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Editorial

This year has seen the opening of the newly renovated Buttery, Bar and Café in Second Court, which have already proved very popular with the collegiate community. These social dining spaces have been particularly well received by College members grateful to have a welcoming and comfortable space, not only to eat and drink but to work, meet and celebrate as we emerge phoenix-like from the ashes of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find out more about these spaces in the College life section of the publication and read about how they have supported student life in the reports from the sports teams and societies.

This issue also includes reflections on portions of the College's history. In the Features section, you can read about how our alumni Mike Smith (1972) and Peter Stickland (1972) found life in College fifty years ago. This year also marks the centenaries of the Johnian Society and the Adams Society (mathematics). Johnian Society President Mark Wells (1981) delves into the history of the society and reveals some of the interesting topics that have been discussed at its events since its conception. Similarly, in the first of a new series of education reports, Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, Director of Studies for Mathematics, highlights some of the changes to the Mathematics syllabus over the years.

The topic of energy has also been pervasive this year, both inside and outside St John's.

In this issue you can read about the work of Professor Erwin Reisner and the researchers in his lab. Their work focuses on using solar energy to create sustainable fuels and chemicals. JCR Environmental and Charitable Affairs Officer Ben Herring (2021) rounds off the publication by exploring the College's 'green strategy' from a student perspective.

As always, we are very grateful to all the alumni, Fellows, students and staff who have contributed to this issue. If you are interested in submitting an article, or if you have an enquiry or feedback on the College's annual record, please email development@joh.cam.ac.uk or write to *The Eagle*, Development Office, St John's College, Cambridge CB2 1TP. 

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Message from the Master

A year ago, writing my introduction to *The Eagle*, the College was anticipating our return to sunlit uplands in the post-COVID era. This year's *Eagle* offers impressive evidence of our return to happier days, despite the challenges of seismic national and international events in the last twelve months. As ever, our focus is on academic excellence, fostering collegiality and stewardship.

Academic excellence and stewardship come together in our ambition to ensure that UK undergraduates from the least well-off backgrounds can study and live at St John's entirely debt free. It's a critically important dimension of our commitment to remove the barriers to academic fulfilment here. We are determined that the College's promise to provide free places is secured in perpetuity, and that's why our focus is on building a permanent endowment. So far, we have raised 40% of our £25 million target, giving us hope that by 2027 this mammoth undertaking will be secure.

Our current crop of undergraduates performed exceptionally well in 2022. We were delighted that the academic year ended with the College firmly in the top quartile of Tripos results, and with an impressive haul of top prizes in the University. Students achieving these results despite the pandemic challenges is truly something to celebrate. Our undergraduates continue to make the most of countless opportunities available here to expand their horizons intellectually and personally. They

are inspired and their studies illuminated by the research successes of our Fellows and postgraduate students.

Professor Jean Abraham, Professor of Precision Breast Cancer Medicine and clinician scientist, is without doubt a source of inspiration for many in St John's and beyond, and this year she was celebrated as one of the female change-makers across the University of Cambridge. It's particularly rewarding when our PhD students hit the headlines, as did Arlie McCarthy (2017) and Rishi Rajpopat (2017). Arlie identified the threat that marine life hitching a ride on ocean-crossing ships poses to Antarctica's pristine ecosystems, while a grammatical problem that has defeated Sanskrit scholars since the fifth century BC was finally solved by Rishi, revolutionising the study of Sanskrit at a time when interest in the language is at risk.

External recognition for our Fellows continues to flow, at all stages of their careers. Dr Vincent Fortuin, Research Fellow in Computer Science, was awarded Switzerland's most prestigious research award, the Branco Weiss, and another of our Fellows, Professor Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Professor of Celtic and Medieval Studies, was admitted as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Irish Academy (RIA), Ireland's leading body of experts in the sciences and humanities. Evolutionary biologist Professor Chris Jiggins FRS was elected a Fellow of The Royal Society for his work on the



importance of hybridisation and movement of genes between species in generating novel adaptations, including studies of the Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) for how species converge as a result of mimicry, a model for understanding the predictability of evolution and causes of speciation.

This is a mere morsel from the menu of research progress fostered by the College, but it gives a flavour of the exciting exchange of ideas to be encountered in our new Buttery, Bar and Café. Opened in January 2023, these spaces are breathtakingly beautiful and have been a spectacular success from day one, full of life

from 8am until late in the day. Who would have thought that we'd have barista coffee and delicious fresh croissants on offer in Second Court? Bringing this project to such a successful conclusion during and in the aftermath of the pandemic is rightly a source of great pride for everyone involved. Today's Buttery, Bar and Café are widely admired and wildly popular. If you haven't yet visited, you must.

There's been no shortage of successes to celebrate in these new spaces, in a vintage year for College sport and with our students representing the University in more sports than I can mention. From the Ultimate

Frisbee Team securing promotion to the first division, to an invincible Netball Team taking the Cuppers trophy, to undergraduate engineer Angus Harrington (2019) taking the national 800m crown in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) athletic championships, and equestrians Maaïke Hooijmeijer-Brown (2018) and Chloe Fairston (2016) winning the national BUCS champions as part of the Cambridge University Riding Club. LMBC continues to go from strength to strength. Medic William Tan (2019) captained the University's Amateur Boxing Club to victory in the 114th Varsity fixture, and Cambridge's clean sweep in the Boat Races was secured with the help of postgraduates Gemma King (2018; Blondie), Thomas Marsh (2020; Goldie) and Lightweight Men's President Harry Fieldhouse (2018). The Red Boys would be devastated if this introduction to *The Eagle* failed to record them winning the league, Cuppers and, quite remarkably, blades in the 2023 May Bumps. But perhaps nothing can beat the excitement of our SBR footballers' 7-0 victory to lift the MCR cup for the first time ever.

Music-making continues to flourish and delight across St John's, from the Jazz Society to the College orchestra. Andrew Nethsingha departed after an exceptional fourteen years as Director of Music to become Organist at Westminster Abbey, with just five months to prepare for the Coronation of HM King Charles III. In April we welcomed Christopher Gray as our new Director of Music, fresh from Truro Cathedral. Making another connection to

the Coronation, Chris Gray's Truro Girls' Choir formed part of the combined choral force in the Abbey, and in a final Johnian flourish Dr Christopher Robinson composed a series of stunning fanfares to herald ceremonial moments in the service. Not to be outdone, at our own Coronation Service on Sunday 7 May the College Choir, accompanied by the Academy of Ancient Music, performed all four of Handel's Coronation Anthems, an audaciously successful performance that I and many others will never forget.

All these dimensions of College life, and many more that you'll encounter in the pages of this *Eagle*, help us to stand out to the next generation of exceptional undergraduate and postgraduate students. In this regard we're always seeking new ways to bring to life the excitement of studying and living here, and the opportunities this unlocks, as well as keeping alumni up to date with progress in College. I was delighted to visit the West Coast of the USA in May 2023 and discover a thriving and entrepreneurial Johnian enclave. Meeting alumni is such a pleasure, from bumping into our newest graduates who are back in College to see friends still studying, to hearing the incredible life stories of Johnians who matriculated here during and just after the Second World War. When you're unable to get back to College in person, we hope that our latest innovation, the *Souvient* podcast series, is a welcome further glimpse into life at St John's and beyond. 🎧

Heather Hancock
Master



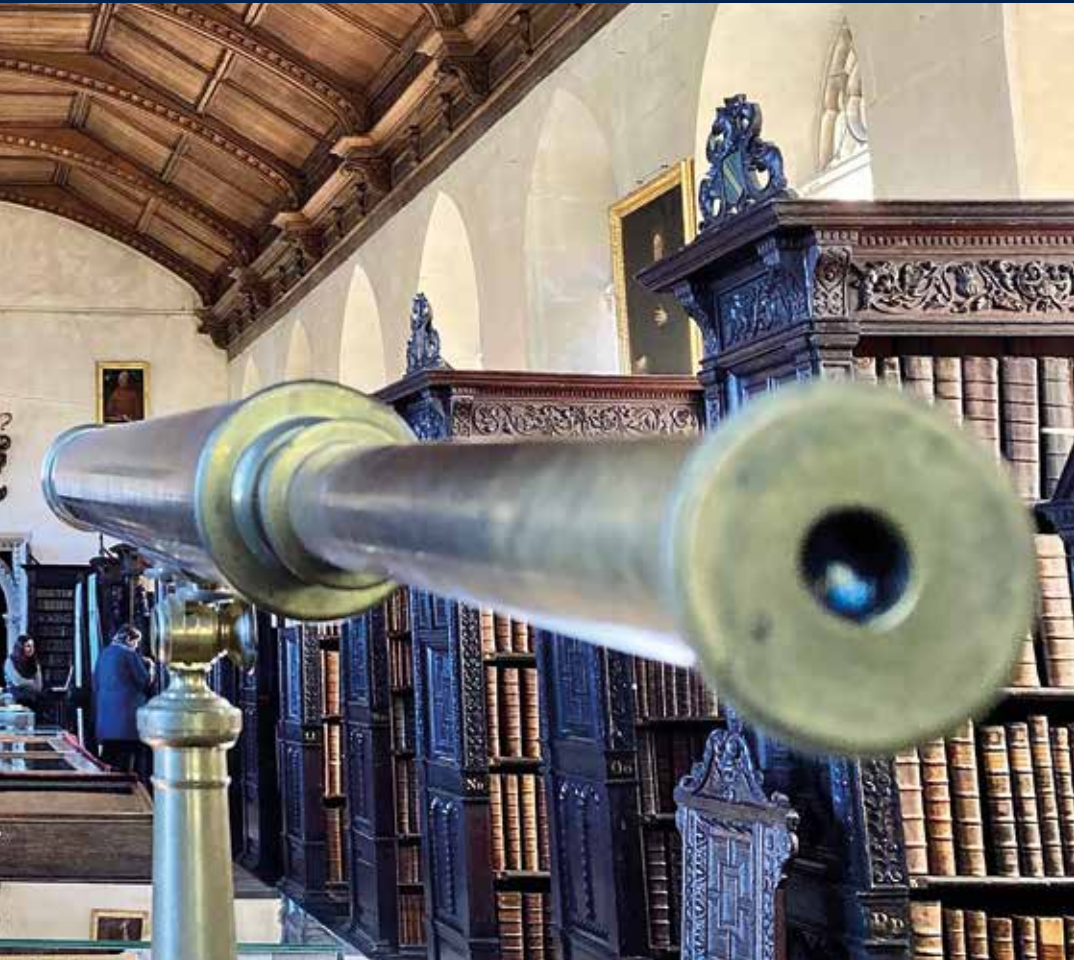
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Move-in, October 2023



Photo: The Old Library,
October 2022
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FEATURES



St John's in the 1970s

In September 2022 we welcomed back alumni who matriculated in 1972 for their fiftieth anniversary Reunion Dinner. Among the attendees were Mike Smith and Peter Stickland, who caught up with *The Eagle* Editor, Ellie Collingwood, to discuss what student life in College was like in the early 1970s.

During their time at St John's, Mike and Peter studied Engineering and Natural Sciences respectively. Mike worked as a chartered civil and structural engineer and, while based at the Water Engineering and Development Centre at Loughborough University, he was Senior Lecturer and MSc Programme Director. Now retired, Peter qualified as a chartered engineer and worked in international consulting for the mining and metals industry.



Fifty years ago the College was a different place in certain respects, not least in the status of women and the funding of undergraduate degrees, yet it was facing some social and economic challenges that we might recognise today. In 1972, when Peter and Mike arrived here, strikes, protest and political scandals were a feature of the UK landscape. That year the College opened a new Buttery dining room for reasons that may feel familiar: the need to provide better-value options for students, and demand for greater informality and choice. There was a welcome rule change, too: women could now be admitted as guests in the new dining area, providing an opportunity for social mixing in the still all-male College. Having enjoyed the formality of College dining in Hall for their recent fifty-year anniversary, it seemed right therefore to bring Mike and Peter to the brand new Buttery, Bar and Café to sample our more informal offering.

Sitting for lunch under the 'green wall' of the new Buttery, Mike and Peter admired the array and sophistication of culinary options now available to members of College. Although they enjoyed the food in their day, 'the most exotic dish I can remember in the Buttery was beef olives,' recalls Mike, 'which were basically strips of beef wrapped around stuffing.'

Peter has kept the letters he sent home to his parents from that time, and they are full of details of eating in College, surely intended to reassure his family about his wellbeing. He wrote, 'Hall food is good with no choice. Menu is published in advance. Much more convenient than cooking yourself.' From another of his letters it is clear to see that the new Buttery of 1972 was hotly anticipated: 'The new dining hall has not yet opened, the ceiling is slowly falling down... The new catering manager has been appointed and I have heard that one-day next week the majority of College is going in to breakfast to see whether he can cope.'

In later years Peter and Mike discovered the pleasure of preparing meals themselves, albeit in restrictive circumstances. 'My roommates and I shared cooking a lot in the third year and did a lot of entertaining,' Peter recalled, adding 'we even entertained our tutor and his wife. We made a crab casserole from Katharine Whitehorn's *Cooking in a Bedsitter*.' Mike agreed that the classic book

by the Newnham College alumna was an essential read for students attempting to impress with their culinary skills.

Our talk then turned to the other activities that Mike and Peter enjoyed during their time at St John's. Like many Johnian students, they threw themselves into the extra-curricular life of the University. They showed me their copies of *Varsity Handbook* and *Braingrader*, which provided a list of all the student societies. Peter especially remembers taking part in many societies and activities, telling me that at different times he was a member of LMBC, the Christian Union, the Chemical Society, Cambridge Union Society and the University Photographic Society. Peter remembers the first time the College got a dark room for developing photographs. For our meeting Peter brought with him a selection of large, black and white photographs that he had taken at the time, including very skilful reportage-style photography of protests on the streets of Cambridge.



As the conversation moved on to the pair's academic life at St John's, it seemed to me that their experience of studying would be quite familiar to many generations of Johnnians – albeit with a few significant technological differences from today. Mike told me that one of the biggest changes he noticed coming up to university from school was that you had to find lectures yourself: 'You had to buy the *Cambridge Reporter* which told you where lectures were and when they were.' Peter added that the advice was to 'go and read the notice boards.' The notice boards would tell you what was happening around College and the wider University. For unofficial news there were the student newspapers, *Stop Press* and *Varsity*. It seems that little has changed in that respect, except that today's students can also expect to be inundated with emails and social media content as major channels of communication.

On the day of our conversation in the Buttery, Bar and Café, we were surrounded by many students working on laptops and tablets. Perhaps as a result of the pandemic, students have flocked to the new space to study – or at least use their laptops – side-by-side. I asked Peter and Mike about study habits in the early 1970s. Both said they usually worked in their rooms but sometimes went to their departments or the reading room of the Old Library for quieter study or for references. An alcove in the library reading room also housed one single electronic calculator, which Mike explains was chained down and could only be used *in situ!* In addition to the obvious modernisations, including computer access

and internet provision across College, since Mike and Peter were students at St John's the College has also had a new working library purpose built (1994). 'I think the new library is really pretty good,' Mike commented. 'It's much lighter and much more accessible.'

When I asked what else they thought had changed in the fifty years since they arrived in 1972, Mike quickly responded with 'bathrooms!' In the early 1970s there were no en-suite bathrooms for students, and Mike remembers a long journey from his bedroom: 'In my second year I was in G staircase of New Court, and the nearest shower, toilet or bath was on E staircase. You had to go down from our room, across two staircases to reach the communal bathrooms and toilet cubicles.' He reflected, however, that even that was an improvement from his father's time at St John's. 'When my father came up in 1940, he joined LMBC partly on the basis that in the Boathouse you could get baths and showers. In College you couldn't...' Mike's father also recalled that, while he was here in the 1940s, they put in bathrooms in the Fellows' sets: 'One Fellow took umbrage because he felt it was casting aspersions on his personal hygiene! He disappeared for several weeks because he was so offended.'

It was a privilege to speak with Mike and Peter and to listen to their stories of St John's and a friendship that has lasted half a century. The Johnnian reunion dinners are popular occasions for friends to meet together in College and enjoy its hospitality. Visit johnnian.joh.cam.ac.uk for the current schedule. 

Cleaning up: converting waste streams into green energy

Professor Erwin Reisner is Professor of Energy and Sustainability and runs the Reisner Laboratory in the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry. He has been a Fellow at St John's since 2011. In this article he outlines current research projects in the Reisner Lab and shares some of his hopes for the future.

Broadly speaking, my lab works on renewable energy and sustainability, and our approach is to use sunlight as the energy source to power chemical transformations. We are particularly interested in converting waste streams into usable products. Waste streams could mean carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas, but also plastic waste and biomass waste from agriculture, for example. We develop little devices or systems that can use the sunlight to convert these waste feedstocks into fuels, such as hydrogen for hydrogen economy or carbon-based fuels like carbon monoxide and formic acid. At the same time we try to source chemicals from waste plastic and biomass that can be used for the chemical industry. Our hope is that we can help the chemical and petrochemical industry to transition to a net-zero industry. Ultimately, we dream of building some solar-powered recycling or upcycling plants.

A couple of things initially attracted me to this area. The first is that it is very interdisciplinary, so you can work with not only scientists and engineers but also academics from very different fields such as social behaviour and economics. I am convinced that chemists have a central role in this industry. What's really important to me is that there is a very quick turnover from idea



to experiment to feedback loop! I'm a very impatient person so that really resonates with my personality. If you have an idea on a Friday evening, you can do it on Saturday and by Sunday you know the result. It's very often as quick as that and the feedback loop is very fast.

Something we often forget in the lab is that you have to enjoy every day. You can't wake up in the morning and think, 'Well, I'll change the world today'. It's always the small things that drive you. It's really important, especially for students and postdocs, that the nature of the work and the experiments you do excite you.



A floating artificial leaf being tested on the River Cam in front of the Bridge of Sighs at St John's College

When the lab was started, around twelve years ago, everything was very concept-oriented and we had to learn how to make a catalyst, how it worked and how we could couple a few things with light absorption. Then we could only study parts of the process as there weren't any known devices that could do everything. What has changed over the last decade is that today we and a few other groups actually have some devices ready. This is a real step change.

Consider our floating artificial leaf, for example – this is an ultra-thin, flexible device that produces syngas using sunlight and water, inspired by photosynthesis – you can throw it onto the water and it generates clean fuel. It has put us in a competitive playing field. So now the question is: How do we scale this up to get it to real application?

First, we need to troubleshoot on all fronts. For example, many of the devices we're testing only work for around a week. One

week is already very significant, but to have a real technological process in place we need our devices to last for years. The efficiencies we have, for example, how much of the sunlight we can store in the fuel, are quite low, usually in the lower percentile regions. Our goal would be to get closer to 10 or 20%.

At the moment what we are doing extensively in the labs is playing with these devices to work out how we can employ them and to understand the best applications. The floating leaf was really very exciting because, to date, the community working on solar to chemical conversion of fuel has been focused on land. Land is precious so it can be hard to find enough sites to use for solar panels. Being able to use water changes everything; it changes the economics and completely changes the application window as well.

I had initially been talking to someone from the shipping industry and he mentioned

how great it would be to have solar panels for ships. So that got us thinking that if we were able to trim down the materials and make them light enough to go onto water, that would open up applications we hadn't looked at before. I think we're still at such an early stage that we don't know exactly what the best application will be.

Another project we are currently working on is converting plastic waste into clean energy. We work with RECAP, the Cambridge and Peterborough waste recycling facility, and source real waste from them. It's important to me that things don't just work in the lab with highly pure compounds that don't reflect real applications. Initially we try to do everything 'pure' in chemistry terms, but at the end I always push my team members to take some real waste, sourced from real households in Cambridge. We take the samples, usually we cut them down a little (it's not very practical to have a whole bottle), but we don't do much more than that, and then we feed them into a solar or photoreactor. The plastic is sorted and pre-treated and we have our material where the sunlight comes in and is absorbed, and when the plastic fragments approach this material they are converted into the products we want.

Something particularly interesting about our reactor is that it's quite resilient to contaminated waste. We know that this process works well with biomass, which means that food-waste contamination is not a problem at all. For common, mechanical plastic recycling you need extremely pure streams, so you couldn't have half of your sandwich, for example, still on the waste

plastics and convert them into new plastics. This would be something that the waste recycling plants would not even touch, but it's entirely suitable for what we are doing. Our ambition is certainly not to replace existing recycling; I think mechanical recycling and reforming new plastics always makes more sense, but where this is not feasible we hope that our approach could complement it.


Scaling up these projects fully relies on investment and support from the government and other invested parties and stakeholders. I think our role at the University is to develop new ideas and concepts and produce the prototypes. Having something tangible to show to people makes it much less abstract to investors. But it's expensive to go from an academic lab where we build square metres to large-scale projects building square kilometres. The reality is that without the money it's not going to work. We need a substantial tech-transfer activity to move this forward. We are therefore in the process of launching a start-up company to facilitate the applied development with support from investors.

Public perception is really important, and from the moment that people begin to see things on the street they stop being abstract. Electric vehicles are a great example of this. However, talking about hydrogen economy is very intangible to people. But as soon as people start to heat their homes from a hydrogen boiler, for example, that will shift everything. That is why the government and other stakeholders need to be the drivers of this initially and push companies to move more strongly in this direction.

In the meantime, our research will keep evolving. The lab is always changing; it's like an organism. What fascinates me at the moment is expanding from what we've shown we can do for simple fuels and very simple chemicals, and opening up a scenario where we could use sunlight to make almost any chemical on demand. That versatility would make it possible to go into the chemical industry and show them how to make their basic building blocks completely from sunlight. We're starting to have complete control over what we make, and this is a new direction for us. Currently we are supported in this by a five-year grant, at least to cover the basics.

I'd also like to think about the utilisation of solar energy much more broadly, using more of the solar spectrum. We have the visible spectrum and high-energy solar components like UV light, but we also have infrared light, which is heat. I really want to focus on how you make use of all of this in a chemistry

context. I want to make the most of all our resources. For me, all the little photons, the particles that come from the light, are resources. It would be great to make use of these in a circular economy. I think our job is to show how to do it, and I hope someone picks it up and develops it further, ideally with us.

We're in a fantastic position in Cambridge as we have lots of groups working in this area. For example, the Circular Cambridge Plastic Centre, which was started in 2019, is a wonderful initiative because it brings together eight departments, each with very different viewpoints on plastic recycling. Also, within the Fellowship at St John's everyone connected to sustainability and energy is coming together to form a Sustainability Group. Through this we hope to drive activities not only inside the College but also externally. We hope to reach out to alumni, and perhaps we will even be able to fund some PhD studentships or research positions in this area. 



Erwin (second from left) and members of the Reisner Laboratory visit the Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Park to source real-world waste samples and explore opportunities to implement the team's plastic-to-chemical technologies in a real-world context

Writer in Residence

Vona Groarke is an award-winning Irish poet. During her term as Writer in Residence at St John's College (2022/23), Vona met with students and College staff looking to develop their creative writing. Here she shares her experience of living onsite at Merton Hall Cottage and explains how she shaped her days to balance coaching with writing.

Being a literal-minded sort of poet, I took the title of Writer in Residence literally, moving to Cambridge on 1 October 2022. Merton Hall Cottage, where the Writer in Residence resides, is something of a charming secret, tucked away at the back of St John's, behind the School of Pythagoras. Private but not remote, it's an ideal bolthole for a writerly sort. Step out at night, I can see stars; listen hard and I can also hear the more intimate sounds from the beer garden of The Punter, over the road. When it snowed, in mid-December, I saw the College site as a Breughel painting, every square or snowy lawn busy with students minutely building (and customising) snowmen. This is a college, I decided, with the magic trick of continuous self-invention. For a place pinned to the ground with very real bricks, mortar and so much weighty time, it does a very good impression of somewhere given to flights of fancy and, yes, to poetry.

Do I need to say how beautiful this College is? I'm sure the only person I need to remind of it is myself. When I found myself rushing to get somewhere one day in Michaelmas term, I made a pre-emptive New Year's Resolution to remember to slow down, to keep looking up, to try to notice some new detail every time I walk through the courts. I sometimes walk at odd hours, picking out what different kinds of light do to the brick



and stone. The Cripps building is, I find, on especially good terms with sunlight, and I'm slowly acquiring a stock of photographs of perfect rectangles of light on the Portland stone.

I'm also (perhaps more usefully) acquiring students. If any student, under- or post-graduate, wishes to show me a piece of writing, I'll sit down with them and talk through it, and advise about how to improve.

I find myself wonderfully surprised by the different kinds of writing people are doing here. Some students have a definite goal in mind – to write a novel, for example; or a biographical essay, or a batch of poems. Poems and fiction, I feel confident of. But when someone asked me to help with a stand-up comedy routine, I (initially) balked; then I thought, it's just narrative, right? It's telling a story with plot and character, and added time. It's not so different, after all, from any piece of fiction or, come to think of it, many poems.

So, I find I'm learning too! Students (or, indeed, staff) bring me writing along with an earnest commitment to work on it and, between us, we figure out what's working well already, and what could do with an upgrade or tweak. My job is both to encourage and critique and, already, I'm seeing students work through several drafts, getting better with each one.

Because the student body at St John's is so diverse, I'm meeting with students from several continents and of quite various life experience, intentions and hopes. To sit down with any one of them over a cup of tea and simply discuss the writing they're doing is, invariably, an honour and pleasure for me. It's not that they're all necessarily wonderful writers, but that they care enough about their writing to want to take time out of schedules I know are intensely busy, and to invest that time in honing their creative writing skills.

Of course, when they hone those skills and oblige themselves to think about how

writing achieves impact and style, and about how they can deploy sometimes quite devious ways to propel narrative and to communicate significance or meaning, they're also learning to write more effectively in any context, not exclusively creative. Or so I hope.

One of the most effective prods toward thinking about how to make their own writing leaner, sharper and clearer is, quite simply, to read good writing. I've set up two Reading Groups (one for undergraduates, and one for postgraduates and staff), at which we discuss short, good books published since 2000, quite possibly the kinds of books they might not encounter otherwise. Sitting round a table with clever, engaged people – not all of whom will agree on the merits or shortcomings of a book – is always a privilege and an education to me, showing me what I might have missed, or not accounted for sufficiently. These Reading Groups are a good social offset to the one-to-one sessions I do with students – a collegiate and nicely informal environment for making time for, and sharing discussion about, books.

Soon after arriving I joined a medieval walking tour and learned of a river that used to pass in front of the School of Pythagoras, now nowhere to be seen. If you've been writing for as long as I have (I published my first poetry collection, *Shale*, in 1994), that invisible river stands in for all the poems still to write, that you know are lurking down there somewhere, if you can only locate their course. I am the *Writer* in Residence; therefore, I must write. Most poets will agree

that just about the easiest thing in the world is to procrastinate. We will review, email, scrub, drink coffee or bungee jump before we'll commit to a word of a poem. For me, one of the joys of being here is that it's actually easier to write than not to. Being in charge of my own calendar, I try to square off the mornings for writing and, where possible, the afternoons for seeing students. That works. I already feel that when I leave I'll take with me a sheaf of work I might not be embarrassed to send out into the world.

At least some of that will, I already know, draw on being here. I've been rummaging in various libraries and have been availing of whatever help to delve there comes my way. And how helpful people have been! When I wanted to learn more about a ninth-century Irish poem, a lunch was arranged for me to meet with students who'd been studying it. When I wanted to see vellum manuscripts, a visit to the Old Library was arranged (and the differences between tick bites and signs of bookworm explained to me). I've been re-learning modern Irish with a wonderful group of committed students and a teacher, Dr Margo Griffin-Wilson, sponsored jointly by the Irish Government and the Cambridge Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Studies. I've been helping out with the Cambridge Group for Irish Studies (CGIS), which hosts talks by eminent scholars on a huge range of Ireland-related matters. With CGIS, I'm planning a one-day symposium on 3 May about the Irish tradition of lamentation, or Keening, focusing on one of the most famous examples, the 'Lament for Art O'Leary'.



And I've been taking letterpress printing classes too, in the Historical Printing Room.

Between one wonderful thing and another here, I seem to keep myself busy. Being here is extraordinarily enriching: I'm learning so much more than I could have imagined, and my time seems to want to expand to accommodate everything. The previous Writer in Residence, Sasha Dugdale, bequeathed me a fox tooth she found in our little walled garden, which, of course, I'll leave too for whoever comes after me. But I don't want to think about that yet, not when I feel I've only just landed and am still discovering St John's, feeling myself lucky to be time-travelling too, back to my own learning days. 🦊

Making way for tigers: decoding the relocation of people from India's Protected Areas

Perna Singh Bindra (2020) is a PhD student at St John's College and the Department of Geography. Perna has extensive experience as an environmental journalist and wildlife conservationist. In this article she talks about the impact of conservation-related relocations on humans and wildlife.



Perna and a leopard cub. This orphaned cub was rescued by the forest authorities but is now doomed to captivity

My first encounter with tigers was momentous: a tigress with three nearly full-grown cubs who draped themselves on all sides of the open jeep in which I sat dazed, dazzled and delighted as these charismatic predators blocked our exit route for over an hour. This was in Ranthambhore, one of India's most famous tiger reserves in the western state of Rajasthan.

Now two decades ago, it marked a major milestone in my life. You can't walk away from such an event unaffected, and it cemented my determination to work for the conservation of wildlife. A management graduate, I changed course, switching to journalism with the idealistic aim of highlighting conservation issues.

My stories took me to the most remote forests of the country, and my encounters with wildlife only deepened my love and commitment. I met with India's only ape, the hoolock gibbon; the olive riddle turtles who nest on the eastern coast, and the Asiatic wild ass, which is endemic to the desert in Western India.



Credit: Prerna Singh Bindra

Elephants in Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand, India

Like everywhere in the world, India's wildlife is severely threatened by poaching, habitat loss and fragmentation. My work as a journalist exposed the poaching of rhinos in insurgent-ridden regions, tracked elephants rendered 'refugees' as mines and urbanisation wrecked their forests, and recorded the dramatic decline of one of the rarest birds on the planet – the great Indian bustard. Tigers dominated the news-scape and I followed their trail.

I witnessed the local extinction of tigers in certain parks, and the sustained efforts for their revival. Gradually I shifted to active conservation with a primary focus on conserving wild habitats. As part of various government policy-making bodies, I was engaged with safeguarding wild habitats from rapacious development activities. It was horrifying to witness how mining, dams, highways and infrastructure were wrecking tiger and elephant forests, and it was an uphill struggle to advocate for its protection.

India is a highly biodiverse, densely populated country with over 1.4 billion people. Although it is one of the fastest-growing economies, many people live below the poverty line, making conservation, especially of megafauna, a complex affair. Carnivores like tigers, leopards, wolves and snow leopards, and mega herbivores like elephants and the Indian bison are targets of conservation efforts, even while they continue to present a threat to crops, livestock and life. India's people are remarkably accepting of these animals, but their tolerance is being tested by the severe losses they incur. An 'elephant raid' on crops can be devastating – I met a farmer whose entire harvest of bananas and his year's livelihood was wiped out in one night by elephants. When a tiger preys on a cow, a family loses a vital source of income and nutrition. In retaliation wild animals are occasionally poisoned, killed by the laying of electric wires or even bludgeoned to death.

Millions live within and around Protected Areas (PAs), which cover about 5% of the landmass, and they are dependent on the forests for sustenance and their livelihoods. PA regulations restrict their access to grazing and natural resources. The unfortunate reality is that the burden of conserving wild animals is disproportionately borne by the people who live alongside them.

India has adopted varied approaches to conservation simultaneously. One approach is participatory conservation, through Joint Forest Management programmes. There are also efforts to integrate conservation and rural development projects, which involve creating livelihoods, and building minor infrastructure and community assets.

Conservation practice is largely exclusionary in the core area of tiger reserves. Villages are relocated to create inviolate habitats, based on scientific studies, which have established that wide-ranging animals like tigers require large, undisturbed areas in a connected PA network to sustain viable populations.

Such conservation-related displacement is practised worldwide; it is contentious and has been criticised for causing further impoverishment, landlessness and rootlessness.

In India relocation from tiger reserves is required to be informed, voluntary and incentivised, and it is intended to provide for the development of marginalised communities. However, dominant scholarship shows that there is a gap between policy and practice, and typically

resettlements have been coerced and led to penury and marginalisation. I have seen this personally in some cases – the displaced, now landless and struggling to make a living, alienated in their new environment.

This is not the complete story, though. People living in remote reserves face a lot of hardship. PAs are governed by forest laws that regulate development within them, and communities staying inside rarely have access to good roads, quality education, hospitals or bazaars. I had followed the relocation of people from Bhadra Tiger Reserve in Southern India. Though initially apprehensive, all villagers moved out in 2001. On my subsequent visits I found that most of the relocated people had better economic wellbeing with access to good schools, job and small business opportunities, a fact corroborated by studies.

In 2010 I met Shibu, a young man who hailed from a small village in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in the southern state of Kerala. He had travelled to India's capital, Delhi, with a purpose: to petition the forest minister and authorities to speed up the compensation scheme for their relocation.

'We are cut off from the world. In monsoon [season] the rains make our village inaccessible. We live in fear of the animals, who also destroy our crops. Imagine, it takes us a day (going to the bazaar and back) to get a litre of oil – and it could cost our lives if we met a tiger or an elephant on foot,' he said, and invited me to see the situation for myself.

I eventually made my way to Wayanad in 2019 for my thesis as part of my MPhil in Conservation Leadership. I met with people staying inside the sanctuary. (I am still haunted by the grieving Appu Master whose young son was killed by an elephant as he walked back from school.) Shibu was teaching in a school in neighbouring Karnataka. His sister, who could not continue her education after she turned eleven, because it was not considered very safe for girls to live in hostels in faraway towns, had now published a book!

It seemed that the move had empowered the people, especially the women – though this was certainly not universal. While it was uplifting to see a confident young woman ride to college on a bike – unthinkable inside the forest – it was acutely distressing to witness the suffering of others who felt uprooted and isolated and struggled to adjust to new ways of living.

After my MPhil I got the opportunity to pursue a PhD on conservation-related relocation. While I revisited Wayanad briefly, my focus is Tadoba Tiger Reserve in Central India. My research covers the impacts of relocation on the communities and the policy that governs the process, aiming to identify good practices and discover the lacunae. I have heard oral histories and the lived experiences of the affected people, and the peculiar challenges faced by the authorities who carry out the process.

There are 496 villages within tiger reserves in India that will potentially be relocated



The endemic lion-tailed macaque in Valparai, TamilNadu, India

over time. I hope that my PhD findings will inform these resettlements and contribute to a more empathetic and just approach to such displacements.

My time in the field has been a period of learning and unlearning; it has been hard, tumultuous, exciting, humbling and wonderful. While I am yet to analyse the data, I can definitely say that the issue is complex and nuanced – a number of factors influence the outcomes, which differ even within the same geography.

As a researcher, and as a society, I feel it is imperative to record and listen to those who have made sacrifices, leaving their homelands to make way for tigers, while also giving a voice to the other, silent stakeholders: the wildlife struggling to survive in an increasingly fragmented landscape. 🌿

Ax:son Johnson Centre for the Study of Classical Architecture

Dr Frank Salmon has been a Fellow of the College since 2006 and was President from 2015 to 2019. In 2021 he became the founding Director of the new Centre for the Study of Classical Architecture, funded by a Swedish charitable foundation. He tells the story here.



Students of the 2022 CSCA Summer School sketching Neville's Court and the Wren Library at Trinity College following a lecture on Wren's architecture

Classical architecture – the architecture of columns, porticoes, walls with pedimented windows and doors, vaults and domes – has been, arguably, the most long-lasting and geographically widespread system of designing and making buildings the world has ever known. Over the past two-and-a-half thousand years it has provided some of history's most famous and iconic buildings, from the Parthenon in Athens, the Pantheon in Rome, Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, St Paul's Cathedral in London and the Capitol in Washington, to Rashtrapati Bhavan (the

President's Palace) in New Delhi. From the time of the Renaissance its principles became deeply enmeshed with the way gardens and wider landscapes have been conceived and laid out, both in very formal ways – as at Versailles – or, in a singular British contribution, in the informal, picturesque manner of Stowe or of New York's Central Park. Those same principles also came to underpin the way some of the most beautiful cities ever created were laid out – Edinburgh and Paris high among them.

Given all this, it might have seemed a perfectly unexceptional thing when I was approached in 2020 by the Swedish Ax:son Johnson Foundation for Public Benefit with the suggestion that the foundation would be willing to fund a research Centre for the Study of Classical Architecture here at Cambridge. Needless to say, given its prevalence, classical architecture has been the focus of a great deal of scholarly enquiry over the centuries, but, as the subject is so huge, there is always more to discover and new understandings of what is already known to be generated. Moreover, Cambridge has been the location of a particularly rich tradition of research on classical architecture since the 1960s, led first by the academics David Watkin and Robin Middleton and, more recently (and here at St John's), by Deborah Howard (1992).

The foundation, however, while recognising these things, had additional concerns in mind, in line with its overall mission commitment to open-ended scientific exploration and discussion as a prerequisite for open democracies and free, dynamic societies. At a time when rapid globalisation, technological change and decolonising agendas seem to point to a future entirely divorced from the past, the foundation is concerned that valuable knowledge may be lost even as new experience is gained. In addition to studying the history of classical architecture in and of itself, therefore, it wished to ask what we could learn about so successful a system of architectural, landscape and urban design that might be of relevance to the way people's lives today are affected by their built and shaped natural environments.

The question is actually a surprisingly hard one to answer in relation to classical architecture. While many of us may readily recognise its forms when we see them, our understanding of their underpinning principles, and of the many and richly varied cultural contexts that produced them, is in retreat. Schoolchildren today learn little of Graeco-Roman civilisation in the history curriculum, or of the Renaissance period when classical architecture was explicitly revived. University classics and history departments no longer habitually include architecture in their courses as formative and representative elements of past cultures. Schools of architecture have marginalised the classical tradition within their history and theory teaching, and, aside from a small number of universities in the USA, there are very few institutions where students wanting to learn how to design classical buildings are welcomed and knowledgeably encouraged.

Paradoxically, perhaps, at the same time classical architecture has continued to hold its currency with the wider public, its familiarity and proportionality appealing to many people's sense of beauty. There has also been a great increase in building in the classical style in the late twentieth- and early twenty-first centuries – albeit produced by a small minority of architects, mostly working in the USA and Britain. This has been linked in part to appreciation of the innate sustainability inherent in classical buildings and their durable, recyclable materials. Within the Cambridge context, this historic development of the past thirty years can be seen clearly at Downing College. There, in the face of considerable opposition from the architectural



Design for an extension of the Fitzwilliam Museum by Emily Fuchs, CSCA Summer School 2022



Design for extensions of the Fitzwilliam Museum by Elizabeth Hentges, CSCA Summer School 2022

establishment, the Fellows stuck very closely to the Enlightenment vision that had produced the world’s first Greek Revival university architecture in the early nineteenth century, when they commissioned no fewer than five major additions from the architects Quinlan and Cambridge-educated Francis Terry between 1986 and 2010.

Although the Ax:son Johnson Centre for the Study of Classical Architecture (CSCA) has been established within the Faculty of Architecture and History of Art, with the collaboration of the Faculty of Classics, it was therefore entirely appropriate that it should have sought a physical home at Downing College. It began its work in October 2021 in an office that looks across the lawns to the portico of the College’s Hall, designed in the early 1800s by the young Cambridge-educated architect, William Wilkins, after he had studied the Erechtheion on the Acropolis in Athens.

Based there are the CSCA Assistant Director, an expert on the architecture of Sir Christopher Wren, and three other

postdoctoral Fellows. One works on ancient Rome’s bath buildings – those huge complexes that later came to underpin the design of modern buildings such as New York’s Grand Central Station and covered shopping malls. The second is writing a book on the planning of Genoa, where, in 1550, the Doge decreed that new streets should be designed ‘for the beautification of the city’. The third is producing an online edition of the lectures on architecture given at the Royal Academy between 1841 and 1856 by Charles Robert Cockerell, Britain’s greatest nineteenth-century classical architect, well known in Cambridge for his University Library north wing (subsequently the Squire Law and now the Caius College Library). The Ax:son Johnson Foundation’s generosity also extends to the support of three PhD students: a classicist, an architect and an architectural historian.

As a research centre, the CSCA’s activities naturally include weekly research seminars in term time, held in person in Cambridge but also – in a welcome post-COVID development – online and thereby attracting an international audience. The seminars have

already featured scholars from several countries, but also architects who work in the classical tradition (Johnian architect Ross Sharpe (1986) among them) as well as other practitioners – including one of the world’s few remaining artists making models in cork of classical ruins.

In addition, the CSCA runs one-off academic events. In March 2022 it collaborated with the Stockholm-based Karolinska Institutet, which awards the Nobel Prize for Medicine, on ‘Spaces of Healing’ – a conference about the relationship between architectural design, physical health and mental wellbeing. In September 2022 it collaborated with ‘Create Streets’, an organisation run by Nicholas Boys-Smith (grandson of the former Master of St John’s, John Boys-Smith 1959–69) on the conference ‘Diverse Modernities’. This explored classical and other traditional architecture produced in Britain in the twentieth century that met modern needs without being ‘modern’ in style. There was a great deal of it – Cambridge examples include the 1930s University Library by Giles Gilbert Scott – yet it was often excluded from twentieth-century accounts of British architectural history. The event was attended by Lord Parkinson, as Minister for Arts, who gave a keynote talk and participated in conversation and questions.

As part of its funding agreement with Ax:son Johnson, the CSCA has undertaken to present a seminar once a year at the foundation’s Engelsberg Ironworks World Heritage Site conference centre, some 100 miles north-west of Stockholm. In April 2023 the subject was Sir William Chambers, an

architect of Scottish ancestry, born in Gothenburg in 1723, who went on to become the leading figure in the later eighteenth-century British architectural establishment. Chambers was the founder-Treasurer of the Royal Academy of Arts and designer of eighteenth-century England’s largest public building: Somerset House, between the Strand and the Thames in London. Conference sessions, focused on ideas of ‘civilisation’ that were emerging in the philosophy of Chambers’ time and on the role played by architecture in relation to the period’s crisis of political and imperial identity, well illustrate the centre’s brief to study history both in and of itself and as a lens through which to focus on current-day concerns.

A final aspect of the centre’s brief, agreed with the foundation, was to design and run a summer school for architecture students, in which a deep engagement with the history of classical architecture could be combined with the teaching of its design. The inaugural school ran in July 2022, attracting students from the USA, Australia, Central America, the Middle East, Britain, Sweden and other parts of Europe, including Ukraine. Intensive sketched and measured study of classical buildings in Cambridge was accompanied by history lectures and a challenging design programme, requiring the students to imagine how they might extend the Fitzwilliam Museum in the wider context of Trumpington Street. As with the CSCA’s academic events, the design summer school demonstrated how careful study of the values and achievements of the past need not be seen as inimical to progress in the present. 



COLLEGE LIFE

Photo: Graduation, April 2023
Credit: Nordin Ćatić (2017)



Senior Tutor's report on student welfare support

The academic year 2022/23 saw some of the most far-reaching changes to student welfare support that I have witnessed in my fifteen-plus years as a Cambridge Senior Tutor.

It is noteworthy in any career when a solution is found to an apparently insurmountable problem. In the case of student welfare support at Cambridge, that problem has been the seemingly inexorable rise in student demand for support with anxiety and depression.

In the last two decades, such demand has grown by more than 10% every year. The University Counselling Service (UCS) has recruited more and more staff, and colleges have increasingly invested in their own counselling provision in the face of ever-lengthening UCS waiting-times. By the end of 2021/22, students were waiting seven weeks for UCS counselling. Within the context of eight-week terms, this was insupportable. Cambridge was already spending more on student welfare support than any other university, and throwing even more resources at the problem was clearly not going to fix it.

A solution was reached in the collegiate University through an externally led review of welfare provision for students, into which both Cambridge colleagues and partners in the local NHS enthusiastically threw themselves. The review recommended that

the colleges, the University and the NHS should work together more closely, and that welfare provision for students should homogenise – so that students in different colleges or subjects, undergraduate and postgraduate, UK and overseas alike – could access similar support. It also emphasised that, while the University's efforts regarding student wellbeing and mental health had hitherto focused overwhelmingly upon counselling, some students needed support in other forms.

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The review proposed a new structure for student welfare support, in which every college would have a Student Welfare Adviser – someone with appropriate professional expertise who would superintend the provision of welfare support – and in which clear and appropriately prioritised or 'stepped' pathways for support would be available to students. A new Student Wellbeing Service would sit alongside the UCS, with an emphasis upon prevention and coaching rather than counselling; and a team of mental-health advisers and psychiatrists would be available to assess complex cases, especially where student safety was in

question. Into this structure were recruited some excellent heads of service, and a series of working groups was set up to help implement reform under the aegis of a Joint Wellbeing Committee.


Within this context, a radical shift was agreed to tackle the egregious problem of waiting-times. In the light of both research and best practice, all students seeking welfare support via the UCS would now be offered help on a 'one-appointment-at-a-time' basis. Each student would be offered a 'deep-dive', ninety-minute session, which it was anticipated would help to resolve student concerns in over 60% of cases. After a compulsory 'cooling-off' period of two weeks, students could then seek further sessions if they wished. People assessed as needing sustained support would still receive multiple counselling appointments, but this would no longer be the default position, offered to everyone.

As a consequence, this academic year has seen waiting-times for students seeking support fall from seven weeks to ten days. All students whose need is assessed as serious are being offered appointments within forty-eight hours. This has been sustained across the academic year and has been transformative. After years of struggling to provide students with timely access to support, we are now doing so almost universally.

Significant challenges remain, of course. The Student Wellbeing Service is still being defined, as is the most effective form of 'prevention'; a structural approach to

providing specialist, long-term support for students with the most challenging needs is necessary; we are still working out exactly how co-ordinated provision across colleges, the University and the NHS will function; and relieving students of needless (as opposed to appropriate) academic demands requires academic solutions. But we can now see a viable way forward to enable students – who can be subject to social pressure not experienced by most of us a generation or two older – to continue to thrive in Cambridge as they always have.

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In St John's College we have welcomed this shift. We strongly believe that students should prosper personally as well as excel academically. We have embraced the new approaches to providing student support, and we back continued reform. The Master and I are both chairing working groups under the Joint Wellbeing Committee (on which I also sit), and our estimable College Nurses and Counsellor are working closely and collaboratively with their counterparts in central University services and the NHS – as well as with our Tutors. This is a positive and exciting period in the history of Cambridge's provision for its students. 

Richard Partington

Education report – Mathematics

Dr Matthias Dörrzapf is Director of Studies in Mathematics at St John's. He has been a College Fellow since 1999 and is also the Director of Scholarships & International Programmes. In this education report he examines some of the changes to the teaching of Mathematics at Cambridge during his career and provides an overview of students' results in the subject.

This is the first in a series of reports on subjects taught in the College.

This has been a very special year for Mathematics at St John's. The College's Mathematics society, the Adams Society, celebrated its centenary, a truly remarkable milestone for a college student society. Many of our previous presidents and secretaries returned to College for a wonderful weekend of mathematics and social activities.

Mathematics is amazingly powerful – we don't just use maths in everyday life everywhere around us; it also has incredible predictive power in many ways and can be used to forecast. Mathematical predictions were the basis of many very impressive discoveries, and maths often provides the fundamental infrastructure to understand even the most complex systems in the sciences and social sciences. The Mathematics course at Cambridge prepares our students for their crucially important role within our society. Mathematics at Cambridge is no doubt one of the most challenging Mathematics undergraduate courses in the country, and together with our integrated Master's programme, the famous Part III Mathematics, it is certainly

among the most advanced and demanding Mathematics courses worldwide. But what is it like to study Mathematics at Cambridge, and how has the course developed over time?

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Before the foundation of the Adams Society in 1923, the Mathematics examinations at Cambridge in their nineteenth-century format would have consisted of more than fifteen papers, spread over a whole week and totaling more than forty hours of examination. There are reports that candidates in the mid-1800s were faced with more than 200 questions. The top student on the class list, the Senior Wrangler, would have achieved a number of marks in the high thousands, while the bottom pass would have gained just a few hundred marks. The

examinations themselves were a true test of endurance, taking place on consecutive mornings and afternoons for as many as five or six days.

Even in 1991, my Part III examinations consisted of seven papers, totalling nineteen hours of exams squeezed into four consecutive days. The modern version of the Mathematical Tripos Part II examination no longer exceeds forty hours, but it is still an examination with enormous breadth. In our Part II examinations, candidates can choose out of around 150 questions, covering almost 40 topics on 4 papers, in 12 hours of examination in total. A typical candidate may attempt around fifteen to twenty questions, while the Senior Wrangler may well have attempted – and have been awarded nearly full marks on – as many as forty questions. As you would expect from Cambridge Mathematics, we don't just use a simple, one-dimensional way of assessing our students. Quality marks, in addition to raw marks, ensure that credit is awarded to complete and outstanding answers that display insight rather than just strength of episodic memory.


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Before 2005 Part II consisted of two alternatives. You would study either Part IIA or Part IIB. Part IIA was designed for students who saw their mathematics career as being mainly in industry and the private sector, while Part IIB prepared students for the demands of a mathematical career at university and in research. When the parts were unified in 2005, we retained two types of course and named them C and D courses, with C and D referring to courses of the level and type previously lectured in Part IIA and Part IIB respectively. A great strength of the current system is that students are allowed to mix C and D courses and do not need to choose just one or the other. Going forward, there is enormous pressure to provide modular examinations, and it seems that a reform to a modular Part II examination system may well be imminent, but whether we will call them 'E courses' remains to be seen!

Despite changes to the courses, the structure and the examinations, the mark distribution in Mathematics has been amazingly stable over the twenty-plus years I have been involved. Grade inflation is not something we have observed, and the exceptional standard of our graduating class has remained consistent throughout my time here. St John's has also had consistently strong applications, and candidates sustain their high level when they arrive at the College.

In 2022 we had very strong Tripos performances by our mathematicians. Overall, 40% of our candidates received

Firsts, and Johnians were among the top ten of the University Mathematics class lists in three of the four Tripos parts. With 45% of female Johnian mathematicians receiving Firsts, our women outperformed their male colleagues, and their overall performance puts them among the very top within the whole University. Female Mathematics students in the University over the last decade have at times made up as little as 10% of their cohort. We are pleased that at St John's we have managed to increase the ratio of female Mathematics students to 21%, with still increasing tendency. This year we arranged a range of admissions activities specifically for women in maths and held a 'Women in Maths Summer School', a week full of fun Mathematics lectures, workshops and networking.

But it's not just about results. Enabling students to learn fundamental principles and develop mathematical insight and understanding is our highest priority. I get the most satisfaction from teaching and discussing these fundamental principles with my fantastic students. Even after two decades, I still feel that this is a two-way process, and I learn a massive amount from my students when I engage with them in supervisions and I feel very privileged to work with students of this calibre! 

**Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, Director
of Studies for Mathematics**

The SBR



1920s Galapagos Ent. From left to right: Matthew Coulter (former Academic Officer, now Vice-President), James Lazenby, Daniel Yamamoto (Ents Officer), Alex Lazenby, Bart Theeuwes (Ents Officer), Julia Acker

What a year for the Samuel Butler Room!

We kicked things off with the reopening of the SBR space in May 2022. Thanks to a grant awarded by the Annual Fund, the SBR's previous President and Vice-President were able to renovate the room with a pair of leather settees, reupholster the pool table, purchase a new sound system and thoroughly revamp the kitchen. Postgraduates were welcomed back to their common room with a relaxed evening of Aperol spritz and mingling.

In September the SBR greeted a new set of faces, as the next cohort of postgrads matriculated at St John's and commenced

their degrees. The following two weeks of 'Freshers' Fortnight' were packed with our flagship activities, including a pub crawl, pub quiz, running groups, bouldering at Rainbow Rocket, ethnic minorities social, nature walks to Grantchester and more!

Amid the excitement and vibrant atmosphere, the cost-of-living crisis for postgraduates became apparent. It became increasingly evident that the rising costs of accommodation, food and other essentials needed to be addressed. The SBR Committee recognised the urgency of the situation and actively met with the College's staff and administration team to increase hardship support and find sensible ways to reduce student costs.

Social

Throughout the year the SBR organised various social events to foster a sense of community and provide a space for postgraduates to relax and connect. Mingle Nights and swaps with other colleges throughout Michaelmas term encouraged cross-college interactions and the opportunity to dine at other formal halls. The SBR room was also put to good use for cheese and wine nights, which allowed members to unwind and enjoy one another's company.

In January we welcomed everyone back from the Christmas break with a 1920s themed 'Ent', which included a live performance from the locally renowned band The Galapagos! We initialised the use of card readers, which increased efficiency behind the SBR bar and allowed us to offer an extensive range of drinks.

Our international swaps with Trinity College Dublin, Collegio Ghislieri at Pavia University and Värmlands Nation at Uppsala University brought diverse perspectives to the SBR through joint exchanges where students from each university visited one another.

Moreover, throughout the year, the popular SB-ARRR *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie nights (led by chief pirates Bart and Daniel) also offered a fun and engaging way to come together.

Welfare and EDI

Recognising the importance of student welfare, the SBR's Welfare Officers, Annabelle and Sneha, implemented a wide range of initiatives to support members. They compiled a comprehensive welfare resource sheet, providing access to essential services and information. Highlights of the year included a visit to a local petting zoo, which



Collegio Ghislieri Exchange, with Vice-President Lewis Roberts and Academic Officer Matt Coulter



Uppsala Exchange. Left to right: Julia Acker, Daniel Hedefalk (International Secretary, Värmlands Nation), James Lazenby, Agnes Kjellgren (Värmlands Nation)

created a soothing and joyful environment for students to relieve stress. Additionally, an EDI brunch social, organised by Tanu, provided a relaxed setting for postgraduates to bond over good food and conversation, ensuring that every individual felt valued and represented.

Environmental

With a commitment to sustainability, the SBR encouraged eco-conscious practices. A clothes swap, known as a 'swish' event, was held where members could exchange clothing items. This reduced waste and promoted a circular economy by giving new life to pre-loved garments. In addition to promoting sustainable fashion, the SBR also took steps to address the environmental impact of home heating by encouraging members to reduce thermostat temperatures during the night and when they were away from Cambridge.

Academic

The SBR's former Academic Officer (and new Vice-President!), Matt also provided intellectual engagement through the organisation of the Graduate Research Symposium, offering a platform for postgraduates to share their research and engage in scholarly discussions. This event maintained the academic community within the SBR, allowing members to learn from and inspire one another.

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We would like to express gratitude to the Postgraduate Tutor, Sylvana Tomaselli, the Senior Tutor, Richard Partington, the Master, Heather Hancock, and all other members of the College (particularly Ean Hogg, Audrey Hewson and Angela Mansfield), who have looked out for student welfare and created a wonderful College experience (as well as dealing with all of our pesky last-minute emails!).

Additionally, we extend heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our dedicated committee members (particularly Matt, Lewis and Sneha), whose tireless efforts contributed to the success of the SBR.

Finally, we are excited to hand the reins of the SBR presidency to Chris Hose, who will undoubtedly ensure that this very special community continues to thrive! 🎉

Julia Acker and James Lazenby,
SBR Co-Presidents

A day in the life of the Chaplain



Communion

‘Get the Chaplain to write about himself’, thought the Editor of *The Eagle*, perhaps guessing they were pushing at a well-oiled door...

Let’s take one of the busier days of term. I begin in Chapel, where we say Morning Prayer at 8.30am. The Dean, Chapel Clerk and I are there, and anything from one to five others from College. This has happened in term time in Chapel for the whole of the College’s history. These days we use the Church of England’s Daily

Prayer app, where everything we need, readings and all, are included. When Cranmer created the *Book of Common Prayer* in the 1540s he pilloried previous practice as ‘more business to find out what should be read, than to read it when it was found out’. Modern technology has gone one-step better. It is an importantly right way to start the day, especially for those of us who work in and for the Chapel. And it warms the building up for the day. It needs prayer as well as electricity.



Chapel breakfast in Hall

The Dean, Mark Oakley, and I then head to the wonderful new café to check in on what is happening. We do this regularly when we are both free. There will always be specific things we need to discuss, whether aspects of Chapel life and worship, or matters pastoral. We both have a pastoral ministry to the College, Mark as both Dean and a Tutor. There may be an issue in which we are both involved, or we may talk about a particular student we are seeing: sensitive as always, of course, to where we need to talk confidentially, preserving a student's anonymity.

Thus fortified by prayer and caffeine, we get to our respective offices. It is time to look at the emails. A lot of my work happens this way, as for pretty much everybody, so the email traffic can be quite something.

I usually need to stay chained to the desk to do some admin work. With services every day in Chapel during term time, it is like running a small cathedral for us. Until Evensong, the day will be taken up with that

day-to-day admin, meetings (often with students) and specific preparatory activity for what is coming up. The logistical demands of all that we do are considerable, involving not just all parts of the College but the School too. I also try to make time for reading. This is essential, not a luxury. Without it the reservoir will run dry.

My pastoral and welfare conversations with students are a vital part of my work. These can be directly matters of welfare, covering a whole host of what I call 'inner life' matters. Sometimes I can help simply by listening. Sometimes I might be able to offer advice or help 'map the territory' (help a student navigate a situation). Sometimes I can advocate for the student elsewhere in the College structure. And I am always alert to when the welfare needs of the student need me to refer them on to professional mental healthcare.

Students also come to talk about what you might call 'life stuff': faith, spiritual matters, values, relationships, career, the future.

On this particular day I am thinking of the evening to come, and there are preparations to make. After Evensong I am hosting a reading group back at my house. After that we will have Compline in Chapel.


Choral Evensong is the liturgical mainstay of Chapel life. It happens every day during term at 6.30pm. When I was Chaplain of King's we had hundreds of visitors every day at Evensong, but virtually no students. Here a good number of students come, and I know from talking to some that their reasons for coming are varied and real. These can be spiritual, aesthetic, personal, emotional ... any or all of these. Sometimes they are bringing family or friends. It is remarkable to be part of such a daily phenomenon, and of the impact it can have.

After Evensong I run back to my house and get pizzas in the oven, ready for when the students arrive. This term we are taking it in turns to lead discussion of a favourite psalm, and we eat, drink and talk for about an hour. Each term we read either something biblical, or a spiritual book or a novel. These sessions always attract a fascinating cross-section of students, and not just chapel attenders; and this makes for conversations that range widely.

Then I have to get back to Chapel to prepare for Compline, which begins at 10pm. This occasional late-night choral service, also called Night Prayer, is how monastic communities end their daily round of prayer. Much of it is sung in

plainchant, that ancient, simple form of singing. It has been popular in college chapels for decades: I remember it at Clare, when I was a student there in the 1980s. While the choir (some of the Choral Scholars, with soprano friends from other colleges) rehearses, we set up the 'hospitality station' in the Ante-chapel and prepare the candles that everyone will have. Eighty to a hundred people attend, so that many candles need drip-trays attaching, to avoid wax-based carnage.

The service itself takes about half an hour, and then we repair to the Ante-chapel. There we serve hot chocolate and port. Catering's hot chocolate is legendary! This is an important time for conversation, which can last a good hour. Some will be heading back to the Library, others to bed, yet others clubbing. The conversations I find myself in are about any aspect of student life, or even what I have said in the little homily during Compline. I love it, whatever students want to talk about, and perhaps especially when they want to tackle some ethical or faith issue. Eventually the building empties, and I tidy up. I get home at about midnight, tired but content. After ten minutes checking my TikTok feed, the perfect way to wind down (unless someone has left a less-than-friendly comment on one of mine!), I am ready to sleep.

And I fall asleep knowing that it is quite the most rewarding and remarkable privilege to be Chaplain here. 

Andrew Hammond, Chaplain



JCR painting night in the Chapel

Welcoming social spaces bring stylish modern update to College tradition of eating and meeting

The newly renovated Buttery, Café and Bar, which opened in January 2023, have already proved to be extremely popular with the collegiate community. Jo Tynan, Head of Communications, explores the history of eating and drinking at St John's and gives a flavour of the new social spaces.



Credit: Nordin Catic (2017)

The Master with colleagues from the Buttery/Bar/Cafe on the opening of the new spaces

The 500-year tradition of communal eating and study at St John's reached a new milestone in 2023 with the opening of a trio of spectacular social spaces bringing together all members of the College community.

The new Buttery, Café and Bar, designed to meet the demands of twenty-first-century work, refreshment and relaxation, represent one of the most significant projects so far within the St John's estate masterplan, a

twenty-year development framework with a hundred-year lifespan.

Set within the historic buildings of Second Court and featuring stylish interiors blending the traditional and contemporary, the reconfigured hospitality facilities have blended seamlessly into College life. From their opening in January, the three spaces have buzzed with activity, from early morning coffee through bustling lunch hours to closing time in the bar.

Made possible by a donor who has chosen to remain anonymous, the scheme replaced the dark and dated Bar and Buttery in the south-west corner of the court, and created a College Café for the first time. All three venues are filled with natural light and a feeling of space, while maintaining a sense of homeliness.

Heather Hancock (1984), Master of St John's, said the team of Fellows and staff, working with architects and contractors and with input from students, had created 'bright, warm and welcoming spaces for our day-to-day lives in College. We are privileged to learn, live and meet in such a beautiful and inspiring environment, and this latest development is a worthy addition to the fabric of the College.'

'It is without doubt authentically "John's", from the brickwork and the beams, the red benches and the trophy cabinet to the centuries-old panelling and the view across the Kitchen Bridge. But it is St John's for the twenty-first century, full of colour and light, and it will enhance the personal and intellectual wellbeing of students and Fellows for many generations to come.'

Each new facility has its own identity, emphasised by specially commissioned graphic designs based on historic symbols seen throughout the College, which all have a heraldic link to the St John's founder, Lady Margaret Beaufort. The Buttery is symbolised by an eagle, while a yale provides the image for the Bar. The Café, meanwhile, is represented by a daisy or 'marguerite', another image associated with the College founder, thanks to the pun on her name. The logos,

devised by Cambridge-based graphic designer Dan Gould, in collaboration with College members including students and the Master, appear on digital displays, menus, staff aprons and takeaway coffee cups.

The Café is the first to exist at St John's since its foundation in 1511, but it nods to the nearby coffee houses that lured students and Fellows for refreshment and conversation in the eighteenth century. The forebears of Starbucks and Costa were so popular that College authorities eventually clamped down. In 1750 the Senate accepted a new code of regulations: 'Every person in statu pupillary who shall be found at any coffee house ... betwixt the hours of nine and twelve in the morning, shall forfeit ... ten shillings.' Today, students can be found in the onsite café throughout the day, often working at their laptops.

The new facility proved an instant hit, according to Camille Paris, launch manager of the social spaces project, who oversaw key details, from the new coffee machines to food and drink selection, crockery and even trays. 'Student cafés are traditionally thought of as being a bit dirty, a bit sticky. I took inspiration from coffee shops ... It has been buzzing from day one.'

The new light and airy Buttery dining space boasts a feature 'green wall' watered by rainwater from the oak-framed roof. Five vaulted, glass-topped 'pavilions' rise above the café-style tables, and doors at the western end of the room open out into a revamped and accessible terrace with new tables and chairs and garden planting. Grade I listed

gate piers were carefully relocated in line with Kitchen Lane and Kitchen Bridge to create a new gateway to the area, and views from the terrace stretch across Kitchen Bridge and down to the Backs of the College beyond.

The updated Bar has been given a more open and inclusive atmosphere than the original, but it retains familiar touches: U-shaped window seating from the old facility has been retained and repurposed, and the new benches, like the old, are a distinctive red. A trophy cabinet is filled with silverware, and the walls feature photographs not just of sporting achievements but of other aspects of student life. ‘There are beekeepers, rowing teams, cellists. I think that’s a really smart message – that everyone is welcome,’ said Bar Manager Jason Barker.

Student talents were also harnessed in the Bar decoration. A set of draw-down blinds covering the counter during closed hours feature designs created by second-year History student Isabella Bottle (2021), whose abstracted elements of the Bridge of Sighs and other architectural features of St John’s – produced on a tablet from hand drawings – were spotted when used on the Johnian Society scarf.

The walls of the Café, likewise, offered an opportunity to showcase Johnian achievement. To mark forty years of women at the College, photographic portraits were commissioned of eight distinguished alumnae – from an ambassador and a lawyer to a storytelling activist and a round-the-world yachtswoman.

The renovation project, completed in an impressive eighteen months, had to meet exacting architectural and environmental standards, avoid disturbing the academic life of the College, and meet strict deadlines at a time of global disruption due to the COVID pandemic and supply chain issues. For the duration of the build, Bar and Buttery facilities moved into a temporary structure in First Court.

Architects Colin Moses and Paula Meija-Wright of MCW were set the task of providing modern eating, study and social spaces in a contemporary style, while linking the facilities seamlessly to their distinctive – and carefully protected – historical context.

St John’s’ Grade I listed status requires specific and sensitive building standards, and a weekly four-hour inspection visit on behalf of Historic England ensured that all requirements were being met. No significant archaeological discoveries were made on the site, but all original features uncovered, such as fireplaces and brick archways, were protected.


Creating the new facilities within the confines of the College and its working community created an array of challenges for the construction teams. Weight restrictions on the Kitchen Bridge limited access from that direction, and a height limit on the Queen’s Road entrance added further complications. Builders compressed their working hours to leave more quiet time for students, and exam schedules were pencilled in early to ensure that noise temporarily stopped completely.

The College's leadership was also determined from the outset to meet the highest sustainability requirements, despite the challenges of doing so on a site mixing historic fabric and newbuild elements. The project has achieved a coveted BREEAM Excellent rating: a world-leading sustainability assessment method for masterplanning projects and buildings.

Critical to the popularity of the new eating and drinking facilities in the College is the quality of the food and drink available. The Buttery continues to provide a choice of fresh, healthy options to suit a range of dietary needs, using sustainable and local produce where possible, and the Bar offers a choice of premier locally brewed beers alongside cheaper commercial options, together with cocktails, including the signature St John's tippale, Party on the Backs. The new Café serves a range of freshly brewed coffees designed to match the best available in Cambridge, at a cheaper price, served with French pastries and savoury snacks.

The range and quality of refreshments opens a new chapter in what, at St John's as in all older Colleges, has been an occasionally bumpy history of eating and drinking. A dip into the College archives reveals that a Buttery was among the very first buildings constructed around the time of St John's foundation – proving the central importance of informal dining – but also that students have sometimes been less than happy with the quality of the provision. In 1884 a meeting to hear complaints about 'gravy, pastry, beer, vegetables' culminated in

students sitting on the Steward in protest, while a 1950s kitchens suggestions book sheds light on both the food and the entitled attitudes of some young diners. 'Tonight's dinner was inexcusable,' wrote one disgruntled undergraduate, claiming the mashed potatoes were 'held together with glue' while the meat was actually leather. 'Is it too much to ask that the bread supplied in Hall is fresh?' Today, the College community can be reassured of fresh sandwiches and a comfortable place for relaxation and refreshment.

Food is as important to College life as ever, noted Chris Pope, Catering and Hospitality Manager. 'Everybody has an interest, everybody has an opinion, and the facilities are used well. Being responsible for helping to facilitate that community in these new spaces – that's a bit of a privilege, a really great opportunity to do something positive to a longstanding institution, to create lovely spaces where people want to spend time and to provide sustenance and refreshment for them.' 

Credit: Geoff Robinson



Students working in the new College Café

New Research Fellows



Rakesh Arul
(BSc, BEng, MSc
University of
Auckland, PhD
Cambridge) *for Physics
and Astrophysics*

Photonics is the science of how light works and how light can do work. In my research I create the optical sensors of tomorrow by trapping and concentrating light to atomic scales with nanoparticles that are a thousand times smaller than the width of a human hair.

During my PhD I designed new optical sensors to detect infrared light. The colours of molecules in the infrared, invisible to the naked eye, contain rich information about their chemical structure and identity. Being able to 'see' this invisible IR world has enabled disease diagnosis, art conservation, greenhouse-gas monitoring and the stunning images of exoplanets. Despite such promise, IR detection remains far from democratised because of the costs and limited practical utility of existing technologies. During my PhD I invented a new technology for IR detection by trapping IR light to the nanoscale and converting it into detectable visible light.

As a Research Fellow I hope to combine physics with chemistry, and use light to control chemical reactions. By forming a new state of matter that is part light and part molecule, I aim to use light as a radical new tool to control chemical transformations that create sustainable fuels, such as hydrogen. I will also investigate and create new kinds of matter displaying exotic quantum behaviour that is impossible without extremely strong interaction between light and molecules.



John Colley
(BA, MA, MSt, DPhil
Oxford) *for English*

I work on classical reception and translation across late medieval and Renaissance English literature, with an emphasis on the print and manuscript contexts of literary production. My research contends that translation and classical reception studies offer especially insightful lenses for interrogating broader issues of intellectual history.

In my doctoral thesis on Tudor humanism and the translation of Greek, I took a new, more generically diverse approach to reception scholarship. In particular, I argued that the classical tradition in early Tudor England was as much a matter of Homer's reception as of the reception of authors such as St John Chrysostom and Eusebius: the thesis painted a history of classical reception that was never straightforwardly classical.

At St John's I'm developing my classical reception work with a new monograph project, 'Comedy and the Classical Tradition: Drama in England from Frulovisi to Shakespeare'. Reading extensively between vernacular and neo-Latin texts, this project will revise the history of comedy's evolution in England across an ambitiously broad period, from the 1430s to the 1620s. What were the distinctive features of an emergent English dramatic tradition forged in the wake of classical drama?



Brigid Ehrmantraut
(AB Princeton University, MPhil, PhD Cambridge) *for Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic*

I am a philologist and intellectual historian specialising in the languages and literatures of medieval Britain and Ireland. My interests include Celtic studies, Latin literature, Classical reception and textual transmission, translation and landscape studies.

My PhD thesis explored the reception of Classical mythology in medieval Ireland between the tenth and twelfth centuries, and the ways in which Greek and Roman narratives became situated within a medieval Christian worldview. I examined a corpus of vernacular Irish adaptations of Classical Latin epic, as well as the influence of Classical mythology on medieval Irish authors' conceptions of their own pre-Christian past. I have also worked on medieval perceptions of prehistoric monuments in Irish, Welsh and Latin literature.

During my Fellowship I will continue my study of medieval Irish Classical reception into the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, examining the development of the *cath* 'battle' genre of tales. These compositions drew heavily on Classical literature as well as on the earlier vernacular Irish adaptations of Classical epic produced during the tenth through twelfth centuries, which I investigated in my PhD thesis.



Andrea Luppi
(BA, MSc Oxford, MPhil, PhD Cambridge) *for Physiology*

General anaesthesia is one of the greatest breakthroughs in the history of medicine, enabling millions of life-saving surgeries each year worldwide. However, we still do not know how anaesthetics influence the delicate functioning of the brain to suppress consciousness. My doctoral work used anaesthesia as a lens to interrogate brain function to understand how brain architecture orchestrates information processing.

After transitioning from Philosophy to Neuroscience, my PhD combined network science and information theory. I discovered that the interactions between different brain regions are synergistic, carrying more information than the sum of their individual contributions. This neural synergy is diminished when consciousness is lost, whether due to anaesthesia or brain injury. It is also especially prominent in evolutionarily recent regions of the human brain, and greater in humans than in non-human primates.

These discoveries converge on a role of synergy in supporting human cognition, raising the intriguing prospect of using synergy as a guiding principle to develop more human-like artificial intelligence. As a Fellow of St John's, I will investigate the role of synergy in supporting cognitive function and dysfunction, both in the human brain and in artificial neural networks. 🧠

The Master and Fellowship

College Officers

The College Officers as of 1 October 2023 will be:

The Master

The President

Senior Tutor

Senior Bursar

Dean of Chapel

Dean of Discipline

Domestic Bursar

Librarian

Praelector

Director of Music

Chaplain

Mrs Heather Hancock

Professor Steve Edgley

Mr Richard Partington

Mr Chris Ewbank

The Revd Canon Dr Mark Oakley

Dr Nick Friedman

Mrs Alison Cox

Dr Richard Beadle

Professor Graeme Barker

Mr Christopher Gray

The Revd Andrew Hammond

College Council

The College Council as of 1 October 2023 will be (in order of seniority):

The Master

The President

Professor Ben Simons

Professor Máire Ní Mhaonaigh

Professor Christine Gray

Professor Usha Goswami

Dr Sylvana Tomaselli

Professor John Rink

Professor Albertina Albers-Llorens

Professor Edward Tipper

The Revd Canon Dr Mark Oakley

Dr Jack Smith

Dr Victoria Harvey

Fellowship

The Fellowship of the College as of 1 October 2023 will be (in order of seniority):

The Master (Mrs Heather Hancock)

The President (Professor Steve Edgley)

Dr Ben Garling

Dr George Reid

Professor Patrick Boyde

Dr John Leake

Dr Alan Macfarlane

Professor David McMullen

Dr Keith Matthews

Mr Ray Jobling

The Revd Dr Andrew Macintosh

Professor Jim Staunton

Professor Malcolm Clarke

Professor John Iiffe

Professor Malcolm Schofield

Professor Tim Bayliss-Smith
 Professor Steve Gull
 Professor Howard Hughes
 Dr Peter Goddard
 Professor Peter T. Johnstone
 Professor Ian Hutchings
 Professor Richard Beadle
 Dr John Hutchison
 Dr Derek Wight
 Professor Sir Richard Friend
 Dr Robin Glasscock
 Professor Robert Tombs
 Dr Dick McConnel
 Professor David Midgley
 Dr Martin Richards
 Professor John Kerrigan
 Professor Graham Burton
 Professor Geoff Horrocks
 Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta
 Professor Hugh Matthews
 Professor Jane Heal
 Professor Tom Hynes
 Professor Nick McCave
 Dr Andrew C. (Ricky) Metaxas
 Colonel Richard Robinson
 Professor Simon Conway Morris
 Professor Ernest Laue
 Professor Robert Evans
 Dr Sue Colwell
 Dr Helen Watson
 Professor Christel Lane
 Dr Christopher Robinson
 Professor Yuri Suhov
 Professor Simon Szreter
 Professor Deborah Howard
 Professor Manucha Lisboa
 Professor Ulinka Rublack
 Professor Ben Simons
 Professor Máire Ní Mhaonaigh
 Professor Duncan McFarlane

Professor Christine Gray
 Dr Ian Winter
 Professor Nick Manton
 Professor Neil Arnold
 Dr Stefano Castelvechi
 Professor Ann Louise Kinmonth
 Professor Janet Lees
 Professor Stefan Reif
 Professor David Stuart
 Dr Mark Nicholls
 Dr Matthias Dörrzapf
 Professor Pierpaolo Antonello
 Professor Andy Woods
 Commodore John Harris
 Professor Serena Best
 Dr Petra Geraats
 Dr Paul Wood
 Professor Emily Gowers
 Professor Usha Goswami
 Professor Richard Samworth
 Professor Graeme Barker
 Dr David Williams
 Dr Sylvana Tomaselli
 Mr Chris Ewbank
 Dr Frank Salmon
 Dr Chris Warnes
 Professor Chris Jiggins
 Mr Stephen Teal
 Dr Tomas Larsson
 Professor Robert Mullins
 Professor Tuomas Knowles
 Professor Jason Robinson
 Dr Georgina Evans
 Professor Mete Atatüre
 Professor Zoubin Ghahramani
 Professor John Rink
 Professor Erwin Reisner
 Professor Ole Paulsen
 Professor Kristian Franze
 Professor Austen Lamacraft

Professor Uta Paszkowski
Professor Nathan MacDonald
Professor John Taylor
Professor Andrew Arsan
Professor Meredith Crowley
Professor Michael De Volder
Professor Hannah Joyce
Professor Orietta Da Rold
Professor Albertina Albors-Llorens
Professor Edward Tipper
Mr Tim Watts
Professor Adam Chau
Professor Graham Ladds
Professor Richard Gilbertson
Dr Fleur Kilburn-Toppin
Professor Eske Willerslev
Professor Andy Wheeler
Dr Gabriella Santangelo
Professor Laura Torrente Murciano
Dr Ruth Abbott
The Revd Canon Dr Mark Oakley
Professor Eric Miska
Professor Jean Abraham
Professor Helen McCarthy
Dr Dhruv Ranganathan
Dr Jack Smith
Dr Becky Shercliff
Dr Kadi Saar
Dr Morag Morrison-Helme
Dr Victoria Harvey
Professor Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri
Professor Alexander Bird
Dr Christiana Scheib
Dr Jules O'Dwyer
Professor Buzz Baum
Dr Nick Friedman
Dr Virgil Andrei
Mr Richard Partington
Dr Benedek Kruchió
Dr Marie Chabbert
Dr Rosalba García Millán
Dr Anna Florin
Dr Darshil Shah
Professor Laura Diaz Anadon
Ms Ella Sbaraini
Professor Nic Lane
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Dr Jessie Munton
Mr Chris Gray
Dr Ritwick Sawarkar
Mrs Alison Cox
Dr Vasileios Kotsidis
Dr Andrea Luppi
Mr Jef Laga
Ms Brigid Ehrmantraut
Dr Amy Orben
Mr Rakesh Arul
Dr Leah Downey
Dr John Colley

Honorary Fellows

The Honorary Fellows of the College as of 1 October 2023 will be (in order of seniority):

Dr Manmohan Singh
 Sir David Wilson
 Sir Bryan Cartledge
 Sir Derek Jacobi
 Professor Sir Roger Penrose
 The Hon. Richard Goldstone
 The Rt Hon. the Lord Hope of Craighead
 Sir Timothy Lankester
 The Rt Hon. the Lord John Browne
 Professor Lord Mervyn King
 Mr Mike Brearley
 The Hon. Frank Iacobucci
 Ambassador Andreas Jacovides
 Sir Michael Scholar
 The Most Revd Dr Peter Carnley
 Sir Mark Moody-Stuart
 Mr Dan Burt
 Mr Nick Corfield
 Professor Eric Maskin
 Professor Lord Colin Renfrew
 The Rt Hon. Sir Richard Aikens
 Professor Sir John Ball
 The Rt Hon. Sir Jack Beatson
 Professor John Pocock
 Sir David Hopwood
 Sir Roger Palin
 Sir David Pountney
 Lord Crisp
 Sir Simon Keenlyside
 Professor Richard Goody
 Professor Lord Peter Hennessy
 Professor Andrew Hamilton
 Professor David Harvey
 Miss Jennifer Egan

Professor Jane Stapleton
 Mr Marc Feigen
 Mr Thomas Adés
 Professor Manuel Castells
 Dame Louise Makin
 Sir Harpal Kumar
 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales
 Mr Mark Coombs
 Mrs Annamarie Phelps
 Professor Sheena Radford
 Ms Laura Bates
 Dr Claire Craig
 Dr Heidi Doughty
 Dr Eben Upton
 Professor Sir David King
 Professor Sharon Peacock
 Professor Bhaskar Vira
 Professor Walter Woon
 Dr Anthony Freeling



MEMBERS' NEWS

Photo: Graduands'
Garden Party, June 2022
Credit: Ian Olsson



Members' news

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

You can contribute your news to next year's issue of *The Eagle* online at johnian.joh.cam.ac.uk/publications or by filling in the paper form accompanying this issue.

If you've lost touch with other Johnians, please contact the Development Office at development@joh.cam.ac.uk or on **01223 338700**. If we have their contact details, we will try to help you reconnect.

1946 HORRIDGE, Professor Adrian has published a small booklet that increases our fundamental understanding of vision: *How Do Bees (and Humans) See Grey?*, publication by northernbeebooks.co.uk. The topic is of interest because grey or black photons do not exist, and yet grey and black are visible by these two entirely different visual systems.

1950 LAWSON, Gordon had a concert of his works performed in June 2022 in Conservatorio in Oliva, Valencia (where pianist Claudio Carbo is a Professor). The programme included Gordon's 'Flute Sonata' (written at St John's), a cello sonata, six bagatelles, two pieces for double bass, four songs for soprano and piano, and a song written in 1953, with words by John Barrett (1951). Gordon and Claudio performed two movements from Gordon's 'Music For Two'. In February 2022 Claudio Carbo premiered Gordon's 'Piano Sonata' and in July 2022 Claudio, an oboist and bassoonist,

performed his Trio. Visit Gordon's Youtube channel: bit.ly/Lawson_music_youtube

1951 THOMPSON, Eric has been a Church Reader for sixty-two years. At Cambridge he founded the Cambridge Social Service Organisation, and more recently helped to save the Cambridge Society of York from extinction. Eric has been working on two book projects and is seeking advice on publication. One is a series of letters written by his father while working as a missionary in India 100 years ago. The other is a collection of reminders of the mistakes made by society today, covering a variety of subjects. Practical guidance on getting published would be gratefully received – please contact the Development Office.

1952 CARO, John's highlight of the year was self-publishing his twelfth book, *An Impossible Dream, A Novella and Other Stories*. As an amateur writer – ten books written since retiring twenty years ago –

print runs are tiny, just enough for long-suffering family members and close friends, but his latest book is more serious, dealing fictionally with how we could eliminate violence as the ultimate conflict resolution method worldwide, domestically, nationally and globally – this is the ‘Impossible Dream’ of the title. This book, along with a couple of John’s novels, is available for the general public as an ebook.

1954 LYNCH, Dr Anthony has had two books published through Amazon (hard- and paperback jackets) and Kindle, just in time for his eighty-eighth birthday. *The Hanging of William Dodd* is an historical fiction, while *Y Block* is an account of two years’ alternative to National Service (1957–59) in an emergency male psychiatric unit in East Dulwich, London.

1954 MACKENZIE-ROSS, Dr (Ronald) Keith has just had his second book published by Olympia Publishers. The first book is *Tales from a Winchester Hill*, a comedy on the members of a croquet club. The second book is *They Used Me for Their Own Ends*, a spy drama with kidnapping and a shootout in a remote Scottish town.

1955 GREGORY, David is currently Chair of New Milton U3A, leading groups on everyday philosophy and bus-pass day trips, contributing to poetry, current affairs and quiz groups.

1955 ROBINS, Major Colin’s lecturing on military history to local societies came to a halt as a result of the almost complete national lockdown forced by COVID,

and sadly the fees, which he passed to army charities, ceased as well. Advancing years, and inevitable health problems as he approaches ninety, make a resumption unlikely, but Colin continues to follow news of the College and LMBC keenly.

1956 MITCHELL, Dr Kit was the programme organiser for the 2022 TRANSED Conference, and he was delighted to be recognised by a TRB Exceptional Service Award for his efforts. Kit also received a plaque from the Royal Aeronautical Society to mark his retirement as the founding Editor of the *Journal of Aeronautical History*, which he started in 2010. The online journal is available without cost on aerosociety.com/news-expertise/journals-papers/journal-of-aeronautical-history, and it has been a fascinating experience selecting and editing papers on a wide range of aerospace topics. He continues as Editor Emeritus and is involved in formatting papers for publication.

1957 BETTS, (Robert) David has given up car ownership at eighty-seven. Instead he rides an electric, battery-assisted tricycle for any journey of up to thirty miles.

1959 LAWLEY, Dr Jonathan did Overseas Civil Service in Zambia as the last British District Commissioner. He worked in consultancy and training in the Congo (DRC), Morocco and Mauritius, and he was a British Election Supervisor for the Zimbabwe Independence elections. He trained the first black managers for the mining industry in Southern Africa. He was Africa Director of the British Executive

Service Overseas and became Director of the Royal African Society and Adviser to the Business Council for Africa. He published a memoir, *Beyond the Malachite Hills*, and a book about endangered aboriginal tribes of the Andaman Islands.

1960 BREARLEY, Michael wrote *Turning Over the Pebbles: A Life in Cricket and in the Mind*, published by Constable, a subsidiary of Little Brown, on 1 June 2023. It is the fourth book he has written in the past six or seven years. The first of the four was called *On Form* (2017). Both these books include cricket but are broader than that. Michael read Classics and then Moral Sciences and was a Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, a cricketer, captaining England, and has been for forty years working as a psychoanalyst and writer.

1961 ODLING-SMEE, John has published three books in the last two years. One was about his work in 1992–2003 as Head of the Department at the International Monetary Fund responsible for relations with the fifteen countries of the former Soviet Union: *Towards Market Economies: The IMF and the Economic Transition in Russia and Other Former Soviet Countries*. The other two were biographies of nineteenth-century ancestors: *A Jolly Life: the Life and Times of Charles Theophilus Hahn* and *Alfred Smee: Victorian Scientist, Inventor, Gardener and Campaigner*.

1962 DASGUPTA, Professor Sir Partha was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) in

the King's New Year Honours List 2023 for services to Economics and to the Natural Environment.

1962 SAMPSON, Professor Geoffrey brought out his latest book, *God Proofs*, in June 2022. This book surveys a thousand years of attempts to prove God's existence as a theorem of pure logic or maths. *God Proofs* is published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing; see grsampson.net/BGPP.html

1963 CROXFORD, Professor Leslie was made Officer of the Order of the British Empire in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours List 2022, awarded for services to UK Higher Education in Egypt. Leslie is the Senior Vice President of The British University in Egypt.

1963 LYLE, Chris was designated as Lead Expert, Aviation, in the newly minted Tourism Panel on Climate Change in August 2022. The panel was launched at the UN COP27 climate summit in November 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, and included Chris' peer-reviewed Horizon Paper on mitigation of air transport emissions.

1963 RATZER, Professor Emeritus Gerald has had a difficult year, but the outcome has been successful. After a number of advanced tests to assess his heart condition, a bypass operation was done in September 2022. This was completed robotically, to save opening up the chest. After four days in hospital, he walked out unassisted. Then followed four months of cardiac rehab, which has restored his health close to where it was. A successful outcome.

1963 RUSSELL, Professor Michael published an article in *The Conversation*, 14 December 2022, entitled 'Nasal vaccines promise to stop COVID-19 virus before it gets to the lungs – an immunologist explains how they work'. This was based on a review published in *Frontiers in Immunology* in August 2022 on 'Mucosal immunity: the missing link in comprehending SARS-CoV-2 infection and immunity', and an earlier perspective article in *Frontiers in Immunology*, 'Mucosal immunity in COVID-19: A neglected but critical aspect of SARS-CoV-2 infection', which has been cited over 200 times in 2 years since publication in November 2020.

1963 SEARLE, Professor Roger is retired from Durham University and is now Emeritus Professor of Geophysics. He currently lives in Northumberland, reviewing research papers and books. He recently wrote entries on Sir Anthony Laughton for the *Royal Society Biographical Memoirs* and for the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. He and his wife, Margery, have three sons, one of whom lives in Hong Kong; they are now looking to downsize locally.

1964 BURT, Dan published *Every Wrong Direction, an Émigré's Memoir*, Carcanet Press (UK); Rutgers University Press (US). Publisher's summary: 'EWD examines the bitter education of an American émigré who never found a home in America. It begins with the rough, working-class childhood... follows him through America, Britain and Saudi Arabia as student, lawyer, spy and culture warrior, and ends with

a photo of his set at St John's College'. He also published *A History*, Prototype Press, described in a *Buzz* review as 'hugely meaningful and profound... powerfully devastating work... that cannot fail to affect the reader'.

1964 CURNOCK, Dr David is retired but making yearly visits to teach child health topics and to encourage the staff at Berega Mission Hospital, Morogoro Region, Tanzania, and at a Roma community outreach tea in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria.

1964 FRYER, Henry has retired after twenty-five years as a psychotherapist, eleven as a consultant in petrochemicals and twenty years in book publishing.

1964 GOOCH, Stephen's best-known stage play, *Female Transport*, achieves its fiftieth anniversary next year, having been in production around the world every year since. First produced in a tiny fringe theatre, it was picked up by the Ramsey Agency and the late lamented Plays and Players and has enjoyed over 500 outings.

1964 HOWARD, Professor Deborah curated the exhibition 'Acqua, Terra, Fuoco: Architettura Industriale del Veneto nel Rinascimento' at the Palladio Museum in Vicenza, Italy, from 12 November 2022 to 12 March 2023. The exhibition was based on her recent book, *Proto-Industrial Architecture of the Veneto in the Age of Palladio* (2021, also published in Italian).

1965 BAYLISS-SMITH, Professor Tim presented the St John's College Lecture to

the University of Hull, on the subject 'From Pacific atolls to Cambridge colleges: the challenge of Zero Carbon for sustainability' on 19 October 2022.

1965 HEYWORTH, Dr Martin is the composer of *Sinfonia No. 2* (written during 2015–20), which received its world première by the Penn Med Symphony Orchestra, an orchestra comprised largely of biomedical and healthcare students and professionals associated with the University of Pennsylvania (Penn), on 17 December 2022, in the Irvine Auditorium on the Penn campus in Philadelphia. Universal Edition, Vienna, published this work in 2022.

1965 MUNN, Peter worked in Savoie from 1974 to 2006 as a marketing and sales engineer for SKF ball and roller screws. Exporting meant visiting customers in thirty countries, in each of which he found new cultures and things to appreciate. In 2022 he moved to Berlin to be close to his daughter, Nathalie. Not easy learning a language at seventy-seven! He very much enjoys walking an hour a day and cross-country skiing.

1966 BUCKLER, Robert, film and TV producer/screenwriter, was pleased to undertake a Q and A at the Windrush Festival in Brixton last summer, where his film *Pressure* was screening. *Pressure* was Britain's first black-directed feature film (director, Sir Horace Ove, 1975). Thanks to the BFI and the Martin Scorsese Foundation, it is currently being remastered. Meanwhile, Robert has been developing a new, nine-episode drama TV series, set in South Africa, through his company, Renegade Films.

1966 GOODFELLOW, Robin stepped down in the summer of 2022 as Chairman of the publicly quoted venture capital trust, Oxford Technology 3 VCT plc, following its merger with Oxford Technology 2 VCT plc. where he remains a director.

1966 JOHNSTONE, Professor Peter continues to sing with the (London) Bach Choir. In July 2023 he took part in the Cambridge premiere of the choral work 'Vision of a Garden' by Richard Blackford, which sets words written by Peter about his experience of COVID-19 in 2020; it received its first performance in London in October 2021 and was performed in King's College Chapel on 20 July 2023.

1966 KNOWLES, Dr Philip's last year saw the worsening of his wife's respiratory illness, still undiagnosed by the Royal Brompton Hospital now after five years. On a brighter note, he continues to be able to walk Pippa (their cockerpoop) for five miles each day, and now that COVID is abating, they have enjoyed seeing more of their grandchildren. He is proud to have never received any honour and to have returned to playing bridge with considerable improvement.

1966 NAYLOR, John has been appointed a Lay Canon of Lichfield Cathedral. He has been Chairman of Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance since 2012. He was a member of General Synod 2015–21. He is also Music Director of The Open University Chapel Choir, The Lydian Singers and Nantwich Choral Society.

1966 POUNTNEY, Sir David has directed *The Excursions of Mr Broucek* for Grange Park Opera, *Migrations* (world première) for WNO and Prokofiev's *The Gambler* for the Mestina France festival in Italy.

1967 MADDUMA BANDARA, Professor Chandrasekera had his recent book, *Freedom Struggles of Sri Lanka – Lessons Learned and the Way Forward*, published by Godage International Publishers Colombo (2020). ISBN 978-624-00-0898-3. He was Editor in Chief, with contributions from more than thirty authors.

1968 HARDING, Dr Graham's thesis, 'Champagne in Britain 1800–1914: How the British Transformed a French Luxury' (Bloomsbury, 2021), won the 2022 Prix de l'OIIV. (LOIV is the 'Organisation Internationale du Vin.') The book was the sole prizewinner in the History Category. Graham has also acted as History Editor for the 2022 publication *The Routledge Handbook of Wine and Culture*, to which he also contributed several chapters on the development of the champagne glass, on the topic of 'History and Culture' and (with Professor Charles Ludington of New York University) on the drinking culture of Ireland.

1968 MACLEAN, David, retired Chief Education Officer for the London Borough of Havering, continues to perform with his Beatles' covers band, Glass Onion.

1969 COLLEY, Professor Linda was made Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) for services to

History in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours 2022.

1969 DUFF, Andrew had two books published in 2022. *Britain and the Puzzle of European Union* appears in the Routledge Studies in Modern British History series. *Constitutional Change in the European Union* is an Open Access publication in Macmillan's Palgrave Pivot series.

1969 MACKENZIE, Alan returned to the UK after retiring from thirty years working for SHAPE in Belgium, and devoted himself to amateur dramatics and writing. He has to date self-published a series of four books – *Short Stories from Lockdown*, *Something to Kill For*, *The Berlin Palimpsest* and *Death of an Oligarch*. He is now working on his fourth thriller.

1970 BARRETT, Professor Martyn published revised editions of four books with the Council of Europe in 2022. He is a lead expert for their Education Policy Advisors Network, providing advice to the council's forty-six member states on the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture, promoting the democratic and intercultural competences of learners in primary, secondary and higher education. The University of Chichester awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Psychology to Martyn in October 2022 'in recognition of his outstanding impact on the education of children and young people and the inspiration his work continues to give across many cultures'.

1970 FANAROFF, Dr Bernard, has been elected as an International Member of the American Philosophical Society.

1970 HEATH, Richard's book *Henry VIII and Charles V: Rival Monarchs, Uneasy Allies* (Pen and Sword – History) was published in February 2023. It takes a fresh look at these two monarchs, who both ruled for almost forty years when momentous changes in society, politics and religion were taking place in England and across Europe. It focuses on the importance of their constantly changing relationship in shaping both their immediate policies and the future of their lands. Richard still lives in Cambridge and is fortunate to be able to enjoy time in retirement with his wife, daughter, son and grandchildren.

1971 FURBER, Professor Stephen was a joint winner of the 2022 US National Academy of Engineering Charles Stark Draper Prize for Engineering, for 'contributions to the invention, development, and implementation of reduced instruction set computer (RISC) chips.'

1971 MILLER, Dr Alastair continues to work a few days a month doing acute medicine at the Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle but will stop soon! He is now Deputy International Medical Director at the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board, having completed nine years as the Deputy MD for UK Training, which involved a total rewrite of the curriculum for Internal Medicine. He continues to try and keep fit in the

Cumbrian Fells, the Alps and on the water, and he had a month's expedition in Eastern Greenland in August 2022.

1972 WILLIAMS, Peter (SJC Captain of Hockey 1974–5) was a member of the Wales Over 70s hockey squad that won the World Cup in Tokyo in October 2022, thereby becoming world champions.

1973 BEATTY, Richard still researches scientific and other terms for the *Oxford English Dictionary*, which he has done – with a break – since 1981. Now based back in Edinburgh, he continues as a writer and editor of encyclopedias and children's information books, as well as working as a support tutor.

1973 CLEMENTS, Robert has finally retired from paid work after thirty-five years in the House of Commons and eleven years of developing and advising parliamentary research services in many countries. He now has more time to spend with five grandchildren and in the garden.

1973 LE VOIR, Peter's company, Rhokett, of which he was Chairman and co-founder since it was a start-up in 2002, announced a majority sale in October 2021. Rhokett is a premium dessert developer and producer. Over £20 million in sales were recorded when it was sold.

1973 PERRYMAN, Professor Michael was awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy 2022 with Professor Lennart Lindgren (Lund, Sweden) for their lifetime contributions to space astrometry, and in particular their role in the conception and

design of the European Space Agency's Hipparcos and Gaia missions. Hipparcos, launched in 1989, measured the positions and motions of 100,000 stars 100 times more accurately than from ground. Gaia, launched in 2013, is measuring 2 billion stars with far higher accuracy, providing an exquisitely detailed portrait of our Galaxy and its formation, with impacts on all branches of astronomy and astrophysics.

1973 SPRIGGS, Emeritus Professor Matthew was awarded the Australian Archaeological Association's highest award, the Rhys Jones Medal, for 2022 for 'outstanding contribution to Australian archaeology'. He was also awarded the inaugural Robyn Doohan Visiting Fellowship in Celtic Studies at University of Sydney for 2023–5, to support the project '1000 Years of Cornish', publishing materials in and on the Cornish language in association with University of Exeter Press. He was appointed Honorary Librarian of the Vanuatu and Pacific Collections at the National Library of Vanuatu, the country where he now spends most of his time in retirement.

1973 TORRY, The Revd Dr Malcolm was appointed Priest in Charge of St Mary Abchurch in the City of London in August 2022. He continues to contribute to the global Basic Income debate and is also now publishing on metaphysics. Recent publications include 'Basic Income: What, Why, and How? Aspects of the Global Basic Income Debate', 'Basic Income – A History', 'Mark's Gospel: An Actological Reading', and 'Actological Readings in Continental Philosophy': torry.org.uk/mn142

1974 CHILTON, The Rev Dr Bruce had his book *Synoptikon. Streams of Tradition in Mark, Matthew, and Luke* published by Brill in Leiden this year within the series *The New Testament Gospels in their Judaic Contexts*. The volume was conceived as a tool for commentators and represents a new analysis of the Synoptic Problem. The Revd Dr Chilton is the Bernard Iddings Bell Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Bard College, Annandale, New York.

1974 NOBLE, Chris has sold his interest in the Californian wine business that he has been running for nearly twenty years, and he retired at the end of 2022. He has now rejoined the board and is a regular and enthusiastic volunteer at a major charity serving the homeless and disadvantaged in Southern California. He began studying for a Master's degree in History at the University of Oxford in September 2023.

1974 POLLARD, David's practitioner law book, *Corporate Insolvency: Employment and Pension Rights*, came out in its seventh edition in April 2022.

1975 ASHBROOKE, Auberon is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Estonia for the Channel Islands. Otherwise he is largely retired but still doing a little bit of lecturing and supervising for University College Jersey (which is a partner college of the University of Plymouth). He has three children, who are currently students on the mainland, shortly to enter the real world of employment.

1975 DUCKWORTH, Colin competed for Great Britain in the 2022 European Trail

Orienteering Championships in Finland and the 2022 World Trail Orienteering Championships in Poland. Graham Urquhart (1973) was also in these teams. Colin and Graham were part of the relay team that came sixth in their class in the World Championships.

1975 MARCOFF, A A (Tony) has edited an international anthology of tanka – *In Sun, Snow and Rain: Tanka from a World of Song*. He has published two new collections of poetry, *Quiet Gospel: A World of Light* and *The Song of the Sun*. His work is currently appearing in the UK, Japan, the USA and Canada.

1975 McCULLAGH, Barney's articles on classical subjects are available at the Central and East European Online Library (ceol.com). This year's conference paper is entitled 'Wrapped In Grief; Post-traumatic Stress in Homer, the Homeric Hymns, and Aratus'. Meanwhile, his songs can be heard on Spotify, YouTube and especially [soundcloud.com](https://soundcloud.com/barney&barrie) ('[barney&barrie](https://soundcloud.com/barney&barrie)').

1975 SPARKS, Jon, having published more than fifty books relating to the outdoors, travel and photography, as writer and/or photographer, has just launched his first novel – and there are several more in the pipeline. 'I was writing fiction on the side before I came to John's', he says, 'and I've never stopped, but between health issues and some of my non-fiction outlets drying up, it seemed like time to put fiction first'. *Three Kinds of North*, book one of The Shattered Moon series, was described

by an early Amazon review as 'an expertly captained voyage of the imagination'.

1976 NISHIKAWA, Dr Hiroshi, formerly the clinical lead of craniofacial and plastic reconstructive surgery at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, retired from the NHS in 2020. He is presently a Director of the Westbourne Centre in Birmingham. This is a surgical day centre that carries out cosmetic, dental, ophthalmic, orthopaedic, general and dermatological surgery for both private and NHS patients. Hiroshi continues to practise plastic reconstructive and cosmetic surgery at the Westbourne Centre and advises upon medico-legal matters.

1976 PICOT, Russell has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in recognition of his services to sustainability and his work on climate-related financial disclosures.

1976 RAWLEY, The Revd Ian retired from the Bench on 31 March 2023, after more than thirty years as a part-time Presiding Justice in the Magistrates' Courts. He has very much enjoyed using his legal training over three decades, even though his main role has been – and remains – serving as a church minister. He will continue in that role until his wife, Carole, decides to retire as a child and adolescent psychotherapist – although given the huge current demand for her services, that may be a few years away yet! Meanwhile, there is now more time available for their six grandchildren.

1977 HARGREAVES, Rev David was licensed as Associate Priest of the parishes

of Foulridge, Laneshawbridge and Trawden in the Diocese of Blackburn on Sunday 26 March 2023.

1977 McINTYRE, Dr Neil has been appointed Chair of White Lodge, a charity based in West Byfleet, Surrey, which provides a wide range of services for people with disabilities ranging from nursery and teenage to adult groups.

1977 VAN DELDEN, Professor Maarten is serving a three-year term (2021–4) as Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of California, Los Angeles. He previously served as Chair of the same department from 2009 to 2012. He teaches and writes on Latin American literature. His most recent book is *Reality in Movement: Octavio Paz as Essayist and Public Intellectual*, published by Vanderbilt University Press in 2021. Professor Van Delden is currently working on a book on Albert Camus' influence on Latin American writers of the second half of the twentieth century.

1978 FORD, Professor Alan, no longer required to teach students or run departments, is finding that retirement is, unsurprisingly, proving very productive when it comes to doing what academics really want to do – researching and writing. Two articles published this year, one looking at early-modern puritanism from a different geographical perspective, the other at that bizarre feature of the Church of Ireland for almost 100 years: a ban on the use of the central symbol of Christianity, the cross. 'Puritanism

from the Outside': journals.openedition.org/rfcb/9914; 'The Cost of Democracy: the Church of Ireland and its Canons, 1871–1974': hcommons.org/deposits/item/hc:50149/; nottingham.academia.edu/AlanFord

1978 SIMMONS, Professor David was awarded the 2022 Pederson Award by the Diabetes in Pregnancy Study Group of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes for his research into diabetes in pregnancy. He was also awarded the 2022 Australian Diabetes Society Jeff Flack Award for his outstanding contribution to diabetes data collection in Australia. He was made the Patron of the Diabetes Foundation Aotearoa in South Auckland, New Zealand.

1978 TOMASELLI, Dr Sylvana became Postgraduate Tutor, having been Acting Postgraduate Tutor in the previous academic year. Her more recent publications include, 'In Praise of Grand Historical Narratives', which appeared in March 2023 in *Intellectual History Review*, DOI: [10.1080/17496977.2023.2180587](https://doi.org/10.1080/17496977.2023.2180587)

1979 BELLIS, Dr Mark has been appointed Co-ordinator of UK Volunteers for the Cathedral Music Trust.

1980 BRIEGAL, Mark has been reappointed as Chair of Archery GB, the national governing body for archery in the UK, for a second four-year term. He is still chairing British Rowing's North West Regional Umpiring Committee and a Trustee of the Rowing Foundation, a charity that aims to get young people and disabled people onto

the water in rowing boats. He was recently elected to the committee of the Association of Partnership Practitioners. Mark is still running a law firm and is very bad at saying 'no'.

1981 FOSTER, Professor Charles became a Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, on 1 September 2022, thus moving from Green Templeton College.

1981 REINSTEIN, Professor Dan is Founder and Medical Director of London Vision Clinic and holds Professorships at Columbia University, New York, Ulster University and Sorbonne University, France. Lead Refractive Surgery Consultant for Carl Zeiss Meditec, he created their EDoF PRESBYOND® Laser Blended Vision treatment module for presbyopia and was a key investigator in developing SMILE. His textbook *The Surgeon's Guide to SMILE* was published in April 2018. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers, mostly about corneal imaging with VHF digital ultrasound technology, which he co-invented at Cornell University in the 1990s. He plays saxophone at the 606 Club in Chelsea.

1981 SHARROCK, David joined the Global Center on Adaptation, a climate-change NGO based in Rotterdam, as speechwriter to the CEO.

1981 WELLS, Mark released *Legacy of Shadows*, the third book in his bestselling fantasy trilogy, Cambridge Gothic. Like the other two books in the series, *College of Shadows* and *Gate of Shadows*, much of the action occurs in and around St John's, culminating in a dramatic final

confrontation at the May Ball. There is more information on his website as well as a collection of downloadable ghost stories that he wrote for Professor Pat Boyd's 'Ghost Story Evening' in the Combination Room. marknwells.com.

1982 HILL, Roger has taken on a new role as Technical Architect at Montagu Private Equity in London.

1982 WILLIAMS, Dr David was licensed as a Lay Minister/Reader for the Church of England in autumn 2022.

1983 BERTRAM, David is pleased to say that his eldest daughter, Jamilya, entered St John's in Michaelmas Term 2022, to read Modern & Mediaeval Languages.

1984 CRAVEN, Paul and Gary Haigh (1983), embodying the Johnian motto 'Souvent Me Souvient', revisited their 1980s Cambridge days with a shared family holiday. Mindful of their alma mater, their itinerary included St. John's Fortress in Kotor and St. John's Cathedral in Valletta. Despite L P Hartley's words, "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there", their humour remained delightfully unchanged from their undergraduate days. It was also a great pleasure for Paul to reconnect with fellow Johnian Sean Cameron (1983) and Jennifer Cameron Horley during a cricket tour to Buenos Aires.

1983 DOUGHTY, Dr Heidi took semi-retirement from NHS Blood and Transplant in 2020 but continues to contribute to various organisations at home and abroad.

She retired as Past President of the British Blood Transfusion Service in September 2022 and accepted the society's Mollison Award for significant contributions to clinical transfusion medicine during her career. She has recently completed a WHO policy project to support blood supply in disasters and delivered public engagement podcasts for the Royal College of Pathologists.

1984 BRUNT, Dr David, after three years as Chief Operating Officer at the Christian charity the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, is now supporting a start-up business and consulting on sustainability for small and larger companies.

1984 HALPERN, Dr David was made Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the King's New Year Honours 2023 for Public Service.

1984 HOPE, Peter piloted a Tiger Moth (flying dual) on the sixtieth anniversary of his first solo in a Tiger. Smooth flight and landing! He also wrote an article, 'The Rise and Fall of the Air Observation Post' (observation of gunfire by light aircraft), which was published in the *Royal Artillery Journal*.

1984 KEAY, Dr Nicky's book *Hormones, Health and Human Potential: A guide to Understanding your Hormones to Optimise your Health and Performance* was published 28 October 2022.

1984 PHELPS, Annamarie will chair the UK Secretariat and co-chair the Global Executive Committee of the International Working

Group (IWG) on Women & Sport, which the UK is hosting between 2022 and 2026 and which is the largest global network of organisations committed to improving gender equality in sport. Annamarie was appointed Chair of the European Olympic Committees Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Commission in 2021. She is Club Chair of the CUBC and in April 2023 joined Lansons, the communications and reputation management consultancy, as Special Advisor.

1985 CHUA, Professor Daniel has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy 2022.

1985 GODDARD, Sir Andrew was made a Knight Bachelor for services to Health and Social Care in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours 2022.

1985 TOPPING, Nigel was made Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours 2022. This was awarded for services to tackling global Climate Change and supporting the UK Presidency of the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference.

1986 FAFINSKI, Dr Stefan was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire in February 2023.

1986 HICKS, Dr Peter was Co-Editor with Alan Forrest of volume three of *The Cambridge History of the Napoleonic Wars – Experience, Culture and Memory*, Cambridge University Press, 2022, p. 673.

He also became General Editor of the English-language academic journal *Napoleonica the Journal*; cairn-int.info/journal-napoleonica-the-journal.htm

1987 POWLESLAND, Katherine returned to Cambridge in 2012 to undertake a Master's and a PhD on Dante and video game critical theory, then moved into University admin as Cambridge's first Postgraduate Widening Participation Manager. She now divides her time between a postdoctoral research position in the Italian Section and consultancy in the Higher Education sector. She lives very happily next to the river and recommends the mature student life to anyone with a 1980s party degree who would quite like another go but a bit more properly this time, and she comments that Cambridge now accepts professional references for mature students.

1988 McCORQUODALE, Professor Robert, former Fellow and Director of Studies in Law, has been appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as a member of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights for six years from August 2022. This group promotes and implements the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, which applies to all states and businesses. Robert is Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham, and a Barrister and mediator at Brick Court Chambers, London. For ten years he was Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

1988 RUBLACK, Professor Ulinka returned from her Fellowship at the Institute of

Advanced Studies in Berlin in July 2022. Her book *Dürer's Lost Masterpiece: Art and Society at the Dawn of a Global Age* came out with OUP in August 2023. It has been described as 'an eloquent homage to Dürer's life which brings us closer to the creation and meaning of his paintings than ever before'.

1988 RUSHTON, Nicola was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge, assigned to the Chancery Division on 23 January 2023.

1988 TAYLOR, Simon's four-hour version of *Berlin Alexanderplatz* for Radio 4 received a special judge's commendation at the BBC Audio Drama Awards for Best Adaptation. He has also collaborated with fellow Johnian Andrew Day (1988) on a drama podcast called *Galapagos*, about where AI could take us, now available on BBC iPlayer. simonscardfield.com

1989 HENSON, Professor Rik has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy 2022.

1989 NUTTALL, Dr Robin was appointed Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford in August 2022, sponsored by the Saïd Business School. This involves teaching and research in sustainable business.

1990 HALLS, Dr Jonathan and his wife, Anna, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace Rosetta, in January 2023.

1991 BURNS, Dr David retired after twenty-seven years. Latterly UK Head of

Financial Institutions, Global Co-Head of NBFI and member of the UK Management Board, time with Commerzbank included Global Head of Commodities and the Equities Senior Management Committee. Other appointments included the FICC, Institutional Clients & Trade Finance Senior Management Committees. David sat on the board of Argor Heraeus and the LBMA Finance Committee. David enjoys skiing, chairs the London Schools Ski Race and is Secretary of Essex Ski Racing Club. He's a SnowsportEngland qualified Alpine Official. He looks forward to spending time on astronomy and machine-learning hobbies.

1991 PEIRIS, Dr Navin has been leading the Moody's RMS Emerging Risk model development team since March 2021, responsible for the development and deployment of risk models and products in a variety of areas including longevity risk, infectious disease and pandemic risk, supply chains, liability and agriculture for the insurance/reinsurance industry and financial services. In the last year Navin has been researching the climate-change litigation impact on insurance and global agriculture risk for crop insurance, as well as food supply chain impacts from climate change.

1991 QUIRK, Dr Hannah became General Editor of *The Criminal Law Review* in April 2023. She is the first woman to hold this role. Since being appointed as Reader in Criminal Law at King's College, London (2018), she has been appointed to the editorial board of *The Wrongful Conviction Law Review* and as Assistant Editor of *The Crown Court Compendium*. She is delivering

Homicide Training for the Judicial College and was made an Academic Fellow of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2019.

1992 DICKSON, Sarah was the British High Commissioner to The Bahamas from August 2019 to July 2022. She was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to UK/The Bahamas bilateral relations and to British Nationals in The Bahamas in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours List 2022.

1992 GILSON, Professor Simon has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy 2022.

1993 HARRIS, Carl was awarded an LLM with Distinction (Master of Laws) from Birkbeck College, University of London.

1993 KEAYES, Sam was appointed President in 2020 of Crane Currency, a security technology company based in the USA, Sweden and Malta that manufactures banknotes for fifty-plus countries and protects counterfeit goods. In April 2023 Crane Currency was spun out on the NYSE as part of Crane NXT, a \$1.4 billion revenue technology business.

1993 MOTALLEBZADEH, Dr Reza is delighted to announce that he has been promoted to Professor of Renal Transplantation in The Division of Surgery, University College London. He delivered his inaugural lecture on 6 March 2023 – 'Navigating the Complexity of Organ Transplantation – From Mouse to Human'.

1993 RAUSCHER-SCHEIBE, Professor Dr Annabella was appointed President of the Berlin University of Applied Sciences for a four-year term on 1 April 2023.

1994 HOUGHTON, The Revd Professor Hugh continues his work as a member of the editorial board of the *United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament* and the *Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament* to produce new editions of these standard texts, alongside collaborative research projects with partners in Belgium and Germany. His most recent publication is the *Oxford Handbook of the Latin Bible*. He received an award to mark twenty years of singing in the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra chorus and produced a new metrical English translation of 'Carmina Burana' for performances in Birmingham, Monaco and the Proms in 2023.

1994 KUNARATNAM, Neetha's second poetry collection, *Cauc/asian*, was published in May 2023 with Blue Diode Press. (His work featured in the Forward Prize Poems of the Decade 2011–20.)

1994 SCHULZ, Professor Jennifer was honoured with the University of Manitoba's Trailblazer Award. This award honours an alumnus/a who has excelled in a career outside the traditional practice of law, is a person of integrity, and who has demonstrated leadership and service to the community.

1994 ZAKRZEWSKI, Dr Joasia has broken the world 48-hour endurance running record with 410.843km.

1996 SHEARON, Ben is still enjoying being post-formal-work and is working on various things, including his website/YouTube channel **RetireJapan** and playing with his five grandchildren.

1996 THOMSON, Alex is a Translation Consultant for the Russian Bible Society (North Carolina), working on the Ukrainian Old Testament and the Georgian New Testament from Hebrew and Greek respectively. He was appointed Commissioning Editor of *UK Column* in 2022. He continues to live in the Netherlands.

1997 BROWN, Dr Silas wrote the technical parts of a sociology paper, co-published with Spanish professors Jose Torres-Pruñonosa and Miquel-Angel Plaza-Navas, who once learned English in Cambridge. The paper, 'Jehovah's Witnesses' Adoption of Digitally-Mediated Services During Covid-19 Pandemic', is based on a survey of Spanish adherents of this religious movement, which, although controversial, is notable for having digitised 140,000 printed pages in English and linked to their translations in 1000 other languages, and it has worked to increase computer literacy among the elderly. The paper is available at doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2022.2071034.

1997 BUNGARD, Jonathan takes up a new role of Deputy Head (academic & operations) at The Elms School, Colwall, in April 2023, having spent the previous eight months as interim Co-Headmaster. He occasionally finds time to perform but was thrilled to return to West Road recently

to see his eldest daughter performing (alongside most of the Gents) in CUOS' production of *The Magic Flute*.

1997 HALL, Matthew relocated to Cromarty in the Scottish Highlands in 2020 with his wife and three daughters. He is founding Director of Making Stuff Better, an executive coaching organisation that supports international school leaders worldwide. Any Johnians visiting the Black Isle or the Highlands are more than welcome to pop in and say hello!

1997 McELLIGOTT, Dr Jason has been elected as a Director and Treasurer of the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL). His most recent publication (co-written with Geoff Kemp) appeared in February 2023: 'Legal Contexts: Licensing, Censorship and Censure', in Nicholas Brownlees (ed.), *The Edinburgh History of the British and Irish Press, Volume 1: Beginnings and Consolidation, 1640–1800*.

1998 SMITH, Tom Rob's new show *Class of '09*, which he created and wrote for FX / Disney Plus, launched on 10 May 2023 around the world. It stars Academy Award nominee Brian Tyree Henry and Kate Mara as FBI agents. bit.ly/Class_of_09_Henry_Mara; bit.ly/Vanity_Fair_Class_09_First_Look

1999 MUKHERJEE, Professor Pablo has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy 2022.

2002 MOUL, Dr Victoria published two books in 2022, *A Literary History of Latin*

and English Poetry: Bilingual Verse Culture in Early Modern England (CUP) and (with John Talbot) *C H Sisson Reconsidered* (Palgrave). In April 2022 Victoria and her husband, David, also welcomed a third son, Daniel, a little brother for Joseph (now ten) and Felix (eight). They are now living in Paris.

2003 DEERY, Ben continues to work as an actor in the theatre, television and film industries. In September 2022 he successfully completed the IRONMAN Wales triathlon in Pembrokeshire to raise over £8,000 in funds for King's College Hospital and the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, both of which provided life-saving care for his daughter when she was born in critical condition in September 2017. To his own bewilderment, he subsequently registered to participate in IRONMAN UK in Bolton in July 2023.

2003 JONES, Mark's book *1923 – The Forgotten Crisis in the Year of Hitler's Putsch* was published by Basic Books in May 2023.

2003 LOWDEN, Greg is grateful and excited to announce that he has moved to a new role as Managing Director and CEO, HSBC Mauritius. Greg, Nady and Adriana would be very happy to welcome any Johnians who find themselves in the neighbourhood.

2004, GAROFOLI, Chiara is the Country Lead in Italy for [#IamRemarkable](https://www.google.com/campaigns/iamremarkable), a Google initiative aimed at empowering women and other under-represented groups to celebrate their achievements in the workplace and beyond; and in 2022 she was recognised

as one of the Top 10 facilitators for the **#IamRemarkable** workshop globally. Chiara develops this project alongside her core job.

2004 HAHN, Philip has been appointed as Professor of Early Modern History at Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany.

2005 JAMES, The Revd Thomas and Surgeon Lieutenant Commander James are pleased to announce the arrival of Montgomery 'Monty' Geoffrey Valour, who was born in August 2022.

2007 CAMERON, Dr Judith published her analysis of a large assemblage (n=649) of cloth production tools from a Middle Neolithic site in the lower Yangzi Valley in China. The 30,000m² waterlogged site was excavated by Professor Guoping, Zhejiang Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics & Archaeology. The tools were exhibited at the China National Silk Museum in Hangzhou. A joint research paper demonstrates the catalytic role that craft specialisation played in social evolution in China 7,000 years ago. Judith Cameron and Guoping Sun, 2022. 'Textile production and craft specialization at Tianluoshan in the lower Yangzi Valley' *Antiquity* 96 (389): p.1124–41.

2008, KINGDON-BEBB, Dr Kayla has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of WWF-New Zealand, one of New Zealand's leading environmental non-governmental organisations. Kayla comes to the role having previously served as Director of Policy at New Zealand's Department of Conservation and as Private Secretary to successive

Ministers of Conservation. Kayla's doctoral research focused on treaty law, indigenous customary law and legal pluralism in the context of natural resource management policy – issues that continue to be relevant to her career. The media release is available here: bit.ly/Kayla_Kingon_Bebb_CEO_WWF-New_Zealand

2010 BUCHHOLZ, Victoria and her father, Todd Buchholz, (1986 and former Visiting Fellow at St John's) have written a musical about WWII fascist Italy called *Glory Ride*, which will premiere in London at The Other Palace Theatre. Victoria read History and Psychology at St John's, while Todd pursued Economics and Economic History. The Other Palace Theatre in London announced the show for November 2022 (theotherpalace.co.uk/glory-ride-a-new-musical), with articles appearing in *Playbill* (bit.ly/Playbill_Glory_Ride) and *BroadwayWorld* (tinyurl.com/yck696tj). Casting includes West End stars from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evan Hansen*, *Les Miserables*, etc.

2010 WILES, Dr Rachel (née Mcgalliard) married Kenny Wiles (Churchill College, 2010) in 2018. Their first son, David James Wiles, was born in 2019 and their second son, Samuel Hugo Wiles, was born in 2022.

2012 BRAZIER, Randolph has joined the United National Development Programme's Energy Governance Advisory Panel, and he also accepted a new role with HSBC in London as Global Head of Clean Power Systems. In these roles he will be working with public institutions and private industry to assist them in getting the right governance,

plans and funding in place to accelerate the energy transition and uptake of renewables, with the ultimate goal of meeting net-zero carbon-emission targets.

2012 GEIGER, Dr Martha has achieved various successes in her career since graduating. After completing her PhD in innovation management, with a visiting scholarship at UC Berkeley, she joined the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where she developed skills in strategy and business operations. In 2021 she transitioned to the role of Chief of Staff to the CEO at IU Group, the organisation behind IU International University of Applied Sciences, Germany's largest university. At IU Group, she became the Head of Post-Merger Integration (PMI), where she is now leading the integration of acquired universities in London, Canada, Australia and the USA.

2012 VARELLI, Dr Giovanni was awarded, in 2021, a prestigious grant from the European Research Council for a five-year project on early musical notation to be based at the University of Oxford. The project, SCRIBEMUS, was then transferred to the University of Pavia (IT), where Giovanni took up the post of Associate Professor in Musicology. In August 2021 Giovanni became father to Carlo Varelli-Abalde. Giovanni's partner, Sara, is now expecting a second child, while at the same time leading an international consortium of research institutions as PI of a European Innovation Council 'Pathfinder' project, '3DSecret'.

2014 MAWSON, Dr Stephanie is currently working as a Research Fellow at the Instituto

de Ciencias Sociais at the University of Lisbon. Her first book, *Incomplete Conquests: The Limits of Spanish Empire in the Seventeenth-Century Philippines*, was published by Cornell University Press in July 2023. The book unearths histories of resistance, flight, evasion, conflict and warfare from across the breadth of the Philippine archipelago during the seventeenth century and was made possible by the generous support of a four-year research fellowship at St John's.

2015 GREARY, Andrew, Chief of Staff for Defence Support Organisation, UK Ministry of Defence, was made Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the King's New Year Honours 2023.

2015 MAHESHWARI-APLIN, Prishita led a range of impactful campaigns as Digital Mobilisation Lead at Stonewall, Europe's largest LGBT rights organisation. This includes partnering with Durex to plan and publish an LGBTQ-centric sex-ed resource, *All In: #MySexMyWay*, with a cast of five other queer people for diverse and authentic input. Prishita's writing has been published in *Gay Times*, *gal-dem*, *METAL*, *BRICKS*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Asset of Community Value* and *Courier Media*. They also featured in Dr Martens and Levi's campaigns, and an eBay ad. Prishita was announced as a Finalist in the Publicist of the Year category at the twenty-seventh Sexual Freedom Awards.

2016 BURDICK, Britton was appointed to serve as Democratic Communications Director for the US House Committee on Agriculture. In this role he advises

Democratic members of US Congress on communications strategy and messaging as they steer the 2023 Farm Bill through the House of Representatives. The 2023 Farm Bill is a £950 billion package of legislation that has broad implications for US agriculture and nutrition policy, as well as international trade and food-aid programs. Farm bills are authorised only once every five years.

2015 GILBERTSON, Professor Richard has been elected a Member of The European Molecular Biology Organization.

2016 PINNEGAR, Edward is working at HM Treasury on asylum and irregular migration. He is also running a campaign to save Ashdown House, a former prep school in Sussex built in 1793 by B H Latrobe, later architect of the US Capitol and White House, from destruction by a developer. He would welcome any wisdom, or wit, in all these matters from any Johnians with, or without, the requisite experience.

2016 SHUVALOVA, Dr Iryna is becoming a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oslo, after living and working in China during the harshest lockdowns. Iryna's new research project builds on her work on the Russo-Ukrainian war, focusing on Russia's weaponisation of popular culture in the occupied Ukrainian territories. She reflects on this war in her homeland as a poet. Her writing has been translated into twenty-seven languages and published in *The White Review*, *Literary Hub* and *Words Without Borders*. Iryna's daughter Mariana is graduating from high school this year and

plans on to study Politics and International Relations at university.

2017 BENNETT, Daniel completed his PhD in condensed matter physics in October 2021, and he moved to Liège, Belgium, to start a postdoctoral fellowship. In 2022 he was awarded the Sam Edwards thesis prize from the Institute of Physics for the best thesis in the field of condensed matter theory in the UK and Ireland [1]. In January 2023 he moved to Harvard University. Recently he discovered a new topological phase in two-dimensional materials, which was published in *Nature Communications* and is attracting attention from the wider physics community [2]. [1] bit.ly/Sam_Edwards_PhD_Thesis_Prize [2] bit.ly/Discovery_New_Topological_Phase

2017 MILLER, Professor Robert, Beaufort Overseas Visiting Scholar (2017), has published the book *Oral Law in Ancient Israel*; Coniectanea Biblica series 48 (Lanham, MD: Fortress Academics, 2022).

2017 MUNTUN, Dr Jessie received a Leverhulme Research Fellowship this year and has been using the time to write a book about the role of salience and attention in our cognitive lives, and how we should evaluate that from an epistemic perspective. She also published work on the epistemology of search engines, presented on statistics and prejudice to the UK statistics regulator, and organised an interdisciplinary conference on Bias with a colleague at Claremont McKenna College, California. The many plants in her office are thriving, though mostly in spite rather than because of her efforts on their behalf.

2018 LEVIN, Adi received a Larmor Award, graduating with a First with Distinction – ranking first in the Italian Department. Awards include: St John's College Prize, Whytehead Scholarship, Cunningham Prize, Cox (Wright) Prize and the Italian Department's Prize for most outstanding performance in Italian, Part II. Adi designed the JCR Committee website and was Head of Publicity for St John's FemSoc, Art Society President, graphic designer for Fitzwilliam Museum Society and Publicity Officer for Cambridge Women Lawyers' Society and Cambridge Jazz Society. She was a student ambassador, Staff-Student Liaison for the German Faculty and an Editor of the Cambridge Language Collective.

2018 LOUZAO CARABEL, Candela received a Larmor Award after graduating with Honours with Distinction in her MEng. She served as joint JCR President 2020/21, during the first year of the pandemic. She was praised for her 'incredible job of adapting the work of the JCR to suit ever-changing rules and student needs during lockdowns and periods of extreme restriction'. Candela was also recommended for 'her sense of belief in the College community', commitment to keeping people connected and supporting one another, and also the difficulties of having to enforce unfamiliar rules and carry out numerous risk assessments.

2018 MCINERNEY, Sophie was awarded a Larmor Award as, in the last two years, she had been the top student in Mathematics within St John's and finished her degree with an Honours Pass with Distinction at Part III, ranking 6th out of 257. Sophie contributed

to College and University life. Most recently, she served on the May Ball Committee within College and Club Secretary for the Cambridge University Boxing Blues, for whom she also boxed. Sophie contributed to the College's widening participation initiatives as a student ambassador and trainer and has been active in open days and admission events.

2018 URMOSSY, Barbara took part in an architecture competition organised by the Hungarian Chamber of Architects and a prominent Hungarian building elements manufacturer, and she gained an Honourable Mention in the Popular Vote category. The competition was addressing the housing crisis in Europe and Hungary. Her submission, which tried to be energy-efficient as inspired by local historic examples, had a long veranda and floor-to-ceiling windows. The master bedroom, kitchen and living room could be separated from children's bedrooms easily after they moved out, with the possibility of converting these into office space, Airbnb rooms or a flat for elderly parents.

2018 WIGDOROWITZ, Dr Mandy graduated with a PhD in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics in October 2022. She has started a position as Open Research Community Manager at Cambridge University Libraries, where she will be involved in building a community and creating a culture of open research practices within the broader university setting. In 2022 she published three articles from research conducted during her PhD, and her most recent publication came out in 2023 in *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, which investigates the effect of first language and inhibitory control on the

processes of listening comprehension in a multilingual South African context.

2019 ESPADA BLANCO, Paula received a Larmor Award for having made significant contributions to College life. With an exemplary work ethic, Paula achieved First Class results in 2021 and 2022. Dedicated to improving the welfare of students, she was Publicity Officer and then President of the JCR while serving as a student representative to the HSPS Faculty, and Head of Publicity at both the *Cambridge Journal of Political Affairs* and at SolidariTee. Despite the pandemic, she organised in-person events at the end of the 2020/21 academic year, overcoming the difficulties posed by COVID-19, and in the 2021 Freshers' Week.

2019 HANCOCK, Joseph received a Larmor Award in 2022. He sang in the St John's Choir throughout his time as an undergraduate, as well as being a member of The Gentlemen of St John's, where he is a Tenor Lay Clerk. Joseph, who also managed The Gents for a year, came top of his Music Tripos and has been involved in extra-curricular activities with the Choir. He was Secretary of St John's College Musical Society and contributed more generally as a member. Joseph also performed in a number of musical and theatrical productions, along with external performances and recordings.

2019 HAYNES, Felix received a Larmor Award, having graduated as the only student in his cohort of St John's HSPS students to achieve a First in every year of his degree. As part of his extra-curricular activities, Felix took on leadership roles within student

charity movement May Week Alternative and St John's College JCR, where he helped to create the College's 360-degree Virtual Tour during the pandemic. Felix also entered national and international public speaking competitions, researched youth political engagement during summer vacations, and completed external courses on global political institutions and the impact of migration on cities.


2019 LIKA, Andrew (né Neziri) received a Larmor Award for being 'an excellent advocate' for survivors of domestic abuse. He served as an Ask Me Ambassador for Cambridge Women's Aid and volunteered at Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA), Level Up and Respect UK. Andrew received a Gold Pro Bono Award from the University of Cambridge Law Faculty and the University's Law Society for his voluntary work. He served as Events Officer for St John's FemSoc and as President and Social Secretary for the Winfield Society (Law), which he dedicated himself to rejuvenating following the pandemic.

2019 UDDIN, Rahat got married in December 2022. His wife, Farzana Salik, matriculated at Newnham in 2019.

2021 TAN, Jun Hao returned to Malaysia in October 2022 upon successfully completing his MPhil in Therapeutic Sciences degree, and he is now applying the knowledge and connections he gained at Cambridge in a Project Manager role at Cancer Research Malaysia, a non-profit organisation dedicated to researching neglected cancers

in Asians. Among several high-priority projects he is working on, the project he is most excited about involves developing a therapeutic cancer vaccine for head and neck cancer!

2022 SEITA, Dr Matteo began his first year as a Lecturer at the University of Cambridge and as a Teaching Fellow at St John's in 2022. Dr Seita is a Granta Design Assistant

Professor in the Department of Engineering. His research focuses on manipulating the microscopic structure of metallic materials using novel 3D printing strategies to improve the performance of engineering alloys. For his achievements in this field, in March 2023 Dr Seita was awarded the Young Innovator in the Materials Science of Additive Manufacturing Award by The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society. 



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Alumni Christmas Drinks in
London, December 2022

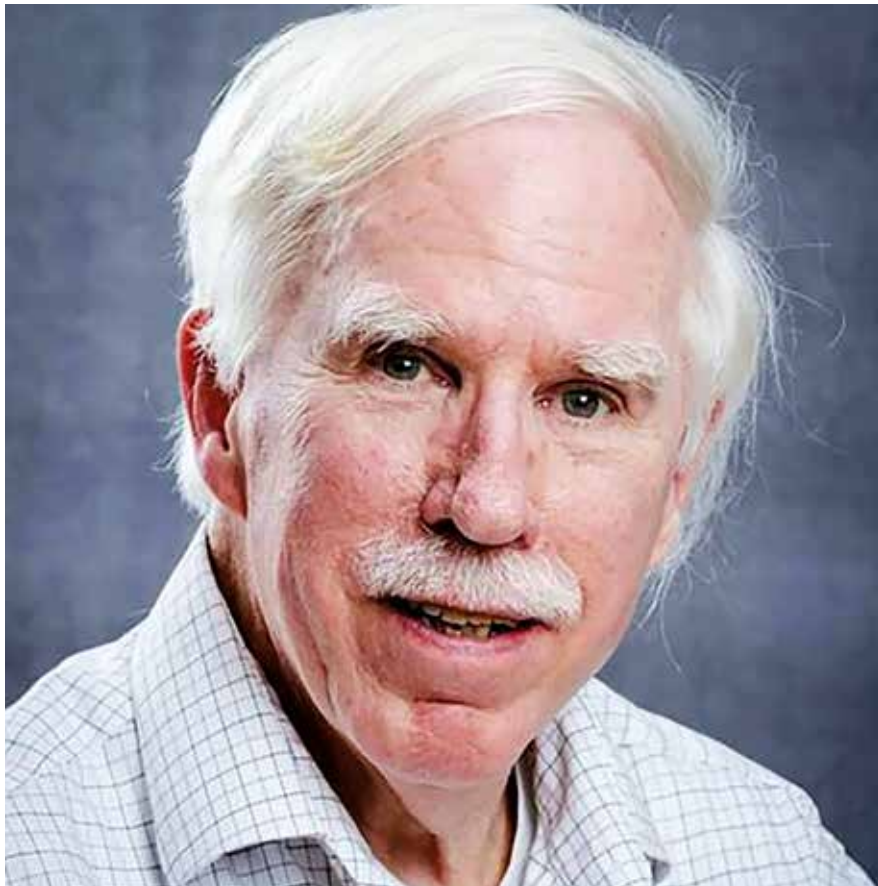


Photo: Sunrise over
New Court, May 2023
Credit: Aimée Schilder (2022)

OBITUARIES



Dr Joseph Peter McDermott (1945–2022)



‘If one wants to know a man, one should find out where it is that he is happiest at ease.’

This ancient wisdom, not of English coinage, applies especially to Joe McDermott and runs through his unusual life story. Born in 1945, he was raised in the Bronx, New York City. His parents were Irish Catholic; he was an

identical twin, and he attended a high school for scholarship pupils run by the Jesuit priesthood, Regis High School, New York, from 1959 to 1963. Here he and his twin brother, Ed, enlivened classes with their high spirits and intellectual energy. The twin McDermotts had been preceded by their

elder brother, Michael, who became a Jesuit priest and taught for a decade in the Vatican. Though Joe was to abandon his Catholic faith aged twenty, he retained an interest in church institutions and, in retirement, made manuscript discoveries relating to his research interests in the Vatican Library.

After secondary education he spent a year at the College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts, from 1963. He studied for a BA degree at Yale University, from 1964 to 1967. His interest in East Asian history was kindled there by the acclaimed lectures of Jonathan Spence, graduate in History of Clare College, Cambridge (BA 1959), and author of highly stimulating books on late imperial Chinese history. At Yale Joe's sense of mischief led him to change places for a week with his twin brother, who entered Harvard a year later than he did Yale, a feat that was covered in the national media in 1966.

From Yale Joe migrated to Wadham College, Oxford, and read Chinese Studies for another BA degree. Here the training in classical Chinese gave him a linguistic foundation that stood him in good stead for research in the local records of economic and social history of the second millennium C.E. in China.

He then spent a year in Tokyo learning Japanese, a move that was to determine his career thereafter. It was in Japan in 1978 that he met his devoted wife, Hiroko Takahashi. With her he shared a life-long appreciation of Japanese culture and a profound and critical interest in Japanese painting and ceramic art.

From Tokyo he returned to the United Kingdom to read for a PhD at St John's College, Cambridge. His supervisor was Denis Twitchett, the leading historian in Europe of medieval and early modern Chinese financial and economic history. Joe's field of research was the economic and financial history of the Song dynasty. His thesis was entitled *Land tenure and rural control in the Liang che region during the Southern Sung*. He focused not on the history of relationships with central government and the elite, the predominant focus in the major centres of Chinese history in the USA, but rather on the lives of the common people, notably in the rural communities of Anhui province.

He spent a year doing further research in China and then taught at several universities in the USA, before returning to Japan to teach at the International Christian University, founded during the American occupation on the site of a war-time munitions factory. This, his first sustained experience of academic life at a senior level, saw him acquire the professional tact and discretion that was to mark his role as a colleague throughout his career. In Tokyo he built up a research profile under scholars of great renown. He attended seminars by Shiba Yoshinobu 斯波義信, the most eminent scholar in East Asia of the economic history of China of the early second millennium, and Yanagida Setsuko 柳田節子, a scholar of Song dynasty (960–1274 C.E.) social history, likewise of great renown. He developed friendships with these and other eminent Japanese scholars that lasted throughout his professional career. When in 1990 he was

admitted as a Fellow of St John's, he already had extensive experience of living for long spells in the US, UK, Japan and China.

Throughout his career Joe was a voracious reader and a bibliophile. His knowledge of publications in the field of East Asian history led to his appointment as Honorary Keeper of the Chinese Books, University Library, Cambridge, a position he held from 1990 until his death in 2022. Here his commitment to monitoring the acquisitions policy of the Chinese library in a period of rapid transition from manual to digital resources, and his reception of generous benefactions, particularly from the Chuan Lyu Foundation established by Dr Lee Hwalin of California, was far from nominal. His concern that the Cambridge collection should maintain its holdings covering pre-modern Chinese history was no less important. His expertise was recognised in Japan when he was appointed Honorary Keeper of Books at the Toyo Bunko, Tokyo. This, globally recognised as the most comprehensive library for East Asian history, was founded originally on the personal collection of G. E. Morrison (1862–1920), *London Times* correspondent.

Joe was not perhaps a natural enthusiast for administration at the most practical logistical level, but in Cambridge he did exceptional work in compiling the report on the teaching of Chinese Studies prepared for the first Teaching Quality Assessment. His tireless appetite for knowledge of East Asian history, wide reading and command of European and East Asian languages led to his being in demand for formal evaluation exercises. He was appointed external member of the

commission evaluating the work of the Institute of Oriental Culture at Tokyo University in 1995. In Hong Kong he served as a member of the Hong Kong Research Council and worked for the Research Assessment Exercise. At Cambridge his insistence on high standards informed his role in admissions and in appointments to University tenures in Chinese Studies. The teaching team in Chinese relied on his thoroughness in making successive appointments in both modern and classical Chinese, to the benefit of all concerned.


Throughout his time in Cambridge, Joe published research of international importance. Based on his rare mastery of the local records at Huizhou in Anhui and his exceptional linguistic skills, he became a globally recognised scholar of social and economic conditions for the rural communities of South-Central China in the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries. He had an exceptional eye for local-level financial and social patterns of behaviour. In print and in conversation, he loved to present his readers and audiences with the details of underprivileged lives, those of the socially rebellious and those men and women, bond servants and concubines, itinerants and petty merchants, who confronted and challenged the social strictures of traditional Chinese rural society. His two-volume monograph on the social history of Anhui, *The Making of a New Rural Order in South China*, has been translated and published in Chinese.

Joe contributed, with Shiba Yoshinobu, to the *Cambridge History of China*. He also published *A Social History of the Chinese*

Book, which was translated into Chinese and is much read in China. In Japan, Taiwan and China, he upheld academic friendships that were always lively, convivial and scholarly. He lectured widely in China, Japan, Hong Kong, Europe and the UK. In Cambridge and at St John's, he organised research workshops and conferences attended by scholars from the world-wide academic community in his field. With Peter Burke, he co-edited *The Book Worlds of East Asia and Europe, 1450–1850*, with contributions from, among others, his close US colleague Cynthia Brokaw. He was Editor and main contributor to *State and Court Ritual in China*, the result of one of these conferences.

Joe spent a year at the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton. He taught courses at the University of Tokyo and the Chinese University of Hong Kong and visited Japan and China regularly. More recently, he collaborated extensively with colleagues in Paris, including Michela Bussotti, Christian Lamouroux and John Langerwey. His last visit to Peking University's Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences was especially successful, and many colleagues there sent in tributes on the sad news of his death. But it was here in Cambridge and in St John's that he and Hiroko found the community in which they most prospered. It was here that they found their intellectual and social home. Here they were indeed most at ease. Joe loved the intellectual openness of College life, and he particularly enjoyed the company of social anthropologists, historians, philosophers and literary historians, for their interest in social variety and readiness to discuss ideas. He was convivial, friendly and energetic as

a conversationalist. He relished supervising undergraduates and graduate students, and they became devoted to him. He resented intellectual and political cant and was robustly egalitarian. He never failed to appreciate the support of the College staff, whether in the Combination Room, the College Office and Bursary or the College gardens. His rare experience of radically different cultures, combined with his erudition, powerful memory and skill in narration, infused a gentle and endearing sense of mischief in conversation. He bore his terminal illness with great composure: 'He did not let the gathering shadows delay him,' to cite a major poet, again not English. His company, generous hospitality with Hiroko, his kindness and his laughter will be greatly missed.

To borrow the words of the loved brother at whose grave Catullus mourned more than two millennia ago, and to pay homage to the classical education that both Ed and Joe enjoyed in the New York of half a century ago, Joe did indeed travel 'through many seas and many tribes.' The final words to him, taken from Catullus' great lyric poem, should likewise transcend time: '*in perpetuum frater, ave atque vale!*' 'Hail and farewell!' 

Professor David McMullen (1959)

This account is based on the address given at Joe's funeral in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Madingley, on 17 November 2022. My thanks in compiling it are to Adam Chau, and to Atsushi Aoki 青木敦; Billy So 蘇基郎 and Yang Lu 陸揚.

Professor Andrew David Hamilton Wyllie (1944–2022)



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The son of a doctor (Physician Superintendent, Royal Cornhill Hospital, Aberdeen), and younger brother of three other University of Aberdeen alumni (two, John and Anne, were medical graduates and the third, Rose, was a science graduate), Andrew Wyllie was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School (1948–61) and then studied Medicine at the University of Aberdeen, obtaining an intercalated Bachelor of Science degree (1964) during his medical studies.

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After graduating in Medicine (MBCbB, 1967) and registration, he was a Lecturer in the Department of Pathology in Aberdeen. He gained his PhD (1975) there, while funded by an MRC Junior Research Fellowship (1970–72), working with Professor Alastair Currie (who would later be knighted), Head of the Pathology Department at the University of Aberdeen. During his PhD, Andrew was one of the first to realise the widespread occurrence and profound significance of the 'single cell deaths' that he and Alastair Currie first observed while studying the adrenal cortex, as well as other organs, of rats treated with carcinogens. They became convinced that these 'single cell deaths' were genetically

programmed in some way, representing an entirely new and previously undescribed type of cell death, for which they introduced the term 'apoptosis'. It is noteworthy that, at that time, necrosis was the only form of cell death widely recognised by biologists and pathologists. Independently, John Kerr, a pathologist in Australia, had described what he termed 'shrinkage necrosis' in 1971, which is why he was invited by Alastair Currie to visit Scotland from Australia to collaborate on cell death studies.

Hence, Andrew Wyllie was a principal co-discoverer of apoptosis, alongside Alastair Currie and John Kerr. Together, these three were the authors of the seminal paper published in 1972 in the *British Journal of Cancer* that first described apoptosis as a new type of programmed cell death that can occur both under normal circumstances and under pathological disease conditions, including inflammation and tumour growth. This paper, entitled 'Apoptosis: a basic biological phenomenon with wide ranging implications in tissue kinetics', was to have the most important influence upon Andrew's research direction during his career in pathology. The term 'apoptosis' was suggested in collaboration with Professor James Cormack of the University of Aberdeen's Department of Greek as it describes the falling of dying leaves from trees or petals from flowers.

At that time, in 1970–72, electron microscopy represented an advanced morphological technology that allowed Andrew, together with John Kerr and

Alastair Currie, to identify the structural changes that occur in cells undergoing apoptosis. The more they investigated, the more they observed apoptosis occurring in virtually all tissues examined and that this was a naturally occurring or physiological type of programmed cell death. It was this almost immediate recognition and efficient phagocytosis that made for a rapid process that had gone almost unnoticed for decades.

Like some other critical scientific discoveries, the importance of this seminal paper was not recognised at the time. However, Andrew was not to be deterred. He moved with Alastair Currie in 1972 from Aberdeen to the University of Edinburgh, where he was a Lecturer in Pathology between 1972 and 1975, gaining MRCP in 1971, MRCPATH in 1975 and FRCPATH in 1987. After a Cancer Research Campaign Fellowship in Cambridge in 1976–7, he returned to the University of Edinburgh as Senior Lecturer in 1977, and thereafter he became Professor of Experimental Pathology (1992–8).

In Edinburgh from the late 1970s onwards, he continued to work on the mechanisms and roles of apoptosis during the first half of his career in academic pathology, working on both apoptosis and cancer research in the second half. Andrew built up and directed his own research group, where he continued to enthusiastically pursue research on apoptosis. A series of papers and reviews by Andrew led to increased understanding of the roles and mechanisms of apoptosis and started to gradually stimulate appreciation of apoptosis by the wider scientific community.

However, the early years of apoptosis research turned out to be a difficult path, impressively navigated by Andrew and his research team in Edinburgh. Indeed, Andrew recalled that for fifteen years or so after the publication of the seminal paper, the idea that cell death could be programmed was largely treated with indifference by the scientific community, and he struggled to get funding to work on the process. During this challenging period, Andrew was an irrepressible advocate for the study of apoptosis, appearing at numerous meetings, especially of the Pathological Society, during the 1980s and 1990s, writing many insightful manuscripts and reviews.

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In 1980 Andrew published another landmark paper, as a single-author manuscript in the journal *Nature*, entitled ‘Glucocorticoid-induced thymocyte apoptosis is associated with endogenous endonuclease activation’, describing the first biochemical mechanism of apoptosis – internucleosomal DNA fragmentation or ‘DNA laddering’, which became the gold standard for identifying, confirming or measuring apoptosis for almost two decades. In this paper Andrew suggested the existence of a ‘class of endonuclease whose activation is associated with programmed destruction of the genome’ and he continued to work on

this endonuclease and process of chromatin fragmentation through the 1980s, publishing another key paper on 'Apoptosis: The role of the endonuclease' in *The American Journal of Pathology* in 1990.

As a result of the difficulty obtaining funding for his research on apoptosis, Andrew worked in parallel on oncogenes and other cancer-related genes in relation to their effects on tumour cell proliferation, discovering additional regulatory effects on tumour cell apoptosis. He observed strong induction of apoptosis by deregulated expression of *MYC* oncogene and suppression of apoptosis by mutated *RAS* oncogenes, which were considered to be further seminal discoveries in the early 1990s.


Andrew collaborated with the late Alan Clarke on the role of p53 in apoptosis published in another key *Nature* paper in 1993. Using a p53 knockout mouse model, they showed that p53 significantly regulated apoptosis following DNA-strand breakage.

In 1998 Andrew was appointed Professor of Pathology and Head of the Department of Pathology at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of St John's College, where he continued his studies on apoptosis, particularly in response to DNA damage, until his retirement in 2011.

For his outstanding research contributions, Andrew was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the

Royal College of Pathologists. He received numerous other awards and prizes, including the Canada Gairdner Foundation International Award, the Scheele Award, the Bertner Award and the Hans Bloemendal Award, and he was a Founder Member of the British Academy of Medical Sciences. Andrew was widely regarded as a leading light in UK academic pathology for many years, becoming the President of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in 2009.

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Andrew was always keen to help, encourage and advise younger pathologists and scientists in their early- and mid-careers, as well as being an enthusiastic teacher of medical and science students. He was held in the very highest regard for his original research contributions on apoptosis and cancer research, and Andrew is known to many as the 'Father of Apoptosis'. His passing is a great loss to so many in pathology, science and beyond, as well as to his friends and family. Professor Andrew Wyllie died peacefully at home on 26 May 2022 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, three children and grandson. 

Professor Mark J. Arends, Professor and Head of Pathology, University of Edinburgh

Jonathan David Gilmour (1986–2022)



It's December 2004, and I hear the loud ticking noise of the Wilberforce Room clock, waiting for my next candidate for admission, completely unaware that I am about to encounter one of the most extraordinary people I will ever meet in my whole life. Here he was, Jonathan Gilmour, with his incredible ability to understand theological issues very deeply, with his unique humour and extraordinarily infectious positiveness to life. I met Jonathan as an applicant to the College for an undergraduate place to read Theology. Jonathan was using a wheelchair as he had Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a life-limiting neuromuscular condition caused by the absence of the protein dystrophin in muscles. This condition, which causes progressive muscle degeneration, would ultimately deprive Jonathan of the ability to move, eat, swallow and breathe independently. There are around 2,500 people in the UK who live with this condition.

Jonathan was born to Angela and Brian as the eldest of three siblings on 23 October 1986. Together with his sisters, Sarah and Alice, he grew up in Petersfield, Hampshire. He was a happy child, mischievous and with a strong, unmissable presence. Attending the local primary school, he had many friends, was confident and had an everlasting drive for adventure. He seemed to be fascinated with theological issues from a young age, asking very deep theological questions already as a child and as a member of St Mary Magdalen Church, Petersfield. Teachers commented that he was often more knowledgeable than the teachers themselves!

Jonathan was diagnosed with Duchenne at the age of seven. His increasing physical disability was in no way a limitation to his academic abilities or to his remarkable success. He attended King's School, Winchester, where he was chosen to be School Prefect and later Senior Prefect. Jonathan thrived, gained belief in himself and achieved very strong GCSE results. He then became a residential student at Treloar's College and studied for his A Levels at the local sixth form, with the clear ambition to attend university and aiming for Cambridge! Initially he intended to take Computer Science at A Level but swapped it for Religious Studies three weeks into the course after quickly developing a dislike for Computer Science.

Jonathan was never short of innovative ideas: he invented his own wheelchair rugby game – endorsed by former English Rugby Union player Jonny Wilkinson – designing very complex rules to accommodate the varying physical disabilities of his friends. This game eventually had to be banned by Treloar's College as it was deemed to be too dangerous! He also taught himself to play the guitar, placing it flat on his wheelchair tray. But as his hand strength declined, he sadly lost this skill.

Remembering my admissions interview with Jonathan back in 2004, he immediately struck me as a truly outstanding student and a very special person. He did extremely well at his A Levels, which earned him his place at St John's College. He came into residence in October 2005, reading for Part I Theology. It must have taken a great amount of courage and strength of character to take such a big leap of faith and leave home to embark on his university

studies at Cambridge. Jonathan embraced every single second at the College. His joy and happiness have been such a pleasure to see.

For almost seventeen years, Jonathan was an integral part of College life. He initially resided in a fully adapted set on E staircase, New Court, and later moved to a graduate hostel on Madingley Road, assisted by his devoted carer of nine years, Tony Casey, and secretary and scribe, Hayley Whittle. Even his faithful black Labrador assistance dog, Uri, was well integrated into the College. Jonathan did not miss any opportunity to socialise or be part of dinners, events and activities. Jonathan was always in the mood for a great party and always ready for surprises. On the night of his school leavers' prom, he led the parade of vehicles with a cardboard sports car fitted over his wheelchair! And College May Balls will never be the same without Jonathan.

Nothing seemed unachievable to Jonathan. I would have loved to have witnessed his legendary night out at Cindies! His friend Sam Furness (2005), a fellow Johnian and theologian, had arranged for three members of the College Rugby Team to help carry him in his wheelchair up the stairs into the Lion Yard's dance club for a night of clubbing. On another occasion, Jonathan, in his wheelchair, dressed up as Noah and all of his friends dressed as animals, entertaining many tourists as they progressed through Cambridge city centre.

Jonathan was articulate and candid about living with his muscle-wasting condition and was subsequently invited to be filmed by the BBC in St John's to raise awareness of living

with Duchenne while successfully studying at university. As an inspirational speaker and fundraiser for the muscular dystrophy charity (MDUK), he helped to raise many thousands of pounds for research to try and find a cure for Duchenne.

Jonathan enjoyed life to the fullest and took an interest in many things, particularly debating, reading, playing computer games, watching films (especially French films to improve his French and chat more to his Parisian friend) and listening to a wide variety of music. Jonathan inspired everyone around him and he motivated us all. I remember many engaging discussions with him. No topic seemed too difficult to him and he was excited to engage in deep conversations on anything. Strangely enough, he disliked mathematics, and of course it had to be me, a mathematician, who was his first Tutor in College!

At St John's Jonathan worked very hard, despite his increasing disability, which eventually necessitated being on a ventilator full time. He achieved a stunning First Class undergraduate degree in Theology, obtained a Distinction in his MPhil and had nearly completed his PhD. He won the Theological Studies Prize for two years running for his academic achievement in his exams and in 2008 he was admitted as a St John's Scholar and awarded the Nowel Rostron Scholarship. He was also awarded the Cambridge University Student Union special award, for his work on promoting diversity between Jewish and Christian student communities within the University, and he was very proud of this award. He chose as the focus of his

undergraduate thesis the history of ideas and conducted research on the contested post-theistic Jewish religious thought of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan (1881–1983). Continuing his MPhil studies under the direction of George Wilkes, Jonathan further explored his interest in intellectual controversies. His dissertation, *Jacob Frank's Torah Theology in its Antinomian Milieu*, critically appraised and examined the anti-nomian messianic Torah theology of Jacob Frank (1726–91). His PhD research was supervised by Daniel Weiss, concentrating on the Orthodox Jewish thinker Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (1903–93) and his contested theoretical approach to interfaith dialogue.

Jonathan was fascinated by his study of Judaism and his friendships led him to become an honorary member of the Jewish society. He enjoyed attending and sharing the Shabbat every Friday, and he was welcomed warmly by the community despite not being Jewish and having no intention to convert to Judaism. He made many friends and relished the discussions and theological challenges it gave him.

As his illness progressed he faced ever-increasing difficulties in everyday life, but he continued to amaze all who knew him by his increasing passion for research work and his desire to develop ideas beyond the scope of his PhD. Jonathan enjoyed the academic challenge of writing his PhD. As an extremely clinically vulnerable person, he was thankful that he could work on it to keep his mind active during his two years' of COVID lockdown.



Jonathan had a very positive outlook on life. I never heard him ask, 'Why me?'; nor did he ever seem to feel sorry for himself. He put his focus on his ability not his disability. He was grateful for and positive about all his medical interventions. Jonathan was very proud to be a Johnian, and during the COVID-19 pandemic he was delighted to be the first St John's student to get the COVID vaccination, receiving the jab in his St John's sweater! Jonathan was intellectually brilliant, full of humour and wit, and able to make everyone laugh when they needed it most. He was a very special person and will forever stay in our hearts with his uniqueness, strong spirit and amazing passion for life. An extraordinary Johnian and a true inspiration for us all. Jonathan passed away peacefully on Good Friday, 15 April 2022, in the Respiratory High Dependency Unit of Southampton Hospital. Jonathan, we will miss you so much! 🕊️

Dr Matthias Dörrzapf (1999)

I would like to thank Angela and Brian Gilmour for the enormous trust they placed in the College and for giving us the opportunity to be such an important part of Jonathan's extraordinary life.

Alumni obituaries

The College is grateful to the family and friends who have provided these tributes to their loved ones. We honour the lives of our alumni by publishing obituaries in *The Eagle* of Johnians whose deaths we have been notified of in the last year. In some cases we have simply recorded the names and dates of Johnians where families have preferred for us to do so, or where no obituary was provided.

1937 HAYMAN, John, died 19 January 2022, aged 103. Born to an Anglo-Jewish family in South Africa, he came to St John's in 1937 to read Law. After the war, he was called to the Bar, joining Middle Temple. He married Jane and together they were parents to Melinda, Jilly, Louise, Nick, Christopher and Emily, and loving grandparents and great-grandparents. On becoming a Crown Court Judge in 1976, he and Jane moved near Alton in Hampshire, becoming cherished members of their local community. John dedicated the next three decades to charity work, and this service was recognised with a BEM in 2021. He was proud to be the oldest Johnian and was guest of honour at a 2018 College dinner. Those who knew John remember his fairness, love of *bon mots* and dedication to his family. On being asked the secret of long life, he said: 'Chewing every mouthful thirty-two times, thinking only pure thoughts, and having a socking big whisky every night'. He had, he said, only done one of these.

1938 WILKS, Thomas Grenfell, died 5 October 2022, aged 102. Grenfell spent a life in farming. From supporting his father on the family farm in Bewdley in childhood and during the war (even cycling home from Cambridge overnight following exams), he then ran his own farm in Shropshire, before returning in 1969 to the family farm in

Bewdley until his 'retirement' in 1992. In a brief interlude from farming after the war, Grenfell worked for The Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Company in Birmingham for two years – including a six-week commission to Germany as part of the post-war T-Force operations – followed by three years in Tanganyika contributing to the government's exploratory Ground Nut Scheme. Grenfell had a fascination for engineering challenges and technological advances, with a particular love for steam trains, which played a key part in his later years – including riding the Flying Scotsman on the Severn Valley Railway past his former farm. Grenfell passed away at home surrounded by family. He was an understated inspiration who enriched the lives of all he met.

1942 ROBERTS, Dr Ernest Theodore, died from metastatic adenocarcinoma of the small bowel 21 January 2022, aged ninety-six. Born 29 January 1925 in Glasgow to Janet Pitcairn Hogg and Theodore Ernest Roberts, a public health physician who had set up the schools' medical service in Glasgow, then Medical Officer for Health for the City of Portsmouth. He was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, Churcher's College, Petersfield, St John's College and St Thomas' Hospital, London. He received



Ernest Roberts (1942)

degrees in Natural Sciences; BA 1945; MA 1949; BChir 1947; MB 1947. He was father of Mark Theodore Milward Roberts (1988). During his career he was House Physician, St Thomas' Hospital 1947–8 to Sir Hector Goadby; Flight Lieutenant and Medical Officer, RAF 1948–50, stationed in Luneberg, Germany; GP, Portsmouth, 1950–90. Outside medicine he shared his enthusiasm for conservation with family and friends, undertaking countless wildlife surveys and supporting a number of conservation projects. He was a great host and held a strong Christian belief. He died at home, leaving his wife, four children and nine grandchildren.

1944 CUSSINS, Dr Wilfred Denys, died peacefully at home on 14 February 2022, aged ninety-four. After attending Nunthorpe School in York, Denys was awarded a State Scholarship and Exhibition to study Mechanical Sciences. He was awarded the Charles Lamb Prize in Electrical Engineering and the Hockin Prize in 1947. Denys was a Research Engineer at EMI from 1947 to September 1949 and then returned to St John's and the Engineering Laboratories at Cambridge as a research student in January 1950. He was awarded his PhD (The Effects

of Ionic Bombardment on Germanium) in March 1953. Alongside his studies, Denys played jazz piano in a semi-professional big band. He maintained that he could earn more for one evening's playing than he earned in a whole week as a research engineer. Denys returned to York after his studies to help run the family electrical shops and workshops. Denys married Vera in 1960 and they had two children and six grandchildren.

1944 JONES, The Revd Dr Richard Granville, died in 2022, aged ninety-five.

1945 BRADBEER, John Wyatt, died 14 February 2022, aged ninety-four.



Sir Geoffrey Otton (1945)

1945 OTTON, Sir Geoffrey John, died 18 February 2022, aged ninety-four. After Christ's Hospital, Geoffrey read Classics at St John's. He rowed, sang in CUMS, performed in the Greek play and met his future wife, Hazel, a Newnham classicist. They married in 1952, settling in Hampton, Middlesex, where Lucy and Felix were born. In 1961 they moved to Bromley, Kent,

staying until moving to Cheltenham in 2018 to be near Lucy. Geoffrey derived great satisfaction from his Civil Service career, in the Home Office and later in DHSS. He retired in 1986 as Second Permanent Secretary, responsible for social security. He was highly respected for his intelligence, high standards, kindness and management skills. In retirement Geoffrey did voluntary jobs and took up cooking and gardening. He and Hazel enjoyed choral singing, concerts, courses in music, art and architecture, European holidays and becoming grandparents. As Hazel became frail, Geoffrey devoted himself to caring for her. After her death, he kept a keen interest in life, positive attitude and sense of humour. He was a true gentleman.

1945 PAYNE, Professor Douglas Sutherland, died 6 March 2022, aged ninety-seven. Douglas was born in Gravesend, Kent, in 1924. Following the outbreak of World War II, he left school at fifteen and worked in a paper mill for a year, when he undertook further education, which enabled him to attend Imperial College to study Chemistry 1941–5. He transferred with Professor Emeleus to St John's College to complete his PhD in 1947. He taught briefly at Imperial before becoming a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer at Glasgow University 1949–66. From 1967 to 1982 he was the Professor of Chemistry at Hong Kong University. He was instrumental in developments such as the Joint Schools Science Exhibition and the Croucher Foundation. He retired early to set up a lab in his son's micro-brewery in Bristol. He became a volunteer at the V&A Museum, where he joined the metalwork department,

undertaking silversmithing classes and obtaining his own hallmark. He was an active member of the Barbican community in the City of London for twenty-five years until his death.

1945 RYMER, Dr Jolyon James Hugh, died 11 May 2022, aged ninety-five.

1946 BURNS, Robert James 'Robin', died 3 June 2021, aged ninety-eight.



Derek Lennon (1946)

1946 LENNON, Derek Carlton, died 3 June 2022, aged ninety-four. After Bournemouth Grammar School, Derek obtained a scholarship to St John's to read Natural Sciences and Chemical Engineering. He joined LMBC, rowed for the First Boat (Lent 1947), won the Andrews and Maples Freshmen's Sculls and the Forster-Fairbairn Pairs 1948, and was runner-up in the Silver Goblets at Henley 1948. During National Service Derek was posted to Trieste, Italy, where he met his future wife, Sonja. His career was with Humphreys and Glasgow, Mitchell Cotts and his own company, Capital Plant International Inc, selling process plants

to twenty-six countries. Derek specialised in relocating plants and travelled extensively. In the 1980s he formed two biotechnology companies, one for fuel production from sugar-cane waste and one for researching blue tongue and AIDS vaccines. Derek had an analytical mind and a generous spirit. He married Sonja in 1953 and had two daughters, Andria and Fiona. Derek was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, The Athenaeum and the Society of Chemical Industry UK.



L-R Keith Thomas (1946), Guy Screech (1946) and Tony Greeves (1946) on Rag Day

1946 SCREECH, Dr Guy, died 27 February 2022, aged ninety-three. On arrival Guy immediately played rugby for the First Team, becoming Vice-Captain in his third year. He also won an oar stroking the Rugged Boat in that year's May races. Honours in Natural Sciences led to an internship at Guy's Hospital. While there, he joined 21st SAS Territorial Regiment to augment his salary and enjoy its social life. National Service followed as a Medical Captain in Malaya during the anti-terrorist campaign. He made several operational parachute jumps into the jungle. After demobilisation he divorced

Jo Gooch and emigrated to Victoria, BC. Although his profession there disapproved of divorce, a sympathetic consultant at the Royal Jubilee Hospital welcomed a new anaesthetist. Once settled, he replaced rugby with competitive club-sailing. Accountancy advice resulted in a year's sabbatical cruising with family and friends round the Caribbean in a forty-one-foot sloop. In 1968 Guy married Vicki, who survives him. He retired from the RJH aged seventy-five as Senior Partner. He was greatly liked and well respected throughout the community.

1946 THOMAS, Keith Colwinston, died in March 2022, aged ninety-three. Keith was born in 1928 in South Wales. Keith joined St John's in 1946 to study English but then moved to Law and gained a 2:1 degree. In a fourth year at College he pursued the Colonial Service's 'Devonshire Course'. A talented pianist, he was active in the Footlights and music reviews. Playing rugby and dancing were other interests. Colonial Service started in Northern Rhodesia in 1950, but on deciding that it was not the career for him, he returned to England in 1953. After being accepted by the MoD, he spent the remainder of his working life there, serving in Cyprus, Tanganyika and Northern Ireland, advising on defence and security. Latterly based in London, he was involved in training, both in the UK and Europe, and subsequently became Assistant Director. Reading, walking and playing the piano were important pastimes. The latter led to prizes at several festivals. Dementia dominated his later life. Family and friends greatly miss this intelligent, warm man.

1947 DANNATT, Peter Conrad Dannatt, son of Sir Cecil and Lady Winifred Dannatt, died 18 November 2022, aged ninety-four. Born on 3 October 1928 in Manchester, he attended Altrincham Grammar School, where he was Head Boy. He took an electrical college apprenticeship at Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co Ltd prior to obtaining his degree in Mechanical Sciences, BA 1950, MA 1991. As a Chartered Electrical Engineer, he worked with AEI, The Nuclear Power Group and The National Nuclear Corporation until retirement in 1990. A low handicap golfer, he was a stalwart of Ringway Golf Club, becoming Captain and President. He married Elizabeth Unsworth, who survives him, in 1956. They had three children, Andrew, who sadly died two weeks after his father, and Mark and Lorna. He had a deep-founded theoretical knowledge in electrical engineering but was extremely practical with excellent artisan skills, which he put to good use throughout his life. A dedicated family man, he was delighted when Peter, the eldest of his four grandchildren, followed in his footsteps to St John's.

1947 LEWIS, (William) Russell, died 28 July 2022, aged ninety-five. After time in the Intelligence Corps, he was the first person from Caerphilly to study at Cambridge. He sat Part I History and Part II Economics, winning the Master's Essay Prize twice. Russell was a founding member of the Bow Group and subsequently its Chairman. Other positions he held were: Press Officer and Director of the European Community Information Office; President of the Selsdon Group; Director of the Conservative Political

Centre; Director of the Maastricht Referendum Campaign; Acting Director-General of the Institute of Economic Affairs; economic editor at *The Daily Telegraph*; and a leader writer for the *Daily Mail*. He wrote several books, including the first biography of Margaret Thatcher and *The New Service Society*, the latter being prescient in realising that Britain's economy would shift from manufacturing toward services. St John's has not produced a prime minister since Lord Palmerston, but Russell's voice was certainly influential in British politics. Russell is survived by his wife, Alys, and his sons Oliver, Martin and Dan.

1947 WATTS, Robert Newell Crawford, died 3 November 2019, aged ninety-six.



Brian Appleby (1948)

1948 APPLEBY, His Honour Judge Brian John, died 27 March 2021, aged ninety-one. Brian obtained a scholarship in History and was in the Footlights. He was a Counsellor on the Nottingham City Council and was a scriptwriter for *Life of the Lions*. Taking silk in 1971, Brian was Head of Chambers at Nottingham Ropewalk, having a successful

career as Barrister and QC. He was an accomplished after-dinner speaker and served as patron for the Amateur Swimming Association and the Scouts. In 1984 he was arbitrator between the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Coal Board. A Director of Nottingham Forest Football Club, he was Vice-Chairman 1972–5 and Chairman 1975–8, winning the league championship and league cup. He became a Circuit Judge and the resident Judge at Derby. He was Judge President of the Courts of Appeal for Falkland Islands, St Helena and the British Indian Ocean Islands and Territories. He outlived two lovely wives, Rosa and Lynda, and is deeply missed by his children, Jane and Jonathan, and his sister Susan.

1948 DORMAN, Richard Bostock, died 6 January 2022, aged ninety-six.

1948 HAWKINS, Michael Oliver Slade, known as MOSH for much of his life, died 15 February 2023, aged ninety-four. After Wycliffe College and National Service with the Royal Navy, Michael read Economics before following his uncle, William Slade Hawkins, into the Colonial Service in Kenya. Following various postings, Michael ended up as District Officer in Migori. In 1962 Michael and the family moved down to the Bechuanaland protectorate settling in the new capital, Gaborone. With roles as Permanent Secretary in a number of government departments, he helped to prepare the government for independence and its transition to the Republic of Botswana, staying on for five years following independence to complete his work.

Returning to the UK, Michael took up a role with Hampshire County Council overseeing the redevelopment of the Law Courts and the great Hall. Taking early retirement, Michael immersed himself in his passions for cricket (MCC), choral singing and local church life. In 1956 Michael married Sheila, who, along with their three children, survives him.

1948 KIPPING, (Stanley Arnold) Brian, died 16 April 2022, aged ninety-four. Brian was born 5 April 1928 in Cambridge. He was the eldest of three, with younger siblings Susan and Robin. He attended the Leys School and was evacuated to attend school in Pitlochry, Scotland, during the war. Brian did his National Service with the Royal Airforce, before studying Chemistry at St John's. Upon graduating, he began working for Boots, where he was to spend his entire working life, ending as Head of Production. Brian was also Vice-Chairman of Nottingham Health Authority and of North Nottingham Health Commission. He was chairman of Nottingham Family Health Services and a member of the University of Nottingham, serving as Pro-Chancellor from 1994 to 1997. Outside work Brian enjoyed fishing, gardening, visiting Scotland and travelling. Brian married Evelyn in 1951 and they had seventy years of happy married life together. They had three children, Jennifer, John and Sally. Later Brian was delighted to become grandfather to David, Andrew, Clare, Peter and James, and great-grandfather to Matthew and Ben.

1948 OGILVIE, David Alexander, died 31 January 2023, aged ninety-five. After Rugby

School, David was awarded a Classics scholarship to St John's College but switched to Engineering after his first year. Two years with the Colonial Service in then Northern Rhodesia was followed by several years at Baker Perkins, Peterborough, where he became a Director. David moved to Scotland, helping to develop new and existing businesses with what became Scottish Enterprise. This developed into consultancies, first attached to the EU in Brussels and then advising countries including Fiji, Zanzibar and The Seychelles with the British Executive Services Overseas. David enjoyed music, playing the piano and double bass in several orchestras including the Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra. He was a passionate supporter of The Scottish Prayer Book Society and took an active role in the Association of Open University Graduates. In 1952 he married Hilary, celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary in The Borders in July 2022, one of the last couples to receive a card from The Queen. They had four children, John, James, Julian and Laura.

1949 GWYNNE-TIMOTHY, (Kenneth) Gordon Rupert QC, died 23 December 2022, aged ninety-seven. Gordon was the loving husband of the late Barbara Gwynne-Timothy (nee Chisholm). He was the loving father of Heather (James Archer), John and Janet Borron (Jim Borron), grandfather of Michael Stacey (Katherine Archibald), Matthew Stacey (Sarah Dawson), Abby Borron and Andrew Borron, and great-grandfather of Hugh Archibald Stacey. Gordon had an interesting and fulfilling career as a lawyer in Toronto, primarily in mining law. He was proud of his

contributions to the opening of mines that created many jobs. He also enjoyed teaching commercial law to undergraduates at University of Toronto. He attended University of Toronto Schools, and, upon graduation, joined the RAF and served until the end of World War II. He then studied Philosophy at Trinity College, University of Toronto, followed by law studies at St John's College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn. He will be remembered for his faith, loving kindness, compassion, generosity, respect of others, zest for life and sense of humour.

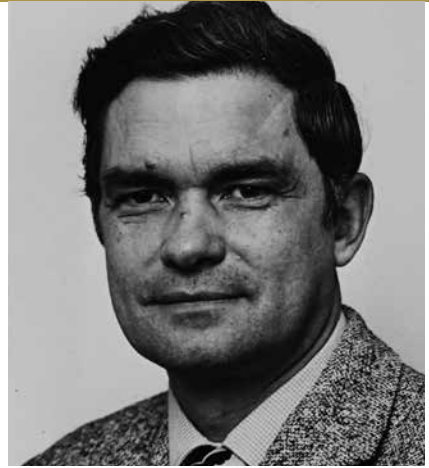


Robin Hearn (1949)

1949 HEARN, Harry Robert 'Robin', died 1 March 2022, just three weeks before his ninety-fifth birthday. He attended St John's just after the war and after doing two years of National Service. He always had very fond memories of his time in Cambridge, the College, lifelong friendships made and, in particular, his enjoyment of College cricket. He was delighted when his grandchildren organised a surprise ninetieth birthday lunch for him in College in 2017. Following graduation, he went into the emerging

aerosol industry working for Metal Box, initially developing propellants and later moving into sales and product development. He was honoured with an OBE in 1974 for services to the aerosol industry, having been a founder member and later Chairman of the British Aerosol Manufacturers Association and President of the Federation of European Aerosol Associations. He was fortunate to have a long, happy and healthy retirement. He leaves behind his wife, Barbara, whom he met in Cambridge and to whom he was married for nearly seventy years, four daughters, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1949 JACKSON, The Revd Graeme Clark, died 16 December 2022, aged ninety-three. Graeme was born in Colombo in 1929. He followed his father's vocation as a Methodist Minister, training at Didsbury, Manchester, and returning to Sri Lanka as a missionary. At the World Council of Churches, Geneva, he helped to co-ordinate the aid budgets of member churches. Moving to London in 1972, he worked for the Methodist Church, the Refugee Council and Help Age International. Graeme was always aware of the links between colonialism and church missionary activity. He argued that churches should attract new members by understanding the lives and concerns of ordinary people, and be willing to adapt religious practice to local cultures and customs. The development funds he managed supported small-scale and locally controlled projects. A childhood fascination for tropical thunderstorms and cloud formations led to a life-long habit of recording daily weather. He kept a bird-



Graeme Jackson (1949)

watching diary for over fifty years. Graeme married Pen, with whom he had two children (Alastair and Gayle), and later married Elizabeth and retired to Gloucester.

1949 ROE, Dr Peter, a gifted physician, committed lay reader, student of heraldry and dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died in Taunton on 8 September 2022, aged ninety-one. Peter was born to Frank and Ruth Roe in Cairo on 17 January 1931, where his parents were serving at the Egypt General Mission. After Taunton



Peter Roe (1949)

Credit: Jack Kimber Photography

School he went up to Cambridge to read Natural Sciences, where he joined the Lady Margaret Boat Club, for which he was an enthusiastic cox and rower. After graduating from Cambridge, Peter moved to Edinburgh University to study Clinical Medicine, and it was there that he met his future wife of sixty-six years, Margaret. They were married in Croydon in 1956 and had two children, Andrew (born 1957) and Helen (born 1962). With spells as a physician in Dublin and Uganda, Peter spent much of his career at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton as a consultant geriatrician. He combined medicine with a love of heraldry, a deep commitment to the church and his family, and an ever-present intellectual curiosity.

1949 STOREY, Dennis Graham, died 11 February 2023, aged ninety-one.

1950 CRITCHLEY, John, died peacefully on 14 January 2023, aged ninety. He had the unusual achievement of dying in the house in which he was born. John was a Chorley lad born and bred, and after leaving the Grammar School he went to St John's College to study French. In those days it was very unusual for a Northern student to attend Cambridge. For John, his time at Cambridge was the happiest of his life. After qualifying from St John's, he taught at Hutton Grammar School, Preston, and became Head of Languages. John retired in 1992 and spent time enjoying his hobbies, photography, walking in the Lake District and Switzerland, and his passion for music and wine. John's ashes will be scattered on his beloved Buttermere. Throughout his ninety years, John touched the lives of so

many people, both professionally and personally. For his family, his passing leaves a massive gap, and they will miss him so very much.



Malcolm Darling (1950)

1950 DARLING, Malcolm, died 27 July 2022, aged ninety. Malcolm was a schoolmaster, carpenter, musician, sportsman, potter and printer. 'Musician' embraces pianist, organist and lay clerk. He won a Choral Scholarship to St John's, where he read Classics. Formal musical qualifications followed: ARCM (1957), ARCO (1965). His sporting prowess included county squash player, scratch golfer and fanatical cricketer. Malcolm taught at Hawford Lodge School in Worcester for thirty years. For twenty-five years he was blind. As a result, he moved from Hawford to Worcester College for the Blind. Despite his blindness, he remained independent. Before he could no longer read a score, he learned all forty-eight of Bach's preludes and fugues, by heart. It was amazing to watch

him fumble his unsighted way to the piano, where his old agility was suddenly recovered. He influenced many lives in many different spheres. He struggled against adversity with extraordinary cheerfulness. To use a rather old-fashioned, but singularly appropriate, term, he was a gentleman whose manners, spirit and loyalty are models for us all.

1950 WALLACE, (Sydney) Keith, died 29 December 2020, aged eighty-eight. Keith was born on 6 May 1932 in Darlington, County Durham, and attended St John's College, where he achieved a First Class Honours degree in Physics. Following this he completed his National Service as a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. His initial work was as a physicist and he worked at UK Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Harwell, Berkshire. In 1960 he went from there to Rolls-Royce in Derby and moved to live in Etwell and then in 1962 to Breaston. For two years, between 1967 and 1969, he worked on secondment as The General Manager of the Admiralty Research And Training Establishment in Dounreay. Following this he returned to work at Rolls-Royce, where he retired at the age of sixty-two as the General Manager of Rolls-Royce International Support Services. He continued to live in Breaston, amassing the best part of sixty years as a local resident. Keith is survived by his wife, Ruth, and children, Christopher, Peter, Nigel and Katharine.

1950 YARWOOD, David James Dewar, died 29 June 2022, aged ninety-two. David attended Manchester Grammar School 1944–48 and won a scholarship in

mathematics and physics to study Engineering at St John's. After National Service in the Royal Engineers 1948–50, David attended St John's and achieved BA Hons in Mechanical Sciences (1953), followed by an MA in 1957. In 1953 David joined Binnie & Partners, specialising in urban and rural water supplies, river intakes and control structures in the UK and abroad. He travelled widely, including to Malaysia with his family from 1963 to 1967. In 1986 he co-founded Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages (later renamed Parity). Between 1995 and 2001 Parity achieved four successful legal challenges in the European Courts on Statutory Discrimination against men. David retired in 1994, setting up Dewar Research in 1995. David was married to Anne Davies for sixty-five years and they had three children and five grandchildren. His interests included astronomy, music, soccer and the company of friends. He died at home in Ascot with his family.

1951 GOOCH, Lieutenant Commander Albert William Terrance, died 11 June 2022, aged ninety. After Plymouth Public Secondary School for Boys and HMS Fisgard Training Establishment, Terry read Electrical Engineering, rowed and coxed for LMBC, did archery and was a member of CU Guild of Change Ringers. His Royal Navy career saw sea service around the world in HMS *Duchess*, *Centaur*, *Barfleur*, *Hermes* and *Eastbourne* (as Weapons Engineering Officer) and at HMS Collingwood, HM Dockyard Devonport, Admiralty Research Laboratory Teddington, Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment Portland and Ministry of Defence Bath.



Terry Gooch (1951)

While at Bath he was responsible for establishing electrical repair and test facilities in the Royal Dockyards. On leaving the Navy he worked on the 909 Radar Project at Marconi Radar Systems in Leicester. He was a district committee member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. He loved sailing, gardening, photography and bell ringing. He always enjoyed returning to the College for reunion events and watching LMBC rowing. In 1961 Terry married June, who survived him by three months. They had two children, Christopher and Michael.

1951 HOOPER, Nicholas Morton Douglas, died on 6 October 2022, aged eighty-nine. He was born in 1932. He studied Architecture at St John's. He went on to become an architect, first practising with London County Council, and then in private practice in High Wycombe. When his children departed home, he ran a bed and breakfast near Thame in Oxfordshire from his farmhouse home. In his later years he would attend alumni dinners with a group of Johnian friends, which they would hugely enjoy. He leaves his wife, Mary-Joyce, four children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Peter Kershaw (1951)

1951 KERSHAW, Peter Newall, died on 9 April 2022, aged ninety-one. After Durham School and National Service (Intelligence Corps), he read Modern Languages and enjoyed playing bridge. His career was mainly with Texaco, where he worked in Personnel and Pensions, in London and also in Brussels. Upon retiring he was able to focus on his hobbies of bridge, golf, reading and cricket as well as travel with his beloved wife Emilie, whom he married in 1966 and who sadly passed away in 2018. He is survived by his daughter, Juliet. Peter retained a strong affection for St John's and enjoyed attending alumni lunches and reunions in Cambridge.

1951 MARR, David Lawrence, died 12 April 2022, aged ninety.

1951 SPURGEON, John Clement, died 5 June 2022, aged ninety-one. After Epsom College and National Service (Intelligence Corps, Egypt), John read English but claimed to be more motivated by university music-making. He was proud of playing under Boris Ord, particularly the 1954 CUMS production of Pilgrim's Progress. He met his wife, Sally, a student at Homerton,

and they enjoyed the Indian restaurant 'opposite the bicycle entrance' to St John's. John became a music teacher (Rickmansworth Grammar). He was later invited to join the Music Department of Bulmershe College of Further Education, where he ran the PGCE course. He and his family lived in Wokingham for many years. He conducted Bracknell Choral Society and was active in the European String Teachers Association. John was a founder member, on second violin, of West Forest Sinfonia in 1987. John was a keen sailor and owned a series of small yachts based on the East Coast and later the Thames. John is survived by Richard, a civil servant, and Christopher, a veterinarian in Australia.

1952 BAXTER, Raymond Wallace Martin, died 11 November 2018, aged eighty-five.

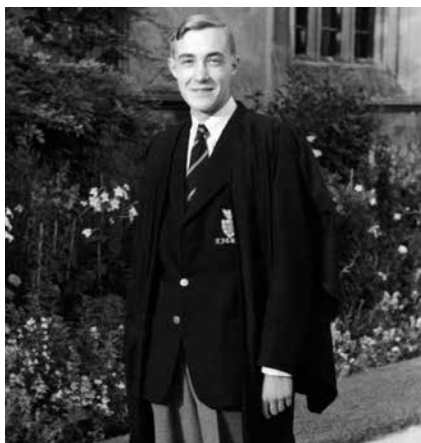
1952 CARTER, Terence Charles John, 'Terry', died 3 December 2019, aged eighty-five. He attended the Crypt School, Gloucester, where he was awarded the state scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge. He studied Physics and Maths. In 1955 he married Maureen and they went to live in Coventry. Terry worked for Armstrong Whitworth on scientific work on supersonic aircraft, responsible to the development and research manager. They had two children, Stephen and Linda. In 1961 they moved to Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Terry joined Mills Associates in Monmouth as a Senior Programmer and led a team, which computerised the BSC Llanwern hot slip rolling process. In 1984 he moved into management as a section leader in the life and pension area, and he became a freelance

computer consultant. He loved classical music and going to the theatre. He was a great rugby and tennis player. He also enjoyed walking, especially in the Lake District and Austria and Switzerland. In 1997 he had a silent heart attack, then mini strokes. He died in Hazelhurst Nursing Home in 2019.

1952 DAILEY, Roy Norman, died 14 November 2022, aged ninety. He was born in Liverpool, where he attended the Liverpool Institute High School for Boys on a scholarship and competed as a runner with the Liverpool Harriers. After National Service in Germany, Roy's academic achievements and athletic prowess brought him to St John's, where he read Mathematics. After University he emigrated first to Canada and then to New York, where he found the love of his life, Dori Winter. They had just celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. Roy and Dori founded a computer-consulting firm and guided clients through multiple generations of IT systems. Roy loved the water, first sailing and later kayaking. He was brilliantly stubborn, and when he was rejected from an Outward-Bound programme in his sixties, he promptly kayaked around Manhattan. While he considered Irvington, New York, home, he remained very attached to his roots in Liverpool and his affiliation with St John's. He is survived by his wife, Dori, his three children and three grandsons.

1952 ELLIS, Keith, died 18 January 2022, aged eighty-seven. Ahead of his cohort, he was Head Boy at the Glyn School. During wartime evacuation, flickering Bunsens

sparked a passion for chemistry. A scholar in Natural Sciences, crystallography especially delighted him, as did the CICCUC, where he found the leading Christian speakers 'almost as good as theological college'. Keith spent his career as a schoolmaster, teaching Chemistry at St Dunstan's College, rising to be Departmental Head. He rebuilt the laboratories, and founded a library displaying his atomic models of crystals, admired by a future prime minister. His teaching notes were renowned across London schools and, relishing the Oxbridge class, one of his Cambridge scholars became a Noble laureate. In retirement Keith read the Puritans, sent thousands of Bibles into the USSR and spent thirty years looking after his disabled daughter, until the evening before his sudden passing. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Margaret, whom he married in 1958, three children, David, John (1982) and Karen, and two grandchildren, Marcus and Siân, both Cambridge graduates.



Keith Ellis (1952)

1952 KENDON, Adam, died 14 September 2022, aged eighty-eight. Adam – born in London in 1934, son of Frank Kendon (1919) – was one of the world's foremost authorities on the topic of gesture, which he viewed broadly as meaning all the ways in which humans use visible bodily action in creating utterances. He earned his BA from Cambridge in 1955 and subsequently his DPhil in 1963. Adam's career took him to the US, Australia, Papua New Guinea and Italy. He initially focused on signing in Papua New Guinea and on Australian Aboriginal sign language. His research led him to Naples and the study of local gestures of Neapolitans. He also translated a book by archaeologist Andre de Jorio (1832). In 2004 he wrote a book on the phenomena of gesture, which was one of his most important books, drawing on his experience and research in New Guinea, Australia and Italy. He wrote more than 100 articles and published many books. Adam was married to Margaret (1937–2012) and is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

1952 OATES, Alan Keay, died 28 July 2022, aged eighty-eight.

1952 ORRELL-JONES, Michael, died 26 February 2022, aged eighty-seven. Brother to Keith Orrell-Jones (1958) and grandfather to Jack Doust (Emmanuel, 2021). Michael read Architecture, captained the College Athletics Team and was Secretary of University Athletics. He ran for the combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities, gaining his Full Blue, and subsequently ran for England. He completed National Service in the Royal Engineers, where he was the Army 440

Champion. Subsequently he went into the Territorial Army, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. His career as an architect in London was with TP Bennett and Son, with whom he became a full partner. He served on the committee of the Royal Institute of British Architects and on the disciplinary committee of the Architects Registration Council. Between March 1977 and 1980 he and his family went to experience life in the UAE. On return, he took over an architectural practice in Eastbourne until retirement in 2000. In 1960 he married Christine King. He is survived by Christine, his daughters, Charlotte, Verity and Georgina, and his four grandsons.

1952 RICHARDS, Dr Geoffrey Kendall, died 5 December 2022, aged eighty-nine.

1952 ROUNTREE, (Francis James Austin) Patrick, died 20 March 2022, aged eighty-eight.

1952 SEWELL, Anthony Philip 'Tim', died 17 August 2021, aged eighty-seven. Tim graduated from St John's with a Second Class Honours BA in Mechanical Sciences, 1955, joining three generations of Cambridge alumni in the Sewell family. Tim completed National Service, spending two years in the Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers. Following service, his career started as a Junior Engineer for Freeman Fox and Partners. Gaining experience in various projects, he was driven to build his career and a better life for his family, leading to the move to Australia in 1964. Tim worked for the Country Roads Board and the John Hollands Company, with the fall of the



Tim Sewell (1952)

Westgate Bridge leaving a lifelong impact. Tim's involvement in the ensuing Royal Commission was acknowledged when he was offered a senior managerial role in the redesign of the Westgate Bridge. Tim worked extensively in Australia, the UK and South East Asia, amassing an impressive portfolio. Tim's contributions to civil engineering are a testament to his commitment and capability and remain in use today all over the world.

1952 SMITH, Dr (James) Derek, died 23 February 2022, aged eighty-seven. County Scholarship to Wellingborough School, then State Scholarship to St John's to read Engineering. Rex Moir Prize. Rolls-Royce Graduate scheme for two years then back to Cambridge for a PhD. Ten years in industrial jobs trouble shooting. Returning to Cambridge in 1966, he became a Lecturer in the Engineering Faculty from 1969 until retirement. He specialised in gear vibration and related noise problems. Derek was a Fellow/Emeritus Fellow at Emmanuel College. Described as a 'superb experimentalist', Derek worked, researched

and consulted internationally in his field of expertise: the mechanics of vibrations and noise reduction of gears. He was also a published author on these subjects. Derek was a prolific designer and maker, including equipment for industrial use and designing and building a house in Scotland. A lifelong partnership began in 1965 when he married Rona (née Milne). There were four children and six grandchildren.

1952 VICKERMAN, Edward Anthony, died 27 July 2021, aged eighty-seven. He was born in Huddersfield 29 October 1933. After school at Sedburgh, Edward studied Natural Sciences at St John's College, where he was awarded his BA and Masters' degrees. Edward spent his teaching career at Clevedon House Preparatory School, where he was Headmaster, teaching maths, science and games and teaching all the boys to swim. He is remembered by pupils as a caring and inspirational teacher. Edward was a keen archaeologist, he was President of the Huddersfield & District Archaeological Society for ten years, a founding member of Ilkley Archaeological Society and a member of the West Yorkshire Archaeological Society. In 2003 he and his colleague, Keith Boughhey, published their documentation of cup and ring marked rocks, entitled Prehistoric Rock Art of the West Riding, Edward providing the scaled drawings by hand. He was also a member of the Huddersfield History Society. He enjoyed playing bridge and was a life-long member of Huddersfield Bridge Club. He is survived by his two daughters and four grandchildren.

1953 ANDERSON, Anthony Laurence, died 11 January 2023, aged ninety.

1953 CLAYTON, Anthony John 'Tony', died 3 April 2022, aged eighty-nine.



Paul Conder (1953)

1953 CONDER, The Revd Paul Collingwood Nelson, died 1 August 2022, aged eighty-eight. Paul was devoted to the church and in love with Cambridge. His student years prepared him for adventures both spiritual and international. In retirement Paul returned often to relive his days of education, sometimes with the original offenders. Incumbent at Grassendale, St Helen's, Thames Ditton and Blundellsands during his ministry, in retirement he served at York Minster. Inspired by his classical and biblical background, he travelled the ancient world in the footsteps of the saints. Even aged eighty-three he would compare Latin and Greek translations of the same text to see who did it best. Paul was bitten by cancer in 2014. He tried to make it disappear because he still had things to do. His strong faith helped him make it to 2022, continuing to

inspire people with his energy and fascination of everything. He was looking forward to the afterlife; we hope he isn't disappointed. He is survived by his son, Andrew, wife, Patricia and stepchildren, Helen, Sarah and Ian.

1953 COX, Professor (Christopher) Barry, died 24 January 2023, aged ninety-one.

1953 KING, Cdr Brian Frank OBE RN, father of Susan Palmer (1984) and Michael King (1987) and grandfather of Christy Palmer (2015) and Nick Palmer (2017), died 4 March 2023, aged eighty-nine. After Portsmouth Grammar School and Dartmouth Naval College, Brian read Mechanical Sciences as an integral part of his Naval training. He played rugby and rowed for LMBC. Having trained as an electrical officer in the Navy, Brian then chose to pursue his career in the submarine service. He was subsequently selected for the nuclear course at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich and then formed part of the initial crew on the UK's first nuclear submarine, HMS *Dreadnought*. Having retired from the Navy at the age of fifty-four, Brian became a marketing executive for an engineering company specialising in defence, travelling the world extensively. A family man with two children and four grandchildren, Brian was married to Birgitta for nearly sixty years. Brian enjoyed returning to College for the regular reunions and more recently with his Johnian children and grandchildren.

1953 MUIR, (Robert) Keith, died August 2022, aged eighty-nine.

1953 REYNOLDS, Geoffrey Eric, died 14 August 2020, aged eighty-seven. After Worthing Grammar School and National Service, Geoff read Chemical Engineering, the first of his family to enter third-level education. He was a keen athlete, excelling at pole-vaulting. He also embraced skiing, and, after marrying Patricia in 1958, they honeymooned in the Austrian Alps. Geoff joined Shell as a Chemical Engineer, moving to Cheshire, where he joined the Chester Bach Choir and became Choir Master of his local church. His enthusiasm, expertise and inspirational leadership grew the choir considerably. Geoff dedicated many hours of service to his local church and as a member of the Deanery Synod and as Deanery Treasurer. After retirement a fortuitous birthday gift inspired him to take up croquet. He co-founded Tattenhall Croquet Club, playing at tournaments countrywide until his mid-eighties. He also co-founded Tattenhall Music Society, which, along with the Croquet Club, continues to thrive, forming an apt legacy to a kindly, deeply knowledgeable and quietly enthusiastic man. Patricia and their children, Antony, Nicola, Cathryn and Nigel, survive Geoff.

1953 SALMON, Barry Sinclair, died 12 November 2022, aged eighty-nine. He was the brother of Godfrey Salmon (1961). Barry lived out the passion for music that he developed as a Choral Scholar at St John's. Barry loved singing and playing the organ from a very young age. He studied at Salisbury and King's College, Canterbury, before gaining an exhibition to St John's, where he studied under George Guest, who developed his talents for choral music. Barry

devoted his life to teaching music and spent twenty-six years in charge of the Music Department at Woolverstone Hall, Suffolk, where he passed on his love of music to generations of schoolboys. In retirement, Barry conducted the Community Light Orchestra, the Gippeswyk Singers and the Suffolk Concert Band. He is survived by his widow, Julia, and children, Katharine and Tim.

1954 BEAUMONT, Colin Herbert, died 30 March 2022, aged eighty-six.

1954 BIDGOOD, Dr Donald 'Don' Edward Thomas, died 21 October 2021, aged eighty-nine.



Peter Bugden (1954)

1954 BUDGEN, Peter David, died 28 May 2021, aged eighty-five. After The Leys, Peter read Agriculture. Upon graduating, he promoted the 1958 Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, embarking on a 46,000-mile journey in a Land Rover from Cape Town to Cairo with his close friend and fellow Johnian Martin Simpson (1954). His next venture was as a 'ten-pound pom', arriving in Adelaide on the Stratheden in 1959 to

pursue a career in agriculture. After his mother's death he returned to Wales, married Jane at Llandaff Cathedral, and had two daughters, Emma and Lucy. Peter greatly treasured his time at St John's, where he made lifelong friends and to which he often returned for Johnian dinners. Gregarious and a great raconteur, he took enormous pleasure and pride in taking his six grandchildren to Cambridge to revisit old haunts. Later he established a tour company focused on Welsh culture and history, reflecting his passion for the area, and together with his love for sailing, gardening and rugby, he added an inimitable verve to his family.

1954 DOWER, Michael Shillito Trevelyan, CBE, a third-generation Johnian, died 7 November 2022, aged eighty-eight. From The Leys School, Michael studied Land Management, enjoyed roof-climbing and helped to set up the Cambridge Civic Society. He studied Town Planning at UCL, joining the Civic Trust in 1959. In 1965 *The Architects Journal* published 'Fourth Wave', his study of the impact of leisure activity on Britain's coasts and countryside. In 1967 he set up the Dartington Amenity Research Trust, gathering the interests of land management, conservation and the promotion of rural enterprise in research projects for national agencies and local government. He was CEO of the Peak District National Park from 1985, and as Director General of the Countryside Commission created the new National Forest across the degraded industrial belt of Leicestershire and adjoining counties, creating new jobs and outdoor recreational



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Michael Dower (1954)

opportunities. As Visiting Professor at University of Gloucestershire he promoted the same rural socio-economic aims to stem migration to cities. Michael and Nan celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 2020; they had three sons, John, Dan and Alex.

1954 FORBES, Dr Angus Edwin, died 5 January 2023, aged eighty-seven. After Bryanston School, Angus read Natural Sciences and was Vice-Captain of the Lady Margaret Boat Club, also rowing for the Goldie Boat. He made many lifelong friends at Cambridge and continued to go to Henley regatta for many years afterwards. He had a calling to medicine and qualified as a doctor at The Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, before volunteering to spend a year in Laos under the auspices of the Foreign Office British Colombo plan, then returning to his native West Country to work as a GP in Devon. After retirement, he poured his heart and soul into renovating Cokesputt House, near Honiton, and continued to pursue his love of gardening, taking delight in sharing his wealth of knowledge with family and friends. He had many other talents and passions, among them wine and cider-

making, carpentry and classical music. In 1964 he married Caroline, whom he had met on the wards at the London, and they had three children, Louisa, Alice and Camilla.

1954 GERMAN, Dr (Frank) Clifford, died 24 November 2022, aged eighty-eight. Clifford was Head Boy at Northampton Grammar School and learnt Russian during National Service. At Cambridge he became President of the University Liberal Club and was an enthusiastic rower and cricketer. A member of MCC, he played cricket until he was sixty. Gaining a First in Geography, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and study at the University of Michigan. Returning to Cambridge, he began a PhD, but missing records meant he stopped researching for many years. He joined the *Financial Times*, then *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*, becoming Financial Correspondent, then Associate City Editor. He was City Editor of *The Scotsman* and Personal Finance Editor of the *Independent*, retiring in 1999. In retirement, he resumed research at UCL and completed his PhD on 'Migration, work and housing in Northampton, 1841–71' in 2017. Clifford married Muriel in 1967, having children, Catherine and Richard, and grandchildren, Keira, Daniel, Christian and Andrew. He will be missed for his wit, wisdom, kindness and consideration.

1954 McDANIEL, Roger Beverley, died 25 August 2022, aged eighty-eight.

1954 MERCER, His Honour Judge Geoffrey Dallas, died 9 September 2022, aged eighty-nine.

1954 SPARKS, Harry Hougham, died 30 June 2022, aged eighty-eight. After attending Bradfield College, Harry did his National Service. At St John's he read History. After graduating, he was offered a Fellowship. In 1959 he began working for a firm of stockbrokers, becoming a partner in 1970. He married Juliet in 1978 and became stepfather to her two children, James and John. At the age of fifty Harry retired, and he and Juliet began to travel extensively. Harry had a passion for sailing, and he and Juliet spent much of their time sailing in France and the Baltic. They bought a property in Western Australia, where much of Juliet's family lived, and they spent part of their time there and the rest of the time at their home in Cornwall. Both Harry and Juliet were keen bridge players. Harry also loved books, classical music and theatre. He was widowed in 2006. Harry continued to play bridge and to sail until his sight began to fail. He died peacefully at his home in Cornwall.

1955 CORDER, Professor Clive Kingsmill, a distinguished researcher and academic, died 3 January 2022, aged eighty-six. Clive attended Bradfield College before completing his National Service. He went on to earn a BA and an MA, studying Economics and Psychology, and was later awarded a DPhil from the University of Pretoria. Clive had a long and successful career in market research, making significant contributions to the field in Southern Africa. He was responsible for over 3,400 research studies. He was the Chairman and Managing Director of Market Research Africa, Chairman Emeritus of ACNielsen, and Chairman of the Southern African



Clive Corder (1955)

Marketing Research Association, among others. Clive had many passions and interests, including painting, stamp collecting, reading, swimming, skiing and travelling. He was a great storyteller and loved to share his knowledge and passion for many subjects. Clive is survived by his wife, Monica and daughters, Monique, Simone and Jacqueline. He will be remembered as a kind, generous and intelligent man who made significant contributions to his field and lived life to the fullest.

1955 LANDELL MILLS, John Vladimir, died 5 January 2023, aged eighty-six. John was born in Belgrade in 1936 but was raised in Devon. He read Agriculture at St John's College, Cambridge. While there, he was one of the founding editors of the magazine *Cambridge Opinion*. After graduating in 1958, he worked as the Editor of *Liberal News* and became a journalist with *Farmer's Weekly* and the *Financial Times*. In 1975 he founded Landell Mills Associates, an agricultural consultancy that evolved into one of the world's leading development agencies. John founded a

number of other successful companies, including Landell Mills Commodities in Oxford. From the late 1980s he focused on pro bono work. He was instrumental in securing the survival of the St Petersburg Botanic Gardens after the collapse of the USSR and latterly undertook projects to promote biotechnology. John is recalled by his colleagues as a 'charismatic, generous, intellectual and entrepreneurial maverick'. To his family he was loving, honourable, humorous and boundlessly enthusiastic, and he is now greatly missed.

1955 PEACOCK, Christopher, died 7 May 2022, aged eighty-five. The eldest of three siblings, Chris was born in Shanghai, although his family returned to England shortly before the Japanese invaded. After Merchant Taylors' School he read Mechanical Sciences (Scholarship, Wright's Prize), coxed for LMBC and graduated with a First Class degree in 1958. Following a posting to construct a pipeline in Jordan, where he met King Hussein, he spent most of his career as an Engineer with BP. After his retirement in the 1990s he was actively involved in the community in Ware, Hertfordshire. He had a keen interest in politics, served as Secretary of the local Conservative Association, and was a primary school governor. He lived quietly, did not marry and had no children, but he had a strong sense of family. He was devoted to his mother, Millie, and very supportive of his four nieces and their families. Always self-reliant, in later life, despite his increasing frailty and difficulty hearing, he remained determinedly independent. His memorial was held at St Mary's Church, Ware.



Hugh Robinson (1955)

1955 ROBINSON, The Revd Richard Hugh, died 20 July 2022, aged eighty-six. Usually known as Hugh, he was born in North Ferriby in East Yorkshire, the youngest of five children. His father, Godfrey (MC, CBE and Chairman of R.N.I.B), was blinded in World War I and so never saw his children. Hugh attended Bramcote Preparatory School and won a scholarship to Uppingham. After commissioning, he went to the Canal Zone with the Royal Artillery and then to St John's to read Economics and Oriental Languages. He was also College representative for CICCU. After two years at Ridley Hall, Hugh was ordained Deacon in 1960 and as a Priest in 1980. He was a non-stipendiary Minister in the many parishes he lived in and, in retirement, was Chaplain at St. Elphin's School. Most of his career was spent in the computer industry. Foremost, Hugh was a wise, gentle and friendly family man and was much loved by his wife, three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1956 ALCOCK, Robert Nicholas, died 2 July 2022, aged eighty-three.

1956 CHICK, John Stephen, died 19 February 2022, aged eighty-six.

1956 DENNY, George, died 4 December 2022, aged eighty-seven.

1956 DYKE, Professor Keith Graham Healey, died 29 January 2022, aged eighty-five.

1956 EDWARDS, Hugh Alexander Cromar, died 22 September 2022, aged eighty-six. After Aldenham School and National Service in the Royal Artillery, Hugh read Land Economy, played College hockey and thoroughly enjoyed university life, making lifelong friends. After coming down, he initially worked for Hunt & Steward Chartered Surveyors, becoming a partner. After Chesterton and Sons acquired Hunt & Steward, Hugh became a partner of the company until his retirement. He was an Advisor to the Church Commissioners. He was also a Trustee to The Grosvenor Estate, Surveyor to the Royal & Ancient Golf Club and a Governor of King Edward VII Hospital in London. Hugh was a keen golfer and a member of The Berkshire, where he was both Captain and ultimately President. He was also a member of The R&A, Rye and Trevoze golf clubs. He was a member of a number of other clubs including The 1954 Club, 1924 Club, The Ladykillers and the MCC. Hugh married Gaye in 1964, with whom he had three children, Joanna, Timothy and Georgina. All survive him.

1956 EILLEY, Edward, known as ‘Ted’, died 20 August 2022, aged eighty-five. Arriving at St John’s from Cranleigh School, Ted read



Ted Eilley (1956)

Electrical Engineering, graduating in 1959 with First Class Honours. Ted joined the technology giant Philips, working for forty years as a Systems Engineer and Group Leader. A Chartered Engineer, Ted was also a Member and Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology. Ted researched telecommunications, television and radio, shaping the technology that powers streaming platforms such as iPlayer and Netflix. His name was given as ‘Inventor’ on at least eight of Philips’ patents in areas ranging from electronics and circuitry to communications. His work influenced digital telephony and car power electronics. Ted devoted seven years as Church Warden at St John the Evangelist, Redhill. His pet project was a Triumph Stag bought from new in 1973, kept on the road with his own hands. Ted was kind, patient, approachable by nature, and always had time for others. In 1974 Ted married Elizabeth and they had a son, Charlie, both of whom survive him.

1956 GREEN, Dr John Edward, died 13 March 2022, aged eighty-four. John served in aeronautics with distinction for over sixty years. He made fundamental contributions

to aircraft wing design and the development of aerodynamics capability at RAE. He gave many years' service to the Royal Aeronautical Society and was President 1996/97 and their representative on ICAS 1986–2000. He was ICAS President, elected to Honorary Fellowship and awarded the Maurice Roy Medal for his 'exceptional record in fostering international co-operation between scientists.' He was a member of Cranfield University Court and Council and a Visiting Professor at the College of Aeronautics. More recently, he was a champion in the field of aeronautics and the environment, with the Air Travel Greener-by-Design group. He wrote the first GBD report (published 2001), receiving the Westland Prize, and, in 2005 the second report, receiving the Gold Award and Hodgson Prize. He studied Engineering at St John's, graduating, and marrying Gill in 1959. He returned to do a PhD in 1961. In 1994 John and Gill became Munroists.

1956 LIBSON, John Leslie, died 9 September 2022, aged eighty-four.

1956 MURRAY BRUCE, David John MA (Cantab), MB, MRCP (UK), FFOM, FRCP (Edin), RD, passed away at Thames Hospice on 8 April 2022, aged eighty-four, surrounded by his loving family. David was a dedicated and skilled physician, studying Medicine at St John's prior to specialising in occupational health. He was Group Chief Medical Advisor at National Westminster bank for over twenty-five years and latterly Occupational Physician in the Palace of Westminster. He pioneered the focus on employee wellbeing, authoring 'Towards

Employee Health' in 1990. He also actively supported and developed the next generation of occupational health specialists, teaching at Manchester University. His lifetime contributions to medicine were recognised through his election to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh in 2004. A life-long fitness enthusiast, David won an athletics Blue and was a proud member of the Hawks' Club.



David Murray Bruce (1956)

1956 O'KILL, John Leonard, died 24 June 2022, aged eighty-five. After Maidstone Grammar School, John read Music and History (Choral Scholarship). As well as singing in the Choir, he regularly played the Chapel organ and became an ARCO. He commenced his teaching career as Director of Music at Colston's Boys' School, Bristol, where he successfully guided the school's music and singing department, putting on memorable concerts and drama productions. He subsequently took up a role in the English Department (literature being another great passion of his), before moving to King's School, Rochester, as Headmaster of the Preparatory School. His involvement

in music and singing continued because of the school's association with Rochester Cathedral and its choir. Following early retirement, his love of books and history took him into the antiquarian book business. He worked tirelessly for many years for the Faversham Society, becoming a Trustee, among other roles. In 1965 John married Mary, who predeceased him. They had two daughters, Heather and Alison.

1956 STURT, Alan Charles, died 8 February 2022, aged eighty-six.

1956 WESTON, Dr Anthony John, died 23 November 2022, aged eighty-four.

1957 LITTLE, Arthur Leonard, died 2 September 2022, aged eighty-eight.

1957 LUMLEY, Michael John William, died 18 August 2022, aged eighty-four. Born in Pickering, Yorkshire, his father was Branch Manager for Yorkshire Farmers Ltd, his mother an actress/housewife. He was close to his sister, Felicity, until her death in 2017. Michael won a Choral Scholarship to Cambridge, reading History and singing under George Guest. Professor John Crook took Michael under his wing. His time at Cambridge proved the happiest of his life. After graduation he was Lay Vicar at Exeter, then Assistant Master, York Minster Choir School. He completed a Certificate of Education and a Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. Michael taught at the Hellenic Naval Academy, Piraeus, Greece, from 1975. The hot, dry climate improved his health. He retired to the UK, where loyal friends Jeremy and Min

Peake found him a place at the Almshouses, Wells, Somerset. Michael's claim to fame was his gift of friendship. He was vulnerable, open-hearted, witty and warm. He inspired devotion in many Naval Academy students, who attributed their success to his inspired teaching.

1957 McCARTNEY, Fergus James, died 28 January 2021, aged ninety-one.

1957 VIRGOE, John Malcom, died 5 December 2021, aged eighty-five. After Worthing High Grammar School and National Service at RAF Henlow, John read Natural Sciences. On graduation he began a thirty-five-year career with Pilkington's Glass. John was a man of varied interests. He had a keen interest in sport, playing rugby at school, spending time in adulthood playing golf, squash and running, and spectating at cricket, football and golf throughout his life. He was a keen gardener, walker, photographer, bird-watcher and animal lover, who loved walking his dogs along the Leeds and Liverpool canal. In retirement he completed a PhD on local history, a subject on which he was a published author, and spent time researching his family history in Hampshire and Sussex. A sociable man who valued many friendships from school and university, John and his wife, Jessie, to whom he was married for fifty-eight years, enjoyed many holidays with good friends, some from his days at Cambridge. He is survived by Jessie and their two children, Jane and Fiona.

1957 WIGGINS, Peter, died 22 April 2022, aged eighty-five. Peter was born in Hampstead in 1937. During the war the



Peter Wiggins (1957)

family moved to Wargrave, where Peter learned to row. After the war they returned to Hampstead and Peter went to University College School, where he rowed in the 1st VIII, and importantly learnt the oboe. National Service took him to Malaya, playing the oboe in the KDG regimental band. At Cambridge he studied Economics and Law. He rowed in the LMBC crew that went Head of the River, won the Ladies' Plate at Henley and got his rowing Blue. Playing the classical orchestral and chamber music repertoire remained an over-riding passion all his life. After a brief spell in business, he quit and spent the next forty-six years dedicated to making oboe, cor-anglais and oboe d'amore reeds for students and professionals both here and abroad. Another passion was photography. In 2006 he made a trip to the Falklands and South Georgia. In 2020 he published a book about that journey, called *South Atlantic Voyage*.

1958 BONNER-DAVIES, Brian Richard, died 29 October 2022, aged eighty-six.

1958 BRADLEY, (James) Michael, died 2 December 2022, aged eighty-three.

1958 BUCKNALL, Derek Edwin, died 15 March 2023, aged eighty-six. After Durham School and National Service, Derek read Economics. At College, he played for the College 1st XV and rowed in the LMBC 'Rugger Eight'. He followed his father into ICI and made a successful career marketing in ICI Fibres Division. In 1978 he was drafted into ICI Plastics to close the troubled company. He managed this challenging process so skilfully that he was headhunted to be HR Director for British Aerospace, which also suffered from overmanning and too many locations. Sadly, the onset of Guillain-Barré Syndrome two years later curtailed a promising career and Derek took early retirement. Derek and Pam bought a holiday home in Naples, Florida, and moved to Brockenhurst in Hampshire. In retirement Derek served on the board of Ransomes, was Chairman of the Northwest Hertfordshire Health Authority, and the Hertfordshire Police Federation and Trustee of the RAF Benevolent Fund and of the RNID. In 1964 Derek married Pam, who survives him. They had two children, Jane and Graham.



Derek Bucknall (1958)

1958 DAVIDSON, Roderick Macdonald, died 14 January 2022, aged eighty-four. On leaving Cambridge he settled in Bristol, joining the stockbroking firm B.S. Stock and Son, eventually becoming Chairman of the whole Stock Group. Adopting Bristol as his home, he was involved in many of its societies and schools, and he was a magistrate and later High Sheriff of Avon. Roderick was one of life's enthusiasts, a man of infinite curiosity and energy, of extraordinary generosity, who revelled in every opportunity that came his way simply because it satisfied his social spirit. His wasn't a fear of missing out but a delight in joining in. He loved meeting people, sharing with people, and taking pleasure in the company of strangers and friends. He was an enthusiastic but inaccurate golfer, a persistent fisherman, a devotee of classical music and a connoisseur of wine. Above all, he was a man of great integrity. His family was at the heart of his universe. He married Jane and had three children and four grandchildren – three of whom followed him to Cambridge.

1958 DUERR, Anthony Norman, died 12 February 2022, aged eighty-four. Tony was born 10 December 1937. He joined Shrewsbury School in 1951, and former Headmaster Michael Charlesworth described Tony as 'Shrewsbury's outstanding athlete in these last 50 years'. At the Schools Meeting at White City in 1956, he won the long jump with a jump of twenty-two feet seven inches, and, as the great Harold Abrahams observed in *The Times*, 'It was a fine performance, certainly the longest jump in these sports since the war'. Prior to joining

St John's, Tony worked in the family business and started taking golf seriously – reaching a scratch handicap and playing for Cheshire. He also returned to the athletics track, winning the Freshman's 100 yards and the long jump. His hard work and dedication enabled the family business to survive the 1970s and 1980s, and one of his proudest moments was being awarded the OBE by Queen Elizabeth II in 1995. Tony retired in 1997, continuing to play golf and travel the world with his wife, Hilary.

1958 DUNN, Geoffrey Herbert, died 18 September 2022, aged eighty-four, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He leaves his wife, Kay, three children and five grandchildren. Geoff went to Liverpool College and then did his National Service in Malaya with the Cheshire Regiment, for which he was awarded an MBE in 1959, at the age of just twenty-one. Following National Service, Geoff studied Engineering at St John's College (1958–1961), and after graduating he joined BICC. In 1967, along with his family, BICC posted him to Malaysia, before returning to the UK in 1976. Back in the UK, the family lived in Blundellsands, Liverpool, and he held various senior roles with BICC before his retirement living in Rossett, North Wales. Geoff enjoyed his very regular golfing and was a keen gardener. He and his wife also enjoyed regular travel at home and abroad.

1958 ORRELL-JONES, Keith, brother of Michael Orrell-Jones (1952), died 28 January 2022, aged eighty-four. After Newcastle High School and National Service (Royal Artillery), he read Engineering. He played



Keith Orrell-Jones (1958)

rugby and rowed in the LMBC 'Rugger Boat'. His career started with Tarmac on the construction of the M6, and designing motorway bridges with WS Atkins, before moving in to management with RMC and Marley. In 1972 he joined Amey Roadstone (ARC), moving to Southern California to run its American operations from 1981, then back to the UK to become its Chief Executive in 1987 and a Director of its parent company, Consolidated Gold Fields. After two years in the USA with Blue Circle Industries plc he became its Chief Executive, retiring in 1999. He was also Chairman of Smiths Industries plc and FKI plc. He loved salmon fishing on the Dee with his family, and he was an avid opera- and ballet-goer. He married Hilary in 1961 (died 2018) and they had four sons, Justin, Duncan, Richard and Sebastian.

1958 WAGER, Robert 'Bob', died 1 March 2022, aged eighty-two, after a long battle with Parkinson's, bravely fought. Bob read Agriculture at St John's from 1958 to 1961. He had attended Mowden Hall School, Northumberland, followed by Leighton Park, Reading, before going up to St John's. While at Cambridge, Bob had the opportunity to pursue many sporting interests alongside his studies, including athletics, rowing and

rugby. A highlight was the St John's College rugby trip to Italy in March 1961. After graduating with a First, Bob's first post was at Newcastle University Cockle Park farm in Northumberland before moving north to The Bush, the University of Edinburgh farm at Easter Howgate. While there he met and married Hazel Bowe, and in 1967 they took on the tenancy of Greenleighton on the National Trust's Wallington Estate, Northumberland. In 1972 Bob and Hazel secured the tenancy of East Nisbet on the Lothian Estate in the Scottish Borders, where Bob spent a long and successful farming career alongside Hazel, raising their three children, Claire, Fiona and Andrew.



Bob Wager (1958)

1959 JONES, Peter John, died 10 June 2022, aged eighty-one. Peter was born in Dorset in 1940, when his father was away in the Navy. His family moved to Derbyshire and then Worcester, where he attended King's School. Peter gained his

degree in Modern Languages, teaching English at a Berlitz school in Spain during one vacation. He rowed and always retained affectionate memories of Cambridge. On graduating, he joined Sedgwick Collins, London, as an Insurance Underwriter. He was interested in travel and, since he didn't like the dark, cold winters of London, was intrigued when he saw an opportunity in Bermuda. He arrived in 1968 and worked with American International. In 1974 he met and married Marian Jessey (she had two small children, all survive him). Bermuda became his home. He held senior positions in EXON, ANCON, ZURICH-BERMUDA and AON, retiring in 2005. He supported local cultural activities and enjoyed walking, playing squash and scuba diving. In retirement he was involved with voluntary charity work and enjoyed travel and visiting family and friends with Marian.

1959 MCKENZIE, Lindsay James Martin, died 26 April 2022, aged eighty-one.

1959 SPENCE, Peter Francis, died in 2022, aged eighty-one.

1959 VINCENT, Nicholas, died 14 February 2022, aged eighty-one. After Framlingham College, Nick read Economics and Law. He was a member of the OTC and Lady Margaret Boat Club. Travel was his main interest and he spent his gap year in Canada and hitch-hiking across the US, meeting his future wife, Suzy. He was a keen rower, skier and mountaineer, giving rise to tales of him practising night climbing on the walls of St John's. Nick enjoyed a successful career in accountancy working for various London-

based accountancy firms, finishing his career as Group Taxation Manager for Hays plc. He had an active interest in the TA, the 21st Artists Rifles SAS, and many clubs and associations. In retirement he enjoyed gardening and watching rugby and cricket. He will be lovingly remembered by Suzy, his daughters, Nikki and Alex, and his three grandchildren. His father, Basil, his uncle Ralph and brothers Patrick, John and Christopher were also Johnians. Sadly, his twin Christopher died in 1961, and Nick established a travel scholarship in his name for John's students.



Trevor Byer (1960)

1960 BYER, Dr Trevor Ailwyn, died 28 December 2020, aged seventy-nine. Born in the Caribbean archipelago, Trevor entered St John's with a scholarship and graduated with a PhD in Nuclear Physics, followed by a postdoctoral research fellowship at CERN, Geneva, moving to Vienna to work with the IAEA 1968–72. He returned to the Caribbean as Energy Adviser to the Jamaican government 1973–9, then was seconded to the Caribbean Development Bank until 1982. From 1984 to 1992, he

worked in the Operations Evaluation Department of the World Bank, Washington DC, becoming their resident representative in Nigeria until 2000. Trevor co-founded the Eastern Caribbean Gas Pipeline, an undersea pipeline intended to take Trinidadian gas to the Eastern Caribbean. He sat on the board of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and chaired the board of the St Lucia power company. Much admired for his brilliance, global political insight, charismatic personality and generous, big-hearted approach to life, Trevor married and divorced twice, first to Doris Byer, mother of Beatrice, then to Claudette Lopez-Lewis, all survive him.

1960 DAVIES, Robert Harold Glyn, brother of Peter Nicholas Davies (1965), died 14 March 2023, aged eighty. After The Hulme Grammar School for Boys, Oldham, Glyn came up to John's on an Exhibition Scholarship to read Modern Languages. On going down, he joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), where he was to spend his whole career. His overseas postings included Cuba; Mexico; Zagreb in the former Yugoslavia; temporary duty at the British Interests Section, Swiss Embassy, Guatemala City; Angola; a secondment to the EC Monitoring Mission to Yugoslavia; and stints as British High Commissioner to Namibia and British Ambassador to Panama. After retirement in 2002, he continued to work for the FCO part-time, declassifying documents in association with the 30 Year Rule and the Freedom of Information Act. He is survived by his wife, Carmen, and their son Ashley.

1960 GEE, Graham James 'Jim', passed away peacefully on 16 December 2022, aged eighty-three. A loving husband to Vera for fifty-five years, father to Elizabeth and doting grandad to Isobel and Thomas. His professional career spanned over thirty years in teaching, reaching senior levels and genuinely enjoying encouraging the next generation to become the best version of themselves. He continued to educate via his support of The Sandford Committee. In later life he continued to travel and was forever a Francophile, but finally retired to Cornwall to be close to his family. He maintained a passion for amateur archaeology, leading several Roman excavations. He also worked alongside Dr Simpson from the 'dark blue' prestigious University of Oxford on archaeological publications. He found a love for chess at a young age and fostered this through university. This enthusiasm continued through his life, playing at county level and becoming President of the team. He shared this love with his grandchildren. He will be forever loved and missed.

1960 JONES, Christopher Gordon, died 8 January 2023, aged eighty. After early schooling in Kenya, followed by St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, he won a Minor Scholarship to St John's, where he read Natural Sciences, with a Part II in Chemical Engineering. Following graduation Chris worked in the plastics industry. His first base was with ICI Plastics in Welwyn Garden City and then Thornton-Cleveleys, where he was involved in the development of PVC manufacturing plants. He subsequently worked for European Vinyls Consortium (EVC), based in Runcorn, Cheshire, where



Chris Jones (1960)

he became a Senior Engineer in their International licensing branch. This position allowed him to exercise his passion for travel and learning about new places and cultures as it involved substantial and frequent international travel. In 1967 Chris married Anne, who died in 2018, with whom he had two children, Mark and Susannah. Although Chris' last few years were blighted by developing Parkinson's disease, he completed an Open University Science degree and kept active, becoming a Trustee of the Chester Neuro-therapy Centre.

1960 KEELING, David, died 28 April 2022, aged eighty.

1960 WOOD, William Michael, died 13 October 2022, aged eighty-three.

1961 COXON, Professor John Anthony, died 14 April 2022, aged seventy-eight.

1961 GRIGG-SPALL, Ian Michael, died 16 June 2018, one day short of his seventy-fifth birthday. Raised in pre-independence Kenya, Ian read Law, graduating with degrees from St John's College and Harvard, where he was



Ian Grigg-Spall (1961)

a Fulbright Scholar, as well as qualifying as a Solicitor with a city firm and spending a year at the University of California, Berkeley. Ian became one of the first Law Lecturers at the University of Kent and was a Visiting Academic at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Ian founded the Critical Lawyers Group at Kent, influenced by his reading on Marxism and how law interacts with politics, economics and sociology. The CLG became a national organisation holding annual conferences that attracted many notable speakers from the legal profession and academia. Ian also co-edited the *Critical Lawyer's Handbook*. Later he focused on international student recruitment for the Kent Law School, allowing him to travel back to Africa many times. In 1965 he married Charlotte and they had three daughters, Nell, Beth and Holly, and two grand-daughters, Maisy and Lydia.

1961 KEMP, Martin Joseph, died 8 October 2022, aged eighty. After Sir William Borlase school, Martin read Law, loved jazz, co-founded the Windy City Seven and played music with the Footlights. After graduating, Martin married Elizabeth

(Girton 1961). They lived in London, where Martin qualified as a Solicitor, before returning to Cambridge in 1977. He joined Few & Kester, where he later became Senior Partner. His legal specialisms included copyright, arts, mediation and work to improve access to law for women, immigrants, the financially disadvantaged and sufferers of injustice. Martin's extensive musical activities included playing jazz, early and classical music with Cambridge Philharmonic, Ely Sinfonia, Anglia Jazz Orchestra, and groups he founded and led, including Organised Chaos and Mingusology (which performed at Jazz@John's), and writing countless musical arrangements. He gave time to community and educational projects, serving as School Governor, Trustee of National Association of Youth Orchestras, Chair of National Youth Jazz Collective and running educational music groups including the Mad Hatters and Lift Off. Martin is survived by Elizabeth, two sons and four grand-daughters.



Martin Kemp (1961)

1961 SALMON, Godfrey Nicholas, died 14 October 2022 aged seventy-nine. He was the brother of Barry Salmon (1953). Godfrey was an exceptional violinist and gifted conductor. He spent much of his musical career in the West End, conducting *West Side Story* and *Miss Saigon*, and playing in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He is survived by his widow, Kathy, and children, Henry and George.

1961 SALUVEER, Timothy, died 20 September 2021, aged seventy-nine.

1962 BRAMBLE, John Clifton, died 28 January 2023, aged seventy-eight. Born in Salford 5 September 1944, John was educated at Manchester Grammar School, before going up to St John's in 1962. After receiving Firsts in both the Classics and English Triposes, he undertook graduate work on the Roman poet Lucan. In 1967 he was elected to a Junior Research Fellowship at Peterhouse. In 1970 he moved from Cambridge to Oxford, to a Fellowship in Classics at Corpus Christi College. Together with Oliver Lyne (1963), a contemporary and close friend at St John's, who arrived at Balliol in 1971, John introduced to Oxford excitingly fresh ways of thinking about Latin literature. His published output includes contributions on the Roman poets Catullus, Lucan and Persius. In 1986 John took early retirement from Corpus, on health grounds. In many years of active retirement, he developed an interest in Buddhism, and the reception of oriental religion and mysticism in the modern world, publishing a book, *Modernism and the Occult* (2015). His other passions included motorbikes, elegant interiors and gardening.

1962 CHAPMAN-ANDREWS, John Andrew, died peacefully at home on 13 January 2023, aged seventy-nine. After attaining two Half-Blues at Rugby Fives and being a member of the University Air Squadron, John went on to have a successful career in civil engineering. He spent a lot of his childhood in the Middle East and, putting his natural language skills to good use, he advanced his career working abroad, living for several years in Saudi Arabia as well as Belgium. He was among the first civilians to go into Kuwait at the end of the 1990 war, tasked with restoring power to that country. He was an accomplished sailor and sailed many thousands of miles with friends, family and guitar. John married twice, first to Joanna (divorced 1999) and second to Jane (married 2003). He is survived by Jane, his two children from his first marriage and two stepchildren from his second, plus ten grandchildren.

1962 ROBERTS, Martin, died 8 October 2022, aged eighty-one. After Queen Elizabeth's School, Devon, Martin attended the Royal Academy of Music. He joined St John's as a Choral Scholar (Counter Tenor) and later Magdalen College, Oxford. He made many happy memories and long-lasting friendships. At the Royal Academy, Martin met Sarah Finch, whom he married in 1966. They had two daughters, Joanna and Sophie, and four grandchildren during their happy fifty-six-year marriage. Martin was Assistant Director of Music at City of London School, Assistant Director at Monkton Combe School, Bath, and then Director of Music at Bloxham School, Oxfordshire. In semi-

retirement, Martin became a Music Examiner with Trinity College London. He blended his passions, music and travel, visiting over twenty-five countries and examining almost 18,000 candidates. Every year Reserve Officer Lieutenant Commander Roberts ran a summer camp for the CCF, primarily on HMS *Bristol*. Martin enjoyed playing viola in the Cherwell Orchestra and loved walking in the British countryside. His zest for learning never waned. He was kind and modest, an inspiration to so many.

1962 SUTCLIFFE, John Haddon Frowd Holman, died 1 September 2022, aged seventy-eight. After working for the National Trust as Artistic Representative 1968–73, John was a freelance decorative painter until his death from cancer. His varied work was mostly restoration of decoration – much of this for the National Trust, and creating historical interiors for private clients from the USA to Greece. John mixed – and named – many of the original colours for Farrow & Ball. John grew up in Lincolnshire, where his father, Holman, was a lawyer and shipbroker with offices in Boston, and his mother, Sheila, a writer. He was educated at Winchester College and then St John's, graduating in Fine Arts in 1965. Alongside commercial decorative painting, John loved to draw and paint and exhibited many times. He was a very good draftsman and mimic, and much of his framed work alludes to the work of others, often to comic effect. He also published four books on decoration. John is survived by his second wife, Gabrielle (née Carter), four children and five grandchildren.

1962 WOOD, John Michael Alderton, died 2 May 2022, aged seventy-seven.

1963 RUSSELL, Professor Ian Trevor, died 18 September 2022, aged seventy-eight.

1963 STERN, Anthony McMullan, died in London on 10 February 2022, aged seventy-seven. Anthony was born in Cambridge on 26 October 1944. After studying for a Fine Art degree at St John's, Anthony became an independent film-maker and subsequently a renowned glassmaker and vibrant contributor to the world of glassblowing.

1964 BAYLISS, Jack, died on Tuesday 27 February 2023, aged eighty-one. He attended Wednesbury Boys' High School and the London School of Economics. Jack came to St John's to read History and was a Choral Scholar. On leaving Cambridge he entered the teaching profession, beginning his career at Rossall School. His final post was as Director of Studies at Downe House School in Berkshire. He was an Assistant Lecturer in the Open University for over twenty years and went on behalf of the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate to Zambia, Lesotho and Botswana to assist in the training of local teachers to manage their own national examination system. In retirement he served on the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Education. Jack and Angela loved travelling and visited many countries in the world when retired. He is survived by his wife, Angela, two daughters, Elizabeth and Esther, and three grandchildren.



James Dorward (1964)

1964 DORWARD, James Fairgrieve, died 12 June 2021, aged seventy-five. After reading Natural Sciences and returning to the Scottish Borders, James unexpectedly found his career niche in secondary school teaching when Selkirk High School urgently needed a biology teacher and took him on, untrained. With his scientific curiosity, exuberance, inventive and sometimes eccentric approach, he became an inspirational teacher, making his classes not only informative but also entertaining and memorable. Just one example: What other teacher would have demonstrated the strength of peristalsis by swallowing a full glass of water through a tube while standing on his head in the classroom? James then took the necessary year's teacher training, graduating from Aberdeen College of Education in June 1970, and moved to Edinburgh to take a biology post at Ainslie Park Secondary, one of Edinburgh's toughest schools. Four years later he was appointed Head of Biology at Gracemount High School, another tough school, where he taught until retirement. Retirement brought him welcome opportunities for holiday and travel but these, alas, were cut short by early-onset dementia.

1965 NOKES, Stephen Alistair, died 12 November 2022, aged seventy-five.

1967 HALL-PATCH, Stephen Peter, died July 2022, aged seventy-two. Stephen read Veterinary Medicine at St John's. His parents were veterinary surgeons in Hythe, New Forest. He wanted to go into large animal or mixed practice, so he read Agriculture in Part II Tripos. After qualifying, he worked in various practices and for Hill's when they first started in this country. He settled in Wakefield as a partner in a practice there. He and his partner designed and built a veterinary hospital before selling to a corporate practice. Stephen spent the rest of his career doing locum work. He was a practical and dedicated veterinary surgeon, well-liked by staff and clients alike. After a young veterinary surgeon committed suicide, he helped to bring mental health issues more into the open. Unfortunately his last years were dogged by illness, which he faced with great determination to carry on despite it. He will be missed by colleagues and friends alike. He is survived by his wife, Anne, daughters, Lyndsey and Elinor, son Robert, and two granddaughters.

1967 HENDERSON, Douglas Cameron, died 8 February 2022, aged seventy-seven.

1968 HAUNER, Milan L, died 26 September 2022 aged eighty-two. Before his Cambridge PhD (International History), Milan received a PhD (History, 1968) and first degree (History and Czech Language and Literature, 1962) from Charles University, Prague. Milan did research, published and taught across Europe and America: Oxford (St



Milan Hauner (1968)

Antony's College), Warwick, LSE, The Open University, German Historical Institute, Freiburg, Leipzig, Philadelphia, Wisconsin-Madison, Berkeley, Stanford (Hoover Institution), Georgetown, Columbia, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and US Naval War College. He is the author and co-editor of 10 books and more than 100 scholarly articles written in Czech, English, French and German. His knowledge of eight languages was legendary. Among Milan's major publications are *India in Axis Strategy* (1981), *Hitler Chronology* (1983, 2005), *What Is Asia to Us? Russia's Asian Heartland Yesterday and Today* (1990, 2013), *Czechoslovak President E. Benes' Memoirs 1938–1945* (2007), and *Hitler den po dni* (2017). Lifelong sports enthusiast, Milan was an expert swimmer, skier, cyclist and canoeist. He is mourned by his wife, Magdalena, and their children, Katherina, Anna and Thomas.

1969 DOWNES, Professor Andrew, died 2 January 2023, aged seventy-two. Andrew was a Choral Scholar at St John's and went on to study composition with Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music.

Between 1990 and 2005, he was Head of the School of Composition and Creative Studies at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and was awarded a Professorship in 1992. In 2014 he was made Emeritus Professor of Birmingham City University, for carrying out his work 'with distinction'. Andrew's music has been performed throughout the world in leading concert halls and cathedrals and has been broadcast on BBC Radios 2, 3 and 4, BBC TV, France Musique, Italian TV, Austrian, Dutch and Czech Radio, Central Peking Radio and many USA radio stations. Numerous CDs and DVDs have been made of his music. Performers include the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. The latter orchestra recently recorded four symphonies and two overtures by Andrew and wrote of him in their literature: 'The British composer, Andrew Downes, ranks today among the internationally acclaimed personalities.'

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Andrew Downes (1969)

1969 MALAN, The Revd Victor Christian de Roubaix, died 10 October 2022, aged eighty-three.

1969 SUNDERJI, Anwerali Habib Jaffer, died 8 March 2022, aged seventy-two.

1970 WHEELER, Dr Terence Keith, died 10 January 2022, aged eighty-three. After Tiffin School, Terence read Medicine at King's College, London (Todd Medal, Medicine; Cheyne Prize, Surgery). MA (Cantab) 1971, FRCR 1975 (Rohan Williams Medal). Moving to Cambridge in 1967, Terence became a Consultant in Radiotherapy and Oncology at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His clinical practice included cancer of the breast, prostate, bladder, cervix and ovary. His specialised practice included malignant disease of the eye, head and neck, tumours of the brain, pituitary and spinal cord. He chaired the Consultant Staff Council and became Clinical Director of the Department



Terence Wheeler (1970)

of Clinical Oncology in 1992. He held an Honorary Lectureship in the Clinical School of the University of Cambridge and published articles on the early trials of management of breast cancer, particularly adjuvant chemotherapy. He chaired the Examination Board of the Royal College of Radiologists for the FRCR, Part II. In retirement Terence took up carriage driving and enjoyed watercolour painting. In 1963 he married Elizabeth, who survived him. They had three sons, Simon, Mark and Guy.



Chris Del Mar (1971)

1971 DEL MAR, Professor Christopher, died 26 February 2022, aged seventy-two. Chris completed pre-clinical years at St John's in 1976. He was a junior doctor in London, then moved to Mackay, Australia, in 1977, establishing his own general practice. In 1988 Chris moved to the University of Queensland, becoming Professor of General Practice in 1995, with an international reputation in evidence-based medicine, general practice research and acute respiratory infections. In 2004 he became Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University, establishing

the University's medical programme, and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research). After overseeing the first cohort of medical students, he returned to teaching and research as Professor of Public Health, at Bond's Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare. He published more than 500 articles and received numerous awards and honours, including an Order of Australia. Chris was catastrophically injured in a surfing accident in 2019, becoming quadriplegic. After a year in hospital, he returned home and continued his research part-time. Chris leaves his beloved wife, Professor Tammy Hoffmann, four children from his first marriage, and two stepdaughters.

1971 SCOTT, Stephen Norris, died 1 January 2022, aged sixty-eight.

1971 SMITH, Terence Paul, died 5 February 2022, aged seventy-six. Terence came to St John's in September for a research degree in the Philosophy of Religion, gaining an MLitt in 1978. He had a BA in Philosophy from St David's College, Lampeter (1968), and an MA in the Philosophy of Science from Prifysgol Cymru (1971). For two decades, he was a schoolmaster in Kent but in 1994 joined the Museum of London Archaeological Service as a building materials specialist, retiring in 2007. His interest in bricks and brick buildings began at Luton Grammar School; his first paper was 'Someries Castle', *Bedfordshire Archaeological Journal*, 3, 1966. He also wrote on Anglo-Saxon churches, vernacular buildings, including timber-framed church porches, and literary criticism, initially intending to

read English. All of his 100-plus papers were illustrated by his superb drawings: he remained an excellent draughtsman to near the end of his life. His interests were listening to classical music, particularly choral music, but he appreciated good jazz, and the novels and poetry of the First World War.

1972 LEWIS, The Revd Dr Harold Thomas, died 31 December 2021, aged seventy-four. Ordained in 1971, Lewis ministered to parishes in England, Washington DC, New Haven, Connecticut, Brooklyn, New York and Ohio; and as a missionary in Honduras and Zaire. He served as Headmaster of St. Mark's School, Brooklyn, Adjunct Professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and taught at George Mercer School of Theology, New York Theological Seminary, and General Theological Seminary. By appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury, he chaired the Advisory Council for the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. He was Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1997 until retirement in 2012. An active chronicler of the African American struggle in the Episcopal Church, he was Director of the Office of Black Ministries 1983–94, and pressed to have African American missionaries recognised and celebrated alongside white missionaries. Lewis wrote many publications, articles, hymns and poems. He was married to Claudette Richards Lewis for over fifty-one years, and they have one son, Justin Craig Lewis, and a son-in-law, Roland Tactay.

1972 ROSE, Colin Andrew, died 12 December 2021, aged sixty-seven.

1973 CONWAY, Andrew John, died 16 October 2022, aged sixty-seven. Andrew knew if he hadn't been able to program, he would have spent a miserable career in accounting. Inquisitiveness and avid reading yielded a flourishing software engineering career. Starting with mainframes, he soon saw the road ahead was paved with desktops and PCs. Andrew happily defined himself as a digital nomad, which afforded the opportunity to work from anywhere with connectivity. His family was based in San Francisco but branched out to life in the Bahamas. Summers were spent on waterways of England by narrowboat. Nothing made Andrew happier than 'messing around in boats' (seen by his American wife, Paula, as a peculiarly English concept). His interests were many and varied. Travel, snorkelling, birding, photography, sailing, theatre, camping, juggling, circus/street performance, whip cracking. Andrew wrote *The Bullwhip Book*, proudly bestowing a copy to the Library during the 500th anniversary College celebrations. He is survived by his wife, Paula, and sons, Daniel (Olivia) and Ian (Louise).

1975 HARDY, Colin Andrew, died 3 September 2022, aged sixty-six. Graduating with a First in Chemistry, he worked for ICI and then Syngenta, managing major projects worth billions of dollars across the globe, including in America, Switzerland and Uruguay, establishing Syngenta's first global soya bean supply chain. He ended his career in Manchester setting up Syngenta's new Global Operations Centre. Colin was a keen sportsman, playing football for the St John's



Colin Hardy (1975)

1st Team and for teams wherever he lived. He was a skier, mountaineer, traveller and beer connoisseur. His passion for travelling began with an overland trip to Turkey in an old Landrover while at John's, and most recently exploring Ethiopia. He travelled extensively across all continents and was an accomplished wildlife photographer. Colin was equally at home in the hills of the UK, spending most New Years in the Lake District with friends from Cambridge. Colin was a modest man but excelled in all that he did, earning the respect of friends and colleagues. He leaves his wife, Sally-Anne, two sons and a grandson.

1976 MANNING, David Brown, died 9 March 2022, aged sixty-three. After attending Foyle College in Northern Ireland, David read Law at St John's. He enjoyed his time there and was a keen rugby player and member of Eagles. He initially joined the Investment Bank of Ireland, then moved into commerce, where his entrepreneurial style, Irish charm and tenacious character all combined to ensure a highly successful business career. He co-founded Elaghmore Ltd in 2003, which manages and invests in a

wide variety of businesses, including packaging, schoolwear, food and chemical manufacturing. David loved outdoor pursuits such as shooting, skiing and walking. He married Penny in 1988, and they had a daughter, Portia. Following their divorce, in 2013 he married Henny, and they both cherished their time together, sharing their love of fine dining, fine wine and travel. They all survive him, along with his granddaughter Carlotta. David attended many events at St John's, and his support and generosity helped to raise large funds for the College's next generation.

1976 ROSS, Professor John, died 12 March 2022, aged ninety-one.

1977 COWAN, Andrew Mather, died 20 July 2022, aged seventy-seven.



Kevin Thompson-Parr (1977)

1977 THOMPSON-PARR, Kevin George, died 11 February 2022, aged sixty-three. After St Cuthbert's School, Newcastle, Kevin read Classics at St John's. Following

graduation, Kevin joined the Civil Service but, soon disillusioned, he retrained as a lawyer, qualifying as a Barrister. Rather than practice at the Bar, he joined the large law firm Clifford Chance, specialising in employee share schemes. Kevin's incisive intellect enabled him to rise rapidly, becoming an equity partner and head of his section. His career success brought financial security, which enabled him to indulge one of his great loves in life – horse racing. He owned a share in several racehorses and was a member of the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, which he attended religiously every year. Kevin was married three times. His first two marriages ended in divorce. His third marriage was to his beloved Ruth Parr, a classically trained singer. With this marriage, Kevin joined their surnames, becoming Kevin Thompson-Parr. Kevin had no children of his own but was a devoted stepfather and grandfather to Ruth's three daughters and their children.

1978 WILLIAMSON, John Robert William Glover, died 23 November 2022, aged eighty-three. Born in Belfast on 4 July 1939 and brought up in Clones, Co Monaghan, where his father was a Church of Ireland priest, John attended Portora Royal School in Enniskillen before going to Trinity College Dublin to read Medicine. Following graduation in 1963 he specialised in obstetrics and gynaecology, initially in Dublin at the Rotunda Hospital, before moving to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and subsequently (receiving his MA by incorporation) to a consultant post in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, where he remained for thirty years. John was a

skilled surgeon and empathetic consultant. He enjoyed all ball games but particularly excelled at tennis, which he played for his school and university and reluctantly gave up when his legs could no longer cope. In 1969 he married Madeline, a fellow TCD graduate, with whom he had three children, Anna, Richard and Katharine. In his retirement John particularly enjoyed their house in South West France, savouring the sun and local wine with visiting friends and family.

1979 HERZ, Stephen Joseph, died 28 June 2022, aged sixty-nine.

1983 HELZLE, Dr Martin, died unexpectedly at home in Germany, 15 August 2022, aged sixty. After graduating from University of Leeds (1980–83), he obtained his PhD in Classics at St John's. He wrote his dissertation on the exile poetry of Ovid while lecturing in Classics at the University of Bristol and University of Wales, Bangor. After completing his dissertation in 1988, he moved to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, teaching there until 2008, serving *inter alia* as Department Chair (1999) and Professor (2004). After reuniting with the love of his life in 2005, he returned to Germany in 2008. It speaks to his empathetic and engaging character that he was equally comfortable teaching in different types of school. Able to inspire students at all levels from every background, he was valued by his students for his humour, fairness and creativity. He is survived by three daughters living in the USA, his wife, Birgit, and her three daughters in Germany. His keen mind, warmth and playful sense of humour will be dearly missed.

1984 HAMILTON, (Catherine) Joanna, died 27 May 2021, aged fifty-six.



James Addison (1986)

1986 ADDISON, James Robert, died 17 September 2022, aged fifty-eight. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy (1986), James was awarded a prestigious Marshall Scholarship for graduate studies at a British university of his choice. James read Political Science and rowed for LMBC. James was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy and served on the submarine *USS Stonewall Jackson*. After an honourable discharge from the Navy, he served as a Foreign Service Officer in the United States State Department while stationed throughout the Middle East and Europe. During a varied career, James taught as a Professor of English and History at the United States Naval Academy and as a high-school Chemistry and Physics teacher. He worked in the private sector as a Consultant, Change Leader and Executive with Marriott International. A consummate and generous host, James made everyone feel special by sharing his love of food, drink

and lively conversations. James was an avid reader, gardener and sculler. James is survived by his sons, Alexander and Nicholas, and his partner, Jared.

1986 SOUTTER, Alan, died 21 May 2022, aged sixty-three. Following a successful career in university administration, Alan was able to enjoy a few years of his retirement travelling. Sadly, he was taken much too soon by a degenerative condition. A beloved uncle, brother, son and great uncle, much missed by his family and many friends.



Julie Fossitt (1988)

1988 FOSSITT, Dr Julie, died 7 August 2022, aged fifty-seven. After Newtown School, Waterford, Julie studied Botany at Trinity College, Dublin (BSc 1987), completed a PhD (Palaeobotany) at St John's College, Cambridge, and subsequent postdoctoral research, and

played for the First Hockey X1 (Colours). She published several key papers on the history of vegetation in the northern and western regions of Ireland and Britain.

Commissioned by the Irish Heritage Council, Julie was the author of the landmark publication *A Guide to Habitats in Ireland* (2000), widely used today in education, environmental conservation and assessment. She was appointed as a Divisional Ecologist with the National Parks and Wildlife Services, Galway, and was known for her command of the EU laws protecting nature. In 2021, she was made a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) in recognition of her contribution to ecology. Julie will be remembered for her courage, loyal friendships and sharp wit, as well as her passionate and dedicated commitment to nature conservation in Ireland.

1989 LIU, Dr Darrell Teh-yung, died 25 October 2022, aged ninety.

1990 SHENKER, Shelley Pamela, died 24 January 2022, following a seven-year battle with cancer, aged forty-nine. She spent her career working for the NHS across many different roles and was highly committed to the principles of collective, public healthcare. Shelley had a tremendous warmth and compassion for others, which ran through everything she did, including being a dedicated volunteer for Waltham Forest Migrant Action. Her passion for life and determination to fight for justice was an inspiration to many. She will be dearly missed by her friends, including many

fellow Johnnians, and her family, brothers, Don, Jack and Nathan, and her niece and nephew, Issy and Gabriel.

1991 JOHN, The Revd Professor Elavinakuzhy Cherian, died 29 October 2020, aged ninety-two.

1994 KEGEL, Ian Christopher, died 24 February 2023, aged forty-seven, after a battle with a rare, genetic form of cancer (Li Fraumeni syndrome). After Wellington College he studied Electrical and Information Sciences MEng at St John's 1994–8, and was also one of the founding members of the Film Club, a passion that was reflected in his later work. After St John's he joined BT as a researcher focusing on future multimedia content. That was the start of a highly successful career, which saw him become an Accomplished Engineer, and posthumously Distinguished Engineer in recognition of his fantastic legacy of innovative thinking and technical excellence. Ian's research was published in over forty papers, journals and books. He is also named on twenty filed and granted patents. In 2003 he got married in St John's Chapel to his wife, Gill, and they lived together in Woodbridge Suffolk. He was seen as a kind, positive, gentle man with time for everyone. He had an enjoyment of fast cars and never missed a track day if invited.

1998 HANCOCK, The Revd Nigel John, died 30 January 2023, aged eighty-seven. Nigel was born in 1935, educated at Cambridge High School and, after working at the University Library, went up to King's

in 1960. Nigel returned to the Library in 1963 until retirement in 1995. He researched the papers of Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, former Viceroy of India. Nigel became superintendent of the Reading Room and later Senior Under Librarian. A member of Little St Mary's Church, he was ordained Deacon in 1989 and Priest in 1991. In 1995 he became Priest Vicar at St John's during the Presidency of Andrew Macintosh. He served four years and was rewarded with membership of the College. Nigel loved St John's and this ideal role, faithfully performing and singing the liturgy, supporting the College clergy and providing pastoral care for the Chapel community and Choral Students; his beloved 'Chorals'. Many former students sang at his Funeral Mass. He died after a sudden infection, without regret or reluctance, fortified by the rites of the church and at peace.

2006 STEWART, James Patrick MacGregor 'Jamie', died 1 April 2022, aged thirty-four. He is remembered by all as a kind and caring, yet fiercely intelligent, young man. As a vet student, Jamie always knew that equine and farm medicine were his calling. He had a wonderful mix of exceptional intelligence and superb craftsmanship in his work. He clearly put the same effort into his work as a vet in private practice too, always putting the patient and owners first. Francesca, a fellow student, recalls that he was like 'an energetic, curious and overflowing textbook. There will never be anyone like Jamie. The most extraordinary person – sensitive, loving, resolutely committed to all he held dear and never

afraid of enormous effort to help others.' Becki, another fellow student, remembers that 'Jamie was untainted by the world and blind to his own brilliance. Lady Margaret's motto was "remember me always" – we will never forget you, Jamie.'

2010 ROSA da SILVA MARTINS, Sebastião, died on 17 July 2021, aged thirty-three. He came to the College as an Erasmus Exchange Student from the University of Lisbon, studying Modern and Medieval Languages, then completed an MPhil in European Literature and Culture, awarded in 2012. As a student journalist he covered US Foreign and Domestic Policy, Latin American affairs, Middle Eastern affairs and Portuguese news, writing for *Ceasefire* and *The Cambridge Student*. He helped to launch and develop *Pulsamérica*, providing impartial, accessible insight, and contributing more than 100 articles, where his focus ranged from economics and finance, oil and gas, to foreign policy, human rights and the history of certain countries' internal conflicts. His journalistic experience in London spanned five years, with particular emphasis on the energy sector. He was Senior Gas & Power Specialist, Platts; Features Writer and Reporter, Gas Strategies; and Staff Writer/Editor/Web Editor managing five magazines at Cavendish Group International. He then returned to Portugal, where he continued his career as a creative writer and freelance journalist. 🌹



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Photo: Dancers at the 2022 May Ball
Credit: Christopher Williamson



The Johnian Society



Inaugural Johnian Society dinner

This year is the centenary of the Johnian Society. To mark the occasion, we've been delving into the College archive to understand its origins and some of the colourful characters who have presided over its development.

The inaugural meeting of the society took place in London in the summer of 1923, chaired by the renowned Barrister Sir Edward Marshall Hall (1877), who was elected its first President. While meeting minutes have proven elusive, we know that the society had an initial membership of 617, who contributed a sum of £300 toward its foundation.

Within a year, its first annual general meeting and dinner had taken place at the Connaught Rooms in London, attended by 155 Johnians. These included one admiral, a colonel, a Member of Parliament, two archdeacons, two professors, five knights, eight doctors and no less than thirty members of the clergy! It might have been more, but apologies were received from two bishops and two lords.

The format of the annual meeting back then was similar to today's event: a brief AGM followed by a dinner with toasts to 'The King', 'The College' and 'The President'. Reports suggest it was a good-natured and

convivial gathering, which ended with everyone singing the ‘Lady Margaret Boat Song’ – in Latin, no less. Then, as one attendee recalls, ‘we all found someone we wanted to talk to, and most of us did not get away until a much later hour.’ Some things never change.

For several years the society continued to meet in London before the annual dinner was moved to Cambridge to allow members to stay in College and dine in Hall, a practice that continues today. As does the Golf Society, formed at that first meeting and which plays each year for the Marshall Hall Trophy, named after the founding President.

In 1978 the Johnian Society added an Annual Lecture to its calendar, inviting eminent Johnians to speak on topics in which they had particular expertise. Examples include: the architect Sir Hugh Casson (1929) on ‘The Future of the Past’, historian and Bletchley Park veteran Professor Sir Harry Hinsley (1937) on ‘British Intelligence in the Second World War’, and economist and former Governor of the Bank of England Professor Mervyn King (1972) on ‘The Monetary Policy Committee – a constitutional innovation?’

When bestselling science fiction author Douglas Adams (1971) was invited to give the lecture in 1993, he omitted to provide a title for his talk, and no record of it exists in the Archive. But, we can speculate that the author expounded on ‘The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, and Everything’ – which readers of *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* will know is 42.



Menu from the inaugural Johnian Society dinner

In addition to the Annual Lecture, the society hosts virtual talks by Johnian luminaries throughout the year on how their time at St John’s influenced their careers. Recent examples include glaciologist Professor Peter Nienow (1984), playwright Jez Butterworth (1988), sportsman Rob Andrew (1982), diplomat Tamsin Heath (2002), psychoanalyst Mike Brearley (1960), actor Jonah Hauer-King (2014), mediator Canon Sarah Snyder (1984) and international development chairman Sir Graham Wrigley (1982).

After the success of that first dinner, the society has continued to organise regular social events to bring members together. Historically these centred around major sporting occasions such as the Varsity Match, the Boat Race, Henley and, of course, the May Ball. But, in recent years, the committee, whose membership spans six decades, has expanded these to include more informal gatherings with broader appeal.



Sir Edward Marshall Hall (1977), *Vanity Fair*




The Johnian Golf Society's Marshall Hall Cup

Examples include an annual pub quiz at the Punch and Judy pub off the Strand, the Summer Social at the South Bank's Vinegar Yard, a family garden party in the Fellows' Garden, and a career-networking event to celebrate forty years of women at St John's.

The society also supports current students through open access bursaries, annual travel awards and makes occasional donations toward College social facilities, such as the new College Bar in Second Court. And it encourages its members to use Johnian Hub, the College's networking platform for alumni.

A century after its founding, the society now has over 10,000 members,

representing 85% of all living Johnians, including 22 Past Presidents, of which one is the current Master. From its modest origins as a gathering of Johnian friends in a London hotel, it has grown remarkably in size and scope over the years.

Despite this transformation, the society remains true to its original purpose: to facilitate continuing collegiality and friendship between Johnians no longer in residence and to facilitate enduring links between such Johnians and the College. Sir Edward Marshall Hall and his founding colleagues would hopefully approve. 

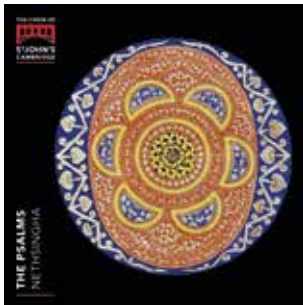
Mark Wells, President

The Choir



Credit: Richard Marsham

The College Choir performing Handel's Coronation Anthems with the Academy of Ancient Music to celebrate the Coronation, 7 May 2023



This year's two 'St John's Cambridge' label releases: *The Psalms*, released 16 September 2022 and *Magnificat 3*, released 17 March 2023

The academic year 2022/23 has been unusual, with the Choir being led by three Directors of Music. The Michaelmas term heralded the start of Andrew Nethsingha's forty-fifth and final term as Director of Music. We were delighted to welcome the new Junior Organ Scholar, Alex Robson, along with Liv Hawkins, Alice Hilder-Jarvis, Alice Markham and Matthew Monaghan

(Altos), Theo Horch, Garbhan McEnoy (Tenors), George Butler, Jonathan Hatley and John Moore (Bass), Evelyn Austen, Bertie Bowes, George Henty, Bryony MacLeod-Jones, James Marshall and Felix van den Bos (Probationers).

The term started with a Chapel full of enthusiastic freshers for the Matriculation



Credit: James Beddoe

Stephen Darlington receiving thank-you gifts from members of the Choir on his last day as Interim Director of Music, 16 March 2023

Service and continued with the traditional Requiem services for All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday. PhD student Jonathan Gilmour (2005) was remembered by Fellows, staff and alumni at a Memorial Service in November, during which Tenor Sam Furness (former Choral Scholar, 2005) returned to sing Handel's beautiful 'Waft Her Angels Through the Sky'.

In October the Choir premiered the new *St John's Service* by Jonathan Dove, a set of Evening Canticles, which had been commissioned by Dr Kamal Ahuja (1977) and Mrs Anna Ahuja in memory of Sir Christopher Dobson. As always, the Chapel was full to capacity for the Advent Carol Services, which this year contained the sparkling commission by Iain Farrington (1996), 'Nova, Nova'. The Choir had great fun learning the clapping and foot-stamping accompaniment!

The final Evensong of the Michaelmas term was tinged with sadness – it was Andrew's last as Director of Music. Over 450 former members of the Choir and other friends gathered after the service to hear the Master and Dean of Chapel pay tribute to Andrew for the fifteen years he had led the Choir and for his contribution to music in College. There were three extremely rousing cheers at the end to wish him well for the future.

Following a Christmas Concert in Chapel, and a concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall, the Choir assembled for the final time under Andrew's direction to complete two days of recording.

In January the Choir was delighted to welcome Dr Stephen Darlington as the Interim Director of Music. Stephen led the Choir during the Lent term, which included the candlelit Epiphany Carol Services, a

Memorial Service for Professor Andrew Wyllie, and the BBC Radio 3 live broadcast of the Ash Wednesday Service. The end of term was marked by the annual Meditation on the Passion of Christ Service, and the final Evensong included Iain Farrington's 'The "Blues" Service', accompanied by Johnian saxophonist Ignacio Mañá Mesas (2017).

The Easter term saw the arrival of Christopher Gray, who was formally installed as Director of Music at St John's College on Sunday 30 April. His first major service was on the Sunday following the Coronation, when the Choir collaborated with the Academy of Ancient Music to sing Handel's *Coronation Anthems*. The service was attended by over 550 members of the College community and was followed by a drinks reception in First Court. Other special services during the term included Ascension Day, the Choir Association Annual Reunion Evensong, School Parents' Association Evensong and the Graduation Service. During the Choir Period of Residence, a special Reunion Evensong was held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Gentlemen of St John's.

There have been four evensongs sung jointly with other choirs – the lower voices joined with the Truro Cathedral girl choristers in October, the full Choir with Clare College Choir in the Lent term, and St John's Voices and King's College Choir during the Easter term.

Two albums have been released this year: *Psalms*, the latest in a series of recordings

that celebrates the music performed in evensong, and *Magnificat 3*, the third instalment in the Choir's critically acclaimed Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis series.

There were many Choir connections to the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey in May. Andrew Nethsingha conducted the service, Dr Christopher Robinson (Director of Music, 1991–2003) arranged the descant for 'Praise My Soul' and the fanfares for the RAF Trumpeters. Before leaving Truro Cathedral, Christopher Gray had prepared some of his girl choristers to join with the Abbey Choir. Iain Farrington (Organ Scholar 1996–9) composed two pieces for organ, which were played before and after the service. The Westminster Abbey Choir included Tom Butler (Bass, 2018–22), Simon Wall (1996–9) and Julian Stocker (former Chorister 1975–8). They were joined by Alex Hopkins (2020–22) and Gopal Kambo (2015–20) (Chapel Royal Choir), and Alex Ashworth (1995–8) and Hugh Cutting (2015–19) (Monteverdi Choir).

At the end of the year, we sadly had to say goodbye to George Herbert (Assistant Organist), several of our lower voices, and Angus Crichton-Stuart, Caspar Johnson and Kieran McGurran (Choristers). We thank them for their contribution to the Choir and send our very best wishes for the future. 🎭

Caroline Marks
Choir Administrator

Adams Society



Adams Society Committee

The hundredth year of the Adams Society was a very successful one, and we have set up the society for another hundred successful years to come. We continued our talks from academics in Cambridge and hosted traditional events such as the annual garden party and cricket match (where we reclaimed our crown!) and other events, including a social to Knoops hot chocolate café and games nights. The highlights of the Adams Society calendar were the centenary dinner and celebrations on 18 and 19 February.

Michaelmas term events were mainly talks, with a range of speakers such as Professor David Stuart, Professor Jack Thorne and myself. They covered a range of topics such as Special Functions, Number Theory and Probability.

Lent term saw a talk by Professor John Lister on Fluid Mechanics and a number of social events. The main event was our centenary, which was celebrated through a programme of talks by St John's Mathematics alumni from diverse backgrounds across academia and industry. The topics included Field Theory, Mathematical Modelling and the Mathematics of Origami. We also had a special edition of our Annual Dinner, with alumni from as far back as 1960 coming to celebrate with us!

All of this was only possible thanks to the hard work of the committee this year and support from the College and Fellows. The society will be in good hands for the start of the next 100 years under the leadership of our new President, Franklin Wang. 🎉

Vishal Gupta, President

Architecture Society



The last year has been one of change for the Architecture Society. With the commencement of construction work on the St John's Chop House, we sadly left the Art Hut behind and relocated, without much impact, over the Christmas holiday into a newly refurbished art room in the Fisher Building. We have seen considerably greater use of the space, and with the successful application to the Annual Fund, we are continuing to enhance the facilities available to the creative students of the College.

The society ran a wide range of events throughout the year, including our usual fresher inductions in Michaelmas term, student-led reviews of portfolios in Lent term and our annual general meeting in Easter term, followed by dinner in Hall. However, the highlight was a talk by alumna

Dr Henriette Steiner (2004) on the topic of 'Women in Danish Architecture'. It was a highly engaging event that created a thought-evoking discussion, which continued in Hall afterwards. We would like to thank Henriette for reaching out during her time in the UK and Professor Deborah Howard for her continued support of the society. We also welcome Dr Darshil Shah as the new Director of Studies and thank him for his engagement in many of the events this year. Thanks are also due to the outgoing committee: Treasurer Daniella Kadibu and Secretary Thora Brook. It was our pleasure to run the society as Co-Presidents this year, and we wish the newly elected committee the best of luck. 🍀


Alex Cooper and Angel Oxford-Campbell, Co-Presidents

Beekeepers Society

Another year on and the Beekeepers Society, along with its apiary, continues to grow and thrive.

Throughout 2022 our bees were extremely busy. So busy, in fact, that they had produced enough honey for us to harvest twice, first in June and again in September. After jarring the honey and labelling it with our bespoke St John's society label, we were able to provide the College Buttery and Bar with honey to sell to students, staff and Fellows. Totalling more than 100 jars, with each pound requiring the nectar from over 1 million flowers, it is fair to say we are very proud of our bees.

Moving into the colder months, and learning from a difficult prior winter where we lost two hives, we applied new practices to give our bees the best chance of survival. We made sure each hive had adequate stores following the September harvest, and we topped up those requiring a helping hand with sugar syrup. We also incorporated Vivaldi boxes to our hives for the first time in our society's history, which help to prevent beehives from becoming damp or cold. Our preparation and hard-earned experience paid off, as no hives were lost over the winter.

At present, our apiary has reached its maximum capacity of four colonies, two of which were recently acquired from swarms of bees discovered in a nearby tree. Swarming is a frequent cause for concern in the spring and summer months and a sign that the bees do not like their accommodation. As our newly acquired colonies remain with us, our hive 'hotels' must provide an **incredibeeel** service! 

Kyle M. Reid, President

Christian Union



It's been another encouraging year for the Christian Union, a community of students who meet to chat, pray and support one another as we read the Bible, focusing on Jesus. Following our amalgamation with Magdalene College's Christian Union at the start of this year, our society has expanded and we have enjoyed joining together to encourage one another to live for Jesus in university life.

This year we held weekly meetings where we came together for a time of encouragement and Bible study followed by hours of playing board games. Aside from our weekly meetings, we held various outreach initiatives, including 'Text-a-toastie' events, where we gave members of the College community opportunities to ask questions about Christianity, faith and life over a freshly made toastie – or a mince pie at our

Christmas event. Internal socials included pizza picnics on the College Backs, games of frisbee and a homemade brunch. Recent prayer meetings hosted by Chaplain Andrew Hammond have given a space for members to strengthen their faith further.

Lent term saw us join with other Christian unions across the University to host a week of events entitled 'Human' exploring the theme of humanity and what makes us who we are. The talks are available to watch on the CICCUCU YouTube channel and were a great encouragement to many students throughout Cambridge. We're really excited to see what the next twelve months will bring, and we are looking forward to welcoming new members and holding events next year! 🎁

Katie Last and Andrew Lim,
Co-Presidents

Classics Society



Classics Society at Simon Johns' talk

The St John's Classics Society has had another great year of talks and events. Since we are the only college Classics Society, our termly talks are open to all members of the University, and this year we have attracted more attendees than ever before. In Michaelmas term we were fortunate to host world-renowned classicist Professor Edith Hall. We had the privilege of an exclusive preview of her upcoming novel about Medea's early life. Edith's powerful influence attracted a full house of eager undergraduates, postgraduates and Fellows, and the talk was very well received.

In Lent term we welcomed Simon Johns, a classicist who made his career in documentary production at the BBC. Instead of the usual academic-centric lecture, we wanted to do something different by attempting to address the question that is

frequently overheard in the faculty: 'What can I do with a Classics degree beyond academia?' Simon shared his own career trajectory, as well as that of his fellow classicists from Oxford, and how Classics equipped them with the necessary skills for their professions. The turnout was excellent, and the room was jam-packed with curious students.

The highlight of the Classics Society calendar for Johnians is always the annual 'Classics Desserts Night', which brings together undergraduates, postgraduates, Fellows and retired Fellows for an enjoyable night of socialising over desserts and wine. It is always so nice to have all the Johnian classicists in one place, and it is especially entertaining to hear the hilarious anecdotes of the retired Fellows! 🍷

Skye Wong, President

Clinical Society



This year saw the introduction of a new society to St John's – the St John's College Clinical Students' Society, affectionately known as 'ClinSoc'. Despite initial teething issues, ClinSoc has thrived and embedded itself into the hearts of Johnian clinical medics and vets. I'm sure the current fourth and fifth years will nurture this fledgling society into something truly great.

The year got underway with a rousing elective talk given by the current sixth-year medics to the fourth and fifth-year medics, who were soon to begin organising their own electives. We heard tales from those who had gone on thrilling trips to South Africa, Mexico, Malta and Senegal, and also

from those who had stayed a little closer to home and undertaken their electives in Cambridge and London.

This year we also managed to achieve what no Johnian clinical student has ever achieved before ... our own ClinSoc dinner to rival that of the great MedSoc dinner! With no Fellows and a pre-dinner bar tab of £6000, the night was set to be electric. But we dined in the knowledge that we were soon to take the Hippocratic Oath, and the night concluded with no (serious) harm done. 🍷

**Buzz Gilks and Faris Khan,
Co-Presidents**

Dobson Society




The Dobson Society is a thriving hub for Education students, fostering an environment that encourages socialisation, mentorship and the exchange of ideas. In Michaelmas term the society organised a welcome meeting that brought together new and current undergraduates, postgraduates and PGCE students. Dr Morag Morrison-Helme, the respected Senior Treasurer and Director of Studies for Education, extended a warm welcome to all students and expressed her enthusiasm for their participation. This gathering also served to introduce the committee members for 2022/23, ensuring the seamless continuation of the society's invaluable work.

During Lent term the Dobson Society orchestrated a wine and cheese event that transcended disciplinary boundaries. Students were invited from the Purchas Society (the society for Land Economy and Geography). The highlights of the event were the speeches given by Dr Kathryn Moller from the Education Faculty, who presented

on the topic of Educational Capitalisation, and Qianyu Lu, a fourth-year PhD student in Land Economy. These thought-provoking speeches enriched attendees' knowledge of education, land economy and geography, and fostered a stimulating atmosphere for further engagement and discussion.

In Easter term the Dobson Society joined forces once again with the Purchas Society to host a garden party. The event was characterised by laughter, interactive games and abundant opportunities for students to form meaningful friendships and connections. This was followed by an enjoyable formal dinner for students and Fellows, which reinforced the bonds forged during the event.

The Dobson Society has proven to be an exceptional platform for sharing ideas, fostering innovation and building lasting connections among students. 

Shufan Zhang, President

English Society



The English Society here at St John's has completed its first year after dormancy! We started the year off with a garden party to celebrate the end of 2022 exams and kicked off the start of the 2023 academic year with a tea and coffee meet-up to introduce the freshers to our community at St John's. One of our biggest aims has been to create an English community across the College and encourage those collegiate family relationships that, certainly for myself, lead to close friendships.

Another event that was particularly well received was our book-folding event. Members were taught how to fold an old book into a decorative word for their shelves, which, in many cases, made the perfect gifts for Christmas. Our final event of the year was a social event to introduce the new committee and recuperate at the end of a busy Lent term. I am very happy that we have a newly elected committee to take over the reins of the society. 🎁


Amy Burbanks, President

History Society

St John's College History Society has enjoyed a host of talks, College events and an inter-college swap this academic year. After welcoming the new historians into St John's with drinks in the Wordsworth Room, our first History Society talk was with Visiting Fellow Dr Ann Benson, award-winning author and lecturer, who specialises in the history of gardens and architecture in the Early Modern Period. We then spent an evening with Fellow Professor Robert Tombs, who discussed 'Living with the Paris Commune', and his extensive research that led to him exploring the links between French and British history up to the present day. We ended Michaelmas on a high with a Bridgemas quiz and drinks.

In Lent term we organised a speaker event and a formal at St John's with members of Sidney Sussex College. A Sidney student gave a fascinating talk on 'Riesenberg to Reece: My Family's Experience of Leaving Nazi Germany', which definitely inspired

some Johnian historians to consider speaking next academic year.

One of our favourite things about running the History Society this year has been the crossovers between subjects and colleges that the talks and events have provided. We have had architects, HSPS and Natural Sciences students at our talks. The highlight of Lent term and the academic year was the Annual Dinner. We welcomed Dr Rachel Leow, who spoke about 'Chinese Subjects between Deportation and Diaspora, c.1949', and enjoyed a three-course dinner with undergraduates, postgraduates and Fellows. It was a great way to end our year as Co-Presidents – dressed in black tie and in the beautiful Combination Room! 

**Maddie Canning and Zoe Porter,
Co-Presidents**

Johnian Entrepreneurs



The Johnian Entrepreneurs' Club (JEC) is a longstanding society at St John's, which was revitalised in 2016 by Liisa Van Vliet (2002) and Nawar Al-Zebari (2013) and has been ably led by many proceeding Presidents.

Our purpose is to train Johnians in entrepreneurial and business skills by organising workshops, to inspire students through talks and to develop their business ideas and encourage them to network. Last year Diana Arman (2018), JEC President 2021/22, led the club's efforts and established many university-wide collaborations. She ran events with topics ranging from energy tech to therapeutics and with speakers working in education tech and as venture capitalists, and interest in JEC grew. We have continued to hold business masterclasses this year.

This year we focused on building and maintaining an entrepreneurial network

within St John's. This has been achieved by meeting for weekly coffee sessions to help cement long-lasting connections across the student body. We have focused on idea development, linking students with alumni to have important conversations at the start of ideation or about establishing a start-up. The new café has become a hub for networking. We have around forty active members, including undergraduates, postgraduates and postdocs, CRAs and Fellows at a variety of levels within the faculty.

We are hoping to host an entrepreneurial formal in College around Christmas or the New Year and would love to hear from alumni who would like to dine with us. If you are interested and involved in entrepreneurship, please get in touch with me at ojd34@cam.ac.uk. 

Olivia Dovernor, President

Lady Margaret Players



The Lady Margaret Players' Pantomime

The Lady Margaret Players enjoyed a successful year, continuing to allow more students to get involved in the world of Cambridge theatre. It was a delight to learn that many of those who had taken part in the inaugural St John's pantomime last year were keen to do this again, and so we were pleased to put on a performance of *Beauty and the Beast* at the end of Michaelmas term. This enthusiasm was immensely pleasing to see, and we hope that the society will continue this tradition in future years.

We have also been proud to offer funding to a range of student shows across multiple venues this year, including student-written

play *Macroevolution: Variant B*, Wheeler and Sondheim musical *A Little Night Music*, one-woman show *LEECH!* and a range of comedy sketch shows at the ADC Theatre. We have also renewed our annual Fringe Fund, which offers bursaries to students involved in any show at the Edinburgh Fringe, or any of the other fringe festivals, over the summer. We are proud to have been able to offer all of this funding this academic year and to help ensure that student theatre in Cambridge continues to prosper. 🎭

Declan Boyd, President

Larmor Society



Following on from the hard work of the previous committee in revitalising the society after the ravages of COVID-19, the Larmor Society has gone from strength to strength over the past year.

After the customary welcome pizza event for the new freshers joining us, the society held several formal swaps with other Cambridge colleges as well as a number of academic talks on a wide variety of fascinating subjects, from 'Electrons with Molecules' to 'Understanding the Placenta'. The start and end of term socials were particularly well received and saw record turnouts.

The Annual Dinner was a roaring success, with a full-to-capacity Senior Combination Room. Attendees enjoyed academic discussion and fine dining all evening. Speeches from the outgoing President and the incoming Co-Presidents were met with loud applause, followed by the obligatory

society photos on the steps to the Combination Room.

Results of the hotly contested elections to the committee were announced at the dinner as the handover was completed. Thanks are due to the outgoing members for all their hard work: President, Noah Grodzinski, Secretary, James Bridson, Publicity Officer, Melany Henot, Academic Secretary, Juliette Richards and President Emeritus, Koji Shukawa.

Thanks are also due to Professor Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri and Dr Paul Wood, and other Fellows of the society, who have so generously supported us throughout the year.

We look forward to a further year of Larmor events and wish the new committee members the best of luck. 🍷

Joe Whitby and Jack Murfitt,
Co-Presidents

Linguistics Society



The St John's Linguistics Society has enjoyed a successful and fruitful year, ensuring that the College community can benefit from a range of linguistics-related activities, at both academic and social levels.

The 2022/23 year started with a meet and greet, where we welcomed new students over drinks and cake. Later in the Michaelmas term, we held a language tutorial by Dr Matthew Tyler (Junior Research Fellow at Christ's), which taught us the peculiarities of 'switch reference' systems, focusing particularly on Choctaw and Muskogean languages. We ended the term with a formal dinner in Hall.

During Lent term we held a joint social at the brand-new College Bar with the MML society. Our biggest event yet was held at the end of Lent, when we welcomed five alumni

who have gone on to pursue successful careers, both within and outside academia, at a hybrid 'Careers for Linguists' panel. The panel addressed professional and academic trajectories for linguists, in academia and industry, and answered students' questions. This was a great success, with a fantastic turnout, both in person and online.

After the long-awaited end of exams, a final garden party and society dinner rounded up Easter term. It's been a great pleasure to serve the Linguistics Society this year, along with Sara Cardullo (Junior Treasurer) and Dr Calbert Graham (Senior Treasurer), who have been assets to the committee. Best of luck to all Johnian linguists, and I hope the society enjoys another rewarding year ahead! 🎉

Núria Bosch Masip, President

Medical Society



The Medical Society went from strength to strength this year, with the committee supporting the medical cohort in both academic and welfare aspects of student life. We welcomed freshers with a garden pizza party and organised other events such as 'Mince Pies and Mulled Wine' at Christmas and 'Strawberries and Prosecco' for Valentine's. The committee gave talks on revision, essay planning and summer research placements. We also heard about life at clinical school through a jointly hosted post-exams garden party with ClinSoc.

In Michaelmas term Group Captain Andy Gibbons (1995) discussed the history of facial ballistic trauma management, in Lent term Professor Usha Goswami delivered the Linacre Lecture on language development and dyslexia, and in the MedSoc Annual Lecture Dr Susana Banerjee (1997) talked about a career in academic medicine. The dinners that followed these lectures were

highlights of the year. Finally, in Easter term, we had an interview skills and career choices workshop at the Royal Society of Medicine, kindly organised by Professor Roger Kirby (1969). We are grateful to all alumni for their support, time and insight, and we hope that the links with alumni continue to strengthen.

We would like to thank all committee members for their work: Social Secretaries (Emma Cohen and Zahir Shah), Welfare Team (Aditi Chandana and Arefin Haque), Communications Officer (Suleyman Noordeen), Treasurer (Arnav Sharma), Secretary (Amy Cooper) and Vet Representative (Lana Rogan). We could not have asked for a better team to successfully deliver on our promise of an ambitious year. 🐾

**Mariam Bihnam and Yusuf Adia,
Co-Presidents**

Modern and Medieval Languages Society



This academic year has been a busy one for the MML Society. We have organised a plethora of different events, some of which were in conjunction with other St John's societies and other colleges. We began the year with our annual Year Abroad talk, where the recently returned fourth-year students held a panel for the first and second years, to discuss all aspects of their respective periods away and to answer any questions that the younger years had. These included issues surrounding accommodation, funding and where to go. In Michaelmas we also held a movie night, watching the Spanish-language film *La Villa*.

In Lent term we began with a joint bar social with St John's Linguistics Society, followed by a joint event with the MMLL Society at Queens' College, where members of both societies could interact at a formal held at St John's. In return Queens' hosted our society for another bar social. In Easter term we held two exciting events, our annual garden party and our annual dinner for all MMLL students to reconvene and celebrate the end of the academic year. 🍷

**Karolina Krupa and India Marshall,
Co-Presidents**


Music Society

This year has seen many exciting developments in the music scene at St John's. It has been the first year since 2019 that our weekly lunchtime concerts have run uninterrupted throughout the year. We have run four successful orchestral concerts in the Chapel, raising over £1000 for charity. These have included well-known favourites such as Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, Bach's *St John's Passion* and Handel's *La Resurrezione*, and some lesser-known gems such as Doreen Carwithen's *Concerto for Piano and Strings*.

We have reintroduced 'Chapel Lates', which have been a particular highlight because of a change starting this year: instead of only choral music, we invite any group from the University to deliver a forty-minute session exploring a chosen theme, culture or artform and its connections with music. We have enjoyed themes including Chinese music and poetry, queer voices in the Chapel and an evening of Turkish music.

Another development has been the St John's College Open Orchestra (SJCOO). SJCOO provides a friendly and relaxed environment for musicians who perhaps have not had the opportunity to play in an orchestra or would prefer rehearsals in a fun, more accessible and low-commitment environment. Our first public performance was at our annual SJCMS garden party in May Week.

Continuing from last year, our chamber music scheme has been successful, and we enjoyed a lovely evening in Michaelmas at the Master's Lodge, sharing the music we had been practising in our ensembles. We even managed to squeeze in some sight-reading and carols!

Finally, we have fostered a closer community with socials such as our 'Week 5 Blues' night in Michaelmas, and the 'Clare/John's Music Society Swap'. It has been fantastic to see so many new people get involved over this past year, and it has only been possible thanks to the brilliant and hardworking student committee. We look forward to seeing you at our events, which are free for College members and open to the public! 

Josephine Cowley, President

Parsons Society



The Annual Dinner in the Combination Room and the 'Parsons Pudding Event' were two remarkable activities organised by the Parsons Society this year. These events successfully fostered a sense of community, celebrated achievements and promoted engagement within the St John's engineering community. By providing networking opportunities, recognising accomplishments

and promoting inclusivity, these events contributed to the growth and development of the engineering community at College. We look forward to organising similar events in the future, enriching the experiences of our members and strengthening our society even further. 🍷

Satoki Shimamune, President

Philosophy Society



I am proud to announce the inauguration of the newly founded Philosophy Society at St John's College.

Inklings of the Philosophy Society have loomed over the horizon for some time now, perhaps already existing in some possible world. We are now fortunate to have such a society existing in our world at St John's! With the help of Professor Alexander Bird, the committee was able to organise an inaugural dinner on 11 May 2023, which was hosted in the Parsons Room. The dinner celebrated the formation of the society while also acting as a catalyst for discussion and excitement regarding future possibilities for events. After dinner the society played language games in the College Bar, concluding the event.

The vision for the society is for it to host both social and academic events, involving students and academics. Possible future events may include garden parties, talks by academics, talks by students and bar quizzes. However, it must also be noted that the current possibilities are not bound by a closure principle and are still open to revision. Although the society has been inaugurated, the true realisation of the society, as more than a mere idea, will likely manifest in Michaelmas term, with the new cohort of freshers and more time for hosting events. 🍷


Gerard Kornacki, President

Photographic Society



The College darkroom has been developing Johnian memories for generations. In the past developing film used to be the only way to get a photograph. Now, with digital photography widely available, film photography is a fun, retro way to express oneself. The St John's Photographic Society (PhotoSoc) was re-established last year, thanks to a generous grant from the Annual Fund that enabled the purchasing of new equipment for the College darkroom.

We now have the materials available for students to develop and process their film photos, with the possibility to develop both black and white and colour film. Our members have truly enjoyed learning this new skill, and over the year we have developed more than ten rolls of film. We are also very excited to have brought together a community of students interested in film photography, from absolute beginners to experts! As the society grows, we hope to have new members join us.

Film photography is a beautiful – yet fading – art form and we are very excited to keep making it accessible to students. 

**Anna Maria Papameletiou,
Vice-President**

Poetry Society



Michaelmas painting and poetry night

The St John's Poetry Society has done some very exciting things this year. From a lovely and insightful discussion with our Writer in Residence, Vona Groarke, to regular poetry workshops, the society has been a place for Johnians to come and express their creativity in a safe and comfortable space. One of our most notable events, held in Michaelmas and Lent terms, was 'Painting and Poetry', where members got out paints and illustrated poems, either from famous collections or our own. In addition, our 'Urban Outfitters Poetry Event', our final event of Lent term, was a great way to unwind at the end of term and produced some really moving work (check out our instagram account [@stjohnscampoe](#)try to see!). We also

collaborated with the JCR LGBTQIA+ rep, Georgia Adams (2021), for our 'LGBT+ Poetry Night', where queer writing was celebrated and uplifted during LGBT History Month.

To end the year, the society produced the annual *St John's Poetry Pamphlet*. With some amazing entries and artistic submissions, this pamphlet puts a spotlight on the amazing wealth of creativity at St John's! It has been a joy to run the society, and I hope it has helped to carve out a space for creativity in the busy schedules of Johnians. 🐣

Alice Warrington, President

St John's Picturehouse



St John's Picturehouse Committee

St John's Picturehouse has burst back onto the Cambridge scene this year with roaring success. We have been proud to revive this long-standing St John's institution, the student-run cinema, after a long hiatus during the pandemic. We have held regular weekly screenings on a Sunday night, boasting new releases like Damian Chazelle's *Babylon*, cult favourites including *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and comfort classics like *When Harry Met Sally*. On top of our regular schedule, we have had a dizzyingly busy year collaborating with big-screen premières for individual student film-makers and the JCR for Black History Month, and hosting the UK's largest international student film festival (Watersprite) at St John's College, sponsored by Amazon Prime.

Huge credit is due to the organising committee, who have worked tirelessly to restore this institution. The work of the Co-Presidents in spending the summer learning how to set the operation up, with an exceptional effort from Bilal Qureshi, the energy and drive of Vice-President Emily Cavanah and, of course, the fantastic team of projectionists have driven an action-packed and memorable year for the St John's Picturehouse. Having now signed off with *Cocaine Bear* on C Sunday, we cannot wait to receive applications for the next committee to see in another year of St John's Picturehouse as an unmissable staple in the College's weekly timetable. Follow us at [@sjcpicturehouse](https://www.instagram.com/sjcpicturehouse) to keep up to date. 🎬

William Tan, Co-President

St John's Voices



Credit: Krysian Data

St John's Voices

It has been a remarkably busy and successful year for St John's Voices (SJV): the Michaelmas term saw our regular Evensongs with the ever-popular Christmas Carol Service, as well as a concert of Poulenc and Charpentier with the Cambridge Baroque Camerata, culminating in an unexpected bonus of a video warm-up in the style of TikTok star Cheryl Porter. Our version 'went viral' shortly after posting and has now reached over 8 million views.

During the Lent term we prepared Parry's intensely emotional 'Songs of Farewell', which we performed – interspersed with movements from Victoria's glorious 'Requiem' – in concert at the end of term. February saw our debut Evensong on BBC Radio 3. The choir – though nervous – rose to the occasion admirably, relishing an ambitious set of repertoire including Finzi's 'Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice'. The other two works in the service were chosen from SJV's discography: Mathias'

'Jesus Service' and 'The Angel cried out' by Chesnokov. During the vacation we travelled to France for hugely successful concerts and services in Honfleur, Le Bec-Hellouin, Chartres, Paris and Versailles.

While an undoubted highlight of the Easter term was the release of our Chesnokov album (which was announced as *Gramophone* July Editor's Choice), the emotional focus is surely the ten-year reunion, marking the end of the first decade of SJV's existence. It's been a remarkable journey, and one of which I'm enormously proud: I feel hugely grateful to colleagues and students who have made it possible. I believe strongly in the power of choral music to inspire and support our students during their time in Cambridge, and I can only hope that the next decades are as successful as the first. 🎨

Graham Walker, Director

Athletics



Athletics at St John's has had a cracking year, and one of which we are very proud.

Highlights of the year were the storming victory of the men's team at the Athletics Cuppers held on 30 October 2022, and 3rd place for the women's team at the same event. Ikechi Mere, who contributed 55 points to the men's team's total 203 points, and Satoki Shimimume, who took 1st place in 100m, deserve special mentions.

A big thank you is due to everyone who competed in Cuppers this year, and we hope to see you again next Michaelmas.

At the Varsity Match held on 7 May 2023, several Johnian athletes were selected to represent Cambridge – congratulations are due to Ikechi Mere (discus), Satoki Shimimume

(100m), Angus Harrington (400m, 800m), Shani Wright (pole vault), Kerem Mumykmaz (hammerthrow) and Jordan Mubako (shotput, high jump, 4x100m). Well done for these brilliant performances at the home Varsity. Special congratulations are due to Angus Harrington, who has had a brilliant season, scooping up 1st place at the Varsity Match 800m as well as becoming BUCS 800m champion for 2022/23.

We have had a fantastic year as Co-Captains, and we hope that next season will continue to bring great levels of enthusiasm, participation and fabulous results. 🎉

Annabel Poon,
Athletics Women's Captain
Satoki Shimimume,
Athletics Men's Captain

Eagles and Flamingos



Credit: Nordin Catic (2017)

With the purse strings of members pulled tighter by soaring prices, Michaelmas started with the traditional 'Desserts Night' replaced by an equally calorific 'Cheese and Wine Night' in the Wordsworth Room. The annual dinner in the SCR returned in Lent term to celebrate sporting achievements and provide a break in the lead-up to many clubs' Varsity Matches. As always, excellent food and drink were abundant. Following tradition, each President gave a speech, but breaking tradition the second was not followed by a third! This led, inevitably, to indoor cricket in the OMR. Keith, umpire extraordinaire, was sadly unable to attend, leading to our very own Mr Wells stepping up to the mark. Despite one unnamed player's threats of funding cuts, expulsions and general wishes of ill-will to her foes, the game ended in a shock draw. Rematch negotiations are furiously underway, with the game expected to be replayed, once again, in approximately one-year's time!

After a hard day of posing for photographs, 'Colour's Hall' in Easter term commenced. We re-introduced the giving of tokens in recognition of College colours and awarded the Bob Fuller Trophy (for best contribution to College sport) to Eagles Bilal Qureshi and Jim Williams, and the Groundsman's Choice trophy (for best contribution to field sports) to Flamingo Jenny Dunstan. Congratulations are due to them all!

Alongside the ever-present success in College sport, many College members were also successful in achieving Blues this year across a vast multitude of team and individual sports. 🏆

Max Holcroft, Eagles President
India Foster, Flamingos President

Men's 1st Football



Men's 1st Football team with the Old Old Boys

The Men's 1st Football Team had another successful season, finishing joint 4th on 13 points from 9 games (4 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses). With plenty of experienced players, many of whom are staying on next year, the season featured some impressive victories, notably a 4-0 win over Churchill, a 5-1 win away to Robinson and a 1-0 win against Cuppers finalists Pembroke.

Our own Cuppers run ended at the quarter-final after facing Girton in the round of 16. A last-minute equaliser from Jacob Davies took us into extra time and gave us the lifeline we needed to see the game out. Sadly it was also a last-minute goal that saw us out of the cup, losing 3-2 to Caius in a gruelling match.

The team's top scorers for the season were Aineias Arango and Elliot Karaalp, both scoring plenty in and out of the box. 'Players' Player of the Season' went to Ben Pearce, who was also elected as Captain for next year, while 'Captain's Player' went to Yiannis Katsos for an unrivalled effort and commitment to the club.

On the social side, popular traditions were resumed, such as the Old Boys and Old Old Boys matches, as well as a classic friendly match against the Liverpool Ramblers. Team dinners, social events with other college sports and a tour to Benidorm were all highlights and helped to wrap up the season as one of my personal favourites thus far. 🍷

Lucca Pereira Martins, Captain

Men's 2nd Football

This year has been one of great success for St John's College Men's 2nd Football Team. Being in Division 3 meant that many of our opponents were 1st teams, which was challenging. Our final position in the league, higher than any other 2nd team in Cambridge, is a source of great pride for the whole squad, as this was the goal we set for ourselves at the start of the season.

Our season began with a 4-1 home victory before a three-game losing streak. Such is the brilliant character of our team that we reflected on our Michaelmas term performance knowing that we had faced only first teams thus far. We began Lent term with a brilliant 9-3 thrashing of Homerton's 2nd team. It was a great team performance that inspired the remainder of our season. We followed this with a 2-0 win against

Fitzwilliam 2nd team. As the highest-placed 2nd team in Cambridge, with three games remaining, the question was: How far could we go? We next came up against Magdalene 1st team, gaining a crucial victory to finish off Lent term 1 point outside the playoffs with two remaining games. Sadly, we fell to a heavy defeat against Long Road Sixth Form, which ended any realistic hopes for the playoffs heading into the final game. This season has been a great success, finishing as the highest 2nd team and growing as a team over the year. Bring on next season! 🐞

Ben Herring, Captain

Men's 3rd Football



The performance of St John's Men's 3rd Football Team this year has been a mixed bag. The team did have some notable successes. There were record-breaking turnouts – the team only failed to make numbers once, and it has to be said that the Robinson pitches are VERY far away. There was an early win against a three-man Medsoc team and an exciting match to end the season against the Jesus third team, the only other team to have a single victory to their name. However, victories were few and far between as the team struggled with a prolonged losing streak.

One particularly disappointing moment came when we were knocked out of the Vase in the first round by the Trinity Bruces. This match saw us fall inches short of victory, struggling to put in any tackles against their suspiciously skilled striker. This was a tough blow for the

team, but we continued to persevere and work hard in matches.

Off the pitch the team had fun socials with the John's-King's girls' team. These events were always initiated with a mixed-team football match, and could be followed by an exhilarating round of pub golf, a trip to Tortilla, or a journey to our favourite pub, The King Street Run.

Overall, while the team faced its fair share of setbacks this year, we showed resilience and determination in our pursuit of sixth-division glory. With hard work and a positive attitude, there is no doubt that the team can continue to grow and improve in the seasons to come. 🏆

Ed Brewer, Captain

SBR Football



The 2022/23 academic year has been a period of continued success for the SBR Football Team. We started the season with substantial turnover in the playing squad from last year, and we attempted to adopt a new tactical style that emphasised attacking football. These changes were embraced with great vigour, resulting in exciting matches and a number of memorable performances and results. This included two last-gasp goals to complete a 5-4 win against last year's second-placed team, Anglia FC, and a comeback from 2-0 down to defeat this year's third-placed St Edmund's team 3-2. Despite an unlucky loss to Cambridge Assessment, we ended the campaign in second position – our highest-ever League placing.

Furthermore, we made an incredible run to the final of Cuppers, defeating high-quality

opposition at every stage before this point. Unfortunately, it was not to be our day in the final as we fell to a 4-1 loss, but the team fought with our usual character right until the very end of the game. I could not be more proud of our players' attitudes across the season, and I want to thank them for their incredible dedication, performance on the pitch and commitment to maintaining the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that has become a hallmark of the team. The second-placed league finish and Cuppers runners-up medal reflect a fantastic season, which we will endeavour to build on next year. I would like to thank the College and the College community for their support throughout the season. 

James Clark, Captain

Women's Football



The combined St John's and King's Women's Football Team had another brilliant season this year. Having moved into Division 2, the competition was a step up but we certainly rose to the challenge. Highlights of the season include a 3-0 win in our first match against Sidney/Magdalene and an 8-0 win over a strong Queens' side. In Michaelmas we welcomed Balliol College, our sister college from Oxford, to St John's for a sports day, and we reclaimed the football title from them with a 6-2 win. The combined Darwin/Wolfson/St Edmund's team looked unbeatable throughout the year, but in our final match of the season we managed to break their streak with a well-fought 6-5 win. Overall the team finished second in the league, which means we will be promoted to Division 1 next year.

We had a strong start to Cuppers, with a 9-4 win over Emmanuel College, helped by our top goal scorer of the season, Alissa Sattentau. However, we were then knocked out by a 2-0 loss against a deserving Newnham/Pembroke side.

We also enjoyed many socials this year, including friendly matches against the St John's Men's 3rd Team and the local Cambridge Rangers Team. This season has seen an impressive growth in the team, both in skill and numbers. Our Co-Captains, Melissa Rybicki Villalba and Shannon Rai, deserve lots of credit for our success because of their strong leadership. We are looking forward to taking on the top division next year! 🏆

Jenny Dunstan, Co-Captain

Men's Hockey



Keen to fill the vast boots of our predecessors, the Hockey Club's 'Invincibles' topped Michaelmas Division 1 unbeaten. In Lent term we swiftly reminded Cambridge that no 1st team could best our 2nd team on the field of play, and we placed 1st and 2nd in Division 1. Division 2 also provided a fairy-tale ending for the 3rd and 4th teams. Awe-inspiring performances from Joe Meisner and Jai Pantling meant that only the conglomerate King's/Sidney/Homerton (and our 3rd team) placed above our 4th team. Wide-eyed onlookers whooped and cheered as the 2nd XI made light work of Downing/Churchill, before succumbing to St John's College's very own 1st XI in the Cuppers quarter-finals.

In Easter term, we found ourselves on the brink of glory in the Cuppers Final. A spectacular game of hockey saw us down a seemingly insurmountable margin that we

clawed back, only to be pipped before the final whistle 6-5 by Jesus College. It was touching to see representatives from so many College sports come out en masse to support us.

Off the field the Mogs and Mags came together to enjoy centuries-old traditions such as Magmas and the 517th Annual General Meeting, which saw no fewer than seven Esquires ascend to Mogship.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Keith, the League Secretaries, the Mogs and Mags Committees, in particular, our President Bilal Qureshi, and the generous, hockey-obsessed Admissions Tutors for another rich crop of young talent. I wish all the best to next year's committee. 🍁

Luke Aungles, Captain

Women's Hockey



I truly believe this has been one of the best years for St John's College hockey and to be a 'Mag'. The club has grown to an incredible size, with greater integration of Newnham women into the club, and has been rewarded in hockey skill and committed members.

Our league journey, in both Division 1 and Division 2, was tremendous. Our 1st team won the league in both the Michaelmas and Lent seasons, and the other three teams we fielded each week put in similarly impressive performances, demonstrating the strength of St John's College hockey.

Our Cuppers journey this year was unconventional but nevertheless exciting. With the Cuppers 2nd team beating a strong 1st team, Downing/Churchill, it was clearly going to be a good competition for St John's/

Newnham! Our next match saw our 1st and 2nd teams pitted against each other, leaving our 1st team to play Christ's/Pembroke in the semi-finals, and finally losing in a nail-biting final against Jesus by just one goal.

We held many socials and a great AGM dinner in Easter term to round off the year. This was a lovely occasion. I have been part of the club for the entirety of my time at St John's, and being Captain this year has been an honour. I would like to thank Keith for looking after our facilities, both the 'Mogs' and 'Mags' committees for all their hard work, and the SJCHC President, Bilal Qureshi, for his dedication to the club. I wish next year's committee all the best. 🍷

Ella Lloyd, Captain

Lacrosse



After a successful Lent term 2022, St John's Mixed Lacrosse Club made its debut in Division 1 this academic year. As new entrants to the division, we had a lot to prove – and we certainly did not disappoint!

Building on the momentum from last season, the team held strong in Michaelmas term, finishing third out of seven teams in Division 1. Having been training twice a week, the team was ready for battle against the Medics team. We clinched a 3-2 victory, the only team to defeat the Medics that season.

Continuing into Lent term with abounding optimism, the team showed newly promoted Girton the calibre of our play. Our winning streak continued as we secured an 8-3 triumph against the Medics the following week. Following two tough draws, the team

brought it back with a win against Robinson, propelling us to the top of the league.

Frustratingly, the team struggled with turnout as exams approached. The team faced one final match of the league – against Emmanuel, who were behind by just two points. Sadly we lost, though the team put up a valiant effort despite playing with numbers down, securing our position as second in Division 1.

A very rainy, delayed Cuppers tournament in Easter term saw the team knocked out at group stages. But spirits remained high with St John's Lacrosse Club in its strongest ever position. I look forward to handing over the reins to the next generation, whom I have no doubt will build on the legacy of this year's team. 🍀

Joshua Soane, Captain

Mixed Netball



The St John's College Mixed Netball Team started the year off in Division 2 of the Mixed Netball League, battling against tough opponents such as Downing and Emmanuel 1st teams, who proved too strong to defeat. However, we certainly did not miss an opportunity to celebrate our outstanding wins against Jesus 2nd team and Peterhouse 1st team.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we began Lent term in Division 3 after being relegated the term before. With an injection of fresh players, and a renewed fighting spirit, the Mixed Netball Team won five out of six matches throughout the term, which won us the top spot in the new division by a mile. At the end of Lent term, we also played

in Mixed Netball Cuppers, where we were the runners-up in our group, giving us a chance to make it to the semi-finals. Sadly, because of goal difference, we did not make it through – I blame the team who conceded a win to us for that (or perhaps it was our raw skill and determination that scared them off, who knows).

I would like to thank Zoe Porter, my Co-Captain, for helping me to run mixed netball and for coming along to every match with me. Thanks are also due to everyone who came every week; it was a really fun year for netball. Finally, best of luck to the team next year; we wish you every success! 🍀

Jai Pantling, Co-Captain

Women's Netball



The 2022/23 season for St John's College Ladies' Netball cannot be described as anything other than a resounding success.

The season started strong, with the College entering two teams into the ladies' league for the first time, both of whom dominated their respective divisions. Our Ladies 1s were unbeaten in Michaelmas term, claiming the Division 1 league title, and followed that with another top of the league position in Lent term. Making their league debut, our Ladies 2s were off to a great start, winning Division 4 in Michaelmas term; however, they had slightly more mixed success in Division 3 in Lent term. These triumphs have been a result of the enthusiasm and dedication of all our players.

The year culminated in a tense Cuppers final against Jesus. Having lost by only one goal

to Jesus in last year's final, we were even more determined to win. Going into extra time, John's secured a nail-biting 14-10 win. The team's performance was so deserving of this result, with a particularly outstanding performance from Lucy Pugh, who was named 'Players' Player' for the tournament by unanimous vote.

It is safe to say that St John's has dominated the netball scene this year, and it has been particularly fantastic to see such growth in participation in the sport in College. We wish all the best to next year's teams, and we hope for more successes next season. 🍀

**Alis Francis and Lottie Cotterell,
Co-Captains**

Pool



The St John's College Pool Club, formed just this year, has had an interesting year so far. Among the regular games played between the members of the club, the St John's 1st team was formed and entered into the Cambridge University College Pool League. With the matches in Michaelmas starting off with a very close loss (5-4) against the Cambridge University Women's team, the St John's 1st team continued to work hard to learn, practise and improve its skills. The team also played matches against the Robinson 3rd team (8-1 loss for St John's) and Catz 1st team (6-3 loss for St John's), both of which have been strong learning experiences for technique and strategy.

The St John's Pool Club also had two of its members, Priyanka Gopalkaje (Captain) and James Quill (Treasurer), enter the Challenge Snooker Singles 2022/23 competition, organised by Cambridge University Snooker and Pool, with both sadly facing early exits from the competition.

The Pool Club continues to organise matches to practise and prepare for upcoming league games, with all its members looking forward to a strong set of games over the coming year. 🎱

Priyanka Gopalkaje, Captain

Men's Rugby



The successes of the 2021/22 season provided this year's squad with a mighty act to follow. Despite the departure of five Blues, nerves were quickly settled as the season got off to a flying start, with high-scoring victories over familiar foes Downing and our sister college, Balliol. Plaudits are due to freshers Allinson and Mubako, who, along with returners Lloyd Williams, Mere, Summerfield and Gibbons, consistently turned out despite being regulars in the Blues and LXs teams. All went on to play a huge part in the 46-0 win in the LXs varsity. A first term of cricket scorelines saw us enter the Christmas break unbeaten and top of the league.

Lent term kicked off our Cuppers campaign, where the garçons dispatched a strong St Catharine's/Homerton side 24-6. League highlights included a depleted side achieving a gutsy draw against Queens'/Jesus, maintaining our unbeaten status. The much-awaited league decider against

Fitzwilliam/Sidney proved anticlimactic, as the challengers were convincingly beaten 38-5.

Following an intensive pre-Easter term training camp, the semi-finals saw a full-strength team beat Robinson 64-32, setting us up for a repeat of the 2022 final. Heavy rainfall forced a change of tack from expansive champagne-rugby to physical domination of Fitzwilliam/Sidney through relentless rolling mauls and pick-and-goes. They were unable to respond to our three tries and the game ended 19-3. The Redboys ended the season as unbeaten winners of both the league and Cuppers (now 35-time champions and counting).

It has been an absolute honour to lead the side, and I would like to thank every one of the players for contributing to yet another victorious year. 🏉

Matthew West, Captain

Tennis



The Cuppers quarter-final squad, May 2023 (from left to right: Luke Mockler, Matt Ball, Jonny Fox (c), Jonathan Whitesman, Guido Cuidamore)

The St John's College Tennis Club has never been bigger. Despite some training sessions taking place on Tuesdays at 7am, a wholesome club culture has been matched by high-quality tennis. More than twenty players, from freshers to PhD students, have represented our two teams, and around thirty players have attended our social tennis sessions, aimed at all abilities. In Easter term a women's tennis group, with fifteen members, was created, to great success.

Our results reflect these achievements. The 2nd team won its mixed divisions in Michaelmas and in Lent terms, while the 1st team won Division 1 in Lent. Then in summer the 1st team had a very successful Cuppers campaign, defeating the Sidney/

Emma and Jesus teams convincingly, only to lose 4-2 to a strong Churchill side in the semi-final. Luke Mockler, Jonathan Whitesman, Ollie Kidd and Jonny Fox all received Colours for their contributions to College tennis.

We are also grateful to Maddie Angwin for running social tennis, Emilia Murray for running women's tennis, Luke for leading the 1st team and Jonny for his captaincy. We are incredibly thankful for groundsman Keith and his excellent facilities. With an excellent fresher cohort this year, we hope that in 2023/24 St John's Tennis Club will only increase in strength and size. 🏆

Jonny Fox, Captain

Ultimate Frisbee




The St John's College Ultimate Frisbee Team (SJCUCF) has seen another year of great fun and sportsmanship. At the Freshers' Week sports BBQ, masses of first years, many of whom were new to the sport, were keen to try it out and got their first taste of the beautiful game. Several of these, in addition to the regular members of the previous year, came to enjoy the sport on a weekly basis through training sessions, casual throwing practice and matches in the College League.

In the 2021/22 season, St John's earned a mighty promotion to the first division, ranking among the big beasts of Cambridge Ultimate (including two town teams). Following that, in Michaelmas 2022, we powered through the term with several mighty wins and some close losses to keep us in the top division. The end of the term saw

Indoor Cuppers, a day at the University Sports Centre packed with tournament matches, out of which one of our teams came 5th.

In Lent term the team, having remained in the top division, put out some admirable performances. But playing against the cream of the crop, our final position meant relegation. This has not phased SJCUCF at all, as we enjoyed some strong victories in Easter term.

It has been a joy keeping the sport alive in College, and we look forward to continuing to see St John's Ultimate Frisbee team going from strength to strength. 

**Chris Spain and George Whittome,
Co-Captains**

Volleyball




Building on the enthusiasm from last year, this year the St John's Volleyball Team was registered as an official club at the College. Starting in early 2023, the club secured regular weekly training sessions at the University Sports Centre, which saw around twenty postgraduate and undergraduate students in regular attendance. With the vast majority of the team being complete beginners at the start of the year, it's incredible to see how much everyone in the team has improved. The team has now mastered the basics and has even implemented a more complex rotation system to bring their match play to another level.

Throughout the year, the team worked toward a successful performance at the Cuppers competition in April/May 2023. The St John's team was successful in reaching

the quarter-finals, which was a fantastic achievement for such a new team. Furthermore, the team secured funding from the College for some new match shirts; so not only were they smashing it on court, but they also looked the part when doing so.

Off the court the team also had regular socials, including outdoor volleyball picnics and team brunches. The team has now become more of an extended friendship group, where everyone has a shared passion for volleyball – this is the most wonderful thing to have come out of the new club.

It has been a very successful year for the St John's volleyballers, and the only way is up for this new team. 

Lucy Walker, Captain

Lady Margaret Boat Club – Men

For the LMBC Men's side, the past year has been incredibly successful, no mean feat considering the achievements of previous seasons. The success of the First Boat, which won virtually every race on the Cam, was paralleled only by the achievements of the Second Boat, which remains the highest-placed M2 boat in both Lents and Mays, consistently beating other colleges' top crews. Such competitiveness was complemented by the dedication and commitment of this year's committee, coaches and, of course, rowers and coxes.

The season started excellently for our senior crews, with silverware secured by the 1st IV in the University IVs competition and in senior Fairbairns for the first time since 1997. The 2nd IV, in addition to winning its division at Winter Head, also secured a place in the University IVs finals, losing out narrowly on first place before storming to victory as the fastest 2nd IV at Fairbairns. M2 was able to clinch a victory at Winter Head, eventually finishing as the 4th fastest 2nd VIII at Fairbairns.

In Michaelmas term energy was focused on novices and, under the tutelage of our dedicated Lower Boat Captains Alex Cooper, Boris Young and Will Hawkins, the results did not disappoint. NM1, never missing a session, had strong performances at Clare Novice regatta, beating Lucy Cavendish and Christ's, before finishing a respectable 8th at Fairbairns. Similarly, NM2 beat Clare and

Fitzwilliam in the same event, and finished as the eighth-fastest 2nd VIII.

With strong positions in the Lents to defend, training in January began with a highly successful week's training camp in Seville. On returning, the benefits of Spanish winter sun were quickly shown: M1 continued its unbeaten streak with victories at Winter Head to Head, Newnham Head and Pembroke Regatta, while M2 cemented its position as the fastest 2nd VIII at Pembroke Regatta and Newnham Head. Our entirely ex-novice M3 also performed well and won the Talbott Cup for lower boats.

All this heralded well for bumps, whose curtailment by flooding was a source of disappointment to all crews. M3 rowed over magisterially ahead of Peterhouse M2 on Tuesday, before being bumped by a blading Clare Hall M1 on Thursday, but nevertheless retaining its position of fastest 3rd VIII. Also



M1



M2

the highest crew of their type, M2 rowed over on day one, but subsequently bumped Peterhouse and St Catharine's to finish 14th on the river, the highest a second boat has been since 1980! This series of strong performances was capped by M1, which commandingly rowed over at Head every day, opening a thirty-second gap to rivals Caius at the finishing post on Saturday.

Having thus conquered the Cam, laurels remained to be won on a wider stage, and performances on the Thames did not dissappoint. M1 had its most successful result at the Head of the River since the 1980s, to finish 64th, as the 17th-fastest Academic VIII (and fastest Durham-Oxford-Cambridge college overall).

M2 also placed well, coming in a respectable 245th. The heartiest congratulations must, however, go to our University triallists Thomas Marsh, three-seat of the victorious 'Goldie' boat, and to Harry Fieldhouse, President and six-seat of the dominant Cambridge Lightweight crew.

Easter term began with pre-season successes at the Small Boats Regatta for Thomas Marsh (1x), Josh Kershaw (2x), Robert Powell and Rupert Gardiner (2-). Returning to Vllls, M1 won Cambridge Spring Regatta and Champs Vllls Head, and competed strongly against university crews at BUCS and the Metropolitan Regatta, where it defeated the Oxford reserve crew, Isis, in a close-fought final. M2 had a similarly

excellent term, placing an incredible 4th overall at X-press Head and winning several rounds at Cambridge Spring Regatta against first boats before losing by a canvas to Jesus M1 in the semi-finals. Among the lower boats, M3 also performed well and was joined on the water by the Rugby Club in the form of M4, which won its division at X-Press Head and later its blades in the Mays, bumping Clare M4, Christ's M3, Fitzwilliam M3 and St Catharine's M3. The rest of the club, however, was plagued by high positions stemming from previous successes: M3 was again bumped by Clare Hall M1, in addition to Selwyn M2 and Fitzwilliam M2, before a heroic row-over ahead of Caius M3; and M2, while remaining the highest second boat on the river, was bumped by a trialist-filled St Catharine's M1. Finally, M1, despite closing to two whistles on Friday on Caius, was unable to bump to headship and rowed over all four nights at 2nd place on the river.

Despite such trials in our final week, LMBC has once again proved itself the most successful college club, winning the 'Michell Cup' for the best performance over the course of the year. This remarkable season would have been impossible without the extraordinary generosity of both the College and the Lady Margaret Boat Club Association (LMBCA). We are also indebted to our boatman, Lance Badman, and to our coaches, especially Jon Rhodes and Pere Gisbert, whose countless hours of dedication and firm hands continue to be the sustaining force of our success. It has been an immeasurable honour to lead the club with them, especially a club of such impressive and inspiring people.

Viva Laeta 🏰

Rupert Gardiner, Captain



M3

Crews

May Bumps

M1

Cox: Grace Harvey
 8: Alex Kingston
 7: Rupert Gardiner
 6: Theo Langslow
 5: Alex Cooper
 4: Niko Madland Shorter
 3: Thomas Marsh
 2: Robert Powell
 B: Harry Fieldhouse
 Coach: Pere Gisbert
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M2

Cox: Billie Williams
 8: Ashley French
 7: Will Gong
 6: Janik Schüttler
 5: Tom Williams
 4: Peter Wildemann
 3: Ben Fenocchi
 2: Ryan Convoy
 B: Simon Heuveline
 Coach: Jon Rhodes

M3

Cox: Kitty Henderson
 8: Arnav Sharma
 7: Tobi Ajibola
 6: Max Marienhagen
 5: Jamie Turner
 4: Markus Bocker
 3: Naunidh Dua
 2: Zi Wu
 B: Richard Shumilin-Croxtton
 Coaches: Rory Clark, Alex Cooper

M4

Cox: Chloe Wanley
 8: James Preece
 7: Hugo Lloyd-Williams
 6: Josh Mackrill
 5: Jago Strong-Wright
 4: Jonathan Chan
 3: Ned Chatterton
 2: Jan Derlatka
 B: Ojas Supe
 Coaches: Nordin Čatić, Florence
 Bradshaw (Newnham)

Lady Margaret Boat Club – Women



W1

The LMBC Women have had the most successful year in recent memory, thanks to our exceptional coaches, and the hard work put in by all the rowers.

In Michaelmas term W1 was coached by Karen Weimer and W2 by Anna Odorici. W1 initially focused on small boats, rowing sculls and IVs and preparing for the University IVs. The first IV+ won Uni IVs, beating Jesus by a small margin, our first time winning this since 2016. The second IV lost by only six seconds in its final against Caius. The two IVs then combined to train in the VIII+ for Fairbairns. The first women's VIII+ won Fairbairns for the first time in the history of the women's side. Four of the girls then jumped straight out of the VIII+ into a IV+, racing the course again to win the

shield for the fastest IV+, against crews who had not raced 4.3km just an hour before. W2 also had a strong term, finishing as the 6th-fastest W2 boat.

This year we also had three novice crews competing in Michaelmas. NW1 performed well in Fairbairns, finishing 8th, with many of them going on to fill seats in W2 in Lent term. NW2 and NW3 also fielded determined crews at Clare Novices, Emma Sprints and Fairbairns, with their efforts showing that the club was in safe hands for the future.

Lent term started with the Seville training camp, which was the highlight of the year for many. This was the first time that LMBC had held a joint men's and women's training



W2

camp, and also the first time the women's side had been on a camp abroad. The women's side sent two crews, W1 and a composite W2/NW1 crew. The rowers trained twice a day in the morning and had the afternoons to explore Seville and even fit in a Flamenco dancing lesson.

Back on the Cam, the camp had clearly paid off as W1 won the first race of the term, Winter Head to Head. It was a successful term for all crews, with W2 winning Pembroke Regatta, W3 winning its division at Newnham Head, and W4 racing as one of only four W4s on the river. The main success of the term came in Lent Bumps. Despite the rain, hail and snow, W1 bumped Downing on Wednesday and Caius on Thursday. On Friday the weather was so poor the racing was called off, but W1 came back on Saturday to bump Pembroke, finishing 4th – its highest position since 2002 – and was awarded blades. W2 bumped Queens' to finish 16th

in the 2nd division, after strong row-overs on the first two days as the competition bumped out ahead.

Easter term was successful for the Women's side. We sent a composite crew of half W1, half W2 rowers to Oxford City Bumps just before the start of term. The day proved a huge success, with the crew bumping five times to be awarded blades. The same crew raced Nottingham City Regatta at the end of May, winning the Development VIII's category against a field of eleven other crews. At the same regatta, the VIII split into two IVs, with the W1 IV+ finishing 3rd in the A final and W2 finishing 3rd in the B final, proving they could hold their own against college and university crews alike.

Success was also seen on the Cam, with W2 winning Radegund Mile, and both W2 and W3 winning the plate final of Spring Regatta in their respective divisions. All three boats then went on to race in May Bumps.



W3

Wednesday saw row-overs for all three crews, with W2 rowing over twice, once as sandwich boat at the top of the W3 division, and then again in the W2 division after a crash four boats ahead halted the racing. Thursday was much more successful, with all three crews bumping; the last time all women's boats bumped on the same day was in 1991. W1 caught Pembroke in spectacular fashion around first post, W2 finally caught Downing W2, and W3 bumped St Catharine's W3.

On Friday W1 bumped Emma and W3 bumped King's W2. W2 rowed over comfortably. Saturday saw a bump on Newnham for W1, leaving it 3rd for the first time since 1999! W2 again rowed over, and W3 bumped Fitzwilliam W2, having chased it for over 2km, catching it just before the finish line, ending a hugely successful year for the Maggie women.

I would also like to congratulate our trialist, Gemma King, for her achievements this year. Gemma was in the victorious Blondie Boat and won the lightweight singles event at Met Regatta. She returned to the club for the Mays, aiding the First Boat's success.

Thanks are due to Karen Weimer and Lisa Silk, whose coaching of W1 has been second to none, Anna Odorici for the time she dedicated to W2 and Lauren Kelly for her skills coaching W3. I would also like to thank Lance Badman for his work with the club, both as Boatman and as Coach. Finally, thanks are due to the Lady Margaret Boat Club Association for its continued support. I can't wait to see the club develop further next year as we target double Headship!

Viva Laeta 🏆

Rowan Saltmarsh, Women's Captain

Crews

May Bumps/term

First VIII+

Cox: Tatiana Martin
 Stroke: Eliza Leake
 7: Rowan Saltmarsh
 6: Gemma King
 5: Katie O'Flaherty
 4: Ellie Laughton
 3: Millie May
 2: Rosa Mueller
 Bow: Naomi Jennings
 Coaches: Karen Weimer
 and Lisa Silk

Second VIII+

Cox: Daisy Holbrook
 Stroke: Chloe Felton
 7: Emma Beniston
 6: Jo Matthews
 5: Yana Vetrova
 4: Beccy Pickering
 3: Erin McMurchie
 2: Lucy Mucklow
 Bow: Olivia Searle
 Coach: Anna Odorici

Third VIII+

Cox: Clem Fisher
 Stroke: Anna Strazda
 7: Jade Westfoot
 6: Alice Monksfield
 5: Aimee Schilder
 4: Emily Ma/ Tibby White
 3: Alice Warrington
 2: Katie Cassin
 Bow: Lily Fisher
 Coach: Lauren Kelly



W1 after a successful bump during Lent Bumps 2023

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 Mr John Robinson
 Professor Emeritus Steve Royle
 Mr Mike Shaw
 Mr Jeremy Shepherd
 Mr George Sim
 Mr Christopher Sly
 Mr David Small
 Dr David Smith
 Dr James Stuart
 Mr Joe Taylor
 Professor Robert Tombs
 Dr Kenneth Walton
 Mr Edwin Yates

1969

Mr Mark Addison
 Dr Leigh Bailey
 Mr David Biddulph
 Mr Julian Burgess
 Dr Martin Carter
 Mr Nicolas Chisholm
 Mr John Connell
 Dr Alan Curran
 Mr Andrew Duff
 Mr Simon Harris
 Dr Brian Jacobs
 Mr Trevor Jones
 Mr Gareth Kelly
 Professor Emeritus Richard King
 Mr Michael Lawton
 Mr Tim Lockwood
 Dr Graham Lovegrove
 Mr Sean Magee
 Mr David Murphy
 The Hon. Sir Alastair Norris
 Mr John Nutt
 Mr Hugh Parker
 Dr Andrew Petrie
 Dr Andrew Risius
 Dr Denny Scharf

Mr Duncan Smith
 The late Professor Jim Staunton
 Mr John Tudhope
 Dr Ian Veltman
 Professor Rory Walsh
 The Revd Nigel Warner

1970

Professor David Aldous
 Mr Vivian Bazalgette
 Sir David Beamish
 Mr Chris Bonsall
 Professor Jeremy Cooper
 Lord Crisp
 Mr Mike Davis
 Mr Derek Drummie
 Mr Tony Fullwood
 Colonel Keith Galbraith
 Mr John Gilbert
 Mr David Gray
 Mr Richard Heath
 Mr Jonathan Hellyer Jones
 Mr Clive Hopkins
 Dr Alan Jones
 Mr Ken Jones
 Mr Christopher Judson
 Dr Roderick Lumsden
 Dr Steve Martin
 Dr Edward Metcalfe
 Dr Jim O'Connell
 Professor Triloki Pandey
 Mr Bob Parker
 Mr Colin Percy
 Mr Vaughan Pomeroy
 Dr Dean Pope
 Mr Paul Redhead
 Mr Stephen Smith
 Mr Paul Smyth
 Mr Dodge Thompson
 Dr John Wilson

1971

Mr Andrew Argyle
 Mr Stuart Bell
 Mr Ian Boulton
 Mr Edward Davis
 Mr Anthony Dawson
 Mr Stefan Filipkiewicz
 Mr Graham Fletcher
 Mr Sion Lewis
 Mr Alan Lodwick
 The late Dr Joseph McDermott
 Mr Andy Moore
 Mr Patrick Mountain
 Mr Jonathan Rennert
 Sir Peter Robinson
 Mr Adrian Savage
 Mr Richard Suart
 Dr David Tanton
 Professor John Waterton

1972

Mr Martin Bailes
 Dr Richard Bates
 Dr David Bowers
 Mr Richard Constant
 Mr David Cooper
 Dr Tim Cox
 Mr Lewis Duke
 Dr Richard Hardie
 Mr Peter Hartnell
 Mr John Hurst
 Mr Paul James
 Mr Andrew Joyce
 Mr Tim Lewis
 Mr Robert Parkes
 Mr Jeremy Snewin
 Mr Peter Stickland
 Mr Michael Turner
 Professor Peter Webb
 Dr Jonathan West

Mr Richard White
 Mr Bruce Wilson

1973

Professor Richard Ball
 Mr Richard Beatty
 Dr Alan Begg
 Mr Robin Bloomfield
 Mr Anthony Broomhead
 Mr David Cooke
 Dr David Coppel
 Mr Edward Coulson
 Dr Dylan Davies
 Mr Christopher de Grouchy
 Mr Andrew Elliott
 Mr Andrew Grenville
 Mr John Grint
 Mr Peter Hardyman
 Mr Martin Hayton
 Mr Timothy Jacobsen
 Professor Andrew Masters
 Dr Neil Mitchell
 Mr Nicholas Morton
 Mr Richard Oughton
 Mr Richard Roeder
 Mr Geoffrey Simmonds
 Mr Louis Singer
 Dr Kim Siew Tan
 Mr Geoff Tierney
 Mr Keith Tilson
 The Revd Dr Malcolm Torry
 Mr Howard Walker
 Mr Colin West
 Mr Mike Williamson

1974

Mr Siddharth Amin
 The Rt Hon. Sir Jonathan Baker
 Mr Robert Billing
 Mr Anthony Blaiklock
 Mr Peter Burrows

Mr Peter Caddy
 Dr Andy Cairns
 Mr Paul Cobb
 Mr Ken Cornfield
 Mr Chris Dale
 Mr Roger Dix
 Dr Martin Edwards
 Dr John Fells
 Mr Mike Gibson
 Mr Tim Jones
 Mr David King
 Mr David Littlewood
 His Honour Judge Michael Longman
 Mr David Lynas
 The Hon. Sir Stephen Males
 Mr Peter Matthews
 Mr Angus McIntosh
 Mr Peter Ostojic
 Mr David Pollard
 Mr Paul Rathbone
 Mr Jeremy Sargent
 Mr William Schenck
 Mr Andy Sidwell
 Mr Nick Slocombe
 Dr Nick Starling
 Professor David Stocker
 Mr Graham Stroud
 Mr Stephen Wickham
 Mr Christian Wignall
 Dr Peter Wilding
 Dr Owen Williams
 Dr Clarke Wilson

1975

Mr Rod Anderson
 Group Captain Julian Andrews
 Mr Nigel Bates
 Mr Paul Bramley
 Dr Mark Charter
 Mr Nic Davison
 Mr Martin Dickins

Mr David Dixon
 Dr Mark Evans
 His Honour Judge Jonathan Furness
 Mr David Gorsuch
 Dr Robert Higgins
 Mr Mark Jeffries
 The Revd Mark Jones
 Mr Donald Mark
 Dr Paul Middleton
 Professor Michael Moriarty
 Mr Charles Naylor
 Mr Anthony Nixon
 Mr William Peters
 Mr David Shilston
 Dr Chris Smith
 Dr Sandy Sutherland
 Dr Richard Taggesell
 Dr Sudhir Wanmali
 Dr David Wilkinson

1976

Mr Stephen Anderson
 Mr Anthony Butler
 Dr Paul Cockerham
 Dr Andrew Cole
 Mr Neil Davies
 Mr John de Boer
 Mr Jim Dewes
 Mr Huw Evans
 Mr Jim Green
 Lieutenant General Sir Andrew Gregory
 Dr Andrew Hamilton
 Mr Mike Hardyman
 Dr David Hill
 Mr Simon Holmes
 The Revd Michael Horton
 Mr Aidan Huxford
 Mr Michael Kraftman
 Dr Alastair Livesey
 Mr Andrew McNulty
 Mr Adrian Morgan

Professor John Murphy
 Mr Kieran Murphy
 Mr Malcolm Noble
 Mr Simon Palmer
 Professor John Plane
 Professor Stefan Reif
 Mr Robert Ross
 Mr Alan Simpson
 Mr Peter Smith
 Dr Chris Stanley
 Mr Richard Stradling
 Professor Chris Summerton
 Mr Michael Tosdevin
 Mr Martin Turner
 Mr Nigel Turner
 Professor David Whitford
 Mr Phil Wild

1977

Dr Kamal Ahuja
 Dr Nigel Bew
 Mr Nick Brown
 Professor Gilbert Cockton
 Mr Andrew Crossley
 Professor Peter Dowben
 Mr Mark Evans
 The late Mr Andrew Fogg
 Mr Phil Hodkinson
 Mr Roger Howell
 Mr Mark Hulme
 Mr Adam Jollans
 Dr Roger Jones
 Mr Peter King
 Mr Stephen Lamont
 Mr Garth Lindrup
 Dr Simon Powles
 Mr Nigel Salisbury
 Mr John Sills
 Dr Robert Stroud
 The late Mr Kevin Thompson-Parr

Mr Andrew Tomlinson
 Dr Matthew Witt

1978

Dr Julian Allen
 Mr Tim Arnold
 The Revd Dr Andrew Cameron
 Mr Alistair Davison
 Professor John Dear
 Mr David Edney
 Mr Andy Foster
 Mr Mark Harris
 Mr Richard Hytner
 Mr Stephen MacDonald
 Mr Colin Massey
 Mr Richard Pierce-Saunderson
 Mr Jervis Rhodes
 Mr William Russell-Smith
 Mr Paul Shearer
 Mr Jonathan Steffen
 Mr David Thompson
 Mr Paul Torrington
 Professor Richard Verrall

1979

Mr Ben Andradi
 Mr Tony Bridgewater
 Mr Phil Brown
 Mr Trevor Burton
 Mr Nick Busvine
 Mr Kevin Curtis
 Mr Gilbert Dunlop
 Mr John Fishwick
 Mr Devon Flynn
 Mr Mark Gould
 Mr Anthony Hui
 Mr Andrew Lamb
 Mr Andrew Lawson
 Dr Michael Leach
 Mr Bruce Leckie
 Mr Jeremy Macklin

Mr Andy Moore
 Mr Tony Moran
 Professor David Seipp
 Mr Steven Smith

1980

Brigadier Bill Aldridge
 Mr Duncan Bigg
 Dr Duncan Blackburn
 Mr Mark Briegal
 Mr David Budenberg
 Dr Steven Bunkhall
 The Hon. Guido Calabresi
 Mr Andrew Carrier
 Dr Joddy Chapman
 Dr Dan Craft
 Mr David Croft
 Mr Geoffrey Davis
 Mr Hugh Dunlop
 Mr Stuart Fowler
 Mr David Gould
 Mr Neil Gregson
 Mr Mark Halliwell
 Mr Jeremy Hunns
 Mr Fred Leiner
 Mr Ed Matthews
 Mr Jeremy Mercer
 Mr Julian Molyneux
 Mr Charles Pott
 Mr Justin Ripman
 Dr Derek Roberts
 Dr Philip Satterthwaite
 Mr Richard Sealy
 Mr Tim Slater
 Mr John Smith
 Mr Colin Stone
 Mr Andrew Taylor
 Mr Richard Watson
 Mr Geoffrey Zelin

1981

Mr Alan Baldwin
 Mr Martin Bedford
 Mr Adrian Brown
 Dr Tami Davis Biddle (née Davis)
 Mr Kevin Gardiner
 Mr Bruce Hamilton
 Professor Graham Hillier
 Mr David Hughes
 Mr Jonathan Lancashire
 Professor Marc Lipman
 Mr Rory O'Brien
 Dr Robert Ritchie
 Dr Nick Robinson
 Mr David Rogerson
 Mr Rupert Ross-Macdonald
 Mr Mark Rothera
 Mr Keith Scott
 Dr Will Watkins
 Mr John Zealley

1982

Mr John Aves
 Mrs Henrietta Butler (née Shaw)
 Professor Paul Digard
 Dr Emad George
 Dr Sue Heenan
 Mr Roger Hill
 Mrs Dalla Jenney (née Cox)
 Mr Oliver Jory
 Professor John Kerrigan
 Mr Patrick Lane
 Mr Patrick Litton
 Mr Kevin Ludwick
 Mr Clive Moody
 Mr Ed Naylor
 Miss Joanna Pitman
 Mr Robert Samuelson
 Mr Murray Scott
 Mr David Seers
 Mr Peter Udale

Dr Carrie Walsh
 Mrs Vicki Wienand (née Robertson)
 Mr Robin Wilson

1983

The Revd Vicky Barrett
 Mrs Nicky Bibby (née Shanks)
 Mr William Bibby
 Mr Stephen Boxer
 Mrs Tanya Castell (née Wade)
 Dr Heidi Doughty
 Mr Marc Feigen
 Mr Steven Fobel
 Mr Guy Freeman
 Ms Alex Gethin
 Dr Dimitrios Hatzis
 Mr Duncan Jubb
 Mr John Kruminis
 Dr Ruth Le Sueur
 Mr Stephen Munday
 Dr Chris Perks
 Mr Mark Thomas
 Mr Martin Tod

1984

Dr Tim Allison
 Mr Tom Backhouse
 Mr Paul Baker
 Mrs Pippa Bowden (née Weatherhead)
 Dr Catherine Bryant
 Dr Helen Bungay
 Mr Brian Cahill
 Dr Martin Coen
 Mrs Deborah Coen
 Mr Peter Crossley
 Mr Ian Cumming
 Mr Christopher Dawe
 Dr Helen Duncan (née Wood)
 Mr Iain Gibson
 Mr David Gould
 Mr Jon Gray

Mr Nick Gregory
 Mr Nigel Jones
 Mrs Tessa Leuchars (née Graham)
 Professor Pete Nienow
 Mrs Susan Palmer (née King)
 Mrs Annamarie Phelps (née Stapleton)
 Mr Andrew Sandars
 Professor Thomas Smith
 Mr Stephen Spall
 Mr David Stoyale
 Dr Caroline Styles
 Mr Byron Thomas

1985

Ms Alexandra Citron
 Dr Julius Clayton
 Mr Jonathan Davies-Jones
 Mr Piers Dennison
 Mr David Eagles
 Mr Anthony Fobel
 Mr Dominic Fortescue
 Mr Andrew Goodbody
 Ms Claire Griffiths
 Mr Andrew Ground
 Mr David Hale
 Mr Bill Harcourt
 Dr Mark Hayter
 Mr Andrew Holt
 Mr David James
 Mr Neil Jefferies
 Dr Becca Kenneison
 Dr Kit Kilgour
 Mr Iain McIntyre
 Mr Ian Simm
 Mrs Rebecca Stäheli (née Evans)
 Mr Peter White
 Mr Ian Wilson

1986

Colonel John Adams
 Dr Barry Appleton
 Dr David Banks
 Mr David Barr
 Mr Richard Beales
 Ms Rosie Bichard
 Dr Tom Carrell
 Mr Mark Collinson
 Mrs Amanda Davies (née Wilkinson)
 Dr Andrew Gates
 Dr Siobhan Gee (née Netherwood)
 Mr Neil Hampson
 Mr Richard Huntington
 Mrs Catherine McDermott (née Crook)
 Mr James Miller
 Mr Denis Mustafa
 Ms Caro Newton (née Redmond)
 Dr Kamlesh Pithia
 Mr Piers Pressdee
 Mr Hardip Rai
 Mrs Louise Rich (née Littlewood)
 Ms Vanessa Richards
 Mr Jon Saltmarsh
 Mr George Schlich
 Mr Ross Sharpe
 Mr Nav Sheera
 Mr James Turnbull
 Mrs Karena Vleck (née Ward)
 Mr Pete Webster
 Mr Mark Woodhouse

1987

Mr Ivan Bedford
 Miss Lisa Burton
 Mr Robert Carey
 Mrs Katy Cherry (née Imlach)
 Mr Richard Cobb
 Mr Martin Davies
 Professor Giampiero Esposito
 Mr Hilary Gee

Mr Colm Gibson
 Mr Alistair Hancock
 Mr Steven Harrold
 Mr Olivier Hickman
 Mrs Victoria Kitcatt (née Bishop)
 Mr John Louth
 Ms Catherine Mangan
 Mr Andrew Nethsingha
 Mrs Brinda Prakash (née Dayal)
 Dr Jo Prigmore
 Mr David Thomson
 Mrs Hester Turton (née Froggatt)
 Ms Kathy Ward
 Ms Kirsty Wilson

1988

Mr Adam Belton
 Mr Andrew Brindle
 Group Captain Tony Cann
 Mr Tim Chambers
 Mrs Theresa Collier (née Salter)
 Dr Khaled Dawas
 Mr Fabio Galantini
 Ms Palo Gledhill
 Dr Fiona Kelly
 Mr Dan Kershaw
 Dr Jeremy King
 Dr Charlie Line
 Mr Ian Nichols
 Mr Tim Panter
 Dr Brett Patterson
 Ms Nicola Rushton
 Mr Duncan Sinclair
 Dr Feargal Supple
 Dr Claire Sweeney
 Dr Karen Wiemer

1989

Mr Mike Allan
 Mr Norbert Backhaus
 Dr Nikki Deards

Professor Steve Finnigan
 Ms Sophie Green
 Dr Ralph Grobecker
 Dr Karen Harman
 Mr Alec Haydon
 Professor Rik Henson
 Ms Shareen Khattar
 Mr Simon Lacey
 Dr Liam O Súilleabháin
 Mr Guy Rubin
 Mr Steve Senior
 Mrs Christine Smith (née Collins)
 Dr Henry Stobart
 Mr Christian Taylor
 Dr Sián Thompson
 Mrs Alison Turner (née Sanderson)
 Dr Neil Turner
 Mr Paul Williamson
 Mrs Lindsey Wood (née Scutt)

1990

Dr Joss Adams
 Mr Rob Bratby
 Dr Rachel Budge (née Benamore)
 Mr Kenneth Chiu
 Mr Sue Wan Chua
 Mr William Clements
 Mrs Johanna Donaldson (née Jones)
 Mr Darren Evans
 Mr Owen Garrett
 Professor Andrew Grace
 Dr Jonathan Halls
 Dr Dherminder Kainth
 Dr Julian Lomas
 Ms Niamh McKenna
 Major General Tony Milton
 Mr Matthew Moss
 Mr Salim Nathoo
 Mr Gautham Radhakrishnan
 Mr John Sheekey

Mr John Vincent
 Mr Charles Wilson

1991

Mr Ali Ali
 Mrs Anne-Frances Ball (née Foster)
 Mr Ian Ball
 Dr Sophia Bennett (née Pett)
 Mrs Anne Campbell (née Martin)
 Mr Declan Costello
 Mr Doug Davis
 Mr Xabier Echevarria
 Group Captain Andrew Gibbons
 Mr Paul Gooden
 Mrs Emma Gooding (née Butler)
 Dr Nicholas Holliday
 Mrs Claire Horwood (née Broadbent)
 Dr Stacey Lee (née Anderson)
 Dr Alistair Lumb
 Dr Karl Pichler
 Mrs Catherine Shepherd (née Martin)
 Mr Ben Thorpe
 Mr Stephen Tsang Kwong Hong
 Mr Stephen Tunnicliffe Wilson
 Mr Toby Watkin
 Mr Keith Webster
 Dr Ursula Weekes (née Mayr-Harting)
 Dr Sam Williams
 Mr Paul Wuensche

1992

Mr Aaron Armstrong
 Mr Jay Barot
 Mr James Bowden
 Mr Jon Burgess
 Mr James Burton
 Mr James Davis
 Dr Craig Goldsmith
 Mr Jamie Griffith
 Mrs Zanna Hooper (née Storey)
 Professor Matthew Juniper

Mrs Kate Kent (née Aubury)
 Mr Adam Kilgour
 Mr Jonathan Lim
 Mr Rob Mann
 Mrs Tilly Nydes (née Bagshawe)
 Mr Jim Standing
 Dr Graham Stewart
 Mr Tom Stokes
 Dr Joan Tumblety
 Mr Vires Vireswer
 Mr Frank Walden
 Mrs Alison Wedgwood (née Poole)
 Mr Andrew White

1993

Mr Talib Ali
 Mr Daniel Bennett
 Mr Deepak Bhadri
 Mr Matt Bonetti
 Mr Thomas Cairns
 Dr Rudolf Cardinal
 Mr Stefan Crampton
 Mr Jonathan Craven
 Mr Carl Harris
 Mrs Gemma Harrison (née Watts)
 Mr Markus Irngartinger
 Miss Sian Jones
 Mr Adam Knight
 Mr Russell Lethbridge
 Professor Manucha Lisboa
 Mrs Rachel Lord (née Tipping)
 Ms Shiona MacPherson
 Mr Peter Mallin-Jones
 Dr Paul Milligan
 Dr Rob Milner
 Professor Reza Motallebzadeh
 Dr Mark Muller
 Mr Tosin Oguntayo
 Dr Marion Palmer
 Miss Karen Parkes
 The Revd Dr James Saunders

Mr Mark Savage
 Mr Jonty Shipley
 Mr Nicholas Studer
 Mr Gavin Taylor
 Mr Tom Tweddell
 Dr Sam Waddy

1994

Mr Phil Allison
 Mr Jeremy Bassinder
 Professor Steven Brenner
 Mrs Lucy Carver (née Milton)
 Mr Peter Davis
 Mr Methun De
 Dr Thomas Hulme
 Mr Peter Jones
 The late Mr Ian Kegel
 Mrs Libby Knight (née Potter)
 Mr Phil Makinson
 Mr Alex Moir
 Mr James Samworth
 Mr Brian Sivyour
 Miss Elizabeth Sywyj
 Ms Amelia Torode
 Mr Nick Wallum

1995

Mr Jeffrey Baines
 Mrs Jenny Banerjee (née Conran)
 Mr Rob Cadwallader
 Mr Tom Dare
 Dr Graham Davies
 Dr Keith Davies
 Mr Niklas Evans
 Mr Paul Foster
 Mr Malcolm Gates
 Mr Nick Geddes
 Mrs Nikki Geddes (née Brotton)
 Mr Paul Godfrey
 Mr Julian Gould
 Mr Mark Hanley-Browne

Dr Kieren Hollingsworth
 Dr Ross Hutchison
 Ms Ming-Lee Lim
 Mr Alex Massey
 Dr Paula Meth
 Dr Paul Overton
 Mr Matthew Pettifer
 Dr Mark Radon
 Dr Ed Rowe
 Mr Martin Towns
 Professor Roddy Vann
 Mrs Sarah Waring (née Boardman)
 Mr Matthew West
 Mr Graham Wynes

1996

Dr Sibs Anwar
 Mr Justin Atkinson
 Mrs Lizzie Babister (née Rosambeau)
 Miss Caroline Boddy
 Mr Mark Brand
 Mr John Brolly
 Dr Emma Brooker
 Dr Oliver Choroba
 Dr Adèle Cochran (née Langlois)
 Mr Mike Daley
 Mr Christian Forsdyke
 Dr Diana Franco-Montoya
 Mr Soujit Ghosh
 Mr Christopher Godfrey
 Dr Nadia Godin-Heymann (née Godin)
 Dr Ivan Guevara-Bernal
 Mr Timothy Hawkins
 Dr Amy Hill (née Scott)
 Mr Andrew McDonald
 Dr Koye Odutola
 Mr Christopher Perrell
 Dr Nagulan Saravanamuttu
 Ms Gisèle Stephens-Chu (née Stephens)
 Mr Graham Walker

Mrs Clare Wiseman-Clarke (née Hume)
 Mr Choon Wah Wong

1997

Mr Richard Avery
 Mr Andrew Bostock
 Mrs Eleanor Brown (née Davis)
 Mr Ben Corlett
 Mr David Cox
 Dr Samantha De Silva
 Commander David Evans
 Dr Yfke Hager (née Van Bergen)
 Professor Yushi Inaba
 Ms Nabila Jiwaji
 Mr Matthew Jukes
 Mr Ronnie Khan
 Mr Ian Macho
 Mr Philip Moore
 Dr Tom Nielsen
 Mr David Richards
 Dr Petra Scamborova
 Mr Nimar Sehmi
 Mr Sunil Sharma
 Mr Andrew Veitch
 Mrs Rebecca Waldron (née Watkins)

1998

Mr Tom Blathwayt
 Dr Daniel Bor
 Dr Clare Bostock (née Palmer)
 Mr Sebastian Brenner
 Ms Heather Critchlow (née Greig-Smith)
 Mr Will Critchlow
 Mr Luigi De Guzman
 Dr Richard George
 Mr Paul Gurnham
 Mr Simon Leslie
 Mr Christopher Nichols
 Mrs Fiona O'Neill (née Davy)
 Dr Hannah Oram (née Fuller)

Dr Joel Pitkin
Dr Iain Southern

1999

Mrs Anna Ashworth (née Bentley)
Dr Daniel Cooney
Mrs Joanna Cooney (née Barnsley)
Mr James Dee
Mr Johan Duramy
Mr Tom Edwards-Moss
Mr Tim Foster
Miss Emma Gargitter
Dr Richard Gunton
Ms Lindsay Hufton
Ms Sarah Langslow
Mr David Martin
Mr Tom Meyer-Mallorie
Dr Benedict Russell
Mr David Singleton
Mrs Felicity Singleton (née Shaw)
Dr Kathryn Spencer (née Digger)
Mr David Tompson
Mrs Meyrem Tompson (née Hussein)
Ms Rebecca Tree
Mrs Catherine Vallejo Veiga (née Jones)

2000

Mr Rehaan Anjum
Mr King Bhattacharyya
Mr Michael Dudley
Dr Barry Fine
Dr Neryssa Glithero
Mr David Harding
Ms Alice Honeywill (née Coopman)
Mr Ali Kazmi
Mrs Francesca Lane (née Frame)
Mr Gareth Lane
Miss Rachel Lloyd
Dr Rajeev Mathew
Mrs Catherine McDonald (née Robinson)
Mr Angus Murray

Mr Brendan Palmer
Mr George Wallis
Mr Bao Xiao
Dr Denis Zuev

2001

Mr Marc Bale
Mr Benjamin Carton de Wiart
Mr Alan Cunningham
Miss Laura Dix
Mr Tim Froydenlund
Dr Jason George
Dr Debashis Halder
Mr John Hartley
Mr Kenneth Ingram
Mrs Lauren Killian Ning (née Killian)
Mr Yacooob Kurimbokus
Mr Christopher Milton
Mr Stuart Moore
Mrs Megan Morys-Carter (née Morys)
Mrs Roya Motalleb-Zadeh
Mr Gareth Roberts
Miss Christine Schoenzart
Mr Stephen Shorter
Mr Igor Ushkarev
Dr Gerald Weldon
Mr Rob Wiygul

2002

Mr Mike Adams
Mr Alistair Baker
Ms Candida Caldicot-Bull
Mr Will Cartwright-Hignett
Mr Nick Charlwood
Mr Toby Coleman
Mr Mark Colley
Mrs Zip Colley (née Jila)
Dr Fiona Danks
Mr Tom Dye
Mr Andrew Fenn
Mr Matt Fittall

Dr Stuart Fraser
 Ms Lizzie Gibney
 Mr James Greene
 Mr Michael Gun-Why
 Mr Andrew Hicks
 Mr Karim Jetha
 Dr Chris Kelly
 Mr Lennard Lee
 Ms Nadine McCarthy Kahane (née
 McCarthy)
 Mr David Myhill
 Dr Jenny Oates
 Mr Chris Percy
 Mr David Reid
 Ms Felicity Robinson
 Dr Peter Scott
 Miss Isobel Smyth
 Miss Sonja Stoffels
 Mr Ben Tyers
 Dr Liisa van Vliet
 Mr Conrad Williams

2003

Ms Emma Agyemang
 Dr Sam Ahir
 Mr Aseer Akhter
 Mr Tim Angliss
 Mrs Susan Armstrong (née Kendall)
 Mr Matthew Cannon
 Dr Shelley Chapman
 Mr Nirup Chawhan
 Miss Antonia Da Silva Teixeira
 Mrs Emma Dixon (née Jacob)
 Mr Alex Dixon
 Dr Sarah Dry
 Dr Thomas Foley
 Mr Alex Groot
 Mr Chris Hancock
 Mr Mike Horridge
 Miss Allyson Ke
 Mr Greg Lowden

Mrs Emma McMurray (née Woolley)
 Mr Monjur Miah
 Mr Craig Morrison
 Dr Robert Pugh
 Mr Ed Russell
 Mr Andrew Wheatley-Hubbard
 Mr Alex Williamson

2004

Mrs Laura Bispham (née Sturdee)
 Mr Warwick Bloore
 Mr Zunjie Chong
 Mr Mark Curling
 Mr Ed Drage
 Mrs Hannah Drage (née Lane)
 Mr Daniel Fallon
 Mr Ross Flanigan
 Mr Michael Griffiths
 Mr Thomas Griffiths
 Dr Arabella Hunt
 Mr Gareth John
 Mr Jonathan Knight
 Mrs Juliet Knight (née Courtney)
 Dr Myles Lavan
 Mr Duncan Loweth
 Professor Eric Maskin
 Commander Mark Metcalf
 Mr Peter Morton
 Mrs Isabelle Scott (née Käufeler)
 Dr Hilary Stroh (née Larkin)
 Mrs Anne-Marie Wheatley-Hubbard
 (née Brewer)
 Mr Dale Winter

2005

Dr Raina Brands
 Mr Chris Charles
 Dr Jonathan Chia
 Mr Edward de Minckwitz
 Mr Tom Dearing
 Mr James Diggle

Mr Jamie Douglas
 Mr Sam Furness
 Mrs Almaz Ismayilova (née Ahmadova-
 Ismayilov)
 The Revd Thomas James
 Mr Rishi Khagram
 Mr James Martin
 Mr Khash Mohajerani
 Mr David Sheard
 Mrs Manon Sheard (née Hughes)
 Miss Angharad Thomas
 Dr Blaise Thomson
 Ms Charlotte Wheeler-Booth
 Dr Kyle Williams
 Mr David Wood

2006

Mr Yasir Dahir Alihassan
 Dr Daniel Andrews
 Mr Theodore Birks
 Miss Clare Briscoe
 Mrs Carol Charles (née Evans)
 Mr Tom Chigbo
 Dr Alice Eldred
 Mr Will Gray
 Dr Daniel Guetta
 Mr Aled Jones
 Mr David Lewis
 Mr Kan Lu
 Mr Jacky Luk
 Mr Richard Lum
 Mr Charles Marshall
 Mr Duncan McCombe
 Ms Michaela Merlin-Jones (née Bacon)
 Mr David Nissenbaum
 Mr Vishnu Parameshwaran
 Dr James Park
 Miss Victoria Raymond
 Mr Pavel Spirine
 Mr Alex Tatton-Brown
 Mrs Rebecca Tatton-Brown (née Nelson)

Dr Belen Tejada Romero
 Ms Sarah Turner

2007

Mr Ben Baker
 Miss Sarah Beament
 Mr Rob Bell
 Mr Jonathan Beresford
 Mr George Dyesmith
 Mrs Hannah Dyesmith (née Smith)
 Mr Peter Hughes
 Dr Morgan Macleod
 Miss Claire Mason
 Dr Polly Mitchell
 Dr Cristina Pierro
 Dr Ian Ralby
 Dr David Reindorp
 Dr Linus Schumacher
 Mr Bradley Smith
 Mr Alexander Torrens
 Mrs Claire Torrens (née Bush)
 Mr Adam Wawrzynski
 Mr Andrew Wheelhouse
 Mr Franky Williams
 Ms Ingrid Zhang

2008

Dr Nicki Baker-Campbell (née Humphry-
 Baker)
 Mr James Bown
 Mr John Challenger
 Mr Dominic Collingwood
 Dr Kirk Ellison
 Dr Robert Emberson
 Dr Asger Jakobsen
 Dr Sahil Kirpekar
 Dr Simon Lock
 Ms Hermione Mackay
 Dr Basil McDonald
 Ms Alice Meredith
 Ms Mirina Paananen

Mr James Robinson
 Mr Mat Thomas
 Mr Matthew Turner
 Miss Simone Wetherall
 Mr Oliver Withers

2009

Mr Lewis Cannon
 Mr Waheed Chaudhrey
 Mrs Jenny Couldridge (née Green)
 Mrs Sarah Ellison
 The Revd Dr Alun Ford
 Mr Tom Harrison
 Mr George Hunter
 Mr Philipp Legner
 Mr Huw Leslie
 Mr Zhuo Min Lim
 Dr Jess Matthews
 Mr Julian Parmar
 Ms Anisha Polson
 Mr Matt Stawarz
 Miss Laura Thomas (née Gibson)
 Mr Alexander Young

2010

Mr Tom Blackie
 Miss Alexandra Bright
 Mr Sam Cockton
 Dr Darya Deen
 Mr Charlie Emerton
 Miss Heather Farmer
 Dr Wilf Genest
 Mrs Flick Goodlet (née Osborn)
 Mr Fergus Hamilton
 Mr Aaron Helfand
 Dr Mekhola Hoff (née Mallik)
 Mr Justin Holt
 Mrs Laura Hunter (née Grossick)
 Mr Husein Meghji
 Mr Chris Montague-Jones
 Mr Sam Oladeinde

Mr Moss Pepe
 Miss Fleur Siswick
 Mr Thom Sutcliffe
 Mr Owen Waugh
 Mr Paul Young

2011

Mr Justin Albstein
 Mr Thomas Bumberger
 Mr Patrick Calvert
 Mr Andy Chen
 Mr Alex Donger
 Mr Daniel Forde
 Ms Lisa Furtwängler (née Burda)
 Dr Alex Garton-Eisenacher
 Dr Michael Ha
 Mr Reece Harrison
 Mr Jonathan Horne
 Captain Tim Hulme
 Mr Matthew Huxtable
 Mr Max Jenkins
 Dr Tim Jones
 Miss Cris Navarro Sanchis
 Mr Malte Poppensieker
 Miss Kate Richmond
 Mr Bhupinder Sachdev
 Mr Max Thompson
 Mr Arvin Vaghela
 Mr Chris Wheelhouse
 Miss Sarah Wood

2012

Ms Susan Abbott
 Mr Quintin Beer
 Dr Deborah Brown
 Dr James Devine-Stoneman
 Mr James Forsythe
 Ms Jessica Hinton (née Gorman)
 Mr Joshua Hinton
 Dr Benjamin Lin
 Dr Moritz Matthey

Mr Hamish McLaren
 Mr Joshua Mustill
 Mr Florian Schnurr
 Miss Amy Spruce
 Mr Sam Thompson
 Mr Zhao Wang
 Dr Tengyao Wang

2013

Dr Liliana Antunes
 Mr Baba Bob-Soile
 Dr Rosannah Cormack
 Mr Thomas Cowie
 Miss Lydia Hudson
 Miss Jasmine John
 Mr David Jones
 Mr Matthew Kennedy
 Mr Richard Ladley
 Professor Gavin Low
 Dr Varun Nadkarni
 Mrs Sarah Parnell
 Mr Thomas Saunders
 Mr Alek Sinha
 Mr Sam Tarver

2014

Mr James Alvey
 Mr William Ashford
 Revd Fr Dan Burton
 Dr Luke Cash
 Mr Charlie Fisher
 Mr Jack Fulcher
 Mr Jacob Heath
 Mr Dom Holloway
 Mr Paul Myatt
 Dr Charlotte Palmer
 Dr Hayk Saribekyan
 Dr Anna Savoie
 Mr Charlie Selway
 Miss Nora Topor-Kalinskij (née Kalinskij)
 Mr Silviu Ungureanu

Mr Harvey Uy
 Mr Sam Watts

2015

Mr Alex Aits
 Dr Helen Alderson-Lorey (née Alderson)
 Mr Robert Blyth
 Mr Mark Deng
 Mr William Drake
 Miss Skye Fletcher
 Frau Sarah Garton-Eisenacher (née Eisenacher)
 Mr Alexander Johnstone
 Mr Joe Miles
 Miss Kelsey Miller
 Mr Shoaib Omar
 Mr Jack Payne

2016

Mr Levente Bodnar
 Mr Rory Craig
 Mr Siyang Fu
 Mr Ben Jones

2017

Miss Amy Bottomley
 Mr Nordin Catic
 Miss Nancy Ni

2018

Ms Teresa Augustin
 Mr Connor Bennett
 Miss Amy Bigwood
 Mr Zac Bischoff
 Mr Ben Craig
 Mr Felix Davison
 Miss Daisy Gemmel
 Mr James Hogge
 The Revd Sion Hughes Carew
 Mr Nicholas Janisch
 Ms Thea Krumins

Miss Sophie McInerney
 Miss Isobel McIntyre
 Mr Richard Parsons
 Mr Sebastian Venter
 Mr Tom Walton

2019

Mr Simon Alliston
 Mr Jack Burt
 Mr Tom Clark
 Miss Natalia Dziadosz
 Miss Annette Elmes
 Miss Sophie Evans
 Miss Charlotte Faulkner
 Mr James Gibbon
 Mr Daniel Golec
 Miss Ellery Gopaoco
 Mr Felix Haynes
 Mr Danny Kalorkoti
 Mr Levente Kovács
 Miss Karolina Krupa
 Mr Yao-Chih Kuo
 Mr Hugo Lloyd Williams
 Mr Nikolai Madland Shorter
 Miss Milena Malcharek
 Miss Erin McMurchie
 Mr Luke Mockler
 Mr Edvin Morell
 Mr James Morris
 Mr Alexei Newton
 Miss Anna Maria Papameletiou
 Mr Sergiu Petrusca
 Mr Will Pocock
 Miss Tara Ramsay-Patel
 Miss Jasmine Regan Feldman
 Mr Koji Shukawa
 Miss Emily Smith
 Mr Joshua Soane
 Mr Phil Sosnin
 Mr Max Thomas
 Mx Lily Tyback

Mr Rahat Uddin
 Mr Jonathan Whitesman
 Miss Billie Williams
 Mr Jakub Wornbard
 Mr William Wright
 Mr Lawrence Wu
 Miss Ziqing Zhang

2020

Miss Alice Abrams
 Miss Sarah Adegbite
 Miss Maddie Angwin
 Mr Evan Ball
 Miss Mariam Bihnam
 Mr Declan Boyd
 Mr James Bridson
 Miss Amy Burbanks
 Miss Aditi Chandana
 Mr Ben Conway
 Mr Rupert Gardiner
 Mr Teodor Grama
 Mr Arefin Haque
 Ms Melany Henot
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The quatercentenary of the Old Library

In 2024 the College will mark the quatercentenary of the Old Library. In this article Special Collections Librarian Kathryn McKee explores the history of the building and its collections.



The Upper Library

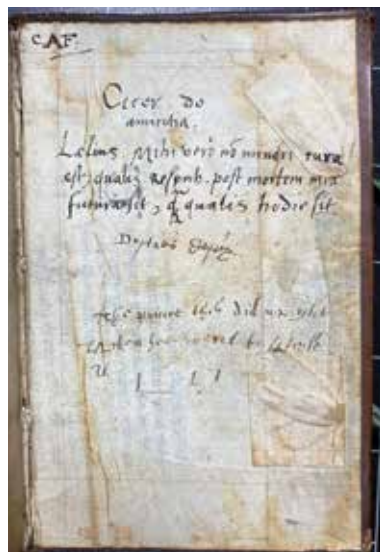
If you glance up at the Old Library as you cross the Bridge of Sighs, you will see in large stone characters the letters ILCS and the date 1624. In the coming year we will mark 400 years since this library was built. The College had, of course, had a library since its beginnings. Situated in First Court, on the first floor overlooking St John's Street, it was a 'chained library'. Books were so valuable that they were literally chained to the shelves, to be consulted in situ. By the early

seventeenth century, it contained several hundred volumes.

Then the College was offered a superb gift: Henry Wriothesley (1585), third Earl of Southampton and patron of Shakespeare, undertook to purchase the collections of his friend and fellow Johnian, William Crashaw (1588), to present to their alma mater. This amounted to 1000 early printed books and nearly 200 medieval manuscripts, raising the

question of where to put them. A new library was required, so St John's did what colleges have ever done, and appealed to its alumni for donations to enable them to build. 'ILCS' (Iohannes Lincolniensis Custos Sigilli), John of Lincoln (1598), Lord Keeper of the Seal, responded magnificently to the appeal, giving a huge cash donation together with thoughts on the design of the building. Large gothic windows provided good light for reading at the lectern-topped, dwarf bookcases, which stood between taller cases, all carved in oak by local carpenter Henry Man. The Library was built on a grand scale, reflecting the conviction that a centre of learning should have books at its heart. By the early seventeenth century, printing presses had sprung up across Europe, turning out publications at an ever-increasing rate.

When the Library first opened its doors to readers, the College possessed around 2000 volumes in total (the existing collection plus Crashaw's books). Johnians were asked to help fill this new 'treasure chest' and they responded with enthusiastic generosity. While the collections certainly covered the curriculum of the time, strong in classics, theology and mathematics, there was always far more besides. The subject matter reflected the scholarly and leisure interests of educated society: an eclectic mix of 'gentlemen's libraries' rather than a strictly academic collection. From medicine to magic, literature to law, Johnians really were interested in just about everything. In 1740 the dwarf bookcases had to be raised to accommodate more books, thus losing their utility as standing desks for anyone under



A quotation in Latin from Cicero's 'De Amicitia' in the hand of the young Edward VI. The note in English below it reads, 'The prince this did write when hee went to schole'



A stamped monogram on one of William Crashaw's books, originally stamped in silver


eight foot tall. By 1858 the room was so full that a spiral staircase was put in, and the Library started colonising the area downstairs, formerly divided into scholars' sets.



An annotated volume once owned by John Dee. There are annotations in two hands on this page, one of which is Dee's.

In 1994 a magnificent new undergraduate library opened in Chapel Court, and the Lower Library became home to the College's special collections. The Upper Library now holds over 30,000 rare books, mostly printed in the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries. Comprising as it does the assembled collections of so many Johnians over that period, the interest of many of the books to current scholars is not so much in their content, as in what they can tell us about their former owners. Those that came from private hands are filled with the annotations and ownership inscriptions of their previous owners, many of whom were the movers and shakers of their day: pioneering thinkers in their field, key figures in church and

state, scholars who made a difference to our understanding of the world. Our books tell the stories of those who read them and owned them, and put their own particular mark on them. Their material history sheds light upon a wider picture too, revealing the stories of the publishers, the binders, the illustrators, the paper-makers, the book trade across Europe, and circulation of titles and ideas.

If you want to read a seventeenth-century text, there will almost certainly be a digitised copy online, but our volumes offer far more than just the printed words. Our medieval manuscripts are, of course, unique and irreplaceable, of immense value to the scholarly community, but so are many of the printed texts. To read a book in which the young Edward VI made notes, which later passed to his half-sister Elizabeth I by way of the martyrologist John Foxe, brings history to life with extraordinary immediacy: the hands that have held that book! Small wonder that researchers come from around the world to consult our books. They are also used by Cambridge academics in teaching, by our students for dissertations, and in educational sessions, outreach and public exhibitions. After 400 years the books in this Library remain a working collection, here to be studied and read. 

A display on the history of the Old Library, together with a selection of highlights from its collections, will be on show in the Library Exhibition Area during the Lent term 2024.

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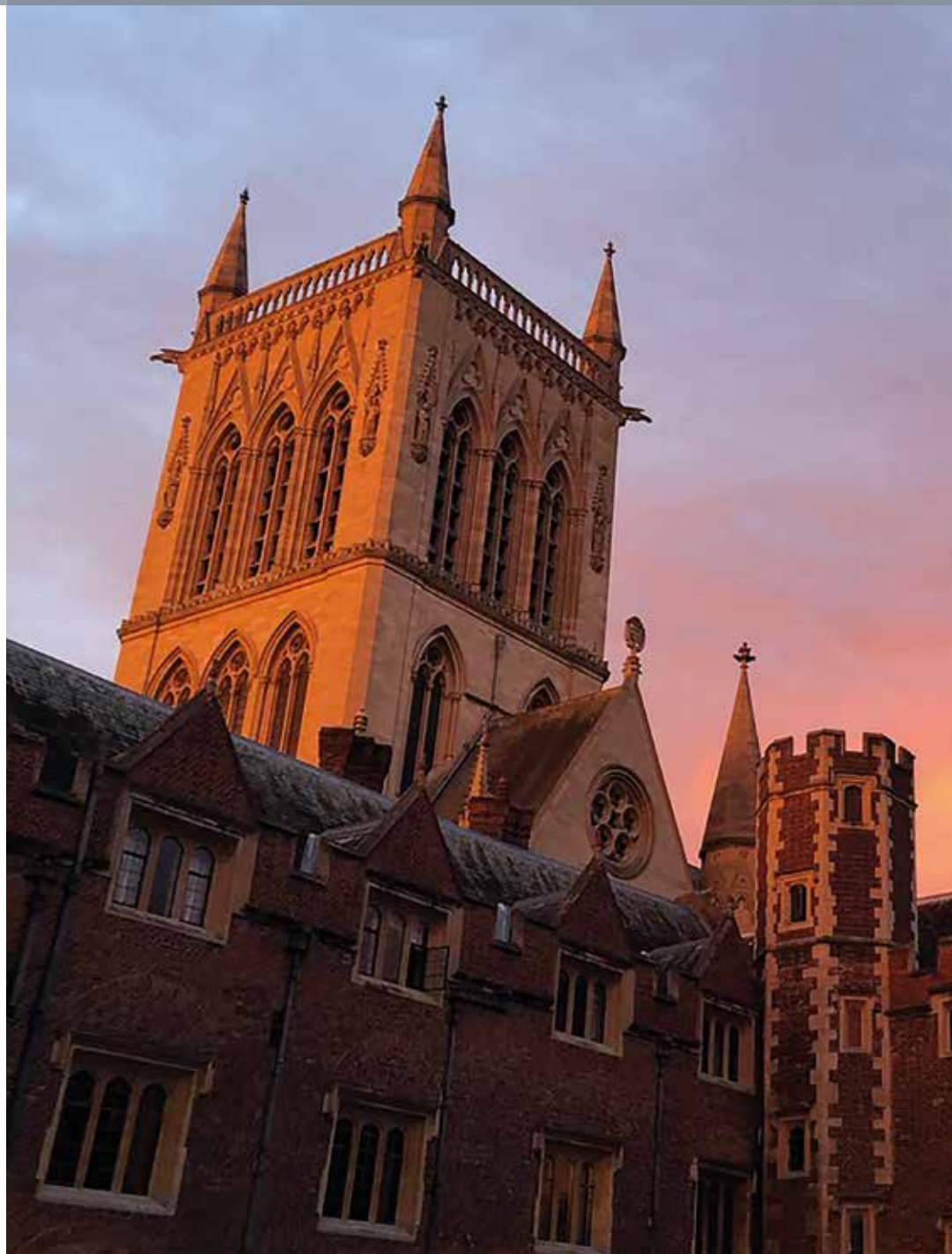
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Photo: Sunset over the Chapel
Credit: Dr David Williams (1982)



Going for green

Benjamin Herring (2021), who is just about to begin his third year studying History and Politics, is the JCR Environmental and Charitable Affairs Officer. Here he discusses some of the green initiatives running in College and gives a student perspective on efforts to improve energy efficiency at St John's.



My role this year on the JCR Committee has opened my eyes to the work going on across College in relation to energy efficiency and green initiatives. As an old and wealthy institution, it is important that we evolve to meet best practice so that we can sustain ourselves and the planet for the next generation. My initial priority was understanding and getting involved with what the College already does in relation to energy and green initiatives. During the

hustle and bustle of a Cambridge term, it can be quite difficult to open one's mind further to engage in the energy efficiency of your college. It is something that you can only really learn about should you take the time to investigate, and to do this you need to be asking the right questions of the right people. My ambition for my role was to understand what the College was doing to best identify where improvements could be made in terms of efficiency.

When considering the environmental footprint of our College, efforts by the JCR were never going to be able to go far enough alone, and therefore it was imperative that the SBR, staff and Fellows could all co-operate to make small, habitual changes for the betterment of our green efforts.

It feels sensible to discuss the College's completed projects before turning to those planned for the future. In Michaelmas 2022 we organised a clothes swap led by Professor Jane Heal (1986) and Clara Manco (2018). This event exemplified what can be achieved when JCR, SBR, Fellows and staff all come together to reduce waste and give items a new home. The event was a roaring success and I have every hope that we can organise more events of this type in the future.

In Easter term there was a biodiversity day celebrating nature and biodiversity at St John's. This event was first held during the limiting time of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it was expanded this year. The purpose of this type of event is to highlight the green offering of the College but also to help build the green culture itself within the Johnian community. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with the gardening team and the green spaces in the College. It is my hope that this community culture could be expanded to focus on energy usage more widely, and that members of College can see the rationale behind, and impact of, the College's energy policy.

All Cambridge colleges are signed up to an energy consortium to collectively negotiate energy contracts and have sought to secure


renewable energy. Weather-dependent, 100% of St John's College's electricity supply comes from UK solar and hydro farms, with more than 80% of this coming from solar farms fewer than twenty miles from Cambridge. Of course, if there is no sun or wind, the energy comes from the grid and we purchase credits equivalent to the same amount of renewable energy. As a student it is great to see that the College is committed to renewable sources of energy, and it is important that this continues beyond the current contract.

The challenge for all colleges, including St John's, is tackling the use of gas as a source of energy. For the year 2021/22 the colleges' energy usage was 26% electricity and 74% gas. St John's itself spends approximately £882,000 on gas annually for the 12.6-gigawatt hours it uses. St John's has made steps in this area by taking part in a joint water source heat pump study, alongside Darwin, Queens', King's, Trinity and Trinity Hall, to see if the River Cam could provide a source of heat for their college estates. It is this sort of cross-college collaboration that will likely yield the best results and reinforces the concept of seeking best practice, which is essential to sustainability improvements. St John's has also internally concluded that the replacement of gas boilers with a series of heat pumps would cut the College's carbon emissions by about 55%. The College has commissioned two air source heat pumps to power two of the Cripps staircases, smart controls will be added to manage energy in Cripps, and further heat pumps will be used to power the houses on

St John's Road. If these trials are successful, it is hoped that heat pumps can be used to heat the buildings on the main estate and the hostels.

Students also have the power to make positive changes in this area, but they can simultaneously impede this progress as other distractions, such as busy schedules, deadlines and extra-curricular commitments, can mean that these 'green' issues fade into obscurity. It is the challenge of the 'Green Officer' to reach students and make the events and initiatives known. My hope is that over my tenure, and that of future officers, we can make progress to keep environmentally conscious decision-making built into students' lives. I hope that we can develop the infrastructure, best practice and habits to ensure that the Johnian community continues to do its part in the face of climate change.

It falls on individuals to get into good habits such as switching off lights and turning down radiators; though small, reductions in consumption of this scale do help. Meanwhile, it falls on the JCR, SBR and the wider College to ensure that the energy the students are using is renewable and sustainable and that it is used efficiently.




Both the JCR and SBR have designated Environmental Officers, allowing specific focus to be paid to environmental concerns. Having this link to the student body is crucial in raising awareness across College. We use every mode of communication available, including emails, posters, newsletters and social media in an attempt to reach as many students as possible. The JCR and SBR officers also seek to make themselves as available as possible via email or through attendance at open meetings. It can be a very lonely and frustrating role sometimes, pushing the same messages knowing that everyone here is so busy. But for me part of the motivation is that if I can reach a few more people each time then we stand a good chance of building a more sustainable college. 





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