he was testing a nice new hip) on his way to an inspiring conference organised by the History Reclaimed Group at the University Arms Hotel.

Norman Thomson and his wife remain convinced that Moray is a good place to be and they rarely venture now beyond the north and north west of Scotland which is testimony to that. He still supports local endeavours to save and promote local heritage buildings such as the museum and their fine twentieth century church (which is due to be disposed of by the Church of Scotland in December). Shakespeare didn't set the opening scenes in Macbeth in Forres for nothing! **John Stone** has a good sit-on mower which helps to keep his three acres beside the Bristol Avon free of brambles, nettles and general growth, but it is now more a "Wildlife Park" than a garden! A badger sett, two fox families and three kinds of visiting deer, salmon and pike in the river and many varieties of birds keep him interested.



*John Stone's
'wildlife park'*

Bob Patterson had an interesting five days with their local Arts Society in Suffolk and Essex: Constable country – Lavenham, Sutton Hoo and a few stately homes. His largely unkempt garden looked marvellous in May but now he has to be content with roses. Raspberries are doing well and it looks like a good year for currants. He still volunteers one morning per week for the National Trust, working on Limpsfield Common. **Hamish Donaldson** continues to be involved in most events in Haslemere as Chairman of Haslemere Festival, the umbrella charity for volunteering. He also organised a very successful 157th Anniversary Dinner of the Original Christian Minstrels in College. As it is an even year, his daughter **Fiona Stephenson** (m. 1987) is bringing her family over from New Zealand for a whole Donaldson family cruise in the eastern Mediterranean – eighteen all told.

1958 Year Group News:

Richard Blaxill writes: 'I have finally retired after 54 years of Medicine in Australia! I am reasonably fit and enjoying retirement. In April last year I had a delightful meeting with **David Simpson** and our god-daughters both named Fiona met each other. I also had a meal with **Patrick Holligan** (m. 1963) and Bob Angier (Sidney Sussex 1958).'

Don McBean writes: 'Through a Newmarket charity called Our Special Friends we walk dogs for disabled people. The golden Labrador in the picture is called Wellington and he is a two-and-a-half-year-old assistance dog for a veteran injured in the Falklands War. He belongs to and was trained by a charity called Hounds For Heroes.'

The water is a canal that runs through Mildenhall woods in West Suffolk. The other dog is a six-year-old rescue Romanian sheep dog called Bob who we met by chance at the canal. Romanian sheep dogs are similar in size and looks to the English version and Bob weighs six stone. His owner told us he was in a "kill pen" in Romania when he and another Brit rescued Bob and his sister who is also living happily in England.



*Dog walking with
Don McBean*

The two dogs played in the water for ages which was a delight to watch. We recommend walking other peoples dogs – no vet fees, no 24-hour a day responsibility and very therapeutic.'

Year Group Representative, David McGill, continues to live contentedly in the same Sussex village he and his wife have done for 36 years, resisting the temptation to downsize. They have recently enjoyed one of their regular visits to her family in New Zealand. David plays golf once or twice a week (only nine holes) and would like to be the oldest playing member at Rye but has been stymied by a friend who is two months older.

1959 Year Group News:

Paul Jenkins writes: 'An annotated edition of the reports of a nineteenth century African pastor to his employers in the Basel Mission, edited by **Paul Jenkins** and an anthropologist colleague, Michelle Gilbert, has appeared in the series 'Sources of African History', published for the British Academy by Oxford University Press: *The Reports of Theophilus Opoku, a nineteenth-century Gold Coast pastor*'.

Robin Webster responds: 'I can tell you about two recent cultural events organised by the family to celebrate big birthdays of myself and Janice. First was the wonderful Classic FM live concert at the Albert Hall in London on my 84th birthday, when we enjoyed Karl Jenkins in person conducting his *Armed Man* on his 80th birthday, having heard him do the same in Glasgow on his 70th. Second in May was a visit to the elegant and beautifully furnished Dumfries House in Ayrshire. It is so grand that it is a British, rather than just Scottish, attraction and we can thoroughly recommend an extended visit. All good wishes to the surviving Class of 1959.'

1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford writes:

Richard Rastall has been finding long Covid very limiting. Last year he reported how surprised he was to become a grandfather at 80, and now, within a year, two more grandchildren have arrived. His wife commented that it's like the proverbial London buses: you wait for decades and then three turn up together!

Andrew Barker says: 'The little I have to report this year is that after five years of limited isolation because of my vulnerable health, I managed to get health insurance for travel in Europe. So, Sylvia and I got away from the dreariness of the English winter, spending holiday breaks first on the Algarve, Portugal in mid November and then in late February 2024, two weeks in North Cyprus. Scenically, politically, culturally and socially the latter was a fascinating trip and also reminding us of the upheavals of the mid 1970s when the country was divided by the UN into Greek and Turkish sectors. I continue my moderation work for the process engineering diploma examinations of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling. Sylvia and I attend many of the lively programme talks and social events of the Cambridge Society of Dorset though this year I have not met up with **John Harry**. A new interest I have taken up this year is to expand my knowledge of Geology. This has come about by attending excellent talks on the subject provided by our local u3a. I'm finding it to be a stimulating discipline to learn about. Living on the Jurassic coast helps to give some insights into its complexity. We have decided to give the Christ's reunion dinner a

miss this year. We have another trip to North Portugal planned for this October and July 2025 will be our 60th wedding anniversary so I may have a picture to send the news letter in 2026!’

For **Roger Mason** the highlight of the year was his last visit to China University of Geosciences (CUG) in Wuhan during the whole of October. He writes: ‘My Chinese colleagues made me very welcome and put me up in the university hotel because my apartment had been damaged by flooding. I was surprised to discover that I feature in an exhibit in the recently opened museum of the University’s history (which also has an excellent coffee shop). A wall display illustrates my visits to CUG since 1986, including five years teaching there with my wife Marion Andrew. The picture shows me in front of the display with Professor Shao Xuemin, retired Director of the Foreign Affairs Office, and his former assistant Gao Li, now a professor in the Business Studies Department.’

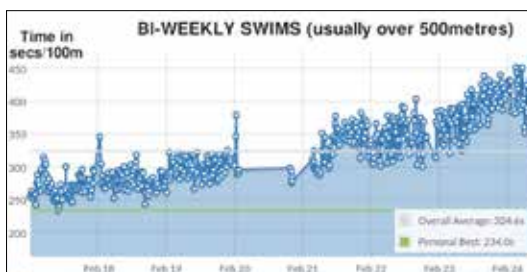


*Roger Mason with
Shao Xuemin and
Gao Li*

Dick Paden in leafy Cambridgeshire finds that the months evaporate with little recollection of their passing. He reports: ‘I continue to fill my days with running the village cinema with audience numbers increasing each month – perhaps it’s the nice wine or the cheese nibbles that brings everyone back or just frustration with the world at large! Amateur radio fills some hours with my Raynet activities fulfilling a wish to assist the community at large and my collection of vintage military radios seems to increase exponentially to the despair of my children. I have recently acquired another Rough Collie (aka Lassie) as my faithful companion of nearly thirteen years sadly is now in that celestial dog kennel – being without a dog made the winter months a trifle lonely and so Donna has now become No.4 in our family ownership of these fantastic dogs. However, narrow boating has still to grow on her but I am sure she will soon enjoy meandering along the narrow canals of the Midlands as much as I do. As I needed other activities to fill the week (!) I have now become an approved invigilator for GCSE and other exams at the local Village College – it seems a long time since I took my GCEs in the mid-50s and I applaud the help now given to those children with special needs to allow them to attain their full potential. On a recent visit to the Mullard Radio Astronomy site I spotted a photo of Martin Ryle with his first telescope located behind the old OTC base on Grange Road and where I spent many happy hours shooting on the range as an Officer cadet! I recollect seeing that field full of radio aerials then without fully appreciating the seminal work then being pursued in radio astronomy and leading to the discovery of Quasars and Pulsars. – a proverbial blast from the past.’

I have little of my own news to report for the last year. Physical activity continues to decline as can be seen from this graph of my swimming speed over the last eight years:

Walking is much reduced and I have given up my role as a measurer of road running



*Michael Sandford's
swimming speed*

race courses, although with a struggle I still maintain the website which I set up for it 25 years ago.

So it pleasant when Dick's mention above of Ryle's aerals in the Grange Road field, brings back to me memories of that time in our 2nd year when the Cambridge University Wireless Society moved their amateur radio transmitter, G6UW, into Ryle's old hut in that field. I spent perhaps too many long evenings there making contacts around the world before it was time make it back to my rooms before the night curfew. However, all that is another story for another time, or perhaps a biography.

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

David Apps, like most of us, has just passed the dreaded eight-O; he decided to finish his teaching in Edinburgh, and formally retired last September, however he was persuaded to teach another session in the spring and there is talk of next year's course. He is just back from a holiday in Thailand where he taught for many years and will be in Chile in September.

Following a bout of cardiac fibrillation while jogging seven days after his fifth COVID-19 vaccination, **Donald Forsdyke** (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada) re-examined his blood pressure records for the pandemic period and discovered an otherwise cryptic fall in blood pressure several weeks after each vaccination, except the first. Together with other reports, there is now a case for a subset of the population being vulnerable to late-onset myocarditis following mRNA vaccines (see his forthcoming paper in *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*). With hindsight, his overt seven-day fibrillation likely reflects the well-documented early-onset post-vaccination myocarditis that may lead to death in a population-subset while exercising. The dangers of cryptic late-onset post-vaccination myocarditis require further exploration. Nevertheless, his vaccinations appear to have shielded him from coronavirus infection and he has resumed his biweekly jogging!

In April **Patrick Parrinder** was in New York for the launch of *American Fiction since 1940*, thus completing the twelve-volume *Oxford History of the Novel in English* for which he is General Editor – his own co-edited volume in the series was published in 2011. He does not expect to be writing any more academic books, although he continues to act as President of the H.G. Wells Society and to write the occasional article. When he retired from Reading University he joined the London Library and can be found there once a week borrowing and returning books. How many other Christ's alumni are members of this much-loved institution?

Clive Vero celebrated his 80th birthday co-driving an ambulance with medical equipment in a convoy being delivered to the Ministry of Health in Kiev by Medical



Clive Vero's
Ukraine convoy



Life Lines Ukraine, a charity run by a friend, which has delivered over 60 ambulances and two heavy duty cranes for removing missile/bomb debris after air raids. To anyone interested Clive can provide more details of their exhausting and emotional trip via Brussels, Dusseldorf, Nordhausen and Wrocław to the border at Przemyśl, then via Lviv to Kiev.

Ian Strachan and Peggy are happily resettled in the US after 30 months with a dual residence: first at a terrific retirement community in Lexington just outside Boston and second at their house in Manchester-by-the-Sea where they will be all summer. They see more of their grandchildren and children all of whom live in the US. Ian's Alzheimer's is still just manageable; he was writing from Iceland with their youngest granddaughter, so life is pretty good considering!

Anson Allen is doing reasonably well, still preparing firewood for their winter stoves. He is impressed by the good things going on at Cambridge and recalls our wonderful times there.

Ian Lang has been busy canvassing and delivering leaflets for the general election. He was skiing again in France in March; reds and blues but no blacks this time, although he still has the ambition and legs. He spent ten hot days in Cadiz and Seville over Easter escaping the miserable weather in the UK. He has met **Tony Rogerson**, **Godfrey Newham** and **David Parkinson** (m. 1963), all of whom are doing well, but has not seen any Christ's alumni yet at the Club Table in the Oxford and Cambridge Club during his regular visits.

Robin Kerr is off to Turkey for a few weeks after skiing with his grandchildren in February. He will be sculling on the Thames with the usual gang for a couple of days in July; revisiting the beautiful stretch of river between Oxford and Henley which they did some years ago.

Granville Tunnicliffe-Wilson has recovered from a recent illness, apart from some reduction in strength and stamina. He mentions the death of **Adrian Tibbitts**, one of his close College group, whose obituary appears in this issue. The alphabetical allocation of College rooms had its effect on forming friendships; he followed on from Tucker, Tibbitts and Thompson. His wife Jean has passed on her churchwarden duties to a younger person having overseen the appointment of a new vicar. She is in good health, though is advised to give up driving soon due to the development of an inherited, macular dystrophy. So they have not been travelling far, apart from a visit to Oxford in February to see Jean's sister, in the late stages of MND and then to her funeral in May. They celebrated Granville's 80th in May with his sister and her husband in Harrogate, a glorious day at the RHS gardens Harlow Carr and dinner at the Boar's Head in Ripley. His eldest grandson James has just gained a 2.1 in Economics at Trinity and has been offered a role on the Civil Service Fast Stream for Diplomatic and Development Economics.



*Granville
Tunnicliffe-Wilson's
80th birthday*

Another obituary in the Magazine is that of **Oliver Everett** who died in December after a long battle with cancer. I attended his cremation service in Dunmow having known him since our schooldays at Felsted. He was Assistant Private Secretary to Prince (now King) Charles from 1978–80 and served as Private Secretary to Princess

Diana in the 1980s after a career in the Diplomatic Service including postings in New Delhi and Madrid. He was the last Royal Librarian at Windsor and, a talented public speaker, he entertained many with his stories and lectures on the Royal Collection and Royal Family during his retirement.



Peter Mrkusic at the Hurlingham Club

I met **Peter Mrkusic** for lunch at the Hurlingham Club in June; he had arrived that morning from South Africa to stay with his son **Greg** (m. 1994) in Kew for a few days before going on to Salzburg and Dubrovnik. During his visit he took his granddaughter Amelie to see Cambridge and Christ's College where she hopes to gain a place one day. He still manages his antique jewellery business with son Paul, plays tennis occasionally, and is generally surviving the realities of life in Jo'burg.

Peter Brewin is dealing very courageously with the effects of bulbar MND. He writes that 'when I was young, we sometimes wondered how we would manage if we lost one of our main senses. A year ago, I lost speech, but the wonders of modern technology have provided me with a computer which turns type into speech. Interlocutors need a good memory as I am always commenting on what they said two minutes ago.' With the aid of his computer, he gave a very moving sermon in the church where he is a lay preacher and a brilliant speech at his daughter Caroline's wedding to George Gegan in March.

Tim Callan has been enjoying the delights of Earls Court during an unadventurous year with a short visit to Austria last summer and to Bilbao and Alicante for Christmas and New Year. He and I keep in touch with **Peter Brewin** and Adrienne and have met them in London and Kent where they have added a garden/dining room to their home in Shipbourne where Peter still enjoys playing the violin.

Robin Thomson also met with Peter and Adrienne and was greatly impressed by their remarkable faith and courage in dealing with Peter's diagnosis. Robin enjoyed a visit to India again after four years (due to Covid) but was sorry to miss **Jay Bhattacharjee** (m. 1964) who was away at the time. Robin still has regular visits and meetings for his dementia support work.

Andrew Fleming is still working in archaeology and landscape history, and has written a new book – *The gravity of feathers: fame, fortune and the story of St Kilda*, published by Birlinn in October 2024. He and Mireille are still enjoying the Herefordshire countryside, and keeping in touch with their five grandchildren in Bristol and Newcastle. He regularly sees his brother **Richard Fleming** (m. 1965) who lives two miles away and is still playing Irish music and writing his blog about countryside and environmental issues (as 'The Countryside Insider').

As for me, I am writing this after returning from three wonderfully therapeutic holidays with Judy, making up for last year when she was grounded with cancer treatment. During that year I spent time researching family archives and publishing *The Story of Willy Lott and his Cottage* (ISBN 978-1-3999-6533-0) which puts the subject of Constable's paintings into the context of life on a small farm in Suffolk in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and includes previously unpublished historical details of the National Trust properties in Flatford which were owned by the Lott family in the 1800s.

1963 Year Group Representative Graham Tite writes:

It is a pleasure to begin with **Richard Arthur** who writes from Highgate and celebrated his 80th with a party including good, old friends **Richard Greenhalgh** and **Stephen Morris** with their wives. Richard was always keen on adult education and says that when he recently joined the U3A in London, and after the Chair unexpectedly gave up, he found himself taking over!

A most eventful year for **Tim Barnes**: he retired from the Bar some years ago and is now KC rather than QC but “even busier” now. Living in Greenwich he continues with his activities to campaign about its environment, historic buildings and development problems and he continues with the chairmanship of the Woolwich Garrison Church Trust that looks after the ruins of this bombed-out monument, a moving reminder of how the War brought destruction to London. Helping young lawyers with their debating skills he works for the Greenwich University Law Forum and coaches a mooting team that has reached the semi-finals of the Inter University Mooting Competition. Furthermore, and writing in June, he says: ‘to my delight and surprise I was awarded an MBE in the recent Honours list and was duly invested last Tuesday by Prince William. At my recent 80th party it was very good to see **Patrick Holligan** and **John Scriven** from my close friends from Christ’s as well as their wives. Sadly, **Tony Stapleton** died four years ago but Gillie came down from Alnwick to join the celebration.’

Chris Brooker writes from Kennington, South London, and says how he is looking forward to his 80th and celebrating with wife of 55 years, Nicola, three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Chris adds that, like others, he gave up work when IT requirements finally got the better of him and mainly deals now with his love of music by singing in the local church choir and others and plays the baritone saxophone from a seated position in various local combos. A knee has been replaced but not his loyalty to Christ’s; he meets up with **Richard Greenhalgh** and **Peter Noyce** and Chris also writes of “acute imposter syndrome” each time he passes through the College front door. He also recalls appearing at soccer games for the College team as a substitute when first team members were elsewhere playing internationals.

Richard Chaplin reports he is still living in Bakewell and continues to augment his collection of trees in his one hectare garden on the banks of the Derbyshire River Wye. He has just returned from a conference in Italy where he presented a paper on discard criteria and testing methodology for wire rope. He also continues sporadically to offer advice to rope users worldwide, especially in the context of offshore applications and deep shaft mine hoisting. The latter was the initial cause for a 45-year (so far) hobby photographing African wildlife, most recently on his tenth visit to the Luangwa valley in Zambia.

Douglas George retired over twenty years ago but, after a fascinating working life that sounds hard to beat for its wide range, he reports some details. Initially he worked for the Glacier Metal Co, and this must have been in the early days of computerisation but, after tiring of this, he purchased a hotel on the South Coast and ran it for seven years. Then retraining as a teacher he worked in secondary schools for the rest of his career. Now he likes to visit South Africa for three months each year and other places when funds permit.

Richard Greenhalgh, one of the regulars at keeping in touch, has written to record his knighthood received in the King’s Birthday Honours in June for services

to education. He recently completed nine years as chair of United Learning, a large and high performing academy trust, as well as stepping down from the Chair of Hope and Homes for Children, a charity dedicated to closing orphanages around the world. Celebrating his 80th, he now wonders what to do next apart from following performances of Wagner including at Bayreuth, a long-lasting pursuit that he shares with his wife. Many congratulations Richard and we are sure something will come up (see below!).

Early in 2025 Richard will organise a luncheon at a convenient and picturesque venue in London where overnight stays may also be booked and to which all Christ's College 1963 members or others who know us (he stayed on until 1967) are invited. Please make contact with him or myself (GT) via the usual channels.

Tim Hill continues to search in his area (after moving from Kent to East Cheshire sometime ago) for evidence on his current project. After publishing his wonderful history of the British lubricants industry (a copy now to be found in the London Library) he has moved on now to fresh studies of alabaster monuments that can be attributed to masons working in the Middle Ages as based on his home town of Burton-on-Trent. He finds opportunities for travel limited by looking after Christine, his wife of 56 years, but they do go out together on local forays when they can. Sometimes they are looking for bird life – an interest they have shared with **Jeremy Hilton** and his late partner, Kim – but without becoming committed twitchers!

Jeremy Hilton published two books in 2022, *Fulmar's Wing*, a sequence of 75 poems from KFS Press, and *Far World From Silesia*, an exploration in prose and verse of the work of Emin Pasha, from Brimstone Press. Jeremy's poetry archive is housed at the University Library and he visits Cambridge about once a year to update it. Since 2017 he has lived quietly in Dorset with his partner of 32 years. She, the writer Kim Taplin, sadly died earlier in 2024. Jeremy read English and forms part of the small group of us who still keep in touch as well as possible and with several mentioned here.

Richard Josephy retired almost twenty years ago and now spends most of his time with the family and in his garden where vegetables are grown (this sounds familiar) but also learns Italian, studying its art and visiting when possible. He is in touch with **Tom Milroy** in North Carolina and they plan to meet at the College at the Reunion Dinner.

Colin Simpson now lives back in Cambridge and we met in King Street when I returned on a visit just pre-pandemic. He wrote to recall his career in teaching in Africa and the UK but he also went back in time to one of his first jobs after graduation. This was as Mr Whippy, a role selling ice-cream from a van, and he drove round the streets when kids were about and got a few pence out of their parents to buy the delicious soft confection from a nozzle. Thank you Colin! This fragment brings back so much and keeps a special memory fresh.

After a short lapse (apologies for this) **Graham Tite** has put together these excerpts and wants to thank all concerned in doing this. My own 80th and 53rd wedding anniversary are on the horizon as I write and paid work has dwindled down currently to just one part-time commission to advise on the restoration of a Grade One building overlooking the sea on the Sussex Coast. Other than these and the usual house and garden occupations I mainly spend time writing reviews and features for a couple of journals, as well as this *Magazine*. A few meetings in Limehouse, East

London, took place in the last two years over drinks and meals with friends such as **Patrick Parrinder** (m. 1962). Due to attending local lectures I also found out more about a famous Midhurst resident in Victorian times, Richard Cobden, as well as another on the nesting habits of swifts, swallows and house martins, a subject then discussed with my friend, as above, **Tim Hill**. Even if you missed out or were late this time please do keep in touch and pass on your news which is easily done via the usual channels.

1964 Year Group Representative Roy Nettleship writes:

Elliot Berry's research interests include the Mediterranean diet; the Sociotype and coping with chronic disease, including obesity and food insecurity. Elliot was a visiting Scientist at Rockefeller, MIT, and Cambridge, and Professor at La Sapienza, FAO and Yale Universities. He has authored over 300 publications and co-edited the *Encyclopaedia on Food Security and Sustainability* (Elsevier, 2019). He was Director of the Braun School of Public Health and the WHO Center for Capacity Building at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He is currently Specialty Chief Editor, *Frontiers in Nutrition – Nutrition and Sustainable Diets*.

Simon Barham, having been widowed in 2016, married (a widow) Sheila in September 2023. Both retain their houses, Sheila in Wells-next-the-Sea and Simon in Brancaster Staithe, a fifteen-minute drive apart, but spend most of their time together. They both play golf, badly, and travel quite a bit, and Simon is looking forward to the reunion in September.

John Brewer apologises for not submitting anything before. His most important news is that he is still living, although not in the best of health having been diagnosed with cancer. On the positive side under treatment so hopefully will be sorted. Following graduation he joined Hawker Siddeley (now BAe) at Manchester, working on aircraft development, and held various senior positions in the technical area over the next 26 years, leaving following contraction of the aircraft industry. He then joined HM Customs and Excise until retirement allowed much more time for family and travelling with wife Jean. Since then, he has continued his interests in aviation and photography although a bit more restricted at present due to ill health.

Mike Dawson has little new or exciting to report, but he is still involved in golf refereeing and rating golf courses – golfers will understand what this is, but it is too complex to explain. He lives very close to his daughter **Judy** (m. 1989) and husband and three granddaughters, and their dog who keeps him fit with walking her for an hour or so most days. The eldest granddaughter graduated from Churchill last year in law and is now doing her Bar training. The second is studying Business Management at Bath and the third has just done her GCSEs. Pleased that all three have or will be doing A-Level Maths, so he does sometimes come in useful!

Richard Fennalls reminds us of the harsh reality that declining years make it less and less likely that he/others will have interesting information to publish, but confirms that when he does he will report. Sadly he will be abroad on a car rally at the time of the September Reunion. Likewise **Mike Freedman** confirms that he is still in the land of the living, but he is not sure if that correctly describes the UK.

Ian Harvey reports that three quarters of the Ukrainian family that was living with them has now returned to Ukraine, with one quarter (the son) continuing to board at the Yehudi Menuhin Music School two minutes down the road. He misses the piano next to his (home) office being played properly – the mother is a concert

pianist and 'practised' many hours a day. Ian has just installed a solar array in the garden as one small pocket of resilience. On the professional side, he stopped running his IP Strategy course at Tsinghua University in Beijing before the pandemic, but he continues to keep an occasional toe dipped in the IP world. He has been working for many years with a group at Chalmers and Gothenburg universities in Sweden, with links to Berkeley. Collaborating with a number of major MNCs, they have created an excellent approach to developing and teaching IP strategy to business people. Otherwise, he and DeAnne continue to enjoy their children and grandchildren. The grandchildren (two pairs of 10 and 14) can now out-ski them but he can still out-manoeuvre them with his model airplanes!

Three years ago **Mike Jenner** was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. It isn't a death sentence, but he couldn't believe that his news was of any interest to friends at Christ's. He was kept busy with things like doctors' visits (four doctors at the last count) and at one stage four doses of physiotherapy, plus another four doses of speech therapy per week for four weeks. That kept him occupied through the summer last year while Elaine was kept busy driving him around. When he was signed off from the therapy sessions he learnt that he was to continue the exercises at home seven days a week, 52 weeks a year for the rest of his life... more information than you need? But, as for the therapy thing, he is hugely encouraged by the experience of PG Wodehouse who did his 'daily dozen' every day without fail before breakfast – and he lived to 93.

Michael Jones had an eighth COVID vaccination, then went to the far end of Ontario to see Number 1 son, only to catch COVID there. Spent five days in isolation feeling awful and wondering whether if he died, he would want to be cremated in Canada and his ashes brought back to be scattered around the ash trees they had planted and which are now dying from dieback. Wonderful feverish thoughts. Decided he didn't really have an opinion on all this as it wouldn't be his decision. Came home and promptly caught COVID for a second time.

Following the publication of his book *Inside Science* last year, **Ben Lewin** has written another book on science, *The Ascent of Science*, which tries to show how and why science has become the dominant intellectual activity in Western society, whether you love it or loathe it. He is having some difficulty finding a publisher because the most appropriate publishers are university presses, all of whom are so politically correct that they have criticised the book for presentism (applying the criteria of the present to the past), Eurocentrism (failing to sufficiently recognize alternative scientific contributions such as those from indigenous peoples etc.), and (his favourite) lack of sufficient attention to diversity. The world has gone mad since we were up at Cambridge.

Nothing much has changed for **Nigel Martin** and Susan. They now have a well-controlled electricity situation with solar panels and a battery, so that a month like June only costs them the standing charge and what they put into their EV car overnight at cheap rate. Still playing lots of croquet in the summer, and for Nigel bridge. Their annual walking group of Cambridge alumni (the others are non-Christ's) also continues with a pleasant week on the Thames path in May. With advancing age, holidays are now just UK, but there is still lots to do and places to go, even if some of it is dog-sitting for their daughter in Aviemore.

Roy Nettleship and Ruth are just emerging from a difficult six months, starting with two cataract operations each. A huge larch tree had to be removed from the

front of their property, which wrecked the whole of the front patio and associated landscaping; and then Cadent turned up to replace gas mains in the Village. As there was a major junction under it, their drive was closed off for five weeks. There has been a suggestion that climate change could affect sport adversely, and they are experiencing this. Into July, they have launched their sailing dinghy on the River Trent only once – it has been wet, it has been cold, windy, and when none of those applied, the river was flowing extremely strongly fed from most of Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire, and sewage outfalls.

For **John Parker**, the period since the UN International Year of Glass 2022 has remained busy: a film, a 370-page report created for the UN and a wider audience, articles, papers, a talk on BBC Radio 4 and lectures, some even in genuinely remote venues. All have had the UN 2030 sustainable development targets as a primary theme.

The Cambridge Society of Ottawa, of which **Dick Peacock** is still president, hosted its annual boat-race viewing party after a four-year hiatus. The Oxford Society of Ottawa joined them, and instead of the previous black-tie dinner at a yacht club, this year they watched over brunch in a local pub which was persuaded to open early so that the party could watch both women's and men's races live – with multiple TV screens and a convivial atmosphere! It was very popular, great fun, and **Guy Goodman** (m. 1959) was there. Dick and his wife have been volunteering at their local seniors' active living centre, as well as getting their house in shape for its 100th birthday next year.

Paul Ramsay continues as a Reader (now the only one) at St Mary's Nantwich. He meets **Stuart Smith** (m. 1947) at a care home at which he takes services. He is also Chairman of the Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust which is seeking funds to restore the North and East Elevations of this Medieval Church and on which work begins in July 2024, with Paul as project manager. For King Charles' Coronation he painted the logo on a garage door, which is still waiting to be completed!

Peter Reynolds writes from Ayr, a good spot for fresh sea air, and beautiful sunsets over the Firth of Clyde. He and Sue continue to enjoy retirement, both remaining relatively fit and active, involved in some sporting pursuits, a little voluntary work from time to time, and keeping in touch with family and friends at home and abroad.

John Skorupski and Barbara continue to enjoy retired life in London (after many happy years in St Andrews) – not least keeping up with grandsons. John was elected to the British Academy last year.



*Roy Nettleship and
Dai Jones at the
First Reunion,
September 2023*



*John Levett and
Trevor John*



Dick Peacock

The highlight of the year for **Michael Smith** was that Roy and Ruth Nettleship came north to see how they were, and to see some of the Royal Deeside countryside, but failed to see the green lady of Crathes Castle! Apart from that he and Alison managed to spend a couple of weeks in Cyprus, 50 years after he had failed to get there for their honeymoon as the Turks had just invaded a couple of days after the holiday had been paid for. Other than that, he has been one of many in Scotland waiting and waiting for urgent appointments.

Ian Tattersall reports that this year he will lead his last archaeological tour, this time to the Caucasus in search of "The Origins of Wine and Humans." After 50 years of lecturing on trips all over the world, this will certainly be a sad or at least wistful experience. But at least it means that henceforth he will be able to travel where he wants to go, rather than more or less exclusively to destinations dictated by his research or other work-related obligations.

Philip Tyack sends greetings from south of France. He reports no substantial change from his last note, although he has stopped singing, much to delight of public, now that like all of us he is approaching 80. Still does a bit of playing – organ recitals in village churches where the curate's cat strolls in while he is explaining the intricacies of Bach. Children and grandchildren in Italy, Paris, Nice and Edinburgh, so stuff Brexit.

Retirement continues to be very busy for **John Whicher** – how did one ever fit it all in and work? Four children and three grandchildren take up a lot of enjoyable time. One daughter now lives in Montreal and he visits Canada twice a year. This year they met up in northern Maine in Acadia National Park, a superb place for fairly adventurous hiking. He is still flying his little aeroplane whenever he can. He also indulges his hobby of studying the local geology, giving talks on it to various groups and writing the odd paper. To his astonishment he and his two co-authors won an award for the best research paper published in the *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association* last year. He has the illusion that the garden is getting bigger as it seems to involve more work but perhaps he is just getting older.

Mike Williams reports that he is still living, in Cambridge.

1965 Year Group News:

Brian Cantor writes to let us know that he has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society for his contributions to the field of materials sciences. He has also published a new book through Oxford University Press: *Fundamentals of Multicomponent High-Entropy Materials*.

Joseph Conway writes: 'Last summer I organised a family get-together of various members around the world to congregate in dear old Ramsgate on the Kent coast. We numbered nineteen people in all, of three generations, drawn from three continents, representing Perth, Australia (where I and my wife live) Melbourne, Toronto and the English North and Midlands. It was a wonderful week and included an extraordinary coincidental meeting which I like to call a Casablanca Moment in Ramsgate (reference the 1942 film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman).

A party of eleven of us had decided to walk along the seafront from Ramsgate to Broadstairs. About halfway along I noticed a gent in front of us who had stopped to tie a loose shoelace. When he straightened up who should it be but **Chris Gittins**, great friend and contemporary of mine at Christ's. We were both stunned at this amazing chance meeting – "of all the beaches in all the towns in all the world..." "



Joseph Conway, Chris Gittins and others

to misquote the great Humph. Chris and his lovely wife Hilary reside in a village near Reading and were spending a few days visiting Canterbury and surrounds, completely unaware of my holiday plans as I was of theirs.

Had he not stopped for a recalcitrant shoelace, had he or we chosen a different day or time etc., this meeting would not have occurred. We spent a very pleasant afternoon together and then went our separate ways in wonderment at the stranger-than-fiction happenings in life. In the attached photograph Chris is the handsome one nearest the camera followed by Hilary and me and sundry members of my family. My wife Mary and others were behind the camera.'

Anthony Gilbert responds: A couple of anecdotes which readers might find amusing...

1. Following my receipt of the 2021 *Magazine*, I was leafing through its pages, and in the Alumni News for 1971 was somewhat surprised to see

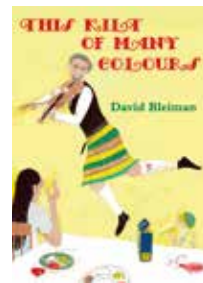
The cause of my surprise is that this is a piece of artwork which I had done, and not having submitted it anywhere, I was rather taken aback to find it in the pages of this august publication.

All soon came clear: the cover is of a book of poetry by 1971 alumnus, **David Bleiman**. I had known David for a long time, initially just as the name of the AUT Secretary in Scotland, but for at least fifteen years, through our mutual membership of the Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society (fondly known as The Lit). I had been doing poster work for The Lit since 1981, and this is how David came to ask me to do the book cover for him. Somehow, in more than 15 years of friendship, we had never managed to discover that each other was a Christ's man.

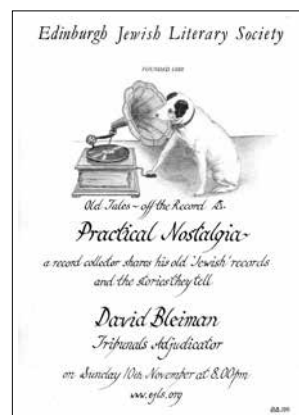
Here is another poster for a talk David gave to the Lit in 2013 about his extensive record collection.

In case anyone is interested, more about The Lit and many posters can be found at: <https://ejls.org/>. All posters are hand-drawn.

2. Of time, chime and rhyme (with apologies to RB)
In our hall stands a granddaughter clock (a small



This Kilt of Many Colours



The Lit



Anthony Gilbert's
granddaughter clock

grandfather clock) inherited from my wife Judy's parents a long while ago. For some years, the chime has been a bit erratic, missing occasional tolls. Removal of the wooden casing at the top revealed the source of the problem: a cam shaft which operated the hammers had worn to the point that the cams were no longer properly aligned, so some of the hammers were no longer being driven properly. Judy's ingenious husband inserted a home-made plastic shim to improve the alignment of the shaft which helped, but eventually the time came for the entire mechanism including clock face, pendulum and weights to be carefully extracted and taken to the clock repairer. But before we handed

it all over, knowing that the blank clock face would look unbearably sad, we came up with what one might very reasonably call a face-saver. Judy photographed the face and then, care of a bit of wizardry on the PC, we blew the image up to exact life-size, stuck it onto a piece of card and inserted this back into the wooden casing.

The result was extraordinarily effective and became the basis of a small conundrum we liked to put to more technical visitors; did they have any knowledge of pendulum clocks, and if so, could they please see if they could sort out why the clock was stuck immutably at 3 minutes to 10? Their puzzlement on finding that the clock actually contained no works whatsoever was very gratifying (mildly reminiscent of an episode of the long-forgotten TV programme *Candid Camera* in which victims were filmed having been placed in awkward situations. In the episode in question, a car pulls into a small garage; the driver explains to the proprietor that there a problem of lack of power; the proprietor looks under the bonnet... no engine... but oh, that's OK, it's a VW Beetle... rear-engined, so he opens up the back... but there's no engine there either...).

Recently, Judy and I were returning home from a walk, and the clock and that time of 3 to 10 came to mind; something about that time struck a chord (which is more than the clock can do just now). It reminded me of something, and then in a flash, it all came clear. I mulled over the matter and in a moment composed this (surely immortal) ditty,

Stands the Hall clock at three to ten;
And will it ever go again?

Following a career teaching English in secondary schools and Cultural Studies in higher education, **John Hodgson** is currently editor of the international journal *English in Education*. He has recently published *Literacy and Growth: a genealogy of English teaching*, co-written with Ann Harris of the University of Huddersfield. *Literacy and Growth* traces the development of key ideas in the teaching of English from the 1760s to the present. **Joe Foweraker** contributed advice on political theory. Given the control over the school curriculum currently exercised by government, John hopes this cultural history will provide a timely reminder of the rich culture of English education.

Andrew Lauder responds: 'Following my bout with cancer I have set up Care Days offering treats for cancer patients. Last year following amazing support we launched our Dreams programme in Cyprus, Crete and South Africa. Our first

patient was a terminally ill patient who wanted to fly to the UK to play a last game of golf with his son. He wrote “you gave me hope”. Look us up on www.caredayscyprus.com and if you live in a country with high cancer rates or poverty I will help you set it up at no cost to yourself except your time. Thank you.’

Graham Rees writes: ‘When one thinks back to those days spent at Christ’s College one tends to focus on memories of fellow students. Reflecting on my days there in the late 1960s and the enjoyment I had as captain of the college cricket team I was struck by just how much I owed to two members of the college who were not students and who I had not properly thanked for making life there so special.

Mr Grose was President of Christ’s Cricket and often watched our matches despite being in his eighties. He also regularly invited selected members of the team to a sumptuous lunch in his rooms at the college. These rooms had I think links to Charles Darwin and it suited us to imagine *The Origin of Species* being written at the desk in Mr Grose’s rooms.

The other very special person who made my experience of Christ’s so memorable was Cyril Bentley who managed the immaculate Christ’s sporting grounds out on Huntingdon Road. A cricket field fit for a test match and tennis courts etc. which hosted county tournaments. All this enhanced by the lovely Mrs Bentley who provided cricket lunches and teas fit for royalty!!’

1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

After a quiet first six months last year I was shocked to hear of the sudden deaths of **David Robinson** (Robbo) and **Chris Radbone** the day after each other in July. Both were great friends and keen members of the Satchel Club and their funerals were very sad occasions but lightened by various tales of both men’s wonderful sense of humour. Both obituaries are in this *Magazine*. I was then reminded of my advancing years when last October I received from my Institute a Certificate celebrating 50 years as a chartered accountant.

Another end of an era moment when I heard last year that the 2024 Varsity Rugby match was not to be held at “HQ” anymore but would move to the Saracens ground in North London. I recalled many happy pints at the West Park bar with the Christ’s rugby boys from 1966 onwards. So as I decided it wouldn’t be the same away from Twickenham I didn’t go to watch the match which we did win easily!

On 28 January 2024 **David Banford** and I took up the invitation to the Marguerites Dinner in Hall. Neither of us had been to a Marguerites dinner for many years and were surprised to find that we were the oldest ones there. There were sadly very few rugby players dining compared with the boat club men and ladies in their splendid blazers. Of course we hardly recognised hall with many of the old paintings removed and we weren’t treated to the fine wines in the college cellar! An enjoyable evening though and our thanks went to the current Marguerites for organising it.

Anthony Nelson: ‘Chris Radbone’s best man at his wedding recalls Chris saying to him after their first Economics tutorial with Chris Bliss, “I do things all in one go”. It was true of his work and play. Before exams, he would disappear to work and revise all day and night reappearing with a creditable degree at the end. This left him plenty of time in between to enjoy other pursuits, notably playing golf for the CUGC Stymies, of which he was Secretary. He was a keen member of the Marguerites. Golf was a big part of Chris’s sporting and social life; he achieved a near scratch handicap

and enjoyed the social antics off course just as much. We can see him now with a pint of beer exclaiming “down in one”! His ability to party was legendary.’

David Banford: ‘I worked with Chris Radbone for fourteen years both in UK and also in USA, when we opened Countdown, the UK’s first multi-retail loyalty card in 1970. This grew to over a million members and we subsequently developed several other companies together, Supreme Awards (a corporate incentive company), Sportsworld Travel (which had the ticketing rights to the 1982 Football World Cup in Spain) and Card Protection Plan (CPP), which grew to 14 million customers as well as some property investments. We always had such uproarious fun together, both in work and socially where we lived in a Christ’s chummary behind Marble Arch, and laughed constantly – it is hard to believe he is gone.

Chris was always such a ball of energy and a trusted companion. He had a wicked sense of humour, and a great turn of phrase, much of which related to drinking – a pastime he excelled in and which occupied much of our time in those early years!

Meniscus – filling a glass to the very brim (about to overflow)

Final final – just one more drink (before bedtime)

Boat Races – competitive running and drinking beer, also called Le Mans start Boat Race

Roister – behave uproariously

Pressed hams – bare buttocks on the windows outside so that occupants can observe

Mooning – bare buttocks to the sky

Hoover the Margaux – Chris’s favourite instruction to polish off any wine from his favourite appellation in Bordeaux. (Margaux – not to be confused with the incredibly expensive Chateau Margaux).

I was proud to have introduced Chris to his American wife, Nadine who shared his sense of humour. The world is a poorer place...

David Banford also reports that he is now resident for part of the year in Oxford, and has exercised his rights to Hawks Club reciprocity to become a regular visitor to Vincent’s Club. He was flattered to represent Vincent’s Club in its annual Roger Bannister Memorial Mile race down High Street run this year on May 6th in which 1500 runners took part.

He was put into the first ‘batch’ departing at 9am from outside Christchurch alongside El Guerrouj, the current world record holder for the mile – who asked him if he was ‘likely to pose a threat’ during the race! Guerrouj had run this in 3 minutes 43 seconds in 1999 – one of the longest standing world records. Needless to say there will be a re-run next year.



Rags to Riches

In July 2023 **Charles Blanning** published his novel, *Rags To Riches*. *Country Life* considered it “a thrilling page turner”. A sequel, *Electric Rabbit*, will appear in September 2024. On stage he played Gonzalo in *The Tempest* at the Little Theatre, Wells, which received the National Opera and Dramatic Association’s 2023 award for Best Drama in the South West.

Phil Child reports: ‘Our only alumni news is that we finally managed to meet up with **Phil Tepper** at RHS Bridgewater, where he demonstrated that his new knee is far superior to my ageing ones!’

We had a pre-Xmas Zoom with **Phil Tepper, Richard Foreman, Martin Hampar, David Gooch** and myself. I'm proposing to organise another one in December, anyone who would like to join please email me.

Josep Verges writes: 'Historians **James Thomson** and **Madhavan Palat** joined me on my economic history walk of Bäretswil which we took when they came to visit this May with their wives Latha Palat and Verónica Teixidor. My wife Regula Pfeiffer and myself have been living in the Swiss Zuri Oberland for the last twenty years.

Zwingli's Reformation from Zurich reached Bäretswil in the Zuri Oberland in 1520. From the beginning there was conflict with Zurich, with locals rejecting authority and also baptism before the age of reason. The Anabaptists were persecuted by the sheriff sent from Zurich so that they hid in caves. Eventually the Anabaptists left for America. The Amish still come to visit the Täuferhöhle in Bäretswil.

The inhabitants of hillside Bäretswil were subsistence farmers who kept fields and animals for home use while the whole family worked on the cottage industry of spinning and later weaving. Poverty was so extensive that no new houses were allowed to be built. The locals instead extended their roofs so that several families lived under the same roof! In 1798 out of a population of 2,698, only 36 (1%) were farmers. In the 218 houses there were 1,554 spinning wheels. After Napoleon, weaving boomed. Collicot or calico, called Galli locally, was in great demand and by 1816 there were 611 new hand looms.

Prosperity did not last. Mechanical looms appeared after 1820 but were not fully established until mid-century. The textile mill in Uster was burnt down in a riot led by Bäretswil weavers in 1830 but the decline in home industry set in after 1840.

Water power is known to have been used since 1379 for a mill in Neuthal. The first textile mill was built in neighbouring downriver Bauma in 1822 with 36 employees working fifteen hours a day. Water rights were bought in the valleys of Neuthal, Bussental and Rüeggental to establish a factory after 1827 in Neuthal powered by turbines. Water power was used for the turbines in a complex web of sluices, canals, basins and pressure towers. In Bäretswil five mountain streams were channelled to power textile mills and other activities for a total of eleven turbines and three water wheels in twelve industries. The Neuthal factory water system was renovated in 1878. In 1900 the combined force of the Bäretswil waterways supplied 220kW power, before industrialisation destroyed the cottage industry.



*James Thomson
and Madhavan
Palat in Bäretswil*

Clive Dyer writes: 'Having been exposed by my good friend **John Dagpunar**, I wish to add that I am alive and not too bad but am still waiting for Saints to win the Cup and for the Big Space Weather Event to come along. Having said that, Saints have just been promoted back to the Premier League (for one year anyway) and this solar maximum did produce a major geomagnetic storm on May 11th sending aurorae to the south of England and beyond. However, there was no damage to the National Grid and enhanced levels of radiation were not very significant. To put the statistics in perspective, Saints won the Cup in 1976, while there was a damaging geomagnetic

storm in March 1989 and a potentially damaging radiation storm in February 1956 (fifty-fold increase at ground level and thousand-fold increase at 40,000 feet but just before the Space Age and with relatively few airlights at low altitudes only and with no advanced electronics). In August-September 1859, the astronomer Carrington was the first to observe a solar flare which must have been more than an order of magnitude more intense than recent times. Tree rings and ice cores show radiation events at ground level ten to a hundred times worse in history (notably AD 774 and AD 993). What did these do to Offa and Ethelred the Unready? I currently still work on engineering solutions, measurements, modelling and alert systems with the University of Surrey Space Centre and am a member of the Space Environment Interactions Expert Group (SEIEG) who advise government departments.'



*John Rookwood's
great-grandson*

Gloucestershire. Amazing how these friendships have remained so firm for almost 60 years, especially as we must have changed quite a lot since we all first met as teenagers! We have more trips planned later this year, and also next! On the family front our great-grandson Noah is growing fast – now eighteen months old. He is a lovely little lad, and always seems to be smiling. But perhaps that's just when he sees us!!'

Michael Rogers writes: 'Every year a few of us meet for lunch at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall. **Peter Craddock** and I inaugurated this meeting several years ago – those attending were all Modern Linguists initially, but some have dropped out, and others have joined in. There are usually about twelve in all, so that we fit on one table.'

James Thomson writes: 'Madhavan Palat, Josep Verges and I met up in Lucca, Italy, and then Baretswil, Switzerland, where Josep lives, in May. Highlight of the latter was seeing its calico-printing manufacture, founded in the eighteenth century and still intact!'

David Bradley writes: 'In case you didn't know, **Peter Osborne** died on Christmas Day after a long struggle with cancer, bravely born. I did not see him in the last year because of concerns about infection but we spoke fairly regularly on the phone. He continued his passion for sketching until almost the end. His sketchbooks were available for inspection at his very well attended funeral. **Amit Roy** and **Robin Cole** were there. I see Amit regularly but had not seen Robin since graduation day and he had to be identified to me by Pete's wife, Heather. I have written an obituary for the *Magazine* which has been approved by Heather.'

1967 Year Group Representative Barry Carter writes:

Colin Chipperfield, together with wife Linda, continues to enjoy life in Australia and has renewed contacts with family and friends, including fellow Christ's 67-Year-Group **Barry Carter** and **Pete Adriaenssens**, plus members of the Cambridge Alumni

Associations in Melbourne and South Australia. Colin continues to play tennis and golf and still involves himself in scientific activities.

Jim Webber is happy to confirm that he and his wife Anna are still soldiering on! One enjoyable contact with the College to report, albeit it happened several months ago. Their little town received a visit from the College Choir as part of their Canadian summer tour. Happy to report they were in fine voice even though it was the last stop on a gruelling three-week marathon, and they completely filled one of our local churches. An enjoyable programme of mostly sacred music, topped off with a coda of Billy Joel! Jim had a chat with a couple of the Choir members after the concert and concludes ‘wow, students these days are so young!’ (We were so much older then...).

Jeremy Tafler has now completed several years of study culminating in a postgraduate diploma in Humanistic Counselling and Psychotherapy at University of Brighton, quite a challenge both intellectually and emotionally. Jeremy is now qualified as a psychotherapist; he has some agency clients and some private practice and finds it enormously rewarding.

Dave Williams is still at the Ohio State University where he is building global university research and industry partnerships for the Starlab commercial space station (<https://starlab-space.com>) which is due to be launched in 2028–29.

The aged relative that **George O’Sullivan** was looking after, as reported in last year’s *Magazine*, sadly passed away in early June 2023 just seventeen days short of being 100 years old. Since then, George has been living alone again in his home in Birmingham. He continues to do lots of walking around the West Midlands area as well as being busy as treasurer and elder in his church. George says his eyesight has deteriorated to the extent that driving is coming to an end.

Pete Adriaenssens and his wife Liz visited the UK in June 2024 for family get-togethers and re-acquaintance with favourite places. Birthday gatherings tend to involve a factor of ten these days—they’re thankful that they can still turn up to them! Their son, Louis, who used to extol the virtue of life in Reno, beside the Sierra Nevada, and the (more-or-less) ready availability of grandparents to his two little girls, has now relocated his family back to Australia — the lure of the Outback was stronger than that of the mountains. Pete and Liz will have to be content with Zoom hugs with the grandchildren again.

Ray Langford and his spouse had a short stay in Cambridge last summer to see their nephew in Churchill and had the pleasure of being punted down the river by their nineteen-year-old twin grandsons. This year he has been busy showing visiting friends round Château Laurens, the newly restored Art Nouveau villa in Agde. He continues hiking and nordic walking and regularly spend time with his youngest grandchildren, now three and seven. The rest of his year was taken up as spouse to the President of the Agde Rotary Club, as English conversation organiser in their town centre Solidarity Café, and as an active member of a group of film lovers working with their local cinema.

Clive Butchins stepped down as a local councillor in May 2023 relinquishing all duties except chairing the Neighbourhood Plan steering group. This has allowed Clive and Elaine to spend more time travelling. In September they spent a relaxing month at their small flat in Nîmes with its extensive Roman history. They enjoyed a Christmas family reunion in Cyprus, meeting up with family from Germany and the UAE. Then their “big trip” was to South Africa in February, the country of Clive’s

father's birth. The few days in Cape Town included trips to Cape Point and up Table Mountain. The cruise around the coast up to Durban and back to Namibia was equally memorable, including visits to a game reserve, a water wildlife park and the Namibian desert. A good selection of sea birds were seen on the cruise. Clive remains active as a trustee of his local museum and campaigning to protect the environment, fitting in a few sets of tennis along the way.

Edward Franks wrote to say that he is learning to use a New England coastal dialect, with strange words derived from East Anglian — not just using US spelling.

Adrian Lowe says that he is looking forward to skiing again after an absence due to the pandemic. He exchanges Christmas cards with **Phil Leverick** (and

Shari), **Lloyd Zokay** (and Gill), **Colin Howard** (and Pam) and **Ray Langford** (and Lucie).

This summer Bryony and **Barry Carter** finally got back to Ireland to see family and the moving “Kindred Spirits” sculpture by Bryony’s cousin, Alex Pentek; it is just outside Cork (see photo). Barry also renewed contact with IISc Bangalore after a four-year break, and has resumed his activities at the National Labs in New Mexico, while still having positions at UConn. He and **Dave Williams** have been co-editing the 2nd Edition of their Companion volume on TEM and will submit the manuscript this summer.

Chris Eaglen wrote that he and Sandy attended the July Dinner in 2023 and met the new Master. In 2024, the dinners coincide with the holiday in Cornwall so they hope to attend an alumni weekend in September. The year included mentoring one graduate in Construction working on more efficient site organisation, which was beneficial to both the graduate and Chris himself.

During the year Chris completed a scheme outline design for nuclear material storage based on spiral stepped eight-metre tunnels and submitted that scheme for the Ground Engineering competition. The scheme is different to the UK proposal for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) under the sea being based on tunnelling into the Volcanic Tuff Fell region of South West Cumbria. Chris worked on a proposal for building a sea wall and lagoon across the Wash to prevent some of the inland area flooding. Chris fears that, as with other such proposals, the UK is not minded to consider schemes that cost money for protection and tends to have passing interests. He listened to and watched the Post Office Inquiry with wonderment at the selective memory presentations and hope that there will be closure for those who not only suffered wrong convictions but had money taken and which has not been returned. He hopes that the UK standards of corporate behaviours and competencies of CEOs and senior managers improve and that the experiences and skills of MPs also improve. Never did he expect that from the 1970s to 2024 would the UK become less able to progress and that the mix of media and politics would create a less able nation. He hopes for better in the future.



*Kindred Spirits
sculpture near Cork*

Richard Tebboth writes: 'I have little to report this year, with activities having been somewhat curtailed by conditions typical of older age. I have continued to sing in a choir and play my viola. Travel has been limited to the UK, including a recent return to Cambridge for the Fisher Society lunch, where I was pleased to be reunited with Modern and Medieval Languages contemporaries **Jon Corral** and **David Colville**. The photograph shows David in the centre, flanked by Jon (right) and myself (left) with our respective partners.'



*Richard Tebboth,
David Colville and
Jon Corral*

Finally, **Stuart Scott** wrote to tell us of the sad and unexpectedly sudden death of **Tony Petyt** from sepsis. Tony read Economics then Land Economy, and was an active sportsman, showing particular prowess in rugby, and also a keen squash player. His dry Yorkshire wit endeared him to his many friends. We are all saddened to hear/read of his passing. While thinking of old friends who are no longer with us, we hope that all the '67 Group are planning to join our 60th in 2027.

1968 Year Group Representative Andy Symonds reports:

Peter Carroll is pleased to report that he is still alive.

Ranjan Ramasamy says: 'Nothing of much significance to report. I would like to say that it was very good to meet with several year group members, including of course yourself, in June last year at the Christs College Association Dinner. Please also convey my greetings to the year group.'

Paul Roper comments: 'Greetings everyone. Another year passes and this one was filled with holidays. We had another luxury cruise in February this time to Southeast Asia and we really welcomed being in the southern hemisphere in our winter. In fact, we have already booked another for January 2025, this time South Africa. As I write this, we are just setting off for five weeks on our narrowboat, hopefully visiting all our favourite canals in the Midlands and including a trip to Llangollen crossing the famous aqueduct one last time. Sadly, we recognise that age is catching up with us and after a quarter of a century cruising the inland waterways, we realise its time to hang up the windlass and sell the boat. The good news is that this will release more time for luxury cruises with someone else doing the steering!'

Rowan Williams writes that life continues active and varied. Work with the Welsh Constitutional Commission ended formally in January with the submission of our report – quite well received. What difference this year's election will make to the chance of its full implementation we can't know as yet, but the Welsh government has already committed to funding some aspects of the recommendations about better civic education and consultation. A busy spring with lectures in Yale, Oxford and Rome – and lots to do more locally with understaffed neighbouring parishes. Still happily in touch with a handful of '68 contemporaries from Choir and Theology.

Bill Reed continues to do eclectic local history research for Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury, Wiltshire. He has recently produced a booklet on *The Last Days of Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury* and a podcast on Hobbes with historian Tony McAleavy. He has also published articles on the railway locomotive engineer GJ Churchward, and on the lock of Napoleon's hair in the Museum's collection. At

Bill Reed with
Gary Warner at
Athelstan Museum



Manager at Linolite, and the factory whistle. Behind them is the Museum display on the Linolite factory.

Philip Tomlinson reports: 'I had an e-book published last year on a pet topic: *Space Colonies – A Realistic Plan*. I concluded that the Moon and Planets were not the places to go, but large self standing structures, rotated to provide artificial gravity. The book updates an idea first put forward by American physicist Gerard O'Neill in the 1970s, and it concludes that the concept is viable and in the long run, economically self supporting. The book can be found at <https://troubador.co.uk/bookshop/computing-science-education/space-colonies>.'

Now experiencing the effects of increasingly serious glaucoma, **Richard Savage** stepped down from eighteen years on the leadership team of the Surrey Archaeological Society in November. At the turn of the year, he and Pamela celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a variety of events and are now focussing on completing their final archaeological report.

Stephen Hart sends his best wishes to everyone.

Roger Tansley writes: 'I have been busy in the garden, always something to plant, to harvest, to trim ... but no need to water this spring with frequent rainfalls. Also I have spent a lot of time preparing a presentation to show my family and friends when we celebrate together my 75th birthday on Sunday 30th June (two days after the real date). Best wishes to our year group.'

Sumanjit Chaudhry says: 'This has been a relatively quiet year for my wife, Anu, and me. We finished building our house in the hills at Suryagaon, Uttarakhand, a year ago and then – suckers for punishment – decided to rebuild our house in Delhi thereafter. This has been keeping us busy for the last year and we hope to finish it by this year end. I will then need to find another project to get my teeth into! I enjoyed catching up with **Nigel Collin** and **Ed Stroud** whilst visiting London at the end of April. We try and meet whenever I am passing through the UK which happens once or twice in the year. With warmest regards to everyone else in the 1968 Christs Year Group.'

David Topham contacted many local radio amateurs from his ham radio on Y staircase. One such contact was Ron Gouldstone, an NHS nuclear medicine technician involved in radiotherapy and scanning diagnostics, fields in which the University and Addenbrookes together had global impact. Ron died in June 2024, after an enduring friendship lasting over 50 years. David wonders if others forged such friendships outwith the University during their time at Christ's?

Robert Bergerhoff-Mulder writes: 'I don't have a lot to report this year. Like many of our year group. I'll be 75 in August and I'm still ski mountaineering. I was

in Norway in March where the snow was abominable. Rather proud I could ski it without damaging myself. Aside from that, we have just sold our home of 30 years and haven't yet found anywhere else to live. That's taking a lot of time and energy. Finally, Jenny and I will be married 40 years this year: Ruby wedding anniversary!

Gordon House writes: 'After nearly 40 years of working for BBC Radio Drama, and now long retired, I actually had my first (and probably last!) original radio drama broadcast last December. *The Princess & The Toad* imagines a harassed producer directing the Department's annual Christmas extravaganza, with predictable chaotic results. The play, as you can imagine, was largely autobiographical. As I race towards second childhood, Beercott Books are planning to publish four short pantomimes that I have written for our local children's theatre – quite possibly the least erudite work ever produced by a Cambridge alumnus.'

Nigel Collin writes: 'Life post being a local councillor continues at a pace; last year my wife and I spent six weeks in Australia to attend our daughter's wedding. Epsom is twinned with Chantilly some 30 miles north of Paris. I chair the Committee and would recommend a visit. The château is magnificent with more paintings anywhere except in the Louvre, and the stables are stunning. Sending best wishes to all who remember me.'

Philip Bradney has finally retired from the Employment Tribunals Service after 25 years (part-time), never having expected to work for the Service for that long or until age 75! But it has been enjoyable and socially useful and satisfying on the occasions that justice can be done. That aside, life is busy with his model engineering hobby, a little fishing (and even occasionally catching something) gardening and spending time with grandchildren. In December he and Pearl celebrated their golden wedding. He sends his best wishes to the 1968 year group and to all at Christ's.

Andy Symonds reports that despite having returned to UK two years ago, he and Geneviève have been spending a significant amount of time in France supporting Geneviève's centenarian mother. The latter died this year aged 101, so now they will have to spend a further significant time in France dealing with the aftermath, which, as in everything administrative in France, is no small task. On a happier note, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary this year at the end of June with an evening cruise up and down the Exe estuary in the pleasant company of family and friends.

1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

Once again the call for contributions to the annual report seems to have fallen on relatively stony ground, despite the revised arrangements for its distribution. If anything, total responses were down, with some of the usual correspondents this year sending nothing in. Whether most of us are contentedly in the state summed up in one reply as "sedentary stasis", or just too busy doing stuff to report it, it has to be assumed that all is reasonably well. The two replies from America were short and to the point.

Hamilton Bryson reported publication of his edition of *Paul Jodrell's Chancery Reports (1737 to 1751)*. **Mike Dickenson's** message came be quoted in full: "The Master accepted our invitation to be Guest of Honour at the annual Chicago Boat Race Dinner. He came along with Alexandra Rowlands. I was able to spend the



Alexandra Rowlands, the Master, and Mike Dickenson at the Chicago Boat Race Dinner



*Dave Crust and
Jonathan Best
'beaching it up'
in Australia*



*Frank Knight and
one of his creations*



*Association Dinner
2024: L-R Clive
Richardson, Steve
Whitehead, Robert
Swanson, [guest],
Bob Simmonds*

day with them as chauffeur and baggage handler.” Rather chattier was a lengthy missive from **Jonathan Best**, still in Australia, still “in full remission from my pancreatic cancer”, recovered from recent open-heart surgery, so “alive and kicking – and happy and lucky to be so. I’ve retired from work but blessed ... to be busy with my grandchildren”. He remains in “distant but regular and comprehensive communication with fellow 69ers **Dave Crust** and **Nick Devons** who remain in high spirits despite the privations they suffered during their time in P block”. Distance, however, can be crossed: he also reports a visit from Dave Crust “early last year (2023)” when “the repartee was as sparkling as ever”. **Frank Knight**

recalled email contacts with “colleagues long settled in the US like **John Lambert** and **Mike Dickenson**”, while “our garden takes up a lot of time and I am continuing to do my stained glass”, now branching out into more complex techniques. As well as Hamilton Bryson’s volume, two other publications can be reported. July saw the appearance of *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, a volume of selected poems by **Roger Stennett**. **Steve Whitehead**’s *Never Say NETHERS Again: My Prostate Cancer – and Other Tales* was published in February, with all proceeds going to Prostate Cymru. It is described on the cover as “the book for the man who has everything (including perhaps Prostate Cancer)”, and by its author as “a laddish account brim full of invective ... accompanied by execrable infantile humour”. Events in the Wider World also allowed Steve to break cover as one of Mr Bates’s fellow-victims against the Post Office, recounting some of the anger and frustration experienced over recent years, and the continuing obstructions en route to appropriate redress. Meanwhile,

Roger White is now working on another book for Yale University Press, on the Georgian Gothic style and “enjoying all the travel required to visit and photograph buildings”. As an endnote, this year’s reshaping of the *Magazine*’s editorial schedule puts the submission date after the Association Dinner on 29 June. While there is no competition between year groups to provide the largest cohort, the foursome from 1969 (Clive Richardson, Bob Simmonds, Robert Swanson, and Steve Whitehead) was equalled only by those from 1967.

1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Christopher Baker writes: ‘In May, my wife and I completed a nine-year project to walk from Lands End to John O’Groats. We did this by joining up various National Trails – South West Coast Path, Offa’s Dyke, Pennine Way, West Highland Way and the Great Glen Way, finishing with the rather notional John O’Groats Trail between Inverness and John O’Groats. This was clearly not the most direct route – we covered 1,333 miles whereas the direct route is given as 873 miles, but we walked through some amazing scenery and past hill forts, neolithic tombs, medieval castles and early industrial remains. It felt like a big achievement when we finally made it to John O’Groats!’

John D Smith says: ‘It was interesting to see that the second image in the 2023 edition of the *College Magazine* was of the entrance to T Staircase and thus my old 3rd Year rooms in T8. How time has flown by! The academic year 2023–24 has seen me continuing to enjoy my retirement from teaching and the setting and marking of examinations. However, as time continues to pass, some of my former classmates, old friends and past work colleagues have sadly died and thus the year has been tinged with sadness. It was therefore important to enjoy life and to eat, drink and be merry. To celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary my wife Carol and I hosted a bash for family and friends at our favourite Chinese restaurant. The eagle-eyed may spot **Tommy McHale** (m. 1970) sitting next to me, hatless middle right on photograph. I thus look forward to further such gatherings before, as St Thomas More wrote in his last letter, “that we may merrily meet in heaven”.’



John and Carol Smith's 50th

John Watson responds: ‘I have just published *Cyrus the Pig*. A series of twelve stories mainly aimed at adults reading to children from about six to about ten but containing enough jokes for the adults to make them attractive relaxation for undergraduates and the like. Available on Amazon and major book chains.’

Hugh Williams shares a photo of the Christ’s 1970 PUDDLE Club at their November 2023 dinner, held at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in St James, London. Featuring (left to right) **John Watson**, **Hugh Williams**, **John Lambert** (m. 1969), **Jonathan Knight**, **Neil Dunlop** (Queens), **Peter Howard**, and **David Kenning**.



PUDDLE Dinner

Hugh says: ‘PUDDLE started at Christ’s in about 1971 and was loosely based on a Christ’s College Boat Club crew, that became a dining club, that eventually became a quasi-alumni group.

Despite the end of lockdown rendering the original prompt for our Zoom meetings academic, they continued and PUDDLE has continued to meet via Zoom weekly throughout 2023–24; it was thought that an in-person dinner was appropriate after so long talking “virtually”. Who knows, there may even be a follow-up.

We continue to meet up variously from time to time, occasionally in a rowing context but usually not. **John Lambert** continues to row/race from his home in Boston, Massachusetts, I from London, training now recently interrupted, though hopefully not indefinitely. We occasionally hear from CCBC (and other) contemporaries, sometimes now far-flung, and are always pleased when we do.'

Dougal Goodman tells us: 'I have been very busy since I retired as CEO of the Foundation for Science and Technology. I continue to edit the journal of the Foundation – see www.foundation.org.uk. I also have a position as Emeritus Fellow at the British Antarctic Survey, where I am working with colleagues to collect data from the loading of the new ship, the Sir David Attenborough, as the vessel transits through ice infested waters. Application of machine learning methods will lead to new insights into the mechanisms of failure and improvements to design criteria. Penny is a lecturer for cruise companies.

We have travelled to Greenland, Svalbard, Northern Norway, Iceland and the Baltic in the last year. Our four grandchildren continue to be a delight. They are growing up very quickly.'



David and his mother, Kathleen

David Ian Hall says: 'The biggest single event affecting me this last year was the death of my mother in November 2023. Although I had dreaded this for many years, in the end it wasn't a rage. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 101, in her own home. My wife Janet and I were staying with her – a blessing of being retired. Mum's final weeks passed more quickly than we had expected; just two weeks before she

died we took her out to a restaurant where she was bright and happy. Her body was frail, but her mind remained sharp until the end.'

As for activities, we continue to enjoy the regular concerts in the Church of All Saints in Jesus Lane, just round the back of Christ's. This is a Town activity, but the musicians are frequently members of the university.

We had our first foreign holiday since Covid – a short break in Ostend. I had wanted to celebrate my birthday by riding in a tram that runs along the entire length of the Belgian Coast – all 42 miles of it. The timing meant that we were in a preserved part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. We were given a sobering look at the awesome defences facing the Allied Forces. Many school groups were being escorted round the site to keep the memory alive.

One welcome change in College is the format of the last Evensong in Term, to which alumni are invited. We are now invited to dine afterwards in Hall, on High Table or with the choir. This gave us a new informal view of the choir and their little rituals, like singing (beautifully) "Happy Birthday to You" to a randomly selected person, whose birthday it isn't.

We look forward to seeing more of this side of the choir in the coming year.

Adam Bagnall writes: 'I thought it might be a good idea to start by stating that I am still in very good health, so I offer my condolences to our deceased alumni and their families. I live in the Peak District with Carole and we have a daughter, a son and three lovely grandsons.

For those that remember me I was a bit of a petrol head and this interest has persisted throughout my life. In my retirement, after a career as an aerodynamicist in

the aero engine business, including liaison with the Whittle Laboratory in Cambridge, I dabble in the aerodynamics of historic racing car engines. I am fortunate to own my dream car (an E-type Jaguar) which I like to race on the track against other cars from the 1970s. Last year I competed at the Silverstone Festival, finishing 7th out of 40 cars with the added distinction of driving my race car to the track and back home towing my little pod caravan; the commentator was most impressed!

This year my friend invited me to join him and his 1927 Le Mans Bentley on a tour of all sixteen race tracks in England and Wales: we amassed a substantial sponsorship for Racing against Dementia. My sister rudely asked if we were going to win; it took me a few days to get the joke! The car performed faultlessly, which is more than can be said for us: the wind buffeting at only 55mph was more akin to sailing a boat so we were exhausted after six days and 1500 miles.

It was an expedition of a lifetime, experiencing beautiful parts of the UK that we would never have visited otherwise. One surprise was seeing a large advertising poster of my race car at Brands Hatch; I must get that to go on the wall of my garage!

Dewar Donnithorne-Tait says: I continue to be delighted to be the 1970 Year Group Representative and thank all those who contribute to this article and to the life and well being of our College.

One highlight in the last year was to attend the 50th anniversary of Operation Hangul, a Cambridge World Wildlife Study Centre expedition (1974) to the western Zaskar Range of the Himalayas in the North of Kashmir to undertake a conservation survey of the Kashmir Stag. The team drove out to and back from Kashmir overland, an extraordinary experience. Living and working at the high altitudes in and around Dachigam National Park was also unforgettable. The expedition report was submitted to the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and to Indian and Kashmir authorities. It has taken more than 40 years for the recommendations to be implemented and once again, the Kashmir Stag's conservation status is improving. Sadly new activities (e.g. mineral extraction) are starting to pose new threats. I remain an Advisor to the Kashmir Wildlife Conservation Fund and a volunteer with the SSC IUCN Deer Specialist Group. Almost all the expedition members were from the University. In the photo, left to right: back row, Tim Ambrose, Tony Bolton-Maggs, centre row, Dewar Donnithorne-Tait, Jeremy Robinson, Richard Harrad, Rick Jeffreys, front row (seated), Colin Clarke (National Film School), on the Zoom screen, Sylvia Harcourt (Quito, Ecuador), Kristina Rudd and Frances Ashcroft. Missing are Gill Salmon, (Addenbrookes, now based in Kenya) and our wonderful Anglia TV Cinematographer, John Buxton (deceased).



Adam Bagnall's Bentley



Adam Bagnall at Brands Hatch



Op Hangul 50th Anniversary

Alison and I continue to split our time between Cambridge and our French home travelling long-haul while we may. I am increasingly involved as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society with the modernisation of aerospace and my passion for wildlife and wilderness conservation and photography remains undiminished.



Pete Clarke and Scyld Berry – a cricketing “pair”



Pete Clarke and Tony Smith – another cricketing “pair”

1971 Year Group Representative Pete Clarke writes:

Another year has raced by and here we are again, all one year older and if my experience is anything to go by, even more creaky. If you are interested in how I have spent the last twelve months, then dig out last year’s copy of the *College Magazine* because it is all in there. In other words, to use a modern phrase to answer the question “What have you been up to? my reply would be, “Same old, same old”. As I mentioned last year I’m still into cricket and in June I umpired a game at Collegiate School, Bristol (formerly known as Colston’s College) in which **Scyld Berry** (m. 1972) turned out for Gloucester Gypsies against the school. In July I joined **Tony Smith** (m. 1973) at Taunton to watch the first day of Somerset v Warwickshire. Our day was fairly pedestrian but the game ended with an epic successful run-chase by Somerset on Day Four.

And so to news of others:

Martin Lockett writes: ‘To update you, I’m still based in Ningbo which is in Zhejiang province in China and have transitioned to a part-time chair in strategic management after five years as Dean of the Faculty of Business at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo. I have been successfully recommending some of our best undergraduates for Master’s and PhD study at Cambridge. In the past few years, my efforts have been recognised with a national First Class University Course Award, the Zhejiang provincial First Class Course Award, as well as the Ningbo City “Camellia Award” and “Higher Education Teaching Outstanding Achievement Award”. While most people haven’t heard of Ningbo, it is the world’s biggest cargo port with a population almost as big as London’s. The province of Zhejiang has a population, and an area, similar to those of England.’ On a recent visit to the UK, Martin was in Cambridge and dined at the College.

Will Peskett has had his collection of sonnets published in hardback, paperback and as an e-book. (Available from all online booksellers, Ed). Will describes his book thus: ‘*Sonnets of Innocence and Experience* is inspired by the ‘Songs’ of William Blake – well known of course to visitors to the Fitzwilliam Museum. It contrasts the ‘innocence’ of pre-industrial man, living in balance with nature, with the ‘experience’ of our modern condition. Blake’s concept of ‘the Fall of Man’ was more spiritual than practical, in keeping with the perspective of his age. Despite his visionary insights, Blake had no conception of how far we would fall 200 years after his death, taking mankind to the brink not only of spiritual, but existential, disaster.’

Chris Southgate is still working away at the University of Exeter. He has some study leave coming and plans to work on T.S. Eliot, in the light of the recently revealed letters to his friend Emily Hale. He published a new collection of poems, *Losing Ithaca*. For his 70th birthday celebrations Chris stayed in the Keats-Shelley

house at the bottom of the Spanish Steps in Rome, which he hugely recommends if you can ever get there. On the non-academic front, he continues to puzzle away at golf – winning a competition at Hoylake, being humbled by Carnoustie and humiliated by Sunningdale.

Alan Brown writes: ‘I continue to Chair UCIM (University of Cambridge Investment Management) which is the regulated entity that manages the Cambridge University Endowment Fund. I get the sense that not a lot is known about the Endowment Fund so I thought I would share a couple of facts with you. The Cambridge Endowment Fund is very different to say, the Harvard Endowment Fund. Harvard Endowment was founded very early in the university’s life, way back in 1638, whereas the Cambridge Endowment was only founded in 2008. This in part explains the very different size of the two endowments. Harvard is about \$50 billion, whereas Cambridge has just climbed above £4 billion. Working with UCIM and six other non-exec roles keeps me from having to do the gardening. What does make me feel old is having my oldest granddaughter in her second year at UCL. At the other end, my eighth grandchild is due in September!’

Andrew Murday once again failed miserably to get elected for the Lib Dems in Skipton and Ripon, the constituency where he lives. He reports that he bucked the trend in the UK by coming a distant fourth, with half the number of votes that he garnered in 2019. Having had both knees replaced in 2021, he had one hip replaced this Spring and now awaits the other one being done. After that he doesn’t think that there will be much left to replace!



Andrew Murday

Suspecting that Andrew might be standing in the general election I checked the Skipton and Ripon Lib Dem website. The website had their candidate down as *Andre* Murday. When I emailed Andrew to find out what was going on he replied: “That’s me. I thought it was a little exotic so decided not to ask for a correction!”

In the autumn of 2023, **Dennis Opposs, Pete Senior, Dave Plummer, Alan Imeson, Mike Kohnstamm** and **Nick Balliger**, known collectively in their time at College as *The Caff*, had one of their regular reunions at the College. They stayed in college, had a fine meal in the SCR and enjoyed a few bottles of college claret and port.



The Caff

And finally, as is now the tradition, we end the Year Group report with the latest news from the world of marmalade: **Sandy Pratt** reports: ‘After last year’s two silvers and a bronze in the World Marmalade Competition, this year it was another two silver awards. One was Seville Orange with Spanish Oloroso Sherry, the other Seville Orange with Port.’ I’m sure that the whole year group is behind you Sandy as you strive for that elusive Gold Medal. Come on Sandy, you can do it!

STOP PRESS:

As I write this report two days before the deadline, I am sitting at a desk in Cambridge at The Leys School, overlooking the Engineering Department which should bring back some memories for a few of you. I'm here for another four weeks of summer school teaching for The Bell. This is the third summer running I have done this and as always, it is really good fun. I have a bike and can swan around as though it is still 1973. Last night I was in the Champion of the Thames, tonight I am heading for The Free Press. As I said earlier, "same old, same old".

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

There was not a mass response this year. Hopefully, the general lack of dramatic news means that life continues smoothly and gently for us. That's probably highly necessary as the least appropriate adjectives to describe the rest of the world are "smooth" and "gentle". There is more news this year of our bodies, or rather news about keeping them going as we age gracefully. **Ed Cole** was able to make it to the Fisher Society lunch between left and right hip surgeries and rehab! He says he is looking forward to being more active again. He adds that it was great to be back in College for the lunch on a lovely hot sunny day after bringing the lunch forward to June. This year he noticed how much walking and standing is involved!

David Pope keeps fit walking with an expanding portfolio of roles in South Wales and beyond. He and his wife Anne's work setting up and maintaining pilgrimage routes has expanded. David writes: 'Following the development of the Gower Pilgrimage Way in 2022, our latest venture is the Athelstan Pilgrim Way, a 100-mile walking route around North Wiltshire linking 36 historic rural churches. The project had its public launch on 30 June at Malmesbury Abbey with a talk by our Patron, the historian Tom Holland at the Abbey, which was full for the event. It was part of the celebrations to mark the 1100th anniversary of Athelstan becoming the first king of a united England. He gave a great talk on the importance of pilgrimage in Athelstan's life. For anyone interested, the website is <https://athelstanpilgrimway.org/>.'

Steve Bagnall has recently joined a running club. He realised at his local Parkrun that it's much easier to run with others. He is by no means the oldest club member and he appreciates the "no one gets left behind" policy, meaning that those in front loop back and fetch you. The annual Oxford half marathon goes right past Steve's house so he cannot avoid running. He has even taken to finding the local Parkrun when he's away on holiday. This has led to runs in exotic locations such as Vancouver Harbour and Stavanger, where his achievement was becoming one of a few people who have managed to get lost on a Parkrun.

For **Neil Marshall** mountain hiking beckons. He says he has finally extracted himself from the education system in New Zealand and is living in Wanaka, New Zealand and thoroughly enjoying his retirement. He and his wife are enjoying the mountains of southern New Zealand and spend most of their time hiking and climbing them in the summer; Neil skis in the winter. He adds: 'If anyone from Christ's is passing through Wanaka do get in touch. It would be wonderful to share some adventures with any one of you.'

David Maycock is also leaving education: 'I've been teaching mathematics for the past 48 years in secondary schools in England, Japan, Turkey, and the USA and am about to retire.' **Jo Whaley** has already left education but is not leaving completely: 'I retired from my university professorship at the end of September 2021 and I'm now an

Emeritus Professor. I'm still a Life Fellow of Gonville and Caius, though, so nothing much changes in my daily routine, except that I've given up teaching.'

Bob Stevenson, respected as the Michael Palin of our year group with his impressive world travel record, says he has not been anywhere this year! **Steve Bagnall** feels this is his one chance to add a story of wider travels than Bob. Steve can thoroughly recommend his five days / three nights train trek from Toronto to Vancouver complete with bear sightings and waits for very long freight trains to pass... 181 carriages. What then has Bob been doing? As well as supporting his 95-year-old mother he has been getting the house re-roofed, insulated and fitted with solar panels. He says more than half his car mileage is now being achieved on solar energy. His garden has had major surgery too and I am sure he is not alone in finding our homes now need the refurbishment that we never quite got round to when working full-time. He concludes: 'There is now light at the end of the tunnel, and I hope to resume playing my piano soon.'

Taylor Downing continues his writing and recently published *The Army that Never Was: D-Day and the Great Deception*. Timed for the D-Day 80 anniversary, it generated a lot of attention with articles in the press and a series of videos recorded for BBC Extra. Taylor continues to give talks to History Societies around the south of England and comments: 'For me it is the Q&A that is most stimulating with often some penetrating questions, especially from younger members of the audience. It keeps me on my toes!'

Antony Root says: 'I finally stepped away from full-time work in April 2023 after a 45-year career in television – as a drama producer and exec producer, a studio executive and latterly as head of original programming for HBO Europe and HBO Max EMEA. I feel very fortunate to have enjoyed a long and fulfilling international career doing something I loved. On to the next chapter!'

Alan Cottenden says: 'I'm really enjoying having the time in my retirement to give projects my serious, sustained attention rather than having to fit them into scraps of time not claimed by a "proper" job.' Some of his projects are linked to his profession: 'I helped run another multi-disciplinary conference in November 2023, the fourteenth in a two-yearly series aimed at encouraging, informing and inspiring those keen to develop more effective technology for diagnosing, treating or managing incontinence. And the *Journal of Engineering in Medicine* is about to publish a special issue on the same topic that I have co-guest edited.' Another "project" has been meeting friends from Christ's. Alan and **Steve Bagnall** met with **Francis Drasar** and **Keith Ison**. Alan comments: 'I find it fascinating how – despite seeing one another only very occasionally – we seamlessly pick up where we left off last time, enjoying each other's company. It's fun to reminisce a tad but I don't think that's been a major flavour of our conversations. Rather, it's primarily been an informal sharing of observations, curiosities, whimsical comment, laughter. Special.'

Let that be an encouragement to us all to continue to meet up if and when we can.

Steve May sent us news of his radio drama work last year, and it was sad to hear of his death last summer. An obituary is included later in the *Magazine*.



A 1972 Reunion

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

The 1973-ers have come back to life with a bang this year. Perhaps musing on what that renowned lover of the Old Testament **John King** has referred to as the arrival of our allotted span of three scores years and ten, there is a burst of activity to report.

Edward Gildea has followed up on his remarkable sailing achievements (he has twice circumnavigated the globe in the clipper 'Round the World' race and sailed all seven of the world's oceans: that makes Magellan and Drake look like part-timers) by standing against Kemi Badenoch in the General Election. He did so for the Green Party, so his 2,586 votes was a creditable result all things considered. Edward's epiphany came while at the helm in rough Arctic seas on his most recent voyage to Greenland. He felt like the Ancient Mariner with a terrible truth to tell about the inevitable result that will befall us from our abuse of Nature. You will see from his website that he remains active on the environmental front and may be a good choice if you are looking for a speaker on the subject.



*Hugh Salvessen
in The Merchant
of Venice*

Another person who remains very active and has a most impressive website is **Hugh Salvessen**. Hugh, it will be remembered, took the enlightened path of reading modern languages so like **Iain (Meat) Cleaver** and **Tim Colledge** enjoyed a gap year in France before such things became fashionable. As a result he graduated a year after most of us, but that did not hold him back from having a successful career in the diplomatic service culminating in holding ambassadorships in several countries. Hugh has now returned to Edinburgh and is a blue badge Scottish tourist guide. This year he became a grandfather and in-keeping with his overseas career played the Prince of Morocco in a production of *The Merchant of Venice*.

John King "enjoyed every day" of his 40-year medical career, but is finding retirement so wonderful he cannot now believe where the working day fitted in. To celebrate the fifth year of retirement John and his wife Jackie took a punishing tour of the Médoc along with eighteen other Morganiste couples (i.e. fellow owners of a Morgan sports car). As a counterpoint to that he then entertained twenty of his family



John and Jackie King

and friends (including three daughters, six grandchildren and a mother-in-law) for five days on Lundy Island. Perhaps wishing to complete the wine, women and song approach to life endorsed by all good Crustaceans, John then took Jackie to the full cycle of Wagner's *Ring* at Longborough Festival Opera (which he tells me is the Glyndebourne of the Cotswolds).

Mention of the opera allows me to report the good news that **David Mellor** has recovered from his recent bout of ill health and returned to the important business of reviewing opera and presenting on Classic FM in his inimitable style. Our annual meeting at Garsington (the Glyndebourne of the Chilterns) was given an unexpected

frisson of excitement when his wife Penny was delayed on her return from Stratford, where she had just been appointed as the new Chair of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Happily, Penny made it in good time for Figaro to make his preparations for marriage. It also allowed David to explain that the current travails of the English National Opera could have been avoided if they had accepted his offer to own the London Coliseum when he was Arts Minister in 1990.

Of course, retirement doesn't suit everybody. **David Millward** says he would "go bonkers" if he had to completely retire. He continues to write for *The Telegraph*, *The National* of Abu Dhabi and the *New Statesman* – covering all bases as it were. Apart from his passionate support for Chelsea football club, Dave's other secret passion is visiting US presidential libraries. His visit to LBJ's in Austin was his sixth.

The three geographers who made it to the finals in 1976 were reunited in April this year at a reunion for 1973 geographers from all colleges. **Steve Curtis** (pictured left) ran a business selling wave tanks around the world and now has a vinyl record business in Bolton. **Alan Nash** (centre) continued as an academic geographer, moving to Canada in the early 1980s, and recently retired from teaching and research at Concordia University in Montreal. **Neil Cocksedge** pursued a career in the steel industry working around the UK. He is active in the canal world, and has recently sold his steam powered narrow boat to cruise on his electrically powered one.



Steve Curtis,
Alan Nash and
Neil Cocksedge

One geographer who didn't make the finals in 1976 because he was otherwise engaged completing the definitive sportsman's degree as president of the Hawks and preparing for his career in teaching was **Tony Smith**. Tony is as busy as ever and has just returned from an excellent holiday in Yellowstone, Grand Tetons and Canyonlands. Tony says it was "a geographers dream" so his time on Part 1 of the Tripos was obviously not wasted.

George Yeo has opted for an Aristotelian median position on the retirement question and writes from Singapore: 'I have been in semi-retirement since 2021. Although busier than I would like to be, I get to do the things I want to do without direct responsibility for people or bottom line. My eldest, and only daughter, got married in May. Three more sons to go. We count our blessings.

We live in a region which is still relatively stable but not unaffected by the great transition in the world today. While it may still be sunny here, we hear distant thunder, wondering whether, when or how the storms will come. While geopolitical forces are beyond our control, we do enjoy some autonomy and have some influence in our immediate circles. Cambridge is an assuring point of constancy. I visited College in 2022 and 2023 and may do so again this year. I also work in small ways to strengthen links between the University and Singapore.'

Ever curious, **Keith Woodward** has (except when engaged in his cruciverbalism – see previous editions of this *Magazine*) used the past eight years of his retirement researching his family tree. Keith reports it has revealed a blackmailer, several petty criminals, a film actor who starred with Laurence Olivier and a succession of

Wardens of an ecclesiastical college, but sadly not the unclaimed inheritance of a wealthy ancestor.

Robin Lewis has just retired after eighteen years at the coal face as an employment judge. He has plans for travel, catching up on reading (how many of the great Trollope novels have I not yet read, he asks, to which I am sure many of us would say we can think of few things better than retiring to bed with a good Trollope) and enjoying idleness after 46 years of working. Robin recounts that 'in the box of Life Works Out Strange I put the curiosity that of all the hundreds or thousands of cases that I saw as a judge, the two that law students will be looking at in future concern: (1) the rights of an Imam employed in the civil service; and (2) your right to wear a cross with your work uniform. A strange turn out for a nice Jewish boy.'

Speaking of litigation, **John** and **Debbie May** have had their own cross to bear after five years of owning their house in Melbourne Place in The Kite. They have (after four years of litigation including six days in The County Court) cleared away the legal challenges from neighbours to proposed improvements. Not the reintroduction to Cambridge living they had envisaged. John and Debbie divide their time between life in Christ's backyard near the Free Press and Elm Tree (both of which may bring back happy memories to readers of this Report) and in North Norfolk a stone's throw from the beach. John hopes that each location should be the antidote to the other and says he enjoyed having **Rick Nelson** and **Guy Whittaker** (m. 1974) as B&B guests for the 2024 Marguerites dinner with **Jonny Tompkins** joining for breakfast.

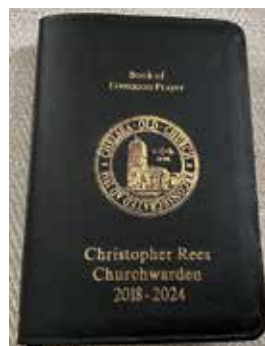
One breakfast which **Jonny Tompkins** didn't make was after his own 70th birthday party which took place in a Richmond pub in May. The WhatsApp group which formed around this event grew to enormous proportions as many of John's former rowing protégés heard about it. The drinking and dancing was as vigorous as could be expected from a room full of Boaties and was a fitting tribute to Jon's great rowing and coaching career. But even he had to admit that the day after his knees were feeling the strain.

Chris Shea (himself a distinguished former Boatie of course) has turned his attention to more cerebral matters over the past year. He was delighted to have achieved a lifetime ambition by getting a letter published in *The Times*. However, Chris reports that his elation was tempered by the fact that Dr Sarah Crellin (wife of **Adrian Crellin**) has continued to have her many letters published by 'The Thunderer' on a regular basis. Readers of a certain age may recall that a former Bursar of the College (called Button I think) used to be one of the most regular contributors to the letters column. Perhaps the College should consider providing Sarah with a stock of College notepaper to assist her efforts – it might be good for the College's reputation. Brand awareness as they say.

Sir **Jim Smith** has always done his bit for the College's reputation in the wider academic world and has continued to do so recently by accepting appointment as President of the Zoological Society of London.

William Golush writes: 'I am still working, but this likely to be my last year of full-time work. I have been playing a lot of bridge. I am now a gold life master in the American Contract Bridge League. I will be on the team for the Northern New Jersey unit at the Grand National Teams, flight A. The event is part of the North American Bridge Championships, summer 2024, in Toronto.'

And to complete the theme of retirement which seems to have run through this report, your Representative should record that he himself retired as required by the rules of the Church of England after two terms of office from the role of Churchwarden of Chelsea Old Church. The illness and subsequent retirement of the Vicar plus the pandemic made it a challenging time for the Church but we have triumphed over the adversity and now have the benefit of a wonderful young new Vicar in Rev Max Bayliss, the former Chaplain of Queens'. The prayer book (pictured) with which I was presented will remain one of my most treasured possessions.



Christopher Rees' prayer book

1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood writes:

This is the 50th year since we all matriculated and I received this lovely message from **Richard Baker**.

'50 years since coming up to Cambridge! As I was (and still am) married and came up as a mature student – 26 that year – we were given a College flat in Abbey Road to live in. I loved being at Christ's, though because I lived out, maybe involvement with College life was not as full as it might have been. The two tutors I had most connection with were Richard Axton and John Rathmell (Richard sadly died in 2021). I remember being interviewed by John Rathmell like it was yesterday – a lovely man. I had good A-Level results as an evening class student and I submitted all my essays which seemed to impress him. Anyway, life goes on and I'm still painting and doing lots of gardening.'

Mark Greaves has also updated me from Singapore: 'In mid-2023, I was appointed Chairman of locally headquartered and listed ComfortDelgro Corporation, the global urban mobility and land transport group which dominates Singapore's public bus and taxi sectors, also providing a range of related services in urban rail, coach charter, vehicle inspection and testing, and automotive engineering. The group is active in a dozen other countries, notably Australia (public buses, taxis, coaches and patient transport), New Zealand (Auckland's urban rail network) and China (taxis and EV charging) as well as several European markets including Ireland, France, Sweden and, most importantly, the UK, where it operates about 20% of London's buses under its 'Metrolink' brand. The group also owns the 'Citylink Coaches' businesses in both Scotland and Ireland, and was recently awarded four public bus contracts in Manchester for services commencing next year.'

He also arranged a lunch in London where he met up with his fellow economists, **Richard Monks** and **Ron Blagden** and a picture that was taken outside the Oriental Club is featured here.

Other people seem to now be enjoying their retirement but I still continue to have some success in the chess world as I am now English Over 65 Champion and will be representing England in the World



Richard Monks, Mark Greaves and Ron Blagden



*Paul Littlewood
with Sheila Jackson*

Over 65 Team Championships in Krakow, Poland. The picture shows me and Sheila Jackson, the Ladies Over 65 Champion. Coincidentally we were British Open Champion and British Ladies Champion respectively in 1981!

Finally I am very sad to report the untimely death of **Andrew Vidler**, who will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

1975 Year Group News:

Martin Cook writes: 'I was interested to see Richard Baker's inclusion of the Christ's and Sidney May Ball poster in the 2023 *College Magazine*. He says he doubts anyone remembers it but, as a member of the May Ball Committee, I certainly do (and it was a very good piece of artwork indeed). My copy is a bit creased though! My memories of the day itself include being sent out at 2am to replenish the supply of champagne from our stash in Jesus Lane!'

Chris Garden writes: 'The College alumni golf society continues to attract new players and we have now added a September match against St Catherine's to the annual fixture list. The Lady Margaret Beaufort Trophy was comfortably retained in May with a 7-3 win against John's. The keenly fought matches against Fitzwilliam saw them level the series last time, so its all to play for this August. The other regular events are the Inter-College Event in April where we finished eighth of the nineteen Colleges entering and a one pair contribution to the Cambridge team to play Oxford in an alumni Varsity Match in June – won by Cambridge this time. Our main event of the year is the alumni members event each September, played last year at Royal Worlington which is followed by a convivial dinner in College. Thanks are due to **Guy Whittaker** and **Gerald Wingrove** for being match Captains and organisers. We are always keen to add new participants of whatever age or standard, and we always manage to accommodate players in one or more of the fixtures. Please contact chrisgarden@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to our Group. Our members have found it a very enjoyable way of continuing to keep involved with College in a gentle sporting way, renewing friendships and often meeting former rivals from the other Colleges. So come and give it a try.

Robert Holdsworth reports: 'I have at last retired, after (too!) many years at the Bar and then as a Tribunal Judge, and I'm delighted to say that I'm not missing work at all. There's more time for volunteering with the Good Soil Trust and I'm also more involved at our church. One of my other interests is rowing, started after my days at Cambridge, but I've been very much welcomed by the Christ's alumni rowers; we have a two-day outing each summer (on the Thames this year after last year's jaunt on the Broads) and we also enter for the Fairbairn Cup in December on the Cam. If you'd like to row with us, please let the Boat Club (or me) know, and I'm sure you'll be in a boat!'

1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki writes:

This year's news call, sent as a circular via the Development Office, contained as a prompt a copy of the room ballot for our third year 1978-79. **Chaz Kiddle** spotted the mysterious discrepancy of 131 ballot numbers for 127 student names, with four blank lines for numbers 11, 63, 66 and 70. No explanation has been found. Chaz

remarks: ‘R6a in the Stephenson Building – a room with ‘character’ as an estate agent would say, and minimal facilities. I liked it – bigger than S5b that I had in First Year and plenty of stairs for exercise. Otherwise – no news.’ And **Kevin Loader** reflects: ‘Not sure how I ended up with quite a nice set in Third Court having come 116th!’ He continues: ‘The international film industry was badly hit last year by two strikes in the United States – first the Writers Guild, then the Screen Actors Guild; between them they effectively suspended international film and television production for much of the second half of 2023. Many long-gestating projects collapsed and over two-thirds of the UK’s film workers found themselves out of work for the rest of the year. Luckily, I was working on a small, independent feature-film version of Tove Jansson’s *The Summer Book*, and Glenn Close (who stars) got a waiver from SAG which allowed us to film over that summer on the ex-military island of Rankii, a kilometre-long granite protuberance which forms part of Finland’s extensive defences against potential Russian aggression. It was a magical place, and I hope the film has done its source cinematic justice. As I write this, I’m back on home turf, in the middle of shooting Alan Bennett’s first original screenplay since *A Private Function*. *The Choral* represents something of a full circle by Bennett, being set in a Yorkshire mill town in 1916, as a Germanophile conductor tries to mount Elgar’s *The Dream of Gerontius* with a depleted choral society and much suspicion about his pre-war musical career behind enemy lines. Nicholas Hytner directs, as he did on our two previous collaborations with Alan, and we are still glowing with excitement about what we’re up to. Both films should be in cinemas next year.’

Richard Morrogh writes: ‘Having had fun, with a bank-sized budget, setting up an EMEA alumni network at Citibank, I have recently been appointed to the University’s Alumni Advisory Board. For those of you who haven’t already been approached about supporting the wider University with its fundraising, outreach (both into schools and via employment opportunities), volunteering and providing alumni feedback to our Vice Chancellor, here’s your chance. I am very keen to get any and all of your advice and ideas. Complaints and devil’s advocacy wholeheartedly encouraged too. Feel free to contact me directly (richardmorrogh@gmail.com) or better still arrange to meet up, pints on me, on occasions such as Varsity rugby, boat races, alumni festivals and gatherings of the Hampshire and Wiltshire chapter. Naturally, the offer extends to friends from all cohorts and colleges and will always be done with close coordination between Richard and our own Christ’s alumni relations office. The more input we both get on what’s working and what’s not, the better!’



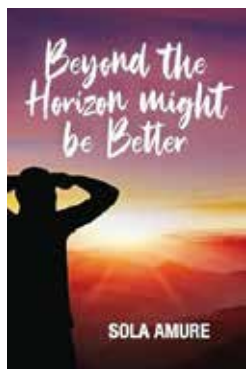
Pints on Richard!

Julian Little has spent most of the year based in Italy: ‘Our eldest, William, married Florence in August 2022, and went on a 10-month “vannymoon”, with their dog, Pinot, around North America. Snow in California had not been expected as part of the deal, but Arizona joined Gaspé as favourite areas. Myself, I have been on sabbatical at the University of Ferrara since September, and William and Florence (and dog) have been living in our house back in Canada. Heading back to Ottawa in mid-July. From base in Ferrara, have been able to go to interesting places in Europe, and have family and friends visit from the UK. Workwise, much of interest, for

example, have been back to Lyon, where I worked at IARC 1989–94. The IARC has now moved in to a new building, and has made a huge investment in research on childhood cancer. Also great to catch up on old friends in Lyon – two of three children were born there!’

John Innes writes: ‘Currently on the road, sweltering in Sweden. I too failed to secure retirement, although it is planned for next summer. Not much to report, although I am increasingly focused on research on bamboo, and I am the editor in chief of the only academic journal focused on bamboo. My work with Indigenous Peoples continues, mainly in British Columbia but also in Mexico and the Amazon. Otherwise, life goes on much as usual!’

Chris Cane writes: ‘I retired in 2017 from an academic career, although I still have an honorary position in the Department of Genetics at the University of Leicester. I still continue to publish in genetics education and, it will be surprising for those who had part 1A chemistry supervisions with me, in chemistry education! Since retiring I’ve started a second career in sailing. I’m qualified as an RYA Yacht Master Instructor and teach mostly on the east coast including with Cambridge University Yacht Club. On a personal note, I’m engaged to Caroline who, much to the chagrin of our children, I met on Tinder.’



*Beyond the Horizon
Might be Better*

Larry Amure has published his biographical *Beyond the Horizon Might be Better*, which has been hailed as “an inspirational life story of overcoming adversity and prejudice”. Larry writes: ‘My memoir is a difficult read at times, but Christ’s College is one of the major supports I have had in my life.’ Larry is donating to the College 100% of the profits from the first 300 books bought via the College alumni website: <https://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk/beyond-the-horizon-might-be-better>. The book can also be ordered through Waterstones, Amazon, or over 40,000 bookstores worldwide. He also reflects: ‘I cannot believe that another year has flown by so quickly. It is almost ten

years since I retired from medicine and I am still getting requests for second opinions. I try and attend functions at College when I can, although I did not make the May Bumps this year for the first time in many years. I have started attending The Hawks’ annual dinner in Cardiff. This is in January and organised by a Christ’s alumnus, **Stephen Whitehead** (m. 1969).’

Mike Collinson: ‘It has been, thankfully given Covid-19, a truly unremarkable year for me and mine. Good health across the board. My online ticketing business is on an even keel after a welcome post-pandemic bounce back and we are slowly expanding in the UK. I have resumed my peripatetic existence of European summer in my adopted home of Sweden, a few months in Australia at head office and a month or so in my Yorkshire hometown. I’ve not really spoken to anyone except a delightful out-of-the-blue contact from Jenny and **Tim Robson** which resulted in them be able to come to dinner in the Swedish woods where I hide away. Seems Volvo is a truly dreadful company. Tim bought one and Volvo forced them to come over from Concord, USA to collect it, subjected them to a factory tour and coerced them into three-week driving holiday of Sweden and Norway.’

One of **Simon Sandberg**’s highlights of the year was ‘walking in the mountains near Cómpeeta in Andalusia with my supervision partner **Andrew Pinhorn**. As far

as I remember we didn't discuss economics at all and thus as usual we wore our learning very lightly. [Are you sure? Pinhorn is the man known for taking a textbook on Macroeconomic Theory to the beach every day one Algarve summer in the 1980s – YG Rep.] I continue to campaign for a change in the law re: assisted dying, to honour the memory of our wonderful friend **Simon Binner** who died in a Swiss clinic in October 2015. The campaign is going very well and we (Dignity in Dying <https://www.dignityindying.org.uk/>) are increasingly confident that a change in the law might come in the new parliament. Although one downside of a new Parliament is that all those Tory MPs one has sought to convince will all lose their seats and one will have to convince many first time MPs. If I might be allowed a political comment, it's a price I'll be very glad to pay. In less good news it's been an extraordinarily difficult time for those of us committed to working for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. I continue to lobby for Jews for Justice for Palestinians (<https://jffjp.com/>). I enclose a photo of me on one of the 'hate marches' looking more cheerful than I actually felt.'



Simon Sandberg

Alistair Reid: 'I continue to be busy in my part-time work with TISCA, The Independent Schools Christian Alliance, offering support to Heads and to School Chaplains in particular.'

Brendan Gallaher: 'I have remained quite busy since I retired, investing in commercial and residential real estate in the US and rare collectable cars worldwide. I will have two cars at the Pebble Beach Concours this August. My wife and I split our time between Jackson Hole (Wyoming), Bend (Oregon) and Pacific Palisades (CA). We love to travel and recently returned from a trip to Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda (I grew up in Rhodesia).'

Mick McGuire, as this year's digital correspondent, has submitted the following links to two excellent resources for the Year Group and our neighbouring years. **Mal Pope's** 'There's a strange man in my bed' (<https://www.malpope.com/theres-a-strange-man-in-my-bed/>) is not to be missed and contains a treasure trove of photographs from the Pope archive. And those who remember **John Robbie's** heroics making hits on the rugby pitch for College and University should tune in to the History Africa YouTube (https://youtu.be/3z4xvGROowc?si=qu_aY3MP8TGijKlA) to learn about his later life encounters with an altogether different hitman.

Michael Morley writes: 'Having stepped down from my executive life in 2022, I have now embarked upon my "second half" (my two sons think this is optimistic) as an independent NED. I'm now on the board of Hargreaves Lansdown in the UK, and Deutsche Bank in Spain and in Switzerland. And having also just become the Vice-Chair of the British Spanish Society (former Master of Christ's Arthur Shipley was a founding member in 1916), Conchita my Spanish wife of 30 years persuaded me that we should move to Madrid, which is what we have done. We still maintain a small pied-à-terre in Westminster so have not severed all contact with London by any means. Our two sons pursue different paths: one running an Art Tech company in the UK and the other pursuing an acting career in Madrid.

The British Spanish Society has a long history and was originally set up by academics in Cambridge and London to promote friendship and an understanding

*Kim Walker, Paul
Whitlock, Martin
Webster and
Michael Morley
outside New Court*



*Michael and
Conchita Morley at
the Parque del
Retiro, Madrid*



of the cultures of the two countries. Now more than ever there is an agenda to rebuild friendship and trust after the Brexit nightmare. As a modern linguist with a Spanish wife, you can imagine which side of the argument we were on! The BSS is open to anyone and there is a wide programme of events in London and Madrid which often take place at the respective embassies. The beating heart is a Master's scholarship programme which funds study in each country on a wide range of topics.

I continue to see 1976ers **Martin Webster**, **Paul Whitlock**, **Damien Welfare** and **Kim Walker** and **David Oughton** (m. 1977) at least once a year at dinner in London.'

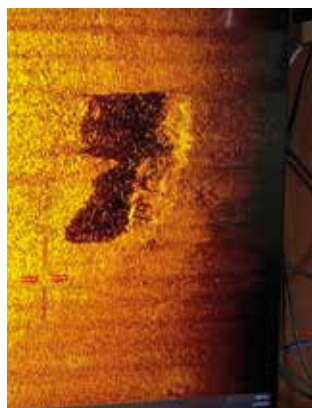
Michael Bernstein writes: 'After my year as a postgraduate in economics at Cambridge, I returned to the U.S. to complete my doctorate at Yale University. I then pursued an academic career, taking up my first faculty appointment at Princeton University and then moving to the University of California-San Diego. After two decades in California, I became the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tulane University in 2007, working with a team rebuilding the institution (and the city of New Orleans) in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Some years later, I joined Stony Brook University in NY as its new Provost. In 2023, I took up appointment as the President of the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College). My year in Cambridge – both academically and personally – was transformative (and delightful!). I will always remember my time there with happiness and gratitude. Best wishes to all my fellow Christ's College mates from 1976 to 1977!'

*Jan Chojecki on
the search for
the Quest*



And finally, Year Group Representative **Jan Chojecki**, writes: 'The upside of a partial retinal detachment in September was that I jumped the queue for NHS cataract surgery. At first, I did not think they were serious when they asked "How would you like your vision to be?" "Perfect?", I asked hesitantly. "Certainly, Sir, excellent choice." And so, since end of February I need (off the peg) glasses only for reading or sustained screen work. Hats off to the NHS – quite

a life-changer, having always been very myopic, and recommended to all. In other news, in June this year I was extremely lucky to join the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's mission to the Labrador Sea to search for the wreck of *Quest*, the ship of Ernest Shackleton's final expedition. As related in previous editions, the 1921–22 *Quest* expedition was financed by my grandfather and I published a book about it, *The Quest Chronicle*, in 2022. After overcoming numerous unexpected challenges, we found the wreck, at a depth of almost 400m, a little way from her last known position off the coast of Newfoundland, where she had sunk in 1962.'



The wreck of Quest

1977 Year Group Representative Roger Newenham writes:

Roger Newenham remains based in Dorset and whilst trying to retire retains a weakness for interesting projects and litigation opportunities, as he is still loosely working as a chemical engineer after 43 years.

Despite the lack of motorways in this county, **Hugh Smith**, **Alan Darlington** and **Gary Brown** as well as “the elusive Mr **Alex Chiang**” managed to reach deepest, darkest Dorset in summer 2023 for a visit to the Bovington Tank Museum, a fantastic “boys” day out, followed by a convivial barbeque.

Slightly further afield Roger caught up with the emigré **Adam Dawson** in Dublin where they enjoyed a Wilde tour and examined the delights of Guinness in the eponymous brewery

Mark Alderton is retired and living in Crawley but is active as a lay preacher and service leader in a local Anglican church. His wife Jill is the vicar of the church, so time off is limited and retirement trips around the world will have to wait a bit longer, but they are now doting grandparents. Mark is still doing a lot of cycling, having recovered fairly well from a serious accident in 2022 when he was knocked off his bike by an unobservant car driver and suffered concussion as well as a broken vertebra.

Chris Howe reports that he has recently completed six months in 2024 as a Fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, South Africa, where he was carrying out research. He also used his time there to become better acquainted with the products of the Pinotage grape.

Mike Seaman has as yet resisted retirement, but caught up with **Keith Robson** at Keith's home in Kelowna, Canada. Keith continues to impress many of us with



Alex Chiang, Gary Brown, Hugh Smith, Alan Darlington and Roger Newenham after a hard day's tanking



Dawsons and Newenham in the Guinness storehouse



*Wildlife in Keith
Robson's Kelowna
back garden*



his “exotic” (from a UK perspective) wildlife postings taken with cameras in his back garden in Kelowna.

Peter Ransome is still alive and kicking in Switzerland! He has retired from his UN job at International Telecommunication Union but maintains his one-man-band telecoms consultancy. He also works in the team producing an international mathematics competition for students and adults, which keeps his grey cells from atrophying and he is an active member of the Oxford & Cambridge Club in Geneva although has not encountered any other Christ's folk.

Steve Rawnsley is still resident in Illinois where the main news is the need to dodge the noise of the seventeen-year cicada outbreak; although this has not been as bad as some other areas.

Bernard Disken stood as a Liberal Democrat candidate in the district council election in Kirklees, West Yorkshire, receiving 94 votes. It was his lowest total in the eighteen elections he has fought and 3,349 votes behind the winning Independent candidate. He claims to have stood in – and lost – more elections than any other candidate in the 50-year history of the borough.

Anthony Agius met **Nick Low** for lunch in the Foreign Office building in Whitehall in March. He travelled to Brighton with **Bernard Disken** in June for a reunion with **Sean McEvoy**.

Anthony is one of a group of gardeners who have defeated the Duke of Northumberland's proposal to build 80 flats on their allotments at Park Road, Isleworth in West London, following a second planning inquiry which reported in December 2023. He was Election Agent for the Green Party candidates in the borough of Hounslow for the London Assembly elections and the General Election this year.

Nick Low returned to Whitehall in October after consecutive diplomatic postings in Dhaka, Beijing and Kolkata. He has been appointed British High Commissioner to the Republic of Maldives and will take up his duties there at the start of 2025.

In September, **Peter Cheshire** will be starting a new part-time retirement job as German Assistant at Eltham College. He continues as a Licensed Lay Minister at Bromley Parish Church and enjoys teaching aspiring lay ministers on the Bishop's Certificate course in his diocese.

David Lorimer tells of his recent publications, which include his volume of poetry, *Better Light a Candle*, essays *A Quest for Wisdom* and, edited with Marjorie Woollacott, *Spiritual Awakenings* (<https://spiritual-awakenings.net>) documenting the transformative experiences of 57 scientists and academics.

1978 Year Group Representative, Tim Podesta writes:

This year's news covers travel, electric cars and staying healthy. With semi and full retirement comes time to travel and meet up. For my wife Liz and I – celebrating 40 years – our ruby anniversary this year, we enjoyed meeting **Steve Duncan** and Marie at Blenheim Palace, **Peter Brown** and Helen at Ashridge Park and with **Paul Barnes** and Mary for a memorable road trip round Sicily.

Electric cars were the subject of news from **Richard Bacon**: 'About eighteen months ago (December 2022) I purchased my first all electric car. I felt that I needed to move with the technology and not be dragged by it. The first month I hated the car, the range was disappointing and nowhere near advertised but the software was absolutely diabolical and certainly dangerous. I was close to taking it back. I wrote to the company and to EuroNCaps and to the UK Safety guys. No one was interested. But the dealership was very good and after several software updates the car was driveable and safer. Over the next few months, I ventured further but only ever charging at home; paying about 30p/Kwh for the privilege. It was certainly cheaper to run than my old diesel which equated to around 70p/KWhr equivalent. However, charging at home limited the maximum distance I could go to a 200 mile round trip. But the days were getting warmer and the range increased and having reached 10C during the day I finally hit the advertised range 250 to 300 miles. In addition, I developed a spreadsheet of all the software issues outstanding and spent hours establishing workarounds, something the dealership found useful too. My science discipline developed in my years at Cambridge was paying dividends. By July 2023 I hit a wall, I needed to go to Scotland, I was looking at trains, planes, coaches and car hire, all of which were either too expensive, too unreliable or both. I was forced to take the plunge, I needed to charge away from home. It was around this time that Tesla opened their ultra rapid charging network and the likes for FastNed, and Ionity and GridServe were rolling out their big rapid charging locations. After some test runs, first to the nearest motorway services and then to the Peak District I gained confidence. I rapidly established that the Tesla Chargers were the best value but that FastNed and Ionity were acceptably priced, the others were ridiculous prices but I didn't need them. Scotland turned out to be an epiphany. I could drive this car beyond my home charger limitations, I could charge remotely and most important of all I could do it more cheaply than in my old Diesel. Since then I have not looked back. In the first year I did 25,000 miles. I have done a day trip to Lands End just for the fun of it (550 mile round trip) and recently, one to Padstow with the grandkids for the day (450 mile round trip). I have a cheap night time home charge tariff of 7.5p/KWhr and when I charge away from home I seldom pay more than 50p/KWhr. Getting my battery electric vehicle has been a revelation, it does not burst into flames, the battery has not degraded, it's easy and cheap to charge and requires little or no maintenance. Even in our latter years there is so much new out there to experience and so many changes to embrace and I have loved the last eighteen months getting to know and understand this new technology.'

Staying healthy was part of the news from **Peter Davidson**. He spent 30 years at Cambridge University Press, publishing books in and for China, India, even – and

most challengingly – Saudi Arabia. In 2013, the Press decided it no longer needed Peter's services, and he moved, with wife Sabina, to Freiburg, in Germany. Activities in Freiburg include trilingual wine tastings at the local wine research institute, helping to run a large local charity for the support of refugees, and most recently also a position on the Research Ethics Committee of the University of Freiburg. Peter learned in 2005 that he has a brain tumour – yes, two lots of surgery, and all the rest – so he is unfailingly grateful to be able to lead a relatively normal and productive life.

1979 Year Group News:

Simon May was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in January 2024.



Norbert Waszek's
Festschrift

Norbert Waszek, having reached the age limit, had to retire from the chair of German (History of Ideas), he held for many years at the University Paris VIII. A Festschrift in his honour will soon be published with 21 contributions in English, French and German. Among the contributors is another Christ's man, **Mark Roseman**.

Matthew Roberts writes: 'In the past year I have taken up the post of Convenor of the examination for the Diploma in Medicine for Conflict and Catastrophes at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London.'

1980 Year Group News:

In 2020 **David Coles** was appointed Chief Engineer at the UK's Department of Transport and more recently joined the General Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. He works regularly with the Cambridge Engineering Department including getting Hammersmith Bridge reopened, drawing on Professor Norman Fleck's expertise in fracture mechanics, and with Professor Steve Evans, Director at the Centre for Innovative Manufacturing, looking at reducing all forms of waste in the Construction Industry. David still rows at Goring on Thames and regularly meets up with former college rowers at Blades events.



Justin Cooper's
graduation

In the last few years, **Justin Cooper** set up Community Motors, a social enterprise offering vocational motor vehicle training to young people at risk of dropping out of school, which sadly closed after the pandemic. Since then, Justin went back to university, gaining a distinction at an MSc in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the LSE, while significantly increasing the average age of the cohort and trying to discover how to write academic essays. Last summer, he took part in the 500 mile Three Moors motorcycle rally, completing the event on a 1955 Francis Barnett which he had restored. He is now supporting and mentoring a number of social entrepreneurs and charities.



Justin taking part in
the Three Moors
motorcycle rally

George Hardy retired from EY (Ernst & Young) at the end of June, having been a partner

for over twenty years, and having held a number of senior client handling and leadership roles. He intends to return to his Cambridge PhD of 1987 on 'Persuasion and Conviction in the language of thought and action' in order to turn it into the book he always dreamed of writing. With his wife Marie-Therese he will also continue to run his holiday cottage business in Harrogate, North Yorkshire – 'Artists Cottages' – and promises generous discounts to any Christ's alumni that would like to come to Harrogate: see www.artistscottages.co.uk. He is the proud grandfather of three grandchildren, Elizabeth, John and Louis, and (with apologies, this is now rather old news!) will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of his marriage to Marie-Therese in September, with his children Mark, Michael and Joanna, Mark's wife Emma, and Michael's wife Laura.

Steve Hornsby writes: 'I have transitioned from full-time Management Consulting to take a more "portfolio" life, closer to home. As part of that I was privileged to become Chair of a Bristol-based Academy Trust that is a regional centre of excellence for schools supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and also become Chair of the Bristol Schools Forum. We have interesting times ahead.'

Simon Piggott writes: 'Despite no longer having an Executive PA after his very successful career in advertising, **Moray McLennan** still manages to organise a Soho Curry Club dinner a few times a year. This has been running for a couple of decades. The common denominator of the group seems to be that the individual represented the College in a sporting activity, mainly football and rugby, but with the odd boatie. In the photo of our June 2024 curry, we have from left clockwise: Moray himself, the single non Christ's member – Miguel-Angel Otaegui, **Simon Barker**, **Simon Piggott**, **Andy Myers**, **Alex Bell**, **Richard "Tricky" Goldstein**, **Martin Le Brun** and **Greg Rubinstein**. Miguel-Angel is the young cousin of Tony the Barman, who many of those attending Christ's in the late 1970s and 1980s and who frequented the Buttery and the Wine Bar, will remember fondly. Missing at June's curry were **Danny Fearn**, **Andy Ellis**, **Steve Castle** and **Jonathan Lewis**. Jonathan has on occasion caught the Eurostar from Paris, where he lives, especially for the dinner. Contemporaries will be relieved to hear he no longer wears a duffle coat, which would be odd for someone who has been a partner at Clifford Chance for 25 years. Readers who are owners of Old Master Paintings or Drawings and are looking to sell should contact Alex and Greg, who seem to oversee auctioning these items worldwide for Sotheby's.'



The Soho Curry Club

Andy Ellis kindly organised an excellent dinner last October in the Old Combination Room at our Alma Mater for this core Soho Curry Club group plus other 1980 Alumnae/i, who included Dr **Judith Allanson**, Dr **Sue Canney**, Dr **Gill May** (aka Mrs Myers), **Lucy Ellis** and **Emma Burstall**. To give some balance to the



Dinner in the OCR

impressive doctorate titles accumulated by the ladies, Sir **Tim Hitchens** also joined in the fun. Andy can be seen below, focusing on the College port rather than **Danny Fearn's** exhortations and compelling argument.

Iain Stewart says: 'I have published a four books series called *Knights Of The Air*, which focuses on flying in World

War 1. If you like your historical novels to include accurate history and still be 'ripping yarns', please give them a go. If you like Bernard Cornwell's *Sharpe* Series, George Macdonald Fraser's *Flashman* books, Jack Hunter's *Blue Max* or Derek Robinson's flying sagas, I think you will enjoy these. The series has won several awards, sold 15,000 copies since publication in December 2022, and has a 4.6 rating from over 2000 [legitimate!] reviews on Amazon. More details available on <https://istewartauthor.com>.'

1981 Year Group News:

Ginny Barbour writes: 'We are very settled in Brisbane, Australia and it's just over a year since I took over as Editor in Chief at the Medical Journal of Australia. I'm really enjoying being back in medical journal publishing and especially planning how the journal can thrive and respond to the needs of medicine in the future.'



Ian Watson in
his custom-made
lab coat

Ian Watson tells us: 'I retired in March after almost 26 years at the University of Strathclyde, in the Institute of Photonics. Latterly my role focused on management of a semiconductor cleanroom underpinning major research and commercialization activity. Among other retirement gifts, colleagues presented me with a customized labcoat as per the photos. To date I've kept this much cleaner than the one I used to sport in the Lensfield Road teaching labs! In November I also received recognition through a Strathclyde medal, presented by the University's Principal, Sir Jim McDonald. Christ's alumni I have worked

with over the years include my late PhD supervisor at the University of Kent, Professor **Joe Connor**, who sadly passed away in 2018, and **Carlos Huggins** (at Christ's somewhat later than me in the 1980s), with whom I worked in industry in the mid-1990s.'



Detail of Ian's lab coat

1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox writes:

Nick Brasier was selected for the Great Britain Veterans' team at the World Long Range Rifle Championships held in Bloemfontein in March 2024. The team came second to a very strong team from Australia, beating the host nation South Africa as well as the USA Veterans' team.



Nick Brasier at the World Long Range Rifle Championships

Thanks to a recent eye operation that greatly improved his vision, and despite the best efforts of Covid and a dodgy prawn, Nick also came 24th in the open Individual World Long Range Championships. While the competition involves shooting at inanimate targets, this was interrupted several times owing to incursion onto the range by both wildebeest and ostrich – naturally the shooting was halted until they wandered off again!

Nick says: 'The next World Championships will be at Bisley in Surrey in 2028. Come and see the competition for yourself; you'll be most welcome!'



The incursion of ostriches

Jai Chitnavis is still in independent orthopaedic practice in Cambridge. He's also a Staff Fellow in Medicine and Tutor at Trinity Hall.

Kate Davey writes: 'I thoroughly enjoyed the freedom of the City of London ceremony this year – but emphasise that I was granted the freedom solely through my connections with the City and not for any achievements or good works. I will be leading a sheep over Southwark Bridge in September! In October I'll be joining the City Lecturer and Guides Association.'



Kate Davey being granted the freedom of the City of London

In May 2022, **Mark Elgar** was diagnosed with an advanced, unusual and aggressive sinonasal carcinoma. After numerous operations (which included removing one eye), radiotherapy and long spells in hospital, he returned home in late 2022, 25kg lighter but determined to get stronger. He's slowly recovering, and in May 2023 gave his first face-to-face lecture, to spontaneous applause from his students.

He writes: 'One of my current research interests is how air pollution compromises insects' capacity to detect odours, so it's a little ironic that I'm now left with a complete loss of smell (and compromised vision and hearing). Despite the enduring fatigue, I'm alive, bought new jeans to accommodate the changing waistline and, as far as two MRI scans reveal, apparently free of cancer. I'm fortunate to live in a city so well equipped for treating cancer, and in awe of the skills of my medical team and the technology they use. When I look at my face in the mirror, I see the consequences

of natural selection on one side and human ingenuity on the other. It's humbling to know that the knowledge underpinning success in this game frequently sits on the shoulders of past failure. My challenging journey was made less so by my loving family and friends. I'm asked if the experience has changed my view of life: I haven't felt a 'Hollywood' epiphany, but priorities have changed somewhat.'



Jonathan
Goldberg's award

Jonathan Goldberg writes: 'I've been working in the telecommunications industry for almost 26 years, at Amdocs. I was proud and humbled to receive industry recognition last week as a Distinguished Engineer from TM Forum. TM Forum is an industry organization whose members comprise the leading telcos and software suppliers around the world. They awarded me this distinction for my work in

promoting software API standards. To quote: "This award recognizes Jonathan for his exceptional contributions, and for exemplifying the spirit of collaboration and innovation that TM Forum stands for." For more information, see <https://www.tmforum.org/about-tm-forum/distinguished-engineer-award/>.'

Steve Mills retired in 2022 and is making the most of the art studio that he's had built in his garden. He's moved all his artwork onto a new website at www.artisticactuary.com. He was a wildcard in the Winter 2022–23 series of *Landscape Artist Of The Year* but didn't get any real screen time, only appearing in the background a handful of times in one of the Blackpool heats. No appearances in the last series or next series, though, after two lots of rejections. During 2023, he developed a taste for portrait painting, and now gets rejected by *Portrait Artist Of The Year* every year too.

But, away from the painting, the big news is that a change in lifestyle after being diagnosed with type B diabetes resulted in Steve shedding four stone and seven pounds in nine months, leaving him only six pounds over his 1986 rowing weight.

Jeremy (Jez) Motteram writes: 'Joanne and I are delighted to be grandparents to Penelope Jayne, born in April 2023 to son James and daughter-in-law Jess. And easy for Granny and Grandpa to visit her and help out as they live a few miles away



Portraits by
Steve Mills



from us in Worcester.’ He also enjoyed dining in Hall in College, following the Head of the Cam in 2023 where they managed to get out a few alumni boats. **Duncan Frost** joined for spectating and dinner, and **Kate Raines** rowed in the Ladies’ IV too. Jez says: ‘for the past ten years, I’ve always tried to row with Christ’s Crustaceans crews in the December Fairbairns and April Head of the Cam races, as there is a core contingent of men and women boaties from our era, so they are always great opportunities to meet up and socialise at an evening event too.’

Laurence Reid still lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts with his wife Caroline, and just enjoyed time in the UK with old Christ’s friends, and time in Japan with his two adult sons and one fiancée who live in San Francisco and Seattle. He writes: ‘I am contentedly not working after my employer, Decibel Therapeutics, got acquired last year, but not ready to invoke the R word. Our sons both work in biotechnology to our considerable pride (Newton, apple, tree, etc). Caroline and I are intending to see some more of the world and spend more time in the UK. I am planning to continue part-time work including with some biotech firms in Cambridge UK. And still coaching teenage soccer in between times!’

Derek Stone writes: ‘In late 2022 and early 2023 I went on an “epic” tour of the Andes by bike (T-shirts are available), cycling 3,000 miles from La Paz to Ushuaia. Why? I have no idea, but it seemed like a good idea at the time. For the first month, I crossed the Bolivian altiplano with a school friend (and, er, Caius graduate) on dirt roads/tracks via the Salar de Uyuni and the coloured lakes of the Sur Lipez. I then had three months alone, cycling first through the Atacama Desert (where I climbed two 6,700m peaks – 22,000 feet in old money) before heading south to Patagonia where the scenery is, frankly, incredible... as are the winds (and seldom in a good way). The family joined me for a Christmas circuit of the Torres del Paine (pointy mountains, blue lakes) before I continued by journey south across the Magellan Straits to Tierra del Fuego and finishing in Ushuaia, the most southerly city in the world and jumping-off point for the Antarctic.

What have I learnt? Apart from the fact it’s never too late to do crazy things (if your health is good), I was reminded of the restorative powers of beer, ice-cream and a hot shower; things that are not widely available in some of the remoter parts of the world. At a human level, I lost count of the many acts of kindness from strangers in



Jez Motteram with his granddaughter



Derek Stone’s tour of the Andes

the form of water, food, lifts or genuine curiosity as to why anyone would choose a bike when there are much more sensible ways of getting around.' Here's a link to the film of his trip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq7fZKuByDg&ab_channel=DerekStone



*Cathy Stone's new
greenhouse*

Cathy Stone (Wilcox)'s biggest excitement of 2024 so far has been finally getting the new greenhouse that she's been coveting for over ten years. Despite being a keen outdoor gardener, she has a lot to learn about growing under glass. A friend had to remind her about insect pollination when her tomatoes didn't seem to be growing very well with the windows tightly closed. But a crop of

early strawberries was a huge treat, and now everything is flourishing (including the greenfly and ants).

Nick Vineall was Chair of the Bar Council for the calendar year 2023 and writes: 'It is of course a privilege and an honour to be elected to lead the barristers' profession for a year – but fortunately it is also great fun. The job involves representing the Bar in its dealings with government and with our regulator, the LSB, and forging good relations with our solicitor colleagues in England and Wales and with other lawyers all over the globe. I had not foreseen issues of professional conduct making the front page of the *Daily Mail*! But the decision by a small number of barristers to sign a declaration of conscience saying they would not prosecute climate change protesters or act for fossil fuel companies sparked an important debate about the "cab rank rule", the conduct rule that prevents us from declining a case on the basis we disagree with, or disapprove of, the client. That is a bedrock obligation at the Bar and one that, in the end, promotes access to justice for all. I have been very troubled by the growing idea that barristers should be passing moral judgments on their clients. To my mind our role as barristers is to advise our clients, and to represent them – always, of course, within the constraints of our code of conduct. But the task of judging our clients is one that we should leave to judges and juries.

There has been a fair bit of international travel, and wonderful visits to the circuits – and far too many dinners to eat, with the inevitable effect on girth. I returned to the bar on 1 January 2024.'

1983 Year Group News:

Colin Cameron tells us: 'The economics class of '83 at Christ's was famously revered for... being an excellent year for Port, in which our director of studies, Dr William Peterson, was something of an expert. A splash of that is usually present at the salon supper – Christ's London Circus, which is a nod to the ones Keynes hosted in Cambridge – I am lucky to arrange for alumni of all years so that we can prevaricate between options as only economists can (and more seriously establish links between the great and the good and College potentially to give undergraduates an alternative career path from simply heading to the Square Mile of London where the streets remain paved with gold).

At the most recent renewal last October, Sir Howard Davies joined the table at Franco's in London (with thanks to them for waiving the corkage charge on the aforementioned Port). Present with Sir Howard was Dr Peterson, who might still be there debating local government funding about which he and the guest of honour struggled to find common ground. Also hugely welcome at the table was Dr Julia Shvets, the architect of College's extraordinary run of excellence in this subject. Of course, to the class of '83, the College's brilliance in economics is modestly referenced as "our legacy"...

Julia Cooper says: 'I've been working at the same clinical research organization for more than a quarter of a century, first in Uxbridge, then Shanghai, and in Dublin for the past seven years. I look after a 300-strong team of medical writers, with some assistance from AI, and am also the general manager of the Ireland entity. In May 2024, I returned to China for the first time since the pandemic, and was able to squeeze in a bit of personal travel between conferences, including Shanghai for the first time since we left in 2017. A lot has changed but the people and food are still as wonderful. Last summer I met up with **Michael Parsons, Jim Warwick, Jane Dominey** and other friends for an excellent week in East Devon. During spare time, my partner and I scuba dive in Ireland and abroad, and look after our large garden. I've also taken up Tai Chi.'

Samantha Fabbro writes: 'My husband, Eric, and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in October... how time flies: our 25th was just before the pandemic and barely seems five years ago! We live in central Bedfordshire with our daughter's two needy cats, while she is off at university in Durham. She has just returned (with a tattoo) from her first year, having matriculated exactly 40 years after I did.'

All around me people are retiring, while I am still plugging away with my career. Eric retired a few years ago from his role as Head of Quality at Vauxhall Motors and now works as an invigilator at the Sixth Form College where I teach languages. As well as the day job, I write exam papers for one of the major exam boards and am Chair of Examiners for the International A-Level.

I manage to get back to Christ's a couple of times a year, sometimes to row in an alumni crew (painful but always fun) and once a year for the College Association Dinner. I recommend both!



*The 2023 Christ's
London Circus*



*Tai Chi with
Julia Cooper*



*Samantha Fabbro
and family*



David Gent



*The teddy bear
zipwire at the
Christ's Family Day*

David Gent remains working part time with ABFSugar alongside some consultancy work. He is principal focus is power and steam generation. He keeps busy with three grandchildren and his local Church.

Nicholas Jeffreys writes: 'I am now in my sixth year working at UNESCO HQ in Paris as Assistant Director General for Administration, an interesting job, also bringing me into contact with a wide range of people, personalities and cultures: highlights last year included meeting three famous "first ladies", all committed to UNESCO's work – US, Ukraine and France. At the time of writing I am looking forward to the Paris Olympics, while hoping that the traffic predictions will not be quite as bad as some pessimistic Parisians predict. At the personal level, Jenny (m. 1984) and I are juggling between UK and France, bringing a bit too much travel for our liking!

Michael Parsons writes: 'Alongside my role as Bursar at College, I have taken up two Non-Executive Director roles, at the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust and at the Parliamentary & Health Services Ombudsman. I am also a member of the University Property Board (which has oversight of the University's 'non-operational' estate, including the build out of West Cambridge and Eddington) and the University Housing Commissioning Body.

I chair the Jesus College Remuneration Committee and am a member of Girton College's Audit & Scrutiny Committee. I'm writing this after returning home from the College's Family Day; it was great fun and I have to share a picture of the Teddy Bear Zipwire running from the top of the Fellows' Building (fully health & safety complaint, of course)!

Peggy Vance is a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee for the appointment of magistrates in London. She also runs Stellar Theatre and is currently training as a psychodynamic therapist. For many years she was a publisher and non-fiction author – latterly lifestyle publisher at DK, Penguin Random House. Her youngest child is going into his second year at St John's, reading Maths. Her older two finished at Cambridge some years ago and are proper grown-ups now!

1984 Year Group News:

Stuart Hall writes: 'I'm excited to share that I recently represented Rejuve.AI in June at the prestigious 2024 Longevity Summit Dublin, alongside our CEO, Jasmine Smith, and Marketing Director, Melissa Lowry. It was an incredible experience to be part of this cutting-edge event, which brings together the brightest minds in the fields of health, biotechnology, and longevity research. At the summit, we had the opportunity to present our latest advancements in artificial intelligence and its applications in extending human lifespan. Our team at Rejuve.AI is dedicated to pioneering AI-driven solutions that not only improve health outcomes but also enhance the quality of life as we age. The event provided a fantastic platform to

network with industry leaders, exchange ideas, and explore potential partnerships. It was inspiring to see the collective commitment to advancing human health and extending healthy lifespans through technology and research. Being part of the Longevity Summit was not only a professional milestone but also a testament to the impactful work we are doing at Rejuve.AI. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a significant field and look forward to sharing more exciting developments with you in the future.'

Evyenia Yiannouli has written a new book on the rise of incipient settlement foundation in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean. The book presents a systematic examination of incipient settlement structure in context and stratigraphic sequence on continental and island Greece from the Mesolithic to the end of the Early Bronze Age (c. 9th – 3rd millennium BC onwards), along with the relevant comparanda from the Mediterranean East (mainly 14th millennium ff): the Near East and the Levant, the Mesopotamia, Anatolia, the Pontic Alps and the Caspian Sea, also Africa. The work is designed as a reference volume, but also a synthesis, regarding the rise of incipient settlement as an irreversible cultural shift and subject *per se*, rather than an adjunct of the Neolithic package. It consists of Part I (in Greek) & Part II (in English). Part II consists of an extensive account per individual chapter and a separate Chapter on Cyprus. She is also setting up the Maritime Archaeology Laboratory in the Department of History, Archaeology and C.R.M., University of the Peloponnese in Kalamata.



*Stuart Hall with
Jasmine Smith and
Melissa Lowry*



*Cover of Evyenia
Yiannouli's book*

1985 Year Group News:

Lucy Bailey says: 'I was thrilled to be awarded an honorary professorship by the University of Manchester in 2023 and appointed as Chief of Disposal Safety at Nuclear Waste Services, the public sector organisation responsible for managing and safely disposing of the UK's radioactive waste. I have enjoyed an eventful year, working on IAEA and OECD-NEA projects overseas (including China and South Korea) and contributing to safety reviews of the Canadian and Belgian nuclear waste management programmes. In addition to work, with my husband, Brendan, I continue to be actively involved in our local church.'

Alasdair Clayre writes: 'I am currently doing anthropological research in Sarawak, Malaysian Borneo, to write an ethnography of the tiny Sa'ban group. With perhaps only 1,000 native speakers of their language on both sides of the border, in Sarawak and Kalimantan, it is extraordinary that their language and culture has survived until now. The drift of younger people to towns is a significant challenge to their continuing identity. As part of our attempt to keep the rural and village populations sustainable, we have recently launched a Liberica coffee growing project aimed at the specialty market which has attracted a lot of attention. Last year, for

example, we made the cover of Malaysia Airlines inflight magazine, *Going Places*: <https://bit.ly/liberica-coffee> and hosted world coffee expert, Dr Aaron Davis from Kew Gardens, in Long Banga.'

David Richards tells us: 'I have been appointed a Circuit Judge, sitting at Inner London Crown Court with effect from 8 October 2023.'

1986 Year Group News:

Ian Kendall has now completed three years in the UK after six years working abroad. Ian is working on new products for Bentley at Crewe, including some exciting technology. He is married and living a quiet life (how he likes it) in leafy Cheshire.

About eight years ago **Finian Tan** and his wife Fiona embarked on a journey to get pregnant, and after a few years her doctor recommended that they try the surrogacy route. Their first two embryos implanted in a surrogate didn't stick and so they decided next to implant two singletons in two surrogates. Lo and behold, both stuck, one split and Fiona got unexpectedly pregnant. Today they are the proud parents of four four year olds and enjoying every moment of it.

Julian Tang is now working with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to enhance pandemic preparedness and understand how we can do better next time. These include new guidelines around aerosol transmission terminology and a user interface risk assessment model that you (anyone) can try: <https://partnersplatform.who.int/aria>.

1987 Year Group News:

Richard Harrison is the Deputy General Counsel at Alcatel Submarine Networks where, for the last seventeen years, he has helped connect the world through undersea fibre optic cables. Over the last year he has very much enjoyed catching up with **Sarah Butler** (nee Daniel), **Russell Barnes**, **Glafkos Persianis**, **Matt Frankel** and **Gary Blaker** (m. 1988). Richard and his wife Rebecca (a partner at Keystone Law) spent a wonderful few days with **Martin Stoddart** and his wife Jill on Capri in June last year (see photo). Richard's eldest son, Hugo, has spent the last year at Christ's sister college in Oxford (Wadham) studying for a Master's in Classics, where he rowed for the First VIII and sung in the Chapel Choir. Richard's middle son, Rupert, also a rower, is currently studying Engineering at Exeter and his youngest son, James, another rower (!) is about to embark on his GCSEs at Radley College in



*Richard Harrison
with his wife
Rebecca, Martin
Stoddart and
Martin's wife Jill*

Oxfordshire. When not in London for work Richard and Rebecca spend as much time as they can in Wiltshire, enjoying the wonderful countryside, the fresh air and the open roads (great for his old Jaguar!) and have managed to catch up with **Simon Daniel** (m. 1990), who lives nearby in Frome.

Jane Martinson's first book was published in October 2023: *You May Never See Us Again: The Barclay Dynasty: A Story of Survival, Secrecy and Succession* (Penguin). It has been described by *The Guardian* as “a tour de force” and “a meticulously reported story of power, politics and feuding at the heart of a British media empire”. It tells the story of the Barclays Brothers and their rise from poverty to an empire that included Littlewoods, The Ritz, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Spectator* and the channel island of Brecqhou. It's a fascinating read – highly recommended!



Cover of You May Never See Us Again

Chris Vaughan's eldest, Oscar, has just finished the second year of their Maths degree at Bath, and is en route to Bosnia and Croatia for a bit of post exam R&R. His daughter, Harriet, is in the middle of A-Levels and hopes to join her sibling at Bath in September, after a summer of cavorting around Eastern Europe with friends. She will be studying Natural Sciences – Chris says the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Once he is relatively child-free, he and his wife Karen will be spending more time in Spain, near Malaga. He says their Spanish language skills are still pretty embryonic, but improving. **Paul Nathan** and his wife Hilary came to visit Chris and Karen in Ilkley last November, and Chris went to see **Matt Morris** (m. 1986) and his wife Catherine in London in February.



Hilary Nathan, Karen Vaughan, Paul Nathan and Chris Vaughan, on Ilkley Moor

1988 Year Group News:

Alex Cheetham tells us: ‘**Nikki Melia** galvanised a group to meet in London this summer on her European grand tour from her home in the Cayman Islands. **Dan Palmer** was over from California, and **Pippa Milles**, **Matt Robson** and **Alex Bond** joined – all from less exotic climes including London and Oxford. Nikki and I (Alex) got to see **Nick Adams** earlier that day. **Sheeraz Shah**, **Rebecca Hodgson**, **Gita Singham**, **Mei Lin Ah See** and **Matthew Cheetham** had the poor excuse of having to be at work, with **Gav Allen** claiming to be in China (state planted fake news?). Big thank you to Nikki for getting us all together for a really great night out. (And also to Rishi Sunak for providing much hilarity by announcing the election that day in a hugely gaffe prone PR nightmare).’

Joel Edwards writes: ‘The last 30-ish years: time in Yorkshire, North London, Newcastle, East London. After five years in teaching, I retrained for Christian ministry. I'm now in my tenth year as Vicar of Dagenham. Often working with **Kieran Bush**, alumnus from Christ's several years after us and now also a vicar.

Married to Karen (for 30 years) whom I met in Yorkshire. We have four adult children and I had the privilege of marrying the older three. Our fourth has just

completed MML at Peterhouse. Now at four grandchildren, fifth and sixth are on their way! Next time you are in Dagenham on a Sunday morning, join us at church.'

1989 Year Group Representative Angie Mettrick writes:

John Hayward has a collection of Advent devotions due to be published in August, *Rediscovering the Magic of Christmas: An Advent Adventure from Genesis to Revelation*. His son James got married in September 2023 and his daughter Emma has completed three years of her Master's degree in engineering at Sheffield University and will be living at home for her year in industry for the academic year 2024–25.



David Clinch is still based in Singapore and continues to work in the energy and infrastructure sector with a significant focus on energy transition work. By sheer coincidence, one of his daughters was asked to show one of **Maxine Palmer's** sons around their secondary school. As a result David and Maxine reconnected after more than 30 years since leaving Christs and the families often see each other in Singapore, including attending annual Christ's alumni events. If anyone is passing through Singapore at any time, please get in touch.

Barry Williams' consulting company (INDECS Consulting Limited) has moved offices for the first time in twenty years, and has had a rebrand and a relaunch.

Charlotte Carty writes: 'I managed to catch up with some of the Christ's crowd just before Christmas when a group attended the Christ's Choir's Carol Service at Temple Church, London. It was a superb occasion and wonderful to see so many alumni from different ages enjoying the event. The singing was angelic and the setting mesmeric. A potent combination to foment Christmas Spirit.

I have just returned from a trip to Nagaland in North East India to recreate one of the marches my grandfather had to undertake during the Second World War. It was 80 years ago that Lt Col Brown left a very remote village called Jessami, close to the border of what was then Burma and, with his men, withdrew back on the town of Kohima to help with the defence there as the Japanese advanced into India in March 1944. It is a distance of some 77 miles through the Naga Hills, the foothills of the Himalayas, meaning there was 5300m of elevation to contend with at an altitude of 2000m along the route. Through the war diaries and first hand accounts, we were able to establish that my grandfather, with his Regiment, the Assam, left Jessami at midnight on the night of 1st April and made it into Kohima at 3pm on 3rd April. They covered that distance in those circumstances, fighting ambushes along the track and being strafed by friendly fire from the RAF who mistook them for attacking enemy, in just 39 hours.

I had known of this story during my childhood but time to reflect during Covid made me think whether we, today, with all our technical gizmos and new science, could achieve what the Assam did 80 years ago. So, with nineteen other walkers, half in their 20s and half "a little older", we set off, 80 years to the hour from when my



David Clinch and
Maxine Palmer

grandfather left, for a non-stop march through the hills. Four of the walkers were direct descendants of Field-Marshal Bill Slim, Commander in Chief of the Army in the Far East campaign – one grandson and three great-grandchildren. I had also enlisted my three children as part of the handing of the torch of remembrance on to the next generation, so important as we lose our veterans.

Somewhat to everyone's surprise, we made it back to Kohima for 3pm on 3rd April, just as my grandfather and his men did 80 years before!

To call it a "challenge" would be an injustice. It was the hardest thing I have ever done! But it meant so much to be there, remembering those who served in The Forgotten Army in the Far East, as well as all those from all nations caught up in the conflict. The local Naga population welcomed us so warmly. The tribes' generosity was overwhelming and we were treated to feasts and displays of traditional singing and dancing throughout our trip. The elders also shared their villages' recollections of events 80 years before; many of these stories had never been heard outside the villages before.

The first shots of the Battle of Kohima, voted Britain's Greatest Battle by the National Army Museum, were fired on 4th April so, on the day following our arrival back, we attended a Service of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery at Kohima, built on the site where the battle raged, including the famous Deputy Commissioner's Tennis Court, across which the two armies faced each other in three months of the most bitter and intense fighting of the war. It was an extremely emotional occasion.

What an enormous privilege it was to be able to recreate my grandfather's march in this way and we hope to continue the adventure in the years to come to remember all who fell during the war in this theatre of battle. If you want to come along, let me know!



*Photos from
Charlotte Carty's
march from Jessami
to Kohima*



Christ's hockey team, 1990–91

1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson writes:

Comes around quick is a frequent reply to my annual call for news. And *quicker*, life only seeming to speed up and become more complicated. We're all another year older, supposedly wiser, but ever more depressed by world events. Staying in touch always bring a smile. Thank you!

Paul Brady sent me a photo of the college hockey team. I rather wish he hadn't! **Linda Crow** told me about her feral bees: 'They kick out new queens this time of the year. We have a neighbour who loves our healthy bees and if the swarm doesn't move to a convenient spot will collect up. They take about 30% of the hive when they swarm and is a sign the feral bees are healthy and there are just too many of them.'

Ben Sinnott and his wife Vanessa are almost one year into driving the Pan American Highway. He writes: 'You guys walk and we drive – I guess we're real Americans now. Having set off from Washington DC last August we've now been all the way to Prudhoe Bay in Northern Alaska – Mile 0 – and have headed south ever since. As I write we're in Chile and about to cross into Argentina for the final sprint to Ushuaia and Mile End (not sure which mile actually). Homeless and living in a van – our parents must be so proud.'



Laura Marschall

Laura Marschall (nee Hicks) writes: 'Did a fantastic food and wine tour around Georgia in September, what an awesome country. Been studying to become a sake sommelier and have done a number of exams. Have applied for a scholarship to go to Japan this coming brewing season for two months to work at a sake brewery. Going back to Canada for summer, my son Eliot has been picked to play for Ontario Under 19s rugby (he's still 16!). My other son Max has just finished his A-Levels and had a rather disgusting week away with nine lads from his House to Cyprus.'

Sarah Ellson (nee Boardley) writes: 'I'm still busy at Fieldfisher particularly with regulatory reviews and a number of major public healthcare related inquiries. Like many other lawyers I'm now back in the office three days a week whether that's Manchester or London. I can't quite believe that James and I are celebrating our silver wedding anniversary with friends and family in July.'

Mark Davies writes: 'I'm all eyes on the Olympics. I think we are in good shape, but let's see. The Onside Youth Zone project I've been leading in White City has now opened: the Prince of Wales cut the tape in April and we now offer twenty activities a night to between 200 and 300 underprivileged young people in Hammersmith and Fulham. I've finished my year as a fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford where I worked on how to make sport a more effective tool of public policy. Doing other charity stuff for the Ruth Strauss Foundation and Love Rowing. And that's about it really. Between my girlfriend and I we have seven kids aged 16 to 22 so there isn't much time for anything else!! See the guys every few months – Nettle, Bella, Dan and Chod. [**Annette Alcock, Arabella Duffield, Dan Gluckman, Richard Pollard**]. It's always a pleasure!'

Paul Fernandez met up with Christ's alumnus **Sunil Rawal**, and writes: 'It was wonderful to reconnect after more than 30 years.'

Lizzy Prescott (née Taylor) writes: 'Our final year governed by school runs and weekend rugby matches as our younger son has just finished sixth form and will be flying the nest in September, hopefully to join his older brother at Edinburgh Uni. Our ewes had a year off from lambing this spring as Sam and I concentrated on the myriad issues of ageing parents. We're intending to get back to it next year though, and meanwhile still have our assorted menagerie to keep us busy.'



*Lizzy Prescott
and family*

Richard Tateson writes: 'Since last year youngest daughter has acquired conversational skills (and opinions to go with) and oldest-still-at-home daughter has acquired a provisional driving license (and ambitions to go with) so I have added toddler badinage and driving instruction to my growing list of hobbies-for-which-I-am-unqualified. This leaves little time for my own favourite past-times (dour introspection and existential brooding) but if I get up early I can manage an hour or two before the rest of the house comes to life.'

Yen-Yen Teh writes: 'After 25 years of being my own boss, it felt timely to explore other professional avenues alongside running my architecture firm Emulsion. So in December 2023, after a thorough interview process, I became a trustee of The Edward James Foundation, a charity that includes West Dean College – a specialist institution for conservation, arts, crafts and design in Sussex and London, founded by the poet and patron of the Surrealists, Edward James. I'm honoured and delighted to join the board, and look forward to advising on their exciting and diverse future plans. Elsewhere, I've been volunteering within the ESEA community on various projects including 'Malaysia Angels of the NHS', an exhibition and performance about the untold stories of Malaysians who came to the UK to become nurses (my mum was one). Having not sung since my time in the Christ's College Chapel Choir, I have joined City Academy's Vox Choir – a rather different and very modern repertoire – great fun performing again. Our teenager is ensconced in Norfolk, taking arts subjects at sixth form, and seemingly enjoying a change from

*James and Sarah
Ellson on top of
their 198th munro*



Our new rooster caused mayhem. Bloody fights with our old rooster and running away like Road Runner for six months. Then, all change overnight. New rooster took charge and old rooster now sprints away and cowers. Occasionally, the new rooster attacks me. Boys, eh? Eighty varieties of apple tree, now. Away from the smallholding, I gave 40 talks last year (crime fiction, smallholding, mountaineering), and have written another book. *Base Line*, fourth in the DCI Castle series will be out in November. Sarah and I climbed our 198th munro (84 to go). Plus new caring responsibilities for my parents. Busy! **James Ellson**

1991 Year Group News:

Rowan Kitt is still at Queens' College running the Development operation, having started in 2013. Still running about on rugby pitches with a whistle but mostly sitting in TV trucks making the big calls (sometimes correctly). Three children aged 13, 11 and 8 and an understanding wife.

Catherine Middleton writes: 'As I write this I realise it's 30 years since graduation and I suspect, like many of us, I can't believe it's actually that long ago. I may not have known 30 years ago that I'd now be working as a project manager in IT – and probably wouldn't have known what it involved anyway – but I would have hoped I'd



Catherine Middleton

city life. Likewise, now that the house in Dungeness has finally had its makeover (slow architect!), we are treasuring time there with friends and family.'

Which leaves only me...

Our three beehives survived the winter, but one is queenless, which meant I had to steal a frame of brood (larvae) from another hive and hope the bees can produce a new queen. A hive is doomed without a queen. I feel the same!

still have my friends from Christ's, and I still do. I'm in touch with **Saltanat Hanif, Debbie McLachlan, Fiona Willmot, Tom Day and Nikki Smith**, and through them hear of others. I occasionally manage a trip back to Cambridge and am always interested to see what looks very familiar (New Court) and what looks very different (the new building which has taken the place of what looked like an old shed). Last year I used turning 50 as an excuse for a year of various celebrations including trips to Iceland in the hope of seeing the Northern Lights (didn't see them), Bulgaria to see butterflies and wildflowers (did see them) and climbing Kilimanjaro (that is me in the photo under all the layers).

James Tebbboth says: 'In April, five of us met up to spend a weekend walking in the Lake District. The photo shows (L to R): **Rob Hay**, me, **Ben Horton**, **Ben Bardsley** and **Jon Woolf** on the summit of Scafell Pike, half-way around a walk also taking in Esk Pike and Scafell. It was great to catch up – even the weather worked out well!'



At the summit of Scafell Pike

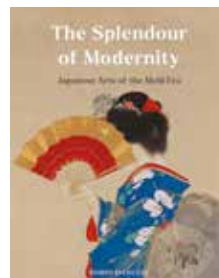
1992 Year Group News:

Rosina Buckland writes: 'my book on late nineteenth century Japanese art, *The Splendour of Modernity*, was just published, the first such textbook: <https://reaktionbooks.co.uk/work/the-splendour-of-modernity>.

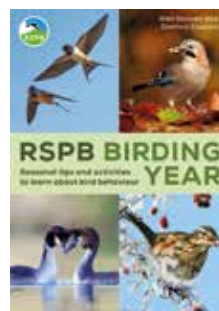
Siân Duncan (née Gibson) says: 'Keen to get into nature or find out more about birds? Treat yourself or a loved one to my new book, *RSPB Birding Year!* It's a month-by-month guide to British bird behaviour with things to do to enjoy nature and help it too. Written in collaboration with award-winning ornithologist Dominic Couzens, it's available from all the usual outlets from mid-October. (Published under my married name – Siân Duncan, was Gibson).'

Alex Frazer is delighted to have been appointed Head of Bancroft's School in Woodford Green on the North East London/Essex border, starting 1 September 2024.

Chong Jin Li writes: 'Time flies, and it is near three decades since my graduation from Cambridge. The magical three years spent there were indeed formative years of my life in many respects, and many fond memories remained. The seed of my passion for lifelong learning and continuing pursuit for greater knowledge was also planted during those magical days being immersed in such a historical institution rich in tradition. I had the opportunity to revisit Cambridge and the College on a few occasions since graduation, and in my most recent visit, I had the pleasure of bringing my two children along and let them have a sense of this wonderful place. My Cambridge and Christ's College experience will always remain an important part of me, and I am fortunate to be able to call myself a proud alumnus.'



Cover of The Splendour of Modernity



Cover of RSPB Birding Year



Chong Jin Li's visit to Cambridge



Michael Surcombe

Michael Surcombe says: 'With varying success, I am still riding the dual horses of a drone survey company (Leaping Wing) and a radio/podcast outfit (Overcoat Media). This year Overcoat managed to pull off awards as

both 'Production Company of the Year' and also 'Podcast of the Year' for our series charting the experiences of people living with HIV, presented by Sam Smith (yes, THAT Sam Smith). As we branch out into branded podcast content we would love to hear from any alumni looking to exploit podcasts in their own businesses!'

Miranda Threlfall-Holmes became Archdeacon of Liverpool in 2023, and was elected to the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England. She has developed her love of playing bridge and is beginning to venture into the world of county level competing. In this year when we're all coming to terms with being 50 she and husband **Phil Threlfall-Holmes** (same year group) are travelling to Australia for a month, partly as the guests of the Diocese of Brisbane, where Miranda's book on reading the Bible has been especially well received.

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes:



Formal Hall to
celebrate 30 years
since matriculation

Can you believe it has been 30 years since matriculation and a number of alumni returned to Formal Hall in October to reminisce. Pictured are **Rob** and **Jane Marshall**, **Ed Perkins** and **Steve Crow** who joined **Andrew Paulson** to celebrate.

A large 1993 Christ's alumni contingent completed the 'St Basils Hike for Homeless' again this year, this time in Abergavenny organised by

Chris Harper. All participants returned to base safely and, for some, the walk involved a number of detours to pubs and even a vineyard (can you guess who?). A significant amount of money was raised for a great cause close to Chris's heart; the hardy explorers are already looking forward to next year's challenge.



The St Basils Hike
for Homeless

Pictured from Christ's are **Ben** and **Jo Jeppesen** (with their three children), **Paul Head**, **Jim Petty**, **Andy** and **Sinead Hesp** (nee Treacy) and **Chris Harper**.

Simon Daniel tells us that his company Moixa successfully exited to Lunar Energy in the US mid-2021 (announced October 22). Simon founded Moixa in 2006 which pioneered solar

batteries and software for managing large fleets of domestic batteries and smart EV charging. Simon is now independent and investing and researching new cleantech, energy, AI and carbon capture materials technologies.

Further afield, **Kate Davenport** had the pleasure of welcoming Christ's own Professor David Reynolds (now Emeritus Professor of International History) to Prague. Professor Reynolds delivered two lectures at the British Embassy to audiences of academics, students and political contacts (including Prague-based Christ's alumni) related to his new book *Mirrors of Greatness* about the people/lessons in leadership which influenced Winston Churchill.



Kate Davenport with David Reynolds

1994 Year Group Representative James Mobbs writes:

I have been kept busy at work helping to train some new Land Registry lawyers and also supporting my parents through some health problems that seem (hopefully) to be on the mend now.

Pippa Harvey (née Smith) has written and published a novel, *The Watcher's Lullaby*, a psychological thriller. She's enjoying talking with book clubs and attending literary festivals while editing her second novel.

Joe Sidders writes: 'After ten wonderful years at Monkton Combe School, I'm moving on to Repton School as Deputy Head Academic from September. I'll be joining Assistant Head Academic Tom Howell (m. 2010) to make it an all-Christ's academic team! In the photo me with Sarah, my wife, and kids Gracie, Nathanael and Juliette.'



Joe Sidders and family

1995 Year Group News:

Zoe Llewellyn says: 'We have moved to the mountains of Gwynedd and are enjoying the next chapter of life in Wales.'

Maheshi Ramasamy writes: 'The 1995 year group had a lovely reunion at Christ's in September with tea in the Fellows' Garden, dinner in Hall and drinks in



The 1995 year group reunion

the Buttery. It was wonderful to see Dr Navaratnam looking dapper as ever! There may even have been some clubbing afterwards...'

Timothy Viles says: Souvent me souvient – Christ's was such a special place! I'd love to find random ways to bump into old friends, buddies and co-matriculees. I live in Battersea with a young family, including a six-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl. We often go for holidays in Lithuania, where my wife is from, and where I struggle enjoyably with the language. I work in London managing a generalist investment fund, including angel investing.

1996 Year Group News:

James Delbourgo reports: 'I currently live in New York and am the James Westfall Thompson Chair and Distinguished Professor of History at Rutgers University. In 2017, I published *Collecting the World: The Life and Curiosity of Hans Sloane* with Allen Lane, a biography of the founder of The British Museum. I am an avid swimmer and am learning Mandarin. *My Love's a Noble Madness: Collectors from Antiquity to the Present* will appear with Norton and Quercus in 2025. It tells the story of the idea that there is something wrong with people who collect things.'

Nick English says: 'We moved from Reading to Bath in 2021. I and my daughters are involved with various different kinds of cycle racing. No rowing at the moment but I do enjoy keeping in touch with that world at Henley Royal Regatta each year, spotting the Christ's blazers. Along with following the Boat Club results. This year I have started a new job at Apteco, working on their customer analysis and marketing insight software.'



The medics from
1996

Kat Karolemeas and **Sabnam Samad** had the recent pleasure of visiting our Director of Studies Dr Navaratnam for a catch up in G2 (First Court) followed by afternoon tea. 'He was a real inspiration to us while we were at Christ's and we enjoyed several hours of chatting over the events since leaving college. The medics/vet group of matriculation year 1996 is pictured with Dr Navaratnam in the Fellows' Garden.'

Robert Moffat had a good time at the reunion September last year – see pictures!



David Russell has marked twenty years of work to support Survivors Fund (SURF), the principal international organisation which assists survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The charity was featured for the BBC Radio 4 Appeal in June: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002096z>.

Kit Whitfield is a novelist living in South London with her family. Her two recent books, *In The Heart Of Hidden Things* and *All The Hollow Of The Sky* were both longlisted for the BSFA Best Novel award and got called 'As tart, dark and juicy as a summer pudding' in reviews. You can find her @kitwhitfield on Bluesky.



Kit Whitfield with her two recent books

1997 Year Group News:

Helen Abbott has been appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Arts and Law at the University of Birmingham from 1 May 2024.

Matilda Gosling's first book, *Evidence-Based Parenting*, was published in January this year ("So useful... Extremely well-researched." *The Times*). Her second book, *Teenagers* – *The Evidence Base*, will be published in January 2025. It is available to pre-order through her publisher, Swift Press.



Matilda Gosling's two books

Matt Green writes: 'Following the success of my comedy videos on social media since 2020, I embarked on my first national stand up tour this year with my show *Matt Green: That Guy*, playing over twenty shows at venues all over the UK (including Cambridge!). You can now see the full show on YouTube via my channel (YouTube.com/mattgreencomedy) where it has already had over 20,000 views. I also appeared in a number of TV shows over the last year, including *Doctor Who*, *Avoidance*, *Mrs Sidhu Investigates*, *Marlow Murder Club* and *Late Night Mash*, and am a regular panellist on topical podcasts *Oh God What Now?* and *Paper Cuts*.

Daniel Lamdin-Whymark replies: 'Whilst continuing to work for S&P Global in Financial Regulatory Reporting, I moved to Belgium in 2020 with my wife Marie Trignon and our twin daughters Eva and Norah. Last year, our project to design and build ecologically sustainable tiny houses next to our gastronomic restaurant won the Grand Prix d'Architecture of Wallonie for Innovation in sustainable architecture. In addition, our restaurant La Roseraie Modave, and my wife Marie as Chef, won a Michelin Star in February this year.'

1998 Year Group Representative **Brooke Morriswood** writes:

Caroline Cowe is still working as a thought leadership writer at AXA Investment Managers and in her spare time trying to improve her face painting skills after her daughter's school fete created a new-found interest. **Tina Greve** is still living in Surrey, but has now retired from the law and ventured into property. Her three boys



Wolfgang Grobecker

are growing up too quickly with two off to senior school in September. **Wolfgang Grobecker** is still lawyering around in Munich.

Baz Jones is still living in Nottingham as Head of Science at Carlton le Willows Academy, which was recently taken over by the Delta Multi Academy Trust. He's still writing a book on the history of the UK black metal scene. **Chris Mason** is still living in southeast London, has still not found even a remote interest in gardening and is still chasing after a now eight-year-old and five-year-old, when work allows. **Brooke**

Brooke Morriswood
and family

Morriswood started his new career direction in Medical Communications in September 2023 and is finding the world of biotech/pharma a refreshing and invigorating change from academia. He's currently enjoying the Euro 2024 atmosphere in Germany, and still basking in the afterglow of Northampton Saints winning the Premiership rugby title for only the second time in their history. Being able

to cast a postal vote in the general election this summer was a recent highlight, having been previously disenfranchised due to living outside the UK for over 15 years... and by the time you read this we'll all know what the results for that and the Euro 2024 final were. In his spare time he continues to write his science blog and coordinate the Oxbridge alumni group in Frankfurt. Children Edgar (9) and Oscar (5) and wife Martina are all doing well.

James Poulet is living in Berlin running a neuroscience lab watching his kids play basketball in his free time. **Ellie Radburn** is still living in Pinner, doing trusts and charities work at Linklaters, and doing a combination of walking the dog and taxiing kids in her free time. She occasionally rides horses but advancing age is making her less brave. A couple of weeks ago she met up with **Martin Williams**, after a hiatus of only 25 years. Neither of them looked any older. She would love to catch up with more old Christ's friends and is always happy to hear from people. **Sarah Sketchley** (née Bosworth) is now Head of Modern Languages at Huntington School in York, pushing linguistics at every opportunity and doing regular mentoring for prospective Oxbridge applicants. She still sings in choirs, and is also singing and playing the baroque flute in a small period instrument ensemble. Her son with husband **Chris** (m. 1972) has just done his GCSEs, and she is delighted that he's also turning out to be a linguist as well as a musician.

1999 Year Group News:

Jo Fiddian is still working as a civil servant at the Ministry of Justice, having spent eighteen years doing a circuit of jobs in prisons, probation and courts before settling at the Legal Aid Agency for the last few. At the time of writing, she's enjoying the post-election flurry as the machine adapts to a new era, grateful to be in a jobshare to help the work-life balance. Outside of work, she can typically be found at the various

sports pitches of south west London, though more of a spectator than a participant these days. She's delighted to have introduced their daughter Penny (aged nine) to lacrosse and even more delighted that she seems to be enjoying it. Their son Caspar has just finished his first year of secondary school, which he is loving – greatest achievements so far are negotiating the idiosyncrasies of South Western Railway successfully lugging his cello to and fro without injury to him or it and becoming obsessed with (and annoyingly good at) table tennis. Both kids made their parents proud as reader/performer/ring-bearer/best man/bridesmaid/confetti thrower at Jo and Zac's wedding in June – a celebration of twenty years together.



Jo Fiddian's wedding

2000 Year Group News:

Harry Thomas writes: 'I have been practising gastroenterology in Austin, Texas, for the past ten years. Outside of work, I serve on the boards of a few non-profit organisations and am kept busy by two sons ages 8 and 6. I greatly enjoyed listening to fellow Christ's medic **Marchelle Farrell**'s book *Uprooting*. Looking forward to returning to Cambridge for the first time in many years and attending the Cambridge Medical Graduates' Society Dinner in July.'

2001 Year Group News:

After leaving the Army in 2020 and being a portfolio judge for a few years (Coroner and Deputy District Judge), in January 2024 **Sarah Watson** started the next phase of her career as a District Judge doing civil, family and Court of Protection. All of this goes to show that a) a 3rd in Roman Law should never hold your career back, b) being awarded the Hippolytans' Cup can and should go on your CV, and c) the first step to being a judge is simply filling in a form... so just give it a go if you think it looks interesting.

2002 Year Group Representative Abteen Mostofi writes:

Sadie Higman (née Janes), **Sarah Jones**, **Stephen Kell**, **Rachel Kingston**, **Chris Price-Kuehne**, **Emma Sinclair** (née Bowden), **Emma Soper** and **Nicola Stowe** enjoyed catching up at the Old Members' Reunion in College in June. Lunch in the OCR was followed by a nostalgic punt along the Cam and it felt like a very fitting way to celebrate the year that most of us are turning 40! Pictured enjoying the sun in the Fellows' Garden are (from left to right) Nicola Stowe, Sarah Jones, Rachel Kingston, Emma Sinclair, Emma Soper and Sadie Higman.



Reunion Lunch in June



*David and Jo
Parry's son Joshua*



*Ben Ravenscroft
and family*

Rós Ní Dhubháin and **Ben Jackson** moved to Rós's home town Rostrevor in County Down back in 2022. They are now a family of six with the arrival on 30th May 2024 of Eoin Tomás Jackson, a little brother for Patrick, Nora and Alice. I understand that Ben has taken well to life in Ireland and is particularly enjoying the mountain biking!

David Parry has been a lecturer in English at the University of Exeter since September 2017. Shortly after moving to Exeter he met Jo (nee Backhouse) and they married in September 2018. David and Jo are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Joshua Herbert Parry on Friday 21st June 2024, weighing 9 lb 6 oz.

Ben Ravenscroft reports that his wife Michelle gave birth to their second child, Emma, in March of 2023. They have also moved from the city of Chicago to the suburb of Winnetka, where their son William is thoroughly enjoying the extra space and activities! Ben is now working for Modine as a Product Manager for electric vehicle thermal management systems; Michelle continues to practice as an attorney.

2003 Year Group News:

Noirin McFadden and **Stephen Elliott** welcomed baby Dara Joseph Elliott in November 2023. He is adored by his big brothers, Blaise (aged 8) and Fiachra (aged 5).

2004 Year Group Representative Anjolie Rusius writes:



*Peter McMahon
and family*

It recently occurred to me that it has now been twenty years since we all matriculated at Christ's. As surreal as that both sounds and feels, it's such an honour to still be in touch and relaying lots of your news. On that note, this year I am pleased to report that we have more children in our midst: **Peter McMahon** and Rachel welcomed their daughter, Lydia Jessie McMahon in June 2023. Weighing 6.6lbs at birth, Lydia's dedication service was later held at Tower Hamlets Community Church.

Hannah (née Spencer) and Paddy are also delighted



*Hannah and
family*



to announce the safe arrival of their precious son, Luke. He is a very special, long awaited gift to them both. It was bittersweet however to learn that **Amy** (née Pope) and Tim Oakes welcomed their third child, Gulliver Lloyd William Oakes, prematurely on 7th September 2023. Gulliver, who was beautiful

and brave, and is loved endlessly by his mum, dad and brilliant big sister and brother, very sadly passed away just six days later. My love and thoughts are with our friends, as they continue to navigate their way through this ever-present loss.

With regards to social alumni news, **Danny Loss** informs me that he had the pleasure of visiting fellow Christ's alumnus **Karthik Tadinada** and his family in Cambridge. Highlights included punting along the Backs, climbing Castle Hill, and the kids romping around in the back garden. Finally, **James Rusius** and I (**Anjulie Rusius**) and are pleased to report that we held our daughter's baptism at Christ's College on a beautiful Summer's day. Ellissa's service was officiated in the Chapel by Christ's alumnus **Matthias Grebe** (m. 2008) and celebrated afterwards with a garden party in the Fellows' Garden with many of our friends from Christ's: **Hannah** (née Spencer), **Ali Amini**, **Victoria Grebe** (née Corke), **Teresa Roberts** (née Dennis), as well as ex-Porter, **Donald Keeble**.



*Danny Loss and
Karthik Tadinada's
children*



*Ali, Hannah,
James, Anjulie,
Teresa and family*

2005 Year Group News:

Temí Marcella was honoured by the World Economic Forum in the Young Global Leaders Class of 2024. The prestigious award, a vision of the World Economic Forum, WEF, was launched in 2024 as a platform to recognize exceptional and forward-thinking leaders from all walks of life and various fields who are below 40 years old. For over two decades, the Forum for Young Global Leaders has been at the forefront of identifying and uniting the world's most promising leaders under 40, fostering a community of exceptional individuals committed to driving positive change and supporting them in tackling the world's most pressing problems.



Temí Marcella

Matthew Stanton writes: 'In January the Christ's lawyers including **Matthew Stanton**, **Max Schlote**, **Tom Hamilton**, **Laura Giles** and **Fred Wilmot-Smith** got together to attend Professor **Jonathan Morgan**'s inaugural lecture and celebrated with dinner afterwards. It was great to all catch up and congratulate Jonathan on his success.'

2006 Year Group News:

*Miles and Amanda
Coverdale*

Miles Coverdale and **Amanda Coverdale** (née Foan) welcomed their second daughter Sophie Foan Coverdale on 15th May 2023. Four-year-old Lizzie is a proud and doting big sister. Miles is currently working at the Ministry of Defence, while Amanda has left the Science Museum and is part way through a maths degree with the OU. She hopes to retrain as a secondary maths teacher once the children are both at school.

Jon Laurence reports that over the last year, he has won a News and Documentary Emmy Award, a Peabody Award and an Edward Murrow Award for journalism.



Jon Laurence



Matt Owen married Gemma Kay at Plaisterers' Hall, London on 26 November 2023. Christ's alumni in attendance included **Thom Jenkins**, **Charlotte Trace**, **Shane Cohen-Murray**, **Ed Minor** and **James Garner**. Glasses were raised to the greatly missed **Stu Pearson**.

2007 Year Group News:

Grégory Saulmé writes: 'I have not much to share this year on a professional level, except that workload is now formally back as usual after the Covid crisis. With this, our firm organised our first business breakfast with no sanitary restrictions earlier this month at the Ritz. It was pleasant to connect back with clients and prospects in such delightful conditions.'

From a personal level, not much either, though I am no longer single. I met my partner nine months ago, with no willingness on both sides to be considered as a couple whatsoever. And now here we are, in our cheesy lovely bubble, enjoying each day as it is the first one! And oh, I have been touched with the swift virus some years ago now, and as a consequence I have attended Taylor Swift's *Eras* Tour in Stockholm – or Swiftholm as they renamed it for the weekend – for my birthday, with my loved one who decided to accompany me for the occasion. It could not have been more perfect.'

2008 Year Group News:

Alex Ngoi writes: 'I attended my fellow engineers' amazing weddings different corners of the world! Congratulations to **Jonny Bassett** for marrying Surabhi in Bangalore and **Ben Couchman** for marrying Jennie in Boston. Both were amazing

occasions and always great to catch up with fellow alums in different corners of the world! On a more personal note, I'm also a proud father of a three-year-old daughter!

Charles Read writes:

'As Junior Proctor of the University of Cambridge for the 2023–24 academic year once again I had the pleasure of presiding over the graduation ceremony for Christ's at General Admission. Earlier in my tenure as a proctor I had the unexpected delight of presiding over the graduation of my godfather, another Christ's alumnus, who collected his PhD 47 years after starting the research for it. Next academic year I will be moving to the "other place" to become Senior Tutor and Tutorial Fellow in History at Regent's Park College but will remain in contact with the University of Cambridge by assisting next year's Proctors as one of their Deputy Proctors.'



Alex Ngoi

2009 Year Group News:

Ashley and Maria Smith (née Abdilla, m. 2008) welcomed the birth of their second son, George, on the 18th of August 2024. Jacob is excited at becoming a big brother.

2010 Year Group News:

Imogene Geh (née Fletcher) and her husband Thomas Geh (Fitzwilliam) welcomed a baby daughter, Florence Moh-Lee Geh, on 4th October 2022.



*Imogene Geh
and family.*



*Nick Hall and
Christel*



*Charlotte Hill, Alex
Clark and Marnie*



*Emma Sheard
with Percy*

On January 20th 2024, **Nick Hall** and Christel were married at The Grange at Osborne in Dorset. They celebrated the day in the company of family and friends from as far afield as Chicago and Guatemala.

Charlotte Hill and **Alex Clark** have had a busy couple of years, with a move from London to Manchester in 2022 and welcoming baby Marnie in February 2023.

Emma Sheard writes: 'My partner Chris and I welcomed our son Percy in May 2023. He's bringing great joy to us and to his grandad Simon Sheard – another Christ's graduate!'

Stephen Taylor says: 'I am a professor of astrophysics at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. I lead a large scientific collaboration in the USA called NANOGrav (the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational waves). In June 2023, in partnership with other groups around the world, we announced the first discovery of gravitational waves with wavelengths stretching to light years. These waves likely emanate from huge numbers of pairs of the most massive black holes in the entire Universe (billions of Suns),

creating a cosmic background of gravitational waves that constantly wash over Earth. I am the chair of this scientific collaboration, and I co-led the analysis campaign that made the discovery itself. I began this work while a PhD student at the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge and member of Christ's College.'



Stephen Taylor

2011 Year Group Representative Sophie Barker writes:

Dan Cox recently featured on an episode of *Grand Designs*, with his mum and family, who built a timber house in the woodland near to their family home. Dan reports that fellow alumnus **Matt Parker** and **Tom Mawson** came along to help with the build! You can watch the episode on Channel 4 (*Grand Designs* South Herefordshire, first broadcast November 2023).



*Dan Cox et al
building a
timber house*

2012 Year Group News:

Patrick Cook has concluded six years teaching European and world history (mostly modern) at TMI Episcopal, a day and boarding school in San Antonio, Texas. He is now beginning a new role as a teacher of history (mostly ancient and medieval) at Indian Springs School, a day and boarding school near Birmingham, Alabama.

Jun Yu recently moved to Singapore after spending three delightful years in the French capital. He is pleased to have returned to academia and is now an Assistant Professor of Global Communication at the National University of Singapore, where



Richard Kish in
Avenue Q

he researches and teaches the social and ethical consequences of AI and machine learning algorithms. He also remains a consultant at the OECD's Directorate for Education and Skills, where he previously worked as a policy analyst for three years.

In June 2024, **Richard Kish** took to the stage in his dream role of Princeton in an amateur production of *Avenue Q* in Mountsorrel, Leicester. He is also working on his second poetry collection, *30: A Year of Poems* which he's planning to release in January 2025 and he's excited to begin house hunting with his partner, Jago.



Henley Leong
and family

Henley Leong writes: 'We recently became a family of four, with our son Ayan joining us on 28 March 2024. Our household is now a whirlwind of mayhem and baby noises, with an ample dose of laughter and love to make it all worth it. Family trips aboard our newly acquired Dragon class racing sailboat, Fei Chi, are still some time away...'



Yan Liang Tan with
Michelle at Christ's

Yan Liang Tan revisited Cambridge and Christ's to celebrate two happy occasions in one trip: MA congregation and wedding photoshoot with Michelle, Murray Edwards medic! Both events were delayed for years due to covid but remain highly significant and memorable. He continues his investment banking career in Mergers and Acquisitions ("M&A") after relocating from Hong Kong to Singapore where he grew up, and travels extensively within and outside of South East Asia to drive cross-border M&A transactions. He has also recently resumed playing squash as he did in Christ's back in the good old days...



Emma Wilding and **Lawrence Clare** who met during their time at Christ's are pleased to announce that they were married in May 2024, in Old Warden, Bedfordshire. Celebrations were attended by many friends from College, including a strong show of Christ's alums amongst the ushers and bridesmaids!



*Emma Wilding
and Lawrence
Clare's wedding*

2013 Year Group News:

Christian Boehm has been elected Vice-President of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP).

Michael Dalton and **Rebecca Williams** are delighted to announce that they converted their "College marriage" into an actual marriage on 2 December 2023 in Farnham, Surrey. They enjoyed celebrating with friends they made at Christ's and dancing to bop classics like 'Mr Brightside'.



*The wedding of
Michael Dalton and
Rebecca Williams*

They would also like to pay tribute to their dear friend Oliver Baldock, whose presence was sorely missed.

Henry Farmery welcomed his second daughter, Aurelia, on the 27th May. He also took the opportunity of this quiet moment to strike out on his own and start a Biotech consultancy and software development start up.

Franca Hoffman is now assistant professor in the department of computing and mathematical



*Henry Farmery
and family*

sciences at California Institute of Technology (US) running an interdisciplinary applied mathematics research group. Prior to this, Franca joined the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences as research chair in data science and founded a pan-African doctoral training program in data science. They also started a fellowship program at University of Bonn called “Young African Mathematicians” (YAM), which, after a successful pilot phase, has been institutionalized and extended to all German excellence clusters in mathematics.

Riki Houlden writes: ‘I won the world championship for Eton fives this year, as well as reaching number 1 in the official rankings. In terms of explaining fives to people, I like to say that it is a niche sport “like squash with your hands” that is played as doubles on an obscurely shaped court – it is modelled off the side of Eton Chapel where school pupils developed the game in the late 1800s. For those who are interested, here is a link to the match report: <https://www.etonfives.com/news/3530-kinnaird-cup-houlden-young-become-new-champions>



*Riki Houlden
playing Eton fives*



Emily Marr reports: On 15th June 2024, I won a bronze medal representing GB in the European age group Sprint Duathlon Championships in Portugal and was the fastest overall woman on the bike leg. To cut down on my carbon footprint, I came home by bike, bus and train, cycling a hilly 560km through Spain.



*Josie Wastell and
Sam Payne*

Josie Wastell and **Sam Payne** got married in Hertford, Hertfordshire on 29 May 2023, nearly ten years after they first met at Christ's in October 2013. It was a beautiful day and featured Cambridge's favourite ice cream from Jack's Gelato instead of a cake!

2014 Year Group Representative Holly Giles writes:

Helen Dallas reports: ‘I’ve passed the Viva for my DPhil in English at Trinity College, Oxford!’

Holly Giles was awarded a Bye-Fellowship at Christ's this year. She is teaching Part IB students on the Maths and Computational Biology Course, alongside running workshops for PhD students in the MCR.



*James Jarvis and
Susannah Duck's
wedding*

James Jarvis says: 'I got married to Susannah Duck (Newnham) at St Nicholas', Hedsor. **Henry McTernan** was there flying the Christ's banner!'

Sammy Love and **Callum Ferguson** happily share the news that they got married on 5 February 2024!

Matthew McMillan completed his PhD in mathematics from UCLA in June 2023, with a dissertation constructing the first example of a tensor product for higher representations of Lie algebras. In 2020 he was married to Allison Zubeck in Seattle, who is now consulting for Protiviti. During his PhD, Matthew also started building a "learning library" web platform for applied maths which packages learning material along with metadata expressing fine-grained prerequisite relationships. This metadata enables a graphical and graph-theoretical representation and navigation of mathematics, which will support goal-driven learning along individually tailored learning paths. This summer Matthew is finishing a book for OUP about G.W. Leibniz. He is currently a professor at UVA, and welcomes contact from visitors to Charlottesville, or anyone interested in learning tools and ed-tech software.



*Sammy Love
and Callum
Ferguson*



*Matthew
McMillan and
wife Allison over
the James River
in Virginia*

2015 Year Group Representative Mariya Chepishcheva writes that she recently attended her graduation ceremony at Imperial College London where she officially received her doctoral degree in Clinical Neuroscience (thesis on 'Spatial orientation and postural control under vestibular guidance in patients with central dysfunction of the nervous system'). Mariya flew in from the United States, where



*Lyubomira
(Mariya's sister),
Mariya and Vera
(Mariya's mother)
at the graduation
ceremony at
Imperial College
London, 8th May
2024.*

*Mariya with
Handsome Dan XIX*



she is currently a postdoctoral researcher at Yale University School of Medicine to meet her family, travelling from Bulgaria, for her graduation ceremony in London. Mariya is extremely grateful about the absolutely wonderful time spent together with her family while enjoying such a precious and highly personal event as her PhD graduation.

In the meantime, Mariya has been part of the Yale Postdoctoral Association and was recently in charge of a 200-guest Gala. Here is a picture with a very special guest – Handsome Dan XIX, the official mascot for Yale University.

2016 Year Group News:

Estara Arrant



Estara Arrant writes: 'I completed my PhD in Hebrew and Jewish studies (with a focus on the medieval Hebrew Bible and machine learning) at Christ's in 2021 and had my graduation ceremony in 2022. Since my PhD, I have been working on the ERC Horizon 2020 project TEXTEVOLVE: A New Approach to the Evolution of Texts Based on the Manuscripts of the Targums, in which I study, adapt, and apply algorithms from bioinformatics and phylogenetics to the medieval

textual tradition of Aramaic translations of the Hebrew Bible, in order to create a new model for understanding how texts which are copied over time change. I also regularly contribute to teaching at Cambridge Digital Humanities. This spring I became the first ever Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the Cambridge University Library. I will commence this fellowship in January 2025, in which I will develop a new computational model for the study of medieval Jewish Arabic and ground our understanding of this language within its original sociological contexts, as they were preserved through the contents and codicology of everyday correspondence in the Jewish community of medieval Alexandria. When I am not working on these projects, I am actively contributing to Cambridge's local Jewish community and increasing my mastery of mathematics, Semitic languages, and computer science, as well as pursuing my casual interests in art, psychology, natural history, and the lives of scientists and great thinkers of our past. This year I will also be applying for permanent residency in the UK with a view towards citizenship.'



*Ingrida
Olendraite*

Muath Masri says: 'I'm happy to share that my wife, Sara Laabid, and I tied the knot on Sunday 10 December 2023 at Al Manaar Mosque in London. We had a wonderful time celebrating with friends and family. Rather than compromise on where to hold the bigger wedding celebration, we decided to have a wedding party in Amman, Jordan and another in Casablanca, Morocco this summer. Certainly did not expect to have three weddings in a year!'

Ingrida Olendraite writes: 'Since my fun time as a PhD student at Christ's, I have had brilliant years as a postdoc and becoming a

mum. With my work on virus discovery and the 2020 pandemic, I had an extreme privilege to assist my home country while advising prime minister and initiating national virus surveillance project while at the same time finishing my PhD and becoming a mum. Cambridge has opened so many doors for me and brilliant collaborations around the world, thus I am starting now a new position outside of academia to actually help academics with their bioinformatic analyses.'

2017 Year Group News:

Ján Tkáč writes: 'As a graduate of a Master's course in church music (MMus in Choral Studies) I am proud to serve today at St Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, Slovakia. Our residential ensemble Vox cantoris performs regularly at the highest Church and state occasions, as St Martin's is the principal cathedral in the country. On June 15th, we performed at the inauguration of the new Slovak president and were proud to represent not only our church, but also Slovak republic at the highest level possible. My warmest thanks belong to my professors at Cambridge, namely Dr Edward Wickham of St Catharine's and Stephen Layton of Trinity for the benefits of their wisdom they kindly shared with me, for their patience and guidance.'



Vox cantoris at the presidential inauguration



Vox cantoris at Votivkirche Vienna

2018 Year Group News:

Ugur Tekiner writes: 'After graduating from the University last month, I have been working on some academic tasks recently. The process concerning my appointment to the Faculty of Political Sciences at Ankara University as assistant professor is still underway and seems likely to be completed by next month. In the following academic terms, I will teach several subjects, including world political history, European integration, and public administration. In addition, I will participate in two international conferences to share the key findings from my doctoral thesis: at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference in August, I will present a paper titled 'The "Issue-Oriented Cartel": Mainstream Cartel over a Particular Policy Area?' as part of a special panel on the late Irish political scientist Peter Mair's cartel party model. In the context of my doctoral thesis, I had employed Mair's cartel party model, as well as his Europeanisation and party change schemes, as the main theoretical framework, so I look forward to introducing the 'issue-oriented cartel' as a novel conceptual contribution to this theory. At the UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) Annual Conference in September,

I will present a paper titled 'Europe as an Issue of Party Management before "Times of Crisis": The Cases of Blair's Labour Party and Schröder's SPD'. Based on a recently published journal article of mine, titled 'The German Social Democratic Party (SPD) between Idealistic Pro-Europeanism and Domestic Ideological Priorities in the Post-Reunification Germany', I am also working on a piece for the LSE EUROPP (European Politics and Policy) Blog. Moreover, for a book to be published by mid-2025, I am preparing a chapter focusing on the political surge of UKIP as an anti-European far-right party in British politics. I am also making the required arrangements for getting my doctoral thesis, titled 'European Integration and the Political Transformation of the British Labour Party and the German SPD from the Mid-1980s until 2016', published as a monograph.

2019 Year Group News:

Brad Jones writes: 'I'm very happy to have been awarded the Donner Scholarship at Magdalene College, where I will be conducting research into French-Canadian political history as part of the MPhil in American History. Whilst it will be very strange to experience Cambridge at a different college, I'm looking forward to it! This would not have been possible without the support of my wonderful ex-DoS Professor Reynolds.'



*Stephen Jullien
with the Bishop
of Kingston*

Stephen Jullien says: 'On 1st July 2023, I was ordained priest in All Saints' Church, Kingston, by the Bishop of Kingston, the Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough. I am continuing to serve as a curate in two bilingual parishes, where I lead services in both English and Spanish.'

Runwei Zhou writes: 'I got the Comprehensive Cancer Center Fellowship from OSU, and I am doing my PhD degree at Nationwide Children's Hospital.'

2020 Year Group News:

Daniel Herszberg writes: 'After completing my travels to visit every country last year, in 2024 I launched my new business – TravelInsighter.com – an online travel magazine with the aim of helping travellers get beneath the surface of the places they travel. Our guiding ethos is to restore the transformational element of travel, to equip travellers with the tools to live the history and human experience of societies around the world. Everything we publish is carefully designed to bring these things together, with articles guided by the insights that only a local can know.'

Thai-Catherine Matthews, having successfully defended her PhD dissertation in English literature at Johns Hopkins University, was recently awarded a Gale North America Digital Humanities at Oxford Fellowship. This fellowship will be hosted by the Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford and will entitle her to a short-term visiting fellowship at Jesus College, Oxford.

IN MEMORIAM



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It is with great sadness that we record the deaths of the following members since the publication of the last issue of the *Magazine*. There is a separate list at the end for those whose deaths we learned of too late to include this year, and whose obituaries will appear next year.

- Ian Hunter (Former Fellow; m. 1955)
- Oscar Max Lewisohn (Honorary Member)
- Jan Nekovář (Former Fellow)
- Henry (Harry) Sidney Smith (Former Fellow; m. 1949)
- 1943 David Lewis Bothwell
- Henry James Boyland
- William Goodhugh (Hugh) Dawson
- (John) Bernard Wellingham
- 1944 Christopher Wilberforce Arnold
- 1945 James (Jim) Roughan Kenneth MacDowell
- 1946 Cecil Alexis Pocock
- 1947 (John) Brian Coogan
- John Mathieson Dennes
- 1948 Peter Vandome Evans
- William Thomas Cavendish Miller
- Timothy Edward Nodder
- Frank Harry Puddefoot
- Graham David Hopper Shephard
- 1949 John Fairfax Garner
- Ian Thomas Pye
- 1950 Rex Alan Howe
- Timothy Gordon Osmaston
- 1951 Peter Creighton
- Anthony Sidney John Dye
- Donald Rees Harries
- Warren Willhelm Knock
- Anthony Manning Perks
- Brian Ward
- 1952 David William Townley Brough
- Colin Peter Clay
- James Colin Maxwell Hyslop
- Roger Hart Richardson
- Anthony (Tony) John Taylor

- John Weatherall
 Alan Whitworth
- 1953 John Craven Belshé
 Anthony David Malcolm Bryceson
 David Alec Butler
 Colin Frederick Cook
 Frederick Stanley Hewitt
 Peter Maximilian Kraushar
- 1954 Ronald Ernest Clements
 (John) Trevor Davies
 John Andrew Everson
 Richard Hugh Mauleverer Lindesay
 John Schofield
 Andrzej (Andrew) Witold Henryk Suszynski
- 1955 Peter Anthony Anwyl
 John Anthony Chandler
 (James) Edward Fraser
 Alexander (Sandy) Hugh Laird
 Neville Robert Preston
- 1956 Roger Rawcliffe Brown
 Richard John Costard
 Alan William Easton
 Anthony (Tony) Ernest Hanwell
 Roger Tamlyn Thomas
- 1957 Jeremy David Agard Evans
 Antony Douglas Victor Fawkes
 Peter Johnson
 Desmond Robert Clarke Jones
 (Harry) Basil Maddox
 Brian William John Gregg Wilson
- 1958 Alan Leonard Ross Findlay
 (Bernard) Stephen Jenkins
 Richard Hugh Taylor
 Peter Hansford Wiggall
- 1959 Adrian John Beamish
 (Henry) Malcolm Boot
 Michael Laurence Clifford
 Christopher Martyn Lloyd
 David Rolla Rouse
 David Kenneth Sharp
 Guy Marsden Wareing
 Robin Humphrey Williams
- 1960 Beverley Alfred Dovey
 Edward Joseph Magner
- 1961 James Anthony (Tony) Chapman
 Kevin Coupland
 Gerald Anthony Creasey
 Peter Jarvis

	Leslie McMorris
	John Horatio (Horace) Mitchell
1962	Oliver William Everett
	Adrian Richard Tibbitts
1963	Michael Laurence Taylor
	Anthony (Tony) Philip Thirlwall
1964	Robert Douglas Eastcott
	Paul Francis Hugo Holt
	Peter O'Neill
	Richard (Dick) Joseph Saw
	Bikash Chandra Sinha
	Dennis Smith
	John Hugh William Steedman
1965	Hugh Pratt
1966	Peter Alexander Osborne
	Christopher Edward Charles Radbone
	David Philip Robinson
	Michael Robert Woodfield
1967	Anthony (Tony) James Petyt
1968	Michael Harvey Baverstock Jones
1969	Philip David Rhodes Williams
1970	Richard Felski
1971	Robert David Bell
1972	Stephen (Steve) James Frederick May
1973	Al Byars Wesolowsky
1974	John Gerard Corrigan
	Andrew Derrick Vidler
1975	John Richard Gossage
1976	Aral Brahim Okay
1979	Araba Arba Kurankyiwa Taylor
	Peter Harold Yarrow
1988	Helen Mary Little
2003	Jennifer (Jenny) Louise Bloomfield
2008	Jonathan Ian McKenzie

Ian Hunter (m. 1955; Former Fellow)

Ian Hunter was born on 18 August 1937. He went to Hymers College in Hull, then came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Mathematics, attaining a first, and for which he won College prizes in each year, as well being elected to a Scholarship and winning the University's Mayhew Prize in 1958.

He was elected to a Class B Fellowship in March 1959 on the Lucas Foundation, for research into mathematics, then intermitting in October of the same year, before resigning the Fellowship in September 1961.

He died in February 2023, aged 85, and is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and his children Josephine, David and Jessica.

**Oscar Max Lewisohn** (Honorary Member)

Born in Copenhagen to Max and Jenny Lewisohn, Oscar was surrounded by love from his three adoring older sisters and doting parents. Despite the happiness of his childhood, his life took a dramatic turn once the Nazis set out to enact the Final Solution in Denmark, forcing his family to flee as refugees to neutral Sweden. His family's harrowing escape played a very important part in his formative years. For those

of you unfamiliar with events in Denmark during the Second World War, it is quite an extraordinary story: the German occupation of Denmark and the fate of its Jewish community was unique compared to other European countries.

Germany invaded Denmark on 9 April 1940. The Danish government quickly capitulated and negotiated a level of autonomy under German control, allowing them to maintain their political system and protect civil liberties to a certain extent. But eventually, as Danish resistance efforts intensified, the Nazis placed Denmark under direct military occupation on 29 August 1943, and in September 1943 the command was given from Berlin to round up and deport the Danish Jews to German concentration camps. Crucially, German diplomat Georg Ferdinand Duckwitz, sympathetic to the Danish cause, leaked information about the planned roundup to a senior Danish politician who immediately warned Jewish leaders. This early warning allowed the Jewish community to go into hiding before the Nazis could act. There followed one of the most significant acts of civilian resistance against the Holocaust.

Over the course of a few weeks in October 1943, more than 7,200 Danish Jews were ferried across the Øresund Strait to Sweden in fishing boats and other small vessels, assisted in myriad ways by their fellow citizens, at great personal risk to all concerned. Over 90% of the Danish Jewish population escaped.

My father's family was given the warning via their family doctor on the night of 28 September, and early the next morning fled from their townhouse in Hellerup, just north of Copenhagen, to the summerhouse they had designed and built on the Northern coast near the fishing village of Gilleleje. Two days later, assisted by the grocer and his wife as well as a local merchant, all of whom put their own lives in danger to help them, the whole family was hidden in the village until dark, when they walked to the harbour and were concealed below decks on board a vessel transporting peat. Rather than crossing directly to Sweden, a matter of some ten nautical miles, the captain had to follow his usual route which would take them all the way south, close to the dangerous waters of Copenhagen, before finally entering Swedish waters a full ten hours after departure. During this time the vessel was

stopped and boarded twice by German patrols, while the family was hidden deep within the boat under piles of ropes, tarpaulins and empty oil barrels.

Their welcome in Sweden was extraordinary, 'the most wonderful reception imaginable' in the words of my grandmother, and they lived there in safety until they were able to return to rebuild their lives in Denmark following its liberation on 5 May 1945. It is immensely fitting that we were able to bury Oscar's ashes in the Jewish cemetery in Copenhagen alongside those of his parents on the 79th anniversary of Danish liberation.

Three years ago, Oscar was very pleased to acquire a maquette of the sculpture 'Oktober 1943' by Danish artist Per Arnoldi, created to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Jewish flight to Sweden. The final sculpture is located by the beach in Sletten close to Humlebæk from where many small boats were launched and was unveiled by Queen Margrethe on Danish liberation day in 2021. The sculpture comprises a plinth made of Swedish granite, supporting a dark, dangerously tilting boat, and captures the essence of courage and solidarity that defined this remarkable chapter in Danish history. I encourage you to look at the maquette which meant so much to Oscar – you will find it in the garden behind the stage, alongside the pool house.

His escape, in his own words, 'from being snuffed out at the dawn of life', left Oscar with a lifelong gratitude to Danish and Swedish society, and he remained deeply committed to helping Danish interests wherever he could and to furthering connections between Denmark and the UK.

Although Oscar settled in London in 1962 following his marriage to my mother Louisa Grunfeld, his emotional attachment to Denmark was unwavering. In 1984, a year before my mother's death, he bought his first Danish summerhouse, hoping it would help my brothers and me maintain our connection to his homeland. After his marriage to Margaret, he replaced it with a summerhouse overlooking the Øresund, and thirteen years ago he was thrilled to be able to repurchase his childhood summerhouse near Gilleleje, which his parents had to sell after the war. He was genuinely delighted that all six of his children – my brothers Mark, Richard and James, and our half-sisters Jenny and Sophie, along with all of his grandchildren, have inherited his love for 'little old Denmark'.

Anita Lewisohn (m. 1985)

Jan Nekovář (Former Fellow)

Jan was born on 7 July 1963 in Czechoslovakia. He studied at Charles University, Prague and was an exchange student at Moscow State University from 1984–85. He then studied at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, receiving his doctorate in 1991 before moving to the University of California, Berkeley as a postdoctoral researcher. In 1993 he was appointed Assistant Professor at Charles University, before being made a Fellow at Christ's, where he taught until 2002, thereafter moving to Pierre and Marie Curie University as Professor.

Jan was a visiting researcher at various institutions, including the Steklov Institute of Mathematics (1988–89), the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics (1989–90), the Isaac Newton Institute (1998), and the École normale supérieure (1991). He won the 1998 Whitehead Prize, the G de B Robinson Award in 2014, and the Neuron Prize for Important Scientific Discovery in 2019. He died in Paris on 14 November 2022, aged 59.



Henry (Harry) Sidney Smith (m. 1949; Former Fellow)
Born in 1928, Harry Smith attended Merchant Taylors' School from 1940 through to 1946. He obtained six months' deferment from National Service in order to sit the Open Scholarship examinations in Classics at Christ's. Following his period of National Service, he went up to Cambridge in September 1949, where Professor Stephen Glanville became a close friend and mentor. Changing from Classics to Oriental Studies, Harry read Egyptology,

Coptic and Arabic, and graduated with a Starred First Class Degree in 1953.

Following his graduation, Harry visited Egypt, spending four weeks in Luxor copying inscriptions for the Theban Tombs Project, and then working with Professor W. B. Emery in the Archaic Necropolis at North Saqqara. On his return to Cambridge, he began studying Demotic with Stephen Glanville, and, in September 1954, was appointed Assistant Lecturer in Egyptology in the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

In January 1956 Harry was elected as Lady Wallis Budge Research Fellow at Christ's. A few months later, in April 1956, Glanville died unexpectedly, leaving the Cambridge Egyptological Department without a head. J. M. Plumley was appointed as Professor of Egyptology in 1957, and in 1959 Harry was promoted from Assistant Lecturer to Full Lecturer.

In 1959–60 Harry obtained leave to do fieldwork. To gain experience in settlement archaeology, he worked first with Professor Seton Lloyd at Beycesultan on the Cappadocian Plateau in Turkey. From there he travelled to Sudanese Nubia to work with W. B. Emery on the Egypt Exploration Society's excavations at Buhen. Following this, he went to north Iraq to work with Professor David Oates at Nimrud. While working at Buhen, Emery invited him to be Field Director of the Archaeological Survey of Egyptian Nubia, one of three projects undertaken by the Egypt Exploration Society (EES) as part of the UNESCO campaign to rescue and record the monuments of Nubia prior to the construction of the High Dam at Aswan. The survey was undertaken during two seasons in 1961.

In 1961 Harry was elected as a full Fellow of Christ's, where he acted as temporary tutor from 1961 to 1963. In autumn 1963 he was appointed Reader in Egyptology at University College London (UCL), with responsibility for the Petrie Museum there. He remained at UCL for the rest of his career.

From 1963 to 1970, Harry worked for the EES in Sudanese Nubia as Field Director at Buhen and Kor, and as Principal Epigraphist and Site Supervisor to Emery at the site of the Sacred Animal Necropolis (SAN) at North Saqqara. In 1970 he was elected to the Edwards Chair of Egyptology at UCL on Emery's retirement from it. As well as being Head of Department of Egyptology at UCL, he served as a member of the Board of Studies of Archaeology and Oriental Languages and Literatures, and as a member of the Committee of Management at the Institute of Archaeology.

In March 1971 Emery died suddenly and unexpectedly in Egypt. Harry was appointed by the EES as Field and General Director at the SAN, and undertook study seasons and further excavations there between 1971 and 1976, when it was decided that fieldwork at the site should cease. In 1976 he was a Visiting Lecturer at Harvard University. In the same year, he started the Temple-Town Survey at Saqqara for the EES, and from 1977 to 1981 excavated at the Anubieion. In 1981

he became a Corresponding Member of the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut. From 1981 he acted as Field and General Director of the Archaeological Survey of Memphis for the EES. In 1983 he became a Member of the Board of Management at the Institute of Classical Studies, London University, and in 1984 was a Visiting Lecturer at the Collège de France, Paris. In 1985 he became a Fellow of the British Academy, and in 1987 was awarded the DLit, London.

In 1988 Harry retired from excavation work, leaving the Memphis project in the capable hands of Dr David Jeffreys and Dr Lisa Giddy. Following his retirement from UCL, he continued to teach part-time on an honorary basis, and in 1993 was a Visiting Lecturer at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. From 1994 onwards, he turned his attention to the publication of the full archaeological reports on the SAN and the Demotic documents recovered from that site.

Harry passed away on 8 September 2024 at the age of 96 and will be greatly missed both by Christ's and the wider Egyptology community.

*Alex Loktionov (Fellow), with assistance from Professor John Tait,
Dr Adrienn Almásy-Martin, and Mrs Susan Davies*

David Lewis Bothwell (m. 1943)

David was born 20 March 1925. He came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Theology, taking his BA in 1949. After leaving Cambridge, he embarked on a career in teaching, working in Haberdashers' Aske's School and Abbotsholme School, split by ten years teaching mathematics in the Sudan. He thereafter worked as Maths adviser for Southampton schools, then moved to Winchester as Senior Advisory Officer for Secondary Education.

After retirement David became a prison visitor, a Humanist Celebrant and became one of the founder members of South Hampshire Humanists in 1993. He remained very active in the group until almost the end. Beloved husband of Anne, father of Keith, Simon and Christine. He died on 29 June 2023, aged 98.

Henry James Boyland (m. 1943)

Henry was born 1 January 1926, and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Engineering on a short course as a Royal Navy Cadet. He was a member of the Royal Marines Association, and coxed the 2nd VIII for the College Boat Club.

In 2011 he provided the following reminiscence: "*I came up to Christ's on a six month intensive course in Engineering sponsored by the Royal Navy owing to my enlistment as a candidate for a short service commission. I was a member of the U.N.D. and all training was done at Downing College under the eyes of CPOs. At 5'3" and 8 Stone I was soon installed as one of the 2nd boat and I enjoyed this experience immensely. We achieved a bump in the Lent race of 1944 and rowed over twice. I roomed with W.H. Harris who had a fine Welsh tenor voice. Tony Gracie rented a piano which was installed in our room and led to musical evenings with Joch Wilson and a lad called Boakley joining in. M.A. Downes in the room above was not pleased when someone came and played in unauthorised hours. Finally, Mr and Miss Brock looked after us in magnificent fashion.*"

After his time as a Royal Marines Commando, he worked as a financial adviser, and was a Senior Representative at Barclays Bank. Henry died on 5 May 2024, aged 98.

William Goodhugh (Hugh) Dawson (m. 1943)

Hugh was born on 20 September 1925, and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Medicine, taking his BA in 1946, and his MB and BChir in 1949. After Cambridge, he enjoyed a varied career in medicine as Consultant Gynaecologist, firstly to the RAF, and latterly to Hartlepool District. In 2014 he published his memoirs, entitled *A Long Life: The Memoirs of William Goodhugh Dawson, Over Sixty Years in Medicine in the UK and Libya*. He remained a strong supporter of Christ's throughout his later years serving as a Year Group Representative. He died on 31 May 2024, aged 98.

(John) Bernard Wellingham (m. 1943)

Born on 21 June 1925, Bernard came up to Christ's to study Natural Sciences during the war, graduating in 1946. A retired Air Commodore, Bernard died peacefully on 30 March 2022, aged 96. His wife Pat had died in 2008, aged 85. He is survived by his sons John and Charles and was also a much-loved grandfather and great grandfather.

Christopher Wilberforce Arnold (m. 1944)

Christopher Arnold passed away on 18 January 2021. The cause of death was COVID-19. A prominent architect and longtime resident of Palo Alto, he designed several houses in town as well as some of the dormitories at Stanford. A specialist in seismic retrofitting, he was a member of the committee that oversaw the re-design of the Bay Bridge after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

He was born 12 October 1925, in London, the youngest of four boys. They all attended St Paul's School. He attended The Bartlett School of Architecture, at University College London.

In 1944, Christopher volunteered for the RAF and was eventually sent to America to learn to fly at Falcon Field in Arizona. The war ended before he saw action but instilled in him a desire to move back to the United States. After completing his undergraduate studies at Christ's, he came to Stanford on a Fulbright Scholarship, where he met his wife Jodie. They married in 1953 and lived in Palo Alto thereafter. In 1965, he co-founded the architectural firm Business Systems Development.

Christopher is survived by his wife, Jodie and children Vivien, Corry, and Gina, grandchild Caitlin.

Corry Arnold

James (Jim) Roughan Kenneth MacDowell (m. 1945)

Jim MacDowell was born on 25 September 1927, and came up to Christ's in 1945 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his BA in 1948. A keen sportsman, he served as Secretary for the College Hockey Club in 1947, and as Honorary Secretary of the Marguerites in 1948.

Following graduation, he worked on roadworks on the Isle of Skye until he was called up for National Service with the Royal Engineers, where he was commissioned and served in Malaya. From 1950 to 1961, he worked for the Hydro-Electric Commission of Tasmania on the design and construction of hydro-electric power schemes. This was followed by a year and a half in Italy, working on the design of large diameter steel pipelines for hydro-electric schemes around the world. On returning to Australia in 1963, he joined engineering construction contracting company, John Holland Constructions, where he stayed for 21 years, progressing

from Project Manager, through Branch Manager, General Manager to Company Secretary. On 'retirement' in 1984, he took up beef cattle farming and, with the aid of his wife, developed a small property from scratch. He served in the Royal Australian Engineers in the Army Reserve (the equivalent of the Territorial Army) attaining the rank of Colonel.

He died on 1 August 2023, aged 95 years, and is survived by his wife Sylvia, their six children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cecil Alexis Pocock (m. 1946)

Cecil was born on 2 July 1928 and came up to Christ's in 1946 to read History, taking his BA in 1949, also serving on the JCR Committee for his last year.

After leaving Cambridge, he joined Clapham College as a teacher in 1951, being promoted to Head of History four years later. He remained in this role for the next fifteen years, until being appointed Headmaster in 1970. Five years later, he became Deputy Head after Clapham College Grammar School amalgamated with the nearby St Gerards RC Secondary Modern to become Clapham College School for Boys RC Comprehensive, and remained thus until retirement in 1983. He died on 15 September 2023, aged 95.

(John) Brian Coogan (m. 1947)

Brian was born in Lancashire on 7 February 1924. In 1945 he joined St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, in London, where he led a monastic existence studying Theology and in July 1947, following the completion of his studies, he was ordained a missionary priest at the early age of 23 by special dispensation from his Holiness Pope Pius XII. In the same year, he came up to Christ's in 1947 to read Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Latin), taking his BA in 1950.

After leaving Cambridge, he obtained a postgraduate teaching certificate from London University, after which he was sent to undertake missionary duties in North Borneo, working there from 1952–60. Upon his return to England, he was sent to St Peter's College, Freshfield, to teach French and Latin, moving to Portsmouth Diocese in 1972 where he initially spent fourteen years in the Group Ministry at St Joseph's Basingstoke, combining study with parish work.

In 1986 he was appointed as parish priest at St David's in East Cowes on the Isle of Wight, where he spent the next 28 years. He died on 16 March 2023, aged 99.

John Mathieson Dennes (m. 1947)

John was born on 19 May 1926, and came up to Christ's in 1947 to read Law, taking his BA in 1949. After leaving Cambridge he went on to be a solicitor in London, becoming Senior Partner at Waltons & Morse. In 1963 he moved from London to Felsted in Essex and had four boys. After retirement in 1990, he moved first to Somerset then to Cornwall. After his wife Verity died in 2008, he had thirteen years in Dorset with an old family friend before finally going into a care home near one of his sons in Leamington Spa suffering from senile dementia. He died on 7 August 2024, aged 98.

Peter Vandome Evans (m. 1948)

Peter was born in 1929, and came up to Christ's in 1948 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his degree in 1950. He played Football and Squash whilst at Christ's. He

served in the Royal Navy, receiving an OBE in the 1976 New Year Honours, and worked as a chartered engineer. He died in 2022.

William Thomas Cavendish Miller (m. 1948)

William was born on 3 June 1928, and came up to Christ's in 1948 to read Engineering, taking his BA in 1951. He rowed for the College, serving on the Boat Club Committee in 1950.

After leaving Cambridge, he spent some time at Harvard Law School, and joined Normalair Garrett, a manufacturing company based in Yeovil that had grown out of the Westlands Aircraft Company, where he had previously spent time as an apprentice. William eventually rose to become Chief Executive of the company, and in 1978, received an OBE for services to export, in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He died in November 2022, aged 94.



Timothy Edward Nodder (m. 1948)

Tim Nodder died on 21 January 2023 aged 92. He came up to Christ's in 1948 on a scholarship to read Classics from St Paul's School in London where he had also been a scholar. After achieving a First in Part 1 and being awarded the College Prize for Classics, he switched to Philosophy for Part 2, allegedly missing out on a Double First because he rather typically chose to answer a question he found more interesting than the topics he had actually studied.

During his time at Christ's Tim was an enthusiastic member of The Milton Society and carried Milton's bust in the annual procession through the College honouring the poet on his birthday. Feeling that more students should be encouraged to share his passion for twentieth century painting, he was instrumental in setting up a picture loan scheme for undergraduate members of the College. Works he acquired for the scheme included high quality reproductions of Paul Nash. There were some originals too, including a drawing by Augustus John and lithographs by Edward Middleditch RA and Dame Laura Knight RA. They may still hang somewhere at Christ's.

While at Cambridge, Tim met Sylvia Broadhurst, a trainee teacher studying at Homerton. They were married in Christ's Chapel and had four children, of whom Edward, Charles and Leonie were undergraduates at Christ's in the 1970s and 80s. All four alumni attended College reunion dinners together in 2010 and 2017.

Charles and Edward Nodder

Frank Harry Puddefoot (m. 1948)

Frank was born 22 October 1926, and came up to Christ's in 1948 to read English, taking his BA in 1950, and was a member of the Milton Society whilst here. After leaving Christ's he spent his career in teaching. He died on 19 April 2023, aged 96.

Graham David Hopper Shephard (m. 1948)

Graham was on the RAF short course in 1943 but returned to the College in 1948 and that is the year group he preferred to be considered a part of. He studied Medicine, and in 1948–49 was Secretary of the Medical Society and a member of the JCR Committee. He was Captain of the College Squash and Badminton Clubs

the following year and also Secretary of the Cricket Club. He graduated BA in 1950 and MB BChir in 1953, and went on to become a GP in Tewkesbury.

He had been known as one of Tewkesbury's surfers of the Severn Bore (a natural tidal surge – the River Severn's estuary having the second-highest tidal range in the world). He passed away peacefully at Tewkesbury Hospital on 28 November 2021, aged 96.

John Fairfax Garner (m. 1949)

John was born on 1 September 1931, and came up to Christ's in 1949 to read Medicine, taking his BA in 1952, and MB and BChir in 1956.

After leaving Cambridge he worked for over 30 years as a GP at Carn-Brae Clinic in Victoria, Australia. He was also a valued member of the Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens for over 40 years, contributing much in the way of historical research into the history and collections of the Gardens. He died on 1 March 2022, aged 90.

Ian Thomas Pye (m. 1949)

Ian read Natural Sciences, was a member of the Musical Society, and played football while at the College. His first job after graduation was in industrial research with the British Cotton Industry Association at the Shirley Institute. He then decided to see the world and chose the offer of a position with the High Speed Research Group in the paper mill in Baie-Comeau, Quebec. The rest of his career was in research for the pulp and paper industry, which he found interesting, exciting and rewarding. Achievements during his career included receiving several honours, awards and prizes from the industry associations CPPA and TAPPI.

In his retirement he refrained from accepting consulting jobs to release opportunities for the younger professionals who were given early retirement. Instead he directed his energies to his family, including helping with his grandchildren, and to involvement in various musical activities including orchestra and chamber music.

He married Marguerite in 1958 and they had one daughter, Elizabeth, two sons, Frederick and Jonathan, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ian died on 3 November 2023. Marguerite died twelve days later.



Rex Alan Howe (m. 1950)

Rex was born on 22 March 1929. After National Service with the Army Catering Corps, he came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Theology, taking his BA in 1953. After leaving Cambridge he attended the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and was ordained in 1956. He held curacies in Barnsley and Helmsley, and was appointed Vicar of St Martin's in Middlesbrough in 1960, thereafter holding incumbencies in Redcar (1967–73) and Kirkleatham (1967–73). He was made Rural Dean of Guisborough in 1967, leaving in 1973 to take up the post of Dean of Hong Kong and then Archdeacon of Hong Kong in 1975.

He returned to the UK as Team Rector in the Grantham Team Ministry in 1977, also serving as Rural Dean of Grantham from 1978–85, and as Canon and Prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral from 1981–85. He moved to Canford Cliffs and Sandbanks as Vicar from 1985–94, and was Rural Dean of Poole from 1992–94. He died on 11 August 2024, aged 95.


Timothy Gordon Osmaston (m. 1950)

Tim was born in Liverpool on 28 August 1929, whilst his father was serving with the British Survey of India, creating maps of the Himalayas. Much of his childhood was spent in Srinagar, Kashmir, where he attended the Tyndale Biscoe School in the Sheikh Bagh. After the outbreak of WW2, Tim returned to the UK to continue his education at Aysgarth School, before being sent, at thirteen, to Trinity College, Glenalmond in Perthshire.

At Christ's he read Mechanical Engineering and after graduating in 1950, spent a year at Cranfield College of Aeronautics. This was followed by National Service with REME. After being recruited by Marconi, he began his career, initially in Chelmsford, and later at the Aeronautical Division in Basildon, where he was involved with the Doppler Navigation System for aircraft.

In 1962 he married Sue and they settled in Danbury, Essex, where they spent 25 years raising their three children, Stephen, Kate and Pippa. A keen musician, Tim played bassoon and recorder and possessed a fine tenor voice. He and Sue sang with The Lingwood Consort.

In 1996, he made the decision to return to the Lake District, where he and Sue settled in Windermere, and later, in Ings, near Kendal.

Signs of Alzheimer's and Vascular Dementia were beginning to show in the last few years of his life, but he knew all the mountains in the Lake District and he last climbed Helm Crag in Grasmere on his 84th birthday in 2009, to celebrate exactly 80 years since his first ascent.

He enjoyed his role as Grandpa to eight grandchildren and in the last few months of his life he was to meet and hold his first great-grandchild.

Sue Osmaston

Peter Creighton (m. 1951)

Peter was born on 9 February 1932. He came up to Christ's in 1951 to read Modern and Medieval Languages, taking his BA in 1954. Whilst at Christ's, he was a member of the Squash and Swimming teams. Peter worked as Marketing Director for Hunter & Sons (Mells) Ltd, a stove manufacturing company. He died on 6 February 2024, aged 91.

Anthony Sidney John Dye (m. 1951)

Anthony was born on 31 July 1929. He came up to Christ's in 1951 to read Law, taking his BA in 1954. Whilst at Christ's, he played football, and captained the athletics club in his final year. He died on 3 June 2022, aged 92.

Donald Rees Harries (m. 1951)

Donald was born on 2 August 1930, and came up to Christ's in 1951 to read for a PhD in Materials Science which was conferred in 1956, also later receiving his ScD in 1988.

Donald was a celebrated materials scientist, specialising in nuclear fission and fusion reactor systems who worked as a Metallurgical and Nuclear Consultant. He died on 29 June 2023, aged 92.

Warren Wilhelm Knock (m. 1951)

Warren was born on 27 November 1932, and came up to Christ's in 1951, reading English and Archaeology and Anthropology, taking his BA in 1954. He played football for the College, captaining the side in 1953, and was also a member of the Marguerites.

Warren spent his career in publishing with Nelson, Cassells, and Evans Brothers until 1983 when he became a restaurateur, running the Kingshead House at Birdlip with his wife, Judy from 1986–2000, with the restaurant featuring in *The Good Food Guide* and *Michelin Guide* every year.

**Anthony Manning Perks** (m. 1951)

Anthony Perks, a beloved member of the University of British Columbia, was born in Gloucester on 21 August 1931 and passed away 9 March 2023 in Vancouver, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in scholarship, research, and teaching.

Anthony obtained his BA and MA from Christ's, then a DPhil and DSc from St Andrews. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Florida he was invited to lecture in pharmacology to the medical students at Columbia University. He was then recruited to the Nuffield Institute Oxford as a research scholar. While working, he received a second Master's degree from Wadham College, Oxford, before going to UBC. He was an accomplished professor in the Department of Zoology where he dedicated his career to advancing the field of reproductive biology and endocrinology. Anthony was a highly respected scientist and his work in the kallikrein system in reproductive cycles was influential in his field. His pioneering research of neurohypophysis hormonal influences in foetal and perinatal water metabolism using guinea pig and sheep models is internationally acclaimed.

Anthony was a dedicated teacher and mentor. After retirement he was invited to join UBC's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as an Honorary Professor, where he continued to teach three graduate-level courses in reproductive and developmental sciences. He served on numerous research committees and guided many graduate and postdoctoral fellows in the department. He taught for 50 years at UBC. His dedication to advancing the field of reproductive foetal physiology leaves a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide us all.

Peter Leung

Brian Ward (m. 1951)

Brian was born on 14 November 1931, and educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield. On leaving school he did his National Service with the Royal Air Force gaining very useful experience as a senior aircraft mechanic. He then came up to Christ's as a holder of a Lancashire County Senior Scholarship and read Mechanical Sciences. He took part in athletics, rugby football, badminton and tennis, and graduated in 1954.

On leaving Cambridge, Brian was appointed as an engineer to the Start Paper Mills Limited of Feniscowles near Blackburn, serving continuously except for a period when he held the Sir Stuart Goodwin Travelling Fellowship (1958–59), in Canada and in the USA. Among the firms he worked with were the Howard Smith

Paper Mills, St Lawrence River, The Water Power and Paper Co, Wisconsin Rapids, and the Elk Falls Mill, Vancouver. He was involved in most areas of the papermaking industry for nineteen years before moving into management consultancy, specialising in many spheres of manufacturing, before choosing to retire in 1991.

He married Laura in 1980 and they moved to the Lake District. He enjoyed many hobbies, including fell and mountain walking, conversational French, playing the electronic organ and running the local Organ Society, in addition to gardening and house maintenance. Brian died on 5 July 2023, aged 91.



David William Townley Brough (m. 1952)

David Brough passed away peacefully on 24 December 2023 after suffering from dementia over recent years. His condition had deteriorated rapidly in the last couple of months.

Educated at Malvern College, he then undertook his National Service, enjoying a tour in Malaya, with the 13th and 18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) as a subaltern 2nd Lieutenant. In the final act of his tour, he was dressed as a decoy for the High Commissioner of Malaya, 'the glamour of wearing the brass hat was much reduced by the fact that it was so large, not only covering my ears, but also my nose as well!'

In 1952 he took up his place at Christ's to read Agriculture. Sport played an important role in his life at Cambridge, winning his football Blue and playing in the Cambridge victory in 1954.

After graduating from Cambridge in 1955 he joined Fisons, spending his initial career in the head office at Felixstowe before moving to their experimental farm at North Wyke in Devon in the late '50s. He spent the rest of his life in Devon, meeting and marrying Anne and bringing up his two sons Richard and Thomas.

David continued to play many sports, representing Okehampton Cricket and Rugby clubs with distinction and being a member of Okehampton golf club for 67 years, playing well into his 90th year, before his condition finally called time on his regular twice a week outings.

David also served as a Justice of the Peace for 30 years, becoming Chairman of the Bench, prior to his forced retirement in 2001 at the age of 70.

David's was a life well-lived and one that he enjoyed to the full. He made lifelong friends at School, University and in the community at home. He will be sadly missed by both his family and friends.

Tom Brough

Colin Peter Clay (m. 1952)

Colin was born on 7 April 1932. After a deployment with the British Army's 1st Commonwealth Division in the Korean War, he came up to Christ's in 1952 to read History, taking his BA in 1955. Whilst at Christ's he was involved with the College Boat Club, Lacrosse Team, and the Ridout Society. After leaving Cambridge, he moved on to Wells Cathedral for two years of seminary, and was ordained an Anglican Priest in Southwark Cathedral on 1 June 1958. After a short posting to a South London parish he emigrated to Sudbury, Canada, in 1959 where he served pastorally and taught Religious Studies at Laurentian University.

In 1977 he moved to Saskatchewan where he served as an ecumenical chaplain at the University of Saskatchewan and a faculty member of the College of Emmanuel & St Chad from 1977–2000 when he retired from the chaplaincy, though he continued to hold a position of Adjunct Faculty at the College. Colin served as a padre in various veterans' clubs and was a strong advocate for world peace. He was also the author of several books of memoirs. He was awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005 and, in 2021, was named Saskatoon's Citizen of the Year. He died on 6 July 2022, aged 90.

James Colin Maxwell Hyslop (m. 1952)

James was born on 12 April 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read Natural Sciences, taking his BA in 1955, then staying to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Science. Whilst here, James represented the College at Hockey and Squash. He died on 1 March 2023, aged 88.



Roger Hart Richardson (m. 1952)

Roger Hart Richardson died peacefully at home in Teddington on 9 September 2024, aged 93. He attended Christ's from 1952–55, reading Natural Sciences and then History. The Cambridge Wine and Food Society is where he developed his life-long love of wine. David Peppercorn wrote: "My memories of our time at Cambridge together [with Roger] always revert to going along to his rooms at Christ's where he would prepare scrambled eggs over a gas ring while we discussed the affairs of the University Wine and Food Society."

Roger was a furniture manufacturer, at the helm of Beaver & Tapley developing the Penguin bookshelf and introducing modular wall-hanging furniture to top UK brands including Harrods and John Lewis. In retirement he actively pursued his passions including sailing and the many societies to which he belonged. He was a member of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, becoming Master in 1998, and for whom he later wrote *The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers – A Short History*. He was also a Trustee of The Woodland Heritage.

Roger has been described as a gentleman in every sense; charming, amusing and lovely man. He had a presence, a distinctive voice and a wonderful sense of humour. One quote captures how many feel: "He was all our mentor not just in furniture and wood but in life. He showed us how to be wise, caring and not to be scared of the future".

Lydia Richardson



Anthony (Tony) John Taylor (m. 1952)

Tony came up to read Natural Sciences at Christ's and described himself as 'a very nervous 6'2" skinny fresher' who joined Dr Pratt's first tutorial to be greeted with 'Ah, I see we have a heron in our midst'. He was already familiar with Lucan Pratt's sense of humour, having known him since the mid-1940s, as his father worked with him at the Royal Naval Physiological Laboratory at Alverstoke. Tony played cricket and badminton as a student, graduating with his BA in 1955 and his MB BChir in 1958.

After Cambridge and Guy's Hospital, where he met his wife, Betty, he did various house jobs before spending three years doing National Service in Germany as a Families Medical Officer. After six years in General Practice in Faringdon, he joined a practice in his home town of Gosport in 1969, happily remaining there until his retirement in 1995. During that time, he developed an interest in Occupational Health and advised a number of local companies on the health and welfare of their staff.

In 1974 he was elected to represent a Gosport constituency on Hampshire County Council. After working on various Health Committees, he was asked in 1982 to become the first Chairman of Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Authority. He also served on various Whitley Councils (the negotiating body for pay and conditions for NHS staff) between 1980 and 1998, chairing the General Council Management Side for sixteen years. He was awarded the CBE in 1992. He retired from all these various activities in 1998.

Betty and Tony had four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Tony died on 25 July 2023, aged 89.



John Weatherall (m. 1952)

John Weatherall, former chairman of TD Asset Management, founder and president of Scarthingmoor Asset Management, loving husband, brother, uncle, godfather and friend, died peacefully 20 January 2024 at his home in Kingston, Ontario. He was 91. John was predeceased by his wife, Diana St Barbe Weatherall (née Harrison) and his brother Robert K Weatherall. He is survived by his sister Karla O'Brien, his nieces and nephews, Robert, Alexander, Helen, and Julia,

five grandnieces, one grandnephew, two great-grams and three godchildren.

John was born 21 April 1932, in Windsor, the second son of an Eton College master and a Czech mother. As a boy, John himself attended Eton College.

After Eton and a year of National Service with the Royal Artillery, John graduated with honours in Engineering from Christ's. He then returned to Ontario for a full-time role as project engineer with Alcan Aluminum in Kingston. This led to a job with Ontario Steel in Gananoque. John left Ontario Steel to join Jones Heward & Company in Montreal as an investment analyst. John remained at Jones Heward for fifteen years.

John and Diana were married in Montreal in 1975. Two years later they left Montreal for Toronto when John joined Greenshields Inc. From Greenshields John moved to Wood Gundy. There, his command of the extractive industries led to directorships at Ivanhoe Mines, Okanagan Skeena Group, Bell Molybdenum Mines, Dominion Anthracite, Indochina Goldfields, OGY Petroleum, Granduc Mines, Strathcona Resource Industries and Slocan Forest Products, among others. In 1990, John joined TD Bank as Vice-President of Investments, eventually ascending to Chairman, TD Asset Management. John is credited with strengthening the bank's portfolio management competencies and refining its investment products, notably the Green Line family of mutual funds. John earned particular respect for his stewardship of TD Bank's pension fund, not least from board member Jimmy Pattison who worked closely with John for many years. After retiring from TD Bank John returned to Kingston, where they lived happily for nearly twenty years.

Bonnie Thompson

**Alan Whitworth** (m. 1952)

Alan Whitworth was born St George's Day 1933 in rural Lincolnshire. An extended time off school due to rheumatic fever stimulated him to follow a career in the medical profession.

He attended Care's Grammar School in Sleaford where he excelled academically and at all sports especially cricket and soccer.

He was the first ever pupil from his school to win a place at Cambridge and to study medicine. He won a Blue for soccer in 1954. After Cambridge he moved to Barts in London to continue his medical studies.

He was captain of United London Hospitals at both cricket and soccer. He also played soccer for Corinthian Casuals and cricket for the MCC. He was very proud that he could claim to have played cricket at every test venue in the country. He was player, captain, chairman, president and trustee of Reigate Priory Cricket club. He was captain of Reigate Heath Golf Club.

He decided to pursue a career in general practice and in 1960 was appointed as partner at the Wall House Surgery in Reigate. He rapidly rose to become senior partner, a post he held until he retired 34 years later.

He met Patricia at Barts. Despite advice to the contrary from her friends she succumbed to his advances and they were married in 1960. They had three children and seven grandchildren. In retirement they enjoyed many trips abroad. They celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in 2021.

Ian Whitworth

John Craven Belshé (m. 1953)

John was born 9 August 1927, and came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Natural Sciences, receiving an MA in 1956 and PhD in 1959. He died on 9 November 2022, aged 95.

Anthony David Malcolm Bryceson (m. 1953)

Anthony was born on 16 November 1934, in Kohat (now in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Pakistan, where after studying at Winchester College, he came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Medicine, taking his BA in 1956, BChir in 1957 and MB in 1958, later receiving his MD in 1971.

After leaving Cambridge he took the Professional Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene course (DTM&H) at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in preparation for work in Laos in 1961–63. On returning to England in 1964, he became a medical registrar at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, leaving shortly after to become Assistant Professor at Haile Selassie I University in Ethiopia, spending two years there from 1965–67, developing his principal career research interest in leishmaniasis. In 1969, he moved to Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria to help set up a new medical school.

When he returned to the UK in 1974, he was appointed Consultant Physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and a Senior Lecturer at LSHTM, later becoming Professor in 1996, where he remained until his retirement in 2000. He was a world authority (WHO expert committee member) on leishmaniasis, leprosy, trypanosomiasis, onchocerciasis and filariasis.

He died on 19 July 2023, and is survived by his wife Ulla, his children William and Maia and his grandchildren.

David Alec Butler (m. 1953)

David was born on 4 December 1932. He came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his BA in 1956. Whilst here, he rowed in the third Lent Boat, winning oars. He died on 8 July 2023, aged 90.

Colin Frederick Cook (m. 1953)

Colin was born on 12 January 1933. He came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Modern and Medieval Languages, taking his BA in 1956. After Cambridge, he worked as a teacher, retiring as Deputy Head of John Ellis School in Leicester. He also served as Secretary of the Leicester Town Twinning Association. He died on 15 July 2023, aged 90.



Frederick Stanley Hewitt (m. 1953)

Frederick came up to read Music at Christ's in 1953, where he was inspired to the world of historical performance by Thurstan Dart, one of the early music pioneers, and his harpsichord teacher, Mary Potts.

He entered the teaching profession at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall. Subsequently he moved to Bournemouth, where he founded the Bournemouth Bach Society, with which he worked as musical director and harpsichordist, while being organist of Christchurch Priory. He recorded Bach's Six Sonatas for Violin and Harpsichord with Evelyn Pierson.

After marrying his wife Pamela, meeting through a shared love of German language, he moved back to his home town, Stoke-on-Trent. He passed on his passion for music to his son, baroque violinist and composer James Hewitt. He was his first teacher, and they worked together as musical colleagues throughout the rest of his life. 'Handel's Circle' was one of the live recordings of their concerts.

He was chairman of the Stoke-on-Trent branch of the Incorporated Society of Musicians for many years, and did much to stimulate the musical life of the local area. He continued as conductor of choral societies (Civic Choir Wolverhampton and St Cecilia Choral Society), and taught at St Dominic's High School, as well as privately. Until the end of his life, he was a dedicated church organist and choir director, notably at St John the Evangelist, Trent Vale, and St Paul's Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

James Hewitt



Peter Maximilian Kraushar (m. 1953)

Peter Kraushar died at the age of 89, after a short illness. His early life involved escape from occupied Poland at the age of five, hiding in Italy until the arrival of the Eighth Army and resettlement in England at the age of twelve. After this tumultuous beginning, he was surprisingly accepted by St Paul's School where he flourished and came to Christ's as a Major Scholar in Classics. An outstanding chess player, he was awarded a Half-Blue and captained the Cambridge

University Chess team. On graduating he was commissioned into the Royal Fusiliers during his National service. He established what became a world-renowned marketing consultancy, KAE, later renamed Mintel, and advised Anglo-American companies on their ventures in Poland when Poland became free again. Although very busy, his exceptional humanity shone through. He worked with housing trusts, was instrumental in establishing Shelter, the charity for the homeless, and the North London Hospice, which he chaired for many years and for which he was a major fundraiser. He served as a magistrate, and as a mentor for the Prince's Trust and in prisons. A devout Roman Catholic, he also admired the ethos at Holy Trinity Brompton. With his wife, he led numerous Alpha groups and prayer groups in many countries. His dedication to improving the lives of others was commemorated in a funeral Mass conducted by seven priests. He continued to play bridge, chess and tennis until three months before his death. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, three sons and a daughter.

Chris Kraushar (m. 1958)



Ronald Ernest Clements (m. 1954)

Revd Professor Ronald Clements died on 2 April 2024, at 94 years of age. After studying at Spurgeon's College for the Baptist ministry he read Theology at Christ's. He moved to the University of Sheffield in 1956 to study with FF Bruce whilst also serving as a minister in Southey Green Baptist Church and then Stratford-upon-Avon (1959–60). After teaching Theology and Hebrew at the University of Edinburgh from 1960–67, Ronald became Lecturer in Old Testament Literature and Theology at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Fitzwilliam College. In 1983 he became Samuel Davidson Professor of Old Testament at King's College London until retirement in 1992.

Ronald's many books include *Abraham and David: Genesis 15 and Its Meaning for Israelite Tradition* (1967), *Prophecy and Tradition* (1975), *Old Testament Theology: A Fresh Approach* (1978), *A Century of Old Testament Study* (rev. edn, 1983), and *Wisdom in Theology* (1992), *Jerusalem and the Nations* (2011) as well as commentaries on Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Ronald was President of the Society for Old Testament Study for 1985. He also served as the Society's Foreign Secretary and edited the SOTS volume *The World of Ancient Israel: Sociological, Anthropological and Political Perspectives* (1989). Edward Ball edited a Festschrift in his honour, *In Search of True Wisdom* (1999). In 2013, Ronald was awarded the Burkitt Medal by the British Academy 'in recognition of special service to Biblical Studies'. He continued taking an active interest in his subject into his nineties alongside many other interests.

Marian Browne

(John) Trevor Davies (m. 1954)

Trevor was born on 26 December 1932. He came up to Christ's in 1954 to read History, taking his BA in 1957. Whilst at Christ's he played rugby and cricket. He died 11 April 2024, aged 91.

John Andrew Everson (m. 1954)

John was born on 26 October 1933, and came up to Christ's in 1954 to read Geography, taking his BA in 1957. Whilst at Christ's he played for the Chess Club and represented the College at cricket.

After Cambridge John taught at Haberdashers' Aske's School for seven years and City of London School for three. For the next 24 years he worked for HM Inspector of Schools in what is now the Department for Education and Employment. From 1981–89 he was HM Chief Inspector of Secondary Education which was followed by a year's secondment to Peat Marwick McClintock. He returned to the Department of Education for three years as HM Chief Inspector of Schools for Teacher Education before becoming an Education Consultant, advising those involved in prison education. He died on 28 May 2024, aged 90.

Richard Hugh Mauleverer Lindesay (m. 1954)

Richard was born on 30 April 1936, and was awarded a scholarship to read Classics (Ancient Greek) at Christ's, taking his BA in 1957. Whilst at Christ's he was a member of the Hockey team and the Bridge Club.

After leaving Cambridge, he did his National Service in the army, being posted to Cyprus as a translator. Upon leaving the army, he became a manager with Harrison and Crossfield, a plantation company in Malaysia who produced rubber, palm oil and cocoa. The role required extensive travel in Asia and Australasia, and he spent a lot of time in the jungle collecting data and checking that jobs were carried out correctly and targets were hit.

His great loves were the ballet, opera, playing tennis and gardening, and he was very proud of his collection of many different types of geranium. He died on 3 February 2023, aged 86.

John Schofield (m. 1954)

John studied Law at Christ's and then pursued a career in international banking which took him to the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Pakistan.

After retirement he obtained a History degree through the Open University and also enjoyed further travel: catching up with old friends, and in particular visiting parts of Europe, the US and Britain which his work assignments precluded him from enjoying in the past. His wife Egidia (Edy) being Italian, they spent some time in Italy with a home in Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore, as well as having their home base in Uckfield, East Sussex.

Edy died in 2018, John died on 15 September 2023. The couple had three sons and a daughter.

Andrzej (Andrew) Witold Henryk Suszynski (m. 1954)

Andrew was born on 15 June 1935, attended Uppingham School, and came up to Christ's in 1954 to study Law. He had worked for BAT Co (British American Tobacco) in Westminster and was married with children and grandchildren. He died on 19 April 2023.

Peter Anthony Anwyl (m. 1955)

Peter was born on 17 May 1937, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read English, receiving his BA in 1958. Whilst at Christ's he rowed and played rugby, becoming a member of the Marguerites.

After graduating he did his National Service in the Royal Navy, then in 1961, joined Ampleforth College as an English teacher (as well as coaching Rugby and Athletics), leaving in 1970 to become Head of English and Housemaster at Ratcliffe College. In 1978 he was appointed Headmaster at St Mary's Hall Preparatory School, Stonyhurst, where he stayed for the next twelve years, taking early retirement in 1990.

After retiring as Headmaster, he was appointed Development Director for Stonyhurst College for their Centenaries Appeal, becoming their Marketing Director in 1993. In the same year, he became a founder member of ADDIS (Association of Development Directors in Independent Schools) and served as Vice Chairman and member of the committee for 10 years. In 2002 he retired from his post at Stonyhurst and was made first President of ADDIS.

Predeceased by his wife of many years, Peter died on 23 September 2021, aged 84. He is survived by his children Jonathan, Mark and Louise.

John Anthony Chandler (m. 1955)

John was born on 28 August 1935. He came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his BA in 1958. After leaving Christ's he became a Chartered Engineer (CEng) and was also a Fellow of both the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Prior to retiring, he was Head of Contract Services at Shell. He died on 10 January 2024, aged 88.



(James) Edward Fraser (m. 1955)

Edward came to Christ's on a scholarship following his MA in Classics from Aberdeen University and National Service in the Royal Artillery, where in his second year he was appointed Staff Captain, "Q", Tel-el-Kebir. At Christ's, he transitioned from Classics to Law. Edward's course lasted two years, but the impact of the College and his fellow students stayed with him throughout his life.

Upon graduating, Edward joined the Civil Service, enjoying a 34-year career, fulfilling a variety of positions and eventually retiring from his role as Under Secretary in the Local Government Finance Group at the Scottish Office in 1991 before assuming the role of Secretary of Commissions for Scotland for the next two years. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and a President of the Edinburgh and East of Scotland branch of the Scottish Hellenic Society.

Edward is much missed by his loving family: his wife, Patricia, to whom he had been married for 61 years, sons Paul and Mark, daughters-in-law Sally and Nahara, and three grandchildren. A quincentenary celebration in 2005 introduced his young grandchildren to Christ's for the first time. They were so enchanted by the beauty and history of the College – and the bouncy castle in the Fellows' Garden – that two have since gone on to study at Christ's, inspired by their Grandad's ambition and the warm memories he shared of his time there. Charlotte (m. 2016), Jamie (m. 2020), their sister Sophie, along with their parents and Granny, enjoyed happy evenings with Edward at Christ's formal hall while Charlotte was studying at the College.

Edward was an incredibly kind, charming and thoughtful person with a sharp mind and a brilliant sense of humour. He died peacefully at home in Edinburgh on 20 July 2021, aged 89.

Charlotte Fraser (m. 2016)

Alexander (Sandy) Hugh Laird (m. 1955)

Sandy was born on 17 November 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Mechanical Sciences. Whilst at Christ's, he was involved in the Christian Minstrels, the Theatre Club (where he stage-managed various productions), played Hockey, and rowed for the Boat Club.

After leaving Cambridge, Sandy went on to work for Warman, where he was General Manager, and Amalgamated Power Engineering, where he was Divisional Director, later Managing Director. He also worked as a consultant for Linatex Ltd amongst others. He died on 20 November 2023, aged 89.

Neville Robert Preston (m. 1955)

Neville (usually known as Nev) was married twice, with three sons and two stepdaughters. He had a career in finance and was in Pensions Management for a large conglomerate until retiring in 1994. Together with his wife, he then enjoyed travelling to destinations including Kenya, Sri Lanka, Egypt and many more.

He retained a lifelong interest in photography, walking and sailing, usually with friends that he had made at Sedbergh School and at Christ's. He loved the Lake District (to which he had been evacuated from Newcastle during the war), the Durham Dales and Northumberland, and upon moving to York grew to love and appreciate North Yorkshire. He would happily support Yorkshire so long as they were not competing with any of his Geordie boyhood allegiances. He was naturally a loyal follower of Newcastle United football club and was also a member of Durham Cricket Club. He completed the coast-to-coast cycle route in his retirement and in later years became a member of Probus Club and The Art Society.

Nev attended a number of Christ's alumni meetings, dinners and social events over the years; his love of his time at College was always with him. Very much a family man and he is greatly missed.

Margaret Preston

Roger Rawcliffe Brown (m. 1956)

Roger was born on 29 September 1935, and came up to Christ's in 1956 to read Architecture, taking his BA in 1959. Whilst at Christ's he rowed for the Boat Club and played Rugby.

After Cambridge, Roger spent two years working at the University of Edinburgh, then a further two at the University of Pennsylvania. After that, he worked in the Bahamas from 1966–69, Barbados between 1969–74, then in the Middle East before returning to England in 1980, and working as a landscape architect, designer and nurseryman at Beechcroft nurseries in Cumbria. He died in 2024, aged 88.

Richard John Costard (m. 1956)

Richard was born 22 February 1938. He came up to Christ's in 1956 to read History, taking his BA in 1959, and staying on to complete his Certificate in Education. Whilst at Christ's, he participated in the Musical Society and the Lacrosse Team. He went on to work as a teacher, spending almost 30 years at Solihull School between 1967 and 1996, where he was Head of History and Sixth Form Master. He died on 15 October 2022, aged 84.



Alan William Easton (m. 1956)

My Grandfather, Alan, was born in Battersea in 1935. During the war he was evacuated at the age of four to Oxfordshire and later moved with his parents and older brother to Glasgow where his father worked for the Port Authority. After returning to Battersea he attended Walter St John's Grammar School (Sinjuns) where he became head boy. He was awarded a state scholarship to read Natural Sciences at Christ's which he later converted into a degree in Chemical Engineering.

He met his future wife, Marjorie, at the Battersea Reference Library where she worked as a librarian, while he was still a student. They attended Christ's May Ball in 1960 together, married the same year and had four children and nine grandchildren.

After graduating he spent most of his career at Foster Wheeler. He travelled extensively with his work, living in Canada with his family for two years in the '70s and visiting China, Singapore, Nigeria, Malaysia and Italy. He later worked on the Wytch Farm Project in Dorset, an unusual combination of oil extraction and environmental conservation.

Alan attended alumni events at Cambridge and kept in touch with many of the people he met there. He shared lots of stories from his time at Christ's, including breaking curfew, unusual lodgings in town and attending English lectures in his spare time, the subject I went on to study at Christ's. Alan died on 1 September 2023 and sadly his wife followed two months later.

Rebecca Lee (m. 2021)

Anthony (Tony) Ernest Hanwell (m. 1956)

Tony Hanwell was born in Sheffield in 1938. He was awarded a State Scholarship and an Open Scholarship to Christ's in 1956 where he achieved First Class Honours in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos and received the Sir George Nelson Prize in Applied Mechanics in 1959.

Tony's early research at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge focused on 'Friction in Ultra High Vacuum', leading to a PhD in 1964 and publications in *Nature*. His career then transitioned to industry, where he served as Chief Engineer at Smiths Medical Equipment Ltd. and European Director of Technical Services at Airshields UK Ltd.

In 1970, Tony co-founded Keymed Medical and Industrial Equipment Ltd., pioneering the import and manufacture of fiberoptic endoscopes. Under his leadership, Keymed expanded to 500 employees and a £20 million turnover, growing to 1,200 employees and £140 million turnover by 2006. The company was later acquired by Olympus Corporation, continuing its success under his guidance.

Tony's contributions to industry and innovation were recognised with an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from the University of Sheffield in 2007. His legacy in both academia and industry will be remembered and celebrated by colleagues and future generations of engineers and scientists. Others will remember him for making the best dry Martinis in England.

Tony was married for more than 60 years to his childhood sweetheart, Annie, with whom he had four children.

Matthew Weait

Roger Tamlyn Thomas (m. 1956)

Roger was born on 20 February 1936, and read Natural Sciences at Christ's. He passed his final examination with the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents in 1963 and felt his scientific background at Cambridge led smoothly into the job he held for over 30 years dealing with patents with D Young and Co, where he became a partner.

He died on 12 January 2022, aged 85, survived by his son Chris (who also studied chemistry at university), and grandchildren Charlotte, Emily and William.

Jeremy David Agard Evans (m. 1957)

Jeremy was born on 20 June 1936. He attended Whitgift School prior to coming up to Christ's in 1957 to read Classics, taking his BA in 1960. Whilst at Christ's he was a member of the rugby team. After leaving Cambridge he spent nine years with the Ministry of Power between 1960–69, then, after a year as Sloan Fellow at the London Business School, he joined the Department of Trade and Industry in 1970.

He moved to the Department of Energy in 1974, and in 1976 was seconded to the British National Oil Corporation on its foundation, and became Managing Director in 1978, then Managing Director of Corporate Development and Secretary from 1980–82, after which he was appointed Director of Britoil plc. In 1990 he was appointed Director of Public Affairs at British Rail, holding that role until his retirement in 1997.

**Antony Douglas Victor Fawkes** (m. 1957)

Antony was born on 16 December 1936, and after two years' National Service as 2nd Lt in the Royal Engineers came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Engineering, taking his BA in 1960, and representing the College at Rugby.

After leaving Cambridge, he began a postgraduate apprenticeship at Richards from 1960–65. After this he was appointed Operational Research Officer at Morgan Crucible in 1965, staying there until 1970 when he moved to Stirling Industries as Manager. In 1974 he was named Director of Formade Engineering and remained there until 1985, after which he took on freelance consulting work as a Project Engineer, including for Costains, the Zimbabwe Development Corporation, and Unicorn, between 1985–94. In 1994 he Founded Hallfield Developments, serving as Director.

He was married for 58 years and leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter. He died on 17 June 2023, aged 86.

Peter Johnson (m. 1957)

Peter was born on 23 June 1938. A hardworking and determined student, he attended Lancaster Grammar School and came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Law, taking his BA in 1960. He went on to become a solicitor, eventually becoming a senior partner of a law firm, and also served as Chairman of the Liverpool Philharmonic Society. He died on 13 January 2024, aged 85.

Desmond Robert Clarke Jones (m. 1957)

Desmond was born in Cambridge and came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Modern and Medieval Languages, taking his BA in 1961. He was a member of the Christian Minstrels whilst at Christ's and was also a member of Footlights.

In the mid-1960s, Desmond went to see Marcel Marceau perform in London, making his way backstage and into Marceau's dressing room to ask where he could study mime. Marceau wrote a Parisian address on a scrap of paper and the words "Go There". In 1967 he began studying under the mime teacher Étienne Decroux, who had taught Marceau. After two years study he returned to London in 1970.

He was the first mime specialist to be invited to perform at the National Theatre, and in 1979 he established his school, the Desmond Jones School of Mime and Physical Theatre, in Shepherd's Bush. The school quickly developed an international reputation, becoming the longest established Physical Theatre School in Britain.

Desmond also became a movement director of renown. He worked on the caveman movie *Quest for Fire* (1981), as well as *Greystoke* (1984). He died on 18 July 2024, aged 87.

(Harry) Basil Maddox (m. 1957)

Basil was born on 30 November 1937, and came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his BA in 1960. Whilst here he represented the College and University at Tennis, and the University at Judo.

After leaving Cambridge he joined Hawker Siddeley Aviation as a Student Apprentice in 1956, and in 1961 was made R&D Engineer on Harrier VTOL development at Hawker Siddeley. In 1964, Basil moved to Procter and Gamble UK as a Design Engineer. In 1973, he moved to the Procter and Gamble USA, holding various engineering responsibilities until retiring in 2001. His career included development engineering in many fields including packaging, packing machinery, materials handling, industrial robotics, logistics, artificial intelligence software, and domestic cleaning robots.

He had a passion for sports cars, and enjoyed traveling, tennis, golf, sailing, and woodworking, as well as authoring two historical fiction books in his retirement years. He died on 25 May 2024, aged 86.



Brian William John Gregg Wilson (m. 1957)

Brian Wilson was born in Singapore and lived in Kuala Lumpur until he was almost five. With his mother and sister, he narrowly escaped the Japanese invasion of Malaya, leaving his father and uncle behind, the one interned in Changi, the other torpedoed in a prison ship en route to Japan. Educated in Northern Ireland and England, he became a scholar of Christ's and a lover of Classical and English literature, choosing not to follow his parents, both consultant surgeons, into medicine, nor his archbishop grandfather into Holy Order – though theology was a lifelong interest of his. Instead, he became a schoolmaster, teaching in some of the country's leading independent schools – Radley; King's School, Canterbury; and Eastbourne College, before becoming Headmaster of Campbell College, Belfast, during a challenging period of educational as well as civil disturbance, and then deputy head of St Mary's, Wantage. He was an A-Level Chief Examiner in Latin and Ancient History, a religious broadcaster for the BBC for twenty years, a local councillor, an author and a translator who lectured on Mediterranean cruises. He also served for a time on the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and ITV. He married Sara Hollins (died 2022) whose family

firm invented the Viyella fabric, and had two children, Anna and Emma, who survive him, together with his four grandchildren. He was a much loved gentleman who will be missed by many. He died on 10 November 2023.

Emma Hales



Alan Leonard Ross Findlay (m. 1958)

Both Alan's parents and one of his brothers as well as a sister-in-law were medical doctors and, unsurprisingly, he felt overexposed to that profession and decided to study veterinary medicine instead. He arrived as an undergraduate at Christ's in 1958 where he grew to love Physiology and, after qualifying as a vet, he wrote a highly regarded thesis on 'Lactation' to complete his PhD. I came to know Alan in 1968, when he returned from a post-doctoral stint in Los

Angeles to take a Faculty position in the Department of Anatomy at Cambridge. I had taken a similar position in the same Department during the previous year and found his pragmatic yet insightful approach to academic and social matters significantly helpful in my own life and career. We remained close friends over the decades. About 1969, Alan moved to the Physiology Department, also moving college to Churchill, as Fellow and Director of Studies, training generations of students there, as well as helping me with Physiology supervisions for Christ's. His energies were also strongly influential in establishing a much-envied automated library system at Churchill.

Alan published several papers in scientific journals and a successful book on *Reproduction and the Fetus* (1984). He had strong views on the need for reform in the preclinical curriculum which he endeavoured to press through the Faculty Board with mixed success. He also had two four-year stints on the University Council. Alan had a wonderful singing voice and a creative talent for music making which he demonstrated through CUMS. He was also a competent sailor and keen rower, often seen out on the river with the Churchill Fellows' VIII crew and the Free Press (now X-Press) Boat Club.

Alan was born on 13 December 1939 and died on 31 October 2023 following a long illness, patiently borne. He is survived by his wife Judith and their sons Matthew and Tom.

Dr V. Navaratnam (Fellow)

(Bernard) Stephen Jenkins (m. 1958)

Stephen was born on 21 December 1939, and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Medicine, taking his BA in 1961, his BChir in 1964, and MB in 1965. He was a member of the Choir, and also played cricket for Christ's whilst here.

After qualifying, he took house jobs at Burton upon Trent and Chase Farm Hospitals, then held junior posts at St Thomas' Hospital, gaining the MRCP in 1967. In 1971 Stephen was appointed senior lecturer and honorary consultant in intensive care and cardiology at St Thomas'. He served on many committees, was elected chairman of the district management team and was appointed District General Manager of West Lambeth Health Authority in 1986, becoming Chief Executive in 1990. In 1992 Stephen returned to full-time clinical work, retiring from the NHS in 2002, and continuing in private practice at the Cromwell Hospital until finally retiring in 2006. Stephen died on 22 January 2024, aged 84.

Richard Hugh Taylor (m. 1958)

Richard was born on 6 September 1937 and attended Bishop Wordsworth's School in Salisbury, where his father Robert was a teacher for many years. He came up to Christ's to study English, having been an avid reader from a very young age. He followed his elder brother here, the late Nick Taylor (m. 1952) whose obituary, written by Richard, appeared in the *Magazine* No.245 in 2020 (pp159–60).

After National Service Richard embarked on a career as a reference and research librarian, a career which suited his scholarly diligence and quiet spirit of inquiry. He worked at the library of the Royal Society of Medicine, and later for Lewisham Public Libraries, retiring in 1995.

He enjoyed going to concerts and exhibitions, a habit begun in Cambridge. He had an interest in local history and was also a keen gardener.

Richard never married but he had many friends, some of whom he'd maintained contact with since his school days. One of these, Stephen Quigley (Corpus Christi, m. 1958) describes him as a very private man, and notes his warm personality, generosity, courtesy, humour, and 'a selfless and loving concern for friends, colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances'. Richard died of cancer on 14 July 2024, aged 86.

**Peter Hansford Wiggall** (m. 1958)

Peter was born on 22 April 1937 in Cheltenham and, after completing his National Service as a Ground Radar Fitter with the Royal Air Force, came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Natural Sciences, specialising in Biochemistry and taking his BA in 1961. Whilst at Christ's, Peter was active in the Squash Club, and the Board Games, and Tiddlywinks Societies, playing for the University in the latter. He was a member of the Tiddlywinks team that won the Founders Cup in 1960.

After leaving Christ's, he worked for Lyons Laboratories before joining Cadbury Brothers in 1964 as a staff grade chemist. He progressed through the business being promoted to Head of the Confectionery Division, Analytical Section of the Foods Division. In 1970 Peter joined the Confectionery Research and Development Department where his responsibilities included legal and regulatory aspects of confectionery recipes and ingredients.

Following an internal restructuring in the 1980s, Peter retrained as a process engineer, and in the 1990s, took on the role of Quality Control Manager for the Assortments factory in Bournville.

Peter used his knowledge and experience in legislation, science and technology over many years to protect the Cadbury brand and its products. These included going to Greece to defend a prosecution regarding the illegal sale of Cadbury's drinking chocolate, quality auditing in South Africa and helping to develop analytical methods for laboratories or factory testing.

A keen model maker and model engineer, Peter spent his retirement building miniature steam engines and model boats. He was a proud grandfather with five grandchildren and was unfortunately diagnosed with Parkinson's disease late into his retirement. He died on 20 February 2024, aged 86.

He is survived by his wife, Anita, who he married in 1965, and his two sons, Anthony and Jonathan.

Jon Wiggall



Adrian John Beamish (m. 1959)

Adrian was born on the 21 January 1939, and after spells at the Christian Brothers' College in Cork and the Prior Park College in Bath, came up to Christ's in 1959 to read English, taking his BA in 1962.

After leaving Cambridge, he joined the Diplomatic Service, serving as Third, then later, Second Secretary in Tehran between 1963–66. This was the first post in a long diplomatic career with appointments across Europe, India and the Americas. Whilst serving as Ambassador to Peru (1987–89) he was made a Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in 1988 and was further honoured by the Queen as Knight Commander (KCMG) of the same order in 1999 whilst serving as Ambassador to Mexico, his final posting before retirement.

Adrian loved poetry, recently admitting it is what inspired him to join the diplomatic service; 'through my studies at Christ's I became aware that a lot of our great, and not so great, poets had gone abroad on missions of one sort or another and this seemed an interesting thing to do.'

During Covid he organised 'The Sir Adrian Beamish Online Poetry Recitation Competition,' which has become an annual event open to all. The day before he died one of his granddaughters asked him who his favourite poet was "I've written a few poems myself," he answered wryly!

He is survived by his three daughters, Kitty, Antonia and Mary-Rose, and four grand daughters.

Antonia Beamish

(Henry) Malcolm Boot (m. 1959)

Malcolm Boot was born on 1 February 1939, and came up to Christ's in 1959 to read Agriculture and Land Economy, graduating with his BA in 1962. Whilst at Christ's, Malcolm was a member of the Old Christian Minstrels. After leaving Cambridge, he worked as a pig farmer in Nantwich, Cheshire, before moving into computing as it took off in the '70s. He died on 12 June 2024, aged 85, and is survived by his children, Andrew and Amanda.



Michael Laurence Clifford (m. 1959)

Michael graduated with First Class Honours in Mechanical Sciences at Christ's. Apart from two years with Boeing in Seattle (1968–70), Mike's whole career as a Research Engineer was with ICI, firstly with the Metals Division in Birmingham, then the Plastics Division in Welwyn Garden City from 1965, where he met his wife Pamela. He moved within the company to the Wilton site in Middlesbrough, to Ghent in Belgium and finally to Dumfries in 1983, until he retired in 1998. He became a Research Associate in 1989.

After retirement he achieved a long held ambition to learn to fly and gained his pilot's licence. He is survived by Pamela and his five children.

Pam Clifford



Christopher Martyn Lloyd (m. 1959)

Chris was born in Cambridge in 1941. He attended Oundle School, stroking their 1959 crew in the final of the Queen Elizabeth Cup at Henley Royal Regatta. Then, he also rowed for Cambridge '99 Rowing Club.

At Christ's, he stroked their First Boat in the Lent and May Bumps in 1960.

After teacher training in Brighton, he returned to Cambridge in 1976, teaching at St Faith's School. Persuaded by Dick Kelly, he rapidly became Christ's First Boat Coach. He continued coaching there for many years, also rowing with the Crustaceans after retirement.

In February 1978 he married Debbie. Together, they reopened the Free Press pub and started the Free Press Boat Club (now the X-Press Boat Club). As landlord of the Free Press from 1978, and of the Cambridge Blue from 2000–07, he often hosted Christ's Boat Club after their dinners.

In the '70s he represented Cambridge and Shelford Rugby clubs before settling at Cantabrigians, playing until well into his fifties. Whilst running the pubs he also worked as Churchill College's Assistant Boatman alongside Jim Cameron from 1990 to 2013.

After seventeen years of happy retirement, Chris died peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on 2 May 2024, following a brief illness. On 31 May, before attending his funeral, the Christ's Boat Club – along with two members of the X-Press Boat Club, completed a memorial row for Chris.

Debbie Lloyd



David Rolla Rouse (m. 1959)

David Rouse died on 18 November 2023 after suffering a period of ill health and dementia. From Cranbrook School he entered Christ's to read Law following in the footsteps of his brother Mike (m. 1957).

From the beginning he became an integral member of a group calling ourselves the Nineveh who gathered at the hallowed Bun Shop on more evenings than academically advisable. We thoroughly enjoyed life under the tolerant eye of the legendary Senior Tutor, Dr Pratt.

Several Nineveh found their future spouses during their Cambridge years and David was one, introducing to our admiring gaze a lovely Danish blonde au pair, Anne.

Cambridge over, we continued to meet regularly at a range of different venues at home and abroad, twice returning to Christ's and taking over the Mountbatten Room to celebrate memorably our silver and golden anniversaries. The latter occasion was probably the last we all attended but contacts continue to this day.

David went into the business world and throughout his varied enterprises he remained his cheerful, loyal self. Finally, he settled in Denmark where he and Anne raised their three splendid sons and rejoiced in their delightful grand- and great-grandchildren.

I was fortunate to be David's best man at his wedding in Copenhagen. After a wonderful day and a sumptuous dinner, we reprised our party piece: 'Let the Grass Grow under your Feet' from the show *Free As Air*.

Free we were indeed in those golden days.

Steve Benson (m. 1959)

David Kenneth Sharp (m. 1959)

David was born on 23 January 1938 and attended Bolton School from 1949. Amongst many activities he was involved with there, he was a prominent member of the School Scout Troup, in his last year becoming Troop Leader; he assisted with the Boy Scouts into his later life.

After National Service, David came up to Christ's to read Chemical Engineering. While here he attended meetings of the Chemical Society and played tennis, squash and hockey. For a number of years, he was President of Cambridge Old Boltonians.

His first job on leaving Cambridge was as a chemical engineer with the Shell Chemical Company at Carrington. He subsequently worked and trained with IBM. David died on 18 November 2023, aged 85.

Guy Marsden Wareing (m. 1959)

Guy was born in Wigan on 27 May 1940 and was educated at Rydal Penrhos School in Colwyn Bay before coming to Christ's in 1959, where he read English. He became a member of the Footlights developing a talent for amateur dramatics which endured.

On leaving Christ's, he took employment in the oil industry in North America. It was here he met Lucile who became his wife. On returning to England, they lived first in London and subsequently in Cheltenham where he continued work with Gulf Oil and developed a reputation for generous entertaining and, in particular, barbecued legs of lamb.

Guy became a distinguished member of the Gloucestershire Bench where his love of drama was put to good use. He and Lucile had two sons William and Edward whom he took to Scotland for many fishing holidays – a sport he greatly enjoyed.

On his retirement from Gulf the family moved to Burford where he pursued his interests in drama poetry and books before suffering from ill health which led to his death on 19th December 2023. He is well remembered.

David Simpson (m. 1958)

Robin Humphrey Williams (m. 1959)

Robin was a second generation student at Christ's, with his father Frank Leslie Williams coming before him, and his daughter Lucy Ann Williams following him. Robin was born in what is now Malaya and sadly his father died in a prisoner of war camp. His mother never remarried but Robin did have a younger sister. He worked as a probate lawyer all his life and continued to work until near his death at 80 years of age. Sadly, he died on 24 October 2023, having suffered from a variety of conditions and then lastly a nasty fall. He enjoyed his time at Christ's and remained good friends with some of his contemporaries who attended his wake. He was married for just over 51 years to Barbara and had four children (one having died as a baby), all of whom miss him very much.

Barbara Williams

Beverley Alfred Dovey (m. 1960)

Bev was born in the Forest of Dean on 24 October 1938. Prior to coming to Cambridge, he studied for a BSc at the University of Leeds, where he also played club rugby for Roundhay and county rugby for Yorkshire, the first of four counties he represented during his playing career. He came up to Christ's in 1960 to obtain his certificate in Education, also representing the winning Cambridge team in the 1960 Varsity match, winning his Blue.

After Cambridge, he taught biology at Merchant Taylor's School in Hertfordshire. He joined Rosslyn Park FC, captaining them for the 1963–64 season, and it was during his time at Rosslyn Park that he won his two England caps. He made his debut against Wales in Cardiff in January 1963, and then the following match, a draw with Ireland at Lansdowne Road. Bev joined Bristol Bears at the start of the 1965–66 season when he moved to Bristol to take up a teaching position at Withywood Comprehensive School. He was Bristol's Vice-Captain in 1967–68 and in total made 184 first team appearances, scoring seven tries. He died on 12 January 2024, aged 85.

Edward Joseph Magner (m. 1960)

Edward was born on 15 June 1929 in Gardner, Massachusetts, and came up to Christ's in 1960 after spells at the University of Notre Dame and Emory Law School, but discontinued his studies.

After leaving Cambridge, he was a member of the Cobb County Bar Association, in private practice for 50 years in Marietta. He served as secretary of the Cobb County Democratic Party and was a long-time active member of St Joseph's Catholic Church, serving on many ministries including. He died on 2 October 2023, aged 94.

James Anthony (Tony) Chapman (m. 1961)

Tony was born on 10 August 1943. He came up to Christ's in 1961 to read medicine, obtaining his BA in 1964, BChir in 1967 and MB in 1968. After leaving Cambridge he went on to become an orthopaedic surgeon in the NHS. He was husband to Patsy, father to Tom and Iain, and grandfather to William and Cara. He died on 23 August 2022, aged 79.

Kevin Coupland (m. 1961)

Kevin was born 11 June 1943 in Hammersmith, London. He came up to Christ's in 1961 to read Law, taking his BA in 1964, and whilst at Christ's was a member of the Lacrosse Team.

After leaving Cambridge, he was appointed Lecturer at Slough College, where he stayed until 1966. He then took a role as a general lawyer in the Company Secretary's Department at Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI). In 1969 he was seconded to the Department of the Secretary and Legal Adviser to ICI Europe and moved to Brussels. He was promoted to Assistant Secretary in 1971, then Secretary and Legal Adviser in 1974. He was formally called to the Bar in 1985 and retired from ICI the following year.

He joined Misick and Stanbrook lawyers in 1989, moving to Turks and Caicos, and being admitted to the Bar there in 1990. He was a partner in the firm, working as a senior commercial lawyer until retirement in 2005. He died 10 December 2022, aged 79.

Gerald Anthony Creasey (m. 1961)

Gerald was born in Leeds on 24 May 1934. He studied for a degree in History at Durham University, and in 1955 joined the Venerable English College in Rome to undertake studies for the priesthood, studying philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Rome in October 1961. He came up to Christ's in 1961 to study for a Certificate in Education.

After Cambridge, he joined St Thomas Aquinas Grammar School for Boys in Leeds, staying there until 1979, and during which time he also served as assistant priest at St Paul's, Alwoodley (1963–68), St Mary's, Horsforth (1968) and St Edward's, Clifford (1969–79).

In 1979 he was appointed parish Priest of St Paul's, Cleckheaton, remaining there until 1988 when he moved to St Francis of Assisi, Morley. Two years later he became Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker at Sherburn-in-Elmet, and then in 1992 he went to live at St Patrick's, Leeds, assisting in the parish while serving as Chaplain to St James's University Hospital. In 2000 he moved to St Michael's, Knottingley as Parish Priest and in 2002 he became the Chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents of Mount St Joseph's Home in Headingley, retiring in 2009. He died on 19 January 2023, aged 88.

Peter Jarvis (m. 1961)

Peter was born in Bolton on 1 July 1941, and came up in 1961 to read Geography, obtaining his BA in 1964. Whilst here, he represented the College at Cricket and Football, winning three Blues in victorious matches against Oxford at Wembley Stadium, and captaining the side in his final year.

He joined Unilever, where he was part of the team that invented Captain Birdseye as well as building the Brewer's Fayre and Beefeater brands. He moved to Whitbread in 1976, rising to Chief Executive in 1990 and remaining there until 1996. He held numerous directorships, with Rank Group, Barclays Bank and the former high-street clothing retailer Burton Group, and when Burton demerged the Debenhams department store chain in 1998, he stepped up as chairman.

Jarvis was a member of the Brewers' Society (now the British Beer and Pub Association), a fellow of the IGD (formerly the Institute of Grocery Distribution) and also spent eight years as a governor of his *alma mater*, Bolton School. He was appointed CBE in 1995 for services to the brewing and catering industries. He died on 18 April 2024, aged 82.

Leslie McMorris (m. 1961)

Leslie was born on 11 July 1941, and came up to Christ's in 1961 to read Mechanical Sciences, taking his BA in 1964. Whilst here, he represented the College at rugby, cricket, and rowing. He also played Rugby as a number 8 for Yorkshire, Selby, and York Unicorns. He died on 9 March 2023, aged 81.

John Horatio (Horace) Mitchell (m. 1961)

Horace was born on 5 October 1940. Educated at Merchant Taylors' School in Crosby, he joined the Army and came up to Christ's in 1961 to read Mechanical Sciences but discontinued his studies. He was very active in the extracurricular life of Christ's, being involved with the Christian Minstrels, Drama Society, Milton

Society, Christ's Amateur Dramatics Society, the Tiddlywinks Club, Squash Club, Rugby Club and Boat Club.

After leaving Cambridge, he continued to serve in the British Army until 1970, when he joined IBM. In the early 1980s he ran a software house and was the Director of the UK IT Trade Association. From 2004 he served as a Councillor for the Highclere and Bourne ward of Basingstoke and Deane, and also served as a licensed Minister in the North Hampshire Benefice from 2005 onwards. He died on 25 October 2023, aged 83.

Oliver William Everett (m. 1962)

Oliver was born in Brentwood on 28 February 1943, and came up to Christ's in 1962 to read History and Natural Sciences, obtaining his BA in 1965. Whilst here, he played Hockey and Squash for the College.

He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1967, serving as First Secretary in New Delhi from 1969 to 1973, in the news department at the Foreign Office in London and later as Head of Chancery in Madrid from 1980–81, and in between, serving as Assistant Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales from 1978 to 1980.

He was recalled from the diplomatic service in 1981 to serve as Private Secretary to the Princess of Wales, though after an allegedly fractious relationship, in 1983 he was appointed as deputy to Sir Robin Mackworth-Young at the Royal Library, succeeding him when he retired in 1985. He served as Librarian of Windsor Castle and Assistant Keeper of The Queen's Archives between 1985–2002 and was appointed Librarian Emeritus upon his retirement. He was appointed LVO in 1980 and advanced to CVO in 1991. He died on 22 December 2023, aged 80.

Adrian Richard Tibbitts (m. 1962)

Adrian was born on 26 August 1944, grew up in Wales where his father was a lecturer, and was educated at Clifton College, Bristol prior to coming up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences. He pursued medical studies, going on to St Thomas's Hospital to complete his qualifications. He then studied law at the Middle Temple and was called to the Bar, but opted to follow a medical career, and became a General Practitioner. Adrian died on 19 August 2023, aged 78.



Michael Laurence Taylor (m. 1963)

Michael Taylor died on St Cecilia's Day, 22 November 2023. From childhood onwards he was involved with music, and especially church music. While a chorister at St Matthew's Church, Northampton, he studied the organ with John Bertalot. He founded his first choir in his mid-teens. After Northampton Grammar School he spent a year at the Royal School of Church Music.

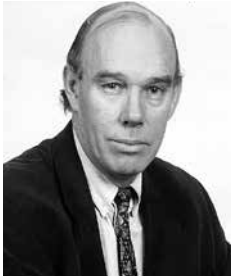
Awarded an organ scholarship at Christ's (1963–66), Michael flourished musically and formed long-lasting friendships. The ministry then beckoned. He trained at Cuddesdon and served his curacy at Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. By now he was married to Rosemary Irvine, whom he met while she was at Newnham; they had four children. Sadly, Rosemary died of motor neurone disease, aged 59.

After Bristol, Michael was Assistant Chaplain at Wellington College and subsequently held benefices in the dioceses of Bristol and of Bath and Wells.

He left the ministry to specialise in mental health care, gaining experience at the Richmond Fellowship. Later he set up an NHS advocacy service, running it for ten years. In his sixties he trained as a psychotherapist and established his own practice.

In April 2023 his cancer was declared terminal. Despite deteriorating health he continued his normal activities, seeing his psychotherapy clients, flying to Italy to see old friends, and a few weeks before he died, taking a rehearsal of the choir he had formed in the Wells area. His funeral was held at Wells Cathedral. Numerous tributes from friends in many countries testify that, in his various roles, he enhanced many people's lives.

David Holton (brother-in-law)



Anthony (Tony) Philip Thirlwall (1963)

Tony was born on 21 April 1941, in Cockermouth. He attended Harrow Weald County Grammar School, then went on to receive a BA in Economics from the University of Leeds in 1962 and an MA from Clark University, Massachusetts in 1963. He came up to Christ's in 1963 to begin work on his PhD, discontinuing in 1964 to return to Leeds as an Assistant Lecturer, and being awarded his PhD there in 1967.

In 1966 he moved to the University of Kent as a Lecturer, moving through the positions of Senior Lecturer, then Reader, before being made Professor of Applied Economics in 1976, where he stayed until retiring in 2004, though he continued to be academically active until 2021. Tony was one of the most prolific economists of his generation. He researched in many different areas of economics and wrote several books, but his overwhelming interest was the role of economics in understanding poverty in poor countries and the most efficient ways of alleviating it. In a famous paper in 1979 he established a relationship, which has come to be known as Thirlwall's Law, that the long run of a country can be approximated by the ratio of the growth of exports and the income elasticity of demand for imports. His best selling book, *Economics of Development: Theory and Evidence* is now in its tenth edition, the latest of which was co-authored with his wife, Penélope Pacheco-López.

He was an accomplished athlete and ran for Cambridge in the Oxford-Cambridge cross country race in 1963. He took up running again in his early forties and represented Britain in the 400 and 800 metres in the European Veterans championships in Strasbourg in 1982. In his later years, tennis was his passion.

Tony died on 8 November 2023, and is survived by Penélope, their son, Oliver, by Lawrence and Alexandra, children from his previous marriage, and by four grandchildren, Ben, Sam, Lorenzo and Sienna.

Penélope Pacheco-López

Robert Douglas Eastcott (m. 1964)

Robert was born on 3 August 1945. He came up to Christ's in 1964 to read Classics, taking his BA in 1967. Whilst here he was involved with both the sailing club and the Cambridge Union Society. He died on 25 September 2023, aged 78. He is survived by his wife Eileen and daughters Margaret and Elizabeth.

Paul Francis Hugo Holt (m. 1964)

Paul Holt died at home in Old Lyme, Connecticut, on 18 June 2024 at age 78. He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Linda; daughters Nicki and Melissa, and son Andrew. He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School in London before coming to Christ's where he received his BA in History.

From Cambridge, he began a career in commercial banking at Citibank, Intermarine, and Marine Midland Bank in London and then New York, where he remained. From Marine Midland, he became a partner at consultancy Greenwich Associates, and then went on to found Windsor Partners and ultimately, Cambridge International Partners, an M&A advisory partnership, from which he retired in 2011.

He loved travel, visiting every inhabited continent many times. He was a great lover of the arts: painting, sculpture, architecture, jazz, chamber music, opera, and the theatre, serving as a trustee of the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. He was a prolific reader of history and prepared to hold court on any topic; right, wrong, or flagrantly invented, his view was presented with a conviction that usually forestalled argument. He was an equally dedicated compiler of histories: of his family, of the town of Old Lyme, and his beloved Black Hall Golf Club.

He enjoyed a tremendous circle of close friends whose company invigorated him – always too many captains for one dinner table, and too few hours. He adored his family, each and every one, and was not afraid to show it. He made a great project of bringing the extended family together for Thanksgivings, a tradition that will continue this year. He will, above all, be profoundly missed.

The Holt family

Peter O'Neill (m. 1964)

Peter was born in Stockport on 29 April 1939. He was educated at St Joseph's in Stockport, and then St Bede's College in Manchester, before moving to Ushaw College in Durham for priesthood training, being ordained in 1964. In the same year, he came up to Christ's to read Classics, taking his BA in 1967. Whilst at Christ's he played football, captaining the team in 1967.

After leaving Cambridge he returned to Ushaw College as a member of teaching staff, staying there until 1972 when he moved to Upholland College, becoming Headmaster in 1974 and remaining there for the next ten years. In 1984 he was appointed Chairman of the Diocesan Schools Commission where he served until 1998.

In 1987, Peter was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese (where he remained until 2000) and as Parish Priest of Holy Name, Birkenhead (until 1996). He received the title 'Prelate of Honour' from Pope John Paul II and was appointed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Peter later served as Priest of Saint Luke's, Frodsham, from 1996 to 2014 when he entered retirement. He died on 19 November 2022, aged 83.

Richard (Dick) Joseph Saw (m. 1964)

Dick was born in Chalgrove, Oxfordshire, on 12 December 1946. He excelled at school, obtaining a scholarship to Christ's. After passing his entrance exams he worked in the East End with homeless veterans for the Leonard Cheshire Trust on a grant, helping with provision of meals and support for those returned injured from the wars.

During his three years at Christ's, he enjoyed his time as a natural scientist, rugby and hockey player, beer drinker, and scholar. He met Andrea (Andy) in his final year when she came down from Bradford to study at the Cambridge College of Arts and Technology.

Dick started work with Rolls-Royce in Derby, and other key career moves were to Anglian Water and, from 1982, Cranfield University where he had responsibility for teaching and research on logistics systems and supply chain management. He had a successful career, but his family and other interests were very important to him.

As a student and afterwards he developed his love of the mountains, travelling regularly to North Wales and the Alps. He never lost his love of wild places and visited all seven continents and over 100 countries, including trips to support aid work across Africa, in Pakistan, and helping his students support many good causes.

He had always enjoyed cycling, travelling widely in Great Britain and Europe from his early teens. He remained a member of the Oxonians Cycling Club and was a long-term member of St Neots Cycling Club.

Dick was very involved in his local community, running the youth club, introducing large groups of teenagers to outdoor pursuits such as canoeing, sailing and walking. He was a member of the Parish Council, village hall committee, was a regular churchgoer, treasurer of the Church Council, and bellringer, amongst many other activities.

He died on 6 January 2024, aged 77, and is survived by his wife Andy, sons Tom (m. 1992) and Ben, and their families.

Bikash Chandra Sinha (m. 1964)

Bikash was a much loved figure at Christ's and quickly gained many friends. He arrived in 1964 from Presidency College Kolkata with a degree in Physics, to read Natural Sciences at Christ's, gaining his BA in 1967, before moving to King's College London for his PhD in 1970 and DSc in 1980.

On returning to India in the mid-80s he worked at the Bhaba Atomic Energy Research Centre in Mumbai and then returned to Kolkata where he became Director of the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC) and also Director of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP).

During his professional career he was appointment (twice) as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister and Government of India and received the Padma Sri in 2001 and the Padma Bhushan in 2010 – two of the top awards made by the Government. He was a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, the National Academy of Sciences and the Indian Academy of Sciences and later, was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in the UK.

During his time at Christ's, he had returned to India and married Debjani – also a graduate of Presidency College – whom he brought to England. Their daughter Tanya was born in England and their son Amartya after their return to India.

My abiding memory of Bikash is sitting at his desk at home in Kolkata prior to departing for dinner in his Government of India chauffeured car, flags flying on the bonnet clearing the way for this favoured son who had done so much to enhance India's position in the scientific community.

Many will be saddened by the loss of an outstanding scientist and those of us, like me, who knew him well, mourn the passing of a good friend.

Philip Parker (m. 1964)

**Dennis Smith** (m. 1964)

My father, Dennis Smith, who has died aged 78, was an Emeritus Professor in Sociology at Loughborough University whose books included *Conflict and Compromise* (1982), *Norbert Elias and Modern Social Theory* (2001), and *Globalization: The Hidden Agenda* (2006).

His final book, *Civilized Rebels* (2018), is an analysis of Oscar Wilde, Jean Améry, Nelson Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi and their time spent behind bars. He framed this against the backdrop of The British Empire, Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, and explored how the dynamics of humiliation enter politics, relationships and war.

Dennis was the editor of *Current Sociology* magazine from 2002–10 and spent some time as Vice-president of the European Sociological Association.

Born in 1945 in Nottingham, Dennis was one of the state grammar school pupils whose fresh perspectives did so much to shake up academia in the postwar years. Arriving with a Trevelyan Scholarship to read Modern History at Christ's in 1964, he studied under the irascible tutelage of Jack Plumb.

After Christ's he went to LSE for a Masters in Sociology and then to Leicester University where he took up a lecturing post, joining just as the department there was emerging as an influential leader in its field. He gained a PhD in 1980 and went to Aston University, initially as a Senior Lecturer then as a Reader before moving in 1999 to Loughborough University as Professor of Sociology, remaining there until his retirement in 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Tanya (née White), whom he married in 1967, their children, Pen, Sue, and me, nine grandchildren, and his younger siblings, Ted and Ann.

Ed Smith

John Hugh William Steedman (m. 1964)

John came up to the College from Bedford School with an English Electric scholarship to read Mechanical Sciences. Whereas all the rest of the family studied modern languages, John always maintained that his own interest in engineering began with his childhood Meccano set. While at Christ's, John threw himself into the social life, forming friendships which he maintained for the rest of his life. He was also very involved with the Boat Club and the contemporary craze for tiddlywinks.

Following seven years in computing, John went on to complete a Master of Science degree at Sloan School of Management, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After 26 years working for Citibank in Amsterdam, New York and London he retired in 2001 to start his own business working from home as an independent trainer specialising in Credit Risk, Credit Analysis and Financial Analysis for Corporate bankers.

John had a 1945 MG bought in Cambridge in 1966 for £150, which he restored and rebuilt three times, and for a time he was Treasurer of the MG Car Club T Register Committee. He relished village life at home in Hampshire and served as Chairman of his local Residents' Association.

John married Sarah Dalton in 1977, and they were a devoted couple. They had three children: Ben, Toby and Hannah; and four grandchildren: Oli, Georgina, Zadie and Frida. He died on 4 July 2024 after a long illness, aged 78.

Hugh Pratt (m. 1965)

Hugh was born on 11 October 1943 and attended the University of Nottingham, obtaining his BA in Geography before coming up to Christ's in 1965 to study for a Diploma in Education. After leaving Cambridge he enjoyed a long career as a teacher, and also as a footballer. Having started by representing his Grammar School team, he continued this trend by playing for the University of Nottingham, then representing both College and University during his time in Cambridge, earning his Blue in the 1965 Varsity match.

He was a member of Corinthian Casuals for three seasons between 1963–66, making 71 appearances and scoring fifteen goals from midfield. Following a move in teaching positions, he left Corinthian Casuals in 1966 and joined Stevenage Town, then moving to Hitchin Town in 1968, where he made 301 appearances and scored twelve goals. He also enjoyed spells with Letchworth Garden City, and the San Diego Toros in the North American Soccer League. He died in March 2024, aged 80.

Peter Alexander Osborne (m. 1966)

To say that Pete was a four bin compost man does not sound like the compliment intended. He was an enthusiast. I well remember him showing me with pride the four bin system he operated and the dark, even, friable compost he produced, destined for the beautiful garden, designed and largely executed by his wife, Heather, which regular readers of this *Magazine* will know opens for charity under the National Gardens Scheme. I was delighted to discover, years later, on a visit under the auspices of the Cambridge U3A, that, concealed in a corner of the Fellows' Garden to which I had never ventured as an undergraduate, Christ's operates a similar system, though on a grander scale.

Pete's enthusiasms were many and varied, but the enthusiasm I most remember is his sketching. In later years Pete hardly went anywhere without a sketchbook in which he would diligently and artistically record the things that interested him.

After Christ's, Pete did an MSc at Birmingham University. This was followed by a successful career, initially in machine tools before moving to telecoms working for Northern Telecom and British Telecom. In 1975 he married Heather who survives him along with their two children, Richard and David.

Back in 1966–67 Pete and I, along with Douglas Case, another Christ's undergraduate who had been at school with Pete and who sadly died many years ago, wrote an acrostic sonnet as a put-down of a fellow student who had annoyed us. (Maybe students then were not as devoted to their studies as they are today.) Pete contributed the fifth line, "Universal constants waft aloft." I can still hear him say it. He has been a universal constant in my life since then, even responsible for introducing me to my wife. I shall miss him.

David Bradley (m. 1966)


Christopher Edward Charles Radbone (m. 1966)

Christopher Radbone, a long-time resident of Wimbledon, passed away peacefully at his Florida home on 1 July 2023, where his last days were enjoyed watching the Ashes and golf. His resolve and engaging smile never wavered. Chris is survived by his wife Nadine, and also his twin sons Edward and Charles, and was predeceased by his father, Edward Radbone OBE and mother, Lois.

Chris was born in Bombay and after his return to Denham, Buckinghamshire, was educated at Merchant Taylors' School. In 1966 he attended Christ's where he read Economics and was a keen member of the Marguerites. Chris also played golf for the CUGC Stymies team, of which he was Secretary and achieved a near scratch handicap. After graduation Chris founded three companies with his entrepreneurial business partners, including the launch of the first international marketplace loyalty program, Countdown, of which he was Managing Director until 1997. He considered himself fortunate to retire by the age of 50 and travel the world.

Chris was an avid golfer and Alpine skier, and he had a passion for theatre, all genre of music, travel, and sports. Golf was an integral part of Chris's sporting and social life. He was a member of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, Denham Golf Club (where he was raised and learned golf), Senior Golfers Society, Old Stymies, Christ's College Satchel Club, The Oxford and Cambridge Club, and The Marylebone Cricket Club, all through which he fostered hundreds of long-standing friendships around the globe which continued for his lifetime. Chris will always be remembered for his warmth, humility, sense of humour, audible laugh, and exuberant bonhomie.

Nadine Radbone


David Philip Robinson (Robbo) (m. 1966)

Robbo was born on 30 December 1947 at the Royal Infirmary in Liverpool where his father worked as a doctor and his mother had been training as a nurse. He started school in the Wirral (where he lived all his life) firstly at Pershore House, then Kingsmead, and at thirteen to Rydal in Colwyn Bay – following in his father's footsteps. His love of sailing probably started during school summer holidays in Abersoch and in 1960 he joined West Kirby Sailing Club and remained an active member until his untimely death in July 2023.

In 1979 he married Jane Gittins and they were divorced some years later. In 1996 he married Lizzie, a teacher; they lived in West Kirkby, and thus started a wonderful life together.

Robbo came up to Christ's in October 1966 to read Engineering with an Atomic Energy Scholarship. He enjoyed rugby and was soon playing for the College 2nds and joined the 5th Rugby boat for the summer Bumps in his first two years. His main sport though was sailing and having joined the University Sailing Club before he came up, he was allowed to have a car. With his scholarship funds he was able to buy an MGB and having linked up with Gordon Beer, David Banford and Peter Broadbent there were many Sundays when the four of them piled into the "B" with

the roof down and went off to The Plough at Fen Ditton for sausage sandwiches and a few pints.

On leaving Cambridge, Robbo worked for the Atomic Energy Authority, then to Ocel (now Innospec) in the engineering department at Ellesmore Port. Then a stint with Baileys who made instrumentation panels and finally to Metal Improvement Company as a Project Manager. He retired in 2010.

Throughout his post-College life Robbo was, for over 50 years, a member of the Christ's Satchel Club, meeting annually with thirteen others for two nights of fun in a pub.

Lizzie Robinson and Gordon Beer (m. 1966)

Michael Robert Woodfield (m. 1966)

Michael was born on 25 June 1947 in Norwich, the only child of Dorothy and The Revd Robert Woodfield (m. 1932). He attended St John's School in Leatherhead as a boarder from the ages of seven to eighteen, and studied Medical Sciences at Christ's.

He practised as a junior doctor at The London Hospital in Whitechapel (now the Royal London) and was proud to have delivered about 50 babies in his time there. However, medicine was not for him, feeling sensitive to the suffering of the patients he encountered.

He switched careers, retraining in computer programming, and got a job at Ravensbourne Registration where he remained for many years. He met his wife, Helen, while he worked there as she was in an office two floors down working for the National Trust. Over the years they hosted hundreds of language students from all over the world through King's Language School.

Michael had a deep faith which guided him through his life and was a loyal member of the churches he worshipped at: first St Michael and All Angels, later St George's, Beckenham. He served as a church warden, a member and chair of several committees, and a lay member of the Church Synod. He was a listener, a voice of calm, and a peacemaker. As a member of St George's Players he had been in 42 productions, playing parts as varied as Jesus, Judas, Saul, the Lord Chamberlain and Ben Gunn.

Knowledgeable, erudite, and well-travelled, he was an excellent pub quiz team captain. Those who knew him described him as kind, generous, dedicated, fun, and supportive. Michael died on 14 December 2022, aged 75.



Anthony (Tony) James Petyt (m. 1967)

Tony was born on 7 November 1947 and came up to Christ's to read Economics, later changing to Land Economy. He was an active sportsman, playing rugby (1st XV all three years), squash and cricket, and he was also a member of the Film Society. He became a teacher in the London Borough of Newnham. He died on 7 June 2023, aged 75.

Michael Harvey Baverstock Jones (m. 1968)

Michael Jones came to Christ's the year after I did; I knew him well for a couple of decades after graduation, meeting in London where he lived, and one memorable holiday in Italy. Whilst never completely out of touch I hadn't seen him for many

years when the shock news of his death arrived. Michael studied Moral Sciences (as Philosophy was known then) and brought great humour to his studies and to the Humanities generally. He was especially interested in Wittgenstein and rather laughed to scorn the French school of philosophers who came to dominate academic studies in the 1980s – always a solace to me, struggling as I was to understand that French ‘turn’ during my teaching years.

Michael came from Merthyr Tydfil, was at grammar school there and later at Fareham. He worked in advertising for a while, then the Conservative Party Research Department before the BBC World Service and Channel Four, from 1982. In those roles he mixed with the mighty and the notorious, did groundbreaking work in launching new kinds of programmes (including Channel Four’s alternative Christmas Message), gave a ‘first break’ to many celebrities, and came up with catchphrases which launched a thousand products. He later lived at Monclau, in Gascony, helping to run a friend’s hotel and fulfilling professionally his reputation for fine food and wine. Friends and family recall that he travelled lightly with a toothbrush and a hamper full of good food for his companions. His last years were spent in Devon, near his sister, where he revived his skills as a painter and had an exhibition in London in 2018. We will all miss his good looks, warmth and imagination.

Maurice Howard (m. 1967)

Philip David Rhodes Williams (m. 1969)

Phil came up to Christ’s in 1969 to follow the family tradition in medicine, his mother and father being well-known GPs in South Wales. They were very much a sporting family: Phil’s parents of renowned reputation in rugby and tennis circles, his elder brother was the late JPR Williams, and younger brothers Chris and Michael also of the same ilk. Phil was a talented sportsman. His own rugby aspirations were cut short by a subdural haematoma which struck him down on the pitch when, as a sixteen-year-old, he had made the Grammar School side. Medical advice was that contact sport would no longer be possible. Instead, following another family tradition he managed (one sensed, without really trying) a county standard on the tennis court, representing the University in 1972.

A proud Marguerite, he represented the College at tennis, soccer, cricket, squash, and athletics. Then, in his third year, in defiance of medical advice, he returned to the rugby field for the Christ’s second XV in a second tier Cuppers competition. At that time, it was several years since he had played the game, but it was obvious to anyone watching how much innate talent he possessed. He would later pull his boots on again for St Mary’s Hospital... and break his leg!

After qualifying as a doctor, he became a much-respected GP, joining the large family medical practice in which, partnered by two of his brothers and sister-in-law, he continued until retirement.

He and his wife, Sue, spent a great deal of their retirement away from their house in rural South Wales, enjoying pleasures of their property in Spain. Overall, he had enjoyed better than average health before falling ill on a cruise liner about fifteen months ago and undergoing consequent emergency cardiac surgery. In view of an apparently gradual recovery, his sudden death on 12 August came as a shock to all and we extend our fullest condolences to Sue, their children David, Sarah and Samantha, and the rest of the family.

Steve Whitehead (m. 1969)



Richard Felski (m. 1970)

Richard Felski died on January 3 2024 at Valle Hebron Hospital in Barcelona after unexpected complications from surgery. He is survived by his sister Rita and his niece Maria. Richard grew up in Birmingham and attended King Edward's High School for Boys before reading Modern Languages at Christ's from 1970–73. He worked at the British Council in Barcelona for many years; a gifted and popular ESL teacher, he often forged long-lasting friendships with his students

after they graduated. He also served as the head coordinator for Cambridge English exams and was widely known and respected for his exceptional competence and scrupulous fairness.

Richard travelled widely and frequently and was remarkably talented in terms of his linguistic abilities (he spoke seven languages fluently). He also had an encyclopaedic knowledge of classical music and modernist architecture, as well as the history of train engines and obscure bus routes. He was loved above all for his cheerfulness and good spirits: his distinctive gales of laughter, his beaming face, and how his voice would bellow jovially through a room. His many friends in the local community came together in Barcelona to celebrate his life on 2 March 2024, along with old friends from Cambridge and other parts of the UK as well as relatives from Poland; there was much laughter and drinking of beer, as he would have wished. As one of his friends remarked, he was a fabulous friend and a kind man who defied convention and categorization. Richard had a rich life that he lived to the full; he will be greatly missed.

Rita Felski

Robert David Bell (m. 1971)

Rob took History at Christs and went on to become an archaeologist. He cut his teeth at Wharram Percy and Barton on Humber (St Peter's). Most of his working life was spent in and around Bath. He led the excavations for the Bath Archaeological Trust uncovering Roman pavements, burials, shrines and a villa. He also worked on eighteenth century gardens at the Circus in Bath, as well as Painswick and Stanway in the Cotswolds.

Rob will be best remembered for his work at Acton Court, where he spent three years (1985–88) working with a large team of archaeologists to unravel the history of the house. The result of the work was the excellent *Acton Court: The Evolution of an Early Tudor Courtier's House*, which he co-wrote with buildings historian Kirsty Rodwell. He is also reputed to be the person who correctly identified that the Lichfield Angel was Saxon and not thirteenth century.

Rob was a keen bellringer and his funeral at St Mary's in Tetbury was preceded by a quarter peal. He was much loved by all who knew him. Rob was known for always having a book in one hand and a cigarette or trowel in the other. He wore his learning lightly. RIP.

Robert Pritchard

Stephen (Steve) James Frederick May (m. 1972)

Steve was born on 25 May 1953 and came up to Christ's in 1972 to read English, taking his BA in 1975. After leaving Cambridge, Steve worked as a freelance author

and musician for around twenty years, before joining Bath Spa University as a Lecturer, eventually becoming a Professor in the Creative Writing Department and serving as Dean of the School of Humanities and Creative Industries.

He was Chair of the National Association of Writers in Education, and also represented Bath Spa University on REF2021 as a member of the English Language and Literature panel. He wrote around 30 plays for BBC Radio 3 and 4, including most recently, his radio drama series *Higher*, penned under the pseudonym Joyce Bryant. Steve was a leading figure in the national development of creative writing as a degree-level subject and was highly regarded by the National Association for Writers in Education (NAWE). He died in June 2023, aged 70.

Al Byars Wesolowsky (m. 1973)

Al was born on 15 October 1946 in Dallas, Texas and spent his high school years living with his parents in Turkey. His love of history and learning blossomed there, and in 1961 he met an archaeologist working at the site of Gordion and became fascinated with field work.

He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin and then came to Christ's to pursue graduate studies in Archaeology, also conducting archaeological research in Texas, Serbia, and Greece.

His field work focussed on burial customs at sites in the Balkans and the lower Mississippi Valley region of the United States. His expertise regarding human skeletal remains led to him being called upon to assist in police investigations, and as an advisor for television documentaries. He also helped to create museum exhibits recreating ancient burial sites.

For over three decades he was Managing Editor of the *Journal of Field Archaeology* at Boston University, and he was passionate about language, clear prose, graphic arts, type design, and publishing. He helped to educate generations of archaeologists in illustration design.

Al retired to Vermont and attended the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, graduating with a Master of Fine Arts degree in 2009. He drew upon his experiences as a world traveller and field archaeologist to create comic books chronicling his personal stories for a broader audience. He was also working on his autobiography and studying font creation and design: he was a lifelong learner, endlessly curious, and a great storyteller. He died in Hartford, Connecticut on 1 February 2024, aged 77.



John Gerard Corrigan (m. 1974)

John left Cambridge and joined the British Army on a Short Service Commission and after time at Sandhurst, joined the Parachute Regiment, 3rd Battalion. He spent time in both Northern Ireland and Osnabruck, West Germany, leaving the army shortly before the outbreak of the Falklands conflict in 1982 at the rank of Captain.

He joined Schlumberger as a wire line Engineer, was posted to South America and lived in both Colombia and Venezuela. It was in Colombia where John met his wife, Amparo. John left Schlumberger to undertake an MBA at INSEAD, Paris, before joining a management consultancy company. After a few years, he joined the Ocean Group as Strategic

Director. During this time John and Amparo brought three children into the world: Lina Maria, Laura and Duncan.

In 1996, they moved to Sydney, Australia and John started work for a construction materials company as Strategic Director, before moving to a new position as Managing Director of Dames and Moore. He eventually took the role of CEO of a new innovative water company with the aim of bringing a new system to market. During this time John was particularly interested in helping to improve the education outcomes for children in mainstream schools in Australia. John was extremely well-read and using his growing experience in education he developed and initiated programmes for teachers to help them relate to their students in a way that lead to better learning. John operated in this field from a new base in Melbourne, working with many schools in the state of Victoria. John also worked as a personal coach and was still developing his business until his diagnosis for Glioblastoma in 2023. John published several books on the many subjects enveloping education he so passionately believed in. John and Amparo divorced in 2012 and John married Maryse in 2014. John is survived by his three children and two grandchildren, two stepchildren, and Maryse who all still live in Australia.

Tim Corrigan



Andrew Derrick Vidler (m. 1974)

A former pupil of Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, Andrew arrived at Christ's in 1974 having won an exhibition to read law. Although he enjoyed his studies, the Boat Club was his main passion and despite having no prior experience, his talent and determination soon cemented his position as regular and popular cox for the first eight.

Within weeks of graduating in 1977, he married his teenage sweetheart Vicky, and after a short time living and working in London they moved to Sheffield where they started a family: Laura, Jonathan, and Julia being born shortly after. Andrew's legal career flourished at Clegg & Sons where he became managing partner, then at Wake Smith. He specialised in private client matters and was well respected for his professionalism and integrity. He was also the Registrar for the Anglican Diocese of Sheffield for nine years, enjoying his encounters with the arcane intricacies of canon law, and a loyal warden at All Saints Church, Ecclesall.

His love of the water, born at Christ's, persisted throughout his life as he, Vicky, and their two dogs enjoyed many happy holidays on his boat, *Autumn Mist*, exploring the canals of England and Wales.

He retired two weeks prior to the COVID lockdown, and tragically his retirement was dramatically cut short by a diagnosis of cancer leading to his passing away on New Year's Eve 2023. He is very sadly missed by Vicky, his children, grandchildren, the wider family and all his friends.

Vicky Vidler

John Richard Gossage (m. 1975)

I was much saddened to learn of the death of John Gossage, in September 2023. Although he and I lost touch after graduation, my experience of Christ's was greatly enlivened by John, with whom I shared a flat in our second year.

John was always a striking presence. Above averagely tall, his style of dress was reminiscent of an earlier age – always a collar and tie – and his customary gait meant that he walked (he never used a bicycle) at great speed, with long strides, often accompanied by his lusty singing, or vocalised renditions of military marches. It is a mode of walking – minus the ‘music’ – that I have emulated ever since.

He was of a constantly cheery disposition and he readily resorted to laughter, always aware of the funny side of most things in life. The only way to detect his (very occasional) displeasure at some event or circumstance (never with people) was from a slight curling of the lip and monotone “hmmm” to distinguish this passing sentiment from his invariably upbeat temperament.

He was very interested in ‘historiography’ at a time when I could barely spell it, and he was particularly keen on R G Collingwood’s *The Idea of History*, the copy of which I still have, being purchased because of John’s recommendation. He was also enthusiastic about E F Schumacher’s *Small is Beautiful* and I am glad to learn that John was able to devote some of his later years to practising those ideas that he and I would debate, along with anyone else who would stop for long enough to join in.

As I write this I am at once delighted to recall my once-close relationship with John, whilst regretting that I let that contact lapse. Rest in peace, my friend.

Michael Seymour (m. 1975)



Aral Brahim Okay (m. 1976)

Aral Okay died suddenly on 12 November 2023. He was Turkey’s leading field geologist and a much-loved teacher at Istanbul Technical University (ITU) until his recent retirement. His father was a geologist, and he came to Christ’s as a postgraduate after obtaining a first-class BSc in geology from University College London in 1976. He gained his PhD in 1980 for studying blueschists, metamorphic rocks that crystallised under high pressures at low temperatures, in northwest Turkey. Between 1980 and 1983, he worked as a geologist at the Mineral Research and Exploration Institute in Ankara, and joined the ITU Department of Geological Engineering, Faculty of Mining in 1983. Metamorphism remained among his research interests for the rest of his life, and he pioneered the study of ultra-high pressure metamorphic rocks. He emphasised the importance of detailed study on the ground for understanding regional tectonics, and one of his last publications urged the value of field research for all earth scientists. Turkey provided him with plenty of opportunities to pursue his varied interests, but he ranged wider, studying regional geology and tectonics across Europe and Asia, from the Scottish Hebrides to eastern China. He organised a reunion of Turkish former UCL students in Istanbul and sent his friends a detailed account of the Turkish Gulenist revolt of 2016 that he observed at close quarters, when it received scant attention in foreign media. He leaves his widow, Nilgün, a geophysicist at ITU, and two adult daughters.

Roger Mason (m. 1960)



Araba Arba Kurankyiwa Taylor (m. 1979)

Araba was born in Cambridge on 18 July 1961 and attended Berkhamsted School for Girls. She later moved to Luton Sixth Form College, where she achieved As in English, History and French.

Her father, Kobina Taylor (m. 1944), read Medicine at Christ's and Araba followed in his footsteps, reading Law from 1979–82. This was partly due to her mother persuading him to vote for Christ's to become mixed a year earlier. As a result, Araba was the first black woman to study at the College: during her time she sang in the Choir and was a founding member of the Hippolytans, alongside playing for the University Women's Lacrosse team. This again correlated to her father, who played hockey and cricket for Christ's and was the first black President of the Marguerites.

After graduating, Araba joined Lincoln's Inn and where she held a Harmsworth Scholarship. She received her tenancy at Lincoln's Inn in 1987 and was the first black person at the specialist Chancery Bar.

Araba served as a Cambridge Union Trustee between 2018–23, becoming an honorary member shortly before she passed. Although she and many of her female peers faced difficulties at Cambridge, she generally remembered her time at Christ's fondly. She particularly enjoyed her time in the Choir and would regularly attend the alumni services.

Araba settled in Bedford in 2011, where her mother joined her in 2019 until she also passed away in October 2023. She has two surviving sons, James and Felix Asare (m. 2019), whom she adored.

Felix Asare (m. 2019)

Peter Harold Yarrow (m. 1979)

After Marlborough College, Peter studied History at Christ's, graduating in 1982, and then added an MBA from Cranfield Business School.

He embarked upon a career in investment management, first joining the WM Company, then moving to Fidelity Investments where, as Senior Investment Director, he was responsible for supporting its UK and multinational client base.

In 2007 he joined one of the leading growth management firms in the US, Turner Investment Partners, as Managing Director to establish a London-based team and grow the company's business in the UK, Continental Europe and the Middle East. After five years there he was hired by Threadneedle Investments as Client Relationship Director to focus on servicing the asset manager's largest insurance clients.

Despite his busy career, Peter kindly offered his professional expertise by serving on the College Investments Committee until stepping down in 2013, and he went on to be involved in an educational project in Vietnam.

Peter lived in his native Scotland but, having retired, spent some time in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and had plans to return there, but died suddenly on 26 August 2023, aged 63. His family describe him as being at peace at last having fought with depression for many years. He was a much-loved twin brother to Norman, brother-in-law to Carol, elder brother to David (their elder brother, Richard, having died some years ago), loving father to William, Kitty, and Lizzie, with their mother Sara, and beloved stepson of Joan.


Helen Mary Little (m. 1988)

Helen Little sadly died on 7 August 2023, after a long and sustained battle with leukaemia. She first joined Christ's in 1988 and always spoke with great fondness of the times she spent at Cambridge. Helen's relationship with the College did not end when she graduated; instead, she chose to extend it by becoming a proud member of the Fisher Society. Her time at university introduced her to the extraordinary world of architecture and helped her develop a love for its intricacies and methods. After graduating from Cambridge, Helen pursued a Master's in Architecture at the University of Brighton, where her research into the design of crematoria resulted in her being nominated for the RIBA Silver Medal.

Throughout her career as an architect, she undertook many projects and worked for two esteemed practices, Matthew Lloyd Architects and Levitt Bernstein. Her most notable project was the Prince's Foundation in Shoreditch whilst she was working at Matthew Lloyd Architects. In the latter stages of her career, she took great pride in lecturing at the Bartlett, UCL, and finally running her own company, designing and overseeing smaller-scale projects. Whilst studying at Cambridge, she participated in many societies and events, most notably being the first woman to join the Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps.

Helen always held a passion for travelling. One of the many countries she visited was Cyprus, which she fell in love with and where she ended up living while lecturing architecture students at the University of Lefke in Nicosia. Helen never wanted to live a life half-full, and her time, though cut short, was still filled with experiences enough for several lifetimes.

Ben Holland


Jennifer (Jenny) Louise Bloomfield (m. 2003)

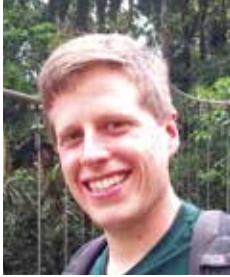
Jenny studied Geography at Christ's from 2003 to 2006. She was an active member of the Film Society and the women's football team. Jenny had long wanted to be teacher and after graduating she took a PGCE at Homerton College. She spent her career at Fairfields Primary School in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, where she was Key Stage 2 leader and an Assistant Headteacher.

Jenny had a deep love for teaching reading and was instrumental in reviving the school library, ensuring that it was a welcoming place for children to develop a love of books. After her death the school named it "The Jenny Bloomfield Library" as a permanent memorial. She developed an enthusiasm for training new teachers and was a school-based tutor and mentor to trainees, often establishing strong friendships and remaining in touch as their careers developed.

As a child and teenager Jenny had been a keen member of the Woodcraft Folk youth organisation. She went on to become one of the leaders of her local group and put into action her deep beliefs in equality, empowerment and development of young people, particularly those with difficulties, for whom she was always ready with support.

Jenny was taken ill just before Christmas 2002 and was diagnosed with colon cancer which had, fatally, spread to her liver. She spent the next weeks of her life in hospital and then the North London Hospice, with a diary crammed with visits from friends and colleagues. She died on 8 February 2023, aged 37.

Peter Bloomfield



Jonathan Ian McKenzie (m. 2008)

Jonny had a deep appreciation for the subtleties and beauty of his subject. He also had an unfortunate tendency to get sidetracked, with the only proof that he memorised for our first year exams being one we'd been explicitly told would not come up. His approach to revision improved through our time at Cambridge and he graduated with a First Class Masters in Astrophysics. He also made the most of the non-academic opportunities that Cambridge offered, laying many of the foundations for interests and passions that would follow him through his life such as cooking, pool and travelling.

After graduation, he worked as a mathematician for his whole career, first at a scientific consultancy and later in the public sector. He was held in high regard by his colleagues, who recognised his creativity and brilliance as well as his knack for explaining difficult concepts in an approachable way.

We had many happy years together settled in Cheltenham, and finally got around to getting married in March 2019. Jonny was kind and curious, positive and funny. He passed away on 12 August 2023 after a sudden decline following a long illness. He is sorely missed by his friends and family.

Sarah de Lacy (m. 2008)

We have heard of the deaths of the following members and hope to include their obituary in next year's *Magazine*. If you have any information that would help in the compilation of their obituaries, please contact us at alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk. We would also appreciate notification of any deaths being sent to the same address. Thank you.

- 1946 Lionel Peter Balfour-Lynn
- 1958 Andrew Mark Kerr
David Frank Kruger
- 1968 Keith Owen Rankin
- 1983 Michael Richard Lynch (*Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow*)



The Fellows' Building with hydrangeas

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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 period) 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.

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

Dining

Alumni are entitled to dine in College after a certain time has elapsed since their matriculation. Those who joined the College as undergraduates are entitled to dine after at least seven years have elapsed since their matriculation, while those who joined the College as postgraduates or exchange students are entitled to dine after at least three years have elapsed since matriculation.

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). 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. The first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring one adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement, at your own expense. The Catering Office can advise on the current cost. Please note that a maximum of six alumni 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 mealbookings@christs.cam.ac.uk and must be made before 2pm on the day before you wish to dine, or by 2pm 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 two 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). Please 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 by email to accommodation@christs.cam.ac.uk.

The College welcomes enquiries about dinners, meetings, and conferences. Please contact the Conference and Events Office (conference@christs.cam.ac.uk).

Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: <https://www.christscollegehospitality.co.uk>.

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Tulips in front of the Fellows' Building

