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*The Great Gate*

*Photograph by Rebecca Pitcaithly*

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*Spring flowers in Second Court*

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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# COLLEGE NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE MASTER

At the end of June, I had the great pleasure of admitting our graduating students to their degrees. These students arrived in October 2016, when I myself was a Fresher at the College, having arrived a month earlier, and it has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence since I first met them at lunch in the Master's Lodge in their first term here.

In this edition of the *Magazine*, the Senior Tutor writes about the successes of our students academically. This year, as last year, the College is top of the Tompkins Table, and the students, their supervisors and their tutors are to be warmly congratulated on their excellent work.

Our students work hard and they play hard too. Our Choir is exceptional (and currently bringing their talents to audiences in Singapore and New Zealand during this year's tour), and we have many talented musicians, actors, journalists, and sportsmen and women. And so the list goes on... We also have exceptional Fellows who are committed to identifying talent and potential during the admissions process, and to providing the teaching and support our students need to thrive once here. We are delighted that four of our Fellows have received promotions, with Dr Carrie Vout (Classics) and Dr Duncan Bell (Politics and International Studies), both promoted to Professor, and Dr Dominic De Cogan (Law) and Dr Sophie Read (English) promoted to Senior Lectureships.



*The Master after  
Degree Congregation*

Sophie has been chairing our working group to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women during this past academic year. Activities have included: an Inspirational Women's Dinner in January, when current students (both men and women) were encouraged to invite a woman who had inspired them; support for the Female Composers Festival (founded by two of our students to address the imbalance in the choral music scene); and a portrait competition themed on re-imagining Lady Margaret— the results of which have been displayed around the Hall this year, alongside more traditional portraits of our Foundress. In July, we marked the occasion with a wonderful event in College for alumnae, including some of our first female matriculants.



*The Master in  
Third Court*

Many accolades were bestowed on Christ's men and women this year including a KBE for David Klenerman (Fellow) in the New Year Honours, and the promotions mentioned above. In the year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women to Christ's, I was particularly pleased to be able to write and congratulate Jackie Alway (m. 1984) on her OBE for Services to Music in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

We have also elected new Honorary Fellows. Professor Tanya Luhrmann first came to Christ's as a Research Fellow in 1985, the first Junior Research Fellow in Social Anthropology. She is currently the Watkins University Professor in the Anthropology Department at Stanford University. Mr Swee Keat Heng matriculated at Christ's in 1980 to read Economics. He has subsequently had an illustrious career in the Singapore Government, serving as Finance Minister, and appointed as Deputy Prime Minister in May this year. You can read more about both of them in the New Senior Members section of this *Magazine*.

Although the academic year is ending, life in College is not quietening down. The graduate students (of which there are nowadays more than 200) are in Cambridge throughout the summer, of course, but Christ's also becomes a hive of activity in other ways. We open the College to B&B guests, and to conferences to generate an important income stream during the vacations. We also take the opportunity to refurbish and upgrade our facilities. The main building work to take place over the summer is the re-roofing and upgrading of part of First Court, as well as the refurbishment of Y to improve the facilities for students. Work to create a new graduate student hostel (Hamied Villa) is well underway – the latest in a series of generous gifts from Yusuf and Farida Hamied to help us bring more of the graduate students into accommodation on or near the College site – thus enhancing their opportunities to engage and connect with each other, and with the College.

Engaging and connecting is enormously important, and it is what makes this community of Christ's Fellows, staff, students, and alumni, so special. We are grateful to you all for continuing to engage and connect with us. Please keep doing so!

*Jane Stapleton*

## BURSAR'S UPDATE



David Ball

I am pleased to report that the College has had another busy and successful year. As you will read elsewhere in the *Magazine*, our undergraduates again achieved outstanding examination results. Our staff took pride in these achievements: they work throughout the year to provide a supportive environment in the College, which is both welcoming and conducive to academic endeavours.

We have commenced in 2019 the first phase of a major refurbishment of First Court, including replacement of deteriorating roofs. Over the summer there has also been substantial updating in Y Staircase (Third Court), and the normal programme of redecoration and replacement of furnishings elsewhere. A further postgraduate hostel very near the College has been acquired and refurbished during the year. We are now awaiting the outcome of a planning appeal on a proposal to construct further student accommodation on the College site, adjacent to King Street. The College remains reliant upon and very grateful for the generous support of Alumni to support these improvements to the College's accommodation.

Over the summer, when many of our students are away from Cambridge, there is an active commercial programme to make profitable use of the vacated buildings. We expect in 2019 to exceed previous revenues, without however displacing any of the continuing College activities such as Admissions and Widening Participation events. This commercial activity is also of course planned around the need to use the summer break for the required maintenance works around the College.

The College site is naturally busy during the summer, as we welcome many members of the public visiting the grounds alongside our summer school and conference guests and the building contractors on site. This summer, however, one resident (pictured below) was notably undisturbed by these comings and goings and was frequently to be seen on the lawns of the impressively reshaped garden in Third Court.

The College's underlying 'operational' financial performance deteriorated slightly in 2018–19: income from fees and rents was little changed, while expenses unavoidably grew. Fees for UK and EU undergraduates (which account for over half of our total fee income) are 'capped' by Government, and have not increased significantly for some time. There is also continuing uncertainty about the future of UK students' fees, and how any future reductions may be offset by other payments. We do not generate any financial surplus from our core operations, which could for example fund building improvements and additional student aid. The full accounts will be available as usual on the College website in October.

From an investment perspective, the last year has been satisfactory overall, despite volatile markets in the second half of 2018 and again in the summer of 2019. We saw a second year of lower but still positive returns, after three very good years between 2014 and 2017. We estimate that our annualised total return over the last five years remained above 10% pa, from a well diversified portfolio. We sold one commercial property holding at a good price, but capital values in this area were generally flat, although rents and occupancy levels have held up. Our previously contracted land sales for housebuilding are proceeding as planned. Clearly there



are substantial global uncertainties as I write and we are therefore planning on the assumption of lower investment returns going forward.

An important theme across all the College's activities has been our continued focus on increasing sustainability and in particular playing our part in reducing carbon emissions. The College has participated for some years in the Government's CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (formerly known as the 'Carbon Reduction Commitment'), including the purchase of carbon allowances, although this specific scheme is now coming to an end. We commissioned further work this year on opportunities for on-site renewable energy sources, and will pursue the recommendations. We have installed our first air source heat pump in a hostel, and we are also examining the potential for ground source heat pumps on the main College site. There is some limited scope for solar power generation, although this will be subject to obtaining planning consents. Turning to the College's investments, I consider that all our 'active' investment managers have integrated environmental, social and governance considerations into their investment processes. (Our main provider of 'indexed' products, which track individual stock markets, is also very active in engaging with listed companies on these issues.) There has been increasing evidence in recent years of our 'generalist' managers finding good opportunities to invest in sustainable businesses which offer attractive investment returns. I visited this year, for example, a well established UK waste to energy business in which the College had recently acquired a small interest through a third party fund. I was impressed both by the evident environmental commitment and awareness of the facility's operational management and by the further opportunities which they see to expand their operations profitably. There was extensive discussion in College during 2018 about divestment from holdings in fossil fuel producers, which many College members would support. The College's trustees, the College Council, decided at the end of 2018 not to implement this policy at present, but agreed to keep the issue under continuing review. Meanwhile, they have continued to encourage investment in funds specifically focused on sustainability, and I am pleased to report that our specialist public equities manager in this area has achieved excellent results. We have also invested in private equity funds which seek to achieve both strong investment results (which are clearly essential for the College) and positive social outcomes, measured for example in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals sponsored by the United Nations. This style of investing does appear to generate differentiated investment insights, and to warrant a place in a diversified portfolio.

*David Ball*



*The fox: unofficial  
College resident*

## LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR



Robert Hunt

It's the end of another wonderful year at Christ's.

Let me start, as usual, with our examination performance, which has once again been superlative. The proportion of final-year students receiving a II.1 or higher (a 'good degree' in the words of the media) this year was 94%, slightly down on last year's 96%. But the proportion of first-class final-year results was a magnificent 51% – compared to 43% last year (which I described then as "easily our best ever") and the previous year's 35%. This is a stunning result, and I am proud of all our students for their achievements. To be able to

say that over half of our finalists obtained a first class is just the icing on the cake.

As I always mention, these outstanding results must be considered relative to other Colleges, to reassure ourselves that they are not just a result of sector-wide grade inflation. I'm delighted to say that we have, like last year, been placed first in the league table above all other Cambridge colleges.

This year we have been celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women to Christ's, with a series of events some of which are described on pages 63–69. Notably, the Hall has been transformed with a temporary exhibition of portraits. All our distinguished male alumni have had to make way for one year to provide space for many portraits, prints and engravings of our Foundress, both ancient and modern. When I have spoken to current undergraduates about the anniversary, they have been unable to imagine the idea that just 41 years ago there were no female students at all at the College, nor could they understand the attitudes that had kept it that way for so long.

One final, related point about exam results before I move on. Our female students, especially, have had a particularly successful year: 40% of them (counting all years now, not just finalists) obtained a first, and 52% a II.1. I would like to be able to say that in fact they have set a record by producing the best set of results for female students, at *any* undergraduate Cambridge College, *ever*. Unfortunately that isn't quite true, because there was in 1979 a College that had a higher proportion of female firsts – and that College was Christ's, with 50% firsts. Specifically, *one* of our then *two* female students got a first. Anyway, what I can say with certainty is that female students have never done better in Cambridge than at Christ's.

General Admission this year (graduation day) was a special affair because the Great Gate had its new and very vibrant coat of paint. (If you haven't seen it in all its gleaming glory, do take a look. It certainly turns heads on St Andrew's Street.) The sight of our graduands processing to the Senate House under its brilliant heraldic display was eye-catching, or so I am told (since I was otherwise occupied at the time, helping our Praelector to lead the phalanx of graduands).

There were several initiatives during Easter Term this year to give students a regular break from their revision schedule. The College Library had daily refreshment breaks, the swimming pool was very popular, and CCMS (the Music Society) ran a series of weekly fun recitals with squash and biscuits. (The final recital of term replaced the squash with Pimm's.) I personally hosted afternoon teas (cakes, savoury snacks and soft drinks) around the pool every Thursday and



*Senior Tutor's  
afternoon tea  
by the pool*

thoroughly enjoyed speaking to students about anything other than exams, to take their minds off essays and problem-solving! Very English.

This has not been a vintage year for our College sports teams in terms of wins, but there has certainly been a lot of enthusiasm! 'Taking part' has been more important than winning, and we look forward to all that enthusiasm turning into success next year. Instead, this has been the year of the *individual*, with remarkable achievements made by many of our sportsmen and women. Most notable are our four rowers in the Boat Race – two in the Women's Blue Boat, one in Goldie, and one in Blondie – who had a fantastic and historic clean sweep. And we have had Blues in many sports, from artistic gymnastics to sailing.

Last year I reported on the strikes held by University staff in Lent Term 2018. There were, fortunately, no strikes during *this* academic year, but there is a real chance that discontent will rise again in the coming year over both basic pay and pensions. The situation is further complicated by huge uncertainty about the financial strength of the higher education sector at the moment. The Government commissioned the Augar Report (the *Review of Post-18 Education and Funding*, published in May 2019) which has recommended a reduction in tuition fees for UK students from £9,250 to £7,500. This would, of course, be excellent news for students, whose debts on graduation would be lower. But the Augar Report also recommended that this reduction be offset by increased central Government funding. If political pressures mean that in fact fees are reduced without any consequent increase in Government funding, university finances will be squeezed further and the sector may find it even harder to make significant national pay awards, leading to further industrial action. Cambridge has little scope for unilateral pay bargaining to stop lecturers striking, because it works alongside much poorer institutions as part of the national negotiations.

On the other hand, the Government seems at present to have little time even to consider the Augar Report's recommendations, let alone act on them. In my own opinion, the Report's emphasis on the need for higher Government spending on *Further Education* and Apprenticeships, and higher esteem for those educational routes, is even more important than its recommendations about Higher Education.

On a related front, the University is undertaking a thorough review of the bursary and hardship funding that it provides to students from low-income families or who are otherwise in straightened financial circumstances. I have personally been playing a central role in this on several committees, wearing both my College hat and also another of my hats as Secretary of the University's central hardship funds for undergraduates. I'm pleased to be able to report that Christ's is well ahead of the pack on this front (as on so many). Our bursary provision for undergraduate students is second-to-none amongst Cambridge Colleges, thanks to the efforts of our generous donors; our bursary provision for graduate students is beginning to catch up; and our hardship support for students who run into unexpected difficulties is excellent. We intend, of course, to remain at the forefront of any Cambridge-wide developments on bursaries and hardship, just as we do on pastoral support, counselling, and so on.

The JCR and MCR have, as usual, been active in raising their issues of concern with me and with the College. This year's primary topics have been: the provision of study spaces in College; fossil fuel divestment in the College endowments; ensuring that the College pays its lowest-paid workers fairly; redecoration of the JCR, MCR and Buttery; entertainment at student parties in the Fellows' Garden (with particular reference to bouncy castles and amplified music in May Week); the quantity and quality of student accommodation; and picnics in the Garden. All of these discussions with the JCR and MCR have been productive and yes, I did allow their entertainments in May Week, including the bouncy castle, in recognition of the fact that it wasn't a May Ball year.

The provision of accommodation for graduate students continues to be one of our most pressing and difficult issues, so I am thrilled with our newest hostel, the delightfully named Hamied Villa in Victoria Street. It is an imposing Victorian townhouse, just a few minutes' walk from College, and fits perfectly with our strategy of bolstering our accommodation portfolio solely through properties close to the main College site, unlike some other Colleges whose strategy involves large developments at great distances. It will be available for students to occupy this October.

In conclusion, 2018–19 has been a year full of developments and wonderful results. I am proud to have so many wonderful students under my wings.

*Robert Hunt*

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS



*Christ's Access abroad: Dr Emily Tomlinson with Mateusz Brzozowski (m. 2018) at the Project Access event in Poland, June 2019*

2018–19 has been another challenging year for undergraduate admissions. While the level of access to Cambridge enjoyed by different social groups has been the subject of considerable discussion and debate across the media for decades, the intensity of that discussion is perhaps greater now than it ever has been. Access is also the subject of considerable governmental pressure, with the University's capacity to levy undergraduate fees allied to its progress towards agreed targets for widening participation, and considerable political pressure, in a broader sense, from campaigners and commentators concerned to expose the under-representation of specific demographics.

Often, that pressure is strategically exerted at key moments during the undergraduate admissions cycle: in 2018, a Sutton Trust study indicating that independent school pupils were seven times more likely to secure a place at Oxbridge than those at non-selective state schools appeared in interview week, and in 2017, the MP David Lammy released Freedom of Information data revealing the low numbers of black British students at Oxford and Cambridge colleges in the week of the Oxbridge application deadline. It also comes to bear when the Cambridge colleges, collectively, review their performance against the targets for the admission of students from particular school types and postcodes during offer-making week and again in August, when all places are finally confirmed.

At the same time, the broader issues that I outlined in 2017 continue to loom large over the admissions landscape. The move to linear A-levels in England has produced significant volatility in results, and many underfunded state schools have struggled to implement new syllabuses at short notice, and/or to predict outcomes for their students with the accuracy that was possible under the old modular system. Cambridge is still piloting a range of pre-interview assessments, and while these are evidently yielding helpful information about applicants' potential in some subjects, the jury is still out in others. The fee status of students who are resident in the EU



has been a matter of ongoing uncertainty, and we are seeing increasing numbers of students who are resident in the UK finding that they do not qualify for 'Home' fees (or fee loans). Political turbulence and constraints on post-study visas have worried students who are resident outside the EU, and the paucity of scholarships available in Cambridge relative to competitors in the US means that we are losing more international offer-holders to the Ivy League. The recent rise of unconditional offers at other UK universities has started to trigger withdrawals from some of our less confident British applicants, as well.

Against this backdrop of often competing priorities and concerns, Christ's has again tried to steer a fair pathway through admissions. Our primary criteria in choosing undergraduates remain academic ability and potential: we continue to look for the brightest and best students, irrespective of social, cultural, religious, educational and financial background. And while we do consider contextual factors when drawing up College offer lists – particularly when candidates are clearly outperforming their school or regional context – one of our key strategies for boosting our intake from the most under-represented groups comes into play only post-offer. That strategy lies, quite simply, in minimising attrition. Across the University, a mere one in three offer-holders from a Low Participation Neighbourhood meets the conditions of their offer. Our aim, at Christ's, is to ensure that the success rate is much higher. In 2017–18, we piloted a mentoring scheme for offer-holders with contextual 'flags', in conjunction with the charity Project Access, and are running it again this year, after pleasing outcomes last August. Next year, we plan to increase the support we provide for students whose offers include grades in one or more STEP Mathematics examinations, and I am hopeful that some of the 2020 cohort may also benefit from a pre-matriculation 'bridging course'.

At the same time, more conventional outreach activities – intended to reach students before they apply – have gathered pace. We continue to work with the charity IntoUniversity to help young Londoners realise their academic ambitions, and with our consortium of school partners in Hereford to deliver the HE Plus curriculum enrichment programme, and have set up a second consortium



*Dr Emily Tomlinson  
with students at a  
Christ's Open Day  
in April 2019*

in Worcester. We run ‘taster days’ in English, History, and Biological Natural Sciences, themed around eminent alumni of the College, and will soon be adding Economics to the portfolio. We run cross-disciplinary residentials for students from Low Participation Neighbourhoods and from schools in difficult circumstances that are working with the charity Teach First, supplementing such events with evening ‘webinars’ through the year. We run a residential for prospective female mathematicians and advice clinics for students who have done better than expected in their A-levels. We host groups from dozens of schools and from organisations such as Target Oxbridge, and interact with hundreds of prospective applicants, from all walks of life, on school visits and via the social media platform The Student Room.

We retain a close interest in student-run access initiatives, both in the UK and elsewhere in the world. Among those we have assisted this year are Inside Uni (an online outreach platform), Maths Beyond Limits (a STEP preparation bootcamp), Project Access Austria, Project Access Denmark, Project Access Poland and the Nordic Study Abroad Community (aspiration-raising events). I also conduct recruitment activities on behalf of the College and University in a number of countries, notably Cyprus, Malaysia and Singapore. Many of these activities – and indeed, the bulk of our endeavours in Admissions and Outreach – would be impossible without the support of a number of generous donors, the dedication and hard work of our Admissions Team, Directors of Studies and other Fellows.

The good news is that all this hard work is paying off. The 2017 cohort included the highest-ever proportion of female entrants – 47% – and this year, more than half of our direct applications (including a startling 42% of our applications in Mathematics) came from women. Of the British entrants in our 2018 cohort, 64% had attended state schools – a *circa* 25% increase on the equivalent figure 25 years ago – and 74% of our offers for 2019 entry have gone to state school pupils. What has not changed, however, is the academic calibre of our students; as the 2018 and 2019 Tompkins Table attests, diversity and excellence can co-exist!

*Emily Tomlinson*



*Sixth Form students attending a Women in Maths workshop in College*

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the middle of Michaelmas Term, I had a series of conversations with Mark Smith, until recently Chaplain, along these lines:

“Michael, it looks like I’m leaving Christ’s to be Dean of Clare...”

It feels like the world’s collapsing. My worst day since beginning studies at Christ’s.

“...so I’m going to approach the Master about you taking over as Acting Chaplain”

Suddenly, my worst day since arriving in Cambridge has become my best. Ever since joining the College, I’ve been helping in the Chapel, preaching and officiating at the odd service and it’s been a joy to take overall responsibility. We also rejoice that one of the most academically and pastorally able Chaplains in Cambridge, Mark Smith, has been able to secure a permanent Deanship, and that he has an excellent long-term successor at Christ’s, Rob Evans, a capable scholar and an excellent encourager of the student body.

In the midst of these big changes, the Chapel community has continued to flourish. A number of new students joined us in Michaelmas, including representatives of many different nations and cultures. We have been edified by a number of timely sermon series, some going through books of the Bible, others exploring topics or questions. Guest preachers have included former Chaplain, Michael Lloyd, and old member, Andrew Atherstone (m. 1991). It has been encouraging to see students exploring a call to ministry by preaching themselves.



*Chapel retreat at Ely.  
Michael Dormandy  
centre, back row.*

Musically, it's also been a rich year. We've enjoyed a number of world-premieres, by alumna Annabel McLaughlan Rooney (m. 1991) and long-time Fellow, John Wilson. The Choir have sung an impressive range of anthems, including the spectacular Finzi, *Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice*, as well as faithfully providing beautiful and moving interpretations of the psalms and canticles which are the back-bone of our weekly worship.

Our weekly rhythm remains Evensong on Thursday and Sunday, and Morning Communion on Sunday (for which I thank Rob Evans for presiding). We have frequently held special services, including our biggest Christmas Carol Service yet. We celebrated forty years of women students at Christ's, with a service in which Christ's women past and present spoke of their experiences as female scholars, female musicians and female followers of Jesus at the College. The vagaries of the lunar calendar threw up a very late Easter this year, meaning we could celebrate an Evensong service on Easter day itself. Our annual retreat was non-residential this year, leading to higher numbers. We had a fun day relaxing at Ely, and spent some time studying the songs of Mary and Simeon in Luke's Gospel, traditionally known to lovers of choral music by their Latin names, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*.

At the close of the academic year 2018-19, we take the words of the prayer book and render humble and hearty thanks for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I hope Christ's College Chapel has been a means of God's grace to many.

*Michael Dormandy, Acting Chaplain*



*The College Choir  
and alumni*



## LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Catherine Twilley

Our fundraising campaign continues to progress well, thanks to alumni, Fellows, staff, and friends of the College. Nearly 2,500 people have made gifts so far, and I would like to record my grateful thanks to everyone who supports Christ's.

We ran the twelfth annual Telephone Campaign just after Easter with twelve current students telephoning alumni to talk to them about the College, gain careers advice, and to seek financial support for Christ's. Again we were delighted by the response from alumni, and well over £230,000 has been raised towards our Student Support Initiative. Many of our student callers benefit from bursaries and other financial aid, and are keen to give something back to College by helping raise funds for further support. They clearly enjoy the experience too: one of our callers has taken part in each of her four years here!

We regularly receive legacy gifts, and do encourage you to consider including a gift to the College in your Will, whether it is a specified amount, a percentage of your residuary estate, or some other provision. There are tax advantages to UK taxpayers in leaving a bequest to charity, with the charitable bequest excluded from inheritance tax, and a reduction in the rate of inheritance tax from 40% to 36% for those leaving more than 10% of their estate to charities. Do let us know if you have included a gift to the College, or if you would like to discuss how best to go about this. Our Christ's College Fisher Society, which is designed to thank legacy donors in their lifetimes, holds an annual meeting in College which is always well-attended.

Further afield, we were again able to meet alumni in New York, thanks to the generosity of Peter (m. 1993) and Ariel Speicher who hosted us at the Cornell Club in October. We were also delighted to receive an invitation from Jim Wendorf (m. 1973) and Barbara Fiorino to a gathering at their home to discuss the Marshall Scholarships Partnership. This is a new initiative to bring a Marshall Scholar to Christ's, with the College and the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission jointly funding the Scholarship. We are grateful to our US alumni who have already supported this initiative, and particularly Martin Rapaport (m. 1965). We hope to welcome our first Marshall Scholar under this new scheme to Christ's in the autumn. The Master also visited San Francisco, where she was hosted by Minnie Sarwal (m. 1991), and in January, Krishna Ramachandra (m. 1996) hosted an alumni gathering in Singapore with our Director of Admissions.

We held our annual George Spyrou LLM Scholarship Dinner in June, and were pleased that all five former Scholars were able to attend, coming from Singapore, India, Hungary, Lichtenstein, and London. This is a highlight of our year, and we have enjoyed watching the Scholars develop over the years.

There have been a large number of events over the past year, and you can read about these in the report from the Alumni Relations Officer (pages 72–73). For me, some of the highlights have been the events held in connection with the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women, including a special Evensong in the Michaelmas term, with music by women, and addresses from female Fellows and



alumnae. We also launched a CD recorded by the College Choir and featuring music composed by alumna Annabel McLauchlan Rooney (m. 1991).

I reported last year that Mark Davies (m. 1990) would be taking over from Guy Whittaker (m. 1974) as Chair of the Development Board, and the transition has gone smoothly, with Mark settling into the role, and guiding us all expertly. In the last year, Tim Lintott (m. 1971) and Caroline Carr (m. 1995) have also stepped down, after many years of wise counsel and dedication to the College and the Board.

The current external members of the Development Board are:

*Mr Mark Davies (m. 1990) – Chair*

*Mr Brian Lott (m. 1962)*

*Mr Jim Warwick (m. 1983)*

*Ms Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989)*

*Dr Susan Hill (m. 1992)*

*Mr Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)*

*Dr Peter Speicher (m. 1993)*

*Mr Soumen Das (m. 1995)*

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

We hope you enjoy reading our publications, keeping up to date via social media, and re-connecting through events. Thank you for your engagement with the College.

*Catherine Twilley*



*George Spyrou LLM  
Scholarship Dinner*

## SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as expected at October 2019 in order of election in the various categories, and records only higher doctorates and external honours. The date in brackets indicates the date of original election.

### Master

Prof. Jane Stapleton DCL FBA

### Fellows

1950 Mr David Yale FBA HonQC  
 1961 Dr John Rathmell  
 1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD  
 1966 Prof. Archie Campbell  
 1969 Prof. Martin Johnson FRS FRCOG FSB FMedSci  
 1969 Prof. John Wilson ScD  
 1971 Dr David Jones  
 1972 Dr Geoffrey Ingham  
 1976 Prof. Frank Kelly CBE FRS  
 1976 Dr William Peterson  
 1976 Prof. David Sedley FBA  
 1978 Dr Kelvin Bowkett (1966)  
 1983 Prof. David Reynolds FBA  
 1983 Dr Gareth Rees  
 1985 Prof. Ian Leslie FREng  
 1986 Prof. Christopher Abell FRS FMedSci  
 1986 Prof. Susan Bayly  
 1987 Prof. Nicholas Gay  
 1990 Dr Richard Batley  
 1994 Prof. Sir David Klenerman FRS FRSC FMedSci  
 1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)  
 1998 Dr Robert Hunt  
 2001 Prof. Marcelo Fiore  
 2002 Dr David Norman  
 2002 Prof. Jonathan Gillard MD  
 2003 Prof. Michael Edwardson  
 2004 Prof. Simon Tavaré FRS  
 2006 Prof. Caroline Vout FSA  
 2006 Dr Sophie Read  
 2007 Dr Julia Shvets  
 2008 Dr Elena Punskeya  
 2008 Prof. James Secord  
 2008 Prof. Sanjeev Goyal FBA  
 2008 Ms Catherine Twilley  
 2009 Dr Helena Browne  
 2010 Prof. Duncan Bell (2004)  
 2010 Dr Tom Monie (2006)  
 2010 Prof. Gerard Evan FRS  
 2011 Mr David Ball  
 2011 Prof. Ash Amin CBE FBA  
 2011 Prof. Sarah Radcliffe  
 2012 Prof. Sarah Franklin (2011)  
 2013 Dr Richard Williams  
 2014 Dr Mark Darlow (2006)  
 2014 Prof. Gábor Betegh

2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer  
 2014 Dr Dominic de Cogan  
 2015 Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau (2013)  
 2015 Dr Henry Spelman  
 2015 Dr Christopher Thomas  
 2015 Dr David Trippett (2009)  
 2016 Dr Anthony Coyne  
 2016 Dr Richard Mortier  
 2016 Dr Felix Waldmann  
 2016 Dr Edward Allen  
 2016 Dr Kylie Murray  
 2016 Dr Andrew Stewart  
 2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson  
 2016 Prof. Peter Cane DCL FBA  
 2017 Dr Harriet Lyon  
 2017 Dr Maya Feile Tomes  
 2017 Dr Ho-On To  
 2017 Dr Natasha Tanna  
 2017 Dr Edward Zychowicz-Coghill  
 2017 Dr Mike Housden  
 2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran  
 2018 Mr Tom Hawker-Dawson  
 2018 Dr Sean Fleming  
 2018 Dr Kylie James  
 2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla  
 2018 Dr Sam Stanier  
 2018 Dr Daniel Field  
 2018 Dr Mary Franklin-Brown  
 2019 Dr Olivier Biner  
 2019 Dr James Jones  
 2019 Dr Alexandre Loktionov  
 2019 Dr Rosalie Jones McVey  
 2019 Mr Daniel Wales  
 2019 Dr Henry Bradford

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 1962 Dr Alan Munro  
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 1964 Dr Richard Axton  
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 1969 Prof. Peter Rayner  
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 FMedSci (1962)

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 1997 Prof. John Clarke ScD FRS (1972)  
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 FSA FRHistS (1975)  
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 2019 Mr Swee Keat Heng

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 2005 Prof. David Rowland  
 2011 Dr Michael Gonzalez (2008)  
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipouros  
 2014 Dr Andrew Coburn  
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday  
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys  
 2014 Dr Steven Murdoch (2008)  
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown  
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi  
 2016 Dr Richard Bassett  
 2016 Mr Paul Fannon  
 2016 Dr Thomas Hopkins  
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones  
 2016 Dr Carmen Olmedilla Herrero  
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman  
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall  
 2018 Dr Richard Turner (2016)  
 2019 Dr Lucy Foster  
 2019 Dr Rob Foster  
 2019 Dr Camilla Nord  
 2019 Dr Jason Sanders (2015)  
 2019 Dr David Thomas (2007)  
 2019 Dr Chris Townsend  
 2019 Dr Rosa van Hensbergen  
 2019 Dr Ksenia Zanov  
 2019 Dr Weilong Zhang

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

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 2004 Mr Guy Whittaker  
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 2008 Mr Graham Clapp  
 2009 Prof. Stephen Blyth  
 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE FRS  
 2012 Mr Terry Cann  
 2013 Mr Richard Gnodde  
 2013 Mr Simon Palley  
 2016 Mr Jim Warwick  
 2016 Dr Jane Dominey  
 2017 Mr Tim Lintott  
 2018 Mr Roger Rees  
 2018 Ms Amanda Hawkins

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1999 Mr Oscar Lewisohn  
1999 Mr Chia-Ming Sze  
2001 Mrs Beverly Sackler  
2004 Ms Solina Chau

**Chaplain**

Reverend Dr Robert Evans

**Distinguished Visiting Scholars**

Professor Neil Buchanan, Professor of Law, The George Washington University, January to April 2019.  
Professor Arnold Jacobshagen, Professor of Musicology, University of Music and Dance Cologne,  
Lent and Easter terms 2019  
Professor Charles Kennel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego,  
Lent term 2019  
Professor Naomi Lamoreaux, Professor of Economics and History at Yale University, academic year  
2018–2019

**Distinguished Visiting Fellows**

Professor Harold Koh, Sterling Professor of International Law, Yale Law School, January to June 2019  
Professor Larry Samuelson, A. Douglas Melamed Professor of Economics, Yale University,  
January to June 2019

## New Senior Members

OLIVIER BINER elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to join Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow and excited to engage in different College activities. I studied Biochemistry at the University of Bern, Switzerland and during my Master's studies, which involved a year-long research project, I discovered my passion for wet bench work and particularly protein biochemistry. In my project, I isolated an enzyme from a type of spider venom and, from this, my collaborators and I were able to show that the enzyme is a spreading factor, assisting neurotoxins to diffuse through connective tissue in prey organisms.



*Olivier Biner*

I then continued at Bern to start a PhD in the field of bioenergetics. My research focused on developing synthetic biology approaches to mimic the respiratory chain, which is the energy-converting unit in our cells. With this now completed, I have moved to Cambridge in order to begin postdoctoral research at the Medical Research Council Mitochondrial Biology Unit. I want to apply the techniques developed during my PhD to build a minimal model for reverse electron transfer (RET) in complex I. During RET, reactive oxygen species are produced that have been associated with the onset of different severe neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's, Huntington's, and Parkinson's disease, as well as Leigh's syndrome. Moreover, RET has been shown to be the main mechanism of oxidative tissue damages during strokes and heart attacks, and it has been hypothesized that RET plays an important role in ageing. Despite the huge importance of this process, not much is known about it, mainly because one cannot, at the moment, perform the process in a test tube. In my current project I intend to build a system to overcome this limitation, which should lead to a better understanding of RET, and in the long term to the development of drugs to treat RET-dependent oxidative tissue damages.

Beside biochemistry, I enjoy playing the cello, basketball, and board games. I am a passionate cook and gardener, and like to be outside in the wilderness to go hiking, kayaking, sailing, biking, or skiing.

HENRY BRADFORD elected a College Teaching Fellow

It is my great pleasure and honour to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow. I am a pure mathematician and my research interests lie in group theory: the study of symmetries of mathematical objects. An 'object' in this context might mean a geometric shape, a chemical molecule, a mechanical system, or something more abstract like an algebraic structure. All systems that mathematicians are interested in understanding are in some sense highly symmetric, so group theory touches every other branch of mathematics. For the past few decades, group-theorists have been intensively studying symmetry in terms of the 'Cayley graph' construction. A Cayley graph is a network that provides a visual representation of the symmetries of a mathematical object. One can then relate the structural properties of these networks to the mathematical properties of the objects whose symmetries they describe.



*Henry Bradford*

I received both my MMath and DPhil from St John's College Oxford, the latter under the (excellent) supervision of Professor Marc Lackenby. In my thesis,



I worked on estimating the diameters of finite Cayley graphs. The diameter of a network is the greatest distance between two nodes in the network (by distance here we mean the smallest number of edges which must be traversed in moving from one node to the other), and understanding the diameters of Cayley graphs subsumes the theories behind many famous combinatorial puzzles, such as various card-shuffling tricks and the Rubik's cube.

I completed my doctorate in 2015 and moved to Cambridge, where I had a brief spell as Director of Studies in Mathematics at Trinity Hall, before taking up a post as a researcher at the University of Göttingen. In so doing, I completed a hat-trick of small medieval cities with rich scientific traditions and an abundance of bicycles! Speaking of cycles, I have recently become very interested in cycles in Cayley graphs: paths with the same start and end-point. In 2017, Andreas Thom and I constructed a short list of instructions for tracing out a path in a network, with the property that following these instructions in any sufficiently small Cayley graph will produce a cycle. One of my goals now is to show that no other list with this property can be much shorter than ours.



*Robert Evans*

**ROBERT EVANS** appointed Chaplain

I am thrilled to be joining Christ's as the new Chaplain. I read History at Peterhouse from 2008 to 2011, followed by an MPhil in Medieval History, before training for ordination at Ridley Hall. I was ordained in June 2015 and served as Curate at Christ Church, in the north of Cambridge. At the same time, I did a PhD in Early Medieval History (what used to be unfairly known as 'the Dark Ages'), looking specifically at how historians of the period talked about God. Since autumn 2018, I have also been a historian-in-residence for Christian Heritage, a charity based at the Round Church in Cambridge. I am married to Alice, who is a Reformation historian, and we met as undergraduates through rowing (albeit for rival clubs!).

My own time as a student showed me what a valuable contribution a chapel can make to the life of a college; as a place to find refuge and community, to reflect on life's big questions, and above all to learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ. My hope and prayer is that Christ's Chapel continues to provide such a welcoming space for all members of College, of all faiths and none. I will also be Director of Studies in Theology, and continue to teach papers on Late Antique History and Theology. I am excited by the opportunity to get involved with the Fellows' boat and revive my enthusiasm for rowing. I can't wait to throw myself into life at Christ's, and look forward to meeting everyone in the new academic year.



*Daniel Field*

**DANIEL FIELD** elected a Fellow

I am an evolutionary biologist and vertebrate palaeontologist, so I cannot fully express my delight at joining the Fellowship at Christ's, where Charles Darwin spent such a formative period of his life. My research is focussed on illuminating the origin and evolution of birds through study of their early fossil record, combined with anatomical and genomic data from living birds.

I grew up in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains in southern Alberta, Canada, and became fascinated by the region's rich

fossil record and wildlife at an early age. I completed my undergraduate degree in Vancouver, at the University of British Columbia, in 2010. My undergraduate research examined convergent evolution in the feeding apparatus of pelicans and gigantic baleen whales, which exhibit similar anatomical specialisations related to underwater engulfment feeding.

My primary focus shifted to avian evolution during my PhD at Yale, which I completed in 2016. My dissertation examined the impact of fossils on our understanding of the origins of modern bird biology and diversity. I started my research group in 2017, whilst I was a 50th Anniversary Prize Fellow at the University of Bath, before beginning as a University Lecturer in the Department of Earth Sciences at Cambridge in October 2018.

In addition to birds, I have published on the evolutionary origins of a variety of major groups of living vertebrate animals, from sharks and whales to lizards and turtles. Currently, I am engaged in studying the earliest known modern bird fossils in order to reveal the role that the end-Cretaceous mass extinction event – which famously eliminated the giant dinosaurs – had on structuring the early evolutionary history of modern birds.

Beyond my research, I am a keen wildlife photographer and natural historian, and my photography has appeared in academic publications, magazine articles, museum exhibits, and on journal covers.

I began at Christ's in January 2019 and have been hugely grateful for the welcoming and congenial nature of the Fellowship. I look forward to continuing my immersion in the Christ's community, and to the many rewarding interactions with students, staff, and Fellows to come!

MARY FRANKLIN-BROWN elected a Fellow

I am delighted and honoured to have been elected as a Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages at Christ's College, after my appointment to the University Lectureship in Medieval French and Occitan Studies. My move to Cambridge from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where I had taught for many years, opens a new chapter for my husband and I.

After receiving BA and MA degrees in Comparative Literature from Dartmouth College (Hanover, New Hampshire), I spent a year at the *École nationale des chartes* in Paris, learning how to read and analyse medieval manuscripts, before enrolling in the PhD program in Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. My doctoral research required considerable work on manuscripts scattered in libraries across France, and I spent most of my final two years of study living in Paris and travelling to archives from there. At that time I had wanted to remain in Europe, however when I was fortunate enough to secure a position in Minnesota I packed my bags to return to the US. It never occurred to me that I might have the chance to move back across the Atlantic.

My research field is the literature and intellectual history of medieval France, particularly in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Such interests necessitate comparative work, for the later Middle Ages saw a proliferation of writing in Latin, French, and Occitan (the language spoken in the south). The considerable cross-Channel exchanges of the period, with the Norman aristocracy settled on both sides, and individuals moving about for their studies, marriages, warfare, or ecclesiastical



*Mary Franklin-Brown*

careers, means that I also do occasional work on texts written or transmitted in England. Likewise, I have followed some trans-Pyrenean exchanges, and published on the Catalan writer Ramon Llull.

After a book on medieval encyclopaedias and paradigms of knowledge in the scholastic period, I am now turning my attention to song and the lyric form. My new appointment gives me the opportunity to focus on the troubadours to a greater degree than before, and out of that will come a book with the title *Troubadour Voices, Troubadour Forms*. It will offer a new understanding of these singer-songwriters as participants in a movement whose ethical and political dimensions can be best understood through their aesthetic practices: the forms of their lyrics and the way they are voiced in performance. This book contributes to larger theoretical and methodological discussions in my discipline in two ways. First, it tests out recent philosophical discussions of the voice—or, more properly, the plurality and diversity of voices—in relation to the movement that originated European love poetry in the vernacular. Second, it reconsiders the relation between historical social practices and literary form. Once this book is complete, I would like to write a book for general readers on the troubadours, and complete a project, which I have temporarily set aside, for a scholarly book on the understanding of time in the philosophy and Latin poetry of the twelfth century. I very much look forward to doing this work at Christ's and at Cambridge.



Amanda Hawkins

AMANDA HAWKINS elected a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow

I matriculated at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada, having been educated at Trinity College School (Toronto), and earned a BSc in Mechanical Engineering. I am a second generation Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow, following in the footsteps of my father Cecil, who attended Christ's College as an undergraduate student.

I began my career as a project engineer at TIW Western Inc., and my work has spanned a diverse set of industrial problems, including the reduction of mechanical failure through Computational Fluid Dynamics modelling, and increases in the operational lifetimes of burners and heat exchangers in heavy equipment. My work, and that of my colleagues, has contributed to significant improvements in the recycling of industrial waste water in Canada's energy industry.

I was appointed President and General Manager at Northern Blower Inc, and later took on the same role at Keddco Manufacturing Ltd. I then returned to my education, earning an MBA at Columbia University and a Global Professional Master of Laws at the University of Toronto, before serving on the Board of Governors at Trinity College School.

I have served, since 2014, as CEO of Toronto-based Canerector Inc., one of Canada's leading industrial manufacturing companies, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canerector Charitable Foundation.

SWEE KEAT HENG elected an Honorary Fellow

I still remember that day vividly, when I left Singapore on a scholarship to read Economics at Christ's College in 1980. It was the beginning of a journey with many firsts.

It was my first time on an aeroplane, it was also the first time for me to see what the world was like outside our island nation. It was the first time I was learning from so many great minds, and with fellow students. It was also the first time I met the woman who would eventually become my wife and mother of our two children – Hwee Nee. I am grateful to have spent my formative undergraduate years at Christ's, chalking up all these wonderful first-time experiences.



*Swee Keat Heng*

Reading Economics at Christ's – together with students from the UK, Europe and Asia – was indeed an eye-opening experience for me. During my formative undergraduate years, I learnt that it is simply not possible to merely reduce complex matters into simple equations. It made me think deeper on how different forces interact and produce certain outcomes, which in turn create feedback into the next round of behaviour. These lessons remain with me.

I graduated from Christ's and started my first job in the Singapore Police Force, which lasted for a good 12 years. Following that, I did my Masters in Public Administration in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University before taking on the role as the Principal Private Secretary to then-Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who was a Cambridge alumnus as well. Working and learning from Singapore's founding Prime Minister was the highlight of my career in the public service.

I was able to directly apply what I had learned in my subsequent public service appointments including as Permanent Secretary of the Trade and Industry Ministry and Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). I was in MAS during the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, and I was glad that our monetary policy responses were appropriate for the economy during the downturn and the eventual recovery.

I entered politics in 2011 and served as Minister for Education (MOE) from 2011 to 2015, during which I led Our Singapore Conversation, a national consultation exercise that engaged close to 50,000 Singaporeans on their aspirations for Singapore's future.

Currently, as Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, I manage our national budget, oversee corporate governance regulations, and supervise the prudent investment and utilisation of public funds and government reserves. I also chair the Future Economy Council as well as the National Research Foundation, which sets the direction for Singapore's research, innovation and enterprise strategies.

I am greatly honoured to be elected an Honorary Fellow. May the College never cease to shape minds and lives. And I trust the College will continue with this fine tradition of developing impassioned and informed young people who can contribute to making a better world for all of us.

**JAMES JONES** elected a Fellow

I am delighted to have been elected to a Fellowship at Christ's College. I studied medicine at Christ's, matriculating in 2005. In addition to my studies, I was secretary of the Boat Club in 2008, as well as being an enthusiastic, although not particularly capable, rower!



*James Jones*

I have been interested in cancer research from an early stage of my training, completing my undergraduate project on genetic risk in breast cancer. Following this, I applied for the Cambridge MB/PhD programme. I worked in Professor Doug Fearon's Lab at the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute, studying the immunology of pancreatic cancer. We demonstrated that cancer associated fibroblasts exclude anticancer T-cells from the tumour microenvironment, and identified a drug target to reverse this effect.

Since graduating from medical school, I have remained in East Anglia, where I am training in Medical Oncology as a National Institute of Health Research Academic Clinical Fellow at Addenbrooke's Hospital. I have continued my research interest in tumour immunology, working on melanoma and kidney cancer. My team are investigating if there are features of the immune microenvironment that can predict treatment response, and how these may change following anticancer treatment, to allow us to better combine therapies. In clinical practice, I am working on projects to improve our management of toxicities caused by immune checkpoint inhibitors.

I have supervised undergraduates studying Medicine and Natural Sciences at Christ's since 2009, alongside supervising other University undergraduate courses, I have been a Bye-Fellow since 2014, and I currently teach first year physiology. I have also taught clinical students at Addenbrooke's, and postgraduate trainees preparing for their MRCP examinations. Outside of work, I am a keen mountain walker: I've climbed 20 of the Scottish Munros – but still have over 250 to go! I'm looking forward to continuing my involvement with Christ's, and contributing to life in College.



Rosie Jones McVey

ROSIE JONES McVEY elected a Junior Research Fellow  
I am incredibly proud to be joining Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF). I studied social anthropology at the University of Sussex, before coming to Cambridge to complete a PhD at Girton College. My PhD involved the ethnographic study of British equestrianism, and investigated the ethical and political struggle that British horsewomen face in trying to build partnerships with horses – big, strong, reactive creatures who cannot speak. In my PhD, I examined the particular ideas of 'good connection' that these women pursued. This led me to develop broader research interests in ethics and empathy; in the role of speech in ethical life; and in the contestable meaning of co-operation.

Outside my academic studies, I have led a successful career training 'problem' horses. This line of work has taken me all over the world, and some of my travels with horse training are recorded in my first book, *Globetrotting: A travelogue exploring horsemanship in far-flung places* (J. A. Allen, 2015). After my PhD, I took up a position as Teaching Associate in the Social Anthropology department at Cambridge. I have found teaching to be extremely fulfilling, enjoying the range of ideas and perspectives that students bring to each topic, and I am looking forward to teaching at Christ's during the JRF.

My new research project investigates the treatment of teenage mental health through animal assisted therapies in Britain. I am interested in the moralisation of teenage mental health – that is to say, the way teenage mental health can be seen as an example of British concerns about the moral health of society. I am particularly



interested in what can be gauged by the fact that animals are thought to work as a therapeutic corrective to both the moral concerns and medical conditions in focus in my project. This dual interest in ethics and mental health has me following happily in the footsteps of some eminent anthropologists who once occupied the role of JRF at Christ's – Tanya Luhrmann and Joanna Cook.

ALEXANDRE LOKTIONOV elected Wallis Budge Fellow  
Christ's College has a proud history of Egyptological scholarship, to which I am exceptionally grateful to contribute as the new Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow. The principal goal of my Fellowship is to develop a *longue durée* history of Ancient Egyptian justice in the period c. 2700–1100BCE, with a particular focus on matters of prosopography, legal pluralism, and the possible uptake of judicial concepts from the neighbouring civilisations of Ancient Mesopotamia and Nubia.



Alexandre Loktionov

Cambridge has a special place in my heart. I first came up in 2011, reading Archaeology and Anthropology at Selwyn College, before completing an MPhil in Egyptology at St John's in 2015. Four years later, I received my PhD from Robinson College, where I worked on questions surrounding the specialisation of legal officials in Old and Middle Kingdom Egypt. During this time, I must admit that I did spend time away from Cambridge, serving as a British Research Council Fellow at the Library of Congress in 2017.

As well as research, I am very active in teaching. Egyptology is a small field, which yields a unique opportunity to form a strong rapport with students. Prior to joining Christ's, I spent a year co-ordinating a range of Cambridge courses covering both elementary and more advanced aspects of the hieroglyphic script. I very much enjoyed this work, and while my role at Christ's will always prioritise research, I am looking forward to continuing to help students master hieroglyphs.

Finally, I must underline my faith in the College community. During my own educational journey, college communities always supported me, and I have tried giving something back to them too. For instance, I have long been involved in widening participation, seeking to unlock access to the weird and wonderful world of Cambridge both through various colleges, and at a national level with the Brilliant Club. I hope to do more of that in Christ's, making many new friends along the way.

TANYA LUHRMANN elected an Honorary Fellow  
It is a great pleasure to have been elected an Honorary Fellow at Christ's College. I remember my four years there as a Research Fellow with much happiness. My own room overlooked the Fellows' Garden. I loved the fact that there were bees back there. I still have the last jar of honey I left with in 1989; I was given another in 2009, when I gave the Lady Margaret lecture, and it sits on my desk now.



Tanya Luhrmann

The College gave me freedom. My interests have always been unclassifiable – between anthropology and psychology, between scientific and literary, the voices and visions not only of spiritual ecstasy but also of psychotic despair. Being in College encouraged me to talk with people from different fields who thought about what counts as data differently.

When I was at Christ's, I was just finishing my dissertation on people in London who called themselves witches and magicians. We anthropologists dive deeply into the worlds we set out to understand. The then Master, Hans Kornberg, joked that I parked my broom in the Senior Common Room. I had chosen to work on them because I was trying to figure out how sensible people could act and believe as if magic were true (*Persuasions of the Witch's Craft*). It is a question that has stayed with me throughout my career. How do things of the spirit become real for humans? How do people come to feel that they know intimately a being that they can neither see nor hear?

I have followed this question into studies with Zoroastrianism, in India (*The Good Parsi*); with Catholics, newly orthodox Jews, and Anglo-Cuban Santeria initiates (*How God Becomes Real*); and above all with American evangelical charismatic Christians, who set out to have a back and forth relationship with God (*When God Talks Back*). Along the way, I discovered that sometimes people report that they occasionally see or hear the invisible being with their senses, and I began to wonder about the difference between those who were psychiatrically ill and those who were not. That took me into the study of the culture of psychiatry (*Of Two Minds*) and of psychosis (*Our Most Troubling Madness*). These days I write about the edge of experience: voices, visions, the presence of the dead, of gods, of spirits. Most recently, I set out to compare these events in five countries, among people of similar and different faiths, working with a team of remarkable anthropologists and scholars from other fields.

What I've learned is that there seem to be two factors that facilitate the vivid presence of an invisible other: individual, trait-like differences in absorption, or the capacity to get caught up in the inner senses, and cultural invitations to conceptualize the mind as more 'porous', as if the wall between the mind and the world is permeable. There is a story about who you are, how you practice and in what community you live.

None of this tells us anything about the real reality of gods and spirits. What anthropologists can see is the human side of the relationship with the invisible other. The complexity and ambiguity of that relationship are as apparent to the person of faith as they are to the sceptic. It is more that I have come to realize that at the heart of religion is the human experience of mind – the puzzle about whether minds must be located in bodies; whether minds have direct effects on other bodies; whether one mind can enter another mind and take possession of it; and about the ways in which people allow themselves to relate to their own minds.

I am so grateful that Christ's spurred me on down this road so many years ago. It gives me joy to know that it spurs many others today.

DANIEL WALES elected a Janeway Fellow and College Teaching Officer in Economics

My journey to Christ's started with the global financial crisis in 2007 which began as I decided which subjects to study at A Level. Closely following the news, as banking crisis turned into panic and then recession, I decided Economics could be an interesting subject...and have never looked back! Even then, I was interested in how policymakers could respond and help to mitigate the effects of this crisis, some of which are still being felt today. I studied for a BSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics at the London School of Economics, before coming to

Cambridge to undertake the MPhil in Economic Research at Hughes Hall. Still retaining my interest in policymaking, I then worked as an Economist at the Bank of England, filling in various roles across their international divisions. Highlights included representing the UK at international meetings, and a secondment to the External MPC Unit (often described as the ringside seats to interest rate decisions).

In 2016, I returned to Cambridge, and Hughes Hall, to begin my PhD. This is focussed on the response of central banks to the global financial crisis and, more broadly, explores how heterogeneity is important in macroeconomics. Teaching has also been a big part of my life as a graduate student in Cambridge, as I was appointed an Economics Faculty Teaching Fellow in 2017, and have by now given supervisions to over 300 students. I was also invited to become a Visiting Lecturer in International Economics at the London School of Economics, and have hugely enjoyed the experience of teaching.

Although I will continue to support Hughes Hall during Bumps, I look forward to being fully involved with all aspects of Christ's College life, alongside the other Fellows, students and staff. Being elected to the Fellowship is a tremendous honour, and I am very excited about inspiring the next generation of Economists in my role as a College Teaching Officer.



*Daniel Wales*



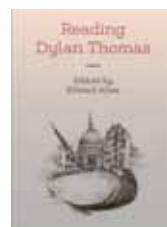
*Bee hives in the Fellows' Garden*

*Photograph by Emily Cleevely*



## Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours

**DR EDWARD ALLEN** (Fellow, m. 2005) edited a book, *Reading Dylan Thomas*, which was published by Edinburgh University Press in January 2019. It features essays by several Cambridge academics – Deborah Bowman, Leo Mellor, and Rod Mengham – as well as an introduction and a chapter about the BBC by Dr Allen.



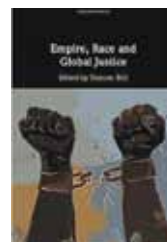
*Reading Dylan Thomas, edited by Edward Allen*

**MR RICHARD BASSETT** (Bye-Fellow, m. 1974) had his latest book, *Last Days in Old Europe: Trieste '79, Vienna '85, Prague '89*, published by Allen Lane in January 2019. The book chronicles his time in Central Europe in the late 1970s and 1980s, in the last days of two empires: the Hapsburgs and the Communists.



*Richard Bassett's recent book*

**DR DUNCAN BELL** (Fellow) published an edited volume, *Empire, Race and Global Justice* with Cambridge University Press in February 2019. In May 2019, he delivered the keynote address at the Japanese Association for Political Thought Conference, in Tokyo. He has been elected to a Professorship in the Faculty of Politics and International Studies from October 2019.



*Duncan Bell's edited volume*

**EMERITUS PROFESSOR ARCHIE CAMPBELL** (Fellow) was given a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the International Cryogenic Materials Conference for his work on superconductors.

**DR ANDREW COBURN** (Bye-Fellow, m. 1975) recently published, in co-authorship with another Christ's alumnus, Dr Gordon Woo (m. 1969), a book entitled *Solving Cyber Risk: Protecting Your Company and Society*, published by Wiley. The book covers 10 years of academic research into Cyber Risk, and its applications in industry, via the University's Centre for Risk Studies at the Judge Business School, where Dr Coburn is Chief Scientist.



*Andrew Coburn's co-authored publication*

**DR DOMINIC DE COGAN** (Fellow) has been appointed Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law from October 2019.

**PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY** (Honorary Fellow) was awarded an Honorary Degree, a DLit, for distinction in History, by Queen's University Belfast.

**PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1957) published a new collection of poems in English, *At the Brasserie Lipp* (Carcenet). He was invited to write a poem for the St Hubert Mass in Notre-Dame Cathedral – set to music, it was performed by the Cathedral choir and hunting horns in October 2018.



*Daniel Field's article  
on the cover of PNAS*



**DR DANIEL FIELD** (Fellow) has published three academic articles, including 'Earth history and the passerine superradiation', which was on the cover of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 116. He has also undertaken archaeological fieldwork in Scotland and the USA, and given lectures in a variety of places, both UK and overseas.

*Marcelo Fiore*



**PROFESSOR MARCELO FIORE** (Fellow) has won a Test of Time Award at the annual Association for Computing Machinery/ Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS). Presented in June 2019, these awards recognise a small number of papers from the LICS proceedings from 20 years prior. Professor Fiore's paper, written alongside Gordon D Plotkin, and Daniele Turi, *Abstract Syntax and Variable Binding*, was one of two recognised this year.

*Yusuf Hamied  
with Frank Kelly  
(former Master) at  
the Royal Society*



**PROFESSOR SANJEEV GOYAL** (Fellow) was elected Fellow of the Econometric Society in 2018. The Society is an international organisation for the advancement of economic theory in relation to statistics and mathematics.

**DR YUSUF HAMIED** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1954) was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society in April 2019, and admitted in a ceremony in July 2019.

**HRH PRINCE ZEID RA'AD AL HUSSEIN** (Honorary Fellow, m. 1987) was appointed member of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders working together for peace, justice, and human rights. In April 2019, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**PROFESSOR MARTIN JOHNSON** (Fellow, m. 1963) celebrated 50 years as a Fellow at a wine night on 7 June 2019.

**PROFESSOR SIR DAVID KLENERMAN** (Fellow) was appointed KBE in the New Year Honours for Services to Science and for the Development of High Speed DNA Sequencing Technology.

**DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA** (Fellow) presented his current research 'The Paths of Change in International Humanitarian Law' at an international workshop in Geneva in June 2019. This event was hosted by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and gathered an interdisciplinary group of international lawyers, international relations scholars, and sociologists. He has also published an article 'The Protagonism of the USSR and Socialist States in the Revision of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)', *Journal of the History of International Law* 21, no. 2 (2019).

**DR TOM MONIE** (Fellow, m. 1996) was appointed Assistant Director of Academic Centres at the University of Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education.

**DR STEVEN MURDOCH** (Bye-Fellow) celebrated the birth of his daughter, Eleanor Grace Murdoch, who was born on 6 September 2018.



*The Murdoch family*

**MR MICHAEL PERLMAN** (Fellow Commoner, m. 1965) became Chair of the International Advisory Board at Insper, school of business, economics, and engineering in São Paulo, Brazil.

**PROFESSOR SIR KEITH PETERS** (Honorary Fellow) was recently honoured by the decision to formally re-name a building on the Biomedical Campus after him: The Keith Peters Building.

**DR SOPHIE READ** (Fellow) has been appointed Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of English from October 2019.

**PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS** (Fellow) has had a topical new book published, entitled *Island Stories: Britain and its History in the Age of Brexit* (HarperCollins). In response to the fashionable '1940 and All That' version of our past, he goes back over the last millennium to explore the complex relations of these islands with the rest of Europe and the wider world.

**PROFESSOR JANE STAPLETON** (Master) won the prestigious John G. Fleming Memorial Prize for Torts Scholarship in November 2018. This biennial international prize was presented at a ceremony at the Berkeley School of Law (University of California). She was awarded the prestigious Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* by the University of Adelaide in September 2018 in recognition of her contributions to legal society.

**DR MIKE STOCK** (Fellow) has been appointed Assistant Professor in Geochemistry and Director of the Earth Surface Research Facility at Trinity College Dublin from October 2019.

**DR MAYA FEILE TOMES** (Fellow) has been awarded two prizes for her doctoral thesis: The 2018 Hare Prize for best thesis from the University of Cambridge's Faculty of Classics, and the 2018–19 Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland (AHGBI) and Spanish Embassy Doctoral Thesis Publication Prize. Her thesis will now be published as a book (under AHGBI auspices) by Tamesis.

**DR DAVID TRIPPETT** (Fellow) completed his edition of Franz Liszt's hitherto unknown Italian opera, *Sardanapalo*. This received its world premiere in Weimar, Germany in 2018, with further performances in Italy, American, and Serbia. The CD recording was released in February, and became the number one classical CD in the UK Charts. He also delivered a guest



*The world premier of David Trippet's edition of Liszt's Sardanapalo*

lecture at the Library of Congress, and published two edited collections, *Nineteenth-Century Opera and the Scientific Imagination*, and *The Cambridge Companion to Music in Digital Culture*, both with Cambridge University Press.

**DR CARRIE VOUT** (Fellow) has been elected to a Professorship in the Faculty of Classics from October 2019.

**DR LOUBAB ZEDANE** (Bye-Fellow) has been awarded the Gibbs Travel Fellowship from Newnham College, to undertake field-work in South Africa, supporting her work on the fog-harvesting plant genus *Eriospermum*.

**PROFESSOR JOHN WILSON** (Fellow, m. 1963) celebrated 50 years as a Fellow at a wine night on 7 June 2019.



*Frank Woodman (Former Fellow), Martin Johnson, the Master, John Wilson and Sheila von Rimscha at the wine night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Martin and John being admitted to the Fellowship*

## STAFF NEWS

The College has welcomed a number of new members of staff over the last year, and said farewell to some former colleagues.

Amongst the new starters this year, **Elsie Clarke** joined the College as Bedmaker, **Bruce Pattinson** as Health and Safety Advisor, and **David Farenden** joined as Plumber in the Maintenance Department. We have two new members of the gardening team – **Kate McPherson** (Trainee Gardener) and **Jenny Allwood-Booker** (Gardener). **Judy Mansley** joined as PA to the Senior Tutor and **Nicolas Watkins-Wright** became Tutorial Office Manager. In the Development Department, **Alex Day** joined in August 2018 as Development Assistant, and **Emily Cleevely** and **Jessica Unwin** joined as Communications Officers covering **Sarah Proudfoot**'s role during maternity leave. The Catering Department welcomed **Juan Heredia** (Chef de Partie), **Jamin Saint** (Food and Beverage Assistant), **Csaba Nagy** (Kitchen Porter), **Georgina Shorey** (Food and Beverage Assistant), and **Lauren Elliot** (Chef de Partie). **Jeremy Shere** joined the Porters' team, as did **Philip Cooke** (Porter) and **Piotr Wasilak** (House Porter).

**Belin Adams** (Bedmaker), left the College this year, along with **Teri Bartlett** (Senior Tutor's Assistant) and **Rebecca Pitcaithly** (Senior Development Officer). In the Catering Department, **Ian Smith** (Food and Beverage Assistant), **Dawid Gabrysiak** (Kitchen Porter), **Nancy Maddocks** (Food and Beverage Assistant) and **Lauren Elliot** (Chef de Partie), bid farewell to their time with the College. The Gardening team also said goodbye to **Oliver Neale** (Temporary Gardener) and **Tina Taggart** (Gardener). **Clare Sharp** (Night Porter) moved on to pastures new. **Jill Geraghty** (Master's Lodge Housekeeper) left the College after many years assisting successive Masters of Christ's.

**Graham Howe** (Maintenance Department) celebrated 25 years at the College on 29 January 2019. Congratulations go to **Hannah Mascall** and **Liam Hardingham** (both from the Catering Department) who were selected for the The University



*Graham Howe  
celebrating 25  
years at the  
College*

*Hannah Mascall*



*Liam  
Hardingham*

Caterers Organisation (TUCO) photography competition. Hannah was awarded the bronze medal.



*John Dearden in the Cambridge Half Marathon*

The Maintenance Department has been quite active over the last year, with **Wayne Bell** completing a sponsored 100 mile cycle ride in London in July 2018, and **John Dearden** taking part in the Cambridge Half Marathon in March, completing the race in a time of 2 hours and 1 minute – beating his previous time by 20 minutes.

In June, **Jan Marshall** (Admissions Officer), as part of the Lucy Cavendish Singers, sang in a fundraising concert entitled *In Good Company*, which raised almost £1,400 in aid of Cambridge City Foodbank.



*Matthew Woosnam's daughter, Georgia*

We are delighted to report a number of marriages and births. On 18 May 2019, **David Elliot** (Night Shift Leader, Porters' Lodge) married Billie Omdina. **Matthew Woosnam** (Maintenance Department) and his wife Katie had a baby girl called Georgia in January, while **Gaylor Kiasala** (General Assistant, Bedmakers) and his partner welcomed their baby boy, Elijah, to the world on 31 July 2018. **Sarah Proudfoot** (Development Office) and her husband welcomed baby Freya Elizabeth on Christmas Eve.



*Liz Bell advising the gardeners on beekeeping*

In May, **Liz Bell** (wife of Wayne Bell, Maintenance Department) helped the College gardening team open up

the beehives for spring and summer, after the gardening team completed a beekeeping night school course. Liz is a knowledgeable hobby beekeeper with over 25 years of experience.



*Nicolas Watkins-Wright with his wife Rebecca and baby Elizabeth at his MA graduation*

**Nicolas Watkins-Wright** (Tutorial Office Manager) was awarded a Cambridge MA, having held a University Officer post for three years.



Defending champion **Donald Keeble** (Porters' Lodge), received the winners trophy at the College Golf Weekend in July, having retained the title at Wensum Valley.



*Donald Keeble receiving the trophy from organiser Brian Ferris*

The College Library has, as usual, plenty of news to report. Our 2017–18 Graduate Trainee, **Hannah Goodsell**, left us in August 2018 after curating one of the year's two very successful exhibitions. Entitled *The Art of Disruption: Society and the Supernatural*, Hannah's exhibition took the bicentenary of first publication of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* in 1818 as its inspiration, giving us the chance to display our copy of the first edition along with several other spooky library treasures. Our second exhibition, *The Secrets of Life: Mathematicians, Scientists and the Hunt for Answers*, was curated by **Katherine Krick-Pridgeon**, and, like Hannah's exhibition, attracted hundreds of visitors.

While on the subject of treasures, we are happy to report that the Christ's College Donors' Book, dating from 1623, was returned to the College Library after an absence of several years while it underwent conservation work at the Cambridge Colleges' Conservation Consortium. A copy of the Bible in Hebrew, published in Venice in 1517 and formerly owned by Lady Margaret Beaufort's spiritual mentor John Fisher, also received conservation treatment, thanks to a generous Friend of Christ's Library. Our Friends group continues to grow, and currently has around 90 members. New members are always welcome, and there is no fee to join!



*The refurbished Christ's Donor Book*

Last, but certainly not least, we were pleased to welcome this year's Graduate Trainee, **Ruth Long**, in September. Ruth has already undertaken several projects for the Library, and will be continuing her studies in librarianship in London next year.



*Ruth Long, Library Graduate Trainee*

Keeping up with the latest news from the Library is easy: the Library Team has a presence on the College website, a Facebook page, Twitter feed and Instagram account – as well as a library blog ([christstreasures.blogspot.com](http://christstreasures.blogspot.com)), which carries more detailed articles about materials in the Old Library. We welcome enquiries and visits from College members past and present.

## STUDENTS

### Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

#### THE JCR

*President: Victoria Clingen Vice-President: Francesca Rigg Female Welfare and Rights: Anna Cremin Male Welfare and Rights: Tom Wilkins Treasurer: Jack Lawson Access: Esme Cavendish BME Officer: Hiral Radia Publicity and Charities: Georgia Humphrey Women's Officer: Charlotte Fraser Fresher Reps: William De Vivo and Charissa Cheong International Officer: Omar Kidwai Ethical Affairs and Environmental Officer: Alice Maynard Catering and Facilities: Amelia Marshall Ents Officer: Jasper Wong Webmaster: Anik Roy LGBT+ Officer: Thomas Dixon Fourth Year Rep: Simon Goorneh*

This year we've continued with our weekly meetings and a number of open meetings, dealing with a wide variety of issues from free weights in the gym to changing College regulations, organising the usual bops, and trying some new events!

Michaelmas began in the usual blur of Freshers' Week, organised by the Freshers' Reps, Lucy Gardner and Mike Collingwood, and the International Freshers' Rep, Andy Cai. They were joined by a team of second years who helped everyone to get moved in and settled! Towards the end of term, elections came round, and as the newly elected committee we got stuck into organising Bridgemas celebrations with a bop, Bridgemas in the Buttery, a number of Bridgemas dinners, and our very own Clover Fairy, courtesy of our Ents Officer Jasper Wong (a Christ's spin on secret Santa). It also involved more serious discussions about the students' role on College Council, and the College's position on divestment – I found myself presenting papers on both these things merely days after being elected!

In Lent our focus was the 'Big College Survey' which was on all aspects of College life, and then collating the results, analysing them and deciding on an action plan. We also ran our first JCR-led bop alternative, successfully organised by our male welfare officer, which included freshly made milkshakes and Mario Kart, and was very popular! We're hoping to run more of these in future terms. We had other events such as pancakes in the Buttery for Pancake Day, and the first ever bowling bop!

Easter term began with a mental health workshop in order to help break the stigma which often surrounds mental health problems, and provide better understanding for ourselves and our friends. One of our main projects this term was designing a new layout for the JCR room, which will be in place for the beginning of Michaelmas 2019. Our Women's Officer organised a film night to raise funds for Whitworth House (hostel for vulnerable women), and as exams ended, we enjoyed the JCR Garden Party and end of term bop!

*Victoria Clingen*

## THE MCR

*President: Yasmina El Chami Secretary: Jules Skotnes-Brown Treasurer: Robert Britten  
Committee: Lisa Ruff, Tess Langfield, Stephanos Stephanides, Lieske Huits, Marco Fiorino, Adam Atkinson, Emma Pandian, Grant Simpson, Elly Barnett (Dunn)*

Over the last year, the Christ's College MCR has continued being a warm and welcoming community, enabling our members to engage both academically and socially through a number of events. The year began with our traditional Freshers' Week, perfectly organised by Lisa and the rest of last year's committee. We started off with a sunny picnic on Jesus Green on the Saturday before the start of Term, giving new and old MCR members a chance to meet informally, during which many sports talents were discovered. Sunday launched the official events of the week, with a history tour of the College organised by Professor Reynolds and the Senior Tutor, followed by the traditional Freshers' Week events: a BBQ outside the Yusuf Hamied Centre, post-matriculation dinner quiz, buddy night, and a dining out evening where we sampled some of Cambridge's varied cuisines. The week was topped off with a 'Mount Olympus' bop in which Socrates and other eminent philosophers reminded us of the importance of balancing work and fun in the year to come.



*MCR Christmas dinner*

Michaelmas term started off with a joint JCR/MCR quiz night in the new Buttery, followed by a broad variety of social and academic events. Successfully organised by our Academic Officer Yasmina, the first Emerging Research Seminar (ERSS) of the year introduced our new Fellow in International Relations, Dr Giovanni Mantilla, to the College, alongside talks by Lisa, our MCR President at that time, on her cancer research work and Economics PhD student Maarten De Ridder. Michaelmas also included a highly exciting Cluedo-themed Superhall, a charity bake-sale, and the now traditional Bridgemas event in which we decorated the MCR's Christmas tree with handmade garlands and origami. As every year, the term ended with the highly anticipated Christmas dinner and our yearly MCR Christmas photo.

Lent term kicked off with a fun Burns Night dinner in formal hall, followed by the famous Ceilidh session allowing the MCR members to dance the night away while listening to Scottish music. Social events such as sushi making and a Chinese food night allowed for well-deserved breaks in the midst of the busy term. The Lent ERSS included excellent talks by graduating members of the old committee, Asiya Islam (Sociology) and Joshua Hodgson (Cardiovascular Medicine), alongside a highly entertaining tale of forgery recounted by Dr Felix Waldmann. A 'Roaring Twenties' Superhall introduced glitter, music, and dancing, and helped us momentarily forget the dark winter and cold. The old committee ended its year with the traditional UV bop, handing over to the new committee and sending off everyone into the Easter holidays completely covered in UV paint.

As Easter term is a very busy time for all students, the new committee focussed on welfare and calmness, by introducing yoga sessions, and well attended 'Donut Stress' events. Academic events have continued, with a 'Meet the Fellows in Science' evening and the Easter term ERSS, which included talks by Dr Mike Stock, and members Róisín Fattorini and Emma Pandian. As Easter term came to an end, we looked forward to the warm weather, our Summer Superhall, and the chance to recharge, before starting to plan the next Freshers' Week.

*Yasmina El Chami*

## MEN'S BOAT CLUB



*Men's 1st VIII in  
May Bumps*

The Men's club has continued to grow this season, and has produced a number of strong results, both on and off the Cam. We started the year with two senior men's VIIIs, with all but two from last year's 1st and 2nd VIIIs returning to the club. The 2nd VIII proved their speed early in the year with a win at Autumn Head. They

continued to progress throughout the term and produced a strong result in the Fairbairn Cup, finishing 6th out of the College 2nd VIIIs. The 1st VIII had lost two key athletes from last year's crew, but they gelled quickly and ended the Michaelmas term finishing 8th in the Fairbairn Cup.

Michaelmas term was focussed around novice recruitment. Despite a slightly smaller intake than in recent years, the novice rowers and coxes had a successful first term in the club. The novice 2nd VIII was the second fastest on the Cam, even beating the 1st VIII in the final race of the term. The novices also enjoyed a number of social events such as the Freshers' BBQ, and most of them continued into the Lent term.

The Lent term began with our annual training camp in France. We had five days of cold, but perfect, rowing conditions to train on the Lac d'Aiguebelette. This was a great opportunity for the novices to row and build friendships with members of the senior squad, and for all athletes to experience rowing in smaller boats such as our new 4x. Upon returning to Cambridge, the Men's club quickly settled into three VIIIs and began training for Lent Bumps. The 3rd VIII consisted mainly of recent novices who showed real promise early in the term, and were determined to 'get on' to Bumps. Sadly, they were the third fastest non-qualifying crew for the second year running. The 2nd VIII saw four changes to the Michaelmas crew. They produced three strong row-overs during Bumps, but were unfortunately bumped by a blading Emmanuel crew on Day 2. The 1st VIII struggled with injuries throughout the term and managed few outings together as a full crew. They started the week in a challenging position, 6th on the river. They were certainly not hoping to finish down three, but the crew was proud of their performance given their difficult circumstances.

In Easter term, the 3rd VIII successfully qualified for Bumps, starting at station one in Division 5. Failing to bump up into Division 4, they raced the Bumps course

twice on each day of Bumps, a total of over 20km! However, they were unfortunately denied their opportunity to bump up after umpires awarded a technical row-over on the final day. The 2nd VIII started Bumps in a difficult position, second in Division 3 and surrounded by some of the fastest 2nd VIIIs on the river. They were bumped on all four days, and were awarded spoons. The 1st VIII struggled to find their speed early in the term, but they made great improvements after welcoming Tom Strudwick (7 seat of this year's winning Goldie Crew) from Cambridge University Boat Club. Despite finishing the week down one, they were very pleased with their performance, after holding off a number of crews that were significantly faster earlier in the term.

This season's greatest success was seen away from Cambridge. A composite crew from the 1st and 2nd VIII finished 140th at the Head of the River Race, and 4th out of Cambridge colleges. This is the club's strongest performance on the Tideway in recent years. We hope future crews continue to represent the College on the national scale and test themselves against the most competitive clubs.

The Men's club owes tremendous gratitude to Boathouse Manager, Kate Hurst, for her continued dedication and commitment to the club. Thanks must go to Stephen Mathew, Jack Wills and Milosz Wrobel for their coaching throughout the year, as well as to all members of the Committee and Steering Committee. Finally, we are grateful to College and alumni for their continued support, and to Emily Marr for her passionate work as Women's Captain and Captain of Boats.

*Simcha Brownson*

## WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

This year, the women's side of the club has demonstrated impressive resilience and drive. Looking back, the highlights that spring to mind include the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women being admitted to Christ's, the training camp in the French Alps, and six-lane racing at Nottingham Regatta. However, what has truly made the year has been quotidian memories of sunny paddles in the quad, the exhilaration of burning muscles during a race, and bonding on the balcony after a hard erg.



*Women's 1st VIII  
in May Bumps*

The year began with the biennial Blades Regatta, where we welcomed alumni back for light-hearted racing; the speech by Pippa Michaels (née Cribb), the first female Captain of the Women's Boat Club, was a particular highlight of the day. Inspired by the first set of women to row at Christ's, the senior women launched into Michaelmas term, training for the most part as a IV after losing members to graduations the previous summer. Capitalising on the challenge that IVs present compared with VIIIs, we honed our rowing over the course of the term. While illness and injury struck the women, we used this to our advantage to integrate subs



in our training, and give them the opportunity to row at lower commitment. Racing is also excellent practice, and we entered Autumn Head, University Fours, Winter Head, and the Fairbairn Cup, demonstrating consistently strong performances in spite of a changing crew.

Michaelmas term brought us new members, and twelve women joined as novice rowers. Two women joined as coxes on the men's side. This term's novices were the first to learn to row at the new boathouse and benefit from sessions at the Downing Rowing Tank. The women and their cox instantly bonded as a crew, and spurred each other on in their enthusiasm.

Before the start of Lent term, we went away for our annual training camp on the Lac d'Aiguebelette in Savoie, France. This is always a turning point in the club as the novice-senior divide breaks down and the novices make dramatic progress. We went into Lent term with two women's VIII's: W1 consisted of existing senior women, plus a novice rower from NW1, and W2 was composed of rowers from NW1. The term's training and racing built up to Lent Bumps, and at the end of term, W2 attacked their first ever Bumps races. Sadly, W2 did not reap the rewards of their training and came away with spoons, having been bumped every day. W1 on the other hand had the joint best performance of Christ's W1 crews in Lent Bumps since the Headship crew (-2) of 2015. We had begun the term as a scratch crew, but, in spite of some crew members being away during the term, we experienced great progress. Sadly however, the Women's Head of the River race on the Thames was cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions. To make up for it, we seized the opportunity to race in the Nottingham Regatta the following term at the National Watersports Centre.

Easter term presented the challenge of fitting thirteen women with various external commitments, occurring between one to eight times a week, into a training schedule. However, we welcomed a boon in the form of ex-lightweight, Miriam Apsley, and Blues rowers, Pippa Whittaker and Tricia Smith, who were keen to join us for May Bumps. While they followed their own training schedule during the term, they joined us once a week for a W1 outing, during which they brought us expertise and unbounded enthusiasm. For the rest of the time, the women's side operated as a squad, with W1-W2 mixed outings, W2 outings, and mixed land training. Although W2 had made improvements this term, it was not quite enough to save them from spoons in May Bumps. W1 experienced a dramatic May Bumps week, during which they were prevented from racing on the first day, but then returned with a series of row-overs for the rest of the week. Each day, they gained on the crew ahead by a margin not quite big enough to afford them a bump, while staying safely away from the crew chasing them.

The women's side of the club extend their thanks to Kate Hurst for her rigorous coaching and management of the Boathouse, Milosz Wrobel for Strength and Conditioning coaching, Tara Slade for coaching NW1 and W2, the Committee, Steering Committee and Rebecca Pitcaithly from the Development Office. Finally, we thank Simcha Brownson, the Men's Captain, who has been an indomitable force within the club and has supported both the women and the men throughout the year.

*Emily Marr*

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

It has been a pleasure to be the president of Christ's College Board Games Society (CCBGS) this past year. The society has really grown compared to previous years, with many new members joining, mostly first years but some from other years too. It is great that a relatively young society is starting to thrive and that it continues to be a place where students can come together to enjoy board games. There have been many memorable moments throughout the year with play across a variety of games, from *One Night Ultimate Werewolf* to *Betrayal at the House on the Hill*. New additions this year, to add to our growing library of board games, include: the *Catan: Cities and Knights* expansion, *One Night Ultimate Werewolf Daybreak*, and *Puerto Rico*. These have been very popular, and I look forward to seeing which games the new committee will choose for the coming year. The future is bright for CCBGS and I hope to see it become firmly established amongst the many societies at Christ's.

*Andrew Smith*

## COLLEGE CHOIR

Christ's Choir has had a busy but fun year, as ever. Although our next tour is fast approaching, we are still thinking fondly of last year's tour to Canada. We sang in Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Niagara, as well as much of the greater Ontario region, with seventeen concerts across three weeks! Nonetheless, the Choir still



*The College Choir*

had time to explore the region, and a highlight was visiting Niagara Falls at the end of our trip. We said a sad farewell to our leavers, then, in October, welcomed new members to our Choir, and began our term-time routine of two services each week, alongside many socials. We continued our annual tradition of performing the Mozart Requiem at St Martin-in-the-Fields in November, and performed a number of Christmas concerts in English Heritage sites near Cambridge, at St John's Smith Square and St Martin's. We have enjoyed five contemplative compline services by candlelight, followed by port and hot chocolate in the Chaplain's room, and a number of additional services to celebrate special events of the year. At the end of June, we performed a programme of English Romantic and twentieth century music at the Thaxted Festival, which was a great opportunity to practise some of our repertoire for the upcoming tour. As I write, it's almost time to start packing for our international tour, which will involve all extremes of weather – from humidity in our first week in Singapore, to wintry weather during our two weeks in New Zealand's North Island (you can follow our activities on the College website)! A highlight of each tour is our Choir football match, which pits one side of the Choir against the other. We've been practising for this through fixtures with other college choirs this year, including victories against Queens', Caius and Homerton choirs!

*Laura Dunkling*

## CHRISTIAN UNION



*The Christian  
Union*

This year has been a very exciting one for the CU. We were pleased that two new members – Anna and Joe – joined us in Freshers' week and we kicked off the year with the CU's favourite text-a-toastie initiative, trying to answer a great number of burning questions from first years. As Christmas approached, we celebrated and shared the good news about Jesus's birth with our friends at a carol concert.

2019 started with the big Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (CICCU) getaway, where CUs from the whole University got together at the very picturesque Quinta Hall in North Wales. We were joined by Michael Ramsden and Pete Nicholas who spoke amazingly well, getting us prepared for the term ahead. Lent term kicked off with an amazing answer to prayer: our close friend Ghis gave her life to Christ, giving an immense burst of encouragement among us as we made our final preparations for events week. This year's events week theme was 'Tomorrow – life in longing', based on the idea that we all are looking to the future in hope to find purpose in our lives. We were once again joined by Michael Ramsden and Pete Nicholas for talks every evening that week. We finished Lent term by giving thanks to Josh and Victoria, our wonderful reps for last year and welcoming Will and Joe as our new reps.

Easter term was a very busy one for us all, with our new reps trying to find their feet and juggling exam preparation on top of that. We joined together with Downing, Pembroke, and Emmanuel to host a rounders event every Saturday for the last 4 weeks of the term. Many of our close friends excitedly joined us to play as a very welcome revision break. We were joined by student workers from our local churches who shared amazing things about their faith. Josh and Emily have joined the CICCU executive committee, and we are sad to say goodbye to Jonathan M, Rebekah, Preeti, Laura, Jonathan W, Chisom, and Jemina as they graduate and leave the College. We also welcome members of Sidney Sussex CU, who have joined with us from this term. We are all very excited to see what God has in store for us in the future.

*Joe Lunn*

## DARWIN SOCIETY



*Darwin Society  
dinner*

As usual, the Darwin Society held talks on different aspects of science throughout the year, including a popular talk on *What's the deal with quantum mechanics?*, when we were bamboozled by unintuitive quantum mechanical results. We continued our tradition of having a fantastic black tie dinner in Lent term. Sadly, our scheduled

speaker had to drop out at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances but our very own bye-fellow Jamie Gundry stepped into the speaker's shoes. Jamie gave an amusing speech, having us all guessing whether some slightly odd-sounding papers on insect research were real publications or not!

This year the focus has been on trying to get scientists of all academic levels within Christ's to mingle, and it was nice to see PhD students and postdocs amongst undergraduates and Fellows at our dinner. We hope these interactions will continue to be built on in future years.

*Esmée Woods*

## FEMINIST SOCIETY

The Feminist Society has been joining in with the celebrations for 40 years of women at Christ's, and we have hosted a range of different events. The main celebration took place at the 'Feminist Cabaret', which was an evening that showcased the talents of female undergraduates (including singing, playing instruments, and poetry recitals). It also provided the opportunity for



*Feminist Society  
cabaret event*

students, staff, Fellows, alumnae and the Master to spend an evening together reflecting on the vibrant community we have here at Christ's, and how the College has developed in the past 40 years. We have also teamed up with the Christ's JCR Welfare team to put on welfare events with a feminist twist, such as feminist movie nights and letter writing sessions. For International Women's Day we hosted a 'Purple Party', transforming the Buttery into a very purple space with flowers, decorations, snacks and drinks in order to bring people together to celebrate the important women that have shaped and continue to shape Christ's. We had some exciting events in May Week, including a speaker event with the socialist feminist Hilary Wainwright, and various fundraisers in aid of local women's charities.

After founding Christ's FemSoc in my second year, I will be sad to leave it behind when I graduate this June; however, I am also really excited to see what the new president and committee do with it in the coming years and wish them the best of luck!

*Charlotte Fraser*

## MEN'S FOOTBALL

Following a disappointing 2017/2018 season, the CCAFC 1s were determined to bounce back and achieve promotion back to Division 2. Buoyed by a solid fresher intake and an unexpected return of Nodar Barbakadze (thank you Dr Hunt), we were quietly optimistic. The opening fixtures, however, were not kind to us with our first three games being against our promotion rivals: Clare,



*CCFAC 1s*

Magdalene and Corpus Christi. Crucial goals by CCAFC newcomers Dita Jaja (one game wonder), Moritz Krüger and Stephan Stephanides allowed us to beat both Clare and Magdalene and although we fell to a 4-2 loss against Corpus, we found ourselves in pole position for promotion. After a bye in the first round of Cuppers, we faced a tough draw against Girton 1s, a Division 1 side. With the captain absent, Lawrence Howard (the VC and our talisman) stepped up to lead the side to a 3-0 win, scoring an almost perfect hat trick. Our league form continued and the attacking triad of Stephan, Lawrence and Matt Baron terrorised the Division 3 defences whilst our impermeable defence led by our charismatic goalkeeper Barney Crawford frustrated opposition attackers. Our Cuppers run, however, was cruelly ended by the reigning Division 1 and Cuppers champions, Fitzwilliam. With a gap in league position as great as our reciprocal gap in the Tompkins table, we faced a difficult task and although we battled valiantly, they proved too strong. Another Lawrence Howard hat trick against Robinson's 2s ultimately confirmed our promotion back into Division 2 with a very respectable total of 24 points out of a possible 27. I would just like to give special mentions to the player of the season, Nodar Barbakadze, and to the strong midfield duo of Jake Simms and Hamish Innes, who hardly put a foot wrong all season. The CCAFC 2s sadly did not have as successful a season, but there is a strong foundation there for next season in Division 5.

I would also like to thank Hiral Radia for all the social events throughout the term and I wish the future committee (Barney as 1s captain, Stephan as 1s vice, Michael Collingwood as 2s captain, Tom Wilkins as 2s vice and Jordan Smith as social secretary) all the best; I'm sure we will build on the successes of this year.

*Kenki Matsumoto*

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The Christ's, Lucy Cavendish and Churchill team has had an exciting and successful season, with the team having grown considerably throughout the two terms. From friendly matches, to Cuppers, to plate matches, the team played with enthusiasm and dedication, welcoming players of all different abilities and experience to join in.

Throughout the Michaelmas term the team flourished and gained confidence, working together to secure a few wins against other teams and picking up skills along

the way. Lent term saw more successful matches, where the team gained confidence and continued the success of the last 3 years, securing another win in the Plate Final against the Kings/St John's team after a dramatic semi-final.

As always, it has been an incredibly fun year of football for the club, with the team improving hugely over the two terms.

*Neha Sreekumar*



*Christ's, Lucy  
Cavendish  
and Churchill  
football team*



## MEN'S HOCKEY

Men's hockey for Christ's this year was different in two respects: a different team and different levels of success. Having merged with Pembroke College at the start of the academic year creating (informally) Chrembroke Hockey team, we've had an excellent year of sport. Starting in Division 2, after a great term of hockey we topped the league and were consequently promoted to Division 1. Added to the end of Michaelmas was a victory against our league rivals. The only college with a similar record was Gonville and Caius, on flicks in Cuppers. We saw excellent performances from our new recruit of Alex Blake, a first year mathematics student with a great amount of technical ability.

Lent term was also successful for hockey. We always fielded an 11 player team where other teams failed. The team managed to top Division 1. Whilst we were undefeated in the league, Jesus College unfortunately knocked us out of the semi-finals of Cuppers (requiring half a team of Blues to do it!). With two league titles since becoming Captain, I hope to continue this fine run of form of College hockey.

*Miles Mason*

## HORTICULTURAL AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY (CHABS)

This has been a great year for CHABS. After successfully petitioning the College to build a herb garden on unused space in New Court last year, the garden was built early in Michaelmas term. With the help of the College gardeners, we planted herbs and other edible plants, including rosemary, thyme, sage, parsley, oregano, strawberries, mint, bok choy, bay leaf, and tulips. We celebrated the opening of the garden with a botanical cocktail and herbal tea party. Now, students are able to pick free herbs right in College, and the benches in the garden provide a beautiful new space to socialise and enjoy the outdoors in the warmer months. The garden required little upkeep during Lent term, so we focused our efforts on hosting a potted plant giveaway for the third year in a row. We potted up dozens of irises, aeoniums, queen's tears, and succulents, giving away a greater number and variety of plants than last year. Every last one was claimed by someone in the eager crowd. We also made hand-painted labels for the plants in the herb garden, adding decoration and allowing students to more easily identify the plants. We've really enjoyed working with the gardeners this year and have appreciated all their help, particularly in helping us maintain the herb garden outside term time and allowing us access to their resources. We've appreciated the support of the College in our efforts to make it a greener and more beautiful place, and we look forward to doing the same next year!



*The new herb garden on the terrace of New Court*



*Watering the herb garden*

*Jack Conway*

## LAW SOCIETY

*From left to right:  
Jake Gibbins, Esme  
Cairns, Lord  
Mance, Professor  
Peter Cane, Lady  
Arden, The Master,  
and members of the  
St John's team*



The Law Society hosted two moot competitions this year. In addition to the annual intra-College moot for first years, the Law Society revived the Lady Margaret Beaufort moot: the competition between Christ's and St John's advocates.

The intra-College moot final (adjudicated once again by His Honour Judge Anthony Bate (m. 1980)) showcased the talents of first year advocates. Faced with a challenging criminal law problem (with the central issues of causation and partial defences to murder), all participants did extremely well in navigating the issues and putting forward a succinct argument. The moot was won by Cherie Ho, who went beyond the scope of the criminal law syllabus and corroborated her argument with reference to CPS practice guidance.

Second year lawyers at Christ's (Jake Gibbins and Esme Cairns) and St John's (Timothy Lee and Sophie Michalski) had the opportunity to moot before Supreme Court Justice Lady Arden, who kindly accepted the Master's invitation to do so. The problem concerned foundational issues of contract law; namely part consideration and promissory estoppel. In awarding Christ's the title, Lady Arden praised the advocates for an extremely high-quality moot. It is hoped that the Lady Margaret Beaufort moot will happen next year too as the Society goes from strength to strength.

*Nicholas Morgan*

## LAWN TENNIS

*Team list: Shravan Gourishankar (c), Amritz Ansara, Alex Blake, Ziyi Liu, Robert Andrew Martin, Pranay Nadella, James Patchett, Emil Sands, James Shemilt, Ziyi Zhu.*

The 2018/2019 season was an exciting one for Christ's tennis. Our team this year consisted almost entirely of new faces, with a high intake of enthusiastic freshers, so our goal was mainly focussed on development. We started the year in Division 1 of the Michaelmas league, owing to a strong squad (consisting almost entirely of Blues players!) last year. We played competitive tennis here, with strong performances from American import Pranay Nadella, and new recruits James Patchett and Robert Andrew Martin.

In Lent term, we participated in the annual Cuppers competition. After making it through the first round, we were unfortunately hit with a string of injuries before facing a strong Magdalene side. Determined performances from Alex Blake, Amritz Ansara, and Blues player James Shemilt gave us a fighting chance, but in the end, Magdalene managed to narrowly squeeze through. It was great to observe consistent improvements in the squad players over the course of the year, and looking ahead, we appear to have a strong team in development for the future.

We also had social sessions throughout the year, and it was fantastic to see a great mix in the turnouts, ranging from those who had never played before, to seasoned veterans of the game.

*Shravan Gourishankar*

## MARGUERITES

The last 12 months have yet again been a strong one for the Marguerites Club. Another successful year has seen us continue to promote all forms of College sport. The annual dinner saw us celebrate the tenures of Henry Morley (President) and Ben King (Secretary) and the new appointments of Ian Holdroyd (President) and Miles Mason (Secretary) with Hiral Radia continuing the role of treasurer. We look forward to the next 12 months with the resurgence of events such as sports days, formals, and a bop to plan, along with the annual College garden party which is eagerly anticipated by all members of College.

*Ian Holdroyd*

## MUSIC SOCIETY

In the past year, CCMS has continued to provide some exciting music for the College community. In Michaelmas, we held our regular week 5 blues, as well as a recital and piano masterclass by Julia Wallin, and of course the Christmas concert, with performances from voices, orchestra and jazz. In Lent, we hosted several events for the Female Composers Festival, including a viola and violin recital, and a composing workshop with guest panellists Janet Wheeler, Angela Slater and Cheryl Frances-Hoad, and musicians from the instrumental award scheme. We also held the annual Charles Blackham competition, which was judged by David Rowland and Lucy Ruben, and jointly won by Fazal Shah and Claire Watters on recorder and viola respectively. In Easter term, we continued our 'squash o'clock' recital series, designed to provide students with a short musical break from revision, and had recitals ranging from acoustic guitar music to clarinet, piano, solo voice, and a final Leavers' concert on 8 June, where graduating members of the Choir performed ensemble pieces.



*CCMS committee*

*Claire Watters*

## MIXED NETBALL

The mixed team had a fantastic year in the inter-college league. Having begun in Michaelmas in the lowest division, consistently strong turnout and some standout individual performances meant we were promoted into second place overall. We continued this excellent run of form in Lent, losing only one match and drawing once, leaving us in first place and promoted to the top division for Michaelmas 2019. The Cuppers competition tournament, held at the start of Easter, was unfortunately less successful; drawn in a group including three division 1 teams we failed to progress past the group stages. Overall it has been a great year for mixed netball, with many new players joining and we look forward to the 2019 season.

*Nick Morgan*

## SQUASH

It has been a very successful year for the squash club. After some close fought games throughout Michaelmas term, both the 1st and 2nd teams were promoted. The 1st team are now in division 1 and the 2nd team are in division 3. In Cuppers, the 1st team lost out to Churchill in the 3rd round – the eventual winners of the tournament – but put in some brilliant results to get there. The 2nd team had a tough opening match against Emmanuel, and went out in the first round. This was the first year we had a women's team for Cuppers, and they made a fantastic debut appearance by making it into the semi-finals. There were many new faces in the club this year, which will put the club in a strong position for next year. Best of luck for 2019–2020!

*Andy Sayer*

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE CHREMBROKE HOUSE



*Chrembroke  
House Ultimate  
Frisbee team*

The past year has been an exciting one for Chrembroke House Ultimate Frisbee, a joint team with Emmanuel College, Pembroke College, Peterhouse, Hughes Hall and Wolfson College. In Michaelmas, Lent and Easter terms, we took part in the college League, playing weekly matches and an end-of-term Cuppers. In Michaelmas, we ranked 9 out of 11 – a decent start as new players got to familiarise themselves with the

sport. As our skills, gameplay and teamwork improved with time, we moved up the rankings, ranking 4 out of 11 in Lent and 5 out of 11 in Easter. We hope to keep up the performance and improve ourselves further in the future.

*Hui Min Goh*

## CHRIST'S ARTS SOCIETY

The College's arts scene is undergoing its very own renaissance. Formerly Art and Chill, Christ's Art Society (CAS) is being headed into a new ambition and direction under the vision of their presidents, Chater Paul Jordan and Eve Oostendorp. CAS is looking to revive Christ's creative scene, running weekly workshops with a variety of formats from directed classes, free-for-all workshops, collaborative workshops with other college societies and discussion meetings. Of these, our highlight of the year was the CAS x Fellows discussion held in March. It was organised in anticipation of the College's summer portraiture re-hang, following the success of hanging female portraiture in the Great Hall. The event was an open dialogue between the student body and Fellows about the portraiture that hangs around College. Questions included: whether Darwin's portrait should still be re-hung; who else should be hung; where should they be hung; and why does it matter? The workshop provided an opportunity for students to ask questions and voice their



*Discussion  
about portraiture  
in College*

opinion on the portraiture around College. CAS was honoured to host the Master, Professor Jane Stapleton, Dr Carrie Vout and Professor Jim Secord as guests. In addition to the fascinating discourse and enquiry that the discussion provoked, perhaps the discussion's greatest success was to hear that it inspired members of Trinity Hall to consider running a similar workshop within their own college.

Looking forward to the next academic year, CAS hopes to broaden its ambition by running more focussed workshops in hopes of a termly student-led exhibition. On top of this, we hope to expand our influence and outreach across College and the University with more workshops such as talks and gallery visits. We hope to continue the wonderful progress made this year and hope to interest you, fellow alumni, in attending such exhibitions or even partaking in our various workshops. We look forward to updating you with more great news soon.

*Chater Paul Jordan*



**Prizes 2019**

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of June 2019.

*Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic*

Levy-Plumb Prize A. M. Williams

*Archaeology*

Levy-Plumb Prize J. J. C. Meynell

*Architecture*

Levy-Plumb Prizes J. E. Lake, P. R. L. Rodford (Exhibition)

*Classics*

Calverley Prize T. H. Baarda  
 S. G. Campbell Prize K. Phillips  
 Rev'd E. T. S. Carr Prize L. Wild  
 Harrison Prize B. D. Caven-Roberts  
 Thompson Prize I. Nappert-Rosales

*Computer Science*

Sir Robert Cox Prize M. S. Le Maitre  
 College Prize S. Stoykov  
 Bob Diamond Prize A. Roy

*Economics*

College Prizes S. Agrawal, C. Campbell, V. Z. J. Chuang,  
 L. J. Ibbotson, D. Lee, D. P. Nagy, K. Patel,  
 L. F. Righetti (Exhibition), N. Sharma,  
 K. L. Tham  
 James Meade Prize J. J. H. Phoon  
 A. R. Prest Prize B. Y. N. Lui  
 Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize C. Quadrio Curzio

*Engineering*

College Prizes J. H. Chia, A. Georgiou, O. G. Jones,  
 C. Y. Kok, N. Loo, J. Neill, M. H. Nguyen,  
 Y. Song, J. Tan, X. Wu (Exhibition), Z. Zhu  
 M. R. Lynch Prizes J. Chen, M. J. Hutchinson, C. W. Lim,  
 Y. V. Lishkova, D. N. L. Soutar, E. Y. Tee,  
 S. Thakur. A. S. L. Wang  
 Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize S. P. Drury  
 T. C. Wyatt Prize T. Wang

*English*

Levy-Plumb Prizes

M. A. Calinescu, E. E. Cavendish,  
 P. Gargaro, H. A. Hammans, C. F. Harford,  
 C. Marshall (Exhibition), A. L. Morrin  
 (Exhibition), K. O. Mountford ,  
 A. J. Tulloch (Exhibition)

Milton Prize

R. E. A. Bradburn

Skeat Prize

C. E. Fraser, O. Sutherland

*Geography*

College Prizes

A. O. Cope (Exhibition), P. G. Moran,  
 B. T.-W. Ng, F. P. Rigg, F. M. Wiggins ,  
 A. J. Yardley (Exhibition)

Parker Prize

O. Lai

*History*

Levy-Plumb Prizes

J. W. Cardwell, S. Crawley, G. H. Horsler,  
 F. Mitchell, N. Scott (Exhibition)

Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes

J. Kimblin, B. E. Rymer (Exhibition)

Sir John Plumb Prize

J. Kimblin

*History and Modern Languages*

Levy-Plumb Prize

N. Sharma

*Human, Social, and Political Sciences*

College Prizes

L. E. L.-C. Chan, J. L. Conway,  
 P. C. Engelbrecht-Bogdanov, R. Jordana,  
 J. Simms, V. Vassilieva

Dr Fred Eade Prize

M. Gjesdal Hammer, N. Rahman

Haddon Prize

J. I. Higgins

*Land Economy*

College Prize

P. Maneepairoj

*Law*

College Prizes

E. M. Cairns (Exhibition), A. Charidemou  
 (Exhibition), A. Chawla, D. J. J. Chee,  
 C. L. A Edmonds (Exhibition),  
 N. R. Morgan, I. D. Pietroui (Exhibition)

de Hart Prizes

M. L. W. M. Hangchi, E. M. L. Ho,  
 M. L. W. Mason, J. Munt, B. -F. Nae,  
 T. A. Sewell

Rapaport Prize

B. King

*Linguistics*

Levy-Plumb Prize

I. S. Davies

*Management Studies*

Walter Wren Prize

H. Darling

*Mathematics*

College Exhibition Prize

D. Ruibys

Kelly Prizes

P. de Friend, N. Patel

Dr J. A. J. Whelan Prizes

M. Chaffe, J. Chevalier Drori,

M. A. Gutierrez Guillen, D. Kozevnikov,

C. McDougall, C. E. Murphy, R. J. Sawdon

*Medical and Veterinary Sciences*

College Prizes

W. De Vivo (Exhibition), J. S. Dulku,

E. Fitzsimons-West, V. Gupta (Exhibition),

I. J. Holdroyd, J. Howard Dicks,

A. Tolley (Exhibition)

Jennifer Perelman Exhibition Prize

R. Houlden

Michael Perelman Prizes

A. Faher, H. Garland, M. Takla

Rapaport Prize

W. J. Chadwick

Staines Read Prize

I. X. Zou

Szeming Sze Prizes

I. C. Phillips, J. W. McLean

*Modern and Medieval Languages*

Latimer Jackson Prize

J. E. Bowen

W. B. Lauder Prize

S. Chander

Levy-Plumb Prizes

L. H. Cook, B. Crawford,

N. G. A. Edwards, L. W. Howard

(Exhibition), H. L. M. Jari (Exhibition),

C. D. Jessop, F. Metcalfe (Exhibition),

P. M. Page (Exhibition), O. Togher,

A. T. C. Whitehead

*Music*

Canon Greville Cooke Prizes

S. P. Fraser, C. V. Watters

*Natural Sciences*Valerie Barker Prize  
College PrizesT. Noel  
J. A. C. Bertlin, A. Bibekar, D. T. Famili  
(Exhibition), S. R. Goorney, E. R. Guest,  
E. M. Jolley, J. Jones, E. Kaziukenas,  
O. M. Kidwai, D. Kuryla,  
R. A. Martin, S. A. Merchant,  
O. B. Nelson-Dummett, A. Risebrow,  
E. J. Simmons, J. G. Smith, P. Suman,  
S. Suresh, C. E. P. Talbot,  
V. E. M. Tavernor, I. Timofeev,  
R. R. Umeria, C. Q. Y. Whiting, S. Zhao  
S. R. Mioceвич  
E. Ribinskas  
B. J. Akkrill, S. C. Clark, C. E. Collingwood,  
B. R. B. Grodzinski, H. I. Innes, J. Lawson,  
J. Proudfoot, E. J. Woods  
S. A. Turner  
J. M. Mortlock, S. F. H. Shah  
A. Guyon  
D.-C. Ungureanu  
H. M. Goh, T. Liu, M. A. Zecca  
R. Gidda, H. F. Goodhew, J. PelanskisDarwin Prize  
P. J. Fay Prize  
Greig PrizesSir Arthur E. Shipley Prize  
Dr Kaertrín V. Simpson Prize  
Rosabel Spencer-Thomas Prize  
Lord Todd Exhibition Prize  
Todd-Salters Prizes  
Simon Wilson Prizes*Philosophy*

Levy-Plumb Prizes

G. Malone, L. Somers

*Psychological and Behavioural Sciences*Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize  
College PrizesS. C. M. Asbridge  
E. Bagdades (Exhibition), N. Bazarova,  
S. H. Kong, E. M. Oostendorp, Y. I. Reid-  
Linfoot, K. Y. K. Wong*Theology and Religious Studies*Edith Elmslie Prizes  
Fitzpatrick Prize  
Bishop Gell Prize  
Rev'd J. D. Ridout PrizeM. L. Jones (Exhibition), C. R. Tuffrey  
F. Bradley  
C. R. Tuffrey  
H. E. A. Wright



*Re-designed gardens in Third Court*

*Photograph by Emily Cleevely*



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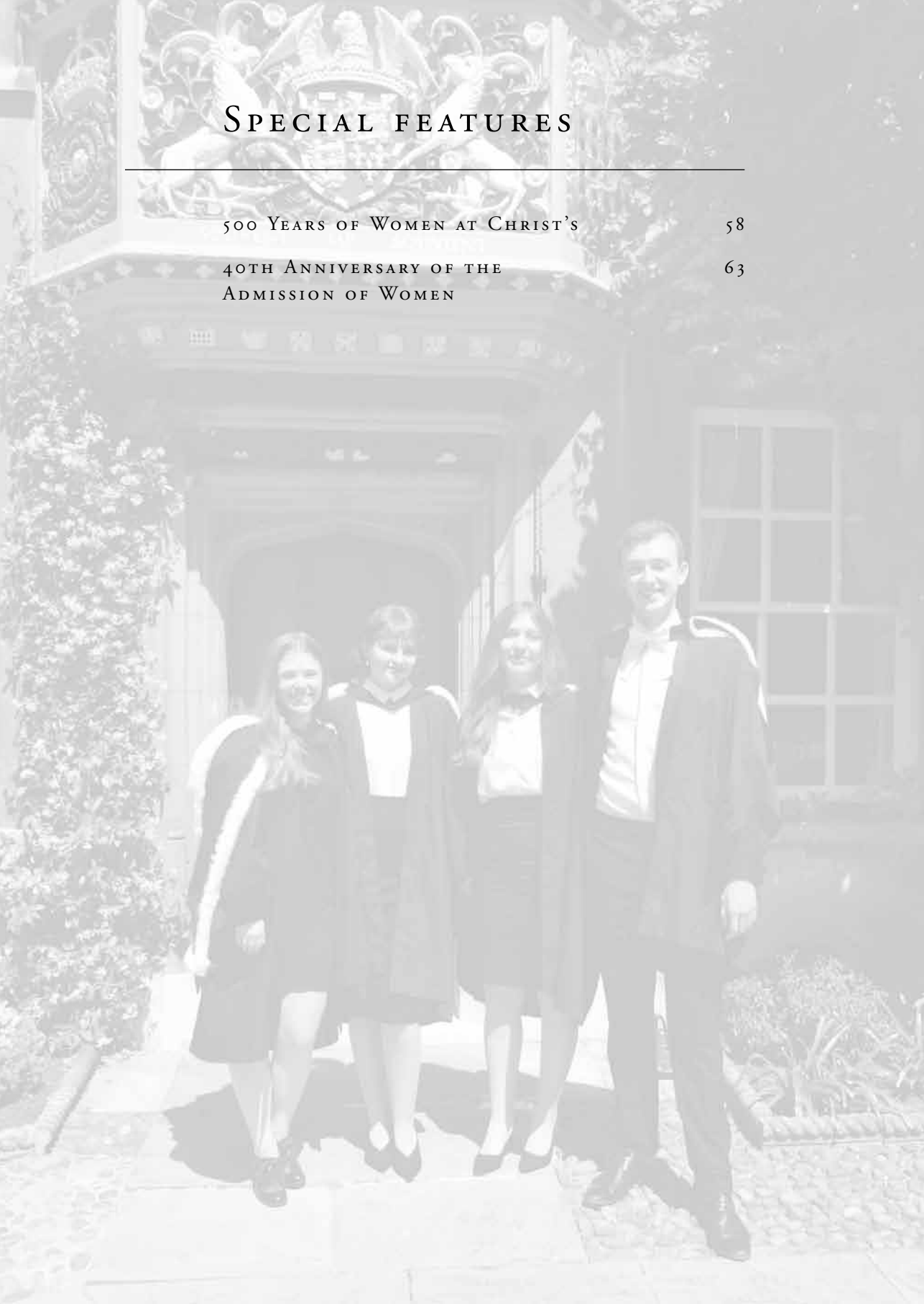
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500 YEARS OF WOMEN AT CHRIST'S

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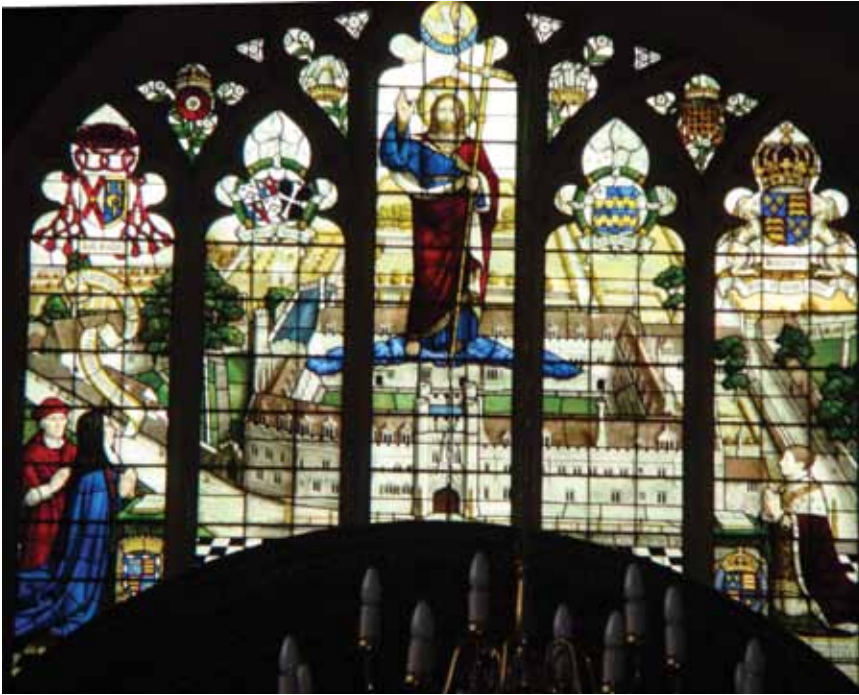
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### **500 Years of Women at Christ's**

There is an enduring myth that Lady Margaret Beaufort was the only woman to set foot in Christ's until the twentieth century. Not until the early 1940s were female guests permitted at High Table (and then only at lunch) and only in the late 1970s did the first female students pass through the Great Gate. The history of women at Christ's seems, therefore, both short and episodic: a wide gulf separates Lady Margaret (1441/3-1509) from the undergraduate and graduate students admitted over the last four decades. But this is not the whole story. This year, as we mark the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to Christ's, I have been researching some of the women who have lived and worked in the College in the five centuries since its foundation. The traces they have left in the archives are few and far between, but the roles they performed were vital to the daily running of Christ's. These women are a neglected, but integral, part of the College's history.

The myth that Christ's was almost completely inaccessible to women for most of its history begins with Lady Margaret herself. At the time she endowed the College in 1505, she was the most powerful woman in the land. As the mother of the king, Henry VII, she was possessed of substantial political and legal authority, and widely renowned for her learning and piety. And yet there were clear limits to what Lady Margaret could do and where she could go in Christ's. The female foundress of an all-male institution was unable to participate in the educational life of the College. She would not have entered the College through the Great Gate but through a side entrance, known as Chapel Gate, from which she could pass straight into the Master's Lodge, where she was confined to the upper floors. From these rooms, she could observe the students and Fellows through the oriel window that opens into the Chapel or through one of the two small windows that overlook the dining hall. But this was a world in which she was prevented from participating. There is a beautiful stained-glass window behind the altar in Chapel, which depicts Lady Margaret and her confessor, John Fisher, in front of the College as it would have looked in the early sixteenth century. This is one of my favourite depictions of Lady Margaret, but it also never fails to remind me that she was always slightly removed from the College, unable to enter the court and buildings in front of which she is shown kneeling. This is the story that we continue to tell to newcomers and visitors to Christ's. It is, after all, a good story – but it is also only a partial account of the long history of women in the College.



*Image of the  
Chapel window*

Like most myths, the idea that Christ's did not permit women entry until relatively recently has roots in the historical record. The College's first statutes (1506) decreed that members were not allowed to bring women into College. Henry Rackham's translation of the statutes (1927) offers a colourful account of the perceived dangers in permitting women entry into Christ's. (In this respect, Rackham's translation is an artefact of the early twentieth century, as well as the early sixteenth century.) In Chapter 31, *Of the vicious Manners forbidden to every Fellow*, the statutes insist that '[no Fellow] shall engage in secret colloquy with loose women, especially within any rooms of the said College; which we desire that no woman shall enter, unless she be thoroughly honest, and very rarely, excepting at a time of sickness, one known and approved by the Master'. The implication is clear: it was thought that the presence of women would distract the students and Fellows from their academic studies. The concession that nurses could be admitted during bouts of plague or other sickness seems to be the exception that proves the rule. The idea that women were not a part of daily life in Christ's was enshrined in the College's earliest statutes.

These concerns about the disruptive potential of women did not, however, extend to female staff, who have been employed at the College throughout its 500-year history. It is just possible that as Lady Margaret came and went through Chapel Gate, she may have glimpsed some of these women. Laundresses appear in the account books from the early sixteenth century onwards. In 1509, the stipend of the laundress was £2, 13 shillings and 4 pence per annum – not a great deal of money, but more than some other College staff, such as the barber. This was surely well deserved, for the task of doing the laundry of all the inhabitants of Christ's would

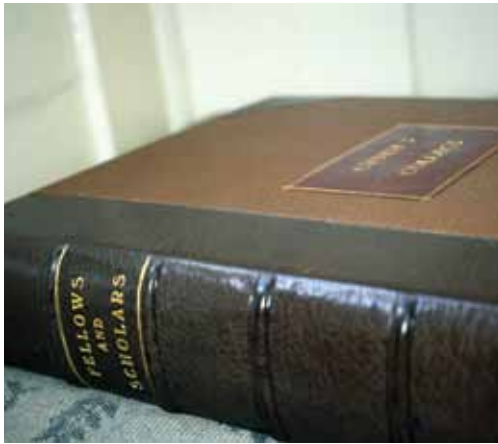


Image of the admission book

have been back-breaking work. These women would not have lived in the College, but they would have been frequent visitors, picking up and dropping off linens daily. They were the first 'hidden women' of Christ's.

In the Michaelmas edition of *Pieces*, I wrote about the challenges of researching these women, most of whom have left only scant traces in the historical record. Often, we can only catch brief glimpses of their lives and

work. That article revolved around two women who worked in Christ's at the turn of the eighteenth century. We know almost nothing about them, except for their names and their jobs: Goodwife Furnase, a porter, and Goodwife Parnel, the gardener and tennis court keeper. Their names, together with those of a few others members of staff, are inscribed in the back of the College admission book, which also records the names of generations of Masters, Fellows, and scholars. The book offers a poignant reminder that there have been women at Christ's since its foundation, long before female students were offered the same educational and academic opportunities as men. It also reveals that working at Christ's in the early eighteenth century was a family affair. Goodwives Furnase and Parnel had inherited their roles from male members of their family: Goodwife Furnase continued the work of her husband after his death, Goodwife Parnel the work of her son. Far from being a male only space, then, Christ's in fact supported and employed extended families – not only parents and children, but also siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Some of these families lived as well as worked in Christ's. There are two different spaces within the College which have traditionally functioned as a family home. The first is the Master's Lodge. Although Fellows were not permitted to marry until 1877, when the passage of the Oxford and Cambridge Act removed the restriction on marriage imposed by the 1506 statutes, Masters of Oxbridge colleges had enjoyed the right to get married since the late Elizabethan period. The first Christ's Master to marry was Edmund Barwell (1582-1609), who wed Elizabeth Tayler, the widow of a former University manciple, in 1588, apparently to the anger and indignation of many of the Fellows. Since then, a series of families have called the Master's Lodge home. Thomas Bainbridge (1622-46) and his wife Mary lived with their five children in the Lodge, including daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Susan. During the Mastership of Ralph Cudworth (1654-88), his wife Damaris gave birth to a daughter, also Damaris (later Lady Masham), who went on to become a renowned philosopher, writer, and advocate for women's education. Her correspondents included some of the greatest authors of the Enlightenment, including most notably John Locke, whose *Essay concerning human understanding* (1690) is thought to bear her influence. These women have also tended to be neglected in accounts of the College, although they are part of the fabric of its history. More than simply wives and daughters, they are also in some sense 'hidden women' of Christ's.

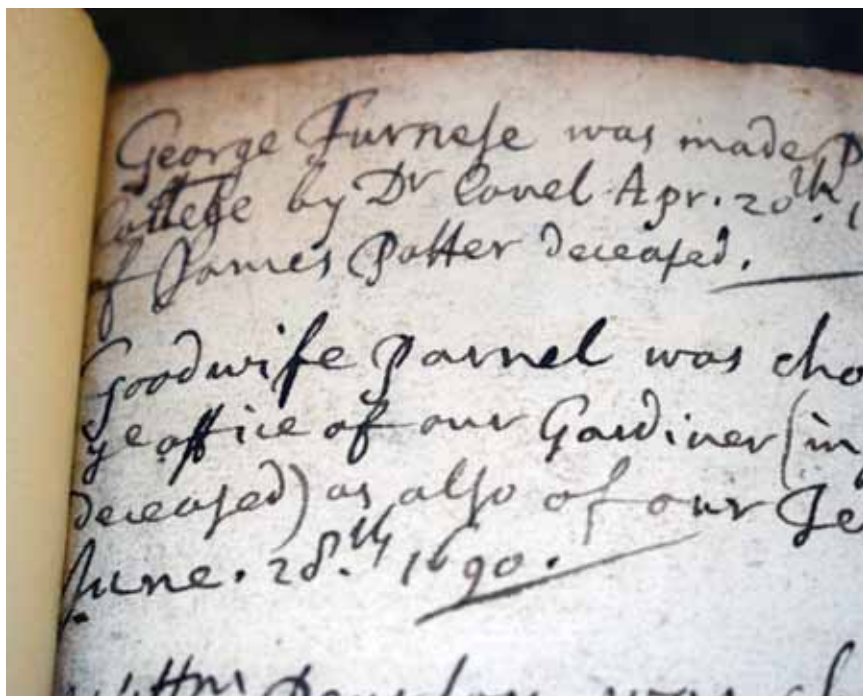
With the arrival of families in the Master's Lodge, the number of female staff employed by the College increased substantially. Housekeepers and ladies maids, governesses and nannies were essential to the smooth running of the Lodge. Census records show that in 1871, it was occupied not only by the incumbent Master, James Cartmell (1849-81) and his wife and children, but also a nanny, a governess, a scullery maid and a housemaid to serve the needs of the family. Some of these women would have lived in the Lodge alongside their mistress and charges, whilst others occupied houses on Christ's Lane for which they paid rents that are recorded in the College's account books. Those who were resident on the main College site would have lived in close proximity to the women who lived in another building that functioned as a residential building: the Porters' Lodge.

We no longer think of the Porters' Lodge as a family home, but records show that it functioned in this way until the early twentieth century. The space was small and, at times, life in the Porters' Lodge must have been quite a squeeze. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Lodge was home to at least two generations of the Nichols family. The 1841 census reveals that it was then occupied by the Head Porter, Laud Nichols and his brother Thomas, the under porter, as well as Laud's wife, five daughters, and two female servants. When the census was conducted again a decade later, it appears that Thomas had been promoted to Head Porter, and now shared the Lodge with under porter William Bridgeman, and two female servants, including Thomas's 18-year-old niece. It seems that, in stark contrast with the strictly male spaces of Chapel or Hall, the Porters' Lodge was sometimes a space in which women outnumbered men. This image is quite different to how we tend to imagine the College 150 years ago.

The Nichols family was one of Christ's most significant staff dynasties. Their activities in the nineteenth century shed further light on the notable and unusual roles that women have sometimes fulfilled at Christ's. They managed and ran not only the Porters' Lodge, but also the wine cellar. This was an important role and the office of butler was the best paid of all the College offices. Remarkably, of the six butlers employed by Christ's between 1795 and 1900, four were female, including at least two members of the Nichols family. In 1900, the College *Magazine* reported the retirement of one of its longest serving members of staff: "Miss Sarah Ann Nichols, who has retired from service after being in charge of the Buttery for fifty years". Strikingly, in a world where titles, jobs, and wealth still preferentially passed from father to son, in this instance the role of butler had passed from mother to daughter. Sarah Ann had inherited the job from her mother, Sarah Nichols, in 1841, amongst whose predecessors included another woman, Sarah Clarke, who had been appointed butler in 1828. It is not clear why this role was so often entrusted to women, but it seems undeniable that great trust and respect was placed in those chosen to perform one of the most prominent roles in College.

It would be almost eighty years after Sarah Ann Nichols's retirement in 1900 before women were admitted as students to Christ's. During that time, and since, female members of staff have continued to make profoundly important contributions to the life of the College. The examples I have discussed in this article – Lady Margaret's laundresses, Goodwives Furnase and Parnel, the staff of the Master's Lodge, and the women of the Nichols family – have revealed the varied and vital roles that women have performed in Christ's over five centuries.





*Goodwife Parnel  
recorded in the  
admission book*

Their names have survived in the College's archives, but there were countless others who remain anonymous. The records that we do have capture nothing of their voices or experiences, but nevertheless stand testament to their existence and their significance within the walls of Christ's. Researching these women has been both fascinating and challenging, yielding records that are so often terse and formulaic and yet – in spite or perhaps because of this – also striking and poignant. As we mark the admission of the first female students in 1978, it seems fitting that we also recognise the roles that women have played in the College for much longer than 40 years. If nothing else, my hope is that, on the next Open Day or at the next alumni event, we might have some new stories to tell about the 500-year history of women at Christ's.

*Harriet Lyon (m. 2010, A. H. Lloyd Junior Research Fellow)*

## 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women

In 2016, Christ's started to look forward to the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to the College. An Anniversary Working Group was set up, with the aim of coordinating events and ensuring that students, Fellows, staff and alumni could mark such an important moment in the College's history.

Dr Sophie Read, Chair of the Anniversary Working Group, writes:

“2018–19 marks the fortieth anniversary of the admission of women to the College as students: in October 1978, six women graduate students – and, rather by chance, a single brave undergraduate – came up. (She was holding a deferred offer for the following year, but the then Senior Tutor Kelvin Bowkett realized there would be a spare place, and so she arrived, a year early, to help make history.) The following year, more than thirty women were admitted to begin their studies at Christ's, and a decisive shift in the College's social and intellectual cultures was truly underway. As Professor David Reynolds writes in the landmark collection of essays produced a few years back for the 500th anniversary of Christ's, “the admission of women will surely be deemed one of the most significant innovations of the College's first millennium”.

It seems extraordinary to remember from this vantage point, but women were only permitted to take full degrees at Cambridge from 1948, just seventy years ago; it was not until 1972 that the first established colleges welcomed women as undergraduate members. Christ's was not in the vanguard, but neither did it lag too far behind the trailblazers of Churchill, King's and Clare.

This anniversary has been an opportunity to look forwards, as well as back. The advances that have been made in women's education both by this College, and the University more widely, have been colossal: the principles of equality which we strive to defend and uphold would have been unthinkable in 1978. But there is little room for complacency, as the struggle to achieve a 50:50 gender balance in our student body should remind us. Attempts to understand and so address an entrenched gender disparity in some Tripos subjects (my own, English, among them) are also



*Challenging Dominant Disciplinary Paradigms in Human Geography and Literary and Cultural Studies, a Masterclass conversation about race and coloniality was organised by Christ's Fellows Dr Natasha Tanna (left) and Professor Sarah Radcliffe (right), and featured Maria Teresa Vera-Rojas of the Universitat de Lleida, and Beth Kamunge of the University of Sheffield*

ongoing: and it would be dangerous to believe that what we have fought for and won over the last forty years cannot be eroded or lost. For Christ's, though, there is good reason to hope for the future. In the current admissions round, just over half the direct applications Christ's received were from women; "both the highest proportion and the highest number of female applicants we have ever had, by some distance", as the Director of Admissions remarked.

When thinking about how best to mark the anniversary, we sought to encourage those members of the College who regularly organise events and exhibitions to incorporate the anniversary, with the aim of ensuring that all areas of College activity reflected on this important milestone."

There have been many highlights: the 'feminist cabaret' organised by the College's new Feminist Society; the launch of a new CD by the College Choir, exclusively featuring music by alumna Annabel McLauchlan Rooney (m. 1991); a special Choral Service in Chapel with music and spoken contributions from alumnae; subject masterclasses; a day of events in College for alumnae, including a panel discussion on 'Christ's women and the mark they make', moderated by



*Launch of  
the Choir CD  
As a Seed Bursts  
Forth, composed  
by Annabel  
McLauchlan  
Rooney*



*Panel members  
for the 40th  
Anniversary event:  
Fiona Bioletti,  
Yasmina El  
Chami, Kate  
Watkins, Jane  
Martinson,  
Jasmine Birtles  
and Anne McHale*



*Reverend  
Dr Jill Duff  
with the  
Chaplain*

Jane Martinson (m. 1987), and including Jasmine Birtles (m. 1981), Anne McHale (m. 1999), Kate Watkins (m. 1987), Fiona Bioletti (m. 1984), and current MCR President Yasmina El Chami (m. 2017). At the dinner that evening, the toast to the Women of Christ's was proposed by Alex Whitfield (m. 1988), who had also been a speaker at the 30th anniversary dinner.

In addition, we were delighted that the Preacher at the Commemoration of Benefactors Service was the Reverend Dr Jill Duff (m. 1990), the Bishop of Lancaster.

We produced two special editions of *Pieces*, both of which focussed on women, including female staff, past and present, the very first female students, and female Fellows, past and present.

One significant change during the year was the exhibition in Hall of prints, pictures and engravings of Lady Margaret. This exhibition was curated by Dr Carrie Vout (Fellow), who also ran a competition for students to reimagine Lady Margaret for our times, and the entries for this were also displayed in Hall during the anniversary year.

Sophie Read comments "We were proud to mark, this year, the 40th anniversary of something so profoundly transformative for Christ's. The women of our College community – the students, Fellows, bedmakers and support staff, as well as latter-day gardeners and porters – are, thankfully, no longer an oddity, but an integral part of its fabric; wonderfully unexceptional, surprisingly everyday. Nonetheless, we can use this anniversary to celebrate their presence here – our presence here – and, after almost five hundred years, the right and privilege of belonging".



*Mar-garet  
Polyptych,  
1968–2018 by  
Yasmina El Chami  
(m. 2017), joint  
winner of the  
Lady Margaret  
Portrait Prize*



***Inspirational Women Dinner***

On Saturday 19 January 2019, an 'Inspirational Women' Dinner was held in College as part of the Anniversary celebrations. Students (both men and women) were invited to bring women guests who had been an important inspiration to them, such as a teacher or lecturer.

The text of the speeches given by Victoria Paines (m. 2017), a Classics undergraduate, and Professor Susan Bayly, a current Fellow, are printed below.

*Speech given by Victoria Paines:*

"Good evening everyone. I hope you are all enjoying this evening, I just wanted to say a few words from the perspective of a female undergraduate at Christ's.

Christ's was of course endowed by a woman – Lady Margaret Beaufort. While being a very educated and politically powerful woman, in this College, which was of course then exclusively male, she had to watch the proceedings here and in the Chapel through windows – like the one above me. Yet now the College has its first female Master, and strong female representation in its senior, middle and junior common rooms.

In fact, I cannot deny that my Director of Studies, Dr Carrie Vout, was a big pull in my applying to this College – both because of her success in her areas of study and because of her challenging female perspective in relation to Classics, a subject which has been undeniably male-dominated in the past. And, in addition, I have a female Tutor - who you're about to hear from – and, for my chosen topics last term, equal numbers of male and female supervisors.

When I came here in 2017, I knew hardly anyone and certainly did not know what to expect. What I found was a community which was both aspirational and supportive at all levels for women. This might be in relation to particular subjects, of course: I have already mentioned my own subject, but amongst Christ's admissions events for prospective students are taster weekends for women in maths, and other events which attempt to break down barriers to STEM subjects. Or it might be in societies run by undergraduates themselves. For instance, Christ's Femsoc which is soon to celebrate its first anniversary runs an active programme of its own events and creates links inside and outside the University with like-minded women; and Cambridge Women in Business has an active Christ's branch, part of a network of women uniting to help each other achieve our career goals, and overcome our uncertainties, especially those to do with male-dominated industries or professions.

In terms of our future lives, you our guests are also our role models and are here because you're an inspiration to the person who invited you, and that's what tonight is about celebrating.

As a young woman growing up, I was lucky enough to have many strong female role models in my life. My mother worked throughout my childhood and taught me that there is no need for women to make binary choices between professional or personal life to achieve success and fulfilment (although I think she would say that can be quite hard work!). And I should also mention as a role model my godmother, who is my guest this evening and who has just become the first female senior partner in her law firm.

I know both of them, whose working lives have spanned almost exactly the period during which women have been admitted to the College, would say that there has been a great change towards male/female equality in their profession, but



that there is still a way to go. The same can probably be said of the College. I very much appreciate what is available to me here in academic and social terms. And I hope that we shall continue developing within College the processes which will in future enable our community to be a full and fair representation of all areas of our society, regardless of gender, ethnicity or family background.”

*Speech given by Professor Susan Bayly:*

“I will start by offering my warm congratulations to Victoria Paines, our student speaker tonight, for her splendid account of her experiences as a current member of our Christ’s community. She was so eloquent and heartfelt that really there’s little or nothing left for me to say. But I will offer just a few thoughts if you’re happy to bear with me.

It is a privilege and a delight to be able to share in our celebration of 40 years of women at Christ’s. Indeed this is a year in which we have a very great deal to celebrate. In addition to our 40th anniversary of female membership of the College, this year marks the hundredth anniversary of votes for British women. And we also are entering the third year of the energetic and inspiring leadership of our first woman Master, Professor Stapleton.

And above all: the admission of women as Fellows and students of Christ’s, the greatest landmark in College life since our foundation as God’s House 582 years ago; and our refoundation by the Lady Margaret: the first of our Christ’s women of inspiration; a polymath and groundbreaking achiever in politics, learning, philanthropy and faith.

So I am very touched and honoured to have been asked to speak tonight, especially because our theme for this evening of celebration is that of inspiration: and rightly so. It is definitely the word I would choose in looking back over my 33 years as a member of our remarkable community.

From the moment I arrived in Christ’s as a brand-new Tutor, Director of Studies and teaching Fellow, I knew I had come to the right place. Christ’s women were so clearly at the heart of College life, contributing and achieving on every front with commitment, panache and verve.

Our College’s ethos is excellence with a human face. And from my earliest days in the early autumn of 1986, that excellence was vividly apparent in the high visibility of senior Christ’s women of amazing distinction: Mary Redmond, Linda Colley, Tanya Luhrmann, and many more besides.

We see tonight their successors, my wonderful women colleagues of today: teaching and research Fellows in a host of subjects across the whole spectrum of the arts, humanities and sciences, together with our male Fellows whose collegiality and friendship we rejoice in, applauding them too for their dedication and energy as scholars, teachers, colleagues and exemplars to our students.

And I knew I had come to the right place as soon as I encountered our great host of lively students: male and female, together and tireless in sustaining the College’s inclusiveness and diversity. College women were making their mark in all the ways so characteristic of Christ’s women today: in sport, music and politics; in the life of our College societies; in their studies, and in their commitment to the needs of the troubled world beyond our gates.

At my very first Milton Society dinner, the Christ’s women speakers had all the best jokes. My very first supervision pupil was a Christ’s woman. At our initial start of term meeting, I handed her one of my notorious super-long reading lists,

for a giant topic on something utterly unfamiliar to her dealing with the whole world of global history, clearly unlike anything she'd studied before. So how did she react? Just as you'd expect of a Christ's woman: a keen, beaming smile and just one word, "cool!"

Once again, I knew I'd come to the right place: then as now, a place of energy and can-do spirit; of good humour and a lively way with words.

Just two more things about the notion of women and inspiration in College life.

The first is to stress all the inspiring things Christ's women have done to enrich College life, again and again with flashes of inspiration that have borne rich fruit. There's the founding of the Lady Margaret Society many years ago; and as recently as 2016, the creation of the first ever Christ's society for politics and public affairs: the Davidson Nicol Society.

The guests our students have brought to share in this evening's festivities are wonderful women who have inspired them – teachers, family members, friends. And I say to the junior members who are here tonight: you inspire us, both Fellows and guests, with your vitality and creative energy.

The way you live your lives in College makes for wonderful synergies between us as Fellows and you as student members of Christ's. There are many key instances of this, including the close collaboration between Professor Vout and the students who have taken a leading role in creating the remarkable exhibition of Lady Margaret portraits we are enjoying so much tonight. And with tremendous input from the English Tripos students, there's Dr Read and the other English Fellows' amazing outreach venture into the digital world, the Milton 'Darkness Visible' website.

That's a glimpse of matters of inspiration in the here and now. So what about the future? And this brings me to the second of my final points. How do we keep that same spirit of inspiration alive and thriving, both for individuals and the life of our community as we face the very uncertain future before us?

Every generation thinks it lives in times of challenge and danger. But it may be that we truly live now in a time of unprecedented uncertainties in everything our students care so passionately about: the environment; global dislocation; human and animal rights; poverty and inequality.

But I think the spirit of Christ's inspiration is powerful armour against bleakness and despair about our troubled times. That capacity to be inspired and to evoke inspiration in others is very visible in our community's gift for forging bonds and friendships globally, across divisions of class, gender, ethnicity and nationality.

What then identifies us as a Christ's community? We are proudly intolerant of intolerance; proud of being citizens of everywhere, as well as lovers of roots and homeland. So we have a great deal to celebrate together, with confidence and delight. I am confident that there will be a buzz of delight about inspiration and achievement at our dinner marking 80 years of Christ's women; 100 years; the next 500 and beyond.

I will therefore conclude with my thanks to all of you; my congratulations to you Christ's women of today. My heartfelt thanks to you our women guests who inspired so many of today's students, and helped them to realise the rich potential so magnificently coming to fruition with us now. We salute too Christ's women of the past and future whose energy and brio are an enduring and eternal life force within and beyond this wonderful community of civilised values, and passions that count.

So please join me now in our toast tonight: to Christ's women; to inspiration; to our College."



Lady in Blue  
(Margaret  
Beaufort) by Emil  
Sands (m. 2017),  
joint winner of the  
Lady Margaret  
Portrait Prize



*Lavender in Third Court*

*Photograph by Emily Clevely*

# ALUMNI NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Christ's has had another full year of events. Alumni met up for sporting events, law and economics discussions, holiday drinks, and reunions with matriculates from 1943 through to 2010.

We have played host to a number of different reunion events in the past year. September was particularly busy, with every Saturday seeing a different gathering. We started the month off with a reunion for the 1971 year group, followed closely by the Blades Regatta and Dinner. The main College reunions were for those who matriculated up to and including 1959 and in 1968, and, later in the month, those who came up in 1990 through to 1994. In September the Choir Association also enjoyed their annual reunion. All of the events were very successful with many alumni re-connecting with College friends and building new friendships.

The second Keynes Economics Supper was held in London on 31 October 2018. This salon-style supper club, in the spirit of Keynes, offers an opportunity for fine dining and quality company in intimate and convivial surroundings, and is now a regular feature in the calendar.

The Engineers enjoyed a dinner at College that provided many opportunities for alumni and students to network, as well as to discuss future career options and mentoring possibilities. We headed to London for the annual Winter Drinks Reception, returning to the Oxford and Cambridge Club this year. Everyone enjoyed the change of venue, and it was a fitting way to say goodbye to another year whilst celebrating the festive season with alumni, Fellows, and guests.

Our MA Day in March was another excellent opportunity for recently graduated members (matriculation year 2012) to reunite in College with events and ceremonies, culminating in a dinner in Hall. The Women's Networking Event held in April at PriceWaterhouse Cooper in London, and generously hosted by Julia McCullagh (m. 1992), was a huge success and aptly placed as part of the celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of Women at Christ's. In June, we held a Law Networking Event at Middle Temple in London, thanks to the generous support of Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989). The majestic venue added to the congenial atmosphere, and everyone who attended remarked on the success of the evening.

Back in College, our Evensong Receptions for alumni, held on the last Thursday of Lent and Easter Term, have become highly anticipated events. Alumni and their

guests are welcomed back to Chapel for an inspirational occasion highlighted by the College Choir, followed by a drinks and canapés reception.

June is always a very busy month at Christ's. The May Bumps picnic was a lovely afternoon by the river with a hog roast, tea, and cakes. The weather threatened storms but thankfully held, and indeed added to the atmosphere. There was an enthusiastic crowd, including many families, on the bank of the river to cheer on our boats. It's a shame the rowing results weren't as successful! Later in June, we welcomed back alumni who matriculated from 2006 to 2010 to a garden party and buffet lunch. It was another lovely day, with alumni enjoying the gardens in all their splendour.

The College's Annual Association Dinner attracted alumni from 1944 up to 2013, and it was lovely to see so many join us this year. The dinner provides an ideal opportunity to get together with a group of College friends outside the normal schedule of year group reunions; the next Dinner takes place on Saturday 27 June 2020, please join us.

In addition to the UK-based functions, we also held international events in New York (thanks to Peter Speicher, m. 1993, and Jim Wendorf, m. 1973), in San Francisco (thanks to Minnie Sarwal, m. 1991), and in Singapore (thanks to Krishna Ramachandra, m. 1996). Our office has helped organise events for the 2009 Year Group, the Economists, the Choir Association, and the Golf Society. We are happy to help with the administration for alumni events you may want to organise, both in College and elsewhere, so please give us a call on 01223 766710 or email [alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk) if you would like to explore possibilities.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming many of you to events and reunions over the coming year.

*Ann Farrell*  
*Alumni Relations Officer*







## Year Group News

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

Last September I attended the Annual Reunion, where I was sadly the only member of our group able to attend. After the journey and socialising in the afternoon the dinner became too much for me – this coming September the College is kindly allowing me to stay the night before the dinner to get over the journey before the festivities! Recently on a visit to Southampton I was able to call on **David Bothwell** who was also a school friend. His wife, Ann kindly took a photo – as you see we both look fairly well and alert, considering our joint ages of 187! My wife is still in a care home for dementia, but rather stronger physically. I was recently able to assist a refugee Syrian student by offering her and her brother a night's lodging so she could be assessed at Reading University the next morning. I am delighted that she has been offered a place for pharmacy in the Autumn term. **Henry Boland** and **George Kemp** both sent long responses to my annual letter requesting news. **Henry Boland** is unfortunately precluded from attending the Reunion by a slow recovery from chest infection but, as a determined ex-Royal Marine, he would come if he could! In widowhood, **George Kemp** has gained fame as a successful watercolour painter of Norfolk, and also from publication of a fine autobiography, entitled *A Life of More Ups than Downs*.



David Bothwell  
(left) and Hugh  
Dawson

**1949 Year Group News:**

Since retiring in 1996, **Arthur Hearnden** has been a governor of various schools including twelve years as Chairman of The Hall in Hampstead. He was the first Chairman of Youth for Britain – Worldwide Volunteering, and Chairman of Millwood Education Trust. He spent six years as a member of the Press Complaints Commission. Both his son, **Barney Hearnden** (m. 1981), and a grandson, **Edward Farrow** (m. 2014), are alumni of Christ's.

**1950 Year Group Representative Peter White** writes:



Rex Howe at 90 at  
the 'top of Europe'

As we approach the 70th anniversary of our matriculation next year, our perspectives are changing and new preoccupations (not always welcome) emerge. Some, like **Rex Howe**, have already celebrated their 90th birthdays. "Is it the new 70?" he asks. The community at St Nicholas Hospital, the ancient almshouse where he lives, arranged a party with a string quartet performing in chapel, and on the following day, a gathering of some fifty or sixty friends and family (including a daughter who flew in from Shanghai) met for a buffet lunch. The day after, he set off for Grindelwald, reaching the much-visited Jungfrauoch (claimed to be the 'top of Europe') and other mountain sights, finding much in common with a young man who turned out to be an Aramaic speaker, one of tiny clusters who not only maintain their faith but treasure their ancient tongue. New perspectives, too, for **John Church**, who writes from Sainte Alvére that while life in France continues to be a delight, as a



great-grandfather he can only “deplore Brexit and the effect it could have on future generations”. Although **Gabriel Roth** has lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland, since 1967 to work on transport economics for the World Bank, links with Cambridge continue. This is through his house in Newnham where he and his wife like to spend most of each summer, and also now through their grandson **Theodore Furchtgott** (m. 2018), a graduate of Princeton who is currently at Christ’s studying medieval English history. Grandsons of **John Fish**, he reports, teach him about cosmology of colliding galaxy clusters and how bacteria survive chlorine in the washing of meat. He is still able to keep walking and regularly leads Southampton Ramblers on ‘all-day’ walks in the range of 11 to 16 miles. Like others, he is involved in his area U3A and has recently set up a History Study Group. **Michael Thistlewood**, having got rid of his car, no longer travels round local churches as he used to, but is still very active in Kendal Parish Church, on the rota for Prayer Book Services on Sundays and Thursdays, in the choir as secretary as well as singer, occasional organ player and composer, and on the team to welcome visitors. Finally, **James Greenhalgh** writes in advance of the seventy year celebration to recall a rowing success which might stimulate today’s College crews. In 1953, after winning its oars in the Mays the first eight was invited to row in an international regatta in Hamburg by former Christ’s oarsman, **Dr Oscar Rupert** (m. 1896). They drove there in three old cars, then won one race and came second to their hosts, Hamburg RC, in another. Five of the crew were from the 1950 group, and three are still ‘on the list’, the others being **Mike Chesterman** and **Dick Winfrey**.

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

A few weeks after his Ordination to the Priesthood, reported in last year’s *Magazine*, **Colin Clay** was admitted to hospital, and told he would have to leave his bungalow and find a retirement home. Fortunately, he is now comfortably situated where he enjoys three meals each day and benefits from full nursing care in a very friendly community. Colin is able to keep in touch with church programmes, veterans’ groups and participate in peace activities while continuing with his writing. Two more books, now at the publishers, tell of his arrival in Ontario, Canada with his family in 1959 and with a computer in his room he looks forward to completing the final two volumes focused on Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from 1977. **John Challoner** writes: “Like everyone else, I wrote a book. Nobody cares but when I left Cambridge with my rather undistinguished degree in languages, I realized that I didn’t know the derivation of ‘France’... can you believe it? So I sat down and researched, and wrote a thing called *Almanach illustré de l’histoire de la France*, illustrated it with lots of the wonderful French commemorative stamps, paid a local printer to make it look decent and print 10 or 12 copies, gave some to my nearest and dearest (who cooed most gratifyingly) and shelved the rest. I was recently allowed to help accompany a glorious local choir in a performance of Schubert’s Mass in G a couple of weeks ago, in Dent. Four violins, two violas and two cello; we were encouraged to play like chamber musicians but even so we could not drown the rich voices of the Dalesmen and ladies.” **Philip Wyatt** writes: “During the past few decades, I have had on my office wall a framed letter from L Steen, the Senior Tutor in Maths during my year at Christ’s. It immortalises his not-so-encouraging words on my performance. I have reflected on his words, during these past 40 years, having built one of the largest scientific instrument firms in

the world and been nominated by the US National Academy of Science as one of the 15 candidates for the Nation's first Scientist-Astronaut program. So much for the encouragement of Mr Steen! I often think about my one year at Christ's and remember warmly so many of the wonderful friends I met there, wishing to meet with them again." Your scribe is sure that many of us would enjoy making, or continuing, the contact which Philip misses. For myself, I continue to live quietly with my wife in the Cotswolds, involved in family and village affairs, with occasional forays to London or further afield. Having taken a PhD in International Conflict Analysis some years ago, I keep Alzheimer's at bay by taking excellent online courses from Oxford Continuing Education. My son Stephen (Pembroke 1978), an academic geochemist who has lived in Germany for nearly 30 years, has taken German citizenship, concerned for the potential effect of Brexit on his freedom of movement. My wife is Irish, but unfortunately that in itself is not enough to get me an Irish passport. And lastly, the news of **David Vermont's** death has saddened the whole year group. **John Challoner** and I shared digs with David at 4 St Andrews Street (together with **Chris Olding** and **John Wybrow**). I was David's best man at his first wedding in Christ's chapel and we remained friends continuously since then. His death has left a large empty space in my life.

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

The sad news is that **Bob Baveystock** has died – especially sad in that he was always the rumbustious one about College, and in the Engineering Labs. **Peter Krausshar** reports a diamond wedding celebration and his role as chair of a London hospice. Like many of us he feels completely European and bemoans our current political shenanigans. **George Hill** continues to enjoy his role as a steward at St George's Chapel at Windsor, though very sadly he has lost his wife Sue, who was a tower of strength when he was a celebrated Headmaster of St George's School – where we had three boys. **Keith Chesterton** writes at length, not quite ready to ease off and downsize. He too fears for our politics, and those that are making such a rotten fit of it – for Keith, a betrayal by the headline politicians of all those party activists who have given their time to the political process. On the more relaxed front Keith goes rambling, or rather the more serious sport of hill walking, having taken in the West Highland Way, never mind the pacemaker. He too celebrates a diamond wedding anniversary – to make up for the growing plethora of funerals. Your scribe joins in bemoaning today's apology for politics, but my main claim is to have downsized by a very large factor with, incidentally, hundreds of books going to the National Trust's second-hand bookshops. I helped to form and chair the East of England Environment Forum which brings together the environment and heritage bodies from both the state and public sectors – a very worthwhile task, plus the joy of interesting people. Otherwise, we still sail at sea our children's Mirror dinghy, which we take to Brittany each summer, and we still have the old Aston that took our children to playgroup. Enormously sadly, we lost a son exploring in Northwest China.

**1954 Year Group News:**

Mary and **John Turner** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 9 August 2018 with family and friends at the Blakeney Hotel in Norfolk. Those attending included their son **Peter Turner** (m. 1981) and **Terry Cann** (m. 1954).



*John and Mary  
Turner with  
their five  
grandchildren*

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

My email to members soliciting reports for the *Magazine* noted that **George Astbury** seemed finally to have renounced his Luddite view, and had provided College with an email address. His explanation is that Old Ridley Farm has its share of seven grandchildren with excellent IT skills between them. Fortunately, he says, as he gets weaker they get stronger, and help to keep the place going. He is off to Paris shortly to see **Mike Thwaites** (m. 1954) who many will remember as our demon stroke in several crews. Any spare time he has is spent on the various vintage cars he has accumulated; he has just sold his Alvis 'Duck's Back' to a gentleman from Peterhouse, but it still leaves him with three others to fettle. **Alastair Breeze** reports nothing of note happening, apart from getting through the year in good health. **Richard Simmons** also continues in reasonable health, but he does have a tangible achievement in the past year. He has finished a biography of William Temple Franklin, grandson of Benjamin Franklin, after some years of intermittent work, and it is currently being revised for publication. For my own part, I cannot compete with George and his vintage cars, although I do spend some time with two 'classic' cars, one of which, an E-Type, I have owned for 42 years. My achievement in the past year, though, is to have celebrated a diamond wedding anniversary with my wife, who matriculated at Girton in 1955.

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

**John Evans** gets the 1st prize for an adventurous life. He continues to be an active sailor at Lymington but venturing far and wide. Last year it was Nepal and Bhutan, and next in line are south east Laos and north east Cambodia. **David Quinn**, a committed and long-standing internationalist, has strong views on the current crisis and is doing something about it. "My principal activity, apart from grandparent duties, is to continue to follow and support any moves to save the UK from the disastrous course it is presently engaged on, namely 'delivering Brexit'. I do this by supporting the European Movement and have written a couple of articles on their website. I attend meetings organised by the Federal Trust Institute and correspond with the likes of Hugo Dixon, editor of the news site INFACETS and, of course,

taking part in the People's Vote demonstrations!" **Peter Thompson QC** has, for the last 20 years, been using his legal experience to run a free legal advice centre. "I have always loved the law, not so much the practice of advocacy as the jurisprudence of law-making. Tutorials with **David Yale** (m. 1950, Emeritus Fellow) and Henry Barnes were extremely stimulating but it was the Maccabean lecture on The Enforcement of Morals, delivered in 1959 by another Christ's man, **Patrick Devlin** (former Honorary Fellow), that really got me thinking. After 12 years at the Bar I opted for the public service, initially working for the Law Commission before retiring at 60. Missing the legal problem-solving, I started a free legal advice centre on church premises, as just another pastoral service to the community, and it has grown: after 20 years it now has a caseload of over 500 cases a year and operates out of three venues with the support of *pro bono* lawyers, law students, sixth formers and other people of good will. No one is charged fees and no one gets paid but gratitude for a good result is sometimes reflected in a donation to the church."

**Grahame Spragg's** life since Christ's has, in his words, been 'unusual'. You can see why – "Immediately after Christ's, and with the help of a former American GI visitor to my home during WWII, I spent fourteen months teaching Economics and Russian at the University of Missouri before returning to the UK to take a Certificate of Education at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. I did my teaching term that year at Bryanston School. Offered a post, with a year's delay, at Shrewsbury School, I went to work in France as an English Assistant at an Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs, where I met my wife. After six years at Shrewsbury School, we left Britain for Ontario, Canada, where I helped to set up a brand new establishment, a College of Applied Arts and Technology, and taught land economics to future tax assessors. Eventually retirement saw us return to Europe, far away from Canadian winters. The Côte d'Azur in France has provided a very pleasant contrast." **Jeremy Barker**, now long retired from teaching, still lives in Sherborne where he is much involved in 'Sherborne Douzelage', a twinning association involving one town in every EU country. He is much dismayed therefore by Brexit. His historical research is focussed on the Dorset painter Sir James Thornhill, and he has written a whole range of articles on various aspects of his work and activities, the latest on 'The Folke Altarpiece' and his surviving painted coach panels. **Peter Taylor** has been helping with a project funded by Durham Diocese, to teach English to asylum seekers and refugees. He admits this is quite a challenge since the groups come with very different levels of knowledge and background. Peter has welcomed this new activity and cites particularly "the privilege of offering a more fulfilling future to a bright 17 year old girl who has been prevented by the Taliban from ever setting foot in a school." **Mike Payne**, having taught History at Cranleigh School from 1967 to 1996, has since then been first running and recently assisting with Old Cranleigh activity. He is already over two years past his Cranleigh Jubilee Year and still living in the village. Three children, three step-children, seven grandchildren and five step-grandchildren are added to the mix. **Tony Hanwell** is pleased to be living in central York. "This gives us all the facilities of London in miniature and with far less hassle. This year the *Sunday Times* voted it the best place to live in England. We are blessed with good health but I have used my business experience to help my daughter start up a domiciliary care service so we are creating our in-house home care for the future!" Tony recently got an honorary degree from Sheffield University. He says that "the University likes to include at least one locally born recipient amongst its

annual list of honorary degrees. I got a DEng (*honoris causa*) for services to business but more likely for being born and educated in Sheffield!” **Colin Morgans** has what he describes as a constricted life style owing to his wife’s poor health. He nostalgically recalls that he swam from the Isle of Wight to Southsea in 1976 for the Lord Mayor’s appeal (for his cardiac unit) and as recently as 12 years ago, he ran the London Marathon. In spite of the current difficulties, Colin summarises his report thus: “Life is still good and we are off to Chichester theatre tonight.” **Richard Boxall** is similarly restricted with family health issues and can no longer travel to see his far-flung family. Fortunately, he has two half-French grandchildren based in the UK and he enjoys seeing his three “wonderful great-grandchildren.” **David Carr** reports on his current activities in his usual self-deprecating way: “When my golfing mates see me riding my bike, they are somewhat astonished and say I ought to know better at my age. When I confess, and tell them I’m cheating, it’s an e-bike, they still say I should stick to golf. I did fall off it on the ice once and was tended to by a lovely lady and a part-time fireman who had me carried off in an ambulance, before sending me back to the world with nothing worse than several scars, a black eye and a bruised ego. So this, and a hybrid car, are the mini gestures of an insignificant Cambridge alumnus to saving the environment. I am in awe of other Highly Distinguished Alumni who consider sending sea water high into the ether to re-freeze the polar ice cap or otherwise deal with sunshine. (*ut desint vires, tamen est laudanda voluntas* – Ovid.)” **Peter Downes** fears that he is prematurely developing into a ‘grumpy old man’ because he is much distressed by what he describes as “the poor quality of political debate in this country for the last two years.” He says: “The increasing polarisation of political views, locally and nationally, is a serious setback for social progress and a more equitable society.” Peter has been a local councillor in Cambridgeshire for over 20 years and you might correctly infer from his remarks that he is a Liberal Democrat. With grandchildren approaching the age of university education in Scotland and Belgium, he follows the current debate about the future of Europe with a personal as well as a theoretical interest.

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

**Roger Gillard** has recently moved from an old cottage near Malvern to a modern bungalow on the edge of Upton-upon-Severn. His interest in sport, especially football and cricket – nurtured of course in those halcyon days at Christ’s under the watchful eye of the legendary Dr Pratt – is as keen as ever. He is also an Ordained Lay Minister (Reader) in a new parish where he is being kept busy taking services. **Jeremy Willings** made his annual pilgrimage to Bordeaux for the *en primeur* wine tasting. He continues as Chairman of Milland Conservatives, remains active in local politics and enjoys painting. **Richard Waterfield** has



*Jeremy Willings’ painting of Chateau de La Roche Guyon, which was Field Marshal Erwin Rommel’s HQ after D Day*

just returned from a Baltic cruise with a music theme. Highlights were the sights of St Petersburg, with a memorable ballet performance, and of course the World Heritage sites of Tallinn and Riga. On board, there was a talented female Ukrainian quartet, a series of lectures on Scandinavian music and composers and another, by a country auctioneer, of animals and collectables. **John Ball** has retired from



teaching and chaplaincy at St Michael's, North Finchley after 32 years there. He has had health problems, and whilst in a coma, dreamt he was back at Henley beating Christ Church, Oxford (which we did in 1960 when they were Head of the River at that time). **John Rudolf** has attended more funerals than ever before which causes him to ask how many of our year are still surviving and how many not. [According to my records there were 138 of us left in 2001 and we are now down to 89]. On passing 80, we are exceeding what the life insurers and pension agencies expected. That gives him great pleasure (as do his grandchildren). **Basil Maddox** has lived in America for 45 years, and is currently writing a series of historical novels. Book One (*The Phoenician Symbol*) is in print and available from Amazon. Books Two and Three are on their way... The central character, Thomas Maddox (who is one



*Basil Maddox  
with the  
Wright Flyer*

of his ancestors), has just arrived as a student at Christ's in 1625, and is about to meet some interesting people! While studying Engineering at Christ's, Basil completed a 5-year apprenticeship with Hawker Aircraft, going on to experimental work on the Hawker Harrier and P1154 VTOL fighters. After the P1154 project was scrapped

by the Labour government, he emigrated to Ohio, home of the Wright Patterson aircraft museum. Fast forward fifty years and his interest in aircraft continued. He did fly in (actually on) the Wright Flyer pictured. Quite a ride! They gave out toothpicks to get the flies out of their teeth afterwards! **Brian Roberts** has been on recent marches against Brexit. He didn't recognise any other Christ's alumni in the crowds, so the College's reputation for respectability remains undamaged. **Brian Wilson** celebrated his golden wedding in March. He is firm in his resolve to continue swimming the same number of 25-metre lengths of the local pool as the number of his years. The recent report on the Smuts portrait reminds him that he once shook Smuts by the hand – being just 4 years old at the time he had no recollection of the event or its significance. **Michael Edwards** has spoken at conferences about his work at Oxford and in Warsaw. He has given readings from his recent book of

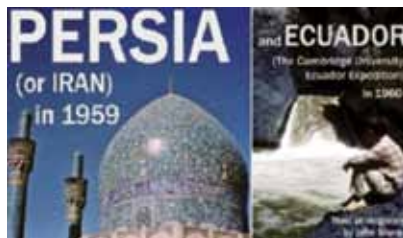


*Donald  
Steele's book,  
Par Excellence*

poems, *At the Brasserie Lipp*, and had another spell as Director of the Académie Française. **Donald Steele** wrote a biography of Sir Michael Bonallack, *Par Excellence*, for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. It won the United States Golf Association's 2018 Herbert Warren Wind Book Award. It is the top literary prize award of the USGA and is a silver ink well with quill pen. **Geoff Roberts** recently read about the enthronement of the new Emperor

Naruhito of Japan, which reminded him that in 1985 he received and welcomed to Wales (on Bridgend Railway Station) the next Crown Prince of Japan, Prince Hiro, accompanied by his Chamberlain, Dr Fuji, even more diminutive than the 5ft 4in prince. This was the first of three visits to Wales made by Prince Hiro during his two years at Oxford. Dr Fuji subsequently became a good friend. **John Nye** reports that after 18 years working as a volunteer adviser (1 day a week) for Citizens Advice he retired at Christmas, probably to the relief of the citizens of Uckfield! Otherwise

plenty of socialising locally and family. **Norman Thomson** reports that his main interest these days is local history. He has 'scribbled' three local guide books about the area – one each about the town, the church and the long-distance footpath (a 24-mile railway sacrificed on the altar of Beeching) – which people seem to buy occasionally! **John Stone** read geography and met his wife in the Geography Department. He discovered that the Department was planning to celebrate its centenary this year (on 29 June) and they were looking for memorabilia for the centenary exhibition. So, he came back to Christ's for a most enjoyable visit and (having always been an enthusiastic photographer) he provided two photobooks, each with 160 pages of pictures and text, for the Centenary display about a trip to Persia (Iran) in 1959, a Cambridge Expedition to Ecuador in 1960 and two years working for Unilever in Ghana and Nigeria in 1962/63. **Chris Eyles** enjoyed a trip to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula, having acquired earlier in the year stamps in his passport from Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. He is planning a visit to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia later this month and Madagascar in October. This year he is Master of Aldersgate Ward Club, a role which entailed giving a speech of welcome to the Lord Mayor of London at the Club's civic luncheon in the Guildhall in January. He will be selling his share in G-ASNW and hopes to buy a share in another plane based at Booker, near High Wycombe. **Alan Munro** tells me he is getting steadily better. Although he and Mary have a full-time carer, he gets into College for lunch quite regularly and is always keen to meet visitors. **Hamish Donaldson** has had a busy year. In October he directed a production of the musical *Chess* which was supported by **John Nye**, **Chris Brooker** (m. 1963) and **Chris Lemar** (m. 1971). In May this year he ran the Haslemere Festival (which he founded in 2004). There are some 50 events spread over 18 days and, coincidentally, one of the talks (on the Battle of the Atlantic) was given by **William (Jock) Gardner** (m. 1988). **David Ravenscroft**, **Howard Clase** and **Malcolm Brown** also send their best wishes.



*John Stone's photobooks*

**1958 Year Group Representative David McGill** writes:

October 2018 marked the 60th anniversary of our matriculation. Does it really seem that long ago? Sixteen members of our year were present at the reunion dinner in September and as we are now able to attend every year, there is every reason to support the occasion. The 1958 Group are generous supporters of the College, having the largest number of donors of any year. **Laurie Ayling** continues to work full time and says he is trying "to drag the oil industry into this millennium". Apparently, there are 2000 rigs that need upgrading. He is still living happily with his Swedish wife in County Kerry in Ireland. **David Simpson** reports that at Holy Trinity, Burrington, where he has been Treasurer and Church Warden, there is a pew with the College crest carved into the end, and the initials R.H.E alongside it. The identity is unknown but David thinks it dates from the nineteenth century. Sue and **John Crowley** have recently visited the Simpsons, and Gill and **Tom Epton**. **Peter Wiggall** is sorry that he has been unable to attend any reunions recently but hopes to in the future when a health problem is hopefully resolved.

**David Masson** continues to live in London but travels widely. He is in touch with **Donald MacBean**, **Cautley Tatham**, **Norman Hardie** and **Rob Galbraith** (m. 1959). **Donald MacBean** writes that in May 2019 he was delighted to attend a reception at the Hawks' Club to welcome the Ospreys to the clubhouse in Portugal Place, enabling the women's club to have access to permanent premises for the first time. A vote was taken amongst Hawks members, with a resounding 90% voting in favour, hence the splendid party in May. **Charles Park** came up to Christ's under a scheme for army officers, but left shortly after graduation to work in the City. For 17 years, he was a close colleague of Philip Darwin, a direct descendant of the esteemed Charles. **Chris Kraushar** reports that 10 years ago, four Christ's mechanical scientists – **Chris**, **Brian Smith**, **Gordon Munro** and **John Fishley** held a 50 year reunion, which has since become an annual event. **Richard Pearce** recalls the occasion when, in the Mays in 1961, Christ's VIII had a mishap with a seat runner that brought their efforts to a halt, and they ended bottom of the river, remarkably recording four bumps without ever having to row as far as Plough Reach. **Tony Layton** reminisced about the oar he won as a member of Christ's II in the Lent Bumps in 1959. **Reverend Roy Taylor** is keeping himself busy writing and self-publishing books on a Christian theme. His score is a remarkable 18 titles.

#### 1959 Year Group News:

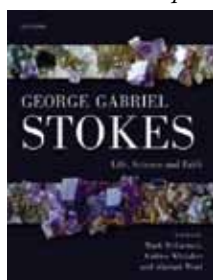
**Don Brewin** writes that, "in the last 12 years – since 'retirement' – I have been focussing attention in my overseas mission work (which I have been involved in since 1994) on the Democratic Republic of Congo, especially in two locations (Bunia and Butembo) in the East of that vast and fascinating country. My latest trip there, with a team from Uganda and Kenya, was to conduct a seminar for youth leaders and recently



*Don Brewin in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

ordained clergy. We are also involved in two other projects in Uganda (and possibly spreading to DRC as well). First, to encourage the use of drama in worship – not just in the large churches, but in downtown churches as well. Then, secondly, to develop ways of spreading the Christian faith through Digital Games – vital in an age when everyone has screens even if they do not have money."

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



*The book containing Michael Sandford's chapter on Stokes*

I contributed a chapter to a book on Sir George Gabriel Stokes for the bicentenary of his birth this year. Natural Scientists of our year may remember I used to claim a distant family connection. **Jeremy Robinson** reports recovery from health issues except for the latest, a broken wrist! After 47 years in his house he is endeavouring to downsize but the current political scene does not seem to be conducive to any movement in the property market! He has just handed over after two years the presidency of the Leatherjacket Golfing

Society based at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club in Somerset. He handed the role on to a fellow member, who he first met on a foggy day on Newmarket Golf Course in October 1961 when he was playing for London University and Jeremy was playing for the Stymies (Cambridge Second Team)! Sadly no photos survive.

**Roger Mason** has retired from the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, China, but attended, together with his Chinese



*Roger Mason in  
China on  
fieldwork*

colleagues and Dr Alex Liu of Girton, a conference in the northern city of Xi'an last August about early life. Fossils from the Ediacaran Period about 635–541 million years ago include *Charnia masoni*, a taxon of Precambrian fossil that he discovered in 1957. Work on the Ediacaran fossils of China continues and he is also working on metamorphic rocks near Beijing with other Chinese colleagues and some outstanding postgraduate students. **Andrew Barker** and Sylvia have just returned from a short holiday in Crete where they visited a number of archaeological sites and museums and so acquainted themselves with the extensive and varied history of the island, notably its Minoan culture.

Andrew continues his professional activities in the field of process engineering in the beverage industries though is now trying to step down now from being chair (after 7 years) of a local environmental charity, although will remain on the Board of Trustees. **John Lea** retired from his jobs at the University of Sydney and the Australian government Department of Foreign Affairs in 2005. He received a DSc (Arch) in 1999 from the University of Sydney for his work in Northern Australia and the Pacific.



*John Lea*

**Richard Rastall** is trying to reconstruct a lost composition, written for the Original Christian Minstrels to a text by Dr Arthur Peck. He can remember the tune and (mainly) the accompaniment, but has a problem with the words. The main query is about line 3: is it (particularly 'cur') correct? Can any OCM member or Latin scholar help? Does anyone have a copy of the setting? Any comments or corrections to text or translation will be welcome at [g.r.rastall@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:g.r.rastall@leeds.ac.uk).

### **The Bridesmaid's Lament (Why am I always the Bridesmaid?)**

*Cur ego semper rejecta, nunquam selecta sum?*

*Audi, alii tintin[n]at, sed non mihi;*

*O quando cur ut et ego*

*Matutina expergisca cum viro proprio?*

Why am I always rejected, never chosen?

Listen, the [wedding] bells ring for others but not for me.

O when will it be that I

Wake up in the morning with a man of my own?



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

*Ian Balding (m. 1959), Simon Barham (m. 1964), David Ogram, Peter Larkman, Jeremy Carter, Bob Cooper, David Scott, David Harriss, Roger Dalzell (m. 1959), Pat Briggs (m. 1960), Alan Martin, and Tony Chapman*



**David Harriss** reported that the Christ's '61 golfers met at The Bourn Golf Club near Cambridge on 18 July last year courtesy of **Pat Briggs** (m. 1960). **David Harriss** had previously reported that he had been diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He died unexpectedly on 3 November, at the end of an active week. It seems that his heart may have been

weakened by chemotherapy treatment. A very great loss to many, amply illustrated by the 200–300 who turned out for a celebration of his life at St Lawrence Church, Chobham on 30 November. Our year group was well-represented by **Tony Edwards, Michael Harvey, David Scott, David Ogram, Peter Larkman, Peter Wadley, Tony Chapman, David Skinner, Tony Sleight, Barry Shurlock, Ian Scholey and Patrick Mannix**. **David Skinner** has taken the reins in organising the 2019 Golf Day for the 1961 group. **Bob Colvill** reports that he and his wife, Viv, continue to be heavily involved in The Freewheelers Theatre Company which they established. It is a registered charity, providing opportunities for disabled people to work creatively and perform in theatre, dance, media and music. The performers and tutors work together to produce ambitious, joyous and thought-provoking work which engages and moves audiences. They were invited to perform at the V&A Museum on 1 May this year, to critical acclaim. The Charity received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2018 and has had one of its films shown in the UN Headquarters in New York. **Chris Bramall** has received his MA in West Midlands History at the University of Birmingham (including a dissertation on the Wolverhampton General Election campaign of 1832). **Rob Howard** has taken up painting in his retirement and had an exhibition at the Byard Art Gallery on King's Parade during June. The pictures are of Cambridge colleges, including Christ's, in pen and watercolour. All the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Research. Rob is associate editor of a book with Patrick Carnegie, *Jon Harris – artist about Cambridge*, which includes beautifully illustrated drawings, paintings and other printed material about the older buildings of Cambridge and the region around, published by the Lutterworth Press. **Peter (PIF) Adams** reports that, since retiring to Australia, one of his principal hobbies has been beekeeping. He has hives both in the garden of his house in the Canterbury suburb of Melbourne, and 200 miles away at a bush property in the Victorian Grampians mountains. A highlight of the apiarist year is the annual honey competition, and in May (competing against all-comers including commercial beekeepers) he won 1st prize for the eighth time in the past ten years. **Adrian Thorpe** reports that his time with the Diplomatic Service was mostly in the Far East. Three postings adding up to 14 years were in Tokyo (where he met Miyoko, his wife), he also worked in Bonn and Beirut. His last three jobs were Minister in Tokyo, Ambassador in Manila and Ambassador in Mexico City. Since retiring in 2002, he has lived in a village near Sherborne. He was until recently active with the Amateur Players of Sherborne, winning regional drama awards and ending his



career as Toad in Alan Bennett's *Wind in the Willows* and as Falstaff – two parts he says “I was surely born to play.” He and Miyoko are also Patrons and supporters of Dorset Opera for which he gives lectures in support of their fund-raising. The Opera's big event is its annual Festival, in the last week of July, featuring three performances each of two operas, at the Coade Theatre at Bryanston School. This year they did Puccini's *La Bohème* and Massenet's *Le Cid* – incredibly a UK premiere. Adrian and Miyoko celebrated their Golden Wedding last year.

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

In May I attended a Christ's dinner in London at which the Distinguished Speaker, **Professor David Reynolds** (Fellow), gave us fascinating insights into the background and events of two 'D-Days' in 1944. **Ian Strachan** and **Professor Steve Bown** were also there and, together with **Lord Andrew Turnbull** (m. 1964), we discussed our contributions to various charities. **Ian Strachan** is involved with *Ashoka*, a charity which is building a network of social entrepreneurs to lead change and invest in health, education and environmental projects in poorer parts of the world. **Andrew Turnbull's** charity, *Zambia Orphans Aid*, is focused on supporting orphans of AIDS, helping them receive a proper education and fulfil their potential. Having worked in Zambia in the 1970s I am also a contributor. **Steve Bown** is working with *CHASE (Africa)* a charity promoting family planning and empowering women; it uses a video filmed in Samburu, Northern Kenya, to demonstrate the effects of over-population on lives and the environment. Steve is Professor of Laser Medicine and Surgery at UCL, and is also involved in a research project with the Aligarh Muslim University in India using photodynamic therapy (PDT) to treat early mouth cancer, common in India due to their habit of chewing leaves. The light source is normally a laser but this project involved a low-cost, battery operated LED light source. Steve was awarded an honorary doctorate at King George's Medical University at Lucknow where, by coincidence, the Vice-Chancellor was an old student of his! Whilst on the subject of Africa, **Geoffrey Hunt** has re-visited the Hanga village



*Steve Bown receiving his honorary doctorate.*

of Langantere in northern Ghana where, after a service at the Pentecostal church, the pastor asked for a copy of his book *Koobu Yela* (about farming) and a written record of how Hanga became a written language. Geoffrey and his wife Rosemary had gone to Ghana with their baby son Owen in 1970 to live, learn the language, decide the best way to write it and to translate the New Testament. After a difficult year in 1971 building a mud-brick house and suffering from malaria, they made good friends with several locals and stayed until 1982 when they had achieved their objectives. As an example, one girl, brought up to follow her father's cows, learned to read and write Hanga in one month, 'ran away to school' and now works in Tamale with a telecoms company. Now Android phones with micro-SD cards are being used as an educational library for the Hanga people. Closer to home and focused on the environment, **Anson Allen** is involved with the local Extinction Rebellion Group in West Wales and was amazed to find one of the international leaders is a local acquaintance. They have lobbied local Councillors and demonstrated in Carmarthen at the County Council meeting in February. It was one of the first counties to pass a 'Climate Emergency' resolution – and by unanimous vote. In the

*Anson Allen with  
the local  
Extinction  
Rebellion Group*



pints of East Anglian beer. He taught archaeology at the University of Sheffield until 1994, helping to build the department there, before moving to UW Lampeter and becoming professor in 1998. As a landscape archaeologist he has worked more with hedges than hedge funds, in archaeological landscapes of great beauty on Dartmoor, in Swaledale and in the remote archipelago of St Kilda. He and his wife Mireille have retired to Herefordshire and live just outside Hay-on-Wye, the 'Town of Books'. They have two sons (and five grandchildren): Nic is a freelance science journalist, and Mat a freelance artist working mostly in film; one of the team behind the award-winning *Star and Shadow* cinema in Newcastle. Last August **Charles Lysaght** played for the Leprechauns in a cricket match against a White City side touring Ireland led by **Peter Osborne** (m. 1975) (who scored fifty that day) and including **Peter Stevenson** (m. 1978). Charles also presided for the last time over the annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Ireland, which was attended by **Andrew Parkes** (m. 1958) and **Cormac Sreenan** (m. 1988), Professor of Computer Science at University College, Cork. Somewhat disappointed in the College's lack of interest in his history of Christ's links with Ireland he keeps in touch with **Peter St John Langan QC** (m. 1964), a retired circuit judge now living in Bristol and **John Cornwell** (m. 1964), an author on matters religious and Fellow of Jesus College. Now to the Boaties. As in previous years **Robin Kerr**, **Dan Davidson** (m. 1967), **David Walden** (m. 1965) and **Tom Swallow** (m. 1965)

*Rowing from  
Leeds  
to Doncaster*

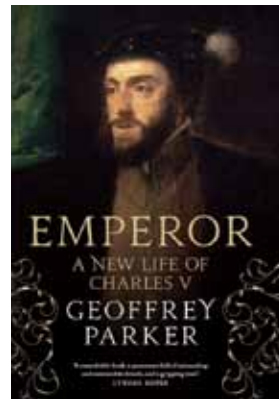


*Robin Kerr in the  
Fairbairn Cup*



sculled over two days last July, this time from Leeds to Doncaster. Robin again rowed in the Fairbairn Cup in November, the second time he had used the new boathouse where the rooms have been wonderfully socialised (but do the sofas provide too much comfort?!). In April Robin visited Venice for the first time since he and **David Payne** went in 1964. This time he was there with his brother **Andrew Kerr** (m. 1958) to attend the birthday party of his nephew **James Hope** (m. 1988). This year **Mike Muir-Smith** did not mention rowing on the river at Putney, but spoke extremely highly of the performance of Christ's Choir at the Christmas Concert at St John Smith's Square which he and Amanda attended. They thought the College Choir was almost

indistinguishable from top professional choirs; with clear diction, excellent ensemble and with special mention of the basses whose every note in the tricky Handel pieces one could hear clearly. **Granville Tunnicliffe-Wilson's** wife Jean has resigned as a governor of the village school after 42 years in post; but both he and Jean are still active in the local community. Granville has been in touch with **Robin Thompson** and **Peter Brewin**, who is similarly involved in village life with his wife Adrienne in Shipbourne, Kent. Peter and Adrienne are stalwart members of the church community, Peter as a lay-reader and Adrienne as church warden. Peter still plays the violin and shares musical interests with **Tim Callan** who lives quite close to me in London. Tim still enjoys cycling and trips away to remote country retreats as well as visits to friends and family in Europe. He is keeping tolerably well so long as he avoids chest infections, and has a busy schedule of international visitors. Peter, Adrienne, Tim and I recently met for a delicious lunch at the Mexican Kitchen in Tunbridge Wells, run by Tim's niece. **Peter Mrkusic** is still busy helping his son Paul with their antique business in Johannesburg with some modest success, despite economic conditions in South Africa and changing fashions making life more difficult. Peter continues to play tennis up to four times a week and is on the club's committee. His son **Greg Mrkusic** (m. 1994) is now in charge of their flat in Dubrovnik, so Peter will not be coming to Europe this year. However, he spent two weeks in Australia in January, staying with his daughter-in-law. A propos Australia, **Mike Parkinson** has been looking at a proposal for nickel, cobalt and scandium mining at the old Greenvale Nickel mine site in Queensland, following the resurgence of nickel and cobalt for EV batteries and scandium-aluminium alloys for defence and space applications. He recently stepped down as a Director of an Indian investment bank but remains a consultant to the Board. **Professor Donald Forsdyke** (Biomedical and Molecular Sciences at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario), unusually studied medicine in London first before becoming a Cambridge undergraduate. He has described his academic journey from St Mary's Hospital to Christ's College and then to Queen's University, Canada, in a Review and an invited article in the *Scandinavian Journal of Immunology*. **Professor Geoffrey Parker** (Ohio State University) is still in a wheelchair, having had a serious fall and double spinal surgery about 18 months ago, followed by six weeks of inpatient rehabilitation and ongoing aggressive outpatient rehabilitation as he learns to stand and walk again. Fortunately, he can still write and has just finished an acclaimed biography of Charles V, published by Yale UP. **John Murray** has been seeing too much of his oncologist, dermatologist and cardiologist this year and complains that they have been using him as a cash machine. He still drives his Porsche but keeps the hood up on the advice of his dermatologist. However, his Bolo Sport Fishing business in Florida continues to flourish and all this hospital stuff encouraged him to get into a related business – promoting trips for people wishing to scatter the ashes of their loved ones at sea. On the family front, his daughter has moved to Miami with her lawyer husband and combines the raising of two small children with a long-distance job as Intellectual Property Manager for an LA shoe company. His TV producer son



*Geoffrey Parker's  
biography of  
Charles V*

is marrying a glamorous Hollywood TV presenter making all his mates very jealous. **Oliver Everett** has also had a couple of brushes with the medics this year but is now back on the lecture circuit again at venues ranging from Preston, Cliveden and Kenwood House, to Cambridge and Ipswich. I recently stayed with him and Diana in their charming cottage near Dunmow in Essex, before attending Founders Day service at Felsted School in my role as President of the Old Felstedian Society. Judith and I continue to play tennis and travel a lot and were in Sri Lanka and India over Christmas and New Year; so lucky it was not Easter. We had short breaks to Lisbon, Cascais and Paris as well as our regular sunny 'reading' holidays in Bonnieux in summer and Barbados in spring. Finally, we convey our sincere sympathy to **Ian**



*Christ's Christmas  
drinks party*

**Lang** whose wife Helena died after a short and unexpected illness in September following a holiday in Ireland. Ian came with his daughter **Finola Lang** (m. 1992) to the Christ's Christmas drinks party in November which **Ian Strachan** and I also attended. Ian attended the funeral of **John Ashworth** who died suddenly earlier this year leaving his widow Judy. **David**

**Parkinson** (m. 1963) (**Ian Parkinson's** brother), representing many friends from Christ's, also attended the funeral in Leatherhead at which John's band, the New Foxtrot Serenaders, played some of his arrangements.

**1963 Year Group Representative Graham Tite** writes:

With the kind encouragement of **Tim Hill** and **Christopher Brooker** I agreed to take on this role that has been left vacant after the sad news of **Tim Clyde's** passing was received. Tim was a friend and keen soccer player at Christ's and continued his enthusiasm for the beautiful game. We talked football when I met him later once or twice as we both lived in West Sussex. From Amberley he moved to Bognor Regis and his memorial service was held last year at Arundel Cathedral. So long has passed since a column on 1963 appeared in these pages that retirement activities have replaced paid work for nearly all. Around 2000–2010, most 1963 'Christians' (a term hitherto unknown to me) left paid employment and often up-sticked to new locations. Alphabetically first is **Richard Arthur** who now looks across London from Highgate after a career in local and national government. Family visits take him and his wife around the world to three continents. Global travel is a common theme for so many and there can be few days of the year when one of us is not, or was not, looking down on planet Earth from an airliner. Perhaps this ceaseless travel accounts for the trend to compensate by attending to the soil and to ecology in more leisured years? **Tony ('Jim') Backhouse** actually writes from Japan and his family home there. He moved first in 1975 to continue his distinguished career as an academic linguist. Australian university posts followed but Jim returned to Hokkaido University in 1998 whilst also having children and grandchildren now living in Australia and USA. He mentions his life in "one of the world's snowiest cities" but, to me, Sapporo mainly evokes the whiskey which effectively keeps out the cold. **Martin Bailey** writes from Maryland of how he headed initially for the Canadian snow and has since spent most of his time in North America (except for a year in Nairobi) working as an economist, advising the Clinton government and

meeting Bill frequently. Banking too was pursued with retirement planned for 2020 and one of Martin's declared interests is Retirement Policy. He writes touchingly of how "the state of the world is a source of sadness and frustration" and how he "lost touch with friends from Christ's and would welcome contact with others in the class of 1963. The years at Christ's were among the best." **Christopher Brooker** spent a year at Strathclyde University after English at Christ's and then took on the reins of a family-run builders' merchants in the Home Counties. After 30 years he sold up, moved to London and is, at present, working at Saint-Martin's-in-The Fields in Trafalgar Square in its charities division. He sings rarely but took up the baritone saxophone in his thirties and is still an integral member of an amateur Motown band. He married Nicola Brooke, a Girtonian, and has three daughters and seven grandchildren. **Richard Chaplin** spent a total of 39 years at Reading University and is a leading specialist in his chosen field with much cutting-edge research and development in the technology of ropes and cables. "It pays to specialise" as they say and Richard's career demonstrates this axiom to perfection. This highly sought-after expertise no doubt clocked up the air miles for Richard but a daughter now in New Zealand, a son "well established" in the City and "an obsession with the African bush with frequent safaris" keeps him on the move. Home is now in Bakewell, Derbyshire. **Chris Chapman** remained in touch as a friend. **Peter Coltman** is another English graduate and made a number of early career ventures round the world prior to an "immensely enjoyable time" setting up a TV unit for the University of Leeds "to make and sell material at home and abroad". Leeds remains the family home. From a faith background, Peter later became a Quaker and his current activity is typical of so many of us with its strong bias towards charity and voluntary work. As well as family activities, Peter sings with the Leeds Festival Chorus, "plays the horn badly" and devotes time to such causes as *Medical Justice*. "Released on my 65th birthday" from a long and notable career at Sussex University, **Chris Darwin** has remained on the coast and writes from his adopted 'People's Republic of Brighton and Hove.' Chris and his Girtonian wife, Kate, have three children and seven grandchildren whom they 'herd' and he continues to be active in music including the authorship of programme notes (I always wondered who did these?). All of this came after scientific studies into hearing and early appointments in North America. Also surely not far from the sea is **Richard Furuholmen**. Writing from his native Norway, Richard says that a promising job for the French government led to a change of mind "as I realised that a career abroad would make me miss my home country too much". The traditional Nordic trades in wood-pulp and shipping led later to posts in banking. He and his wife Karen have three children and three grandchildren, soon to be four. Richard has cultural and sporting interests, retired in 2009, belongs to the Norwegian European Movement and is very interested in the UK's development after Brexit. Yet another coastal type is **Michael Gledhill**, who lives near his Admiralty former workplace "overlooking Portsmouth Harbour". A physicist, Michael went to Australia but came back to work for many years on such extraordinary equipment as the combat systems for the Type 42 destroyers and the *Invincible* carriers. "Best not to mention Brexit" he pleads because, with his wife Monica, a daughter and several grandchildren they all belong to a family of "both British and German nationalities".



*Spring flower  
in Richard  
Chaplin's garden*



**Richard Greenhalgh** rose through the ranks of Unilever UK and received postings to Nigeria and the Netherlands with his career culminating in the position of Chairman, Unilever UK. Settled with close family also nearby at East Molesey, Surrey his diverse portfolio now includes interests in the education field. He is in touch with members of the 1964 group via an annual lunch event. **Tim Hill** is someone always known to me since Freshman days and studying English. We were often in touch when he lived near Maidstone and I was also employed in Kent. Tim's most recent project has been the publication last year of his research on the history of the British lubricants industry. With a successful career in oil, Tim writes in the fly-leaf information of his marvellous book that he now enjoys gardening, bird-watching, art and architecture. With Christine (his wife and the mother of two further Christ's graduates) they travel in Europe and Tim plans to research and publish on the re-use of Victorian primary schools one of which they owned in Kent. **Jeremy Hilton** is another English graduate and a friend. Together with his partner, Kim, a move from Oxfordshire to Dorset recently took place and they are now enviably situated near the coast residing in Bridport. Jeremy is the one of us who has fulfilled his literary talents by producing and publishing poetry. **Peter Hofman** writes back about his BA in Modern Languages that led to a career of fifty years spent in the wine trade up to retirement. He played hockey up to age 58 and remains in touch with the College and with **Dr Cecil Courtney** (Fellow), his former Director of Studies. We all must have drunk a glass or two of the wine he traded all over the world. **Malcolm Hollick** writes from Kingston, Tasmania. After a 25 year academic career in Western Australia, Malcolm moved to Scotland for twelve years to further his ecological principles but reports that family reasons have since led to a return to Australia. Both Malcolm and Christine were diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease but writing continues, and *The Science of Oneness* and *Hope for Humanity* are well known books in their field. **Peter Noyce** "had a very happy career as Cathedral organist at Lichfield" (information kindly supplied by **Chris Brooker**). In Cambridge and its surroundings, he was a conductor, broadcaster and music teacher in both the private and public sectors. He has lived at Steeple Morden for ages and played enthusiastic golf for many years until his knees gave way. Sadly, his wife, Jane, died a few years ago, but he enjoys life as a father and doting grandfather. A stalwart of the Original Christian Minstrels and an eccentric dresser, he always owned a snappy sportscar and still does. **Michael Redwood** wrote back from Wisbech. Before retirement, he worked in the City and travelled very widely meeting **Chris Case** along the way, as well as attending the funeral of **Brian Lascelles** in 1991. **Douglas Russell** retired recently from leading academic and medical positions in the USA as a cardiologist. He married Mercedes and has a daughter, Georgina, with two grandchildren. The grandchildren prompted a return to live in Bristol where family duties are accompanied by amateur astronomy and the violin. Meetings with **Colin Simpson**, another of the English graduates, recently took place between the author, on a visit to Cambridge, and Colin in locations in King Street, since he now lives in the city. A career mainly in education took Colin to a wide variety of locations but notably to Nairobi. He taught English as well as Classics and became a senior member of staff in his schools until retiring in 2014. Our research shows that not too much has changed at *The Champion of the Thames*, a survivor among the local pubs near the college. **Michael Somorjay** wrote back from Bristol. His career took him to Stoke-on-Trent, to Scotland and finally to

Bristol with a spell as Chief Planning Officer. Michael approaches life philosophically, visits the remaining members of his family in Hungary (his place of birth), has two children and four grandchildren and now devotes much time in retirement to charities supporting prisoners and ex-prisoners. He recently paid us a visit to Sussex that was much



*Prakash Sondhi's  
family cricket  
equipment factory*

enjoyed. **Prakash Sondhi** has replied from his home in India where he is involved in running the family business, a cricket equipment factory. **Alan Storkey** has returned to a village just outside Cambridge with his wife, Elaine. The couple are well known in the fields of economics and Christianity both in universities and the media where they achieved much in careers conducted in North America and the UK. Children and grandchildren also keep them busy and Alan has pursued his strong interests in painting dating back to a Long Vacation trip together with the author to galleries in the Netherlands. We recently dined at Hardwick near Cambridge. **Michael Taylor** was an Organ Scholar, became ordained in 1968 and a Church of England minister until 1990. He then pursued a career in mental health and psychotherapy, works as a GP in the West of England and has formed a choir, *Cantiamo*. He recently lost his wife, who was survived by three of their four children. **Graham Tite** is the author of these excerpts and Year Representative. Existing and future contacts from 1963 Old Members are gratefully received. My own activities took me round London and the Home Counties in architectural conservation and art history, with a knowledge of London boroughs giving much personal satisfaction. I have visited all the English cathedrals except Carlisle. Once I went to Tahiti during the 2003 centenary of Gauguin's death (has anyone else been there in the 1963 group?) and this is as far as you can go on Earth from the UK. Time in Italy and France was passed on land and water following up on a love of food, drink, the language, monuments, art collections and what can still be found of the fabled Latin lifestyle. My wife is Paola and we have two children and one grandson. **Brian Turner** read History and now lives in Faversham, Kent. We met briefly for coffee near Petworth in Sussex, where his daughter resides. Brian ran through the main points of his working life that was mainly conducted with much success and many promotions in Canterbury at the King's School. **Robert Grimley** wrote from Headington near Oxford with an account of his distinguished career in the Church of England up to retirement in 2009. Then came a spell at the Saint Lorenz Church in Nuremberg as a supernumerary Lutheran pastor. The Gothic masterpiece is much visited for its music and art. From Christ's, Robert had pursued much further study in Oxford including at Wadham, our sister college. Church posts in Hertfordshire and in Birmingham were followed by the Crown appointment of Dean of Bristol where, after twelve years in this and other leading positions, he was also recognised by Bristol University and the University of the West of England with the award of honorary Doctorates. Two sons and a daughter were born to Robert and his wife, Joan. **Peter Willcox** wrote from Australia, his home since 1986. After a wide-ranging and most rewarding working life in the oil industry all over the world, Peter lists his interests currently as "sailing (formerly), driving old cars, bird-watching, fishing, reading and woodworking".

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

Since **Jay Bhattacharjee's** report last year from India, work has continued smoothly, including in the public trust where he is the honorary treasurer. Sadly, many comrades were called up to the happy hunting grounds. The local Oxbridge Society now has a Dark Blue tinge; the new Cambridge Vice Chancellor has not yet visited the old country. Jay continues to write for the national press and occasionally appears on TV discussion programmes. College friends may like to read his reaction to the fire in Notre-Dame in mid-April: <http://indiafacts.org/the-notre-dame-fire-why-it-strikes-a-chord-in-many-indian-hearts-and-minds/>. **Peter Braggins** is afraid, or maybe he's pleased, that really nothing has changed for him since last year, so there is nothing to say, except that their Golden Wedding was duly celebrated last August. **Ken Carpenter** lives in Worcester with wife Sue. Three children have so far produced three grandchildren (not one each!). After flirting with the Met Office and GCHQ, he joined the Air Traffic Management research group at what is now QinetiQ, in Malvern. 30 years on, he still provides consulting advice to the US FAA on airborne collision avoidance systems, aircraft flight deck devices that advise the pilot of last minute avoiding action when the real safety system, Air Traffic Control, has failed. **Mike Dawson** reports that **John Clements**, **Howard Rose** (over from Australia), Andrea and **Richard Saw**, Gillian and **Justin Roxburgh**, and himself and Sally, met up for two very enjoyable days in Cambridge at the end of August 2018. A punt along the backs and a pint at the Granta brought back many happy memories. For Mike, being an England Golf referee necessitated a two-hour exam on the new Rules of Golf recently. Learning for and sitting exams is definitely not recommended at our age. **Richard Fenhalls** reports "more of the same" this year so nothing to add. **Mike Freedman** stresses how important it is for us all to keep planning ahead as well as enjoying the past. In his case, he continues to undertake five year plans, his latest being a fascinating investment through his Small Self-Administered Scheme in a Food Mall in Helsinki, which needs at least that amount of time to mature, and he intends being fit and well enough to enjoy every minute of it as it develops. He plans to live to 105 to ensure, if he underperforms, that he makes 100. **Martin Green** muses how in days characterised by hours on the sports field, (mildly) irresponsible behaviour, and desperate attempts to meet academic deadlines, it is refreshing to report that at least one aspect of life as an economist at Christ's has brought him long-term pleasure. It must have been those Phyllis Deane lectures in the Lady Mitchell Hall on Sidgwick Avenue on the Industrial Revolution that first aroused his interest in the industrial heritage, but he's spent the last thirty years as Chairman of the Warwickshire Industrial Archaeology Society. It would come as quite a shock to his supervisors – who struggled to extract any written work from him – that he's also even managed to co-author a book on the Ironfounders of Leamington Spa, his home town for much of his working life. He still manages to keep in regular touch with Christ's colleagues **Andrew Turnbull**, **Richard Peebles** (m. 1965) and **Roger Birkby**, with occasional gatherings in one of London's art galleries. A first 'few words' from **David Jackson**, so his report covers more than just the last year. He was one of those slightly older undergrads whilst at Christ's – doubling as a clerical denizen of the then St Edmund's House. After some years teaching back at his old seminary, he began what became a lifetime exploration into inter religious dialogue, sparked by an MA at Lancaster University, some lecturing and teaching back in West Yorkshire, and

ending as the first coordinator of the Bradford Interfaith Education Centre and then Inspector for RE with that LEA. From 2000–11 he was engaged by **Bishop David Konstant** (m. 1955) as Interreligious Coordinator for the diocese of Leeds and was a member of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Committee for Interfaith Relations. Along the way, he exchanged the ministry of priesthood for that of marriage to Teresa 46 years back. He now tries to keep up with their six grandchildren, the gift of their three children. To celebrate David's 80th year, Teresa arranged a Cambridge, St Edmund's and Christ's revisit with their youngest, his wife and two daughters. Much impressed they were with Grandad's 'old school' and his exploits in punts which he elaborated on only slightly. His time at Christ's coincided with times of some turbulence in the Church and society but he remains grateful to all those he met during those years for providing him with the groundwork for what proved to be a much more inclusive and variegated vision of life in some of its richness and diversity. **Ken James** confesses that he was wrong on two comments in his notes last year. Leicester Tigers have not improved as the season progressed and his jaundice was somewhat more serious than he had thought; caused by a cancerous growth blocking the bile duct. He had a major operation (8 hours) in May and has been on chemo for eight months. He now has a couple of operations to get his old body operating again. He hopes to be back to normal by the end of June when he can get involved in a range of activities again, including a river cruise on the Danube in September and some College golfing events in July and September. For the last ten years or so, **Roger James** has been trying to walk one of the national footpaths each year. Last year it was St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne, and this year he is planning to walk the West Highland Way from Milngavie to Fort William. **Mike Jenner** still hangs out with Elaine, half an hour's drive from the White House, and is kept occupied by two grandsons (in Ireland and Dubai but Skype-able), a large garden and rather more visits to various doctors' offices than he would wish for. For this Brit-turned-American, that means (in the last six months) cataract surgery and prostate cancer, which is receiving radiation treatment. Apart from all that and the screaming of old rowing muscles, everything else seems to be hanging together well enough. **Michael Jones** reports that the grand Jones-Carpenter roadshow, taking in a service at each of the 26 medieval Cathedrals of England, is now scheduled to roll into the East Midlands on the weekend of May 18–19. This follows Palm Sunday in Exeter, which featured both a donkey and an invitation to take the elements to the altar for communion. Wells is still rated number one with a close competition for number two between Worcester (local loyalty from **Kenneth Carpenter**) and Oxford (the young-er Margaret); Michael is stuck between Gloucester and Exeter. Anyone who wishes to join would be welcome. **Andy Lister** continues to enjoy life in Australia, where the sun continues to shine (though ever more hotly) and Brexit is but a distant car crash. His time seems to be occupied largely by travel, infant grandchildren (in New York) and occasional consulting. Among other travels, he and Kate ambitiously undertook a three-day hike along the Tasmanian south coast, where Andy was pleased to note that, although the oldest in the group, he was by no means the slowest. Hubris was swiftly followed by nemesis, in the shape of foolish execution of the 'man fell off a ladder' trick, resulting in a fractured pelvis. This drastically curbed both ambition and activity, but recovery is thankfully, if painfully, complete. He is now committed to keeping his feet on the ground, and

advises fellow matriculants to do likewise. **Nigel Martin** refers us wistfully to last year's report. **Roy Nettleship** continues to sail, to travel and to collect information about our Year Group, but A-level marking has come to an end – the last paper has changed to on-screen marking, and Roy is not very good with computers. Sheffield has its own Cambridge Society, which meets three or four times a year. **John Parker** joined two years ago with his wife as the only member from Christ's. One of the first talks they attended was given by another John Parker from the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge, bringing back happy memories of strolls there on a Sunday afternoon. At the time of writing they have another talk by John Parker planned; but this time it is our correspondent, talking about the Turner Museum of Glass, a collection he curates in his spare time. John is still dashing off to the South of France (Montpellier) and China (Wuhan) annually to help run schools there on Glass Science and last year he helped edit a 400-page history of ten years of Montpellier Schools. **Philip Parker** notes little change to his and Pat's life since last year's report. He still chairs a mid-east financial services group which does not demand a great deal of his time other than quarterly visits for board meetings and the like. Five grandchildren aged nine to four years are split between Sydney and Gloucestershire. The southern hemisphere summer sees them spending nearly two months each year in Sydney and surrounds. Northern hemisphere summer sends them to a place they have in the south of France and for the rest – Windsor is home. **Richard (Dick) Peacock** enjoys working on projects such as the new Canadian satellite tracking ground stations for search and rescue. However, he continues a decade of thinking about a more leisurely pace. The Cambridge Society of Ottawa – Dick is president – would definitely welcome any visitors to Ottawa. **Paul Ramsay** is now Chairman of the Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Trust, which seeks and provides funds for the continuing work on the outside of St Mary's, Nantwich, which is built of soft red sandstone. He will soon be looking for funds to address the north side of the Church. He's keeping busy as a church Reader, licensed to take funerals, with ministry also at the local Leighton hospital, and at care homes in Nantwich. He also volunteers with his wife at a local care home and in the Nantwich Litter Group. They visit Sweden three times a year where their elder son and three grandchildren live. Paul feels fortunate to be able to do all this; enjoying retirement! **Mike Smith** has had another busy year, kept on for the Judicial Tribunal Service in Scotland as recruiting Medical Members was not as successful as hoped. Rotary activities have taken their fair share of time. The last six months have also been spent helping Alison, his wife, to fundraise for a somewhat arduous ten-day trek in Tanzania in aid of WaterAid. She managed to exceed her target and will be off in mid-May. **Ian Tattersall** reports that although now emeritus he is still active at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and has recently sent to press the manuscript for *A Natural History of Beer* (Yale University Press), a companion to 2015's, *A Natural History of Wine*. With the same co-author, Rob DeSalle, he has also completed *The Accidental Homo Sapiens: Genes, Behavior and Free Will* (Pegasus Books), also to appear in 2019, which explores how and why people became the bizarre creatures they are.

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

**Vaughan Southgate**, past President (2009–2012) of the Linnean Society of London, the oldest extant biological society in the world, has been made a Fellow *honoris*



*causa* of the Society. Vaughan retired on his 75th birthday as a Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, and also as a Trustee of the John Spedan Lewis Foundation. With his wife, Marilyn, he attended the splendid golden wedding party of Annie and **Richard Greenhalgh** (m. 1963) in the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall. Vaughan and Richard thoroughly enjoyed a day with friends at Henley Royal Regatta in Stewards and Leander. Vaughan and Marilyn had luncheon in London with Sara

and **Brian Rees** (m. 1963), and they also regularly attend Alumni Evensong in Chapel. Fly-fishing, shooting, photography and eight grandchildren keep them both out of mischief. **Alastair Simkin** has just come back from a trip organised by the Cambridge Alumni group to Tashkent, Samarkand and several other major posts on the Silk Road. During the trip, he discovered that he was traveling with **Hugh Williams** (m. 1970). Alastair has spent a large part of the past year in Zambia and South Africa, rediscovering some of his roots. A group including **David Lindsell**, **Joe Foweraker**, **Ron Smith**, **Mike Turner**, and **Richard Fleming**, had a mini-reunion in March when we attended a new play written and produced by **Ian Buckley**.

**Graham Rees** found his photo of the College Cuppers Team in 1965–66, prompting him to speculate how many Christ's rugby sides since 1965 would have contained five Blues, with **Mansell Heslip** becoming a Blue a year later.

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

Your representative has had another eventful year, taking on some more accountancy work and more involvement with our five grandchildren – usually schoolruns and supporting all their sporting activities. July 2018 finally saw a get-together in London with two of the 1969 rugby tour to Barcelona and Madrid: **David Williams**, **Tony Petyt** (m. 1967) and I had a good laugh watching the old cine film of the tour which I have had transferred onto DVD. If any others from the tour would like to see the DVD, please contact me. We have just had a weekend in Cambridge for a celebratory lunch with my brother John and his family in Fitzwilliam, where he is the college wine steward. I did remind him that it was one of his college's centres who broke my cheekbone with a stiff arm tackle in a 1968 rugby match! We visited Christ's as usual and



*Cambridge Alumni group trip*



*Mini-reunion of the 1965 group*



*David Williams, Gordon Beer and Tony Petyt*



*Varsity match*

I was dismayed to note that my old second court room – D6 – is now a broom cupboard. Obviously not a place for scholarship which suited me well in my first year! **Terence Kyle** (m. 1965), **David Banford**, **Anthony Nelson**, **David Williams** and I attended the Varsity match. In September 2018 **Charles Blanning** published his definitive history of the sporting greyhound, *The Greyhound and the Hare*, which *The Tablet* generously considered, “One of the finest sporting books I have ever read.” Unfortunately, a month after the book’s launch, an accident in the hunting field smashed both the author’s hips and pelvis in four places. Thanks to the brilliance of the surgical team at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, who found his injuries ‘interesting’, he now can walk again unaided. In the autumn, he hopes to revive his necessarily postponed production of *The 39 Steps* for the Dulverton Players, although his Richard Hannay, unlike Robert Donat’s, will boast a shock of white hair and a pronounced limp. **David Banford** notes that Brexit negotiations have set back his syndicated chateau acquisition plans considerably. He still spends much of the summer around St Emilion, with winters in Stellenbosch, where Kris has a Fair Trade business exporting township handicrafts to the USA, providing local employment. So no retirement plans yet and still managing his 30 miles a week – now no longer at Eliud Kipchoge pace! **Peter Osborne** will open his garden again in 2019 for the National Garden Scheme Charity. His sketch journal mainly features wildlife now and for something completely different, he has been learning bell ringing in St Albans and reached the stage of Rounds and Call-Changes. A group of Natural Scientists (**Peter Bolton**, **Richard Foreman**, **David Gooch**, and **Martin Hampar**) and their wives have been meeting annually. In autumn 2018, they spent the day at the Romney, Hythe, and Dymchurch Railway in Kent, squeezing into the little carriages for the journey to Dungeness for fish and chips in view of the Dungeness nuclear power stations where Richard and David often worked during their years with the CEGB (Central Electricity Generating Board). **Anthony Trodd** moved to Cornwall in 1994, after working abroad in opera houses in Braunschweig and Kiel. He finds plenty to keep busy with, and has even met one or two other Christ’s alumni of other vintages while playing piano for productions in the southwest. **Philip Kitcher** has finished his teaching career at Columbia University (New York), been elected as a member of the American Philosophical Society and been awarded the Rescher Medal, given every other year for contributions to Systematic Philosophy. He gave the Chaire Mercier Lectures in Belgium, and the Annual Howison Lecture at Berkeley. His favourite event of the year was his election as an Honorary Fellow of Christ’s, celebrated in March, with a wonderful evening with the Master and a significant number of the Fellows.

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

Now emeritus at Mills College, Oakland CA (since 2018), **Fred Frith** has another year to go at the Musik Akademie Basel, Switzerland and has a somewhat more open-ended future at l’Universidad Austral de Chile. Otherwise he is still composing and performing all over the place. **John Wright** lives in Auckland, New Zealand, was a medical student at Guy’s Hospital after Christ’s and then worked in Birmingham Children’s Hospital for 23 years as a Paediatric Cardiologist. In 2009, he spent a sabbatical in Auckland where he met the chief New Zealand children’s heart surgeon, who encouraged him to spend the rest of his life with her. John has raised funds and organised a paediatric cardiac surgical team to visit to Fiji over the

last 5 years. This year he moves to half time and will visit children and grandchildren in the UK. He will spend more time in their new 'bach' (Kiwi for holiday home) in Bannockburn, Central Otago, where he unashamedly boasts that the world's best pinot noir is produced. **George O'Sullivan** celebrated his 70th birthday and completed a 70 kilometre sponsored walk to raise £5000 for a local charity. **Peter Tymms** in Durham, and **Colin Chipperfield** in Melbourne both continue to thrive. Keeping busy with music and languages, **Richard Tebboth** passed three score years and ten and is enjoying retirement. He did get to an alumni event hosted by the University in Cardiff last year. Now retired, **Pete Adriaenssens** and his wife Liz enjoy visiting kids in the UK as often as possible to watch their granddaughter as she progresses from infant to toddler. They potter with veggies, fruit and flowers and hike the many and diverse trails that surround the San Francisco Bay Area. After 35 years, **Grahame Solway** retired from his Architecture practice in 2011: in 2012 he sailed round Britain (2-handed) and raised about £15K for the Cure Parkinson's Trust. He found it very humbling that ordinary people, having seen the 'battle flag' declaring what they were doing, would quietly thrust an envelope into his hand containing £200! Last year, he sang in the American premiere of Patrick Hawes' *Great War Symphony* in Carnegie Hall (and had a private guided tour of the very famous New York Yacht Club). He now plays bridge and golf. **Ray Longford** is settled in Agde in France and is enjoying the climate. Nostalgia for Christ's has led him to take up traditional rowing in a mixed boat on the Hérault River. He says that sons and grandsons let him jog with them and he has received the inscription form for the 2020 Millau Bridge run, which he recommends. **Seb Fairweather** completed clinical training at St Georges London, was a Registrar and Senior Registrar in Birmingham, and gained a PhD in immunology there before becoming University Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine in Manchester. In 1986, he moved to Oxford, being a half time geriatric and general physician, and half time University Lecturer there. He was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford from 1987 until becoming emeritus. He retired from the NHS in 2010, and from the University in 2014 and now lives in Mylor, Cornwall. He divides his time between sailing (a long-term hobby) and runs the Cornwall campaign for The Brexit Party. Seb sings in arguably the best Cornish Male Voice Choir, and feels completely at home there. After retiring from teaching classics, **Robert Stone** has spent the last nine years studying, reading, talking and writing about philosophy with the Oxford University Lecturer Department for Continuing Education, and is an active member of its Philosophical Society. As secretary of his Rotary Club this year, **Clive Butchins** takes over as president from July 2019. He intended to stand down from local politics after the recent elections, but agreed to stand for a third term as a Town Councillor and was re-elected, so another busy year (or three) is in prospect! Clive hopes to still find time to play tennis and watch sports, alongside other local involvement, including chairing the Trustees of the local Elstree and Borehamwood Museum. **Mick Shepherd** has retired after some 45 years of teaching, including three primary school headships and a career as a Local Authority English Adviser and Schools' Inspector for OFSTED. He had a musical career as a professional singer and now lives in South London where he leads the music each week at his church in Greenwich (St Joseph's Roman Catholic); he also does weekly volunteering work at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables. Mick is a very keen year-round daily outdoor swimmer at Tooting Bec Lido! He is divorced and has three

grown-up children, and now four wonderful grandchildren! **Edward Franks** claims to be 6 years beyond 70! He is still contemplating moving back to his native California for the Last Call. He visits friends in Austria, Italy and Greece. It's a few years since **John Rees** retired from clinical practice: he is now an Emeritus Professor of Medical Education at King's College, London. This involves partnerships with medical schools in Sierra Leone and Somaliland. A new Masters in Health Professions Education in Somaliland, supported by DFID, requires regular visits to teach and examine, and to learn from the enthusiasm and ingenuity of others. In 2019, **Gordon Robinson** celebrates his 70th birthday, his 50th wedding anniversary and a second grandson. Gordon now lives in Fremont, California, and has been retired for three years. Gordon and his wife Sue are still dancing. **Jim Webber** and his wife Anna just became grandparents for the first time (Zoey was born 16 May). They are happily settled in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, with wineries, orchards and one of the world's great theatre companies, the Shaw Festival, right on their doorstep. **David Perry** and **Clive Bell** (m. 1969) last met at the recent Whistler exhibition at the Fitzwilliam and then had lunch at the Punter. They optimistically claim that 70 is the new 50 is the new 30. David says he has returned to Cambridge to end his days (!) and was delighted to see **Professor Geoffrey Martin** (Fellow Commoner), in former times a youthful and dashing Egyptologist, these days wearing his years with style and dignity. **Owen Davies** continues his studies at Rose Bruford College where he is working for a BA in Opera Studies. He also reviews performances for *Plays to See*. **Richard Green** now lives two miles from Bath on the edge of Batheaston. He continues to pursue the same interests – cycling, watercolour painting and gardening – as well as watching Bath Rugby and enjoying some of the local activities of U3A. Having practised in Liverpool and Manchester as a corporate and commercial solicitor, **Glyn Dale-Jones** reluctantly retired from a large national firm, Hill Dickinson in Liverpool, at the age of 65. Glyn decided to not really retire and became a consultant to 'virtual' law firm, Excello Law, which provides an umbrella for him to practise under. He also acts as a consultant to a few small law firms around the country. Glyn lives in Parkgate on the Wirral for about half the year and the rest of the time in Italy in a place called Castiglione Tinella, Piemonte. Moving house and attempting to downsize has occupied **David Colville** and his wife most recently. Together, they had an interesting, stimulating month-long trip to India in February. He attended the alumni pre-Christmas drinks in London at the end of November 2018, and had a pleasant dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club with others from 1967 afterwards. **Dave Williams** was back in Cambridge for the 45th anniversary of the classic '73 varsity match victory with other Christ's Blues – **Richard Thomas** (m. 1981), **Sandy Pratt** (m. 1971) and **Tim Lintott** (m. 1971). He also met up in London with two other Christ's men from the 60s – **Tony Petyt** (m. 1967) and **Gordon Beer** (m. 1966). He has a second grandchild on the way in Chicago (his first son's child), while his second son is successfully raising venture capital for his startup in London, and his third son is finally getting married in Toronto after 13 years with his partner. Now Emeritus and Research Professor, **Barry Carter** looks after the *Journal of Materials Science* and distributes submitted manuscripts (nearly 11,000 in 2018) to its 25 Editors. He enjoys helping with research at the Center for Integrated Nanotechnology in Albuquerque and is also a Visiting Academic in the School of Materials in Manchester. Bryony and Barry will spend June in England. Their son **Adam Carter** (m. 1994) was just promoted to

Full Professor at New York University, and they have five grandchildren. Barry was made an Honorary Member of the Indian Institute of Metals last November.

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

**Paul Ormerod** is an economist, but in September last year was appointed a Visiting Professor in the Computer Science Department at UCL, after a lot of his recent work involved interacting with computer scientists in the application of AI and machine learning to economic data. He also writes a weekly column in City AM newspaper, and a collection of pieces from the past few years was published last year by the Institute of Economic Affairs and City AM under the title *Against the Grain: Insights from an Economic Contrarian*. **Richard Savage** sends his good wishes to all year group colleagues, and says how much he enjoyed the weekend in September celebrating the group's 50th anniversary. **Roger Tansley** had a third grandson, Elliott, who joined his brother William and his sister Léa in February 2018. Now at 14 months he is enjoying his first steps. In September, he welcomed 26 former Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club members for a discovery visit to Alsace. There were two other Christ's alumni (**Bob Meldrum** and **John Colyer** (m. 1969)) as well as a couple from Canada, a widow from New Zealand, a retired history professor from Florida and the director of a health research institute in Peru and others from various parts of Britain. Despite a full program of cultural, recreational and culinary visits, the group only scratched the surface of the possibilities offered by Alsace! Three of the group are hardened marathon runners and the group decided to enter the Colmar Marathon as a relay team of four. Roger went into training and they finished 140th out of 159 relay teams – a creditable performance after a rather gastronomical week. Roger's travel highlight was a trip to Rajasthan in northern India as part of a friendly group of 12 with an excellent guide who had the history of India and many legends of the various religious cultures at the tip of his tongue. That which impressed him the most was the Bishnois, thanks to whom several animal species have been saved from extinction including the antelope nilgaut and the blackbuck. **Rowan Williams** is currently getting ready for retirement next year from the Mastership of Magdalene, and hoping to move back to Wales. The last year or so has been packed with a lot of family events (including his daughter's wedding) and a fair bit of work in his role as Chair of Trustees at Christian Aid, in a climate not very sympathetic to international aid. In that connection, it was quite an education to visit some community projects in Brazil last autumn, not long before their disastrous election, whose effects are rapidly undoing more than a decade of advances in tackling poverty and resisting environmental degradation in the Amazon basin. Closer to home, he's been delighted to catch up with **Chris Rowland** (m. 1966) and **Stephen Owens** and to be back in touch with **Paul Wawszczyk**. **David Topham** and his wife Elizabeth say hello to all. They are leading a tranquil life in the tiny village of Kilmany, just south of Dundee. They have a self-contained guest room, so if anyone needs a staging post on their way north or south they will be very welcome to stay. **Adam Eleod** reports that for him the best thing which happened this year is that he has started a Premium Malbec Producers' Club and he is enjoying the winemaking as well as forming a community. In fact, two friends from Cambridge have already joined. The 11-acre vineyard is located in the Uco Valley, Mendoza, and was planted with pre-phyllloxera Malbec 88 years ago. At the winery where he is associated, Atamisque, over the last 12 years



the best wine has always come from this vineyard. **Nigel Collin** is pleased to advise that he was elected a Councillor for the Borough of Epsom and Ewell in the local elections held on 2 May. It was hard-won, with a margin of a mere 11 votes, 10 before the recount. He is looking forward to helping residents over the next four years and would encourage others to consider standing for a role which can make a difference. **Philip Bradney** has had his appointment with the Tribunals service extended for a year and notes the privilege to be offered work past 70 years of age. In the last year, he has passed the advanced driving test with a First (which was jolly hard work) and also had success in the Welsh Masters short course championship in Newport where he gained gold in 200m freestyle, 200m breaststroke and 50m backstroke – as the only competitor in his age group! On the model engineering front, he is building a couple of small boilers. He sends his regards to all and notes it was good to meet old colleagues at the dinner last year. **Paul Roper** joins in the sentiment that it was great to see so many old colleagues at the Christ's dinner last year. He and Sarah enjoyed a very hot summer crossing the Pennines in their narrowboat, followed by more heat in Oman in February. Having given up all his national activities (waterways and flood defence), they have both turned their attention to local community activities in Silchester. He joined the Parish Council and after only a few months is to be elected chairman. Sarah similarly failed to duck as she has been elected chair of the Silchester Association, the local community fundraising group. They are currently in the middle of an extension to their old farmhouse, having persevered with the planning application for a listed building. **Sumanjit Chaudhry** writes that life chugs on. He is currently building a house in the mountains which would provide a welcome escape from Delhi's heat in the summers, doing a bit of consulting and serving on the boards of a number of companies. A fun, personal project has been to read through all the 820 letters that Vincent Van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo during his lifetime and which contained a wealth of information on his state of mind and painting ideas. This was followed up with visits to the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and other art galleries including the Tate in London, the Institute for Art in Chicago and the Musée D'Orsay in Paris, looking again at all his paintings in the light of his letters and talking with experts. This was a fascinating exercise and he has been lecturing during the past year in both Delhi and Mumbai on *Letters to Theo: the art and life of Vincent Van Gogh*. **Stewart Fergusson** reports that he and his wife are still working through their bucket list of places to visit. They went on a 3,500 year tour of western Turkey from Agamemnon to Ataturk by way of Troy, Ephesus, Pergamon, Gallipoli and Istanbul; took a tour down the Nile taking in the Giza pyramids, Tutankhamen's treasures, the tombs of the Valley of the Kings, Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel; and



*Ian McKellen and  
Stewart Fergusson*

next on the list is Petra and Jerusalem. Stewart continues with some non-executive work in further education, eco housing and Coventry's Belgrade Theatre. Chairing the trustees of the Belgrade is particularly interesting in light of Coventry's turn as City of Culture in 2021. The highlight this year was two shows by Sir Ian McKellen. He still keeps his hand in on history doing research and

talks on the 17th century and keeps in touch with a few old friends from Christ's. Last November he met up with **Arnold Fertig**, **Howard Ford** and **Bill Noblett** for a long lunch in one of Bill's local haunts, and a repeat is planned sometime this year (to which others would be most welcome). **Stephen Hart** reports that he has completed writing the biography of Christ's alumnus, **James Chuter Ede** (m. 1903), and is currently in the course of finding a publisher. **Kevin Richardson** is continuing to enjoy retirement. His wife, Diana, is still working but looking forward to retiring from being a social worker in the not too distant future. Kevin started doing some part-time physics teaching in a local school and has enrolled on a Piano Repertoire class at City Lit, recently performing a lunchtime piano recital there. **Arnold Fertig** retired as a Cambridge City GP in 2012 after being a clinical commissioner for NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for several years. Colleagues might be surprised to hear that this is one of the most financially challenged systems in the country. Recently, archaeology and helping to run a very active local archaeology group has become a passion. **Stephen Owens** sends his greetings and enjoyed meeting some of the year group last year at the reunion meal. He volunteers at Hartlebury Castle as well as taking some services in local churches. He has returned to playing the violin, enjoys making music in some local orchestras, and also attended some Choir Association events at College in recent years. **Richard Warren** writes to say that as a little tribute to **Bill Bennett**, who died last year, he has put on his website a compilation of Bill's thoughts – insightful, amusing and forthright by turns – on the poetry and values of Philip Larkin, under the title *I think Larkin was wrong ...* It can be found easily at [www.richardawarren.wordpress.com](http://www.richardawarren.wordpress.com). **Tim Palmer** sends greetings to the '68 year group. He has continued to be busy with building projects in France and UK and with campaigning to remain in the EU. The barn in the Ardèche is nearing completion – tiling the guest bathroom exposes the aches, pains and limitations of advancing years! The house in Cambridge has been transformed – the 1980s retirement bungalow look has gone and the house is demonstrably greener. Having disapproved of demonstrations in 1968, this year has seen Tim become a hardened veteran demonstrator for Remain. It was good to catch up with old friends at the '68 year group dinner in September 2018. **Andy Symonds** and his wife Geneviève did a short tour of northern India in October, taking in Rishikesh, Amritsar, Dharamsala and Shimla. They had hoped to catch up with **Sumanjit Chaudhry** in Delhi, but unfortunately it was not to be.



*The morning following the Reunion Dinner, September 2018*

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

By the time this report appears in print, the 50th anniversary of our matriculation will have been marked at the Old Members' Reunion Dinner in September. 1969 seems increasingly remote, in an era which seems even longer ago if placed in a past century and past millennium. At the time of writing, how many of us will actually have attended remains to be seen – a matter for next year's report. Some of us will have slightly jumped the gun: **Geoff Wilson** gave notice that he, **Graham Beesley**, **Paul Taylor**, **John Colyer**, **Bill Hollingworth**, **Stewart Buckingham**, and their

wives, were planning their own meal in College the day before the Reunion Dinner. The serious celebrants aimed to attend that as well. The general news runs along the same lines as previous years, giving the impression of most of us 'just quietly ambling on' (to quote one correspondent), with a few being rather more energetic and intrepid. Most of us may share the quiet contentment in **Eric Webb's** email, among other things recollecting walking in the Spanish Pyrenees (where the 'spectacular' Lammergeier and Griffon vultures "remained tantalisingly beyond the reach of even the longest photographic lens in my armoury"), and cruising the Norwegian Fjords "in hopeful pursuit of the Aurora Borealis, which...declined to put in an appearance". One completed project was an article on Robert Graves' school-friend 'Peter' Johnstone, published in *Gravesiana* (the Journal of the Robert Graves Society), "where it now rests in peace". Publication need not be the last step: in the wake of his *Cardus Uncovered*, **Chris O'Brien** has been appointed a Patron of the Neville Cardus Archive. Retirements bring relocations, with **Michael Tristram** moving to Hayling Island and **John Hargreaves** rerooting in Fontwell, West Sussex – "very near the racecourse, a pleasurable, though unprofitable venue". **John Lambert** remains based in the USA, but after thirty-six years has retired from ImmunoGen, Inc. He still advises and consults for several biopharmaceutical companies that seek to develop therapies for treating cancer. In 2018, he was appointed Honorary Professor in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at Queen's University, Belfast. Retirement allows even more time to be devoted to rowing, including another successful defence of the first place for Veteran F eights at the Heineken Roeivierkamp in Amsterdam in March 2019. While most of us may think of winding down, his retirement projects include climbing all the 4000ft peaks of New Hampshire's White Mountains: he climbed six in 2018 which leaves 42 more. Those of us still earning crusts can be no less intrepid. **Harley Nott**



*John Lambert*



*Jonathan Bacon*

was one of a party of ten 'ski-touring' in the Dolomites in January which included two other Christ's men – **Robert Bergerhoff Mulder** (m. 1968) and **Rick Nelson** (m. 1973) – and "three more Cambridge alumni of similar vintage". That Cantabrigensian overload prompted them to speculate that "time spent in 'the city of perspiring dreams' either addles brain – no sane person would indulge in 'uphill skiing' – or conditions the mind and body to appreciate such delights." **Jonathan Bacon** (now Head of the School of Engineering and Informatics at the University of Sussex) spent 101 days last summer sailing anticlockwise with a friend around Great Britain in his 36-year old 10-metre yacht, starting and finishing at Newhaven, East Sussex, going up to the Orkneys, and down the east coast of Ireland. To end things, a long and chatty email from **Pete Nyholm** offered both nostalgia and current news. The memories included Lady

Todd declaring “that she didn’t care what we did, as long as we graduated being able to carry a glass of wine and a plate of food in one hand, while being able to offer guests a glass with the other hand”. Among his highlights of being a photographer for *Varsity*, was snapping Madam Binh at the Union after her speech there in 1973 when *en route* to Paris as one of the Vietcong



*Pete Nyholm*

representatives at the peace talks seeking to end the Vietnam war. “She could see that I was incompetent, grabbed me by the arm and positioned herself for a great shot. It was clear to me in that instant who was going to win the war”. His life now offers different challenges and rewards, working at a hospital in Thailand “where thanks to a Rotary International Global Grant, volunteers are doing a wonderful job educating young mothers on better health for them and their babies”. **Julian Clyde-Smith** was awarded an OBE in the 2019 birthday honours list for services to charity and the legal profession.

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

**David Hall** writes: “Nearly 40 years ago I was staying in some of the Greek Orthodox monasteries on the Mount Athos peninsula in Northern Greece, a self-administering region from which women are banned. Guests are expected to participate in some of the life in the monastery, including meals. Sitting in a refectory eating at a long bench in the company of men in habits, while a passage from the Bible was being read out in a language I did not understand was like no experience I had had before – except eating in Hall in Christ’s. Now 40 years later, when enjoying my alumni privilege of dining at High Table, I am happy to report that Christ’s no longer bears any resemblance to a monastery – fitting, in this 40th anniversary of the admission of women to College.” **Robert Adam** lives near Roslin, just south of Edinburgh and has for some 39 years. Having worked in publishing during the 70s, he then studied painting and printmaking for another degree at Edinburgh College of Art followed by a postgraduate at the Slade. As Director at Edinburgh Printmakers Workshop during the late 80s and 90s he was responsible for initiating substantial change in studio practice, introducing innovative materials and ways of working which paved the way for a safer and more painterly approach to traditional printmaking techniques. 21 years ago he and his wife Carol Robertson set up a private print studio, Graal Press, at their home, where they continued a programme of research into progressive printmaking techniques in parallel with a series of collaborative projects with notable artists. The research culminated in two textbooks for Thames and Hudson on screenprinting and intaglio, which have had a gratifying impact in this specialism around the world. Collaborative and personal work is still in hand, with many prints in national collections. Robert and Carol continue to live happily in the Midlothian countryside surrounded by studios, horses, borzois, and peafowl. **Hugh Williams** writes: “You may be relieved not to have more rowing results and to hear that this dull cycle of rowing training was spectacularly interrupted during preparations for Henley Veterans Regatta 2018 by a catastrophic injury to my leg which put me in a wheelchair and meant that I have since been trying to learn to walk again. Unsurprisingly, a year later I am struggling to get back to the river –

only gentle stuff so far and no racing yet but maybe next year. The release from the grind of winter rowing training allowed me to do some extended travelling to the West Indies. I then joined an Oxford and Cambridge University alumni group on a lecture tour of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan under the excellent academic guidance of my friend Professor Charles Melville of Pembroke College, Cambridge, Professor of Persian History. It was a splendid trip in great company including, as I discovered somewhere in the vicinity of Ashgabad, Turkmenistan, a fellow Christ's member, **Alastair Simkin** (m. 1965) and his wife Liz." **Dewar Donnithorne-**



*Cambridge  
University  
alumni tour*



*5th anniversary  
of MGD School*

**Tait** writes: "In December 2018 we (wife Alison, sons **James Donnithorne-Tait** (m. 2000) and Hugo) attended three days of celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of the Maharani Gayatri Devi (MGD) School in Jaipur. My great aunt, Padma Shri Lillian Donnithorne-Lutter OBE, worked as Headmistress with the then Maharani to establish what has become one of the finest girls schools in India, now with some 3000 pupils. During WWII, my great aunt led a party of girls on foot through the jungles of northern Burma (now Myanmar) into India ahead of the Japanese invasion. Once settled in India, she committed the rest of her life to the education of women and to the Girl Guides there. She was much loved and respected and received both British and Indian honours. She is buried in a special garden in the MGD School grounds."

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



*Tim Lintott's  
election as Lady  
Margaret Beaufort  
Fellow*

I am currently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer and had another operation in September, which seems to have been successful. I was elected a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow and enjoyed an evening in College for the ceremony, with my family, the Master and many Fellows. I am still working for Norsk Titanium, but planning to step down in the next few months. Please contact me if you would be interested in our

year group meeting up again at the Garrick Club in London in early September or mid-October. **Andrew Bibby's** latest book *Back Roads through Middle England* (Gritstone Publishing) was published in late 2017 and won the award of best Outdoor Book of the Year 2018 from the Outdoor Writers and Photographers Guild. The book explores English landscapes along the belt of Jurassic limestone from west Dorset to the Humber, using a range of disciplines including history and social history, economics, land economy and land usage, land ownership, and literature. The book is also about cycling! Andrew continues to live in the south Pennines, and



is active as secretary and trustee of the local Community Land Trust, concerned to bring new affordable homes to rent to the area. **Christopher Southgate** has been awarded a personal chair as Professor of Christian Theodicy at the University of Exeter. His new book *Theology in a Suffering World: Glory and Longing* was published by CUP. A panel devoted to his work was held at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Denver in November. **Martin Evans** is 'officially' retired but busier than he has ever been. After a working life spent mostly in the Cambridge hi-tech arena, in mobile communications and chip design, he retired a couple of years ago and "almost immediately found myself appointed as editor of *Model Engineer* magazine. This is a fortnightly magazine for geeky types who like to spend their spare time building miniature steam engines, and has been in print continuously since 1898." In his spare time he works as a volunteer on the Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator replica project and has just finished building a 5" gauge railway in the garden.



*Christopher Southgate*



*Martin Evans*

Health-wise, his faulty mitral valve has got to the point where repair is required, which he hopes to have done within the next year. In May, some alumni friends met for their bi-annual reunion dinner in the Mountbatten Room which was, as always, a very happy occasion. Otherwise, he recommends coming along, on term-time Sunday evenings, to Evensong in Chapel. **Alan Brown's** term as a Governor of the Wellcome Trust has come to an end. It was his great privilege to work with the Trust for seven years over which time the endowment nearly doubled to £25 billion, while the Trust funds medical research at the rate of about £1 billion a year. In its place, he has taken on the Chairmanship of Artemis, a fund management company. He has also found it satisfying to work with his wife and children on their family trust, the Brown Source Trust. Of many projects they are involved with, one had them punching the air: SAFE, a UK charity supported by actors and actresses, has been working with a remote Masai tribe in Kenya. In February, the tribe announced that they were abandoning FGM, sparing some 400 young women a year. The Trust is also working with Christ's on a pilot project to try to increase the intake of students from deprived economic areas of the UK. The project provides mentoring to students offered places in an attempt to reduce the high attrition rate between the offer of

places and A-level results. **Mick Swithinbank** reports that much of his time is taken up with editing, and – where parts have been lost – completing, 16th century choral music; the scores can be found at [www.cpd.org](http://www.cpd.org), for those who share this interest. For a quarter of a century, he has also been running a group which performs music from that repertoire. He is scorer to the Luxembourg national cricket team and umpires in the Luxembourg league as well. **Martin Gaskell** was recently delighted to be made a lecturer in music at the University of California Santa Cruz in addition to being an astrophysicist.



*Mick Swithinbank*

Throughout his career in astronomy, Martin has remained active as a composer. A decade ago, as the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Chapel was approaching, he was inspired by his Cambridge memories and the family connection to the

chapel to compose a *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in honour of the quincentenary. Unfortunately, however, anniversaries sometimes come and go faster than music gets finished! So it was not until 2018 that the settings of the canticles were finished and sung in the USA.

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

Thanks to everyone who sent news responding to my question, "Do you have a retirement routine yet?" Here's what you said... **Tim Tyler** left the Army in 2008 as a Major General (much to his surprise) and has now celebrated 10 years as a civilian with the arrival of his old age pension. He still works with a number of companies providing services to the Armed Forces, and is Chair of Governors of The Royal Star and Garter Homes which provide care for service veterans and their partners who have complex disabilities or dementia. He runs three music groups and tries to go sailing. Jo and he have nine children and nearly eleven grandchildren. Their



Bob on  
Mount Etna

youngest son, who has Downs Syndrome, represented GB in the Special Olympics World Games at tennis, bringing home a Bronze and a Silver. Maintaining our physique is clearly an important aspect of routine in mid-60's life! **Steve Bagnall** tries running, mainly because the Oxford Half-Marathon route encircles his house, and he is kettled in that day, unless he joins in.

**Bob Stevenson** fears his water-skiing days are over – at least for this year – as the physiotherapy is having no further significant effect, but he is back playing badminton, badly. He adds "I have not quite got a retirement routine because the various demands of the garden, badminton, practising, entertaining, looking after my finances, and dealing with home maintenance all seem to bubble up at different times. At least I'm not bored." And he did climb Mount Etna too.

**Alan Cottenden** is not sure if he's found a 'retirement routine' as such! But says he is involved in all sorts of interesting things and enjoying the flexibility that come with having a less crowded diary! Following retirement, he is now Emeritus Professor at UCL and enjoying having a bit more time to catch up with a backlog of publications relating to his last few years of research on incontinence technology. His alleged 'less crowded diary' has in the last year included giving invited talks in Gothenburg, Dubrovnik, Birmingham and Manchester. He's also applying his scientific training in other ways fielding his granddaughters' (aged five and seven) astute questions, like "If the world is a ball, why don't pavements look curved?"

**Nick Pole** is Co-ordinator of London Mindful Practitioners, a non-profit support group for health professionals and other practitioners using mindfulness-based approaches in their work. Recent presenters include Professor Mark Williams of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre and Dr Julieta Galante, Cambridge University Department of Psychiatry. More details at [lmpgblog.wordpress.com](http://lmpgblog.wordpress.com). **Ed Cole** is not sure he has what could be called a 'routine', but always seems busy and the time goes fast regardless! **Francis Drasar** is well settled in Twickenham and is Treasurer of a couple of small charities. **Keith Ison** says he is (like the vast majority) without news like 'was awarded a Nobel Prize and wrote two books this year'. In fact, no one has ever had news quite like that (yet). But the book news is that it's good to hear that **Taylor Downing's** *1983 – The World at the Brink* has proved to be a

bestseller and has aroused a lot of media interest. Also, **Gale Burns**, writer-in-residence at Kingston University London, has published a collection of poems entitled *Mute House*. **David Pope** explains that he is still finding it difficult to say no to voluntary roles, the latest being the organiser of the town's litter-picking group. This is perhaps the most influential role mentioned yet, helping to save us from plastic waste. He and his wife Anne have also done a lot of walking, some Brexit-related, and some National Trust-related tackling the Wiltshire Landscape Challenge. Talking of Brexit, I am reminded that I reassured you all in the 2016 *Magazine* that it would all be over by 2017. So it's fitting to end this year's piece with news of those unaffected: **Steve Barnes** is a Belgian citizen and still living in Wallonia. He says "I retired a couple of years ago but I'm still doing some UK grant committee work, and external advisory committees for EU programmes to give a bit back – and have fun too! Both of our daughters are married and living in the UK, and we have a 20-month old grandson. Good times, which bring us across the channel on a fairly regular basis. After being chairman of the village committee for 8 years, I'm now just a committee member. Music takes up a fair amount of time – I play in a local wind band (oboe) and folk music in a local folk club (tin whistle and voice) – good fun, even if I'm not hugely competent!" **Jamie Darke** is a Portuguese citizen and living near Lisbon. He says "Life with my Portuguese friends continues to be immensely enjoyable, with sufficient business to keep me in funds – Risk Advisory consulting, and a property development company that has made its first two investments – as well as pro-bono work for the Lisbon Players and St Julian's international school. I started to write poetry again four years ago, and will be giving a reading later this year after some heavy editing and binning by a Portuguese friend who is an established poet." And finally, **Neil Marshall** continues to thrive deep in the Southern Hemisphere. He has attempted to retire several times but various crown entities seem to think he has something valuable to offer the world of mathematics education, so he keeps signing contracts for new work. Fortunately, he has managed to persuade the powers that be that he should work from home so his commute is now approximately three seconds long, on foot, to the office. He is currently engaged in some interesting work levelling the New Zealand Curriculum against other jurisdictions, including that of the UK. New Zealand's interest in creating people who can contribute to society using their mathematical and statistical literacy places a different emphasis on student outcomes. Having family spread across the globe means that holidays have to be evenly balanced between exploring the hills and mountains of New Zealand and visiting Australia and Europe. Even so, every trip gives him and his wife opportunity to disappear into the hills to rediscover peace. Neil is enormously grateful to be on the other side of the world at this time of turmoil so any other members of the College



*David Pope  
picking litter*



*Neil Marshall in  
New Zealand*

escaping such things either for a short or long time are very welcome to join him and relax with a beer, some excellent local wine and a barbeque.

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

We are departing from our previous custom of focusing by subject area because a distinguished member of our year made the observation that he was no longer certain what subject he was supposed to have been studying, let alone whom he may have been in supervisions with (he did not attend lectures as they took place on mornings when he preferred to be asleep). So this year we have a smorgasbord of news from around the globe. First up is **George Yeo**. After 23 years in Singaporean politics serving as a cabinet minister in various portfolios, George decided to open a new chapter in the private sector in 2011 following his defeat in the general elections. He moved to Hong Kong to become chairman of Kerry Logistics, a post which he relinquished at the end of May this year. In 2017 George's wife had treatment for a serious cancer from which she has thankfully recovered. In his semi-retirement George shuttles between Hong Kong and Singapore keeping an eye on his remaining business and public service interests, and four grown up children. Another person who is keeping busy in the third phase of life is **John Hosker**. John retired in 2015 after 24 years as a consultant at Doncaster Royal infirmary. He has since become a member of the independent monitoring board of HM Prison Lindholme and also completed a three-year University of Durham course to become a reader in the Church of England. In that office he will join **Mike Emery**, as reported last year, so in conjunction with the **Rev Peter Hatton** 1973-ers are doing their bit to further Lady Margaret Beaufort's intentions for Christ's men. It will be interesting to hear from any other members of the year who are actively engaged in their respective houses of religion so we can offer a more comprehensive review next year. **Marcus Losack** has been continuing his studies into the life of Saint Patrick and recently published his third book on the subject. If Melvyn Bragg ever decides to cover Saint Patrick on *In Our Time* then we should expect to hear Marcus on the programme. After 40 years as an NHS doctor and 30 years as a neurosurgeon in Bristol **Rick Nelson** has retired from full-time practice to become a senior consultant. Showing no signs of losing the energy for which he has always been renowned, Rick is celebrating the event by cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats visiting friends and family on the way. It may be remembered that Rick was a high ranking official in the Guinness Appreciation Society and also the Honorary Boat Club Steward whilst in College, so his so-called bike ride could turn out to be the longest pub crawl of the year. The NHS still retains the

services of **Simon Gibbs** who continues his practice at Imperial College. **Adrian Crellin** remains one of the country's leading oncologists, and received a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to radiology. **David Millward** is the US Correspondent for *The Telegraph*. He recently celebrated 40 years of marital bliss with Robin (Girton). Dave's lifelong enthusiasm for Chelsea FC prompted the question "what teams do other members of the year support?" The results showed, not surprisingly there was a strong correlation between team supported and place



*Robin and David  
Millward at the  
Vikings stadium in  
Minneapolis*

of birth, but there was also a discernible link to the team which they had supported in the first FA Cup final they had focused on, which used to be about the only live football match on TV when 1973-ers were growing up. How else to explain **Karl Railton-Woodcock's** continuing support for West Ham from his current home in Melbourne? Not everyone supports a team of course, and **Kevin Walsh** was moved to mention that his school days had been traumatised by rowdy Arsenal fans who threw his school cap onto the railway lines at Seven Sisters. **Stephen Gibbs** has suffered no such torments in his support of Norwich City since the age of five, and has this year been rewarded with his team's promotion. To celebrate, Stephen and his wife Rowena went kayaking in the Antarctic Circle. A bit south of the Canaries, but as a mere lawyer he cannot be expected to be good at geography. Another story the survey threw up, was that **Tony Smith** was offered a trial by Portsmouth after getting his soccer Blue. Tony's dad intervened so the trial never took place. The university careers advisors might now take a different view of the proposal. Tony also reports a salutary experience that everyone in the year might relate to: he and **Jonny Tompkins** had arranged to meet **Tim Colledge** at a Chesterfield game (Tim's team). Despite exchanging texts at the ground neither party managed to recognise the other and they went home without meeting. Tim claimed he was looking for two blokes 40 years younger. On the subject of locating people, we are still in search of **Iain (Meat) Cleaver**. We know he is in Chamonix, but like the snow leopard he is very difficult to track down in the mountains. Another notable from our year, **Robert Spencer-Churchill**, has also disappeared to somewhere in France. Information which could lead to re-connection with these gentlemen would be much appreciated.

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

**Guy Whittaker** has been to Chile to find out about another Christ's alumnus, **Charles Darwin**, at the Museum Santa Cruz in Colchagua, Chile. A small group of 1974 alumni, consisting of tour leaders **Nick Tanner** and **Tony Parr** (and his wife, Renée), plus Ros and **Richard Elmes**, Jane and **Richard Monks**, **Ron Blagden** and honorary member Anita Diaz (Homerton, 1974), gathered in Amsterdam in August 2018 for a small-scale reunion weekend. Tony, being based in the town of Heemstede just outside Amsterdam, was chosen as 'our man on the spot'. Nick and Tony had put together a varied programme of activities, including a visit to the Hermitage Amsterdam Museum, a boat tour of the famous canals, an Indonesian rijsttafel dinner (which, we were reliably informed, is not actually an Indonesian tradition at all) and a walking tour of the



*Guy Whittaker  
at the Museum  
Santa Cruz*



*Alumni visit  
to Amsterdam*



city, plus of course plenty of opportunities for chatting over a kopje koffie or a glass of Heineken. The weekend was such a success that it was decided to repeat the exercise in 2019. Consequently, in April this year, Anita (who lived for many years in Spain) organised a weekend in Seville. Boat trips and walking again featured prominently, along with a Flamenco club and some terrific Andalusian cuisine. This event was another terrific success and all eyes now rest on **Richard Elmes**, who has offered a French trip in 2020. **Mark Greaves** recently embarked on some adult learning, both to support his 'portfolio career' in board roles and consulting work in Singapore, and also to exercise his grey cells. In mid-2018 he completed an LLB by distance learning at the Open University with a First Class result.



*Richard Baker*  
– Foxgloves and  
Strawberries



*Paul Littlewood*

Although he's often fancied himself as a Rumpole-like figure, he has no (current!?) plans to go into practice. He says this goes some way towards making up for being pipped at the post to a First in his Economics finals in 1977 by his 2nd year flatmate at Christ's, **Paul O'Brien**, who last year retired from the OECD after a long and distinguished career there. **Richard Baker** continues to show his paintings with the venerable Cambridge Drawing Society (founded 1882) and has done so every year since becoming a member in 1983. His website is at [www.cambridgeartstudio.com](http://www.cambridgeartstudio.com). **Hugh Ashton** continues to write Sherlock Holmes adventures and other fiction, having weathered the loss of his US publisher at the end of 2017. He was recently described by *The Scotsman* as "the UK's leading Sherlock Holmes writer", and his two Sherlock Holmes stories set in the South Staffordshire region, where he lives in the city of Lichfield with his wife Yoshiko, have been featured in the local press. He recently stood as a Liberal Democrat candidate in the City (parish) Council elections for Lichfield and was elected to serve the Garrick Road ward. Finally, your year group rep, **Paul Littlewood**, was delighted to become English Over 50s Chess Champion this year. This was particularly pleasing as he has recently concentrated more on Bridge, winning the English Senior Pairs with his wife last Summer.

**1975 Year Group Representative Andrew Jordan** writes:



*Crustaceans*  
rowing crew

Your rowing colleagues, who formed the College 1st VIII in 1978, have joined up together for an occasional paddle despite advancing years. The crew included **John Dallman**, **Carey Wolfe**, **Andrew Jordan**, **Rick Nelson** (m. 1973), **Bill Aldridge**, **Alasdair Docwra**, **Jeremy Preddy**, **Paul Barton**, and **John Beach**. In 2017, they rowed as a Masters F crew (average age 60 to 65) in the World Masters Regatta in the

beautiful setting of Lake Bled, Slovenia. In 2018, they competed at Henley Masters Regatta and then in September took part in the Roseninsel Achter, a race for eights over a 12k course on the Starnberg See, Munich. Unlike a number of crews, CCBC just managed to avoid sinking in the rough conditions frequently seen on such an exposed and windy course. Their achievement seemed to strike a chord with the Regatta Oompah band, Degendorfer Blasmusik, who adopted them during the post-race celebrations. **Chris Garden** recently took up the baton of organising the Alumni Golf Society from **John Sefton** (m. 1958) who did a grand job establishing the Society. They are keen to attract more members of College to join, which will



*CCBC alumni crew and the oompah band*

enable extra matches for future years. The Society again enjoyed its annual matches against St John's for the Lady Margaret Beaufort Trophy (won by Christ's in 2018) and Fitzwilliam, as well as entering a team for the Inter Collegiate Alumni Golf Competition. The highlight of the year is the members' end of season Christ's College Alumni Society Day, which is scheduled this year for Friday 20 September 2019 at Royal Worlington near Cambridge, after which there is a convivial dinner at Christ's. Chris would be delighted to hear from anyone who'd like to be involved.



*The Lady Margaret Beaufort golf trophy, retained by Christ's in June against St John's*

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

The annual walk in aid of MS in memory of **Dicky de la Hoyde** (m. 1977) was once again brilliantly organised, including the weather, by Vicky and **John Thornton** (m. 1977) on the North Downs Way near Effingham on the Saturday of the early May Bank Holiday weekend. Next year the walk will be in South Oxfordshire and **John Phillips** (m. 1975) will be organising, on the same weekend. It's a great opportunity to catch up (keep up!) with our Cambridge contemporaries and if anyone, from any year group, would like to come, they are very welcome indeed, please get in touch via the Alumni Office. It's a fairly safe distance these days, nine or ten miles, followed by a restorative pub lunch. People who took part this year were: **John Thornton** (m. 1977), **Andrew Pinhorn**, **Tim May** (m. 1977), **Tim Saunders** (m. 1975), **Jan Chojecki**, **Richard Morrogh**, **John Phillips** (m. 1975). **Larry Amure** retired from medicine in 2014 after just over 30 years of combining general practice with ophthalmology (GP with Specialist interest at Addenbrooke's). He reports being busier in retirement than he ever thought possible. He and Diane travel and he is learning to play the clarinet, having not been able to read a musical note before age 60. He was honoured last year to be asked to propose a toast to the College at the Association Dinner, based on *The Ladder of St Augustine* by his favourite poet, Longfellow. He also sat on a panel



*MS Walk 2019*



*Birthday boy  
Mark Thompson*

last year discussing assisted dying at the Christ's Medical Alumni Society biennial meeting, invited because of his small part in a BBC documentary about his very good friend and Christ's graduate **Simon Binner** who chose to go to Switzerland after he had been diagnosed with a very debilitating and incurable illness. **Mark Thompson** reports that after completing his 60th birthday challenge – last year's London marathon (raising £3000 for a local hospice) – he is taking part in the Great North Run in aid of Blood-wise. **John Byron**, who is Musical Director of the chamber choir Polymnia, writes that Lesley Garrett CBE, Britain's premier soprano, agreed to become Polymnia's patron after performing in a fund-raising event in 2016. They are very excited to work with such a consummate communicator, who has done so much to promote classical music and good causes. **Kevin Loader** reports that he's spent most of this past year in space: or rather, the future space travel of a cruise liner called *Avenue 5* – imagined by Armando Iannucci and his team of talented comedy writers, that is. This has involved building the biggest set he's ever been on, next door to Harry Potter at Leavesden Studios, and assembling a cast that includes Hugh Laurie as Captain, and Josh Gad as the billionaire owner of the private space tourism company, Herman Judd. British audiences will get to see it sometime early in 2020. Meanwhile, the film of Charles Dickens' *The Personal History of David Copperfield* – with Dev Patel in the titular role – also opens in the UK before Christmas. **Andrew Ingram** is now a Trustee of the Maidenhead Waterways Restoration Group, helping to restore old canals that have fallen into disuse. Included in his role was creating a video about the Trust, featuring an interview with local MP Mrs Theresa May – despite other pressing matters, she turned out for the interview. Andy adds that owing to the camera position and lights, he had to kneel to interview her! The video is on YouTube. **Rob Murgatroyd** claims, “no films produced, no novels written, no political parties launched, no military coups led (at least not this year)”. He feels his biggest achievement is that he's still holding the 'R' word at bay, having been a manager in health and social care for almost 20 years now, working for independent, NHS and charitable organisations. Building on credibility developed as CEO of a growing nursing agency business which private equity saw fit to buy, since 2003 he has been providing strategy and business development support to healthcare organisations wanting short term consultancy and interim management help. Other major achievements include continuing to be married to the lovely Louise for 31 years and having two boys and a girl (ages 28, 26, 25) who are doing their own bit in the world of work across the diverse fields of music publishing, catering and TV drama production. Watch out for the name Scarlett Murgatroyd on the credits of TV dramas coming to a plasma screen near you (*The Crown* and *Dracula* coming soon). **Peter Thomas** reports a change of direction in his career five years ago, as he left accountancy consultancy for education charity, Reach to Teach, as Chief Finance Officer. Reach to Teach focuses on primary education in Gujarat where they work on school improvement programmes in rural schools and support the state government with large-scale education reform. Peter and his wife Susan have been married for over 30 years and have two grown up sons. **Colin Pendrill** published another book last November, just a year after *And We Were Young*. The

new volume is entitled *A Thankfully Brief and Richly Illustrated History of Oundle School 1556–2015*. Colin explains, “It’s aimed at pupils who currently know little about the School’s exciting past and the History Department has now added it to the syllabus for all 3rd Formers at Oundle!” **John Innes** is still Dean of Forestry at the University of British Columbia. He is finishing off a book with Cambridge University Press, and planning the next one. Last year he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. **Paul Martin** is now semi-retired after a long career in public service, most recently as the Director of Security for UK Parliament from 2013 to 2016. He was awarded a CBE in 2013. He continues to write and is a member of the Board of the Charity Commission. His most recent book is *The Rules of Security* (OUP, 2019). **Julian Little** has been Professor of the School of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Ottawa since 2004. He enjoyed a sabbatical period recently involving three months in Shanghai in 2016, then almost a year in Ferrara, Italy. At Cambridge, he signed up for athletics but never went, and now competes in middle distance running and some sprint triathlons. His three children are now firmly adult, aged 21 to 27 – one chef, one trainee nurse, and one just graduating. My request for news inspired reminiscence on the part of **Stuart Roberts**, who reflected on the “untimely and ineffably sad passing of old friend **Dr Terry Creasy** in 2012.” After a teaching career spanning 23 years, Stuart took up a full time Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship at the University of Reading, working on a series of continental-scale bee pollination projects. He retired in 2013 and continues to enjoy teaching and presenting to students, staff and conference attendees in India, Cyprus, Malta, France and elsewhere. He still spends lots of time in the field and has managed to be a collaborator on some 90 papers. And finally, several Year Group members reported the sad passing of **Peter Smith** on 16 February this year. **Jonathan Rathbone’s** fine tribute is printed in the *In Memorium* section of this issue.

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

**Roger Newenham**, like many of the year group, enjoyed a significant birthday during this past academic year and observes that many of the year group have advised that they too, and in many cases much to their own surprise, have survived to reach a similar landmark. **David Lorimer** has recently been running a Commonwealth version of his Inspiring Purpose values poster award – see [www.commonwealthinspiringpurpose.org.uk](http://www.commonwealthinspiringpurpose.org.uk). His other current project, besides his upcoming 100th issue of the Journal of the Scientific and Medical Network, *Paradigm Explorer*, is the Galileo Commission Report on expanding the metaphysics of science – see [www.galileocommission.org](http://www.galileocommission.org). He now lives in the Cather region of France. **Richard Huxtable**, a former competitive ballroom dancer, is working as a chartered accountant for the charity FareShare, which redistributes surplus food to charities that support homeless and vulnerable people. He is based near Croydon. **David Bradley** is living in Scotland and was a retired IT Director until he was persuaded out of his garden to help an ex-colleague with transforming his IT function, nominally for a few months, which may turn into years. **Mike Knapton** is a non-executive Director of Addenbrooke’s Hospital and trustee of Addenbrooke’s Charitable Trust. He is a member of the very active Christ’s College Medical Alumni Association (the current president being Professor **Tony Jewell** (m. 1969)) and enjoyed their very successful visit to the recently opened Crick Institute in London. **Mark Alderton**



retired last year after a career partly as a tax advisor and then as an anti-avoidance VAT advisor for the tax authorities. His wife is now a fully trained vicar in the Church of England whilst he is a lay preacher. **Mike Sewell** has moved on from a long stint as Admissions Tutor at Selwyn College and a shorter one as Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges. He is now Senior Tutor at Selwyn, where he directs studies in History as well as the new History and Politics degree. Others report that they have scattered far and wide: **Leigh Watson** is living in Sydney, Australia; **Steve Rawnsley** is living in the 'burbs of Chicago; **Keith Robson** has moved from Calgary to Kelowna; and **Hugh Smith** is still based in San Jose, California.

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

Fellow members of the Year of 1978, we move beyond the 40-year mark and I have noticed that from your updates and my closest contacts that we are moving into the third age of our careers and doing very new things. For example: **Charles Botsford** has just completed a self-build house converted from a former metal Dutch Barn; **Edmund Hewson** has started a PhD researching travel writing, religion and post-humanism; and I have launched into a new career as a Professional Toastmaster – a Master of Ceremonies for special events. Last year brought **Richard Bacon** the chance to take early retirement, leaving him with many good friends scattered across the world. He muses that “we never really retire”, having just completed the build of a two-bedroom dormer on the top of his partner’s house and with his part-time position as caretaker at his partner’s children’s nursery. **Rachel Kurian** was one of the first women at Christ’s College and, since leaving has worked in many different countries. Currently she is teaching at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam. **Peter Muchlinks** remains as an Emeritus Professor at SOAS after a career as an academic specialising in Commercial Law. **Roderick MacDonald** reports that he is alive and well. **Tim Robbins** continues as Associate Professor in Plant Genetics at the University of Nottingham, where he has been for the past 22 years. He has now published 31 papers on plant reproductive biology. The other highlight of the last year is the 40 years since women were admitted as undergraduates and this was in our 2nd year – I certainly remember the change, particularly as the boat club now had male and female first and second boats.

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



*Clive Hyman  
running the  
London Marathon*

**Clive Hyman** trained and ran the London Marathon in 2018 in excruciating heat, having trained for 7 months beforehand, raising £9,000 for Prostate Cancer, Gene Therapy, Diabetes UK, A Chance to Shine. He intends to train and run again in 2020 via Bowel Cancer, and will remember his lesson from this year to pack his lunch for the 7 hour run. He has also become involved with his old school, Old Haberdashers in Borehamwood, playing cricket and rugby. He participates in the Blades regattas when they happen and is contemplating becoming part of the Christ’s College Crustaceans rowing crew. **Glyn Fullelove** became President of the Chartered



Institute of Taxation, the leading body for tax professionals in the UK in May 2019. He has promised us a short report of his year in office for next year's *Magazine*. A highlight of his year as Deputy President was chairing the Institute's conference in Cambridge, albeit at Queens' College, rather than Christ's.

*1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox writes:*

**Janet Satterthwaite** had a visit in April in Washington from **Martin Frost**. She says "He has done well by doing good, founding several companies whose technologies have improved lives." She is still practising trademark law and is active in MARQUES, the European trademark owners' association, which brings her to Europe twice a year. Janet's husband, a King's graduate, died in September 2018 after a long illness. **Julian Bradfield** has been enjoying a sabbatical year, spending much of it in Zagreb working on phonology. By virtue of a serendipitous meeting, he found himself giving a keynote on *Tolkien and Language* to a student English Studies conference – a far cry

from the Maths Tripos! An emerging theme for our year seems to be developing other talents and interests alongside busy careers.

**Steve Mills** says his watercolour painting has improved to the level at which people are starting to buy his paintings, but stresses that it's something to do between actuarial jobs and not a new career. You can see his work at [www.artisticactuary.blogspot.com](http://www.artisticactuary.blogspot.com). Despite a busy day job as a consultant paediatrician at



*Steve Mills' painting*

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust, **Neil Wright** says his biggest news is his share in a nearby allotment. He writes, "It's a sign of my age, I fear, but I'm really enjoying the buzz of joining the allotment community. I hardly get any digging done with everyone stopping to chat and offering me their spare exotic vegetable plants. I now grow four different types of potato (and I thought they were all the same!). We have a shed with a log burner and kettle for the chillier days – all we need now is a solar powered fridge to chill the beer on the hotter days." In 2019 **Derek Stone** and I will (all being well) notch up trips to Ukraine and Bulgaria; climb the highest peaks in Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro and Macedonia; and spend three weeks travelling and hiking in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. We're hoping to visit 100 countries before we hang up our rucksacks. I'm also still loving my work training lawyers and business people to write and draft in a more reader-focused way ([www.cathywilcoxtraining.com](http://www.cathywilcoxtraining.com)). It's taken me to much of Western Europe plus the Middle and Far East, Eastern Europe and even Africa.

*1984 Year Group News:*

**Jackie Alway** was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Music.

*1986 Year Group News:*

It was all going so well. **David Jackson** was working in Oxford the same day that **Jim Husband** (m. 1987, visiting from France) and **Steve Robinson** (m. 1987, visiting from Australia) were visiting. Alas, they didn't manage to meet. Missed reunions aside, David is living very happily in the Welsh borders, with four young (ish) children to keep him



1986 reunion

University days  
in the lab

busy. Reunions were more successful at the College garden party – as shown in the photo of **Jo Luke**, **Jo Oakes**, **Simon Edwards** and **Conal Gallagher**. **Ian Kendall** is coming to the end of four years at Volkswagen's electronics research lab in Silicon Valley, somewhat different from designing, with **Jason Kemshall**, the structure shown in the photo below to reach a load of 3kN. Ian will soon return to Europe to take up another role within the VW Group although unlikely to be at Bentley in Crewe, where he spent the previous 15 years. **Julian Tang** is a virologist, now working at Leicester Royal Infirmary, after previous roles in Hong Kong, Singapore and Canada. **Simon Edwards** is now working four days a week at HSBC, and was pleased to receive a headteacher's award from his younger daughter's primary school for helping with the school running club on Friday mornings. **Charlotte Collins** translates contemporary novels and plays from the German, is Co-Chair of the UK Translators

Association, and recently moved back to Cambridge. She is currently in remission from multiple myeloma following an autologous stem cell transplant in 2015, and would like to encourage people to support the charity Myeloma UK; it does great work raising awareness and driving research into new treatments.

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

**Stephen** and **Julia Smith (née Coombe)** moved to Chichester about five years ago, having spent most of the previous 15 years in Dublin, Budapest and Zurich (picking up three children along the way). Stephen has moved from corporate life to something more entrepreneurial – he has recently become CFO of Reallyenglish.com Ltd, a digital English language self-study platform. Julia, meanwhile, has reinvented herself from a lawyer to a governance consultant for charities and the arts. As she has done a lot of work for Chichester Festival Theatre, they are enjoying quite a lot of theatre at the moment! In other culture news, they've learnt to sail, Stephen has re-learnt the 'cello and Julia still sings a lot. **Ben** and **Jo Hill (née Waterfield)** rekindled a friendship with **John Jones** at the College reunion in June 2017, and now meet up regularly. John is a gastroenterologist in Shrewsbury. **Richard Harrison** continues to work for Alcatel Submarine Networks, travelling the globe negotiating contracts for subsea fibre optic cable systems. He lives in a cottage in Hampstead (London) with his wife, Rebecca, and three sons Hugo (18), Rupert (16) and James (9). He sends his best wishes to all those entering their 50th year this year! **Fiona Stephenson (née Donaldson)** still lives in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband and three children. She is the communications manager for the Sustainable Business Network, NZ's largest sustainability organisation.

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

It has been a slightly quieter year for news from the 1989 cohort, but common themes in correspondence are the pleasure of reunions with other Christ's alumni, and the achievements of the next generation. **Jennifer Haywood**, **Sally Magalhaes (née Derby)**, and **Melanie Dias** all greatly appreciated the opportunity to re-connect with each other, and meet women alumni from other years, at the College Women's Network event in April. **Sarah Tett (née Dalzell)** has enjoyed catching up with **Angelina Turner (née Lowe)**, on recent visits to Cambridge to see her daughter (studying Chinese and Japanese at Caius). Sarah writes: "Angelina was there at the Plough to watch the Caius W2 campaign (successful) for blades. Happily, the potential for a Caius W2-Christ's W2 assault was averted and conflict as to who we were supporting was avoided. Further visits to Christ's are forecast: 30 years after our own matriculation, the circle is complete, with James Tett arriving in October to read Natural Sciences at Christ's." **Kingsley Selvaraj**, writing from Abu Dhabi, reports that his son Jonathan continues to excel in both music and golf. Jonathan represented his school (British School Al Khubairat), in their victorious team at the British Schools in the Middle East 2019 golf competition, played at Trump International Dubai. Jonathan also won the individual player of the tournament award and has gained a distinction in his grade 8 violin. Meanwhile **John Hayward** continues to represent the views of Conservative Party members to the Prime Minister's Policy Unit and government ministers. He also continues to equip politicians abroad, promoting wider civic participation and accountability, particularly across Africa. His son is studying chemical engineering at Nottingham and his daughter will begin studying physics, chemistry, and double-maths after her GCSEs.



Jonathan  
Selvaraj

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

In May, **Gareth Kane** stood in the council elections in Ouseburn (Newcastle) for the Liberal Democrats, and won. He writes, "My big news is that the death of my political career in 2018 turns out to have been just a blip. Rematches can be pretty brutal. Apart from that, everybody chez Kane is well with our three boys growing up fast and loud. Karen's made Professor. I'm still running my own environmental consultancy, Terra Infirma Ltd, and trying to save the planet." **Simon Daniel** was on Radio 4 in April talking about his company Moixa and their role in a £40m Smart Hubs project to create a large energy system demonstrator and VPP in West Sussex where they will install and manage hundreds of batteries. He employs 60 people in London and Manchester. He's married with two kids, 6 and 8. **Mary Horlock** published *Camouflage*, a memoir of her grandfather Joseph Gray. He was an artist and camouflage pioneer. Her first novel *The Book of Lies* was published in 2011, and was longlisted for the Guardian First Book Award. **Mark Davies** writes, "I retired as Chair of Archery GB in April, and am a year into my role as Chair of British Rowing. We're going to be on a big push over the summer to re-attract people who think of rowing as their sport and explain why they should support BR (only £30 a year). So anyone who rowed the Bumps, keep an eye open! I am still working on the project to build a Youth Zone in west London for underprivileged kids (**Arabella Duffield**



Genaint Lewis

has given great support). We're 90% there on capital costs and should open in 2021. The Cambridge Blue Boat stayed with us for race week which was great fun. My kids are getting bigger quickly: 17, nearly 16, and the twins are 11 now." **Geraint Lewis** writes, "Not much has changed other than I've ticked over the big-50. Still professor at the University of Sydney. My eldest is also now at university. My second book, *The Cosmic Revolutionary's Handbook*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in early 2020." **Paul Richings** writes, "To general relief at home, I've retired from playing rugby. I've spent the last year preparing for a half ironman triathlon and the Marathon des Sables, managing to complete both. As a result, I'm now lighter than I've been at any stage since arriving at Christ's. Our children are tackling the university entrance process and GCSEs. I'm still number crunching in the West End during the week." **Paul Fernandez** writes, "I'm in San Diego, working at Qualcomm. I also work with a charity to raise funds for computers for my former secondary school in Zambia." **Sally Archer (née Maidment)** writes, "Life continues in Greenwich with kids still growing, the Maritime Museum thriving, and exciting work visits to Chile, San Francisco and Scandinavia (quite unexpected to have international travel in the museum sector!). I still have the houseplant from Christ's: it was given to me – with commiserations for a particularly painful essay crisis – by a fellow SPS-er and did succeed in cheering me up!" **Divi Perera** writes, "I'm Professor of Cardiology at King's College London. Been married to Louise for nearly 20 years. Got back on my bike 3 years ago and cycled 750km around the east coast of Sri Lanka for Little Hearts (Lanka) in 2017 and Prudential Ride London with **Griff Kane** for Mind last year." **Richard Tateson** writes, "I have left my job at the exam board and am now, in gamekeeper-turned-poacher style, once again teaching biology. This time my eager (or not so) pupils are international students here to do various different qualifications. I am living on the outskirts of Cambridge and pedalling in to Chesterton each day, having comprehensively failed to escape the Cambridge tractor beam. Not such a bad place to be becalmed though." **Paul Brady** writes, "Two enjoyable things to mention for the year were the re-living of the 1994 Graduate Boat escapades at the reunion dinner in September (with **Tim Minshall**, **Nick Glossop** and **Nick Hillman** – we even managed to find our T-shirts and wooden spoon), and my now annual tradition of a pre-Christmas long lunch with **Jon Barton**." **Jo Brady (née Gallacher)** writes, "I was amused to see my third-year room Y27 featured in 'Your Room, My Room' in the Lent 2019 *Cam magazine*. It seems that the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams had the room in 1968." **Ben Sinnott** writes, "So far so good here in New Orleans. We survived our first Mardi Gras. It lasts three weeks and offers over fifty different parades. No one works, the schools shut down, as do many livers. Each parade is hosted by a Krewe, an entity not dissimilar in purpose to the Margs or Hippos. Interestingly, if you can't wait for Mardi Gras you can have your own parade. All you need is to scrape up \$250, then head over to the Department of Parades and prove you've hired an acceptable brass band to accompany you. Two nice police officers on motorcycles will shut down the streets in the French Quarter so you can walk through dancing. There really is no better way to celebrate a wedding or a death." **Sarah Walker** writes, "I am still working too hard, but have just been elected as Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and as National Institute for Health

Research Senior Investigator, so not likely to change in the near future!” **Sarah Ellson** writes, “Still busy as a lawyer but work / life balance is achieved with cleaning out the chickens at the weekend and working on climbing all the Munros in our holidays (111 of 284 completed). Thoroughly enjoyed being back at College last September and completely mystified that it’s 26 years still we left.” **James Ellson** writes, “We now have a bit more land and keep three ducks as well as chickens. In the morning they sprint out of their house, dive in the pond, and do some serious lengths. I’m giving talks to U3As and gardening groups entitled *Eating Sprout Stalks: 15 Steps To Self-Sufficiency*. Five people (up from two) attended this year’s whip ‘n’ tongue grafting course for fruit trees. We’ve turned flexitarian to save the planet. After writing for 10 years, producing 6 manuscripts, and over a million words, I’ve finally got a publishing deal (for a crime thriller called *The Trail*). It’s with crowdfunding publisher Unbound, see <https://unbound.com/books/the-trail/> There’s even a short video!” **Lizzy Prescott** has been busy with lambing.



*Lizzy Prescott up to her neck in lambing*

#### **1991 Year Group News:**

**Rowan Kitt** has been selected to officiate at the Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan. He is one of the four Television Match Officials appointed from around the world in the group of 23 referees. He is a Fellow of Queens’ College where he is the Development Director.



*Rowan Kitt Match Official*

#### **1992 Year Group Representative Krish Shanmuganathan** writes:

Our congratulations go to **Rosina Buckland**, who has an exciting new move planned. She writes, “My career news is that I’m moving to Toronto, to take up the position of Bishop White Committee Curator of Japanese Art and Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum, from May 2019.” I’m sure she’d welcome any Christ’s visitors, as would **Nick Piskorski**. He told us, “I’m now a dad of two kids: Maya (2.5 years) and Oscar (1 year) and currently live in Bangkok with my partner. If you are passing through, get in touch!” Last year was a good one for **Andrew Tucker**. He commented, “I sold my data analytics business to Reputation Institute in Cambridge, MA. I am now building predictive models for Reputation, a long way from my History undergrad degree! I live in South London with my wife and two girls who both want to go to Christ’s apparently. I am in touch with **Edward Griffith** who is doing very well selling knitting patterns online.” The technology theme continues with our very own professional drone pilot, **Michael Surcombe**. He writes, “Having moved with the family to an even quieter part of the Vale of Glamorgan, I’ve now started a new business, Overcoat Media, producing radio and podcasts for the BBC and beyond, in cahoots with another former BBC colleague. Just to keep busy, I’ve also expanded my drone business into the construction industry, filming and modelling what seems like an endless procession of hospital rebuilds.” As for me (**Krish Shanmuganathan**), a spring clean unearthed this old photo of the College men’s VIII who won their Blades



*Andrew Tucker*





Lent Bumps crew

in the Lent Bumps and it now rests in pride of place on the kids' corridor wall where there happens to be both a gap and a spare nail. I'm hoping our next spring clean unearths the large wooden rudder (instead of a blade) I was presented with as the cox. Well, you'll have to read the 2020 entry to find out...what a cliffhanger!

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

A relatively quiet year for the 1993 Year Group with many of us working hard to keep fit! **Mary Howman** is working as a GP near Norwich and doing some teaching at the UEA. Her children are now eight and five and she has started running and cycling and even managed a "very slow" ultramarathon in January! Continuing the exercise theme, **Imran Gulamhuseinwala**, **Alex Scott** and **Nick Atkinson** are making debuts at marathon running this year, taking part in the Stockholm marathon on 1 June. Imran also captains a cricket team called the Honky Tonks, who last year beat arch-rivals the Onion Spankers for the first time in five years in a crunch annual match played in Belmont in Kent. This fixture has been going now for 20 years and the Honky Tonks group comprises largely Christ's College 1993 and 1994 alumni (**Mike Metcalfe** and **Moni Sternbach**, joined by **James Tysome**, **Will Lamb** and **Adam Searle** from 1994), none, I'm reliably informed, of whom have improved at cricket from the days when we were at College! In other news, **Ed Perkins** and his wife, Treeva Fenwick, celebrated the birth of their second son, Rafi, in September. Meanwhile, in sunny Australia, **Stuart Edwards** and friends have launched Sinkhole Gin, a craft gin distilled using water drawn from a natural, limestone sinkhole. That, along with work, wrangling two children, and kicking off a part time university degree, is keeping him on his toes.

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

**David** and **Susan Reed** have moved from Poland to Canada, where David is the new Deputy British High Commissioner. Susan is growing her internet tuition business net-school.co.uk, and Charlotte (5) and Emily (9) have become firm hockey fans. All are enjoying discovering Canada. David has just visited the Arctic to see the sites of the recently discovered Franklin wrecks and present a deed of gift transferring ownership to Parks Canada and the Inuit community. Having never owned a pet in his life, **Shewy Sou** has found himself working for Petplan on pet insurance since April 2019. If you have dogs, cats, rabbits or horses insured with Petplan please let him know so you can use his friends and family discount! **Rob Moffat** has moved house to the other side of Tunbridge Wells – guests welcome! He's still working in Venture Capital at Balderton, celebrating his 10 year anniversary this year. His latest investment, Wagestream, helps employees get paid as they earn rather than waiting for month end. **Arash Mostofi** was promoted to Professor in the Departments of Physics and Materials at Imperial College London, where he leads a research group dedicated to the development and application of theory and computational tools for understanding and predicting the structure and properties of materials.

*1997 Year Group News:*

**Claire Lawrence** has just finished four years as UK Ambassador to Lithuania, which has been increasingly interesting with the implications of Brexit, and the UK's relationship with Russia for the UK/Lithuania partnership. Her son is now four and speaks good Lithuanian, and her daughter has just turned two.

*1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:*

**Michael Bourke** will take up post as Chief of the Assessments Staff in the Cabinet Office in July. **Sarah Brown** had her first child last year – a baby boy. He was less than two months old when he attended his first Christ's garden party (the '98 year group reunion) and behaved impeccably, sleeping through the entire event. She is enjoying being a mum and working as a pensions actuary. **Ian Cowley** is living in Melbourn (Cambs) with his wife and two sons, now four and two. At the time of writing, they were enjoying a holiday in Corfu while they could get away with term-time holidays! Ian has been working as a radiotherapy physicist in Harley Street for 13 years now, since a few months after completing his PhD at Addenbrooke's in 2006. **Patrick Driscoll** and **Emma Chapman** are now living in Girton after trying out various alternative locations including London and Salt Lake City and deciding they could only cope with Cambridge. Patrick has been playing tiddlywinks since taking up the game in his first week at Cambridge. After many years of toil, this year he reached the apogee of the game, winning the English National Tiddlywinks Championship. His two-year-old son Thomas has now also taken up the game. **Chris Mason** lives in Charlton in South East London. Baby Stanley arrived in February, a little brother for bonkers three-year-old Ivy. His family moved into a house for the first time last year after years in a flat. That said, he's discovered he is yet to develop a passion for gardening. Maybe that kicks in in your 40s? **Brooke Morriswood** had a much calmer 2018 after all the career stress of 2017, a calm that was interrupted somewhat by the birth of Oscar on 5 April. Brooke's work on Molecular Parasitology at the University of Würzburg continues to be a lot of fun, and a real milestone was reached this semester when he managed – just about! – to teach a weeklong cell biology practical class to 30+ students entirely in German. Fired by this achievement, he's planning on finally learning to drive this year (Autobahn motorists, beware). Outside of the lab/domestic cycle, his science blog Total Internal Reflection appears to be slowly developing a life of its own. **Jon Pendergast** is still living in Toronto, Canada, and is now Head of Presales for a Fortune 500 technology company. His sons are in Grade 1 and Kindergarten, and this year he and his wife Jennifer are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. In 2018 he got the opportunity to fulfil a life-long dream: witnessing a volcanic eruption up close! **Matthew Rose** got married last year to Wenjuan (Jenny) Zhao. **Pete Rutter** is living in West London with his young family, and still maintaining an interest in all things geography (especially volcanoes). Between family life and his job as Head of Equities at Royal London Life is fairly busy, but spare time these days has moved on from hockey mainly towards fly fishing and woodland management. **Daniel Sargent** remains employed at the University of California, Berkeley, where he teaches international history. He and his wife Alethea recently welcomed a new daughter, Johanna, who joins sisters Corrina (6) and Ramona (3). **Jon Scholefield** is currently on sabbatical with Louise, Freddie, Jack, and Holly



*The Chic Initiative*

the Bassett at their old farmhouse in Sussex. He's thoroughly enjoying some time off with wife and boys before considering what next. **Hui Ling Siow** is founder and CEO of an international clutch brand, The Chic Initiative ([www.thechicinitiative.com](http://www.thechicinitiative.com), [www.instagram.com/thechicinitiative](https://www.instagram.com/thechicinitiative)). In its early years, The Chic Initiative was one of the start-ups selected amongst hundreds for an entrepreneurship programme at

Stanford University and Silicon Valley which was sponsored by the Government of Malaysia. Running this takes up most of her time now, from the designing, to supervision of production, to the co-ordination with the marketing team (amongst other things). **Naomi Symonds (née Coates)** lives in Buckinghamshire with her two young boys. Together with her husband she runs their sustainable drainage company based in Amersham whilst also freelancing as a TV Producer, facilitating for US shows filming in the UK. **Robert Webb** continues to live in York and work as a freelance musician. This includes working at St Olave's School, where he teaches violin and viola and direct string ensembles; freelance playing with orchestras such as the Orchestra of Opera North and Northern Ballet Sinfonia; and performing locally and further afield with chamber groups such as the Rosalba Piano Trio. He sings frequently with York Minster Choir, and is taking part in a project to record the choral works of Hans Gal on CD with the Borealis Choir in Leeds.

#### **2000 Year Group News:**

**Joe Gray** has founded, and co-edits, a radical ecological journal titled *The Ecological Citizen* (<https://ecologicalcitizen.net/>), which exists to challenge anthropocentrism and human supremacy. He is also involved in a group seeking to implement democratic representation for non-humans in decision-making systems (<https://ecodemocracy.net/>). He'd be delighted to hear from any alumni who might be interested in these projects and he can be reached via his website: <https://deepgreen.earth/contact.html>.

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

The 20-year reunion garden party for our year group will be in the summer of 2021. In the last year **Vicky Timothy (née Wood)** gave birth to Edward Elijah Timothy, and **Cat Potts (née Darby)** gave birth to Charles ('Charlie') William Potts (a brother to Josie). **Dani Gittins (née Drew)** and **Mike Gittins** (m. 2000) now have three children: Jack (5), Thomas (3) and Abigail (2). They live in Surrey and have become very involved in life in the local community, in fact they are both on the Board of Trustees for the local Pre-School. Dani has had a career change after the birth of the children and she is now a self-employed baby and toddler swimming teacher which fits around family life and is great fun. **Sarah Watson** is getting ready to leave Army life early next year after ten years and commence her more settled, but likely less adventurous, life in York. As she starts sitting as a Deputy District Judge she really wishes she had listened more intently in Steve Hedley's contract law supervisions! Many will remember the poignant words that **Sam Barker** provided for last year's *College Magazine*. Sadly, Sam died in August 2018, leaving his wife **Xanthe Barker**



*2001 fifteen-year  
reunion party*

(née **Holliday**) (m. 2001), children Nathaneal and Alethea, and a host of loving family and friends. Our sincere condolences go to Xanthe and the Barker family. To everyone who met him, and this list does not do him justice, Sam will be remembered for his keen sense of humour, the joy and comfort he derived from his faith and, of course, the third court 'WWJD Snowgate'! This picture was taken at the 15 year reunion garden party and is a reminder of the enduring sense of community that studying at Christ's created, even when we are not in each other's lives on a daily basis.

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

I'm delighted to report that fourteen years after getting together as first year undergraduates, **Victoria Taylor** and **Luke Simpson** got married in Hawaii in 2017. Their first child William Taylor-Simpson was born in November 2018. Luke is a pilot at easyJet and Victoria works as legal counsel for Google, so they spend much of their time in Europe and San Francisco. **Paul Nicholas** married Gloria Emmanuel at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the City of London on 4 May 2019. **Rashmi Patel** is an academic psychiatrist with an interest in the use of data extraction from electronic health records to predict clinical outcomes and develop effective treatment strategies in psychosis. He has recently completed a Clinical Lectureship at King's College London where he is currently a Medical Research Council UK Research and Innovation Health Data Research UK Fellow. Rashmi has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to visit the Digital Psychiatry Program at Harvard Medical School from September to investigate smartphone data analytics in predicting relapse in mental disorders. Having served as Culture Secretary from January 2018, **Matt Hancock** was promoted to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in July 2018. The gamers amongst you may have spotted that **Tomawa Edun** has featured in the last three editions of the FIFA video game series, providing voice and motion capture as fictional teenage football prodigy and lead character Alex Hunter.



*Taylor-Simpson  
Hawaii wedding*



*Baby William*



*Paul and Gloria's  
wedding*





Baby Fiachra

**2003 Year Group News:**

**Noirin McFadden** and **Stephen Elliott** welcomed their second son, Fiachra David Elliott on 1 March 2019, a brother for Blaise, who is three years old.



Helen Mort's debut novel

**2004 Year Group Representative Anjolie Rusius** writes:

**Helen Mort** has written her debut novel, *Black Car Burning*, to critical acclaim. **Jon Budzynski** is engaged and will be married in London on 21 September 2019. **Holly Broadley (née Coates)** gave birth to Rose Emily Broadley on 4 November 2018 and is currently busy being a mum! **Tiffany Dale (née Stirling)** and her husband Tom welcomed Florence Dorothy Mae to their family on 6 December 2018. Florence's christening was a truly Christ's affair, taking place in Christ's chapel, with Reverend Dr **Matthias Grebe**



Baby Florence Dale's christening at Christ's

(m. 2008) leading the service and **Camilla Farrant** (m. 2004) taking on duties as godmother. **Hannah Finch Noyes (née Spencer)** married Patrick Finch Noyes on 20 October 2018 at Magdalen Road Church in Oxford. They were blessed with beautiful sunshine and enjoyed a wedding breakfast and ceilidh at Wytham Village Hall. They even managed an outdoor drinks reception – quite amazing for October! They are both currently teaching in Oxfordshire and enjoying married life. Last June (after the *Magazine* had gone to press), **Victoria Grebe (née Corke)** and **Matthias Grebe** (m. 2008) welcomed their son, Raphael Otto Wilberforce Grebe, a little brother for Charlotta. They have just returned from an extended time away in Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, proving that backpacking, camping, hiking, diving and fishing with a toddler and baby is not only possible, but positively the best way to travel! Victoria remains in denial about the fact that her maternity leave finishes at the end of August.



Finch Noyes wedding



Baby Raphael

**Peter McMahon** got engaged to Rachel Ellis, and will be getting married on 12 October 2019 at All Souls, Langham Place. **Ed Roberts** has finished up his postdoc in San Francisco after six years and moved back to the UK, thus escaping Trump but getting back just in time to live through the Brexit debacle. He is now starting his lab in Glasgow between the University of Glasgow and Cancer Research UK, working in cancer immunology. Ed's new interest is learning Glaswegian. **Dorothy Turnbull (née Howard)** and Craig welcomed Clara Felicity to the Turnbull clan, born in Chester on 17 January weighing 7lb 10oz. She has completed the family and made Wilfred a very proud big brother.

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

**Mark Higgins** moved to Bermuda. **Dominic Benson** got engaged to Kathryn Rogerson and will be married on 17 August in Impington. **Jack Reeves Eyre (née**



**Eyre**) and his wife, Jodi, had a baby daughter, Emily, born 26 May 2018. If she'd been born on her due date she would have made last year's edition! As she's nearly a year old, Jack thinks the most relevant statement would be "mother and father are both exhausted but happy". **Oliver Barton** and Louise had a son, Wilfred Vaughan Michael on 12 March. **Gabriel Roberts** is Wilfred's godfather. **Betony Bayliss (née Lloyd)** has made her first foray into the world of tropical fishkeeping this year. Despite the sad passing of Finston Churchill, the other fish (Brenda and the Cardinals) are still going strong. **Lucy Buzzoni** has finally mastered the cable stitch and is one sixteenth of the way through a scarf.



*Baby Wilfred*

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

**YC Ng** left London for the deep dark depths of Jakarta, Indonesia nearly three years ago, but couldn't have made a better decision. He is now heading up Latitude Venture Partners, a growth-stage venture fund in the region focused on healthcare. The region is full of growth opportunities – he extends a warm invitation to any alumni hoping to explore his side of the pond. **Sofia Wallström** has, in the past year, finished her postdoc in Taiwan and started a new astronomy postdoc position in Belgium, working on Atacama Large Millimeter Array data of Asymptotic Giant Branch stars. She's very happy to be back in Europe and is very much enjoying her work. **Clémentine Beauvais** is enjoying her time at the University of York where she is a Senior Lecturer in Education, currently doing research on literary translation workshops with children and teenagers. She continues to write children's books and do literary translations into French, – most recently of Elizabeth Acevedo's *The Poet X*. Save for Brexit, she says that life is quite beautiful in this corner of the UK. **Sarah Gardner** had a pretty perfect day getting married to her British-Canadian software engineer husband, Ian Foster, at Ely Cathedral. The honeymoon in Borneo was a great addition to many happy memories. **Ingrid Berkeley** went on her first long haul flight last September for an amazing holiday with Sam in Australia and New Zealand. In the spring, she became a Chartered Engineer and was promoted to Senior Engineer at Max Fordham LLP. Later this year, a bigger adventure awaits as Sam and Ingrid are expecting their first baby in July. **Anna Horvai** celebrated her 30th birthday last year by taking a career break and backpacking around Asia for three months – visiting Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. It was an incredible, unforgettable experience although she says she definitely doesn't miss the hostel lifestyle!



*Anna Horvai*

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

**Tyler Hester** is currently working towards a doctoral degree in Education Leadership at Harvard University and on a start-up initiative to help early-career teachers avoid burnout and stay in the teaching profession for longer than would



*Tyler Hester and friends*

*Charlotte and  
David at Christ's  
May Ball*



otherwise be the case. **Charlotte Pierce-Cornish's** fiancé David proposed on 19 June last year in the Fellows' Garden at Christ's May Ball. They will be married on 14 September this year in Cardiff with **Nicola Norman** as the Maid of Honour.

### **2008 Year Group News:**

Congratulations to **Umar Sadat**, currently a Clinical Lecturer in Vascular Surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital, who has been made Hunterian Professor 2019 by the Royal College of Surgeons of England. This award has been made in recognition of his research work on non-invasive magnetic resonance imaging of atherosclerosis. He will deliver the Hunterian Lecture at an international vascular surgery conference, and will be awarded the Hunterian Medal on that occasion.

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

Our year is now almost four years post-Christ's and have got up to some very interesting and varied things since leaving university. The last year has been quite a transitional one for a lot of us, whether that is doing the first career change, coming to the end of further study or even getting married! Starting with the latter, a big group of us were delighted to attend the wedding of **Rebecca Coombs** and **Pete Howarth** in the Cotswolds last summer. It was one of the gloriously hot summer days that we had in 2018 and was in the most beautiful village – plenty of champagne was drunk and fun had by all Christ's attendees who dominated the dance floor! **Lorcan Murphy** met Mackenzie Donnelly while on the Cambridge-MIT exchange in 2014–15 and got engaged last August while in Grampians National Park in



*Lorcan Murphy  
and Mackenzie  
Donnelly*

Australia. They've been living together in Boston since 2017 and plan to get married there next summer. Moving on to more serious topics, the 2012 year group have been laying down foundations for some high flying city careers with **Louise Whittington** having qualified as a barrister and starting to build up her practice, and **Oliver Jackson** starting pupillage in October this year after a short sojourn in the Civil Service and a fair amount of travelling. **Lawrence Clare**, another lawyer, has almost qualified as a solicitor and is currently part way through a six-month secondment in Paris where his language skills have already come on impressively. In the accountancy world, **Charlotte Lovegrove** will become fully CIMA qualified in August and will be progressing her career with a move up to Edinburgh later this year. **Harriet Baker** qualified as an ACA chartered accountant last summer, managing to sweep up four international prizes while doing so. She's now left the exciting world of audit and embarked on a new career in investment banking, which has been accompanied by a move from her beloved Essex to a flat within a mile of the office. **Henley Leong** has become far more experienced in the corporate finance world, having worked there for five years, currently based in Hong Kong at a US boutique bank. He's working on a couple of start-up ideas on the side and sees that as his mid to long term goal.

He recently attended the ‘Dear World, Yours, Cambridge’ dinner at the Ritz in Hong Kong and loved catching up with alumni from Christ’s and other colleges. He comes back to the UK once or twice a year and makes sure to swing by Cambridge.

**Kush Madlani** has already come out the other side of the banking life, resigning from his job as an equity derivatives trader to travel around South America before starting a Masters in Machine Learning in the autumn. **Alessa Betts** also left her consultancy job last year to spend a year living in Berlin with her boyfriend **Mark Baldock** (m. 2013). She is enjoying working as a digital banking advisor and sharing her favourite parts of the city with the many Christ’s alumni who visit. Back in the UK, **Christina Goodall** has had probably the most interesting role of all of us, working in No. 10 as a visits officer for the Prime Minister as the government struggles through the Brexit process. After six years at Christ’s, medics **James Bartram**, **Parth Patel**, **Matt Berry**, **Andy Graham**, **Steve Foulkes**, **Luke McGeoch** and **Andrew Soltan** have been released into the wild and taken up roost at hospitals in London, Oxford, Manchester and Bristol. Plenty of the 2012 year group have continued with further study and many are coming to the end of their formal education. **Grace McGregor** is about to finish her PhD in July and will move to San Diego to take up a post-doctoral position at the University of San Diego, continuing her cancer research, however being sorely missed by her Christ’s friends back home! **Tim Gordon** splits his time between the University of Exeter and the Great Barrier Reef, studying for a PhD on the impacts of climate change on coral reefs. Recent attempts to break free of the ivory tower include recording a podcast with the *Guardian* and ending up in a police cell after joining Extinction Rebellion protests in London. **Cath Aithchison** remains at the University of Liverpool, studying catalysts for solar water splitting which she describes as like a solar panel but making hydrogen instead of electricity. She reports all is going well but she’s still a way off solving the energy crisis. With just one year left, the thesis is looming but there’s light at the end of the tunnel! **David Tennyson** also has just one year remaining of his PhD where he is working on the geometrical aspects of supergravity. Carrying on the more scholarly theme, **Richard Kish** self-published his debut novel *The Burning Ash* this year. He began working on it at the age of 14, but following his time at Christ’s decided to rewrite it as the book it is today. Everyone can buy a copy at [bit.ly/TheBurningAsh](http://bit.ly/TheBurningAsh). Finally, we all had the most fantastic weekend coming back for MA graduation. It was a very large weekend for pretty much everyone and amazing to hang out as a year group again. Thankfully, there are sufficient numbers of us still living near enough to each other to frequently meet up in various groups but it was still amazing to have the whole year group back together for a big reunion weekend in Cambridge. I’m sure many would agree that it was one of the highlights of the year!



“Carb and beer heavy” alumni visit to Alessa Betts in Berlin

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MA graduation



*Mulberries on Milton's tree*

*Photograph by Emily Cleevely*

*Photograph opposite by Matthew Tsim*

# IN MEMORIAM

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## Eric Griffiths (Former Fellow)



*Eric Griffiths –  
captured by  
Judith Aronson*

When Eric Griffiths arrived at Christ's to take up his Research Fellowship in 1977, he was 24. (I was 44, having been a Fellow of the College for only two years.) There he was, still fresh from Pembroke College via Princeton, at once engaging and engaged, vivid with vitality; all there, all right; physiognomically – better, *facially* – alert and alive. He recognized genius in more cases than you might have expected, so he rightly never supposed any of us to be such, and there was room for him to be touched and tickled by the ways in which one genius might praise another. T.S. Eliot's obituary of John Maynard Keynes in 1946 had been noble as well as witty; deeply unsentimental (as was Eric, always), and therefore – not *nevertheless* – the true voice of feeling.

In 1977 the College met immediately an intellectual, moreover one who met intellectual standards. Eliot had said of Keynes that he was, 'in any sense of the word, an "intellectual"', for he lived 'in an intellectual environment; he had intellectual tastes; and he had – what is not always denoted by "intellectual" – an intellect'. All true of Eric, and this with 'the intellect immediately at the tips of the senses' (Eliot on what writers need), happily including Eric's senses – there was more than one of them – of humour.

"We laugh at a book but we more importantly laugh *with* it; we see that we meant to find this bit funny, and we are pleased that we can and do laugh. As we recognize the appropriateness of our response, we take pleasure in that appropriateness itself; we are sharing a joke with a book, and with its author who may have been dead for years. . . . And laughing over Flaubert runs continuously into laughing with a friend (it would be strange if someone saw all the jokes in literature but never understood a joke that somebody made in day-to-day relations)."



*Eric Griffiths and  
Christopher Ricks*

Eric did not tell jokes, though he made them deliciously (sometimes, tartly). His smile was quite something. In the photo of the young Eric that Judith Aronson took for the College, he bestows his smile not only upon the photographer but upon all those people, particularly members of the College present and future, who happen not to be in the room. But of course it is the other photo of him, with me out in the country, that most catches him for me. For there his smile makes it clear that it is he who is doing the catching, a catching out: my

being unable, despite my best efforts, *not to smile*, a wrestle within me and with him in which he is clearly winning. And he intelligently knows it.

He had, not an intellect only, but intelligence to boot. He could have said of Eliot what the great poet-critic whom Eric revered, William Empson, said of this Pope of Russell Square, 'that I do not know for certain how much of my own mind he invented'. What is certain is the aptness to Eric of so much that Eliot set down, particularly as to intelligence. The first impression that Keynes made, Eliot said, was of exceptional intelligence. For Eric, teacher-critic, what characterized intelligence would need to include Eliot's sense of it: 'intelligence, of which an important function is the discernment of exactly what, and how much, we feel in any given situation'. Likewise, Eliot's swift ways with intelligence when he praised one of the greatest of teacher-critics, Aristotle: 'he provides an eternal example – not of laws, or even of method, for there is no method except to be very intelligent, but of intelligence itself swiftly operating the analysis of sensation to the point of principle and definition'. For Eric, to the point of puncture. It was all too clear to him why I failed to appreciate, to relish (worse, found plummy), a particular turn of a line in Eliot's *The Dry Salvages*: 'The moments of happiness – not the sense of well-being, / Fruition, fulfilment, security or affection, / Or even a very good dinner. . . .' The reason: my simply never appreciating a very good dinner. It was similarly clear to him why I was so weak in my dealings with 'my' (our, actually) publisher. My saying that one did well to be gentlemanly was trumped by his *But not lady-like*. Phrasing was one of the great pleasures of life. When he made mention of his childhood in a 'Welsh-speaking' family, it was with a gleeful awareness of how often he had heard some disaster-area or other spoken of, formulaically, as *about the size of Wales*.

Once upon a time, a number of Fellows of the College (the number admittedly being two, perhaps three) had briefly wondered whether I might *let my name go forward* as a candidate for the Mastership. Flattered, I fluttered. (For a moment only.) Eric knew exactly how to word the needed realism: 'The loss to literary criticism would be calculable'. The loss of speech that followed his stroke eight years ago, and the loss of life at the age of 65 on 26 September 2018: such tragic losses are incalculable. And unforgettable. The words that Christ's College has long elevated will ask now to be remembered by each of us: *Souvent me Souvient*.

*Christopher Ricks (Honorary Fellow)*

### **Herbert Cecil Macgregor** (Former Distinguished Visiting Fellow)



Herbert died on 22 July 2018, aged 85, after a distinguished career in cytogenetics. His research centred on the organisation and expression of gene sequences in chromosomes, with a particular emphasis on the lampbrush chromosomes of amphibians. His early work in the lab of H G (Mick) Callan at the University of St Andrews was integral to the discovery that chromosomes are formed from a single molecule of DNA, and in 1973 he was awarded the Zoological Society of London's Scientific Medal for his work on cell and molecular biology.

In 1970 he became Head of the Department of Zoology at the University of Leicester. From 1981 to 1984, he held a Royal Society Research Fellowship at Christ's.

Herbert was the founding editor of the journal *Chromosome Research* and author of over a hundred journal articles and two books: *Working with Animal Chromosomes* (1980, with Jennifer Varley), a standard reference manual for chromosome preparations, and *Introduction to Cytogenetics* (1993), another standard text on chromosome form, behaviour and evolutionary significance.

After retirement in 1996, he relocated to live nearer to his boat on the Exe estuary, becoming Visiting Professor at the School of Biosciences, University of Exeter. He remained scientifically active, curating a website on lampbrush chromosomes to foster collaboration between those working in that field and teaching a wide range of biological topics to his U3A classes in Exeter, Exmouth and Sidmouth until just a few weeks before his death.

*Alma Swan*

### **Neville Charles Masterman** (m. 1931)



Born on 28 November 1912 in Pimlico, central London, Neville was the son of Lucy (née Lyttelton), an author and long-time member of the Liberal party, and Charles Masterman, social commentator, Liberal MP and head of the War Propaganda Bureau. He was educated at Westminster School, and went on to study Theology at Christ's.

After graduating, in 1934, he became a teacher at Lindisfarne College, a private school in Essex, before going to teach English at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, where he became more than proficient in the Magyar language. He left in 1940, after the outbreak of wartime hostilities, travelling via Italy and France and passing through Paris shortly before the arrival of the Germans. He served in the British army for several years in Coventry, Orkney and Northern Ireland before being transferred to Bletchley Park where he was a translator during WWII.

After the war, he became an academic historian, and taught at Swansea University for many years. His studies were primarily focused on nineteenth century British and European politics – Christian Socialism, the Liberal Party and national aspirations among much else. His publications included *The Forerunner: The Dilemmas of Tom Ellis, 1859–1899* and *John Malcolm Ludlow: The Builder of Christian Socialism*. He died at the age of 106, on 10 January 2019.

### **Kurt Gaston Berger** (m. 1942)



Kurt was born to Jewish parents on 4 June 1923 in German-speaking Sudetenland but after Hitler came to power, the family moved to London. He attended Oundle School before coming up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences in 1942. Compressed to eight terms in wartime, he graduated in 1944 and went to work at J Lyons & Co's Central Laboratories in the 'reserved' occupation of food production. Here, Kurt specialised in

research into edible oils and fats for use in baking and ice cream, doing pioneering research using scanning electron microscopy and gas chromatography.

Aged 55, Kurt retired as Head of Laboratory at Lyons, and became a consultant with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. In 1976, he received an invitation to establish the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia, which by the time he retired in 1986 had become an organisation employing hundreds of people in its purpose-built premises. He was awarded the *Kesatria Mangku Negara* in recognition of his service.

He loved new experiences and meeting people, and had a very wide range of interests, including his prize-winning gardening skills, classical music, photography, nature conservation, universal education and sailing. In 1966, Kurt and his son David built a small 'Mermaid' dinghy, after which the sailors in the family regularly chartered yachts to explore the west coast of Scotland.

Kurt's last three years were spent recovering from a stroke, and it was utterly characteristic that he was determined to get walking independently again – a feat he very nearly achieved. He died on 3 July 2018 in the family home, surrounded by four generations. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Margaret, three of his four children, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

*Dave Berger (m. 1970)*

**Michael Arthur Hugh Melinsky** (m. 1942)

Born in Croydon in 1924, Hugh was educated at Whitgift School. However his education was interrupted by being called up in 1942 to contribute to the wartime Japanese Intelligence operation.

Both his own family and that of Renate, his wife, lived with the scars of anti-Semitism. Renate had endured the horrors of Kristallnacht, escaping Germany with the assistance of the Kindertransport, while Hugh's grandfather was the son of a rabbi tortured in the Kiev pogrom of 1905.

After the war, Hugh went up to Christ's, where he came under the stimulating influence of two avant-garde theologians, Charles Raven and Ian Ramsey who encouraged the 'modernist' approach to theological study. Ministerial training at Ripon Hall set the seal on this aspect of his rich contribution to the life of the Church of England throughout his ministry. After curacies at Wimborne Minster and Wareham, in Dorset, Hugh became Vicar of St Stephen's in Norwich. Alongside this, he held a very different post as Chaplain of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital nearby. Together with his earlier theological training, this awakened a continuing interest in religion and health.

His first book, *Healing Miracles*, looked at psychosomatic explanations for New Testament accounts of Jesus's ministry. He edited the journal of the Institute of Religion and Medicine, and was the main drafter for the widely respected Church of England report on euthanasia, *On Dying Well*. After a period as Canon Missioner in Norwich diocese, where he helped pioneer what became known as 'non-stipendiary ministry', he became Chief Secretary of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (ACCM). Afterwards, Hugh served 10 years as Principal of the Northern Ordination Course. Hugh died on October 22 2018. He is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

**Patrick D'Arcy Mumby** (m. 1943)

Patrick was born on 6 February 1925 and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Mechanical Sciences. His younger brother Alan (m. 1949) also studied at Christ's.

He died on 7 November 2018, aged 93.

**Geoffrey Legrand Bennett** (m. 1944)

Geoffrey was born on 21 September 1926 and came up to Christ's in 1944 to study Natural Sciences. Whilst he was at Cambridge, he was a keen hockey player. After graduating, he started a career in oil and gas exploration. This took him across the globe, often to some of the most remote areas, and he rose to the position of London Chief Geophysicist of Amoco Europe. After retirement in 1986, he became active in the world of golf, and served as President of the Golf Society of Great Britain. He was married to Sheelah Bennett. Throughout his life, Geoffrey continued his association with Christ's, returning for dinners and events in College, until ill health prevented him. He died on 29 March 2018, aged 91.

**Henry Colin Bowron** (m. 1944)

Colin was born on 8 September 1926 in Stockton-on-Tees. He was educated at the local grammar school and matriculated at Christ's in 1944 to read History. War necessitated he volunteer for the Royal Navy in early 1945. As a Cambridge undergraduate, he was considered 'officer material', initially training as a pilot, but later reassigned to a minesweeping flotilla in the Far East where, aged 20, he was appointed to his own command. On discharge from the Navy he returned to Cambridge and read Economics.

Following graduation, he worked for a local accountancy firm before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. He then joined Langley Alloys Ltd, and through a series of corporate acquisitions, rose to be Deputy Group Chief Executive of Low and Bonar PLC, based in Dundee. After retiring at age 58, he took on a number of Directorships, non-executive Chairmanships and consultancy work. His final project brought his working life full circle – a project leading a management buyout of Langley Alloys.

He enjoyed many and varied interests including sailing, shooting, fishing, the arts and literature; watching cricket, golf and rugby; and being involved in his local church, NADFAS and music societies. He also enjoyed his connections with the College, and was particularly pleased to have sponsored the restoration of a Copernicus book in the Old Library.

Gill, his wife of 55 years, died in 2015, and Colin died on 5 August 2018. He is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren. At his funeral the inscription on the family flowers simply said "*vitae bene vixit*" – a life well lived.

*Edward Bowron*

**Homer Stephen Basnett Harding** (m. 1944)

Stephen died on 3 January 2019 in Shrewsbury. He was born on 27 February 1924 to Annie and Harry Harding in Endon, near Leek. He read English at Christ's from 1944, and went on to enjoy a successful career for the British Council and as a Headmaster at Bishop Bright School (later St Thomas More Catholic Academy) in Stoke-on-Trent, where he established a highly successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



He spent the last forty years of his life living in Shropshire where he was proud to be a local warden and enjoyed the company of local writers and poets. He is survived by his three daughters and six much-loved grandchildren.

*Caroline Tatham*

**Trevor Arthur Payling** (m. 1944)



Trevor was born in Lincoln in 1926, the elder of two sons. His father had inherited a coal merchant's business so, as a child, he helped fill coal sacks during his school holidays. At Lincoln Grammar School, his love of sport was nurtured. Football was his favourite, and he played for his school, youth club and for the College. He then went to Sandhurst where – at only 5'8" – he practiced pole vaulting! He loved being outdoors and, as a teenager, thought nothing of cycling from Lincoln to the Lake District and back. From middle age, he was a keen golfer and took an active role in his golf club.

Trevor gained a place at Christ's under a state bursary to read Natural Sciences. After his studies were interrupted by National Service, his first employer, ICI, encouraged him to finish his degree. In 1952, he started work for Esso Petroleum and gained experience in the refineries, investment strategy, and finally in their marketing team. After early retirement, he took on consultancy work and ended his career with Kuwait National Petroleum in Kuwait, where he was in charge of shipping.

Trevor enjoyed being an active member of the community wherever he lived and, in retirement, was involved in his local church and many civic societies. He was also a keen historian. He married Greta in 1955, had two daughters, Rosalind and Deborah, and celebrated 63 years of marriage a week before he died in July 2018. He is survived by his daughters, three granddaughters, a grandson and five great-grandsons. Sadly Greta died less than a month after him.

*Debbie Bender and Rosalind Webb*

**Donald William Savage** (m. 1944)

Donald was born on 15 August 1927 in Lancashire. After the family moved, he went to Hastings Grammar school and took the School Certificate aged 13 in 1940. The same year he was evacuated and stayed with several host families. He took his Higher Certificate in 1943, after which he went up to Christ's on a grant to take a BA in Civil Engineering in 1944. He made good friends at College with whom he kept in touch with until his death.



*Graduation day  
1947 (Donald  
Savage centre)*

After graduating in 1947, he undertook National Service. In 1950 he married and moved to Aberdeen to begin work for papermakers Wiggins Teape, moving every few years to set up new mills. He became a director in 1961, and in 1967 moved to Mardon Packaging (British American Tobacco) as a director for Ashton Containers, moving up to Chairman responsible for a new mill at Sudbrook.

On retiring in 1982, he travelled extensively, played golf and bridge and was a very keen gardener with an impressive botanical knowledge. He was also a very

good scrabble player and even won a family game two weeks before he died, aged 92, when he was very ill! He is survived by his daughter, Valleri, and his grandchildren.

*Valleri Jillard*

### **Edward Hugh Simpson** (m. 1945)

Edward Hugh Simpson was born in London in 1922. The family lived in Belgium, then Northern Ireland, where he attended Coleraine Academical Institution, excelling in mathematics and French. With war looming, his headmaster suggested he leave school at 16 to read Mathematics at Queen's University, Belfast, because the country would "soon be in need of mathematicians". After taking a First in 1942, Edward was recruited to work at Bletchley Park, and was instrumental in breaking the Italian cipher code that enabled the Allies to sink Rommel's re-supply ships. Whilst at Bletchley, he was asked to go to meet Rebecca Gibson, another graduate of Queen's who was joining the section, to help "make her feel at home". He and Rebecca married in June 1947. After the war, he received a scholarship to study for a PhD in Mathematics at Christ's. He recalled there were three groups dining separately: the fresh undergraduates, the hardened veterans back from the front line, and a group of four who fitted neither bracket. Those four always ate together and it was only many years later that Simpson discovered that two other members of his dining club had also worked at Bletchley.

While at Cambridge he devised an important statistical concept known as Simpson's Paradox, which is used to illustrate the care needed when interpreting data. He was amused when it was subsequently mentioned on two US television shows, *Numb3rs* and *The Simpsons*. Edward joined the Civil Service and worked there until his retirement. He was appointed CBE in 1976 and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society in 1946. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

### **Edward Samuel Isaacs** (m. 1946)

Ted died on 12 September 2018, aged 94. He was born in Streatham, South London, in 1924, and won a scholarship to Dulwich College. It was whilst at Dulwich that he developed his life-long love of Rugby Fives, and he was the final surviving outstanding player produced during the 1920s and 1930s from the Dulwich College tradition.

In the early years of the Second World War, Ted served as an ARP Warden, then joined the 18/7 Indian Field Regiment (Royal Indian Artillery) as a commissioned officer. He sailed off to active service in India on his 21st birthday. After the War, Ted won a scholarship to read Classics at Christ's. He played Rugby Fives for Cambridge in the Varsity Match in 1947 and 1948, captaining the side in 1948, going on to become National Doubles champion in 1949 with the late Barry Trapnell (St John's College).



*Winners of the first  
Ted Isaacs Trophy  
for Rugby Fives  
Mixed Doubles,  
presented in 2017*

After graduating, Ted served his articles with a law firm in Westminster. At the age of 30 he married, and he and his wife set up the firm of solicitors Edward Isaacs and Co., later Forsythes. In retirement, Ted worked in the local village shop in Kent where he lived, until a stroke put an end to his community work. His name lives on in the Ted Isaacs Trophy for Cambridge Past v. Present Mixed Doubles Fives.

*Jeff Isaacs*

**Anthony Masters Brough** (m. 1947)

Tony was born in Doncaster on 15 January 1929. He won a scholarship to Malvern College, Worcestershire and attended from 1942 until 1947, being head of the School in his last year. He came up to Christ's and graduated in 1951 with an MA in Classics and a Teaching Certificate. He won his College colours in rowing and developed a life-long interest in the sport.

He devoted his career to school teaching in the Antipodes, teaching at Ballarat Grammar School in Victoria, Australia, from 1951 to 1952, then Cranbrook School, in Sydney, Australia, from 1953 until 1969. He rose through the teaching ranks to become Acting Headmaster in 1969 and was also the master-in-charge of rowing. Many Old Cranbrookians will remember their early morning rows across the calm waters of Rose Bay in Sydney Harbour with Tony in the cox's seat.

Finally, he became Headmaster of one of the most prestigious schools in the English-speaking world, namely Christ's College (not to be confused with his Cambridge alma mater!) in Christchurch, New Zealand from which he retired in 1984, eventually settling in Nelson, New Zealand. He is survived by his two sons, David and Roger, four grandchildren and one great-grand daughter. He died in Nelson, New Zealand on 23 November 2018.

*Dr Allen Metherell (Former Fellow)*

**Kenneth Douglas Roland Washbourn** (m. 1947)

Ken was born in 1924 in the City of London and was educated at St Olave's Grammar School, Southwark. After school he served in the Royal Air Force for four years, then went up to Christ's in 1947 where he completed the Natural Sciences Tripos (Chemistry).

He was offered a Fellowship to continue research at Cambridge, but instead in 1950, he joined the pharmaceutical company, May and Baker, in Dagenham as a research chemist. In 1958 he was part of a team that discovered a new drug, Metamidium, marketed as Samorin, which was used to treat sleeping sickness in African cattle.

Now having a young family, Ken moved into Commercial Services management at May and Baker, with responsibility for pricing policy, licensing, and negotiations with the DHSS and with manufacturers in the Middle East and West Africa. During his long career, Ken also travelled many times within Europe on business. He was a keen student of the French language, which he made good use of when the company became associated with Rhône-Poulenc.

After retiring, Ken and his second wife, Doris, continued to live in Brentwood, enthusiastically pursuing many interests including languages, art, photography and travel, and helping to set up an independent interest group Learning for Pleasure. Ken died on 29 April 2018, aged 93, followed soon after by his wife. He is survived by his daughters and grandchildren.

*Lucy Higgins*

**John David Walker** (m. 1947)

John Walker (generally known as Jack) was born on 13 March 1924 and died on 2 June 2017. He was educated at Orley Farm Preparatory School followed by

Oundle. On being called up for war service he was posted to the Frontier Force Rifles 'Piffers' with whom he served in India, Pakistan and Egypt. He was a fluent Urdu speaker and finished his service as adjutant of his battalion. After five and a half years overseas, he returned to the UK in 1947 and matriculated at Christ's in that year.

He graduated in 1950, and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1951, after which he lectured in law in Bradford before joining Reckitt and Colman in Hull. He founded a successful set of barrister's chambers in Hull from which he practised for 21 years mainly on the North Eastern circuit although maintaining chambers in King's Bench Walk, London.

In 1972 he was appointed as a Recorder and promoted later that year to be a Circuit Judge sitting mainly in the North but with occasional visits to London to conduct criminal trials. He retired from the bench in 1989. He served as Chairman of the Mental Health Review Tribunal from 1982–95 and the legal chairman of the Parole Board from 1992–95. He was also a Deputy Lieutenant for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Jack was popular with all those with whom he came in contact who speak of a ready smile with a twinkle in his eyes, combined with a sense of humour, kindness and the ability to listen.

*Stephen Hall (m. 1953)*

#### **Antony William James Burton** (m. 1949)



Tony was born on 9 May 1929. After completing his National Service, he entered Christ's and was awarded a BA in Mathematics in 1952. One of his peers at Cambridge, Hugh Emerson, became a lifelong friend and Godfather to Tony's son, Nicholas. After university, Tony attended Cuddesdon Church of England Clergy Training Centre, where he made another lifelong friend, Christopher Laurence, who became Godfather to his daughter Anne.

In 1954 he was ordained deacon and became a curate at St Nicholas, Lincoln where he remained until 1957, being ordained priest in 1955. During this time, he met and married Patricia. They moved to Croydon where both their children were born and where Tony was a curate from 1957 to 1962. He became Vicar of Winterton (All Saints) in 1962 remaining there until 1982 also becoming the Vicar of Roxby cum Risby (St Mary's) from 1970 to 1982.

Music and reading were two of Tony's great pastimes. He amassed a collection of over one thousand LPs, a similar number of CDs, and over five thousand books. In 1976 he became the Rural Dean for Manlake, a post he held until 1982 when he moved to Nettleham (All Saints) remaining the vicar there until his retirement in 1994. Tony and Pat retired to Messingham to be close to their family, and he maintained an active role in the ministry taking services in Messingham, Horkstow and other local villages, when needed. He officiated at the weddings of both his children and one grandchild and christened both grandchildren. He died in September 2018.

*Nick Burton*

**Albert Henderson** (m. 1950)

Albert was born in Middlesbrough in 1930 and, following his National Service, matriculated at Christ's. Though his BA was in English, Botany was his true vocation, and after university, he went on to work for the Forestry Commission for a number of years, before moving to Leeds University where he worked in the Department of Plant Science until his retirement.

He did an incredible amount of research, particularly on Lichens and, following his retirement, started to research a new area: the history of rabbits and coneygarths.

He became President of the Yorkshire Naturalists Union in 1996, making an enormous contribution to the organisation, and in 2010 he was granted honorary life membership of the Union.

Albert was a unique individual and everyone would remember him as a knowledgeable, intellectual, friendly and interesting man who had a natural ability to create a positive lasting impression. His knowledge and ability to recite poetry from memory was incredible and I always found it amazing that he could recite a poem to fit in with each and every occasion. Despite a long illness he remained cheerful and continued working on his research until the end. He died aged 87.

*Andrew Bardsley*

**Foy Nissen** (m. 1950)

Foy Nissen was born in Pune and lived most of his life in Mumbai. He studied at the Cathedral and John Connon School, where he excelled in art and was nicknamed the 'Mad Professor' because of his studious demeanour, dislike of sports, and penchant for writing notes. After school, Nissen came up to Christ's in 1950. He then returned to Bombay and worked for Marg Magazine before joining the British Council. His Mumbai neighbour said: "his main passion was the history of our city and the preservation of our architectural heritage. There is hardly any book written on Bombay without referring to him because he imparted his wealth of information and research to anyone willing to imbibe it." He is described as "one of the earliest contemporary archivists of Bombay."

He was instrumental in creating the city's first heritage list for the Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage in the mid-1980s, which eventually morphed into the heritage regulations which exist even today. Suffering from both Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, Foy Nissen died at the age of 88, in August 2018 at his home in Mumbai.

**Keith Richard Whittington** (m. 1950)

Dick was born on 24 January 1933 at Sileby, Leicestershire. He was educated at Humphrey Perkins Grammar School, Barrow-on-Soar, before coming to Christ's in 1950 to read Mechanical Sciences. After graduating, he completed two year's National Service with the Royal Navy as an Engineer Officer on submarines.

He married Elizabeth at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge on 17 April 1954. They had three children



Alison, Stephanie and Adrian, and now have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. This year they would have celebrated their 65th anniversary.

Dick's first job was with Sperry Gyroscope as an electromechanical engineer, working on internal navigation systems. From 1959, he worked as an electronic engineer on single-sideband communications systems at Racal Instruments, Bracknell. Following that, he became Head of Applied Physics and Instrumentation for Tobe Investments Research Laboratories, Hinxton. In 1979, he was awarded a PhD by Christ's for work he published in industry. From 1988, he and Elizabeth set up Cambridge Quality Technology, specialising in engineering consultancy, research and development. This was mainly for the metals industries, and he travelled Europe as one of the European experts in magnetic stirring of molten metals.

Dick loved walking in the mountains in Europe, travelling, seeing opera with Elizabeth, and writing children's stories. Of these, the Oswald Stories were published in the UK, USA and France. He also made time to build the family house in Great Shelford in 1962. Dick died at home on 1 February 2019, aged 86 years.

*Elizabeth Whittington*

### **Barry Barber** (m. 1951)



Barry grew up in a pacifist household in Brighton and went to Friends School, Saffron Walden as result of the invasion scare. The family attended the large Quaker Brighton Meeting and became Quaker Members after the war.

A state scholarship enabled Barry to go to Christ's, where he studied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, and clerked Cambridge Young Friends for a year. Afterwards, he was registered a conscientious objector and set to work in the fields 'hedging and ditching'. To his relief he was soon able to start work in the NHS as a radiation physicist at The London Hospital, leading to a career spanning 40 years. He served terms as Quarterly and General Meeting Clerk during the period when Sussex, Surrey and Hants Quaker Meeting divided into two. His NHS work took him into computing, operational research, NHS planning, data protection, security and safety, variously with The London Hospital, the NE Thames Regional Health Authority and the Information Management Centre in Birmingham.

Through his work in Young Friends he met his wife, Barbara, whom he married, in 1959. Together they had three children Sharelle, Netanya and Ashly. In later life, Barry moved to Malvern and established a new life with his partner, Maureen, and together they enjoyed many happy years building friendships locally. Throughout his battle with prostate cancer, he maintained a positive outlook and continued to enjoy life to the full. He is survived by Barbara, his three children and partner Maureen.

*Ashly Barber*

### **Noel John Bebbington Evans** (m. 1951)

Noel was born on 26 December 1933. He was educated at Hymers College, Hull and came up to Christ's where he achieved a First in the Natural Sciences Tripos. He went on to Westminster Medical School and the London School of Hygiene

and Tropical Medicine, where he won the Newsholme prize and the Chadwick Trust medal and prize. He worked as a doctor in various London hospitals before starting work for the Ministry of Health in 1965. In the same year, he was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn. He sat on a wide variety of committees, including the Welsh Committee on Drug Misuse, the National Biological Standards Board and the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Between 1977 and 1984, he was Deputy Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Security. He also authored several publications on health services and education, including: *Health and Personal Social Service Research in Wales*, 1986; *Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education in Wales*, 1991; and was a regular contributor to medical journals.

He married Elizabeth Garbutt in 1960 and they had two sons and one daughter. In 1974, he married his second wife, Eileen McMullan. He was awarded Companion of the Order of the Bath in the New Year's honours 1980.

### **David Robert Valentine** (m. 1951)



David was born in Leicester on 30 January 1931. He studied Geography at Christ's, where his love for a good debate was honed. He loved engaging with people, and he fed his mind by reading and learning. He made friends easily, forming strong, lifelong relationships in the Green Wyvern Yachting Club. David was a true 'Broadsmen' and was considered one of the best Skippers the Green Wyvern has ever had.

David was intelligent, an avid reader, and an inventive engineer, skills used as he pursued his career in manufacturing from graduate apprentice with Birmingham-based motor and aerospace manufacturer, Joseph Lucas, to Production Management with Sangamo and Rank Cintel. In retirement, he continued to sail with the Green Wyvern Yachting Club, and, in 1996, began his annual November to March trips to Sri Lanka. From his first trip, he befriended a local family, who 'adopted' him, honouring him with the title *Siya* – 'Grandad'.

David was an incredible dad to his four children and granddad to his five grandchildren: always available, encouraging, supportive, and a great listener.

David died, surrounded by his children on 15 October 2018, after a short illness. He had a wonderful 87 years and stood by this piece of advice that he once wrote to his granddaughter: "Live for today and plan a little for tomorrow".

*Rose Valentine*

### **Maxwell Reginald Graham Williams** (m. 1951)

Maxwell was born in 1931 at Trearddur Bay, Anglesea and educated at Shrewsbury School prior to coming up to Christ's. After university, he worked in various commercial roles in London until the early 1960s, before moving to Devon and entering the education field. In 1963 he married Dorothy Horsburgh, and from then until the mid 1980s, Maxwell and Dorothy ran a very popular Preparatory School in North Devon (Buckland House). Following their retirement, they remained in North Devon for the remainder of his life, and he is survived by his wife Dorothy and two sons Richard and Stephen.

*Stephen Williams*

**Benjamin Moore** (m. 1952)

Ben was born in Cambridge in 1932 and attended the Perse School, winning an exhibition to Christ's. Before taking up his award, he had to carry out National Service, and was commissioned in the Royal Ulster Rifles, before transferring to the Royal Norfolks.

Ben took up his place at Christ's in 1952 and read Natural Sciences with Part II in Geology, playing rugby, and rowing in the College first boat in his final year. After a University expedition in Spitzbergen, he went to Canada and worked as a geologist for Caltex, spending 4 months each year searching for oil in the Arctic Circle. In 1960 he was employed by Petrobras, searching for oil in the North-East of Brazil.

Moved by the poverty and suffering he saw in Brazil, he retrained as a doctor. During his house jobs in Cambridge and St Bartholomew's, he met and married Veronica. In 1970 he trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, taking jobs around the country before being appointed Consultant in Hereford where he worked for 16 years until NHS retirement. He then worked at an MoD hospital in Cyprus and took locum jobs in Gibraltar, the Western Isles, Tanzania, Zambia and India before retiring in 2007.

Ben lived life to the full, making friends at each stage. His prodigious memory for poetry, prose and limericks, and his wonderful sense of humour endeared him to all. His work brought heavy demands but his love and devotion to his four children and his wife was unshakeable. He died, undeterred until the end, in June 2018.

*Terence Kyle (m. 1965)*

**Alfred Roger Thomason** (m. 1952)

Alfred was born on 19 September 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1952 to study Engineering. He died on 15 October 2018, aged 84.

**David Neville Vermont** (m. 1952)

David and I found ourselves in the 4th VIII for the Lent Races of 1954. Off we went, all out, at full strength. Entangled after being bumped, we sank, managed to right her and rowed home. I have the Bump Supper menu with this message: "From the water turn, even if we sink. David Vermont." A year or more later, he asked me to join him in Chapel and the Chaplain baptised him there and then.

Another early memory of David is our shared expedition across Europe. Three of us were out to climb the Pyrenees, and David, expert in Spanish negotiated locally. We travelled across Europe in a war-worn Ford V8, stopping in Paris, the vineyards of Bordeaux, then over the border into Catalonia. David revealed diplomatic skill in our healthy relationship with the village scarred by war.

The following years saw regular informal reunions of College friends, marking significant life events and supporting each other through life's vicissitudes. After his marriage to Grizelda, the couple continued David's tradition of hospitality. David was awarded the Order of St Augustine by Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

David and Grizelda moved into London, and the Charterhouse, facing the challenge of cancer with enormous bravery. He once told me his favourite parable was that of the builder, at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, which he later read at Evensong in the Mercer's Hall at their Silver Wedding this last summer. May he rest in peace, with a tribute to friendship.

*Arthur J Bell (m. 1953)*

**Robert Harold Baveystock** (m. 1953)

Bob was born in 1933 in Leigh on Sea. He was educated at Haileybury, did his two years National Service, and then went to Christ's where he qualified in Civil Engineering. He was a keen rugby player. He worked in Nigeria for a year and then returned to the London office. In 1957 he met Anne, they married in 1958 and almost immediately left for Baghdad where Bob worked for two years.

On their return Bob worked in Northumberland on the Derwent Reservoir and two years after that they moved to East Jerusalem, then part of Jordan, where Bob worked on the water supply. Apart from another two years in Baghdad from 1981, they lived in Sussex where the family grew up.

Anne and Bob had two children – Nick born in 1962 and Philly born in 1966. During his working life Bob worked in various parts of England, and he also made business trips to the Middle and Far East.

Bob retired when he was 62. He became a member of a local Probus society and spent a lot of time helping to organise walks, trips out and other activities. He was always interested in rugby and in Formula 1. We stayed in touch with the friends we had in Baghdad in 1958 and regularly had Baghdad Reunions. Bob died at the end of December 2018.

*Anne Baveystock*

**Arthur William David Hills** (m. 1953)

David Hills, as he was known, was born in Surrey and attended Wallington County School for Boys, where his father was a Physics master. David's ability in science subjects became firmly established at school and in 1953 he came up to Christ's, with Physics at Exhibition level. Following graduation in 1957, David became a Graduate Apprentice in the steel industry in Sheffield, and then went on to gain a PhD in Metallurgy at Imperial College, continuing his research as John Percy Research Fellow.

His passion for steel and steel-making was to shape his whole life. At an unusually young age, David became Head of the Department of Metallurgy at Sheffield Polytechnic, back in the City of Steel. He became widely regarded as an international authority in his field and, as well as building a very successful department at the Polytechnic, he lectured extensively abroad, particularly in South America. He supported many students through their own PhDs and at one point his department supplied 15% of the country's metallurgists.

In 1989 David retired from the Polytechnic, taking on the role of consultant to the steel industry before becoming an advisor to the Government on research in the area of materials. In 1991 he was awarded an Emeritus Professorship from Sheffield Hallam University.

David is survived by his first wife Monica, and their two sons Timothy and Christopher (with 4 grandchildren); and by his second wife Jane (a civil servant in the Department for Education), and their daughter Eleanor. He died on 2 December 2018.

*Jane Tory*

**Kenneth Irvine MacKenzie** (m. 1953)

Kenneth was born on 25 June 1934 in Ipswich. He came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Medicine. We both enjoyed playing rugby 15s for the College, which is how we became friends. After finishing his studies, he moved to London to complete his clinical training. His father was an ear, nose, and throat surgeon and Kenneth followed that speciality.

After his medical training in London, he did his National Service in the Royal Navy, after which he emigrated to Perth in Western Australia. I met up with him again in 2003 when my wife and I began to spend time each year in Perth. Kenneth was a good golfer and was a member of Lake Karrynup golf club in Perth for over 40 years.

He married and had two daughters and one son. His second wife, Ute, was originally German but was a naturalized Australian. Ute and Kenneth died within a year of each other. Kenneth was 84 years old.

*John Roberts (m. 1954)*

**Laurence Piers Stuart Hallinan** (m. 1955)

Father Charles Hallinan (as he was known) died on 25 June 2018. He was a former pupil of Worth Prep School and was clothed as a monk in 1948. He came up to Christ's in 1955 and studied for a BA in History. Returning to Worth Abbey, he was a history teacher within the school, Assistant House Master and a House Chaplain up until 2007.

**Colin Holloway** (m. 1955)

Colin came up to Christ's to read Classics and Theology. Whilst at Cambridge he rowed for the College and was a leading member of the University Christian Union. After his degree, he took a teacher's diploma at Exeter University. His first teaching post was at University College School Junior Branch in Hampstead, which he had attended as a boy. After three years he moved to the Senior School and, at the age of 39, was appointed Headmaster of King's College Junior School in Wimbledon, where he oversaw the transformation of the Junior School site. He knew the name of every pupil and handwrote percipient comments in their reports three times a year. There he remained until his retirement aged 62. Towards the end of his career, he took a term as Chairman of the Preparatory Schools organisation IAPS and, at various times, he was governor of no fewer than 15 schools. He was well-known for his wise and reliable advice.

In 1963, he married Angela and they had two children, Joanna and Adrian, who in due course produced seven grandchildren, a great source of interest and joy in his twenty years of retirement. He died on 23 November 2018, aged 82, after a life guided by his strong Christian faith.

*Richard Armstrong (m. 1955) and Angela Holloway*

**Brian Milligan** (m. 1955)

Brian was born in Queensland on 1 October 1931. Aged 5, he and his mother went to live near his grandparents following his father's death, and he attributed his love of plants to those years spent working in his grandparents' market garden.





After completing his BSc at Adelaide University, he received a scholarship for a BSc Honours, then a scholarship for a PhD in organic chemistry, followed by a CSIRO studentship to study at Christ's for another PhD. It was in Cambridge that he met Lorraine. They married in early 1958, after Brian began work in the Wool Research Laboratories of CSIRO in Melbourne, where his scholarship obliged him to work for three years. He liked it so much, he stayed for almost 30 years, by which time he was Senior Principal Research Scientist leading a team of 20 scientists and technicians, but sensing the decline of the wool industry, he took early retirement at 55.

Retirement allowed Brian to indulge his passion for orchids. More and more shade houses were added to the family garden, and he became a competition judge and member of many orchid societies. He was editor and President of the North East Melbourne Orchid Society. The publication of some of his articles in Australian orchid magazines unearthed a passion for writing, and he took on the position of editor of the *Journal of the Orchid Species Society of Victoria*. In 2000, he became a director of the Australian Orchid Foundation, raising money for scientific research into orchids in Australia.

Brian and Lorraine had three children – Andrew, Susan and Stuart. He died on 21 October 2018.

*Edited from an obituary written by Brian Milligan himself*

### **Antony Collins Purkis (m. 1956)**



Tony was born in London on 13 March 1935. He carried out his National Service with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and, in 1956, went up to Christ's to study Natural Sciences.

He met his wife, Patricia, at Christ's. She had come to the College to visit a friend, who had forgotten that he was playing a rugby game that day. Tony met her instead, and invited her to stay for tea. They married in 1959 and, when Tony was offered a post in Singapore, both jumped at the opportunity. Both their children, Davey and Annie, were born there. They returned to Harlow in 1968 and moved to Birmingham in 1978. Here, having been a keen player, Tony gave into his passion for watching professional football. He and Davey had West Bromwich Albion season tickets, and he supported his local team each time the family moved.

After a successful career in the private sector, he joined Patricia in becoming active in the health and voluntary sector when they moved to Oxfordshire, holding various roles including Chair of the local Mental Health Trust and the Learning Disability Trust (now the Ridgeway Centre), championing a focus on the needs of individuals and their happiness. He gave time to numerous mental health causes and, prior to his diagnosis, had played an active role in charitable work to better understand, prevent and treat dementia and support those affected. Tony died in April 2019, having battled against dementia for a number of years. He is survived by Patricia, Davey and Annie.

*Annie Purkis*

**Robert Christopher Gibbins** (m. 1956)

Bob was born in London on 26 November, 1934. Excelling at sports, Bob won a scholarship and came up to Christ's to read Economics after National Service. Saving a little from his stipend, he bought an old Enfield bike and motorcycled through Europe during the summer breaks. On a climbing trip to Canada with Jeremy Keun (m. 1956), he met Margaret at the Alpine Club in Banff. They were married a few years later, moving to Canada once he had completed his Chartered Accountancy exams. As the chief accountant for BC Tree Fruits in Kelowna in 1968, he installed one of the first computer mainframes.

Wanting to spend more time with his children, the family moved to Vancouver where Bob co-established Bell Realty. Bob had an incredibly diverse array of interests; he installed a PC at the time these were a novelty and bought one of the first windsurfing boards in Vancouver. He loved to travel and approached everything with an inquisitive nature. Photography was his passion; family holidays involved hundreds of rolls of film in an enormous camera bag; everyone was delighted at his early conversion to digital photography! After retiring, Bob consulted on commercial property, pursued his hobbies and tutored friends' children in maths; for him, attending Cambridge had been transformative and he wanted young people to believe that anything in life was possible. Bob passed away on 7 March 2018, and is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret, and his children, Anne Louise and Robert

*Anne Louise Burnett*

**Keith Oldham** (m. 1957)

Keith was born in Leicester on 3 December 1935. He was educated at Wyggeston Boys School and, after two years' National Service in the Royal Air Force, went up to Christ's to read Mechanical Sciences. He served his graduate apprenticeship at the British United Shoe Machinery Company in his home city, where he worked for a number of years designing shoe manufacturing machines. In 1972, he accepted a research post at Newcastle University where he completed his PhD. In the mid-1980s, Keith joined Lucas Automotive in

Birmingham, where he oversaw a range of EU collaborative research projects working with universities and organisations throughout Europe. After taking early retirement, he was offered a Chair at Coventry University where he became Professor of Knowledge-based Engineering.

When Keith finally retired, his interests turned to researching the history of the local village. He produced a detailed, illustrated, three-volume account of the history and contents of the local church, where he had worshipped for many years, and another volume on the history of the Methodist Chapel. Keith was a keen bell-ringer and a talented croquet player. He derived great pleasure from travelling in this country and abroad, and from walking in the beautiful countryside around his home in Leicestershire.

Keith died suddenly and unexpectedly on 10 January 2019. He was a dedicated family man who is survived by his wife, Isabel, their two daughters and three grandchildren.

*Kathryn Rogers*

**Myles Raphael Appleby** (m. 1958)

Raphael was born on 18 July 1931. He studied at Downside School before coming up to Christ's in 1958 to read English.

He was Housemaster at Downside from 1962, becoming Head Master in 1975. In 1974, he took on a position he held for 20 years, as National Chaplain of the Catholic Students' Council. He was the Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Great Malvern between 1996 and 2003, and a National Co-ordinator for Roman Catholic Chaplains in Higher Education in the late 1980s. In 1984, he published *Dear Church, What's the Point?* and in 1993, *Glimpses of God*. He died, aged 87, on 24 June 2018.

**James Bernard Bourke** (m. 1958)



Jim was a consultant surgeon, medical educator and archaeologist, who went up to Christ's in 1958. He studied Medicine and took his Part II in Archaeology and Anthropology. Whilst at College he was a talented sportsman, playing College cricket, rugby and hockey.

After Cambridge, he continued his medical education at the London Hospital and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, assisting in some of the country's earliest kidney transplants at Addenbrooke's Hospital. In the 1970s, Jim was part of the team which established the Queen's Medical Centre (QMC) and the new medical school, which opened in 1975. He went on to become the QMC's Medical Director. He also maintained his interest in sport, providing medical care to test cricketers and becoming Chairman of Nottingham RFC.

When a well-preserved body was found in a peat bog in Cheshire in 1984, Jim joined the team which investigated the discovery, focusing on the medical archaeology. The team established that 'Lindow Man' was a 2,000 year old sacrificial burial and Jim co-authored a book (*Lindow Man: the Body in the Bog*) that explained the find and what it revealed.

In his retirement, Jim campaigned for greater safety in rugby union, highlighting the dangers of serious injury in the scrum, publishing in the BMJ, appearing on TV and radio and contributing to a change in the rules. He is survived by his wife, Ann, three children, Susan, Patrick, and Michael (m.1998), and six grandchildren.

*Michael Bourke (m. 1998)*

**Raymond Carrick James** (m. 1958)

Carrick was born in Uxbridge in August 1936. His brilliant mind was clear from a very early age and his schooling and education was entirely through the scholarships he won, including the Silverfish award to St Paul's School, where he formed friendships that would last a lifetime.

He studied Economics and Natural Sciences at Christ's. After graduating, he went into market research, starting a lifelong passion for research and understanding what



makes consumers tick. In 1970, he founded Carrick James Market Research, focusing on research among children and young people. He launched numerous initiatives including the CJMR Children's Omnibus Survey, Baby and Young Child Track, Child Track and Youth Track. His research charted trends covering a myriad of topics affecting young people, including ground breaking work in child and youth readership patterns, toy trends, health issues and education.

Carrick loved his work, but also loved life and people, and he once closed the office for a week and took the company to the Greek Islands. He was a passionate advocate of International Research, becoming a Council member and great supporter of the Alliance of International Market Research Institutes.

Among his other passions were jazz, cricket and politics, and he never faltered in his support for the Liberal Democrat party. Carrick died on 9 January 2018, aged 81, and is survived by his wife Lorna, two sons, Rory and Rowan and his four grandchildren.

### **Derek Charles Martin** (m. 1958)

One of Jack Plumb's History Exhibitioners, Derek came from Bexley Heath and attended Dartford Grammar School. He possessed a good singing voice, put to the service of the Chapel Choir and the choral society. His father died when only 46, leaving Derek and his mother in straitened circumstances.

Following graduation, he worked in the market research departments of corporates Coty, and the then Smith, Klein and French. After this, he established his own business in the 1960s, developing it – with his wife, Maggie, and other partners – into the successful and well-regarded Martin Hamblin agency located in Smith Square, Westminster. A side investment in early digital games led to his doing happy business with David Perry (m. 1958), then Chair of Waddingtons.

As well as growing a business and taking leading roles in his profession's representative bodies with his hallmark good judgment and sense of humour, Derek was a longstanding Liberal Democrat councillor on the district council, and Maggie the Liberal Democrat leader on Surrey County Council. The couple also supported a medical charity in Tanzania – which Maggie is continuing – taking medical care to remote parts of the country. On retirement they settled happily in Leintwardine, Herefordshire, an area of the Marches they had long known and where Derek became an active member of a lively historical society.

Derek died in March 2018 aged 79. He is survived by Maggie, their two sons and four grandchildren.

*Bob Morris (m. 1958) with Maggie Martin*

### **Douglas Frederick Ashmore Ellis** (m. 1959)

Born in Liverpool in 1938, Donald (as he preferred to be called) spent his early years with his grandparents in the Isle of Man attending Murrays Road School, and acquiring a love for that island that would never leave him.

At the end of the war the family returned to Liverpool where his father resumed his career as a schoolmaster and Donald attended Liverpool Collegiate School.

Following two years' National Service in the RAF as a Russian interpreter, Donald went up to Christ's in 1959 as a major scholar in Classics. His interests



there lay in the Greek language and in the deciphering of papyrus.

Always a keen footballer, he played for Liverpool schoolboys, winning against Manchester schoolboys on the hallowed turf of Goodison Park, and during National Service for the RAF against the German Luftwaffe in Berlin. Sadly, a cruciate ligament injury playing in a blues trial ended his football aspirations.

After graduation he joined the firm of Danson, Finlason, Loftus and May, Average Adjusters in Liverpool. The world of Maritime Insurance and specifically, the solving of problems of liability in maritime accidents proved an interesting and enjoyable career which took him to many parts of the globe. As a partner in the firm, he became involved with the European Association of Average Adjusters.

He is survived by his wife, Elinor, and their two children, Elizabeth and Donald.

*Elinor Ellis*

### **Lawrence Austin** (m. 1960)



Lawrence and his twin brother Christopher were born on 30 April 1938 to Nick and Phyllis Austin. The family lived initially near Clapham Common, later moving to Banstead, Surrey.

Lawrence was not blessed with the best of health but had academic ability and, on leaving school, he read Moral Sciences at Christ's College.

Lawrence found employment in the banking sector, but his mental health began to deteriorate. His father's death in 1969, followed by his mother's passing in 1983 and the sudden early death of his brother in 1994, removed his immediate family support. He was however, very fortunate that Jim Burr, a friend of the family since school days, continued to look after his interests for the rest of his life.

He had a real interest in what was going on around him, a very perceptive mind, an often mischievous sense of humour, and true determination to live his life to the maximum his physical and mental constraints permitted. Lawrence did not succumb to his difficulties, but rather faced up to them with real fortitude. With the advancement of older age, he lived in his own home for as long as possible, before moving into a care home. It was at Warrengate Nursing Home at Kingswood that he died aged 80 on 7 January 2019.

*John and Richard Rosser*

### **Patrick George Dickinson Cooke-Priest** (m. 1960)

One of twins, Patrick was born on 17 March 1939 in London. He attended Harrow School and went up to Christ's to read Land Economy. He joined the University Scottish Reel Band (playing double bass), sailed, skied and waterski-jumped to county level.

After Cambridge, Patrick realised his interests lay in the legal aspects of commercial property. He became partner with Daniel Smith before spending the second half of his working life as partner at Carter Jonas in London, where he



particularly enjoyed acting as an expert witness for commercial property disputes. He was an active member of the Cambridge University Land Society throughout.

On retiring, he became Visiting Lecturer in Landlord and Tenant Law at Oxford Brookes University until nursing Gillian, his wife of 37 years, through terminal cancer in 2009. A champion of the less advantaged, he was a member of both school and chartered surveyor Masonic Lodges, securing many donations to charitable causes. He had a life-long love of sailing and skiing, and was an active member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron. He and his new partner, Jane, found huge enjoyment in cruise sailing. Suffering a catastrophic stroke in 2017, he endured his debilitating injuries with characteristic dignity and determination. He died on 29 January 2019 and is survived by Jane, two daughters, Jocelyn and Katharine, and five grandchildren.

*Jocelyn Murray*

### **David Frederick Bryam Wrench** (m. 1960)

David was born on 27 November 1936. He attended Sandbach School and Leeds University, before coming up to Christ's to study Education. He was an accomplished rugby player and won a Blue in 1960 whilst at Christ's.

After graduating, he became a school teacher, at Haberdashers' School, then Taunton School, holding the position of Assistant Chemistry Master at both schools. In addition to his Blue for Cambridge, throughout his life David also played for Leeds University, Winnington Park, Wilmslow, UAU, Harlequins, Wolfhounds, the Barbarians and Cheshire. The pinnacle of his rugby career was winning two Test caps for England in 1964, playing prop against France and Scotland.

He was married, and had three sons and one daughter. He died on 18 June 2018, aged 81.

### **David Harriss** (m. 1961)



David was born in Richmond-upon-Thames on 15 March, 1943, the only child of John Harriss, a solicitor for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and his wife. He was educated at Wallop prep school in Weybridge and then Epsom College. He went up to Christ's College in 1961 where he thrived, earning an honours degree in Biochemistry as well as playing an enormous amount of hockey.

After Cambridge, David took a year off to do VSO in the Punjab, working for a time in a brewery following his return, and then qualifying as a patent agent.

In 1969, David married Penelope (Penny) Kyle whom he had first met a few years earlier, and they had two children, Tim and Sarah. As the family grew, the family moved to Chobham in Surrey in 1981 where David's parents had moved in the 1960s.

Early in his career, David decided patent work was not for him and retrained as a solicitor. He became a lawyer, specialising in Intellectual Property and joined Bird & Bird in 1973, eventually becoming senior partner. He played a key part in building a relatively small partnership in Gray's Inn Square into one of great

international stature with modern premises in Fetter Lane, from where he retired in 2003. David's wife, Penny died in 2015 but he had a very fulfilling retirement travelling, being a grandfather and enjoying his time at Woking Golf Club where he was a very active member. He died in November 2018.

*Tim Harriss*

### **Donald Keith Hargreaves** (m.1962)

Keith (also known as Derek) died in Atlanta, Georgia in May 2018 after several months of illness. He came up to Christ's after five years at The Leys to read Natural Sciences, before changing to Economics. This was followed by a post-graduate course at Loomis in Connecticut, followed by study at Yale University.

Having decided to settle permanently in the USA, Derek, as he now preferred to be known, made his career in finance, which continued until his retirement. He worked first at the Federal Reserve Bank before moving on to JP Morgan Chase, where he rose through the ranks to reach the level of Vice President.

He never married. He made his primary home in New York, where he developed an enthusiasm for opera, with The Met being a particular beneficiary of his later philanthropic giving to both public and private causes.

*Brian Hargreaves (m. 1959)*

### **John Stephenson Ashworth** (m. 1962)



Born in Wimbledon on 28 March 1943, John won a scholarship to St Paul's School and then went to Christ's to study Classics and Linguistics in 1962.

John always had a passion for music but abandoned formal piano lessons as a child. Entirely self-taught, with perseverance and innate talent, he mastered the piano and the technicalities of theory. The family collection of sheet music and records inspired his interest in the 20, 30, and 40s dance band era.

John loved Cambridge and didn't tire of telling tales about the characters and adventures at Christ's. He enjoyed Sunday curry lunches with his friends followed by animated discussion and debate.

John's entire career was in the Civil Service, mainly in the Department of Environment until he retired. Alongside work, as Musical Director, he played and arranged music, forming a small band and performing in local societies. Venues included St George's Hospital Medical School, Merton Parish Players' pantomimes, the Lyric Players (Wimbledon) and many years with the Wallington Operatic Society.

Later, with a musician colleague, they formed a new band 'The New Foxtrot Serenaders' – successfully appearing at UK theatres and private functions. Those included the Royal Festival Hall foyer, the Queen Mary on her final voyage and more recently, the English Music Festival at Dorchester Abbey. John also researched and wrote articles on English classical composers for the programme and magazine 'Spirit'.

His other interests included languages, photography, architecture, plants and especially food and wine! John died on 6 March 2019, aged 75.

*Judy Ashworth*

**Thomas McCallum Clyde** (m. 1963)

Tim was born on 14 February 1940. He was the third of four brothers, all but one of whom (Alexander) attended Christ's. They all attended Highgate School, and at 23, Tim trod the well-worn path to Christ's, after completing his chartered accountancy training. His chosen subject was Economics and he duly graduated with a Third – he would admit that Economics also came third in his priorities, behind sport and the stage. He was a stalwart of the College football team, on the right wing, and was also part of the rowing eight. One of life's great enthusiasts, Tim threw himself with gusto into the thespian side of University life and was immensely proud to be invited to join the Cambridge Footlights. It was a golden age for the Footlights and Tim never tired of recalling that his contemporaries included legends such as Eric Idle, Graham Chapman, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie and a certain Charles Mountbatten-Windsor.

After graduating, Tim returned to the world of accountancy, in various roles at the BBC and then as Financial Director of the RSPCA. He was an enthusiastic playing member of the Old Cholmeleians Football Club and a leading light in a comedy revue group, performing regularly at the Norfolk Arms Hotel in Arundel. Fittingly, that was the venue for a celebration of Tim's life on his death aged 78, attended by his friends and family – his former wife Sue, children Zoe, Andrew and Simon, plus five grandchildren.

*Alex Clyde*

**John Hider** (m. 1964)

John was born in St Albans on 28 July 1945 and attended St Albans School. He came up to Christ's to read History. Whilst at College he was known for his flair for fashion, which may have led him to pursue a career in the clothing industry after graduation. He worked first in the East Midlands, then in Scotland before returning to work at Aquascutum as Production Manager. He settled in Leicestershire with his wife Alison, whom he met when he was an undergraduate in Cambridge, and their two sons Mark and Jake. When John, now as Personnel Manager, had to make all the staff at five factories redundant due to the sale of the company, his own redundancy swiftly followed.

John married his second wife, Sheila, in 1988 and they enjoyed their joint retirements, travelling widely. Their first holidays were camping with his boys but later took in China, India, Albania and other countries, then many European cruises.

John died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 73 on 11 February 2019. He is survived by Sheila, his sons Mark and Jake, two grandchildren, step-children and their families, including three great-grandchildren.

*Mary Hider*

**Jacob Nissim Israelachvili** (m. 1965)

Jacob was born in Tel Aviv on 19 August 1944 and attended Wittinghame College Boarding School in Brighton. He came up to Christ's and obtained First Class results in parts I and II of the Natural Sciences Tripos, before obtaining his PhD under the supervision of Professor David Tabor, the first recipient of the Tribology Gold Medal. Appointments followed at the University of Stockholm and at the

Australian National University, after which in 1986 he settled at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he held joint appointments as Professor in the Chemical Engineering Department, Materials Department, and BioMolecular Science and Engineering Program. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society.

His major interest was the molecular forces in biological and complex materials systems. He pioneered the use of the Surface Forces Apparatus (SFA) in the measurement of surface forces, and laid the basis of current understanding of the contribution of van der Waals and other forces to adhesion, friction, lubrication, and to the structure and properties of liquid films confined between solid surfaces.

He was a world leader in the area of measurements and understanding of surface forces and their relevance to tribology, and published almost 500 papers and articles. His book *Intermolecular and Surface Forces* was an innovative text when first published and has become a major reference work. Recognised as an outstanding and influential tribologist, in 2013 he was awarded the world's highest honour in tribology – the Tribology Gold Medal.

He died in September 2018, aged 74, and is survived by his wife Trudi Carey, daughters Josefin and Daniela, sons Nathan and Sam, and two grandchildren.

### **Richard Harwood** (m. 1966)



Whilst at Christ's, Richard studied Maths and played squash for the Cambridge team. He credited his time there to giving him the ability to converse with people from all walks of life. After university, he enjoyed a career as a project manager within the IT industry, and in later years, he very much enjoyed playing golf, this taking over from squash as his hips surrendered to age. Richard was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer from which he died in April 2018. He was a constant husband to Sue and a diligent father to his children Sophie and James. He is survived by all three, plus two granddaughters, Evie and Imogen.

*Susan Harwood*

### **Nicholas Robert Millard** (m. 1968)



Nik took his 'A' levels aged 16 and then worked for a year before arriving at Christ's in 1968 to read Natural Sciences. The deep base chords of Jimi Hendrix ringing out from his loudspeakers helped him to stand out from the crowd, while his engaging character and competitive spirit endeared him to a wide group of friends.

After Cambridge, he worked in medical research for a couple of years before pursuing a career in business in the UK and USA. Nik devoted enormous energy to making each project a success – he didn't suffer fools gladly and very few got the better of him, but for those who were honest with him there was no better person to do business with.

Following retirement in 2005, he moved to Somerset with his wife Sheila. He was a keen supporter of Arsenal and travelled to London frequently to watch their home matches.

He was enormously proud of the success of his daughter and son-in-law's restaurant, Paris House in the grounds of Woburn Abbey, which he helped purchase. By 2010, a year after his son-in-law became Head Chef, the restaurant had earned a Michelin star.

Nik and Sheila loved to travel, both as a couple and with friends, clocking up trips diving in the Caribbean, sailing down the coast of Costa Rica and through the Panama Canal to Cuba, and travelling through Chile from the Atacama Desert to Patagonia. He had two children and four grandchildren.

*Jim Stockwell (m. 1968)*

**Richard Charles Turner** (m. 1970)



Rick came up to Christ's from Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, graduating in Archaeology and Anthropology, interests which never left him. Shortly before his death in June 2018, he was awarded a doctorate and was still working on a number of projects.

At College, Rick made lifelong friends and won a basketball half-blue. He played cricket, football and water polo for Christ's and had fond memories of cricket tours. He was a member of the Marguerites and played College bridge.

His first career highlight came as Cheshire County Archaeologist: alerted by a local journalist, he visited a peat depot in Wilmslow which had found parts of a preserved human body. By walking the peat bog, Rick found where the rest of the body lay undisturbed and raised it in a block of peat for investigation at the British Museum. 'Lindow Man' caught the public imagination as well as prompting academic research.

In 1989, Rick began work as Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Cadw. He felt privileged to work on the great monuments of Wales. His second career highlight was leading the team responsible for restoring Plas Mawr, in Conwy, which gained a Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors award for conservation; St David's Bishops' Palace won a Europa Nostra award.

Rick became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and received an OBE for services to archaeology in Wales. He wrote and co-authored numerous papers, books and guidebooks, and always encouraged interested local societies by speaking about his research. Rick loved birdwatching and sport, playing tennis and badminton. He met his wife, Helen, excavating in 1976 and they had three children. His Welsh Terrier, Dylan, accompanied him on site visits.

*Helen Turner*

**Andrew James Robertson** (m. 1971)

Andrew was born in Pudsey in 1953, the younger son of Zillah and Pearson Robertson. His older brother Stuart was already a practicing lawyer and, following in his footsteps, Andrew began studying Law at Christ's in 1971, the first steps in his illustrious career. It was here where he would form many of the friendships that would last a lifetime. Andrew was a hard-working, studious young man, but he also enjoyed many extra-curricular activities, in particular rowing. His family





still have the oar he won in the May Bumps. He would also relax in the evening over a drink or two with friends in the 'Late Night Bar' in the King Street Building, as it was known then.

Andrew graduated from Christ's with a double first in 1974 and began his life as a barrister on the North-East Circuit. Renowned for his intellect and his sense of fairness, Andrew's career was to prove extremely successful, and he took silk in 1996, becoming Head of KBW Chambers in 2006. He met his wife Gillian in 1981, and they were married the same year. They had three children, Rebecca, Alexander and Joshua. Andrew had many hobbies and interests, he would be playing hockey one day, and rock-climbing or walking in the Yorkshire Dales the next. He also had a keen interest in horses and horse racing. He died on 23 October 2018.

*Gillian Robertson*

### **John Phillip Sauerma** (m. 1973)

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on 20 June 1953, John graduated from the Peddie School and came up to Christ's to study History in 1973. He was also a member of the College Boat Club. He went on to earn his Master's degree from Brown University.

He began teaching with the New Jersey Scholars Program in the mid-1980s and served as the programme director from 1989 to 2016. He taught history at Lawrenceville from 1977 to 2017 and was the history department chair in the mid-to late 1990s. During his tenure at Lawrenceville, John served as housemaster, duty master and director of day students. He was passionate about the school's performing arts program, and served as a director, technical manager, and sometimes as an actor for the Periwig Club. He also led the school's Reach out to the Arts program from 1989 to 2017.

John died on 25 April 2019, aged 65, and is survived by his mother and brother.

### **Eull Dunlop** (m. 1976)

Eull was born on 13 August 1950, coming up to Christ's to read Theology in 1976. During his lifetime, he accumulated over 15 different degrees and qualifications, many done in his own time through distance learning. These included first degrees, several masters and two PhDs, gained during his quest for discovery and depth of understanding. Eull was a teacher in religious education studies at the Cambridge House Grammar School in Ballymena but his interests spread far beyond subject boundaries and he had an insatiable attitude towards investigating all human knowledge. He set up the Mid Antrim Historical Group and encouraged the group towards the widest possible diversity in its areas of investigation. He travelled far afield from his home in Ulster to share his wide knowledge of 18th and 19th century leaders of Presbyterianism and their impact on societal development in the period. He read voraciously, often reviewing works in a local publication. He also worked as a community history officer for Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and had written several books on the area's heritage. He died on 3 August 2018 and is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

**Peter Jonathan Smith** (m. 1976)

Peter had been head chorister at Canterbury Cathedral (even singing, on one occasion, a solo for the Pope!) before he was a Choral Scholar at Christ's, where he read Law. After university, he moved to London, worked for Barclays Bank and sang with St Bride's Choir, Fleet Street. The Bank then moved him to France (he spoke fluent French) and so began his love of that country.

After a number of years, he decided to follow his first love – music. He went to York University where he obtained a degree in Music. Whilst there, he was also a member of York Minster Choir. He then studied at the Royal Northern College of Music where he became a member of Manchester Cathedral Choir. From then on, he worked all his life as a professional tenor and made regular broadcasts on BBC radio. He sang in numerous opera houses around Europe, including Bayreuth, Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam and Brussels. In this country, he sang solo in many oratorios and concerts, and in later years he also taught at Toulouse University.

He died in Ulverston, his home-town, having battled cancer for just over a year. His last solo performance was at Cartmel Priory just before Christmas last year. He kept his voice and his wit right to the end.

*Jonathan Rathbone (m. 1976)*

**Timothy John Birdsall** (m. 1984)

Tim was born in Yorkshire on 29 March 1965. After Bradford Grammar School, Tim fulfilled his ambition to attend Christ's, following his grandfather, father and uncle. Tim read law at Christ's, but had an impact across the whole college community. He set his sights at the presidency of the JCR, and was duly elected.

A short stint at law school convinced Tim that this was not the life for him before he headed off to Australia to seek adventure. There he met Kim, his first wife, with whom he had two sons, Daniel and Nicholas. Tim was always immensely proud of his boys.

Whilst in Sydney, Tim founded his own software company, Presence Online. From humble beginnings in a back bedroom, it became a multinational, with offices in the UK, USA, Germany and Mexico. Eventually, he sold his business to IBM whilst continuing to work for them for many years.

Tim spent all his childhood holidays in Dromore West, County Sligo, the small village where his mother had grown up, and it was this place that felt like home to him. He returned there in 2015, when the corporate life was no longer enough for him, this time with his second wife Barbara. His purpose was to care for his uncle and renovate Charlesfort House, the family homestead. He surprised himself with his new-found skills in door making, wielding a chain saw and plastering – learning to farm was his last enterprise. Sadly, after only four years in Ireland, he died suddenly on 7 May 2019. He would have liked the drama of his passing, but it was too soon.

Tim cherished his memories of his time at Christ's; he would seize the opportunity to visit whenever possible, making every effort to be at reunion events. He will be remembered for his wit, his charm, and his enormous passion for life.

*Martha Moroney (m. 1984)*

**Edmund James Church** (m. 1988)



Ed arrived in Christ's from Ballymena with a huge trunk of possessions, bucketloads of charisma and a determination to make his mark in this unfamiliar world. His infectious cheerfulness led to friendships with students of all years, and a natural aptitude for Classics allowed him to devote time to other interests. He loved the controlled aggression of boxing, in which he achieved a Blue, and the camaraderie of the College darts team. Ed's appetite for fun often outstripped his funds, and, typically ignoring protocol, he held down jobs at the local pub and newsagent for much of his degree.

On graduation, Ed's flair with numbers led him to the City, and he thrived for many years in its competitive and energetic environment, travelling the world as a Forex salesman. He retained his love for Classics, so, when the time came to leave the City, he secured a post at Haileybury as a Classics master. Despite having no formal training, he proved himself to be an engaging and inspiring teacher, and pupil numbers in Classics shot up.

Ed battled health issues for years, and, true to his character, never gave up fighting. He often reached out to those who found themselves in similar situations, making a real difference to their lives. He never lost his soft Irish lilt, his exceptional intellect and his razor-sharp wit, all of which are sorely missed by his friends and family, especially his children – Joseph, Freya and Charis.

*Jo Luke (m. 1986)*

**Anna Maria Jarvis (née Mount)** (m. 1996)



Anna was born on 10 December 1976 in Germany, where her father was stationed, and moved back to the UK in the mid-1980s. She went to school in the UK where she excelled academically, musically, and at many sports and other extra-curricular activities. Following a gap year in Africa teaching English and travelling the continent, Anna came up to Christ's in 1996 to study Classics before following a career in London in business services.

Anna married in 2012 and stayed at home full time to look after her two children. She died on 12 September 2018, and she will always be remembered for her infectious smile and her fun-loving attitude which made her a joy to be around.

*Jamie Mount (m. 1998)*

**Samuel John Willoughby Barker** (m. 2001)

Sam, born 30 January 1982, grew up in Kidderminster. He attended Sedbergh School in Cumbria and spent a gap year in Kenya before coming up to Christ's.

Sam always lived life to the full and memories of his time at College reflect this: from 'borrowing' port decanters from Hall and playing a Spice Girl in a



College production, to desecrating fresh snow on third court to advertise the CU mission week. He read English Literature, spending summer terms revising in the Fellows' Garden, served on the May Ball committee and was a committed member of the Boat Club. At College, he met his wife Xanthe and they married in 2007. They returned to live in Cambridge in 2008, and later had children Alethea and Nathanael.

Described as "one of the UK's leading environmental campaigners and advocates for green conservatism", Sam was Director of the Conservative Environment Network. He played a key role co-ordinating wide-ranging campaigns that helped drive climate change, plastic pollution and biodiversity up the agenda of Conservative ministers and MPs. He joined CEN after four years at Christian anti-poverty charity Tearfund. A well-known figure in Westminster policy circles, he also did stints at World Vision, the Relationships Foundation, and Policy Exchange, having previously worked in Parliament as an MP's researcher.

Sam brought joy wherever he went, becoming infamous in hospital for the silly hats he wore. 18 months after his bowel cancer diagnosis he died at home, aged 36, on 6 August 2018.

*Xanthe Barker (m. 2001)*

### **Jared Uche Dominic Ndisang** (m. 2015)



Born on 20 June 1997 in London, the eldest of three children, Jared attended a local primary school where his mother taught, and a local secondary school – Forest Hill Boys, in Sydenham. Jared completed his A levels gaining three A\*s (Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry) and two As (Further Mathematics and Physics), enabling him to realise his life-long dream to attend Christ's College Cambridge. He matriculated at Christ's in 2015 to read Natural Sciences.

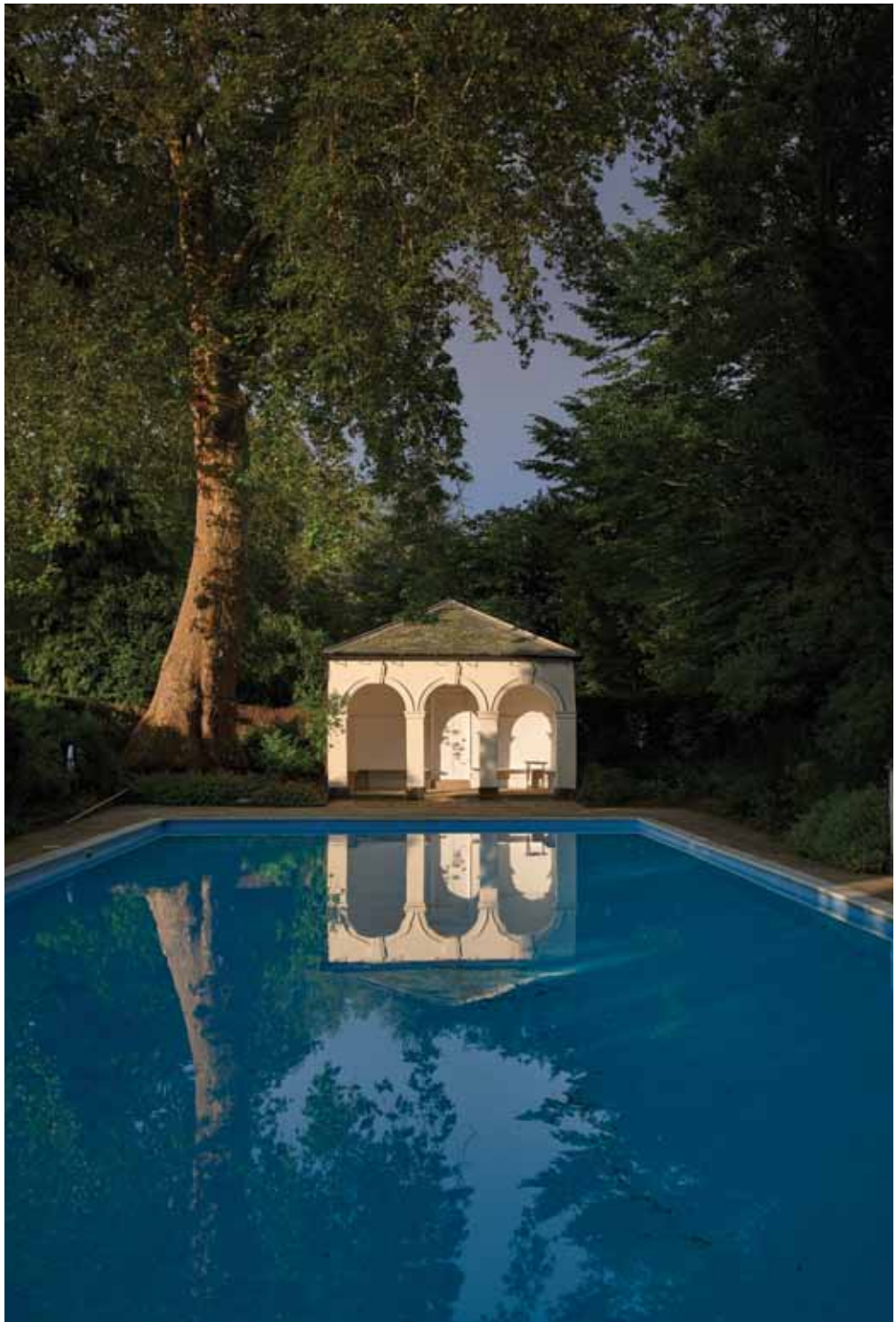
Jared participated in many aspects of College life. When not rowing or at labs, he would be learning French and Japanese, singing with the College Music Society, or methodically organising superhalls as JCR Catering Officer. Jared would always give everything a go, and often excelled. He led Christ's College to victory in the intercollegiate debating, and became a regular actor in Christ's Amateur Dramatics Society's productions, appearing in the Panto numerous times, the 2015 Freshers' Play and a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. A notorious dancer at bops and always full of entertaining stories that stemmed from his continuous desire to get the most out of his university years, Jared was a joyful presence at Christ's.

Jared graduated in June 2018 and in December he was successful in acquiring a job at BRITVIC in Hemel Hempstead, as an Analytical Technologist in the labs, where he worked until his untimely passing on 9 June 2019.

Above all else, Jared is remembered for his humility, genuine interest in people and his ability to make others feel valued. As one of his Cambridge peers (Mira) so aptly put, "You show us that the best way to make a difference is to have a soul like yours." He will be sorely missed.

*Jo Ndisang (mother), Arthur Robijns (m. 2015) and Georgia Humphrey (m. 2015)*





*Malcolm Bowie swimming pool in the Fellows' Garden*

*Photograph by Chris Reeve*





*Dining Hall by candlelight*

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## COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

The College is generally open to members of the public from Monday to Sunday 9am to 4pm (except during the 'Quiet Period' and during the Christmas closure period) and the Fellows' Garden is open Monday to Friday only, 9am to 4pm. Please note that the College will be closed to the public on specific days that vary in date each year, such as General Admissions, Coming Up weekend, and for private functions.

In addition, members of Christ's are welcome to visit at any time. Please check in at the Porters' Lodge (St Andrew's Street) on arrival and let the duty porter know that you are a member of College. During full term, Choral Evensong is sung in the College Chapel at 6.45pm on Thursdays and at 6.00pm on Sundays. Members of College are very welcome at services. Information can be found on the College's website: [www.christs.cam.ac.uk](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk)

## MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

### Dining

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

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time, and Monday to Friday out of term. It is possible to bring an adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement. The meal will be charged at the current guest rate and an invoice will be sent via email after the dinner. Please note that a maximum of six alumni can exercise their dining privileges on any one night, and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office by emailing [cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk) or by calling (01223) 339556, (01223) 334985, or (01223) 339727.

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

## Accommodation

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

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





The College welcomes enquiries about dinners, meeting and conferences. Please contact the Catering Office ([cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk)) regarding dinners and the Conference Office ([conference@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:conference@christs.cam.ac.uk)) regarding meetings and conferences.

Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: <https://hospitality.christs.cam.ac.uk>

To receive the alumni promotional rate on single rooms, all you need to do is enter the code **ALUMNI2019** where it asks for 'promo code' once you have clicked on 'bed and breakfast' and entered your required dates. This is the code for 2019, which will change to ALUMNI2020 in 2020, and so on.

## Keeping in Touch Online

You can now use the online community (<https://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk>) to keep in touch with College friends, update your details, write a personal profile, book online for events and much more. The interactive parts of the site are password protected; if you need a reminder of your username or password, please contact [alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk). The Development Office has set up a number of social media channels so you can keep up-to-date with College and alumni news online:

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-  Become a member of the Christ's College, University of Cambridge Alumni group on LinkedIn – a great way to make useful professional connections or to join other alumni in discussions about College (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2351765>)
-  We also have an Instagram account so come and have a look at our photos! (<https://www.instagram.com/christscollegecambridge>)





*Rocket*

*Photograph by Emily Cleevly*





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