

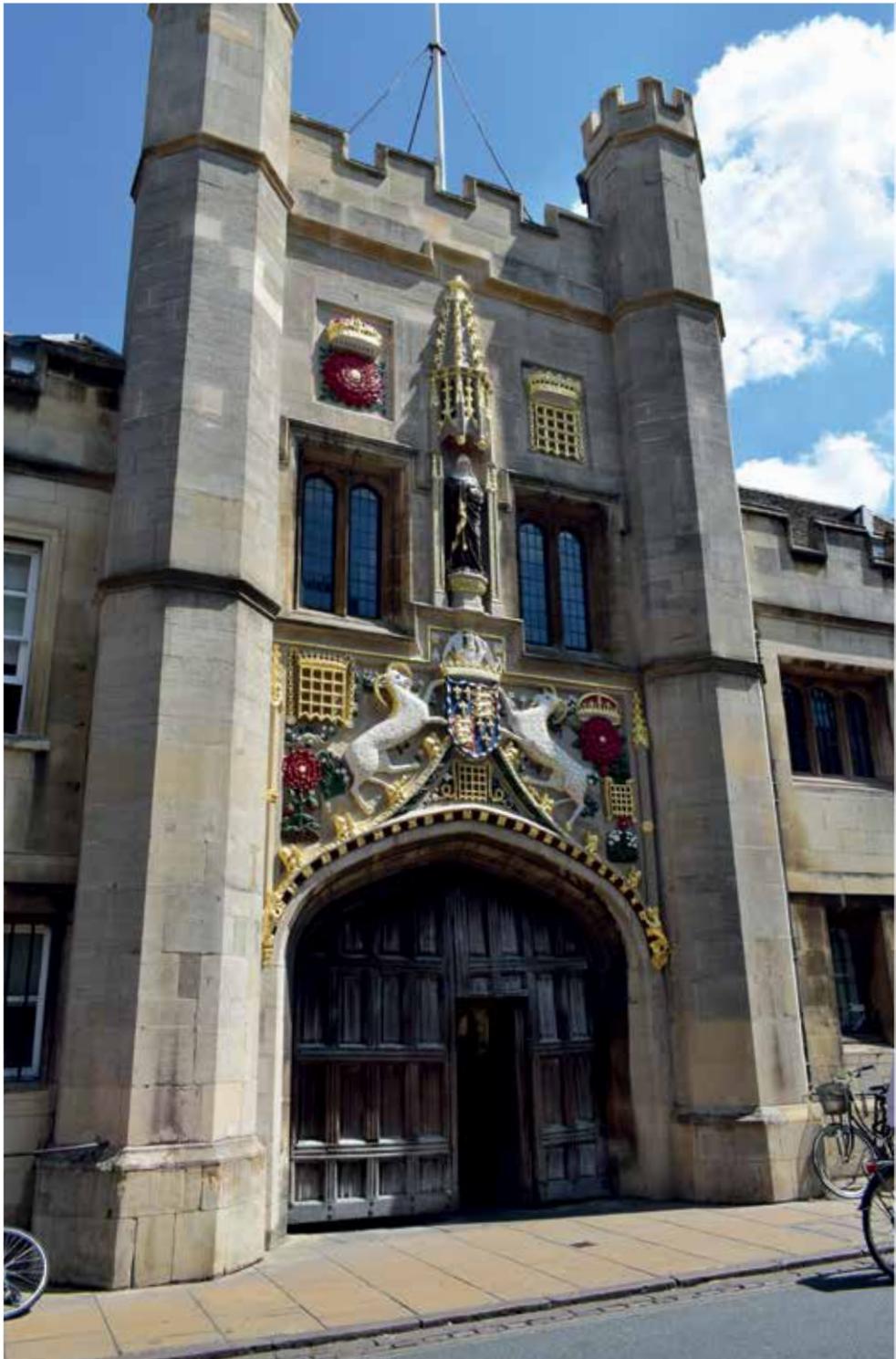
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The Great Gate

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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER



*The Master
and Professor
Peter Cane*

*Photo by
Grace Beckett*

Earlier this summer I had the privilege of conferring degrees on our 2021 graduates, at the first ceremony in the Senate House since the pandemic began. It is always a highlight of the year, but this time had much more poignancy than usual, marking the return to some sense of normality in the University. Sadly, guests were not permitted, but a livestream had been arranged so that family and friends could watch the ceremony. We held an

historic distanced Graduands' photo on First Court lawn, and a number of Fellows, sporting scarlet, were on hand to applaud the students as they left the College for the procession to the Senate House.

Earlier that week, we held a Dinner for Graduands in a marquee in Second Court, and the Senior Tutor and I had the opportunity to wish them well for the future. They have shown incredible resilience and we are enormously proud of them.

It has certainly been a challenging year for everyone, but, as I continue to remark, I have been greatly encouraged and impressed by the way in which the whole Christ's community has come together in mutual support. There are so many examples: the Catering Department providing "meals on wheels" to isolating students, with members of the Housekeeping and Conference team carrying out their food shopping, the work to make the College Covid-secure, and the provision of teaching and welfare support online. There were times, of course, when we were able to operate in a more normal way, with much of the Michaelmas term taking place in person, which only made the disappointment that Lent term had to be held online again more acute.

To adapt, we all became dab hands at various remote working platforms. I admitted our new Scholars in an online ceremony, and we hosted reunions for alumni via Zoom. Our admissions round was held entirely online, and our outreach work was also carried out remotely, although I was pleased to be able to welcome

the participants in our new Bridging Course to Christ's, and to give them a tour of the Master's Garden. The Research Fellowship competition was held online, and some Fellows who joined the College last year have still not been able to visit. The Chaplain and Director of Music worked hard, with changing guidelines, to bring the Chapel and the Choir to a wide audience. In fact one of the greatest challenges has been the way in which the Government guidelines seemed to continually change. Our Covid Planning Group, meeting weekly for much of the last year, has had to grapple with the changing landscape, sometimes at very short notice, with a knock-on effect for the staff who have then had to implement the changes. I am enormously grateful to everyone for their positive attitude and resilience.

During this time, it has given us all a lift to see work beginning on the King Street development, which will give us 64 new ensuite student rooms, a music room (named in honour of former Fellow Professor Bill Fitzgerald), seminar space and a number of Fellows' rooms, as well as improved retail space on King Street. We anticipate it will be ready for occupation in early 2023.

There have been some great sadnesses this year too. As a community, we were devastated at the loss in January of Khalid Saad el din Mohammed from Covid. Khalid was a Chef de Partie who joined the catering staff at Christ's in 2016, and was a greatly valued member of the team. We have also lost three of our longest-serving and most-loved Fellows during the year: Professor Chris Abell, Professor Sir Peter Lachmann, and Mr David Yale.

The College's finances and operations have been admirably steered through the last ten years by David Ball, our Bursar, who is retiring in September, and I would like to pay tribute to the way in which he has ensured that the College remains in the strongest possible position. I am delighted that he has been elected a Fellow Commoner, and will remain engaged with the College for many more years. His successor, Michael Parsons (m. 1983), joined in July as Bursar-elect, and I am very much looking forward to working with him.

It is hard to believe that I am already at the start of my sixth and final year as Master, and I do hope that I will have an opportunity to see many of you in person during this time. We are once again planning our full range of alumni events for the coming year, and eagerly look forward to the College community being together in person again.

Jane Stapleton

BURSAR'S UPDATE



David Ball

The last year has inevitably been dominated by the pandemic, most importantly through its direct impact on many people connected with the College, and on their families and their friends.

College life has also been impacted substantially. Most of our students have been in residence for much of the year and teaching and research has continued throughout, but restrictive social distancing measures made many of the customs we normally take for granted impractical: for example, (good) take away meals provided by the kitchens had to replace eating together. The College naturally ensured that our buildings were Covid-secure for those who work in them. Despite the uncertainties they faced, our staff responded very well to all of these new challenges, for example finding effective ways to support the many resident students who were required at various times to self isolate in their households. A programme providing rapid PCR testing every week of asymptomatic student households across the University helped to ensure prompt responses to disease outbreaks.

The financial impacts of the pandemic on the College have naturally been significant. Our students were not required to pay rent when they were not able to be in residence. Catering revenue was of course much reduced. Our external business, normally an important source of revenues generated mainly in the summer, was negligible in both 2020 and 2021. Some of the retail tenants of our commercial properties also required help, through rent deferrals and in some cases write-offs of rent, to enable them to survive long periods of closure and reduced trade. Nevertheless, we maintained the normal earnings of all of our permanent staff throughout the year, including those placed on furlough.

The financial impact of the pandemic was, however, mitigated by the generosity of Old Members, for example with substantial gifts for this specific purpose and also, more generally, through record gifts to the annual Telephone Campaign. We also benefited from generous further support for our ongoing development priorities.

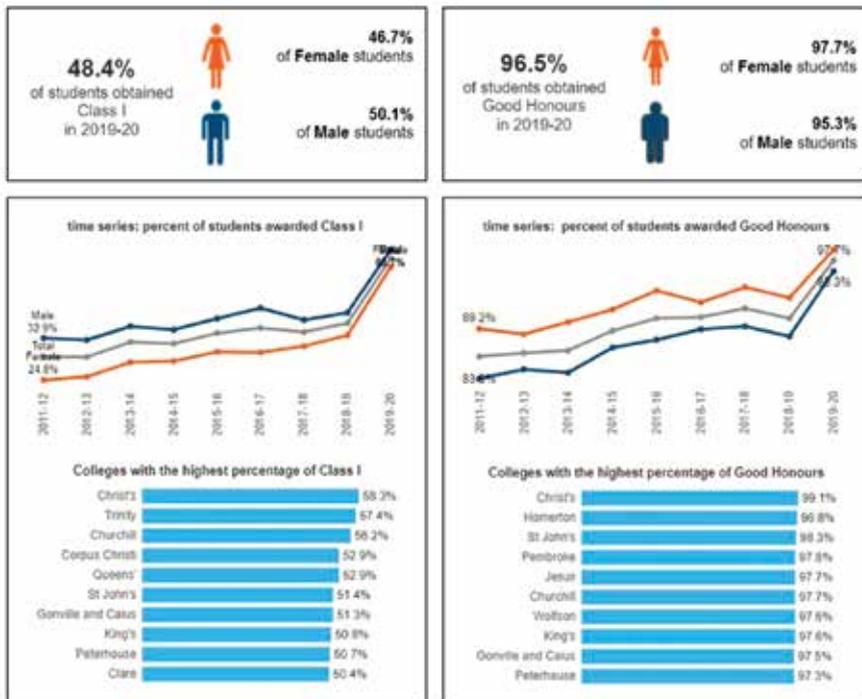
I am also pleased to report that the pandemic did not delay significantly the start of preparatory work for the King Street mixed use project, with working methods being quickly adapted, and construction is now progressing on schedule, with a large crane dominating many views around the College. We expect phased completion by early 2023. The scheme will provide over sixty good new en-suite student bedrooms, a number of additional rooms for teaching and events and a modern commercial space facing on to King Street itself.

The College's widely diversified investments performed well in 2020–21. We saw continuing strength in equity and other markets after the rapid recovery from early 2020 lows. Our programme of phased investment in private equity is showing good early results. Market dislocations in 2020 also provided some worthwhile investment opportunities. Contracted sales of housebuilding land continued as planned, with the site near Lincoln being completed during the year and the first phase of the development at Huntingdon Road in Cambridge progressing well. A planning application is being prepared for the next phase of this development.

Sustainability remains an important concern. The planned gas heating system was removed from the King Street project in favour of air source heat pumps, and planning is now progressing for further use of renewable energy on the main College site. In October 2020, the College's Trustees followed the University's decision in committing not to hold direct investments in fossil fuel producers and their suppliers – we did not at the time hold any such investments – and the College expects also to have no material indirect exposure (for example through indexed investments) to these firms by 2030. More importantly, the College also reaffirmed its intention to continue to seek investments specifically in sustainable businesses. This had of course been part of our investment activity for several years, and there are many such attractive investment opportunities as the reshaping of global economies accelerates. This will also help to achieve the College's ambition of an investment portfolio with net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

I shall be retiring as Bursar at the end of September 2021 after over ten years in office. The Governing Body has kindly elected me as a Fellow Commoner, and I look forward to continuing my association with the College.

David Ball



Despite the challenges caused by the Pandemic, our students performed exceptionally well in the exams of 2020, as shown in this dashboard of exam results

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR



Robert Hunt

In last year's *Magazine*, I stated that I had never known a year like 2019–20. Needless to say, 2020–21 was just as unusual and difficult, in so many ways. But this year, the College had rather more time to adapt to the circumstances and I'm pleased to say that the entire College community rose to the challenge. We were able to deliver teaching of the highest quality, as always, and our students engaged fully with our new approach. It was interesting to see that, in some ways, online teaching actually had advantages. Just like last year, our whole approach (educationally, socially and pastorally) was student-centred, focussed on how to provide the best possible experience.

Michaelmas term started in relative normality, albeit with social distancing. We were not able to hold the Matriculation Photograph (we'll take the 2020 photograph in October 2021, alongside the new 2021 photograph) but we *did* manage to hold the Matriculation Dinners, with lots of ventilation in Hall, distancing between students, and screens to keep diners safe whilst enabling them to hold conversations. Although it was no substitute for the real thing, we all know just how memorable Matriculation Dinner is (for good or ill!) and we were determined to give our new students some semblance of it.

The College implemented a system of "households". Every group of students occupying rooms that shared a bathroom and kitchen counted as a self-contained household. Typically this meant one whole floor of a staircase, but in some staircases we were able to sub-divide further: the smallest household consisted of 4 rooms, while the largest had 12. The students in a household got to know each other very well indeed. For example, they all had to dine together when visiting Upper Hall. More importantly, if one of them displayed any symptoms of Covid-19 – or, worse, received a positive test result – then the whole household had to isolate together, not leaving their accommodation until they were given the all-clear. Whenever this happened, the College delivered freshly-cooked food from the kitchens every day; or, alternatively, delivered cooking ingredients from a supermarket as ordered by the students themselves, if that is what they preferred.

When teaching got under way, it was "blended": that is to say, some in person, and some remote. (Of course, if a household had to isolate then all their teaching was immediately moved online until they were released from isolation.) This blended approach didn't last long, though, because the UK moved into a second lockdown in November and all teaching had to move online regardless. It was good preparation for the interview season in December which was, of course, online as well.

Throughout term I was very worried about students' well-being. Being locked into small households, with limited opportunities to mix, was hardly a pleasant experience for them: especially not for our new students for whom this was their first taste of University, normally a life-changing experience and an opportunity to become a new person. I tried to find ways to encourage as many social activities as possible. For example, I encouraged students to organise online activities – such as book clubs, crafting circles or online quizzes and competitions – and awarded grants to get things started, and prizes to winning teams. I handed out cash to

any College society that wanted to run an online activity of any kind, and some were extremely inventive. There was even a special Senior Tutor's Prize for the most innovative online activity (eventually won by the Christ's College Art Society for its "ArtXChange" project).

After the Christmas vacation, a new lockdown was announced in January, which meant that Lent term was somewhat different. Most students stayed at home, although under Government guidelines for Higher Education we were able to allow some to return to their College rooms. For example, any who were unable to study effectively at home, either because of inadequate study space (for example, having to share a small room with noisy siblings) or because of a lack of access to important library resources. (We did give students grants to purchase their own books for home study whenever possible.) We also allowed students to live in College if they had a dangerous home situation (e.g. domestic abuse) or serious mental health conditions that would have been exacerbated at home, or if they had flight arrangements that could not be altered.

For those at home, we did our best to offer all of our normal pastoral support. Tutors gave advice remotely; the College Nurse organised remote consultations; all our College counselling services were available online; and there was additional financial support for those who needed it. We didn't charge rent to any student who wasn't actually in Cambridge occupying their room.

At last, Easter term arrived. More students returned to College because their home environments were not suitable for examination revision; and the Government gave permission for students on certain "practical courses" (such as Engineering, Medicine and Music) to return regardless. We ended up with substantial numbers of students on site.

Although the majority of examinations had been cancelled in 2020, this year the University was determined to conduct as many examinations as possible. A few were held in the traditional format, but the majority were held remotely as "open-book exams" (with monitoring of the time at which students started and finished each paper) or even as "24-hour exams" in which students had a long window in which to complete their work. I'm delighted to say that, even in these most unusual circumstances, Christ's students received a higher proportion of first class results than any other College. Our students are remarkable even in the face of adversity! I must also pay tribute to all of our Directors of Studies and supervisors who coped with a massively increased workload so effectively.

How normal will next year be? Our fingers are firmly crossed, but we remain prepared for any eventuality. As I mentioned at the start, online teaching did actually have some advantages. It was particularly advantageous for students who might feel too nervous or shy to contribute much to an in-person supervision, but who found it much easier to communicate and speak out in a less intense, remote setting. We are determined to learn from this and to find ways to retain the best aspects of online teaching when we do return to full in-person supervision.

The JCR and MCR have not, of course, missed a beat. Their plans for Freshers' Week 2021 are well under way and will be as packed as usual! We are looking forward to welcoming new intakes of undergraduate and postgraduate students and giving them an experience to remember.

Robert Hunt

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

The 2020–21 academic year has been a tumultuous one for Admissions and Outreach, as it has been in so many other areas of College life. August 2020 took many of our UK offer-holders on an agonising roller-coaster ride, with students first falling short of their conditions, thanks to the infamous A-level results algorithm, then exceeding them, when school-assessed grades replaced calculated scores. We were heartened by the intense interest in these events shown by alumni, whose messages of concern and support helped alleviate some of the stress as we struggled to ensure that all our UK offer-holders – including several who had narrowly missed their conditions, even on school-assessed grades – had places at Cambridge confirmed. Once every examination board had revisited its decisions and the final tally was in, we found that not only had we accepted our largest ever first-year cohort, but also our highest ever intake from the UK state sector, at 74%, together with students from twenty other countries around the world. We were also able to welcome a small number of offer-holders to the College early, for the inaugural Christ's-King's 'Bridging Course,' intended to scaffold the transition from school to university for students from backgrounds without a history of progression to Oxbridge – and are delighted to note how many of these students made a really flying start to the year.

The moment our new undergraduates had all been formally admitted, it was time to turn our attention to the subsequent Admissions Round. Here again we were struck by unexpected tumult, albeit of a more positive kind, when we received over 1000 applications, 20% more than in any previous year, leaving some subjects with an intimidating choice of over ten applicants per place. Once we started to scrutinise the applications in detail, we realised that yet again our outreach efforts had paid dividends. While the percentage of state-school applicants had dropped by 1%, the percentage of applicants on Free School Meals had increased, and the



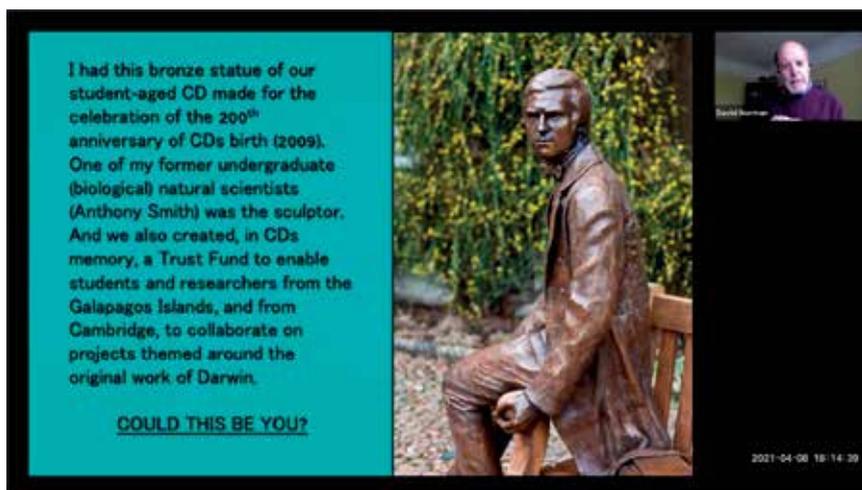
*The
Admissions
Team*

distribution of applications across the UK, EU and non-EU countries had held up even in a year where many European students had been deterred from applying to British universities by a post-Brexit change in fee status, and non-EU students had hesitated in the face of rising Coronavirus infections. Pleasingly, close to a quarter of our applicants had attended a residential, one-day event or webinar hosted directly by the College; others had come to us through online school visits, through the University's virtual open days, and through our work with partner organisations such as the Danish Academy of Talented Youth, IntoUniversity, Maths Beyond Limits, Project Access and the Nordic Study Abroad Community.

Assessing so many applications with the care they deserve would have been challenging in any year. This year, it was rendered doubly challenging by the need to shift all our processes – including undergraduate interviews and subsequently the intercollegiate Winter Pool – online. The transition, needless to say, was not without its hitches, and a number of interviews had to be re-timed or re-scheduled to off-set the connection (and time zone) difficulties experienced by candidates speaking to us from schools and homes around the globe. While everyone working in Admissions lost their sense of humour at least once in the course of December, I was struck, repeatedly, by the fortitude and flexibility of both our candidates and our assessors, who strove gamely to transfer numerical, textual and visual problems from paper to screen and *vice versa*. Directors of Studies wrestled with the evidence over long evenings and weekends as they endeavoured to make the fairest decisions possible under the circumstances, and I tried to second-guess whether the A-level examining processes for 2021 might leave us with a surfeit or a shortage of appropriately qualified candidates – and hence how many offers we should make.

Once we had made our final calculations, we settled on 152 offers for 2021 entry, distributed across UK, EU and non-EU students in roughly the proportions in which they had applied, with 49% of offers going to women, and 76% of offers to UK candidates to students at state schools. We also kicked off our various offer-holder support schemes: the mentoring programme for students from underrepresented groups that we run in conjunction with the charity Slipstream; STEP tuition for students at schools that cannot aid them with preparation for the STEP exams; and finally, planning for an enhanced September Bridging Course, now in partnership with Gonville and Caius as well as King's, and directed by our new Access and Outreach Bye-Fellow, Dr Jenny Gibson, in tandem with Dr Paul Fannon (Fellow), as Science Lead.

At the same time, we stepped up our online outreach activities a gear. We had over four hundred applications for our Lady Margaret Beaufort, Charles Darwin, James Meade and John Milton themed taster days alone, and expanded the annual Christ's-Trinity Women in Maths "residential" (now an eight-week after-school programme) to cater for eighty keen young mathematicians. A similar-sized cohort came on the multi-disciplinary Christ's-King's "residential" (running over three weeks at Easter), and we are anticipating good numbers on the Low Participation Neighbourhood Summer School which we will be coordinating over two weeks in August. We've continued to 'visit' pupils in our Link Areas of Herefordshire, Lincolnshire, Worcestershire and the London Borough of Harrow, virtually, and supported Harrow School with its Lumina Programme for prospective applicants in state education across London. We host regular webinars for students on the Christ's platform, and have begun to work more with parents, too, thanks to collaborations with The



*Dr Norman at the
virtual Darwin
Taster Day*

Brilliant Club and Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) London. While international outreach has involved less travel than usual, we're proud to have kept up engagement with schools and charities in Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Scandinavia and South East Asia, and have participated in many events for non-UK students.

We've also been more involved in 'big picture' thinking and strategic planning than ever before: I co-chair the University Admissions Forum, which brings together Admissions Tutors from all twenty-nine undergraduate Colleges to discuss admissions policy and practice, and this year led a cross-College, cross-Faculty Working Group on Post-Qualification Admissions, as well as spending several weeks on secondment to the Colleges' (Heads of House) Committee on a project investigating Cambridge's use of pre-interview assessments, otherwise known as entrance exams. All in all, a busy twelve months – twelve months that would have been much less manageable, and far less enjoyable, without the tireless efforts and warm collegiality of Jan Marshall, Kristy Guneratne and Ellie Wood in the Admissions Office, our student 'Christ's reps', Dr Jan Wiejak (m. 1974) and the team of offer-holder Tutors, my fellow Fellows, and the many alumni who have given to us, collectively, in different ways, and reached out to me, personally, when times got tough. Thank you!

Emily Tomlinson

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the hustle and bustle of University life, the Chapel represents a reassuring *stability*. Every Sunday, services unfold in the same building and using much the same words as they have done for centuries. At least, until the academic year 2020–21. Not since the Reformation and Civil War has Chapel life – like so much of the College – undergone such dramatic changes.

Every few weeks has brought more risk assessments, changing applications of the guidelines, and new technological tricks to bear upon the Chapel's enduring duties (not to mention the Chaplain and the Director of Music clambering over the pews with a tape measure, trying to implement the latest safe distance instructions). There have been *innovations*, not least the installation of some rather snazzy broadcasting equipment in the Michaelmas term. I won't go into the details, but let's just say that this was complicated by the failure of the Chapel's sixteenth-century builders to allow for Wi-Fi. On completion, the Chaplain's duties suddenly extended to live-stream management, video editing, and – when the equipment faltered – the use of a video camera (generously lent by Holy Sepulchre Church – thank you!). The result involved various combinations of in-person and online services, sometimes with congregation, sometimes Choir-only, sometimes using Zoom, sometimes YouTube. All rather dizzying!

And yet, innovation has brought new opportunities and horizons. Most obviously, online broadcasts have brought the Chapel's services to a far wider audience and it has been lovely to receive emails from alumni getting in touch after listening to the Choir. Zoom Morning Prayer has also brought more staff and Fellows who largely live out of College to Chapel services; since the Chapel is for the whole College, not just the students, this is a very good thing!

The year has also brought some entirely new services which are already remembered fondly. By the end of Michaelmas, for example, everyone was fundamentally fed up with everything. Normally, of course, we'd be packing the College into Chapel for carol services, the lack of which added insult to injury. After much deliberation (and with the kind indulgence of the gardening team), we settled on an open air carol service on First Court lawn. Well, two carol services, so that we could fit everyone in. Shivering in the dark and drizzle, households huddled beneath their umbrellas, smartphone lights dancing off the carol sheets, we belted out 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing!' with a volume I won't forget in a hurry! By Christmas Day itself we were allowed back in the Chapel, but of course usually Chapel services cease over the vacations as the students go home. With so many students staying in College (volitionally or otherwise!), we held a well-attended service to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity – and I know some Fellows enjoyed the opportunity to wear their Scarlet! The spring, by contrast, had moved us back online, and so we gathered instead on the brightly lit lawn of the Fellows' Garden to celebrate Easter Sunday, leaving the Chapel building empty (much like Jesus' tomb!).

The innovations of the past year have, in fact, facilitated precisely what focusing on them risks obscuring: the enduring relevance of the Chapel in the life of the College. When we opened the Chapel doors (cautiously and with sanitised hands)



Robert Evans



*A socially
distanced
Chapel service*

in October, the Freshers came with a palpable curiosity. For one Fresher, Chapel was the only part of College offering what they had expected from Cambridge: candles and gowns! Another was blown away by their very first experience of choral music. Many came because (unlike so much of the University) we were doing something in-person, which offered a tangible (however limited) sense of community. I have been able to appoint six new Chapel Officers from among the First years – more than I did last year!

For the College as a whole – students, staff, and Fellows – the Chapel also remains important precisely because the past year has been so extraordinarily demanding. Whether from isolation, online work, or just the constant uncertainty, we have all felt the strain in some way. It has been a privilege to serve as Chaplain in this troubled time and while I would have preferred to sit people down in an armchair with a cup of tea when they want to talk, a combination of walks by the river and the good old telephone have served well enough.

Even if its form has temporarily changed, the essence of the Chapel persists. That seems appropriate. For 500 years, amid upheavals and transformations, the Chapel services have spoken of things *eternal*. They have continued to do so over the past year. After all, to quote the Magnificat, God's 'mercy is on them that fear him: throughout *all* generations'. The generation of 2020–21 has been no exception!

Bob Evans

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

When I wrote my piece for the *College Magazine* last year, little did I realise that we would still be holding all our events, and even our Telephone Campaign, virtually in the following academic year. The development team has been working in the office for several periods over the last year, and has benefitted from these periods of face-to-face interaction, at least.

In December 2020, Katie Coakes joined as our new Alumni Communications Officer, and managed only a few days in the office before the new Lockdown came into force. More recently, Sebastian Peel has joined us as Development Assistant, replacing Tiffany Charnley. Warm congratulations are due to Robert Smith who has been promoted to Senior Development Officer and will be working more closely with me on fundraising for the College's priorities.



Catherine Twilley

We began the new academic year with our usual reunions, but held online, of course, and were pleased that many alumni chose to join us. One particularly welcome aspect of the online events was that alumni who would not normally be able to travel to Cambridge, were able to catch up with their contemporaries, and hear how the College was faring. The success of these events encouraged us to set up the Christ's College Webinar Series, launched with a fantastic talk from Professor David Reynolds on Brexit. We were thrilled that alumni agreed that this series was a good idea, and several hundred people joined each one.

Our Christ's College Fisher Society event was held online, and included a reprise from the Senior Tutor who had spoken the previous year on "Life of a Senior Tutor" and this time spoke on "Life of a Senior Tutor, Covid-style"! Legacies are an important source of income for the College, and we always appreciate being able to thank those who have made the decision to include a bequest to Christ's in their will. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who is contemplating a bequest and who would like to know more, either about the tax arrangements, or about areas of support.

You will recall that in 2020 we cancelled our annual Telephone Campaign so that the students could travel home safely at the start of the pandemic. We had planned to return in 2021, but as the Lockdowns continued, it became clear that trying to hold an in-person Campaign in College would not be possible. Instead we decided to go ahead with a remote Campaign – the students were working wherever they were currently based and connected with each other and us via Zoom, as they reached out to talk to alumni about the College and sought support to help us through this enormously difficult period. We felt some trepidation, but we need not have worried: the response from alumni was incredible, and the students were professional and engaging in their interactions. Alumni were interested to hear of the support the College had put in place to help students, staff and Fellows through the pandemic, and nearly 500 people made a donation. So far we have raised almost £400,000, and donations keep coming in. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative.

We have also been fortunate to receive significant bequests from Terry Cann (m. 1954, Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow) in support of student bursaries and also for general purposes. In addition, a donation was received in the name of Betty, Lady Grantchester, who, alongside her family, had been an engaged and generous

supporter of the College through the Grantchester Bursaries for law students. This new gift will enable us to provide an award to a PhD student in Law, reflecting the interests of both Lady Grantchester and her late husband (a Christ's alumnus), and we are looking forward to working more closely with the Grantchester family over the coming years.

So many people help guide and support the College, and I am particularly grateful to all the external members of the Development Board for their help. We managed a hybrid joint meeting of the Development Committee and Board in July, with some members able to meet in person and enjoy a tour of the King Street redevelopment site before the meeting, and a convivial dinner afterwards. The external members of the of Board are:

Mark Davies (m. 1990) – Chair

Jim Warwick (m. 1983)

Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989)

Susan Hill (m. 1992)

Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)

Peter Speicher (m. 1993)

Soumen Das (m. 1995)

I must thank again the team for adapting so positively to the changes brought about by the pandemic, and the repeated changes to those changes. It has been an unsettling time, but our mutual support, and the support of alumni, has carried us through.

Catherine Twilley



*King Street
Development in
progress,
September 2021*



A bee hiding in a foxglove

Photograph by Katie Coakes

SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as expected at October 2021 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 QC FBA

Fellows

1961 Dr John Rathmell
 1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD
 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. 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
 2006 Prof. Caroline Vout FSA
 2006 Dr Sophie Read
 2007 Dr Julia Shvets
 2008 Dr Elena Puns kaya
 2008 Prof. Sanjeev Goyal FBA
 2008 Ms Catherine Twilley
 2009 Dr Helena Browne
 2010 Prof. Duncan Bell FBA (2004)
 2010 Dr Tom Monie (2006)
 2010 Prof. Gerard Evan FRS
 2011 Prof. Ash Amin CBE FBA
 2011 Prof. Sarah Radcliffe FBA
 2012 Prof. Sarah Franklin FBA (2011)
 2013 Dr Richard Williams
 2014 Prof. Gábor Betegh
 2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer
 2014 Dr Dominic de Cogan
 2015 Dr Christopher Thomas
 2015 Dr David Trippett (2009)
 2016 Dr Anthony Coyne
 2016 Prof. Richard Mortier
 2016 Dr Felix Waldmann
 2016 Dr Edward Allen
 2016 Dr Andrew Stewart
 2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson
 2016 Prof. Peter Cane DCL FBA
 2017 Dr Harriet Lyon
 2017 Dr Mike Housden
 2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran
 2018 Dr Sean Fleming
 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 Dr Henry Bradford
 2019 Prof. Mark Girolami
 2020 Dr Chris Townsend
 2020 Dr Matthew Tyler
 2020 Dr Chiara Giorgio
 2020 Dr Ksenia Zanon (2019)
 2020 Dr Chuck Witt
 2020 Dr Katie Dunkley
 2020 Dr Hrvoje Jasak
 2020 Dr Nazmul Sultan
 2021 Dr Anna Protasio
 2021 Mr Paul Fannon
 2021 Dr Domen Kampjut
 2021 Mr Michael Parsons
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New Senior Members

FARBOD AKHLAGHI elected a Junior Research Fellow I am honoured to have been elected to this Junior Research Fellowship and absolutely delighted to be joining the community of Christ's College. Before Christ's, I read for my DPhil at the University of Oxford under the supervision of Prof Roger Crisp and Prof Timothy Williamson. I first attended Oriel College for three years funded by an Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Studentship, before moving to St Anne's College for my fourth year. There, I held the Graduate Development Scholarship in Philosophy and an Aristotelian Society Bursary. I received my MPhil in Philosophy from the University of Cambridge, my MLitt in Philosophy from the St Andrews/Stirling Philosophy Graduate Programme, and my BA in Philosophy from the University of Reading. Before all of that, I was born in the UK and grew up across England, South Africa, and throughout the Middle East.



Farbod Akhlaghi

I have a wide range of research interests in philosophy and my work has appeared in *Mind*, *Ethics*, *Ratio*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, and *Philosophia Mathematica*. My primary work is in moral philosophy, metaphysics, and their intersections. Suppose we disagree about the ethics of euthanasia. Often, we will soon wonder whether there are objective moral facts or whether this is all a matter of opinion, or whether moral properties like rightness or wrongness exist. Those are questions in a sub-field called meta-ethics and are specifically metaphysical questions about morality. When confronted with metaphysical questions, we might wonder how best to understand these questions and what methodology is required to answer them. Those questions are explored in a sub-field known, perhaps unfortunately, as meta-metaphysics. My primary work brings together these areas of philosophical research and aims to advance debate in each on their own and in their intersection. This, I argue, has significant consequences for reflection on both the nature of morality and of metaphysics which I shall explore further at Christ's.

One of my other main areas of interest is in ethics. I am currently working on the morality of actions that affect our chances of fulfilling moral obligations in the future. Such chance-affecting actions are ubiquitous but widely neglected in ethics. They range from mundane choices like how to get from A to B, to habitually smoking, to neglecting one's physical or mental well-being. I have argued that some chance-lowering actions are morally wrong. I plan to argue that how we can affect our chances of fulfilling obligations explains why we should cultivate moral virtues and provides the grounds for obligations to ourselves such as, say, to take care of our health. My other interests span epistemology, political philosophy, the nature and ethics of transformative experiences, the philosophies of race, education, and culture, the nature of philosophy itself, and the history of philosophy (especially British and Classical Islamic moral philosophy and metaphysics).

I've been actively involved in academic communities and societies since my first year as an undergraduate. I am a former President of the British Undergraduate Philosophy Society, the British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, and most recently of the MCR at Oriel. I now serve as a Mentor on the Minorities and Philosophy UK Mentorship Scheme. I see participation in the academic and College

community as an integral part of Cambridge life, including facilitating outreach opportunities wherever possible. I am thus very excited to throw myself into the life and work of Christ's and to get to know you all in the years ahead.



Paul Fannon

PAUL FANNON elected a Fellow

I first joined Christ's as an undergraduate back in 1998, studying Natural Sciences. After teaching in schools for many years, I then got drawn back to academia through educational research. My main interests are the development of thinking skills in mathematics and statistical modelling in educational research. This led to me getting more and more involved with undergraduate teaching, focussing on the transition from school level mathematics to undergraduate mathematics where I have been working with the University in setting admissions tests for the quantitative subjects. I helped develop the new A-level mathematics curriculum and have been involved with writing several textbooks for the new course, and I am currently Chief Examiner for the International Baccalaureate where I have helped develop their new Applications and Interpretations Mathematics course.

I have been a Fellow of the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications since 2020 as well as taking on various roles across the University regarding outreach and widening participation. One of my favourite projects has been leading the science strand of the Christ's-King's Bridging Course which aims to help students from non-standard backgrounds flourish as they move from school to university. My main passion is still teaching and I have been lucky enough to win the CUSU Student-Led Teaching Awards for undergraduate supervision in 2018 and 2020.

It has been a huge honour to be elected as a Fellow of the College. I hope to continue working with the amazing Christ's undergraduates in helping them reach their potential.



Chiara Giorio

CHIARA GIORIO elected a Fellow

I am delighted and honoured to join Christ's College as a Fellow. I returned to Cambridge in March 2020 to start my lectureship in the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, where I lead my own research group. Our research interests span from understanding the link between air pollution and health, to reconstructing past atmospheric composition from analysis of organic compounds in polar ice cores, to understand how air quality will evolve due to climate change. Given the interdisciplinary nature of our research, I work in close collaboration with colleagues from other departments, the British Antarctic Survey, as well as colleagues abroad. The composition of my research group also reflects the interdisciplinary nature of our work, with researchers and students with different scientific backgrounds, experiences, and an international breadth. Before joining the University of Cambridge, I was a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Padova (Italy) between July 2017 and February 2020, after a brief experience as a researcher at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

I graduated in Chemistry at the University of Padova in 2008 where I also obtained a PhD in Molecular Sciences in 2012. After a one-year postdoc in the same group

(that of Professor Andrea Tapparo) where I did my PhD, I moved to Cambridge to work in the group of Professor Markus Kalberer at the Department of Chemistry until the end of 2016. During my PhD and postdoc years I have been exposed to a diverse set of projects on environmental topics: from understanding the causes of bee mortality in the spring due to exposure to airborne pesticides, to assessing the use of pruning residues as a sustainable energy source for farms, to investigating the sources of air pollution in urban settings and the multitude of chemical reactions that happen in the atmosphere, to using ice cores drilled in the polar regions to reconstruct information about the atmosphere in past eras. Being exposed to such a diverse set of themes made me change the way I see science and research. I get motivated and excited about addressing global challenges. Rather than feeling overwhelmed by their complexity I always think of and look for collaborators that can complement my skills.

When I left Cambridge at the end of my postdoc to move to France, I thought I was leaving for good. I was wrong. Professor Kalberer moved to Switzerland, at the University of Basel, a couple of years later and a new lectureship position opened in the same subject areas. I applied for that position and here I am as an atmospheric chemistry lecturer. It is a great privilege to be a Fellow at Christ's and I am looking forward to joining the community and contributing to the College life.

HRVOJE JASAK elected a Fellow

How does one join an institution with over 500 years of history? With humility, sense of community and common good. A mechanical engineer by education, I have studied at the University of Zagreb, Croatia and Imperial College London. My topic is numerical simulation of fluid flow, heat transfer and related phenomena using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). Over time, my interests have expanded to continuum mechanics simulations in general, as it provides a reasonably efficient framework for practically useful problems – of the scale one can touch with one's hand. My research is based around OpenFOAM, a popular Open Source numerical simulation package with over 50,000 academic and industrial users worldwide. OpenFOAM has started its life through my doctoral research at Imperial College and has reached a level of maturity that could never have been imagined when a small group of students started developing it in the early 1990s. Jokingly, I have argued that OpenFOAM is popular because of only two reasons: it works, and it is free to use.



Hrvoje Jasak

My current research has moved beyond fluid flow and heat transfer problems towards multi-material and strongly coupled multi-physics, as well as fundamental research in numerics, including implicit Discontinuous Galerkin discretisation on polyhedral meshes, implicit linear algebra on high-performance computing platforms. My current interests in physical modelling include modelling of lubrication and wear in highly loaded bearings; electro-chemistry in fuel cells, Li-ion and liquid metal batteries, solidification and phase change such as in casting and 3-D printing; sequestration of CO₂ from combustion products, free surface flows, naval hydrodynamics and others. The common theme involves multi-scale phenomena and physical models interacting across multiple scales, where CFD methods address continuum-level models and interact with the micro- or macro-scale to deliver device-scale simulations.

In numerical simulation, computer programming is what a word processor is to a novelist: a means of testing and delivering ideas. I am a professional programmer with 30-odd years of experience and over a million lines of software written personally by me. It is a pleasure to know a good portion of my programming output is still in regular use worldwide.

When not working – which is not often – I enjoy music, golf, travel and family activities. Those with good memory might remember judo tournaments between Imperial College and Cambridge University where, appearing for the wrong side, I have enjoyed visits to the Cambridge University Judo Club.

Open Source community shares many commonalities with the College as an institution: a sense of sharing, mutual respect, values and a knowledge that collaboration is just as important as competition. Within this spirit, I look to support the College over the coming years.



Domen Kampjut

DOMEN KAMPJUT elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a structural biologist with an interest in membrane protein complexes and I am currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology where I study the diversity of AMPA receptor complexes, one of the major classes of neurotransmitter receptors in the brain.

I came to Cambridge in 2012 to read Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College and I completed my BA and MSci degrees in Biochemistry in 2016. I have always been fascinated by mitochondrial metabolism and during my time as a student here I was able to become actively involved in research on these topics. I have fond memories working on the evolutionary origin of metabolic pathways and studying the mechanisms of mitochondrial enzymes. After graduation, I decided to move to Vienna to start a PhD in the group of Prof Leonid Sazanov at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria to continue studying mitochondrial respiratory enzymes, mainly the respiratory complex I and transhydrogenase. Advances in electron cryo-microscopy technology, which coincided with my PhD, allowed me to study these enzymes in unprecedented detail. I continue to marvel at how such beautiful and complicated machines have evolved and I find understanding the fine details of biological structures incredibly rewarding.

I am thrilled to be returning to Cambridge to continue exploring the vast diversity of protein machines and the way they function. I am looking forward to being a part of the community of Christ's College and meeting my new colleagues here.



Eleni Katsampouka

ELENI KATSAMPOUKA elected a College Teaching Officer

I am excited and honoured to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow and Lecturer in Law this fall. I am currently completing my DPhil at the University of Oxford where I also teach Tort, Contract and Roman Private Law as a stipendiary lecturer. I hold degrees from the University of Athens (LLB and LL.M, both with distinction), University College London (LL.M, distinction) and the University of Oxford (MPhil, distinction).

I previously served as a Teaching Fellow in Law at UCL. I am also a qualified lawyer (Athens Bar Association) and have practised law in Brussels (European

Commission/Directorate-General for Competition and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton). My research so far has focused on the law of punitive damages. My work has been published in a variety of journals including the *Law Quarterly Review*, the *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* and the *Modern Law Review*.

At Christ's, I will be teaching Tort and Civil (Roman) law. I will also be working on three main research projects. The first project involves turning my doctoral thesis (on punitive damages) into a book. The second project concerns another remedial response available in English private law, namely, aggravated damages. The final project is a co-authored article (with Professor Donal Nolan) about the law relating to liability for negligently inflicted psychiatric illness in the medical negligence context.

CAMILLA NORD elected a Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's as a Fellow and Director of Studies in Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. I am a neuroscientist at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit. I moved to Cambridge in 2017 for a postdoctoral position at the Department of Psychiatry, following my PhD at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London; my first degree was in Physiology, Psychology, and Philosophy from Magdalen College Oxford.



Camilla Nord

During my PhD, I investigated the role of a particular brain region – the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex – in major depressive disorder. There are various biological differences in this region that may underpin some of the key symptoms of depression, and I used brain imaging and brain stimulation to try to understand how its biology might link to clinical outcomes.

In 2017, upon submitting my PhD, I took up a postdoctoral position in Cambridge at the Department of Psychiatry, before moving to the MRC CBU a year later. The MRC CBU is the very picture of pastoral Cambridge: a large garden full of fruit trees (and occasional pheasant), hiding an MRI scanner disguised as a pool-house. Here, my research has started to explore body-brain interactions. This has involved doing some rather exciting experiments looking beyond the brain – for example, whether the state of our stomach alters behaviours and emotions via the gut-brain axis. I have been fortunate to receive grants to continue in this vein, and have started to examine the effect of interventions (medications; brain stimulation) on body-brain mechanisms.

Outside of my academic research, I am writing a popular science book about the neuroscience of mental health, which will be published by Penguin Press. I am looking forward to spending more time in the College as I take up my role as Director of Studies, and am very excited to meet my new colleagues and students at Christ's.

MICHAEL PARSONS appointed as Bursar and elected a Fellow

I am delighted to have been appointed as Bursar. I was Treasurer of the Christ's College Students' Union when I was an undergraduate and really enjoyed working with the then College Clerk (Joyce Alsop) and Bursar (Graham Ballard). My friends remind me that I said at the time that I'd like to be Bursar one day – so this is indeed my dream job!



Michael Parsons

Having studied Natural Sciences for Parts IA and IB, I switched to Computer Science for Part II and my Director of Studies (Ian Leslie) agreed to act as Senior Treasurer for the 1986 May Ball – I vividly recall Ian finding me cleaning up in the gardens the day after, taking the black bag off me, and sending me to the Senate House to read my finals result on the notice board. It was slightly unnerving to find Ian on my interview panel 35 years later!

After graduating, I joined Cambridgeshire County Council and qualified as an accountant. During my time at Cambridgeshire, I worked in the Education, Social Services, Environment and Transport departments – before being appointed Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Services). A few years later in 2008–2009, I took a 6 month career break to travel round the USA, accompanying a friend who was writing a book which required visiting each of the 50 states – I didn't quite make the final few, flying back to the UK for my brother's wedding (Andy Parsons m. 1985). I did, however, get persuaded to enter the NYC Marathon, and have returned to run several times since.

I then joined Hertfordshire County Council as Director of Finance to lead their council-wide transformation programme for three years, before making the shift from local to central government in 2013 and taking up the post of Director General (Capabilities & Resources) in the Home Office. This role was essentially responsible for all the 'corporate services': finance, HR, digital, data and technology, programme and portfolio management, property, commercial, security and Home Office science.

In 2017 I moved to the Cabinet Office as Director General Government Property to lead the cross-government property function – one of the Heads of Function at the centre of government. During this time, I set up the Government Property Agency and initially acted as its Chief Executive; I also took on the role of Cabinet Office Chief Operating Officer for 18 months, at the request of the Cabinet Secretary. I was also a non-executive director on the board of Crown Hosting Data Centres, a government joint venture.

With Brexit and COVID, it has been a challenging few years for the civil service, and whilst I have (mostly) enjoyed the experience, I was pleased to hear the Master describe the Christ's College Fellowship as 'very harmonious' – I am very much looking forward to working in such an environment!



Stephanie Rohner

STEPHANIE ROHNER elected a Fellow

It is my great honour and pleasure to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages. My area of specialization is the literature and culture of Colonial Latin America with a particular interest in the transatlantic circulation of indigenous literary, historiographical, and visual discourses. A native from Peru, I received my BA in Hispanic Literature and Linguistics from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. I then moved to the United States to attend Yale University, where I completed my MA and PhD. After graduation I joined the Department of Languages and Literatures at Oklahoma State University as an Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies. Now, I very much look forward to joining the University of Cambridge and the community of Christ's College.

One of the questions that drive my research concerns how modern ideas about the pre-Columbian past in Latin America have been formed. I look at the eighteenth century as a key moment in this process. Innovative approaches like the exploration

of archaeological sites and the explosion of antiquarian studies in dialogue with the philosophical and scientific trends of the European Enlightenment deeply renewed understandings of indigenous histories and material cultures. In my current book project, I focus on the efforts of the eighteenth-century Mexican Jesuit Francisco Javier Clavigero to compile the pre-Columbian history of Mexico and to systematize native epistemologies from his exile in Italy. In a recent article based on this project, I examined Clavigero's commitment to the education of natives in the viceroyalty of New Spain – present day Mexico and Guatemala – and how he turned to pre-Hispanic educational models to argue for an educational system that would better allow Mexican natives to negotiate their positions within the structures of the Spanish colonial regime.

Outside of my academic work, I enjoy baking, cycling, and surfing.

ALEXANDRU SAVU elected Post-Doctoral Research Fellow and a College Teaching Officer

I am honored and thrilled to be joining Christ's College as a College Teaching Officer in Economics. I first arrived in Cambridge in 2016 to pursue my Master's degree after having completed my undergraduate degree in Amsterdam. The following year, I started my PhD, sponsored by the Gates Cambridge Trust. It has been an exciting journey for me professionally, but also on a personal level.



Alex Savu

Broadly-speaking, my research lies at the intersection of political and development economics. Recently, my research has been focused on two themes which I hope to continue exploring at Christ's. First, I am interested in how institutions affect both the effects of governmental policies, as well as the incentives politicians have to carry them out. For instance, in one of my papers, I inquire as to how the electoral concerns of local mayors dictate their responses to austere central policies, which ultimately impacts local development. Second, I am interested in the recent exacerbation of political polarization and nationalistic tendencies and, more specifically, how different policies as well as social elements such as people learning from each other can play a role in explaining spatial and temporal variations in polarization. As an empiricist, my main goal has been to find ways to analyze observational data in order to distinguish causality from simple correlations, a challenging process in economics, but extremely rewarding once you get it right.

I also greatly enjoy teaching and have done so for a long time – back in middle school, I remember borrowing a whiteboard to teach the math I had just learned to the rest of my family – which is why I've worked as a Teaching Fellow at the Faculty these past four years. I am looking forward to joining the Christ's community.

NICOLE SHERIKO elected AH Lloyd Junior Research Fellow
I am delighted to be joining the Christ's community as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a literary scholar and theatre historian researching popular entertainment culture in Renaissance England, especially early puppetry. After an undergraduate degree in English at Northwestern University, I completed my PhD at Rutgers University and have spent the past year as a Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies.



Nicole Sheriko

My PhD work argued for a more expansive view of Renaissance theatrical culture by reconstructing the performance practices of puppetry, clowning, and animal performance. While these genres are critically overlooked today, they were wildly popular competitors to the commercial drama of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. The majority of my PhD research took place in rare book libraries and museums across North America and the UK, where my most memorable discoveries included the sole surviving print illustration of English Renaissance puppetry and early puppets carried by court jesters.

At Christ's I will extend my PhD work for monograph publication, drawing on the rare books held at Christ's and across Cambridge to consider how representational technologies encode power structures, aiming to both widen our definition of Renaissance theatricality and consider the cultural stakes of imitation in everyday life. I will also undertake a new project on the overlaps between staging medicine and magic, turning to figures like the quack doctors of medieval drama, mountebanks performing illness to sell drugs, and witches as distortions of women's domestic scientific knowledge. As this project brings together literary studies with the history of science, I am thrilled to be working in a library collection that benefits from the legacies of both Milton and Darwin at Christ's.



Matthew Ward

MATTHEW WARD elected W H D Rouse Junior Research Fellow

I am truly delighted to be joining Christ's as W H D Rouse Junior Research Fellow. I am a classicist with a serious interest in Homer and all things related to early Greek epic poetry. This will be my first time in Cambridge: I come to Christ's after a nomadic PhD that started at Royal Holloway in London and finished at Trinity College in Dublin.

My work is characterised (I would like to think) by paying close attention to small and overlooked elements within Homeric poetry in a way that illuminates the texts as a whole. My thesis, for example, explored the poetic functions and affordances of ships in the *Iliad*; I tried to show that ships are not insignificant background objects but rather meaningful material things that enact, encode, and structure the organising systems of the Iliadic world. During my time at Christ's, I plan to continue my work on Homer with a study of the politics of quotation in epic verse. This new project hopes to offer a different interpretation of the function and meaning of repeated phraseology in Homer by studying the politics of appropriation and destabilisation that lie within the common 'repetitions' that constitute the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. Haunting my planned work is a rapidly developing interest in the relationship between regularity and irregularity, disruption, and irruption in Homeric verse. In my spare time, I dream of individual and collaborative contributions that might explore this relationship between continuity and change in terms of the textual criticism, hexameter form, and thematics of Homeric epic.

I am excited to pursue these projects, and others, at Christ's. I have already had a number of kind welcomes before my arrival from soon-to-be colleagues, and I am very much looking forward to being a part of life at the College. It is a great privilege to be a Fellow.

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours

DR RICHARD AXTON (Fellow) was appointed MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2021 for services to Heritage and Environment in Sark.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN BELL (Fellow) has had published *Dreamworlds of Race: Empire and the Utopian Destiny of Anglo-America* (Princeton University Press, 2020). In July 2021, the book won the annual Transatlantic Studies Association/CUP Book Prize. Duncan has also been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID CANNADINE (Honorary Fellow) completes his four-year term as President of the British Academy this July and has recently been elected President of the Birmingham and Midland Institute. He will be spending the next academic year as a Visiting Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin, where he plans to complete his history of the Ford Foundation.

PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY'S (Honorary Fellow) new book, *The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen: Warfare, Constitutions, and the Making of the Modern World*, came out on both sides of the Atlantic in March. She was awarded a fellowship at WIKO in Berlin for this coming academic year and her Honorary Degree from Oxford is due to be awarded this September.

DR ROBERT DIAMOND (Fellow) reports that sadly his wife, Ann, died on 29 August 2020.

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS (Honorary Fellow) has published a book of art theory, *Magie de la ressemblance*, and a poetry collection, *Buissons magiques*, illustrated by the major French artist Claude Garache.

THE REVEREND DR BOB EVANS (Chaplain) has been appointed an Affiliated Lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity.

DR DANIEL FIELD (Fellow) has been appointed Strickland Curator of Ornithology at the University of Cambridge Museum of Zoology.



Daniel Field

DR SEAN FLEMING'S (Fellow) recent book *Leviathan on a Leash* was shortlisted for the Ling Outstanding First Book Prize awarded by the British International Studies Association.

PROFESSOR SARAH FRANKLIN (Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

DR CHIARA GIORIO (Fellow) has been awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry Early Career Award in Environment, Sustainability and Energy. Her

research group at the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry has been investigating the environmental dispersion of neonicotinoid insecticides and the consequential in-flight contamination and acute toxicity for honeybees. Her Group's research explained some of the large and rapid colony collapses observed in Europe. More broadly, the Group's research, together with that of other scientists, has laid the foundation for improving policy around pesticide approval for use in Europe for more sustainable agriculture. Other countries have followed the lead of Europe.

DR HEND HANAFY (Bye Fellow) has had published 'Bentham: Punishment and the Utilitarian Use of Persons as Means' in the *Journal of Bentham Studies*, 2021.



Giovanni
Mantilla

PROFESSOR PHILIP KITCHER (Fellow) has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA (Fellow) has been awarded the American Society of International Law's Francis Lieber Prize for best book in the field of the law of armed conflict for his recent publication, *Lawmaking under Pressure: International Humanitarian Law and Internal Armed Conflict* (Cornell Press).

DR RHIANNON MCGLADE (Fellow) has been elected into a Fellowship at Robinson College from 1 October 2021.

DR DAVID NORMAN (Fellow) has recently published a series of four monographs in a high profile science journal and is writing a short piece for the magazine: *Galapagos Matters*, about the recent collapse of the Darwin Arch, a beautiful natural rock arch (just off the coast of Darwin Island in the Galapagos).

PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS' (Fellow) book about the Brexit debate and our history has now been published in paperback as *Island Stories: An Unconventional History of Britain*. His history of the USA, *America, Empire of Liberty*, which accompanied his BBC4 radio series in 2008–9, has been reprinted by Basic Books in New York with a new chapter on the era of Obama and Trump.

DR CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH (Honorary Fellow) has published *The Art Museum in Modern Times* and is now Chairman of the Royal Drawing School.

PROFESSOR SIR SIMON SCHAMA (Honorary Fellow) had his Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from Cambridge conferred in May 2021.

MS CATHERINE TWILLEY (Fellow) has been appointed a Trustee of the Hawks' Charitable Trust. She has also been volunteering as a steward at the Mass Vaccination Centres during the pandemic, and has trained as a volunteer vaccinator with St John Ambulance.

STAFF NEWS

We have a few goodbyes to say, and some new faces to welcome. **Mr Alan Walker** has retired from his position as one of the College carpenters. Alan has worked at the College since 2005 and has probably worked in every single room in College and all to his very high standards. Also from the Maintenance Team, **Mr Phil Parker** is retiring. Phil has worked at the College, as an assistant electrician since 2006. We wish Alan and Phil all the best in their retirement.



Alan Walker

After working at Christ's for eight and half years, **Ms Dee Kunze** is leaving to take up a post at another college. We wish her the very best in her new role.

Dr Genny Silvanus has joined the College as our new Archivist. She comes to Christ's via Durham, where she has worked for both Durham University and Durham County Record Office and has most recently been the Archivist at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Here, she was responsible for cataloguing, repackaging and moving the archive, as well as taking archives into lessons and providing access to researchers. She was responsible for a rare book collection, small museum, and artwork as well as traditional archives. In addition to caring for the College archive and answering queries, Genny will be working on the Legacies of Enslavement project with Dr Helen Pfeiffer and several student interns over the next two summers.



Phil Parker



Genny Silvanus

The Maintenance Department welcomed **Mr Shaun Hilsden**, as the new College Plumber and **Mr Ibrahim Mobsher** (Ibby) as the new College Carpenter.

Mrs Katie Coakes started her role as the Alumni Communications Officer just before the January 2021 Lockdown. Despite working from home for most of her time in the role, she is getting to grips with College life and looks forward to speaking to, and meeting as many alumni as possible in the coming months. **Mr Sebastian Peel** has joined the College as Development Assistant.

Mr Michael Curnow took up the newly formed role of Housekeeping Manager at the beginning of the academic year, in the middle of the COVID pandemic. Michael commented, 'I believe that this was actually to my advantage as I had no preconceived expectation of life at Christ's College on a day-to-day operational basis.' Prior to this role, Michael worked for fifteen years in the Aviation industry and six years running a small Country house B&B Hotel. He's thoroughly enjoying all aspects of the post and looks forward to continuing his work focusing on the overall experience at Christ's for Fellows, students and commercial clients and guests alike.

STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

THE JCR

President: Brad Jones Vice-President: Iona Fleming Welfare Officers: Emily Durling & Sam Carling Treasurer: Danial Surti Women's Officer: JoJo Compton LGBT+ Officer: Millie Yule BME Officer: Zainab Athumani Environmental & Ethical Affairs Officer: Camille McCarthy Access Officer: Romany Whittall International Officer: Pana Persianis Ents Officer: Thomas Adkins Catering & Facilities Officer: Tamás Vámos Charities & Publicity Officer: Sarah Kapllani-Mucaj Freshers' Reps: Immi Sandhu & Rehan Chagla Fourth Year Officer: Tara Tahseen Webmaster: Becca Tyson

Website: www.thejcr.co.uk

It has been an interesting year for the JCR, to say the least. Coming back to Cambridge under COVID (or as I like to say, *Covidbridge*) posed unique challenges – challenges which, I am glad to say, the JCR Exec rose to spectacularly.

We hit the ground running with a superb Freshers' Week, organised by our brilliant Freshers' Reps (Radek Rochowiak & Grace Beckett). Whilst it wasn't possible to do everything that we would have liked, we managed to replicate the spirit of a normal Freshers' Week – holding bops in households and hosting staggered matriculation dinners throughout the week. The entire Exec pulled together to launch a new Respect & Consent Workshop, which was well received by all.

Towards the end of Michaelmas, the new Exec took over and got to work straight away. In our first week, we made Camfess and the Tab with our survey on the College foxes, who I'm happy to report were not 'trapped and dispatched' and continue to live amongst us undisturbed. Bridgemas under Lockdown 2.0 was a roaring success – the JCR organised free mince pies and mulled wine, delivered biscuit decorating kits to every household, and produced an award-worthy rendition of Santa Baby (with special guest appearances from the Master and Senior Tutor).

Lent was a particularly challenging term. With most of our students away from College, we were once again forced to grapple with a remote term which none of us had anticipated. However, this didn't stop us from doing what we do best – representing, supporting and entertaining the student body. The term started strong with a successful online Shadowing Scheme, overseen by our Access Officer (Romany Whittall) in collaboration with the SU. In-person events may have been impossible, but we made liberal use of Zoom to host an online pub quiz (organised by our Ents Officer Thomas Adkins) and a virtual Halfway Hall, where we were joined by alumnus and former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. The unused bop budget was fundamental in allowing us to launch our Lent Welfare Fund – distributing £3000 to students to buy pretty much anything they wanted, from coffee machines to cuddly toys. It was during Lent that we also got to work on a couple of structural projects – designing a new ballot system for undergraduate hostels and writing a new JCR constitution which, if passed, will add new Disabled Students' and Class Act Officers to the Committee.

By Easter it was (almost) back to business as normal, with most students returning to Cambridge just in time for the delights of exam season. The dreaded Quiet Period, however, was not quite so fearsome as usual; after what was effectively a year-long national quiet period, College agreed to relax the rules a little, giving students time to take advantage of the (rare) good weather and punt to their hearts' content. With Freedom Day looming, the JCR set out to organise an extra-special Garden Party, spearheaded by our Ents Officer and the 2020 May Ball President (Patrick Moran). The Prime Minister may have put a spanner in the works, but this didn't stop us from having a good time – the JCR provided students with free food and drink, allowing us all to celebrate the end of exams in style.

Writing this update proved a challenge. Despite the trials and tribulations of Covidbridge, the JCR Exec has achieved so much that I simply cannot fit everything in. What I can say, however, is a huge thank you to all the Officers on the Exec this year. Leading the undergraduate student body through a global pandemic is no easy feat, and I could not have done it without them.

Brad Jones

THE MCR

*President: Harry Goodhew Secretary: Louise Wells Treasurer: Dan Zhao Welfare: Judith Benoit Vice President/Bar: Sandra Strahlendorf
Committee: Nicole Advani, Mark Barrow, Callum Fairbairn, Max Fenner, Matt Munro, Felix Opolka, Chen Qu, Robyn-Ann Russell-Jones, Juliane Weller, Julia Zbiegły*

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It is hard to talk about the last year without devolving into clichés, a sentiment which itself feels overused. We began with a Freshers' Week that proved a microcosm of the difficulties to come, allowing as much in person interaction as possible whilst keeping the students and staff safe. A challenge which was met by the previous committee with aplomb, arranging for the new graduates to get to know the city through small walking groups and to meet other members of the College in larger, online events such as the Lockdown Quiz. Thankfully, the online move ensured that none of our events suffered from disruptions due to weather. The end of Freshers' Week saw the first Grad Hall from Home of the year, where MCR members were brought together by a shared meal (and the usual tippie of port to end it), despite the distance that separated us. The virtual Welfare Cuppa continued from last year, remaining just as successful and we added the Study Club, encouraging people to work together and to break up the potentially isolating routine of home study. During the rest of the term, we continued our mix of virtual and in-person events including a trip to the botanical gardens, Zoom movie nights, an evening showcasing BAME Liberation Art and Poetry and the annual pumpkin carving competition which, as always, proved a great success. For the first time we ran a workshop on suicide prevention which was found universally helpful to those who attended. Lent term began with the announcement of an even more restrictive Lockdown which moved everything online. The first big event of the term was Burn's Night, complete with an authentic Haggis Address and a virtual ceilidh, which admittedly missed some of the energy of the in-person event. We also had our first Emerging Research Seminar of the year with talks from Dr Katie Dunkley, Benjamin Beresford-Jones and Chen

Qu. We ended the term with two more casual events; a Zoom trip to Australia to meet a llama and learn to draw one, and a virtual escape room where we were tasked with identifying a serial art thief from the various clues he left behind. As the whole country has begun to open up again, we have returned to in-person events in Easter term, which so far has included walks and craft afternoons in which the MCR members showed off the new skills that they had acquired over the Lockdown. The continual easing of restrictions leaves us hopeful for a return to normalcy, starting with a Garden Party, which should prove an extraordinary capstone to a far from ordinary year.

Harry Goodhew

CHRIST'S AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)

President: Millie Yule Vice-President: Sylvie Majorova Treasurer: Emily Durling Secretary: JoJo Compton Publicity Officer: Lucy Sargent General Member: Ryan Morgan General Member: Tom Baarda

Despite the difficult circumstances of the pandemic, CADS has been able to fund several shows and put on a few of its own. The first big event was Christ's December panto, *The One With All the Matriculations*, written by the talented Cicely Norman, directed and produced by second-year students JoJo Compton and Millie Yule. The story followed Alex and her friends as they travelled through time to find the cure to the dangerous peroni-virus. For anyone who did not catch the premiere and would want to see it, it is still available on CADS YouTube channel. Over Lent and Easter, Christ's students were working on another panto, called *Culhwch and Olwen*, in collaboration with students from other Colleges. Based on a Welsh legend, this panto takes place in Medieval Wales where our very manly hero, Culhwch, is cursed by his evil stepmother to fall in love with the daughter of a giant, Olwen. This panto is still being edited, so stay tuned for this exciting project filmed over many Zoom calls! Our annual May Week Shakespeare has been postponed to Freshers' Week in Michaelmas, to give our cast and crew opportunity to rehearse and perform under safer circumstances. Brought to you by students from different Colleges, this diverse group of students is preparing for a performance of *Comedy of Errors*. Outside of Christ's, CADS has funded several ADC shows, such as *Consent*, *Goblin Market*, *Stand Up in the Third Person* and *Eat the Rich*.

Sylvie Majorova

CHRIST'S ART SOCIETY (CAS)

We are proud to say CAS has been surprisingly resilient this year. Throughout Michaelmas 2020, we were allowed to carry on our weekly workshops. This was in contrast to many (or even all) other societies, which went into hibernation. We introduced an online booking system and moved to the Function Room in keeping with Covid-19 safety measures. Our weekly workshops were an oasis to many students. We worked on linocut for five consecutive weeks, providing all the relevant materials and guidance. Linocut requires precision and concentration. It was very inspiring to see the students work on this creative project with such dedication. In Lent, we ran a very successful remote art project, in the first week, everyone was given a prompt (a word/sentence, such as "translation" and "forgetting"). The following

week, the artwork inspired by this prompt was sent to the next person anonymously. That person, in turn, used that art as a prompt for their own work. The art included poetry, photography, painting, digital art, and spoken word. We finally displayed all the work on our website: cas.gallery – please check it out! It was highly inspiring and energising to work on this collaborative project with students across the world without the usual/draining Zoom. As for the final term, we organised a few “art picnics” (given the many famous picnic-themed paintings), with watercolours, along the River Cam. Looking ahead, CAS will be changing leadership. After three years, Chater Paul Jordan and I will be handing over the reins. We hope and trust CAS will remain an academic respite as well as a source of creativity and inspiration within the College!

Eve Oostendorp

CHRIST’S COLLEGE CHOIR

This academic year has, for obvious reasons, not been an easy one for the Choir. With ever-changing, and rarely favourable, public health guidance being particularly unforgiving for choirs, much of the year has been spent finding ways to ensure the musical life of the Chapel continues as safely as possible. However, the Choir has been far from silent; frequently dividing into two halves in order to comply with social distancing requirements, the choristers have had the experience of singing in smaller ensembles as well as in full choir, and our repertoire continues to span Renaissance motets through to music by Christ’s alumna, composer Annabel Rooney. We are looking forward to making a second recording of Annabel’s music in the near future. We have made use of the recently installed audio-visual system in the Chapel to broadcast services for the first time in the College’s history. This has allowed us to reach a congregation who have largely been absent for regular evensong services. We are extremely grateful to those in College who have made this possible! Singing teachers have also continued to provide expert tuition virtually, throughout the year. Once again, the decision was made that an international tour was not going to be possible, but we are hoping that the twice-delayed tour to the USA will now take place in July 2022.

Simon Fraser

MEN’S BOAT CLUB

Easter term will be the first full eight weeks that the boat club will have had on the water this year. After four weeks of rowing in Michaelmas, lockdown restrictions saw boating prohibited until December and then throughout Lent term.

Despite all this, the club has retained a nucleus of keen rowers, supplemented by a raft of new novices. Michaelmas saw M1 return to the water after a seven-month hiatus. Whilst adjusting to the new protocols in place to keep us all safe, we found that, just like when getting back on a bicycle, one rarely forgets how to row.

During Lent term, rowers’ training took place in their own rooms, whether via running, on ergs borrowed from the boathouse, or at the club’s weekly yoga sessions, hosted by Abbie, M1’s coxswain.

This Easter, the men’s side have made a triumphant return to the Cam. Alongside our two senior crews, we have boated two men’s novice crews. M1 and M2 have had their ranks bolstered by the arrival of numerous talented rowers at Christ’s. We are all



Men's Boat Club

training towards the Summer Eights Regatta, to be held in lieu of May Bumps, with an exciting side-by-side format over a 1100m course.

Thanks are in order for Kate Hurst, Boathouse Manager and M1 coach, for her commitment throughout this difficult year, and Maximilian Fenner, who has taken on the unenviable task of stroking one first boat and coaching the other. The dedication shown by our LBCs and our pool of coxes has also been essential to the smooth running of the club.

Herbie Lambden

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

This year has been, unsurprisingly, disruptive for the women's side of the boat house, with the unfortunate cancellation of annual highlights including our trip to Lac Aiguebelette, and races such as Lent Bumps. We were fortunate to start Michaelmas term with a healthy number of senior rowers who were able to enjoy plenty of rowing prior to the second Lockdown in November. Once rowing was permitted again in December, a mixed crew were successful in winning the Christmas Head. During the first-half of Michaelmas, our Lower Boat Captains were able to recruit an exceptional number of novices in spite of the challenges imposed by the pandemic.

During periods of Lockdown, alternative exercise commenced, such as yoga and remote circuit sessions. This was predominantly present in Lent term, in which a weekly competition was held, with prizes for the most activities and an end of term prize kindly donated by the Senior Tutor.

The Easter vacation saw a thankful return to the river. Once Easter term commenced, senior women's rowing was able to fully return, as was novice rowing. We have seen a fantastic number of novice rowers this term, coordinated in an admirable effort from the Lower Boats Captains once again, and we hope will translate into an even stronger women's side for the next academic year. The remainder of term looks



Women's Boat Club

to be exciting for the women's side with the Eights' Regatta and the Press X "Bumps" Head, plus plenty more rowing in the meantime.

Erin Fitzsimons-West

COLOURS

The Christ's College Colours Presidents are pleased to announce that the College Sports Captains voted to award College Sports Colours 2020–2021 to the following students, all of whom have contributed hugely to sport at Christ's:

Lawrence Howard – Football
 Hannah Covell – Badminton
 Herbie Lambden – Rowing
 Omar Kidwai – Cricket
 Alex Blake – Tennis, Hockey, and Badminton
 Michael Collingwood – Football
 Lauren Somers – Football
 Neringa Levinskaite – Badminton
 Patrick Moran – Cricket
 Benedict Aveyard – Rugby
 Elizabeth Guest – Rowing
 Erin Fitzsimons-West – Rowing
 Imogen Holmes – Rowing
 Billy Howard – Football

Sport has again been fairly limited this year, with Michaelmas and Lent competition matches being almost entirely cancelled. Despite this, there's been a lot going on! Pat and Becca, last year's Colours Captains, organised the Triginta-unus-athlon in March, in which students took part in 31 different sports throughout the month

Some of the students awarded Colours this year



from wherever they were in the world. Easter term saw the return of competitive sports, some of which have been out of action for almost two years! We had Cuppers action from football, hockey, and cricket, to varying degrees of success, and despite it being exam term, we had brilliant turn outs for sports teams, including a truly unprecedented 17 people for women's football. As such, we have high hopes for sport next year, and hopefully the return of the Wadham Sports Day.

Emma Parker and Oscar Windrath-Carr

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

The Easter term brought the much-awaited return of college cricket after a hiatus of two years. The Christ's Cuppers campaign began with a 10 over game against

Robinson. Lucian Clinch (27) and Omar Kidwai (53) built a strong opening partnership that allowed Christ's to post a total of 105 and win by a convincing 38 runs. The team then faced Trinity, where a strong bowling performance allowed them to restrict Trinity to 115 in 20 overs, with Emma Parker and Abhimanyu Gowda picking up two wickets apiece. The target was comfortably chased. In the third game, the team faced a tough loss against a strong Jesus side. Batting first, Christ's was bundled out for 91. Despite some tight bowling from Satyam Verma and James Vitali, Jesus was able to chase the target. In the last game of the group stage, Christ's posted 118 in a 15 over game against Clare, thanks to Mikeshe Patel (31) and Omar Kidwai (28). Despite a belligerent start from the Clare openers, the Christ's bowlers were able to claw their way back into the game, with Satyam Verma, James Patchett and Lawrence Howard bowling some brilliant overs. A nail-biting final over ended in a tie, with the teams taking one point each. After a strong performance in the group matches, Christ's qualified for the quarter finals where they aim to continue a successful Cuppers campaign.

Omar Kidwai

MEN'S FOOTBALL

The CCAFC found itself in Division III at the start of the season, and our certain promotion back into Division II was cruelly foiled as College football was trapped in the clutches of the pandemic for most of the year. October began fresh with optimism, with a bumper crop of freshers threatening to break the enforced 30-man limit at many of our opening sessions. The CCCC were duly despatched in our first game of the season, as a man of the match performance from fresher Cameron Bicknell, in midfield was the catalyst for a resounding 7–3 victory. The IIs, led by

veteran skipper Michael Collingwood, began the season red-hot favourites for the Div VI title as they ran riot in an identical 7–3 score line.

With Pat Moran admirably sailing the social ship through uncertain waters as the CCAFC went on tour in sextets to Raja's curry and Cambridge Brewhouse, hope was blossoming of a season of unprecedented times and successes.

However, the Is fell cruelly to defeat against Clare thanks to a fluked cross and a last-gasp winner on the counter, then disaster struck as the November Lockdown hit before the newly-reformed III's team had even had the chance to show their skills on the pitch. Although we were unable to express our love for the club in the university divisions, the CCAFC flourished nonetheless in Zoom socials – such a great sense of dependence was fostered to the club as it got us all through the winter that Matt Harris committed his infatuation to a beautiful blue hair dye.

Come Easter and we were let loose from the leash back onto the fresh grass of the fortress once again. 5-a-side and training sessions resumed with great numbers turning up even during the holidays. With the league cancelled there was only the Cuppers tournament to fight for, and we headed into our second round match against King's with confidence after seeing off Tit Hall 3–1 in a friendly, with Rayo Akande stepping in with some fine reflex saves in a man of the match performance between the sticks. Against King's however we were undone in a 20 minute period in which we shipped four goals despite starting the better of the two teams.

Our dominance of possession and territory in the first half eventually paid off thanks to two set piece goals from Matt Harris, who put in an excellent performance from midfield. 4–2 at half time then, and on the up, we were hopeful of a famous come back. Unfortunately it never quite materialised, as going against the wind with an unlucky injury to vice-captain Matt van Schalkwyk we ultimately gave ourselves too much to do, conceding late on to make the final score line 5–2.

The effort could not be faulted though, both in the match and throughout the year as everyone pulled together to get as much football played as possible. The future of the CCAFC is in safe hands, as next year's committee led by Is captain Cameron Bicknell will look to capitalise on the depth of College talent to deliver promotions galore.

Lawrence Howard

HIPPOLYTANS

Over the past year, the Hippolytans have maintained a sense of community among sportswomen at Christ's, despite the pandemic hampering many of our usual sporting endeavours. We have continued to meet, adapting to the situation with virtual sports quizzes, pub golf, and Zoom socials with the Marguerites. Where possible, between Lockdowns, we enjoyed in-person events such as bowling in October and held our virtual AGM in March. This saw us handover the reins to Rosa Marks (President), Natasha Ross (Social Secretary), and Sarah Posavec (Treasurer). Since then we have made the most of Lockdown easing with punting and other outdoor events as well as getting lots of new sporty freshers and older years alike involved – we were excited to accept eleven new members. The committee is hoping to organise a garden party in June, as well as a summer tour with the Marguerites, and is excited for College sport to resume in full next term.

Hannah Covell



Mixed Lacrosse Team

MIXED LACROSSE

Team list: Caitlyn Furley, Noah Hatchwell, Lucienne Jacobs, Thomas Adkins, Oliver O'Brien, Mikesh Patel, Robert Cooper, Eve Oostendorp, Patrick Moran, Rosa Marks, Eebbaa Elfneh

This year's lacrosse season got off to a very strong start with a bumper crop of first-year students enlisted. Our team swelled in numbers to the extent that we could play with players on the bench. The vast majority of our players had never picked up a lax stick before so it was great to see such enthusiasm and even some skill on the pitch. The inter-college league saw some impressive matches and goals scored against Churchill and Selwyn, such as that of the gazelle-like Robert Cooper. Our season ended all too quickly with the advent of the second Lockdown. I'd like to give recognition and a thank you to finalists (and co-captain) Eebbaa Elfneh, as well as Patrick Moran, for their commitment to mixed lacrosse throughout their time at Christ's and wish them all the best for their bright lacrosse careers ahead.

Thomas Adkins

MARGUERITES

Although this has been a difficult year for the Marguerites, there have been some moments to celebrate and in particular we'd like to thank Dr Visvan Navaratnam for all the work he has done and continues to do in helping the club. Vis has now been supporting the club for 50 years and we are all incredibly grateful for how he has helped to shape the Marguerites over this time. As with many societies, we found our hopes for a more 'normal' year significantly impacted by the pandemic in Michaelmas term. Despite this, we managed to enjoy a number of social events before the November Lockdown, several of which were organised in conjunction with the Hippolytans, which also gave us the opportunity to welcome in some new freshers who had engaged well with College sports. Unfortunately, the January Lockdown proved even more challenging, as many members were not back in Cambridge and

all university sport was postponed until Easter. However, we were able to hold the AGM over Zoom, leading to the election of Felix Asare (President), Robert Cooper (Secretary), Mikesh Patel (Treasurer) and Oscar Windrath-Carr (Colours Captain), taking over from Patrick Moran, Herbie Lambden and Alex Blake respectively. Easter term brought hope of more sporting activity and social events, with members being fully involved with various teams across the College. However, whilst we did manage to hold some in-person events, the garden party was unfortunately cancelled for the second successive year due to the pandemic.

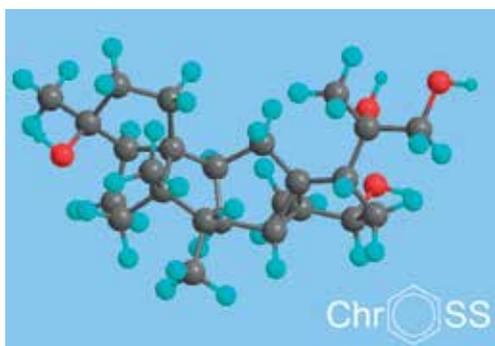
Felix Asare

MEDICAL SOCIETY

This year was unusual in many ways, but the community of Christ's Medicine students has remained strong throughout. COVID-19 restrictions meant many of the traditional events were unable to go ahead in their usual form, but Christ's College Medical Society (CCMS) was nonetheless able to bring medical students together for social and educational events this year. In lieu of the traditional MedSoc formal, a socially distanced picnic in groups of six was held in the Christ's Fellows' Garden in Michaelmas. Welfare events moved onto Zoom, with the CCMS committee putting cake and teabags into everyone's pigeonholes before hand, for everyone to then enjoy together, albeit virtually. However, the most important traditions were able to continue as usual, with Christ's Medics continuing to always support one another, both within and between years. We are all very grateful for the support of Dr Stewart, Dr Huang-Doran and all the other supervisors who have worked so hard to provide for us this year. CCMS hopes to host its annual Garden Party in May Week in order to bring the community together to celebrate the end of a challenging year as well as the end of exams.

Abe Tolley

CHRIST'S COLLEGE ORGANIC SYNTHESIS SOCIETY



In its second year, ChrOSS has been able to expand its reach and capabilities despite all of the limitations of a difficult year for everyone. The society was set up as a place where people could discuss anything that fascinated them about chemistry and has quickly grown to focus on a specialised area – organic synthesis, the science of constructing molecules.

We opened up the year with a case study in a classic total synthesis of lysergic acid from R.B. Woodward back in 1954. Presentations on C-X disconnections, the Wittig reaction and amine synthesis followed in Michaelmas, as well as more workshops and case studies. After a break in Lent, we returned in Easter for three more case studies of modern syntheses from the years 2021, 2006 and 1996.

It is difficult to express the depth of gratitude for those who were able to attend our online sessions this year – it is immensely encouraging to see enthusiastic people

engaged in something they are equally passionate about and interested in, taking part in additional work outside of their courses without ever being asked. Special thanks to the Christ's first years Abhimanyu Gowda and Oli Lewis for their challenging and creative approaches, and Magdalene third year Gareth Hart as always for providing support while we worked on two syntheses for the NRC this year and last. We look forward to reaching out to new people, returning to online classes in Z-basement, and building teams for competitions next year.

James Proudfoot

CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCRFC)

Team list: Rory Durham, Jean-Michael Mauge, Felix Asare, Benedict Aveyard, Amritz Ansara, Caleb Cole, Harry Goodbew, Tom Wilkins, Nicholas MJ, Ian Holdroyd

It has been, as ever, a year of mixed emotions for the CCRFC. There have been some excellent highs; notably, the club went unbeaten in the rugby-lite, government-approved, touch rugby season over Michaelmas, and have put in some strong performances at touch tournaments in Easter term. We are looking forward to finally getting up close and personal with the other Colleges when contact rugby restarts with a sevens tournament after exams. Off-the field performances have also been strong, with club traditions continuing to be passed down virtually via Zoom socials.

Unfortunately, this year has also seen some lows too. It has been difficult keeping the team cohesive through long Lockdowns, particularly during Lent when no physical activity was permitted at all. However, as restrictions begin to lift it seems that more students than ever are keen to give the great game a go, and we have had excellent attendance at recent sessions. Few, if any, members are graduating this year and with any luck, the 2021/22 season will permit a full return to contact and a competitive set of fixtures. Up the Brown Rings!

Rory Durham



The Famous Christ's wisteria

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Prizes 2020

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of 2020.

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic

Levy-Plumb Prizes G.S.A. Beckett, A.M. Williams

Archaeology

Levy-Plumb Prizes M.M. Del Carretto, J.J.C. Meynell

Architecture

Levy-Plumb Prizes M.A. Chamorro Osejo (Exhibition), M.E. Holmes, N. Sreekumar (Exhibition)

Walter Wren Prize J.E. Lake

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Syed Mahmood Prize T. Adkins

Classics

S. G. Campbell Exhibition Prize R.T. Morgan

Rev'd E. T. S. Carr Prize T.H. Baarda

Harrison Prize E.L. Sands

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prizes Z. Farndon, F. Frankopan, L. Jacobs,

N. Montague-Jones, L.M. Sargent

Thompson Prize K. Phillips

Computer Science

College Prizes N.H. Carson, M.-A. Ocian (Exhibition), D.R.S. Phelps, M. Sinkievic, S. Stoykov

Sir Robert Cox Prize A. Roy

Bob Diamond Prize A.D. Tapasvi

Economics

College Prizes S. Agrawal, A. Aiyar-Majeed, V.Z.J. Chuang, L.J. Ibbotson, B.Y.N. Lui, E.-W. Mok, D.P. Nagy, N. Sharma, D. Surti (Exhibition)

James Meade Prize D. Lee

A. R. Prest Prize L.F. Righetti

Engineering

College Prizes B. Balazs (Exhibition), A.J. Cai, J. Chen, M. Collingwood, S.P. Drury, C.U. Ifeobu, A. Jain, O.G. Jones, C.Y. Kok, C.K. Lee, Y.H. Lim, N. Loo, J.R.M. Neill, M.H. Nguyen, H. Radia, J. Tan, T. Wang, Y. Wang (Exhibition), Z. Zhu

M. R. Lynch Prizes	J.H. Chia, Y.S. Gaikwad, S. Kwon, S.J. Sindhi, Y. Liu, R.A. Pai, D.N.L. Soutar <i>in Chemical Engineering</i> , X. Wu
Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize	Y. Song
T. C. Wyatt Prize	B.A. Zandonati
<i>English</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prizes	E.E. Cavendish, E.I. Gold, H.A. Hammans, A. Marshall, C. Marshall, J.-M. Maugue, A.L. Heyland-Morrin, S. O'Neill, O.G. Railton, E. Shardlow, I.O.C. Wade, A.J. Tulloch
Milton Prize	K.O. Mountford
Skeat Prizes	M.A. Calinescu, O. Sutherland
<i>Geography</i>	
College Prizes	P.G. Moran (Exhibition), B.T.-W. Ng, F.P. Rigg, F.M. Wiggins
Parker Prize	E.M. Nyborg
<i>History</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prizes	J.L. Broomfield, W.J. Coombs, R. Marks (Exhibition), F. Mitchell, C.A. Norman, G. Odell, A.J. Pountney (Exhibition), C.N. Ross (Exhibition), B.E. Rymer, S. Sokolov (Exhibition), H.E.A. Wright, M.J.B. Yale (Exhibition), A. Yule (Exhibition)
Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes	H.D. Coleman, S. Crawley
Sir John Plumb Prize	I.N. Griffiths
<i>History of Art</i>	
Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize	F. Sharp
<i>History and Modern Languages</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prize	E. Elfneh
<i>History and Politics</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prize	P.A. Bradbury
<i>Human, Social, and Political Sciences</i>	
College Prizes	L.E.L.-C. Chan, J.L. Conway, P.C. Engelbrecht-Bogdanov, A. Howis, R. Jordana, A. Parry-Davies, N. Rahman, J. Simms, D. Stoyanova, V. Vassilieva, S.R. West (Exhibition)
Dr Fred Eade Prize	F.B. Jerris
Haddon Prize	P.P.Y. Sautereau du Part

<i>Land Economy</i> College Prize	M.E.L.P. Murdin
<i>Law</i> College Prizes	S.S. Aatreya, A. Brucher, C.L.A. Edmonds (Exhibition), E.J. Fogg (Exhibition), C.R. Moore (Exhibition), I.D. Pietroui (Exhibition), T.A. Sewell
de Hart Prizes	A. Charidemou, C.H.J. Foong, M.L.W.M. Hangchi, E.M.L. Ho, J. Munt, T.P. Withers
Rapaport Prize	M.L.W. Mason
<i>Linguistics</i> Levy-Plumb Prizes Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize	N.G.A. Edwards, Y. Zhang I.S. Davies
<i>Mathematics</i> College Prizes	M. Chaffe, J. Chevalier Drori, J. Dobrowolski (Exhibition), J.J. Kisel (Exhibition), K.H. Law (Exhibition), N. Patel
Kelly Prizes Dr J. A. J. Whelan Prizes	M.A. Gutierrez Guillen, C.E. Murphy A. Furse, D. Kozevnikov, C. McDougall, J. Paliulionyte, M.T. Róg, H.J. Stuart, G. Zaphiris
<i>Medical and Veterinary Sciences</i> College Prizes	R.M. Cooper, W. De Vivo, E. Fitzsimons-West, V.O. Gupta, K.L. Hempson, N. Quigley, E.A. Samuel, A.L. Tolley
Jennifer Perelman Exhibition Prize Michael Perelman Prizes Rapaport Prize Staines Read Prize Szeming Sze Prizes	W. Hajee-Adam K. Matsumoto, A.M. Pillay, M. Takla I.C. Phillips J.W. Howard Dicks J.S. Dulku, M. Ganeshwaran
<i>Modern and Medieval Languages</i> Latimer Jackson Prize W. B. Lauder Prize Levy-Plumb Prizes	L.O. Baines B. Crawford R.W. Bertoli-Mitchell, E. Bringer (Exhibition), E.L. Dodds (Exhibition), I. Fleming, B.M.S. Jones, H.A.F.G. Lederman, P. Lo Presti Costantino, O. Togher (Exhibition), A.T.C. Whitehead
<i>Music</i> Canon Greville Cooke Prizes	F.K.A. Asare (Exhibition), C.V. Watters

Natural Sciences

Valerie Barker Prize
College Prizes

J. Proudfoot
E. Baltas, A. Bibekar, W.J. Chadwick,
S.C. Clark, A. Faher, V. Forester (Exhibition),
G. Haskell (Exhibition), J.H. Gayford
(Exhibition), M. Gostelow, I.J. Holdroyd,
K.M. Iwanowski, O.M. Kidwai, X.J. Koay,
D. Kuryla, H.J. London, J.W. McLean, Z.L.
Moore Ferriday, J. Ong, L.Y. Renshaw, A.
Risebrow, E.J. Simmons, J.G. Smith,
Z. Zhao

Darwin Prize
P. J. Fay Prize
Greig Prizes

E. Ribinskas
I. Timofeev
M.M. Constantinescu, J. Jones,
E. Kaziukenas, Y.Z. Lu, R.A. Martin,
P. Suman, J. Tett, J. Zhang, I.X. Zou
E. Hearne
J.W. Wee, C.Q.Y. Whiting
J. Pelanskis
A. Albert Flores
E.R. Guest, T. Liu, M.A. Zecca
J.S. Chai, D.T. Famili, A.F. Tocher

Sir Arthur E. Shipley Prize
Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prizes
Rosabel Spencer-Thomas Prize
Lord Todd Prize
Todd-Salters Prizes
Simon Wilson Prizes

Philosophy

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize
Levy–Plumb Exhibition Prize

L.S. Somers
S. Corbey Tobin

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

College Prizes

G.T.L. Dawes, S.H. Kong, E.M. Oostendorp
(Exhibition), Y.I. Reid-Linfoot,
W. Wang (Exhibition), K.Y.K. Wong

Theology and Religious Studies

Fitzpatrick Prize
Bishop Gell Prize
Rev'd J. D. Ridout Prize

F. Bradley
C.R. Tuffrey
M. Kaminska

Prizes 2021

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of June 2021.

Archaeology

Levy-Plumb Prizes M.M. Del Carretto

Architecture

Levy-Plumb Prizes M.A. Chamorro Osejo, M.E. Holmes,
Z.S. Kwatra

Classics

S. G. Campbell Exhibition Prize E. Mansell
Rev'd E. T. S. Carr Exhibition Prize L.M. Sargent
Harrison Prize A. Saladyte
Thompson Prize N. Montague-Jones

Computer Science

College Prizes W. Pan (Exhibition), M. Sinkievic, K. Susters
Sir Robert Cox Prize A.D. Tapasvi
Bob Diamond Prize C.Y.A. Lo

Economics

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prizes A. Sanil Kumar, N. Sharma
College Prizes M.T. Brogaard, B. Holland, M.Y.E. Leong,
R. Liu, O.J.R. Norbury, D. Surti, A. Tkacz,
T. Vamos
James Meade Prize V.Z.J. Chuang
A. R. Prest Prize E.-W. Mok
Walter Wren Prize D. P. Nagy

Engineering

College Prizes B. Balazs *in Chemical Engineering*, J. Chen,
Y.S. Gaikwad, S. Kwon, T. Le Xuan,
R. Navickas, Z. Qin, J. Zhao
M. R. Lynch Prizes J. Chen, J.X. Ho, J.H.J. Lee, S. J. Sindhi,
D.N.L. Soutar *in Chemical Engineering*,
A.S.L. Wang, L. Zhang, Z. Zhu
Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize B.A. Zandonati
T. C. Wyatt Prize A.J. Cai

English

Levy-Plumb Prizes S. Ashroff, C. Borges Dantas, C.N. Cheong,
J.W. Harrington, A. Marshall, C. Marshall,
J.-M. Mauge, S. O'Neill, D.L. Pereira,
L. Phipps, P.C.M. Prendergast-Coates, F.
Quinn (Exhibition), O.G. Railton,

Milton Prize	H. Richards, R.F.S. Schechter, A.J. Tulloch,
Skeat Prizes	I.O.C. Wade (Exhibition)
	M.A. Calinescu
	E. Shardlow, A.J. Winter
<i>Geography</i>	
College Prizes	E. Elfneh, B.T.-W. Ng
Parker Prize	P.G. Moran
<i>History</i>	
Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes	J.L. Broomfield, A.J. Pountney
Levy-Plumb Prizes	M. Condron Asquith, F.P. Kirman,
	H. Lambden, R. Marks, A.M.W. Maynard,
	C.A. Norman
Sir John Plumb Prize	S. Crawley, H.E.A. Wright
Sir Simon Schama Dissertation	F. Mitchell
Exhibition Prize	
<i>History of Art</i>	
Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize	C. Paul Jordan
<i>History and Modern Languages</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prizes	N.A.E. McDowall, N. Sharma
<i>History and Politics</i>	
College Prizes	S.P. Grankin, S.R. West
<i>Human, Social, and Political Sciences</i>	
College Prizes	G. Armiero, L.E.L.-C. Chan,
	A. Parry-Davies, R.L. Queiros,
	P.P.Y. Sautereau du Part, D. Stoyanova,
	V. Vassilieva, C.O. Wessels
Dr Fred Eade Prize	F.B. Jerris
Haddon Prize	E. Burnett-Stuart, M.A. Osborne
<i>Land Economy</i>	
College Prize	M.R. Brzozowski, M.E.L.P. Mordin
	(Exhibition)
<i>Law</i>	
College Prizes	C.H.J. Foong (Exhibition)
de Hart Prizes	A. Charidemou (Exhibition), M.Z.K. Law,
	J. Munt, C.E. Novell, H.J. Patel, S.G. Verma
Sir Elihu Lauterpacht	C.L.C. Ho
Dissertation Prize	
Rapaport Prizes	M.L.W.M. Hangchi, C.R. Moore

Linguistics

Levy-Plumb Prizes

N.G.A. Edwards, E. Parker, A.L. Roadnight,
R.A. Whittall*Mathematics*

College Prizes

S.P. Hauke, J. Severn, A. Yan, M. Yan,
G. Zaphiris

Kelly Prizes

S. Uthayakumar, C. McDougall

Dr J. A. J. Whelan Prizes

S.E. Baines, J. Chevalier Drori,
M.A. Gutierrez Guillen, D. Kozevnikov,
J. Morris, H.J. Stuart, V. Suresh*Management Studies*

College Prizes

A. Tsylnitska, A.J. Yardley

Medical and Veterinary Sciences

College Prizes

J. Bawa, R.M. Cooper (Exhibition),
G.M. Jones, Z. Lin, L.M. Lucini
(Exhibition), S.G. Perkins, A.C.S. Pierret,
R.E. Thompson, K.R. Toms

Jennifer Perelman Prize

S.D. Pinches

Michael Perelman Prizes

C.M. Magrath, O. Paschalis, E.A. Samuel

Staines Read Prize

A.M. Pillay

Szeming Sze Prizes

A.R. Champion, C.B. Cole,
M. Ganeshwaran, A.K.M. Lim,
K. Sosnowski, A. Varma*Modern and Medieval Languages*

Latimer Jackson Prize

I. Horspool

W. B. Lauder Prize

R. Rochowiak

Levy-Plumb Prizes

E. Bringer, J.C. Caminer, S. Chander,
S.S. Clare, K.F. Falconer (Exhibition),
B.M.S. Jones (Exhibition), D. Little,
S.L.P. Macadam (Exhibition), C. McCarthy,
F. Metcalfe, B.M. Mulholland (Exhibition),
P.A. Persianis*Music*

Canon Greville Cooke Prize

J. Jeffery

Natural Sciences

Valerie Barker Prize

C. T. Day

College Prizes

K.S. Angell, T. Baycroft, R.R. Chagla,
J.W.J. Chang, M.M. Constantinescu,
G. Haskell (Exhibition), L. Ivey, K.M.
Iwanowski, J. Jones, S. Kapallani Mucaj,
O.E. Lewis, Z. Liu, M.W. Malowidzki, J.
Ong, I.C. Phillips, P. Rukovansky,

Darwin Prize
 P. J. Fay Prize
 Greig Prizes

Sir Arthur E. Shipley Prize
 Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prize
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Philosophy

Levy-Plumb Prize

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

College Prizes

Theology and Religious Studies

Revd Canon Burrows Prize
 Edith Elmslie Prizes
 Fitzpatrick Prize

T. Tahseen, M. Takla, S.M. Williams
 (Exhibition), T.E. Wood, Y.L. Yeung
 A.L. Tolley
 J.G. Smith
 J. Bi, E. Bru, E.S. Jaaskelainen,
 O.M. Kidwai, R.A. Martin, J.T. Mutch,
 E.J. Simmons, P. Suman, J.W. Wee
 H.J. London
 S. Carling, J.W. Howard Dicks
 C. Furley
 D. Kuryla
 N.M. Allen, J. Proudfoot, Z. Zhao
 E. Kaziukenas, J. Pelanskis, A.F. Tocher

S. Corbey Tobin

E. Bagdades, G.T.L. Dawes, S. Majorova
 (Exhibition), E.M. Oostendorp, O.M. Stecko

P.G. Llewelin
 R. Jenkins (Exhibition), C.R. Tuffrey
 S.R.A. Jullien



Sunlight through the gate from the Fellows' Garden

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Viewing and Tasting Old King Street

“There was something special about being in College for the first year: the separating silence behind the library holding walls, the memories of Milton to Darwin, to C P Snow, the sheer self-contained proximity of so many your own age, and even supervisions in the same enclosed space.

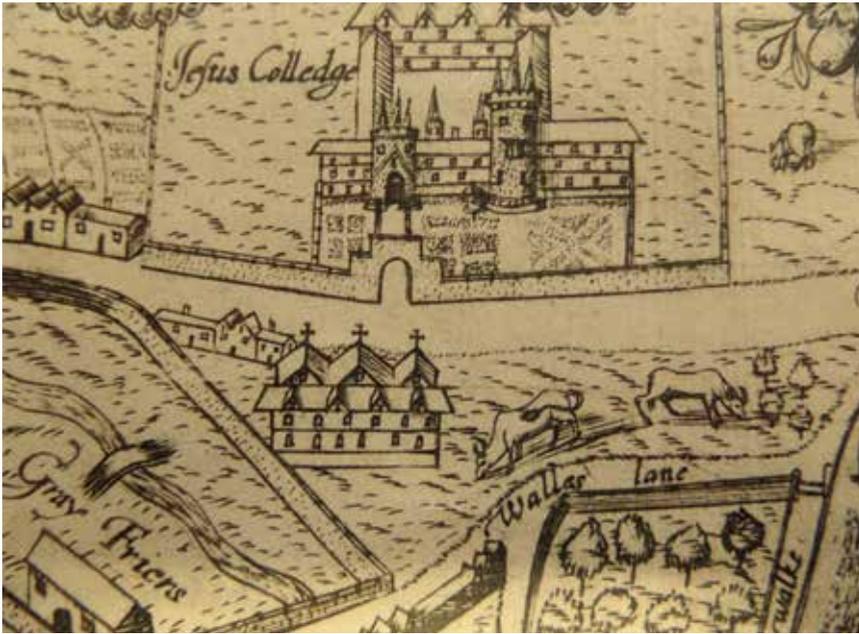
And then it would feel claustrophobic. So, out the gate, Hobson Street, round to the corner house eating place for moussaka and chips – everything and chips, from Greek to rice dishes – with chips. Just opposite, for another chunk of reality, the betting shop; while stretching all the way to the Radegund pub, King Street.

Third year, home was Pikes Walk – between King Street and Christ's Pieces. In the drive to finals, when focus narrowed to ‘part two’, to job applications, deciding a future, preparing for what one interviewer triumphantly called the real world; in that period one part of ‘real’ was the Radegund pub. Champion of the Thames was good, but Radegund was closer, smaller. It had a larger sounding juke box, and, easier to get on the dart board. There was a solid routine. Near ten pm, lay aside books, papers, pens, quotes, then into King Street, to the pub and darts. And on results day: to the Radegund, midday, unsatisfied Rolling Stones at full volume, no half hour limit on drinking, and hopelessly, joyously, inaccurate darts.” Tony Hill (m. 1963)

With Tony's short memoir, I share below some of its recollections of student life at the time, with a particular focus on King Street, looking at how this old street on the outer boundaries of the medieval city came under siege immediately after our group's departure in 1966. What was lost and what survives behind and even *within* the rear walls of Christ's are reviewed. The Scales Brewery site stood in part of what is now Christ's College land.

Old King Street

Named “Walles Lane” due to the winding path it takes around the long outside boundary of Christ's College, it became “King Street” in the 1700s starting from the sharp bend where Hobson Street, also a new name, ends. At this point, the lane crosses the ditch now long buried under the roadway here. Before the name changed, Walles Lane was a short-cut between St Andrew's Street and the Newmarket Road and was thus an alternative to using Jesus Lane. Whilst the latter was kept mainly free of commerce, Walles Lane rapidly filled with a variety of enterprises, small houses



*Richard Lyne's
late-16thC
woodcut map*

and the inevitable pubs at the service of residents and travellers. Our first maps of Cambridge¹ already show the lane developed for much of its length on both sides. As you journeyed into the centres of other cities all across Europe in the Middle Ages you found trades open for business in similar workshop/shop/house units on the approaching lanes like Waller Lane. Never having been a gated city, Cambridge grew like a plant in open soil, not a pot plant, with streets and lanes full of houses, shops, inns and pubs leading out to its surrounding rural setting. Commerce was found in all the streets that encircled Christ's. Only Christ's Pieces and the Fellows' Garden were jealously preserved from development.

Making use of photography and archival records such as the Census we can capture a later portrait of King Street as it was for the Victorians. The older houses had given way here and there to the taller, brick buildings of the 1800s but no further big changes took place in the street from 1860 to 1960 and, by the time we arrived as undergraduates, the street had matured in the wood for a whole century to give it an even stronger aroma of antiquity. One picture shows this curving and alluring first view along the street just as it would have appeared if you came down Hobson Street and turned the bend: one of the pubs, the Cambridge Arms, is on the right; the Corner House is the three-storey building on the left well-known for its portions of the chips we rarely got with College meals in the tradition-haunted Sixties. Farther down the old street are seen varied walls, roofs and chimneys that make an inviting, village-like scene or even perhaps a little piece of Soho in miniature carried north from near the banks of the Thames to the edge of the Fens. How could we resist this

¹ Two exceptional early maps exist: Richard Lyne's late-16thC woodcut and the engraved map by David Loggan, about 1700, both of which clearly depict Waller Lane. Loggan's birds-eye views of Christ's and Sidney Sussex colleges are also extremely informative.

curving street and 'down town' district that contrasted so much with the formality of the College's buildings and gardens and the plain suburbs at home from which many of us had recently arrived to meet new friends and to begin work on our degrees?

The King Street Run was supposedly invented as a student drinking game in 1955. At that time there were at least six pubs open and the aim of the game was to drink a pint in each during a single evening with perhaps a seventh and eighth pint to top-up and make a gallon if you could still hold it. I never tried it and I only know one person who did, but he was successful in drinking all eight. Despite uncertainty about the total number of pubs, the Run has entered the storybooks and the former Horse and Groom, a survivor from those days, changed its name later to commemorate the famous but rare event. A list is shown below alphabetically and readers are invited to comment, correct, add or subtract:

'Run pubs' arranged alphabetically:

Name today	Origin and date	Brewer	Today
Cambridge Arms	Part of Scales Brewery. Built 1866	Scales, Barclay Perkins, Wells & Winch, Greene King	Survives in other use
Champion of the Thames	Old house – then pub	Star, Bailey & Tebbut, Greene King	Pub today
Earl Grey	Mid-1800s	N/K	Survives in other use
Horse and Groom	Mid-1800s	N/K	Pub today (King Street Run)
Radegund	1890	Star	Pub today
Royal Arms (or King's Arms)	1830s		Still in use in 1861 Census. Rebuilt in 1972 but called Glaziers Arms

Other pubs:

Boot	Mid-1800s	Letchworth Ales	Unknown
Yorkshire Grey	Existed 1860–1960	Freemans, Star	Demolished



*King Street in
the 60s*

The King Street pubs seem to have done not badly since 1970 and you can still get a beer in four of them (COVID permitting) as well as at licensed restaurants and off-sales outlets elsewhere in the street. Most of the pubs shown here are on the south side of King Street which was subject to demolition to a lesser degree than the north. With up to eight pubs at any one time from about 1860 to 1960, King Street was well supplied. The presence of students as customers would have helped to increase the demand for beer beyond the requirements of local residents, but I believe that during a time when most walked or cycled to and from their places of work the 'short cut' nature of the street must have made a contribution of its own. When the entire Jesus College estate is considered, it is notable how the terraces of larger houses in select areas such as New Square and on the main frontages of Jesus Lane are lacking in local pubs. The Elm Tree in Orchard Street, the Coachmakers Arms in John Street (from at least 1871) and the somewhat older but recently defunct Hopbine in Fair Street being three of those that did trade as pubs in this otherwise dry and predominantly residential quarter of Cambridge laid out about 1830+ as a planned development. The eastern end of the area, also known as 'the Kite' due to its shape on maps, was economically deprived and was believed to contain illicit workshops, the homes of prostitutes and other places not well regarded in the Guildhall. Demolished 1970 to 1980 to be replaced by the Grafton Centre and other modern developments on East Road, its fate was severe.

Partial demolition and redevelopment of King Street

Alleys, passages and yards were situated at some points just behind the King Street frontages together with run-down properties in the street itself. These had been cheaply constructed, were small and had been considered during the years of social reform in the late-1800s and even into the 1960s as unworthy of retention. A row

of small houses in Jesus Lane was even known as 'the Pigs' Barracks', and these were pulled down in 1899. Nearer the College, Christ's Lane was then a row of ramshackle structures between St Andrews Street and Christ's Pieces, and it gave way post-War to Bradwells Court (existed about 1955–2005). This was a small shopping precinct with an open central pedestrian concourse much like those in Stevenage New Town. It stood on a convenient short cut between the city centre and the Bus Station and was always full of people.

Due north of the College, Trinity Place consisted of a row of about 24 sub-standard small cottages and was still shown on the 1900 Ordnance Survey map in a position immediately behind Third Court and alongside the west wall of the Fellows' Garden. Across the street, another row of very small almshouses stood completely hidden from view behind the frontages at the west end of King Street and these almshouses backed on to the Vicarage Garden of All Saints Church. The vicarage and the cottages were both among the properties demolished in 1970.

Jesus College was the major landowner in this quarter of the city and there was probably a good deal of embarrassment among the Fellowship about the ancient foundation's vast estate containing so many 'classic slums'. It is hard to know exactly what prompted the decision, but in July 1965 the Bursar at Jesus was already in correspondence with an architect's firm² and plans, models, maps and drawings were soon being prepared for the demolition and replacement of about half of King Street especially on its north side where the College owned nearly all the sites. When the clearance work got under way the Head Porter obligingly took photographs of the work in progress and thanks to the recent release by Jesus College Archives we are able to regain a fair idea of what was planned and then partially completed. A photo in my collection also records the reaction: the theology post-grads of Westcott House were surrounded by the work on site and some of them went out into the street to register their own protest against such wholesale destruction of the heritage. Although not without flaws, King Street would today have been preserved via private sales to individual property owners intending to restore, improve and up-grade the bijou houses. But in those days there was not much prospect of rising values for artisan housing and Jesus College probably looked on most of King Street as a financial liability. After the years of war and austerity the backlog of maintenance issues in these decaying areas so close to Jesus College was a daunting one. Even the parish church, All Saints, was declared redundant and was ready for demolition despite being listed Grade I. The unused building was kept up by the (former) Redundant Churches Fund who have gradually restored this masterpiece of Victorian church architecture and decoration. All Saints was finally reprieved by City planners in a decision note issued in January 1980.

In the end, King Street was redeveloped along much of its north side with the current main blocks of low-rise housing, two off-street car parks, a new shopping row with a covered pavement and a re-routed Manor Street that would allow

² The architects who worked for Jesus College were the Wallingford firm of Morton, Lupton and Smith. They were recognised as being modernist in their attitude to buildings and design and enjoyed many connections with the academic community. Ivor Smith (1926–2018) is believed to have been the main author of the King Street scheme. The Jesus College archives are immensely helpful in learning about the origins of the project and its partial abandonment that prevented the eastern end of King Street and its exit into the Newmarket Road also being lost.



Sidney Street in the 60s

traffic including buses to exit the city centre and reach Jesus Lane. Up to this time the city's buses had passed along Sidney Street, performed a U-turn opposite the Round Church and come back down Trinity Street! Traffic in the city centre was extraordinary: Petty Cury was full of cars and even had a zebra-crossing at one point, cars were parked nearly everywhere and part of the Market Square was at one time a civic car park with its own parking attendant.

What followed

Although the reconstruction of Petty Cury and Lion Yard was a commercial venture aimed at enhancing rental values, it was done against a background of a desire to improve the area and to bring it into the modern era of mass consumer-led retailing that found a willing ally in the City Council whose aims for decades had been similar. There was no immediate backlash. Our 1963 group had already returned to collect our MA degrees in the usual summer ceremonies and in 1970 we were sufficiently distracted by our own affairs so as not to notice the demolition work that had already begun across the street from the College gateway. It was only when we made return visits to the university city much later that the sense of loss began to bite.

King Street was somewhat different. It still 'belonged' to us in some way and there is no doubt that its partial loss was felt more quickly and more keenly. The construction of the blocks of housing on the Jesus-owned areas followed by the extensions to Christ's College that loom over a section of the street on the opposite side were impossible to ignore. The scale, building materials and architectural style of the new blocks differ from their surroundings in such a noticeable way that you cannot be either neutral or indifferent to the results. There had been some kind of reaction, about which I should like to learn more details if possible, and the case came to the notice of interested parties even beyond the Cambridge communities. The country was emerging from wartime with bombed out cities being rebuilt on the cleared sites of their ancient centres and vast areas being given over to new



Demolition of half of Petty Cury



Extent of demolition of Petty Cury



*Petty Cury
mid-60s with
the Guildhall
in distance*

road schemes and mass housing. The creation of the Westway in Kensington and Paddington had destroyed vast areas of West London in the late-Sixties and led to one of the few protest marches that ever took place against a planning scheme when the new highway was invaded in August 1970. Although ex-railway land and bomb sites provided space for new housing schemes, other areas of Georgian and Victorian housing were cleared in the same cause of social improvement but not without giving rise to protests and media attention.

The two schemes of re-development were played out against the first significant changes to the town planning regulations since the War. Under these rules of the game, Lion Yard and Petty Cury might have survived.

Voices such as that of Sir John Betjeman were raised to engage public support for decrepit and unloved buildings. There would soon follow a publishing phenomenon on the topic of 'lost' buildings with Sir John's daughter, Candida (1942–2014) bringing out such titles as *Goodbye London* in 1973 and Lucinda Lambton publishing *Vanishing Victoriana* in 1976. Enticed by these appealing books written by my contemporaries I could see the possibilities of working in the field and, in the company of thousands of other recruits, began to offer a specialism in built heritage conservation and to write and review on these topics. The production of reliable data is notoriously difficult, however, and I would always be grateful to any readers who can help with their own recollections and information about these two Cambridge cases placed on both sides of the grounds of Christ's College. King Street and the history of its pubs are other vast fields of study where undiscovered historical material and personal memories still have much to offer.

Graham Tite (m. 1963)

This article is derived from numerous on-line sites including those of the Brewery History Society but my original research for the piece received the assistance of Westcott House, Jesus College Archives, and the collections of the City of Cambridge housed in the main public library. At Christ's College I am specially grateful to Catherine Twilley and alumni Tony Hill, Tony Backhouse and Tim Hill.

A Strange Tale About One of the College's Elizabethan Spoons



On 14 April 1967, the College Vice-Master, Dr J H Plumb, wrote to the Master, Lord Todd with an unusual request. Plumb asked if he could put on the agenda for the next Governing Body meeting a proposal to have a full-sized, silver plate replica made of one of the College's Elizabethan silver spoons. Whatever was Plumb involved in?

At that time Plumb was an Advisory Editor for a New York publisher, American Heritage. This company published two richly illustrated magazines, *American Heritage* and *Horizon*, and once a year they also issued a large format book, also lavishly illustrated, and often in a slip case. Simultaneously with the publication of these books, the publishers often offered purchasers the option of buying a replica of an object relating to the book in question. Plumb pointed out to Todd that the last two books, the *Age of Greece* and the *Romans*, had been accompanied by replicas of two silver objects from the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, a Greek kylix and a Roman trulla. The 1967 book was to be the *Age of Elizabeth*, and the publishers wished to use a replica of the College spoon as accompaniment. As Plumb said in the letter to Todd, the college spoon 'would be remarkably appropriate'.

American Heritage had become aware of the spoon by accident, when Paul Gottlieb, the CEO of the Company, had been lunching with Plumb in College. Plumb recalled the occasion in his letter to Todd. Gottlieb, Plumb revealed, had 'picked up a copy of the College *Magazine* which contained a photograph of the fine seal top spoon belonging to the College', and was 'exceptionally taken by it'. Gottlieb was certainly impressed and immediately after his return to New York he contacted Plumb with his terms. These were reported back to Todd in the same letter. 'They offer', the letter continued, 'a 7 1/2 royalty on sales and they are willing to pay us £500 in advance of royalties'. And he concluded that American Heritage were confident that the College would receive at least £1,000.

The same letter to Todd was copied to Arthur Peck, the College Librarian and Keeper of the Plate who would have to be involved. Peck replied on 15 April saying that he had 'happened to see the Master this morning and they agreed there should be no objection'. He promised that he would make sure that the spoon would be available for examination.

Henceforth things moved very quickly. (Things usually moved fast if Plumb was involved.) American Heritage sent a representative of the Gorham Silver Company of Providence, Rhode Island, to examine the spoon on 24 April and the College gave a nod of approval at the Governing Body meeting on 2 May. Plumb contacted his friend, Thomas Lumley, a London antique and silver dealer, for advice on who he could ask to assist the Rhode Island silversmiths but the company nominated by Lumley were unable to undertake the work. So Plumb arranged for a wax and seletex cast to be made by a Mr Lilley of the University's Museum of Archaeology and

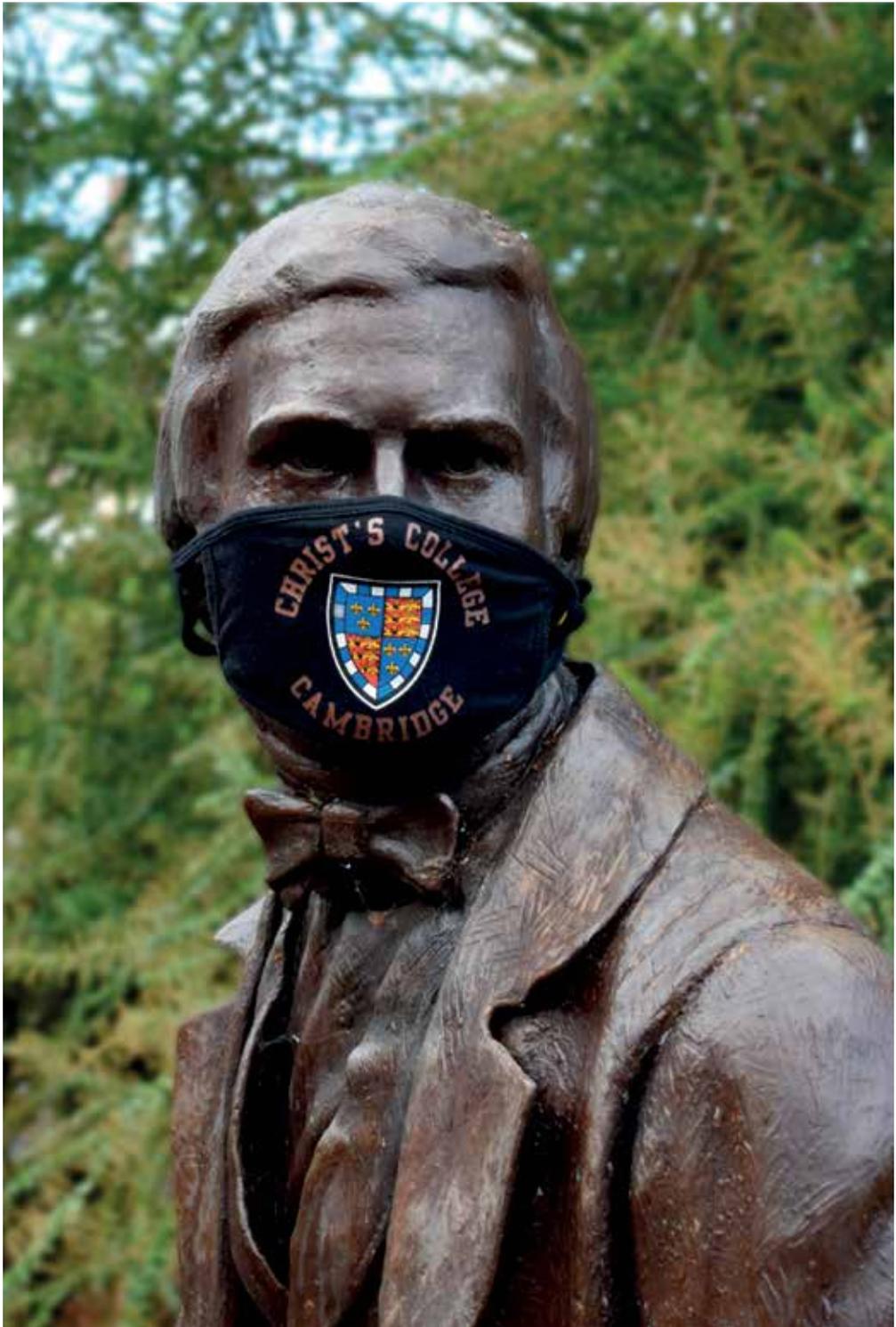
Anthropology. This arrangement worked out better for the College as the Museum did not charge for the work.

As the cast was being made, Plumb arranged for the spoon to be photographed. Taken by Edward Leigh of King's Parade these photographs appeared in the publicity brochure American Heritage were preparing. At the same time Gottlieb was asking for more details about the spoon to be used in the same brochure. Plumb had previously told Gottlieb that little was known about the spoon apart from the fact that it had been made by a London silversmith named Jackson in 1593. He told him that they were usually prized possessions and were frequently given by Godparents as christening presents. He had no idea who F D was (the initials F D appeared on top of the spoon) and had no knowledge of the spoon ever having been used in a seal. He mused, 'perhaps your copywriters can let their imagination play about F D'.

The book and this promotional material was sent to purchasers during the second half of August, a mere four months after the initial contact. Plumb received copies of the promotional literature immediately (the book and the actual spoons followed later) and the writers of the publicity had indeed let their imagination roam. The brochure reported that 'as the research progressed on *The HORIZON book of the Elizabeth World*, which you now have in hand, odd bits of social history kept popping up' and they were surprised by the 'constant, unexpected appearance of spoons'. The brochure accepted that in reality little was known about the spoon's history but 'A hall mark establishes that it was made in London in 1593 and the initials F D had been pricked out on its end (for Sir Francis Drake perhaps?)'.

Of course, there is absolutely no evidence to support this question so F D remains a mystery. Likewise the fate of the reproduction spoon is equally mysterious. They were most definitely produced (I have one myself) but I have no idea who they were sold to or indeed how many were sold. The publishers admitted in their publicity that they too had 'no way of knowing how many of the spoons will be ordered'. Likewise I have no idea where they ended up. I do like to think that someday a member of the College, perhaps browsing in a junk shop or flea market in New England or the Mid West might come across one of these spoons and think that looks familiar.

William Noblett (m. 1968)



Darwin adhering to COVID restrictions

ALUMNI NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

COVID played havoc with our in-person events schedule for the past year but in true Christ's spirit, we managed to adapt with the, now ubiquitous, Zoom technology to create imaginative ways to engage with as many alumni as possible.

Alumni Evensong at the end of Lent term 2020 was our last in-person event. All of the Evensongs are very popular and it was heart-warming to have all the positive feedback that evening from people saying 'this will be over before we know it' and 'be assured we'll be at the next Evensong'. We look forward to everyone returning once again.

It took us (and the rest of the world) a bit of time to learn how to use the latest technology allowing us to connect in a prudent fashion with our Old Members. Catherine Twilley, Director of Development, has now become an expert on creating breakout rooms for reunions, and managing slide presentations from a Fellow lecturing from their home while correlating questions being asked from anywhere in the world in the 'chat' function.

September is normally a very busy month for us with back-to-back reunions for various year groups and Blades. We threw ourselves into trying to; at least, make the reunions take place remotely.

Our very first attempt at an online event was for all Old Members who matriculated up to and including 1961. The format involved everyone being sent a Zoom link and then coming together for updates on how the College was managing the COVID situation and an address from the Master on the state of the College. We then went into breakout rooms created for specific matriculation years to be able to chat to old friends and meet new ones. There were many a smile and tease, as some alumni did not recognize old stair mates. A few alumni had their wives sitting next to them, introducing them to their old friends. It was particularly touching to hear that a few 'new' attendees were excited at the prospect of attending a reunion in any form, as they had not been physically able to attend anything in College for many years. We had 74 people attend this reunion, a number not far off the regular number of attendees.

Later in September, we hosted another Zoom Reunion for the 1966 through 1970 matriculants following the same format as the first. This time there was a larger contingent from each year group to reminisce and chat about their days at Christ's. A few of the Old Members made an effort to dress up with their College ties and had

glasses of bubbly to toast the College. On a positive note, this type of event has a higher proportion of alumni joining from further away than we have had in years – many for the first time. We are particularly excited to add those people to this reunion. We welcomed those from far afield – Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand this year.

The Development Office thought long and hard about how we could engage alumni remotely that would be universally interesting to all matriculation years and various interests. The answer came in using our newfound technology expertise to host the initial webinar by a College Fellow. In October Professor David Reynolds, Professor of International History and Fellow of Christ's College agreed to present an online lecture discussing his recent book *Island Stories: Britain and its History in the Age of Brexit* (2019). The book was written as a reflection on how history has been used in the Brexit debate but it is also an attempt to address four big themes from our past (Decline, Europe, Britain, and Empire) and to do so with a broader brush than often used in academic histories. The response was tremendously positive (308 people booked to attend the lecture) and that spurred us on to continue with a regular series of webinars. Throughout the year, a number of our Fellows spoke about their research:

- Dr Daniel Field – ‘Birdwatching on a Cosmic Scale’
- Rev Dr Bob Evans – ‘How to survive a Viking Invasion: 10 tips from Continental Europe in the Ninth Century’
- Dr Julia Shvets – ‘Human Nature, Overconfidence and Rank in the Workplace: When Psychology Meets Economics’
- Dr Alex Loktionov – ‘Apocalypse and Rebirth: Ancient Egyptian Pathways to a Brighter Future’
- Dr Katie Dunkley – ‘The Reef Network: How Species Interactions Shape Healthy Reefs’.

The average number of bookings for all the webinars exceeds 220, with feedback like:

‘I’ve attended quite a few webinars and online conference sessions during the past few months and this talk has got to be one of the best I’ve seen, if not the best. I think it’s probably a combination of a good speaker who’s clearly on top of their material with a dynamic presentation using lots of graphics rather than text (which is the trap that a lot of people seem to fall into – simply reading out their PPT slides).’

The response overall has been so splendid we have decided to continue with the webinars into the future. A positive outcome from all the insanity of the past year.

November is usually the gathering of our Fisher Society on Remembrance Sunday. The event was also held remotely and in order to bring more of the College to the attendees, a video garden tour was part of the proceedings. If you would like to view the tour, go to <https://sms.cam.ac.uk/media/3330074>. It was a lovely time of year for a walk in the gardens.

Due to the nature of the pandemic and the effect on the College’s on-site staff (and all of us learning as we worked with new technology), the Development Office helped in areas of the College where we often are not needed. One of those areas was being involved with recording Chapel events from time to time. In November, we aided the Chaplain and Choir to record a beautiful Remembrance Sunday Service that was streamed to students, Fellows and alumni. If you missed the service you can see all of the Chapel videos for the last year on the ‘Christ’s College Chapel YouTube Channel’. I will say that after the initial support we provided for the Service for

Remembrance Sunday, the Chaplain *et al* became incredibly adept at the streaming and recording intricacies and there are now 21 videos for you to watch including the Advent Carol Service, all the Choral Evensongs and the Feast of Ascension.

We had one more first this year – our first online conference. In April the Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA) had their bi-annual conference held entirely remotely. The event spread over two weekends. The first event focused on how the College managed during the pandemic, as well as the innovative asymptomatic testing programme organised by the University, and how the local NHS and surrounding area experienced the pandemic. Speakers for the 27 March event included: the Senior Tutor (Dr Robert Hunt), Dr Mike Knapton (m. 1977, Non-Exec Director of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), and the medical student experience from the point of views of Abe Tolley (m. 2018) (pre-clinical student) and Isabelle Zou (m. 2017) (clinical student). CCMAA President and newly elected Bye-Fellow, Tony Jewell (m. 1969) chaired the two conferences. He closed the first event with a discussion of Cambridge University's asymptomatic testing, cases in students, staff and the City. Dr Jewell spent the pandemic working as part of Cambridge & Peterborough Public Health.

The subsequent webinar examined how alumni made major scientific and policy contributions in different ways to the pandemic fight. The speakers included:

Professor Dame Theresa Marteau (Fellow) who spoke on her advising the government through SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) and other means; Dr Maheshi Ramasamy (m. 1995) from the Oxford Vaccine Group who talked about her part in developing a novel vaccine; Professor Paul Elliott (m. 1972) discussed assessing the pandemic as part of the REACT (Real-time Assessment of Community Transmission) study; and Professor Sarah Walker (m. 1990) who covered the epidemiology of C-19 infection and vaccine immunity. The entire conference was incredibly well received and it was humbling to listen to how Christ's alumni have been at the forefront of decisions that affect all of us daily.

Many of our alumni have been in touch with our office with opportunities for the students. Our LinkedIn Group strictly concerned with career advice and information is Christ's College Connections and a number of Christ's alumni have already kindly offered careers support for current students and recent graduates. These alumni have offered a range of different types of careers support, from taking a phone call to mentoring and internships. For more information, please contact the Development Office by telephone: 01223 766710 or email: alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk. We are always pleased to hear from alumni and students alike.

As we approach another year, I am happy to announce that we have currently sent invitations to three in-person reunions in September and we are seeking a venue for the Winter Drinks Party in London. We thank all of you for your support and positive messages throughout the past 18 months.

Ann Farrell
Alumni Relations Officer



The Malcolm Bowie Bathing Pool

Year Group News

The Christ's College Alumni Golf Society 2020 season was naturally severely restricted, but they did manage to play the annual match against Fitzwilliam at Guildford Golf Club in August, which produced a second consecutive win and some enjoyable socially distanced food and drinks on the patio. Our good friends from Fitz also extended an invitation to our team to play in their society day at The Oxfordshire, which a few members took up, and **Johnny Phillips** (m. 1975) duly held up the College reputation by returning the best score of the day by a distance.

St Johns College did not feel able to play the 2020 match for the Lady Margaret Beaufort Trophy, so instead 20 members met up at Denham Golf Club for a Christ's only social day in October. The event was well received and the team of **Ian Ogilvie** (m. 1977), **Al Darlington** (m. 1977), **Bill Morgan** (m. 1972), and **Robert Barnes** (m. 1971) were victorious in the fourball competition with **John Thornton** (m. 1977) a clear winner of the individual prize.

The society hope to return to a full programme for 2021 and, by the time *The Magazine* is published hope to have played at the Christ's Annual Society Day, and the Christ's v St John's match. They are also entering an invited team of six for the inter-College day at Gog Magog on 28 October.

The Alumni Golf Society now has around 100 members on its mailing list but are keen to attract more members of College to join our group which will enable us to add extra matches or events in future years. Those who have played thus far have thoroughly enjoyed once more representing the College in matches and meeting up with fellow alumni from both Christ's and the other Colleges we play against. Please contact chrisgarden@btinternet.com if you are interested in being involved.

1950 Year Group News:

James Nursaw writes: I live in a flat in Godalming, it's a good place to live and have made many friends in local groups. I have a daughter living nearby and she and her husband have been very good to me during COVID Lockdowns. Unfortunately I fell and broke a leg in November but now have a metal rod through the bone from knee to ankle so it is stronger than before and I have just started to drive again. I am still in touch with **Michael Brambell**, **Gordon Brocklehurst** and **Paddy Cribb** (m. 1949). Michael has retired to Edinburgh where I hope to find him when COVID permits. Gordon lives much nearer in Hessle near Hull and Paddy is in the next village in Surrey.

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

I am adjusting to living alone, following the death of my wife. 2020 is a year I would prefer to forget, combining as it did the restrictions of COVID-19 and the hospitalisation and loss of my wife. However, I keep going, in good health and active involvement in village affairs, with plenty of support from my housekeeper, family and friends. I enjoy taking online courses from both Cambridge and Oxford. With things beginning to open up again, this year should be a lot better!

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

This year I had a slight increase in response to my email trawl of the 1955 matriculation year, showing that, including myself, at least five of us are still alive! It is, though, the

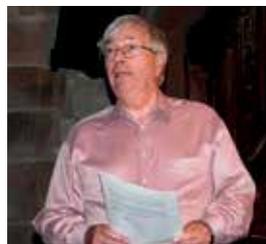
regulars that reply: **Malcolm Page** wrote to say that Christine and he were well, and vaccinated in Vancouver, while becoming increasingly frustrated by stay-at-home rules, especially with children and grandchildren scattered to Ottawa, Florida and Sydney, Australia. He had also discovered the importance, emotionally, of being part of an audience, whether at theatre, film or church, with some intangible feeling of community. **Andrew Bain** wondered how many of us were left! He had participated in a couple of the virtual seminars, which he had enjoyed, but otherwise, having avoided COVID, life has been uneventful. **Richard Simmons** had no particular news this time except to remark that their confinement in rural France was made less grim by their large garden and living in a small village. **George Astbury** confirmed that he was still alive after his surgeon had assured him that 85% of spinal operations were safe, and no more risky than brain surgery; so far, he has gone on to prove it! George remarked that he was out of pain for first time for 12 months, and that everything was returning to near normal. He blamed his style of rowing, or rather, lack of it. A couple of years ago I heard that he had reduced his vintage car fleet to three, but now, having sold his Lagonda, he has added another Alvis to the Fleet. Such fickleness! I sold my E Type last year after 43 years' ownership! I still have a 1947 Riley, and am hoping, with George, that we have some sun and no virus this year to be able to enjoy motoring, as it was when we were up. I hope that Joan and I will be able to celebrate our 63rd wedding anniversary in a proper manner in August!

1956 Year Group Representative Peter Downes writes:

The twelve months from May 2020 to May 2021 have been the strangest year of our long lives. The 1956 cohort are now octogenarians and, not surprisingly, their main objective has been staying alive and keeping fit. Very few have been able to report on their activities and holidays since there haven't been any! However, a few valiant souls have come forward with their 'news and views'.

Tim Hooker sent a message, which would get the award for 'most up-beat' (if there were one). He and his wife Barbara live in a 2.5 acre field down a single track lane in Dorset so self-isolation has not been difficult. Their shopping has been delivered and they have a gardener to help them with their 300 plus specimen tree collection. Their two sons live only a few miles away. They have missed their involvement in various local classes and groups but have 'revelled in the terrific displays put on by nature and cultivated plants alike: snowdrops, tulips, narcissi, bluebells, blackthorn, magnolias, cherries, pears, apples, hawthorn and primroses have all excelled themselves.' Tim concludes with a tribute to his late tutor David Coombe: 'I am frequently reminded of his deep knowledge and understanding of the ecology and flora of our part of Dorset which he knew very well. We have been doing our best to maintain our own small patch of common land in ways David would have approved of. A thriving small colony of Adders Tongue (*ophioglossum vulgatum*) has been one small success.'

Geoffrey Stevens comments on how comforting it has been to be living in the part of France least touched by COVID and enjoying a superb view over a peaceful estuary. 'It has been really lovely not to have the skies polluted by such a plethora of con-trails that the blue yonder is occluded. The inhabitual calm has also led to some exciting observations of wild creatures, such as the otter that swam along the shore within thirty metres



Geoffrey Stevens

of our property. The photo was taken when I was announcing a concert of Surrey Cantata for whom we used to organise a brief tour in Brittany to sing three concerts over a weekend. This was an activity that lasted eleven years.'

Tony Hanwell writes: we have recently downsized to ease arthritic knees to a ground level apartment, coming back to Cheltenham to be near one of our daughters so life has come full circle. **Philip Johnston** had a particularly difficult time as his wife had 6 weeks in bed, when the COVID pandemic was at an early stage. They think she may have contracted it from their visit to Northern Italy. Philip and Cynthia have moved to a Methodist Home on Ben Rhydding to occupy some sheltered housing. This is a move from North Yorkshire to West Yorkshire, under the shadow of the Cow & Calf rock.

John Evans had a plan to start to explore one of the Silk Routes starting last November with a trip to Uzbekistan but it failed for obvious reasons. He fears his Plan B – to reverse the direction and start in Turkey in the coming autumn – looks equally unlikely. Nonetheless, the Lockdown has allowed for a fulfilling year exploring the New Forest and sailing the Solent. John also comments on his long friendship with Professor **Rufus Clarke** whom he met in October 1956 and who died in Sydney on 4 February 2021.

Peter Thompson QC is continuing to provide a free legal advice service in North London, where he is kept busy with such problems as evictions during the pandemic and the plight of EU residents after BREXIT. **Tony Thompson** has achieved the publication of *The Military Revolution and the Trajectory of Spain: War, State, and Society 1500–1700. Ten Studies*, Paragon Publishing, 2020. Tony adds that this publication is not in its second million of sales as yet!

Michael Bush reports that 'thanks to my own library and access to the Internet, I have not been too restricted by the pandemic. Occupying my time, and enabling me to cope with solitude, has been my work on the provenance of Thomas Paine's political thinking and making additions to my collection of antiquarian books.'

David Carr reports as follows: I seem to have spent a large percentage of Lockdown having bits cut off my person. This as a result of too much sun, digging in Mayan pyramids in British Honduras (Belize) just after leaving Christ's with a Cambridge Expedition. The consultant suggested I deserved a loyalty card. Otherwise, following my failure to master 'My little stick of Blackpool Rock' on the ukulele, I hurled myself into zooming, teaching Latin to my grandchildren in Bangkok, and enlarged my repertoire by attempting to write a story about gladiators for my grandson full of blood and gore. Such was the very localised 'success', I now have to write one for my granddaughter about a slave girl, while attempting to avoid the wrath of the woke brigade, me too, and the anti-slavery lobby. In defence, I can only guarantee it will not seek a wider audience. I now wait to have my head seen to.'

David Quinn continues to be alarmed by the state of the world, the political scene in the UK and USA and plenty of other places. His recent reading of Michel Barnier's Journal of the 4-year negotiations between the UK and EU has confirmed his previous impression that it has all been a gigantic waste of time and resources, at times more than 200 people involved in the process over days and weeks. He concludes his remarks thus: 'Moreover, I fear while the present English Nationalist party is in power, the UK will be on a permanent collision course with the EU whom they will hold responsible for the consequences of leaving the Single

Market and Customs Union which they are only now beginning to discover.’ **Peter Downes** has now ‘retired’ after serving for 20 years as a County Councillor in Cambridgeshire, representing his home village and several others under the Liberal Democrat flag. He comments that this activity has given him a much wider insight into the problems that many people face in their lives through no fault of their own so he has benefited personally as well as providing support, guidance and practical help to hundreds of people. He hopes the end of the Lockdown will enable him to get back to being active in musical circles, promoting concerts and playing in the local amateur orchestra. He is a primary school governor and hopes to be able to provide early reading support to youngsters who have missed out during the last few months.

1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

Inevitably, COVID has affected all our activities in the past year but I find there is quite a lot to report. I have received greetings from **Alan Munro, Brian Wilson, David Ravenscroft, David Hargreaves, Richard Waterfield, Ben Sladen, Basil Maddox, Brendan Mulcahy** and **John Rudolf**, who all send their best wishes (but no news). **Tony George** tells me he has moved from Birmingham to Oakham.

You may remember that last year I wrote that **John Wooley** had written a book *Walking to Hagetmau* about his wedding and adventures in southern France in the three years after he came down. I enjoyed the book. Although I don’t want to give the ending away, I can reveal that he never got to Hagetmau. **Michael Edwards** has had another spell as Director of the Académie Française, and he delivered the Académie’s official homage to President Giscard d’Estaing. He also completed yet another book of poems in English, and a book for an American publisher with the working title *Strange Christianity*. The last 12 months have been the most uneventful **Jeremy Willings** can recall. He has, however, kept up his painting with another masterpiece. The painting is of Benbow Pond, near Chichester.

Edward Stewart is officially retired and aged 88, but still carries on with the usual services, although mostly by Zoom now. He is also chaplain to a francophone African group in Coventry and he celebrates Mass for them once a month. His French is very rusty and, of course, Cambridge did not, in our days, lay much emphasis on speaking the language! **Mike Branch** recently managed a delightful week in the Lake District with some good walking but he’s not as quick as he was! He has a framed (official) photograph of our year for disposal if anyone would like it. **David Nelson** normally prefers to keep silent but his Victorian garden, which looks out to Loch Ness, is 3 acres and, he says, quite challenging.

I happened to find a pic of the Marguerites in 1960 (most of the members being from our year group). **Donald Steel** managed to identify everybody (overleaf).



*Benbow Pond by
Jeremy Willings*



Back row. Tim Bradford, Tony Fawkes, Ronnie Hoare (m. 1958), Ken Beadle (m. 1956), Kit Joy (m. 1958), Peter Morris (m. 1958), Joe Bateson, Bill Arthy (m. 1958), Sam Legerton. **Middle row** Peter Colville, Jerry Evans, David Prince (m. 1958), Laurie Ayling (m. 1958), Tony Lewis (m. 1959), John Brash (m. 1959), Peter Howlett (m. 1958), Mike Wass, Lou Adhibetty (m. 1958), Clive Snowden (m. 1956). **Front row** Tom Garner, Roger Wade, Peter Hutson (m. 1956), David MacSweeney, Mike Rouse (Sec), Donald Steel (President), Hamish Donaldson, John Hockey, Vic Harding (m. 1958), Brian Wilson, Tony Cope

It seems reunions are ever more popular. **Sam Legerton** (who was lucky to have been on the last plane out of Majorca in February 2020) organises a meeting of, mainly, Light Blues for lunch twice a year. Here is a pic of their recent gathering:

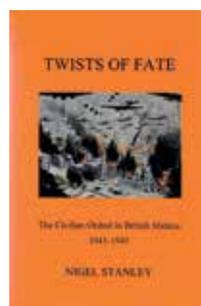


Unfortunately, Sam has been cropped out of the picture (on the left). Reading from left to right the others are Mary Flecker (née Firth) Girton (Sister of **Mike Firth** m. 1956), Phyll Youngman (née Coates) Girton, James Flecker (Oxon), Veronica Payne, **Tom Burton**, Pat Legerton, John Uzielli (Oxon), Tessa Ryder Runton (née Rudebeck) Newnham, **Steve Benson** (m. 1959), Gill Blenkinsop, **Mike Payne** (m. 1956), Caroline Burton, Peta Benson

Peter Colville is hoping to gather in Oxford, from all over the world, 14 out of the 17 Oxford and Cambridge hockey players who went on a seven-week tour of South Africa in 1961, sixty years ago. Only two have died and the average age of the survivors is 83. Sadly, Peter was the only Christ's man in the Varsity team (but he was the Captain, so that's all right).

Howard Clase writes from Newfoundland about his interest in Botany and learning to cook after his wife died. Cooking, he finds, is just like Chemistry, you mix things together and heat them up – the main differences are the ease of substitutions and the fact that you can actually eat the products. COVID-19 has prevented him from making his annual trip to Europe to see his Finnish and English relatives (who include a couple of grandchildren) and spending Christmas with his Ontario grandchildren. He is the only Clase in the Newfoundland phone book if you would like a chat. In my letter inviting contributions to this year's news, I mentioned that we now have 83 surviving members. I counted 143 in the 1957 group photograph and in 2001 (when I started as year group rep) there were 138. I said that 83 left out of 143 was a loss of about 40% which wasn't bad considering that our average age now must be about 84. I was challenged by one member (who read History I may say) who thought that 40% was a high rate of attrition over the last 20 years. So, I asked **Norman Thomson** to do some sums for me. He replied that the statistic on which we need to base an estimate, is the proportion of 19-year-olds who survive to become 84-year-olds. I can let you have the details of his calculations but his conclusion is that the answer is 48. So, 83 survivors is indeed remarkable. Maybe it could be a USP for the College – 'Apply to Christ's if you want to live a long time!' Norman likes being out of doors, and is working on a guide book to the Moray Way which will be hopefully one of a sequence of guides to some of Scotland's Great Trails, part of a network of around 30 foot and cycle paths which cover Scotland south of the Great Glen.

Also, in my letter, I said that I was running Haslemere Festival in the second half of May this year – and indeed it went ahead. It was supported by **Jock Gardner** (m. 1988) who gave a talk on Orca Whales, **Christopher Underwood** (m. 1964) and **Chris Lemar** (m. 1971). Chris Lemar even won a prize in the Festival Scarecrow Competition for his scarecrow of a bishop. I attached a copy of the Haslemere Festival brochure to my letter, which revealed that, as a boy, I was evacuated (with my mother and sister) from Singapore to Australia in January 1942. Astonishingly **Paul Fitzgibbon** and **Nigel Stanley** wrote to tell me that they too had been evacuated from Malaya/Singapore at the same time. [I wonder about the odds of that, but of course it is not a random population] My father survived being a Japanese prisoner of war in Java, Paul's father managed to escape to Australia, but Nigel's father was tortured to death in Singapore by the Japanese secret police seeking a confession to a non-existent crime. Nigel has written a book entitled *Twists of Fate* with the sub-title *The Civilian Ordeal in British Malaya 1941–1945*. Nigel became a consultant physician who, after retirement, carried on as a teacher for medical students on rotation from Cambridge and UCL to Stevenage for another three years. To his delight they twice voted for him during this time (in his mid-seventies) to receive the annual 'Top Teacher Award', The students were fascinated to discover what could be learned through the old-fashioned use of the hands and stethoscope.



Nigel Stanley's book

1958 Year Group Representative David McGill writes:

Despite the Lockdowns, **Bob Morris** reports a book jointly edited with Robert Hazell published last autumn: *The Role of Monarchy in Modern Democracy: European Monarchies Compared* (London, Hart). During the most recent Lockdown he has also electrified his bicycle without – so far – electrocuting himself: the Sydenham Hills are no longer as daunting accordingly. The ban on choral singing has been a personal blight though his choral society has kept in touch waiting for resumption – probably still some way off. Bob says the same blight has scuppered Christ's Music Director, **David Rowlands**', plan to record the main Parry motets in St John's Chapel with Christ's Voices. **Donald MacBean** continues to be active in two environmental programmes in his village in Suffolk. Over the past 10 years, 42 swift boxes have been installed in the church tower and last year 70 chicks were ringed. He is also involved in the conversion of part of the churchyard to a wildflower meadow. **David Simpson** reports that he continues to keep in touch with **John Crowley**, **Tom Epton** and **Donald MacBean**. **Alan Bailey** (m. 1964) is a close neighbour. He is also in touch with Dr **Richard Blaxill**, whose report can be read below. **Bill Arthy** has been living in Denmark for many years, and as a result, he says, of the English decision to leave the EU he has taken Danish citizenship. **Peter Wiggall** remains in touch with a few contemporaries and still tries to follow the great advances that have been made in biochemistry since his undergraduate days. **Richard Blaxill** reminds us that Australia's good tracing system has helped lessen the impact of COVID there. **David Simpson** says Richard has been busy as a volunteer giving COVID jabs. He hopes his postponed visit to Britain can take place next year. He was spending a day a week assisting orthopaedic surgeons, possibly (?) the ones who have given him two new knees. **John Collis** spends most of his time in Belgium, where life is peaceful and Lockdown only has a gentle effect. He is saddened by the loss of staunch friends, **Michael Brufal** and **Jim Bourke**. **David Prince** reports a year of 'stultifying inactivity'. He was sorry to hear of the recent death of **Billy Davies** whom he had met while doing National Service in the Royal Navy before going up to Christ's. **Ronnie Hoare** meets a number of Christ's contemporaries through golf days, including **Donald Steel** (m. 1957), **Ian Balding** (m. 1959), **Roger Michaelson** (m. 1959) and **Roger Dalzell** (m. 1959). **Laurie Ayling** is still locked down in County Kerry, looking out to sea. He says he is working harder than ever to get the oil industry to automate drilling rigs and has patented a radiation concept to disable 'unwanted' molecules, such as viruses, bacteria and growths. **David McGill** is grateful that the Lockdown restrictions seem less onerous as living in a village in a rural area close to the sea offers plenty of open-air exercise space. Unfortunately, he and Helen had to postpone a trip to New Zealand to visit his wife's family. Fingers crossed for next year. It has also meant that they have not enjoyed the regular summer Kiwi and Australian visitors to this country. He has decided not to let advancing years deter him from being fitted with new golf clubs. David is pleased to note that his new district councillor, elected in May, is **Paul Redstone** (m. 1973).

1959 Year Group Representative Michael Gibbs writes:

What a year it has been! We are unanimous that the main feature has been how boring the days and weeks have been, unable to discern one day from another. As **John Radcliffe** put it, 'In this abnormal year the only thing that has saved my sanity has been on-line bridge'. **Bill Erasmus** was equally downbeat with his experience.

He said ‘had ghastly year in common no doubt with other 1959 Alumni. The only thing of note was negative in that I missed being able to return to Stanford GSB to celebrate my 50th year of Masters graduation from there. Normally a big thing is made of this, but at least it is being postponed! Otherwise nothing but Lockdown!!’ Even in Canada **Guy Goodman** was relatively cheerful with all the Lockdowns etc... I particularly sympathise with his remark ‘Good to hear from you and be reminded that there is life outside COVID-19. It seems we in Ontario are somewhat behind you in the UK but we convince ourselves that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Our golf course isn’t open yet, by orders of the Provincial government. Frustrating as we live right on the 13th tee and can’t use it.’ At least in the UK the golf courses have at last opened up. However, I could not understand the logic of the permission to walk on the course but forbidden to take a club. Back to normal soon perhaps? I hope next time we report, there will be a more cheerful year to write about. Keep safe and sane in the meantime!

1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford writes:

In September, Gloria and I celebrated our golden wedding at a small family gathering just before the COVID-19 restrictions ramped up again. We had originally thought of taking a celebratory cruise to see the Northern Lights, but that is put off for now. Recently, I finally followed the recommendation of a Christ’s alumnus (not our year), whom I had met at the September 2019 Alumni Dinner, and I have acquired a cheap second hand electric Nissan Leaf – so we are now



*Michael and
Gloria Sandford*

much greener for all the local driving we do. It should have just sufficient range to reach Cambridge! COVID-19 has kept **Roger Mason** at home, so he has little to report. Messages from his friends in Wuhan warned that the virus is more dangerous than people here believed last year. He still hopes to go back sometime, but it looks as though it may be in 2022. He sends good wishes to all the 1960 matriculands. **David Cogan** reports that they are a little more restricted health-wise now, but very much aspire to keep in contact with friends. **Richard Rastall** says that 2020 and the first few months of 2021 haven’t been conducive to life-progressing activity, but it was an opportunity to catch up on reading and writing. The result, for him, has been the imminent publication of musicological research that he might not otherwise have completed. Thus, while life has slowed almost to a standstill, it hasn’t been completely unfruitful.

David Black writes: ‘during these COVID-19 times I have nothing of real interest to report as a result of zero travel. I continue with my established routine of research-related work (mostly from home with online meetings to UNSW), exercise and organ playing. We are still in good health and Anda and I have each had the first instalment of COVID-19 vaccine. We now have live concerts again so life is starting to return to normal, but we are alert for any new pandemic wave, especially from Asian outbreaks.’



Michael Heslop

Michael Heslop was asked to prepare a video message, with illustrations, for a service this spring for **James McLaren** (m. 1961) which was held in the chapel of Repton where he taught for most of his working life. The video incorporated reminiscences from the surviving members of the *Random Variables*, the Christ's IX boat crew in 1961, who distinguished themselves by being bumped on their first outing by Newnham IV and then rowing over at the bottom of the river for the remaining races. His collected articles on *Medieval Greece: Encounters between Latins, Greeks and Others in the Dodecanese and the Mani* came out at the end of last year. In the course of his research he has visited the library of Sir Patrick Leigh Fermor's house at Kardamyli, Greece. He is now working on a book on *The History and Architecture of Medieval Symi*, an island near Rhodes. He and Helen, his wife, plan to go sailing with a group of friends, including **Tony Sleight** (m. 1961), off Croatia in September of this year. The trip was postponed from last year due to COVID-19.

Dick Paden, who sadly lost his dear wife over 3 years ago, remains fit enough to clamber up and down lock ladders as he navigates a canal boat around Middle England in the company of his collie, and was able to cruise to other places in the eased Lockdown period. When at home, and COVID allowing, he runs the village cinema and manages the village hall. Amateur radio is still an active interest as well as being a member of the local Cambridgeshire Raynet group in support of the local events as they restart.



Daryl Barker's collection of donkeys on display

Daryl Barker writes: after serving with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Mali, Cameroon, Guatemala, South Yemen, Sudan and then with Dutch NGOs in South Sudan, Kenya and Suriname, I became involved as a volunteer, 25 years ago with the development of our local community recycling association 'De Groene Ezel' (www.degroeneezel.nl). About a year ago, my wife, Lies and I were asked to assist with an exhibition of the many little donkeys she had collected along the way and the result was a vitrine-full in our village hall in Heemskerk, North Holland – which is still on show! The nickname for villagers here is 'ezels' which means donkeys, because in the past, they were used to pull carts taking horticultural produce to nearby markets.

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

Tim Callan summed up this year well when he said that 'it has undoubtedly been the most uneventful year of my life! According to my Google timeline I have hardly left London – thank heavens for Freeview and YouTube. I am lucky enough to live in a very beautiful part of town and, apart from occasional visits to Brompton cemetery where **Brian Lott** and I have met up for a chat and a cup of coffee, the main

excitement has been the fortnightly delivery from Sainsbury's! COVID put a stop to the regular meetings, which Tim and I have with **Peter Brewin**. For alternative intellectual stimulation Peter has been organizing a U3a group on local history; a collection of enthusiasts for knowledge, happy to meet in private houses in normal times. 'Lectures on Zoom have attracted a larger membership so I am not sure how we will manage at the end of the madness. Like last year, our holiday will be rediscovering the Peak District; the thought of queuing at airports for 6 hours does not attract but we are hoping that our little place in the Algarve will survive our absence.'

Donald Forsdyke writes from the Biomedical Department of Queen's University, Kingston Ontario, about his work on the SARS-CoV-genome. 'It is desirable that the part of the SARS-CoV-2 recognized by the vaccine remains constant so that a vaccine that works today can retain its efficacy in the future. Ideally a vaccine should target an immutable "Achilles heel". Through bioinformatic analyses of nucleic acid sequences, Donald identified such a vulnerability in HIV-1 in the 1990s. However, it was located in the genome itself, indicating that vaccine recognition was unlikely. Happily, drugs that can directly target genomes (nucleic acids) are now emerging and, in collaboration with a Chinese colleague, Donald has identified several likely "Achilles heels" in the SARS-CoV-genome.' His other news is the signing of a contract for a second edition of the biography of the Cambridge geneticist William Bateson (1861–1926) which he co-authored in 2008. **Charles Lysaght** has also been writing during Lockdown and has completed an article on the history of the Robert Gardiner Memorial Scholarship open to alumni of Irish universities who wish to study at Cambridge. Charles has been interviewed about Irish cricket by Christ's alumnus **Peter Osborne** (m. 1975) as part of his series of podcasts on the history of cricket. Peter has also published a book *Assault on Truth* starring Boris Johnson. Charles noted the leading role of alumnus **Micheal Johnston** (m. 1954) in the "Educate together" movement, which promotes multi-denominational schools in the Republic of Ireland. Professor **Laurence Murray Gillin**, unable to leave Australia to join his colleagues in Cambridge in March 2020, set to, over the following 7 months, write a book titled *Jesus the Social Entrepreneur – Understanding an Entrepreneur Mindset & Explaining the Nature of Miracles* which is due to be published in September. He also converted his f2f teaching of 'entrepreneurship and innovation' to on-line delivery with very positive results from his post-graduate students. **Anson Allen** has also been busy with a new project *Awesome Earth Education* that is explained on the website <https://awesomeeartheducation.org>. His slideshow in the blog section aims to get students to Learn, Think and Act to reverse the damage humans have done to the planet and ensure a reasonable future for our descendants. Several well-known people and organisations have signed up and he is looking for more supporters.



Laurence
Murray Gillin

Robin Thompson has been engaged in organising online seminars 'Responding to Dementia' for caregivers as a follow up to his book *Living with Alzheimer's – a Love Story*, which many have found a valuable resource, and which has led to continuing support and training groups. With his links to India, where several of his friends have died of COVID, Robin has helped with an appeal for oxygen equipment for a rural hospital in northern India battling the horrific resurgence of the disease; the appeal

has had an astonishing and generous response. **Granville Tunnicliffe-Wilson** was occasionally able to escape some Lockdown restrictions legally as a registered swarm collector, going to town and country locations in response to calls from the public to assist with collecting honeybees. 'Local requests for connections to our gigabit fibre community broadband have also had a modest resurgence from premises that were not connected in our first push 5 years ago. Again, quite within regulations, we have been able to organise local volunteer working parties of up to 6 to dig in the necessary ducting.' **Peter Mrkusic** in Johannesburg found that having COVID was quite frightening, being a 77 year-old diabetic it could have been a death sentence. As he recovered, he resolved to get his affairs into better order and stick to regular exercise and other healthy habits! Fortunately, having developed a good website for the antique jewellery business he runs with his son Paul, the business has done well. He bemoans 'the chaotic political situation in South Africa, the warring factionalism of the ruling party and the incompetent bureaucracy as a result of the socialist/Marxist heritage of many of the leaders. Despite this the sun keeps shining, the Stock Exchange keeps rising and even the rand is staging a recovery; good rains are ensuring a bumper harvest and the mining industry is flourishing on high metal prices.' **John Murray** sold his two Florida tourist-based businesses in 2020. 'Deep-sea charter fishing boats and vacation rentals were both sunk by tourist traffic down to 30% of pre- COVID levels. Social distancing requirements also cut capacity requiring substantial price increases. Fortunately, the selling was good as beleaguered locals all want big boats and need big docks to use as 'safe havens' for their family on Florida's delightful blue waters. So, at the age of 76, it is now Margarita-time!' Except that, John always needs a new challenge and has taken up options trading – hopefully not getting into dangerously deep waters. During Lockdown he has been an active correspondent, keeping **Peter Mrkusic** and me entertained and up-to-date on US politics with lively perceptive and partisan 'Letters from America' on the antics of Trump, Biden, the Swamp Elite and the US Media. John is one of those who has kindly bought a copy of one of the books I have published during lockdown: Volume 4 of *The Colourful Life of an Engineer*, describing Mesopotamia between 1919 and 1924 when Feisal had just been appointed King and my father was with the Royal Engineers managing the supplies of electricity, water and ice to the British garrisons and residents from their headquarters in Baghdad and Basra.



Meeting HRH
Prince Philip

We should probably close with a tribute to HRH Prince Philip who several of us met when he visited the College in 2009 with David Attenborough, Richard Dawkins and Daniel Dennett, to celebrate Charles Darwin's bicentenary. **Robin Kerr** remembers his first meeting with HRH in 1959 when he visited the Edinburgh Academy, one of the first schools to introduce his Award Scheme in which Robin participated. Robin's 'second meeting with him was in my first year at Christ's when I finally received the call to go to

Buck House to receive the Gold Award and bunked off lectures to go to receive it. My radio control part of the 5ft model of the battleship *Royal Sovereign*, which my brother **Andrew Kerr** (m. 1958) and I had constructed and demonstrated to HRH during his visit to Edinburgh, may well have led to my reading Engineering at Cambridge and to my joining the Navy, where I served for 32 years as a Weapons Engineer and rose to the rank of Commodore.’

1963 Year Group Representative Graham Tite writes:

As a result of the difficulties with the pandemic’s prolonged presence in the past year there is not a great deal of new activity to report. Things have continued much as before but on a reduced scale. Reports of travel trips have reduced to nearly zero. I am grateful to have heard from so many however and there is positive news in shape of the fresh contacts with members of our year who have kindly sent in their details.

Richard Arthur has written in to add his condolences for **Robert Fryer** and to report that life in Highgate goes on much the same as before. On Petty Cury in the past, Richard recalls a ‘men only’ bar that existed in the Red Lion where he drank some beers with three of our rugby internationals who were undergraduates at Christ’s in the mid-Sixties: **Brian Rees, David Rosser** (m. 1962) and **Terry Arthur** (no relation) (m. 1962). Does anyone remember the Criterion pub, then a student favourite too? It was near the old Arts Cinema.

King Street was seen for the last time in its original state by our group prior to its partial reconstruction. The old street began to be redeveloped from plans first drawn up in 1965 and **Graham Tite** and **Tony Hill** have produced an article in the Special Features section of *The Magazine*. This introduces the stories of King Street and Petty Cury during a period of epic change to the planning and architecture of Cambridge on the doorstep of the College.

Anthony Backhouse is now regularly in touch from Japan thanks again to the small network we have been able to build up in the past three years. He awaits resuming flights to visit his family who are now widely spread around the world.

Martin Baily has semi-retired. He is now a Senior Fellow Emeritus at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC; however, he is still working on finishing a book on retirement policy. COVID-19 is a real drag, especially with winter weather limiting mobility even more. Vaccinations in the US are moving only slowly, and at the time of writing, he is waiting for his first shot. He and his wife keep up with their children by FaceTime, but it is not the same. Their younger daughter now lives in France and they have not seen her since Christmas 2019. Still, they are better off than many. They have not caught the illness and are comfortable. They hope to be in the UK in September 2021 to celebrate a family event.

Chris Brooker reports that he had the virus in late February so had a head start in immunisation over the year! He’s continued working at St Martin-in-the-Fields in the Charity sector, mostly by Zoom which has made for interesting times. He and his wife, Nicola, have been very strict in observing Lockdown rules so have only visited their holiday home in Dorset when Boris allowed. In London, Chris has become a militant walker round Kennington Park and even bought goldfish for its pond. Apart from that, he practises his saxophone, although playing with others has been curtailed, and like everyone else, he has discovered box sets and on-line lectures. He’s been in touch with **Michael Taylor** who still runs his chamber choir in Wells and **Peter Noyce** who is in very good spirits in Steeple Morden although arthritis curtails his movements –

except for driving his open top Mazda. The e-mail traffic over **Bob Fryer** opened up a conversation with **Richard Greenhalgh**, who seems to be in charge of every large charity in the UK and they have promised to meet when restrictions have lifted.

Tony Hill lives in Marlow, Bucks, with Liz. He writes: I am still working locally for the Lib Dems in my home constituency of Wycombe. I am a Parish Councillor in Marlow Bottom, a trustee of charities, play golf, sing in a choir – and pre-pandemic used to spend time between family and grandchildren, from Leeds and Exeter to the antipodes, Australia and New Zealand.

Jeremy Hilton has spent the entire lockdown at the bungalow in Bridport he shares with his partner, Kim, just venturing out for short local walks and occasional trips into the town. There have been a few interesting bird sightings, but not many. At present, he is embarking on two projects, a book-length piece of writing on Emin Pasha, and the composition of his 5th String Quartet. He has recently had two poems, based on his 2019 trip to Northern Australia, published in folded-card pamphlet, and a longer sequence of poems is expected to appear in book form later this year. An essay on the American poet Hart Crane has also just been published.

Oliver Osmond writes: we have moved back to Nova Scotia, where my wife grew up, and have built a wonderful house, designed by a London architect, on twenty-seven acres across the harbour from the “old town” of Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The house has a very economical geothermal heating system, supplemented by wood I cut and split myself, and we generate most of our electricity from eighty solar panels. Like many retired clergy here, I still look after a country parish two days a week, seven churches along more than 30km of shoreline, and for ten years I have been treasurer of the Lunenburg Heritage Society. In 2020, we decided a few days ahead to cancel a trip to Tuscany and arrived back home on 12 March, the day before everything began to close down. In 2021, we are not even attempting to go anywhere. Fortunately, Nova Scotia has one of the lowest *per capita* infection rates in the world, in part because we could close off our narrow border with the rest of the country, which has only two roads across it. Life has been seriously restricted but more normal here than many places. We have had to suspend our weekly gathering when nine of us sing renaissance music around our dining table. A few live concerts have resumed. And we are able to walk the 1.5km trail through our woods behind the house most days, even in deep snow. It could be worse; almost everywhere else, it is.

Clive Rose writes: I am retired after 53 years as a chartered surveyor. I live in Henley-on-Thames and am still married to the same wife. We have two grown up children.

Dr **Michael Rudd** is now retired in Concord Massachusetts USA after a long career in acoustics. Since he lives in the town where the American Revolution began and where the ‘shot heard around the world’ was fired, he has participated in re-enactments of the American Revolution, on the winning side of course. He was in fact the second British born Captain of the Concord Minute Men, the original one also being British, as all were then.

Graham Tite writes: the alphabet has placed me near the end this time, a reminder of schooldays. I do not have a great deal to report from West Sussex where I have spent most of the twelve months up to March 2021 in Lockdown confined between my desk on the dining room table, the adjoining kitchen, the garage, where the fridges are, and the garden. This has a new shed although I could not often

reach it during rather a long and wet winter. Lacking travel, except of the most local sort, has concentrated the mind and I am somehow again reminded, as above, of sixth-form schooldays when so much time at home was spent on reading and essay writing. The money now saved on petrol and fares has gone into joining new societies and I have added the Friends of the Pepys Library at Magdalene College and the Brewery History Society to my list. These literary activities are antidotes to the daytime TV viewing that I resort to when all else fails. I continue a bit of work for *another* magazine.

News from Norway, **Richard Furuholmen** wrote early in March this year to say that there have been only 632 deaths due to COVID out of a population of 5.3 million, but the stringent Lockdown is similar to that in the UK. Borders are mainly closed and he still awaits confirmation that local travel for country pursuits can be resumed as summer approaches and that he and his wife can complete their planned holiday flight to the UK later this year. Richard appears a little more reconciled to the idea of Brexit than previously and he awaits the outcome of a Norwegian General Election in September.

Much assistance continues to be received from **Tim Hill** with whom I have remained in touch since he moved to Cheshire from Kent some years ago. We have not been able to meet since COVID but are in touch in other ways about the *Magazine*. After publishing the *History of the British Lubricants Industry* in 2018 he has moved on to another rare but valuable field of research – to re-locate the source of alabaster from Nottingham to Staffordshire.

1964 Year Group Representatives Roy Nettleship and Mike Jenner write:

Simon Barham, being a widower living on the north Norfolk coast at Brancaster, usually spends half the time between Christmas and Easter on holiday abroad. This year that option has not been available. Instead, he has gone for daily walks, accompanied by only one other walker (in accordance with the rules) and played on-line bridge with other untalented players. He has even improved his cooking skills. In the summer, Brancaster has so much to offer, in particular, it's very fine links golf course, and he will only be too happy to be there for that. **Paul Calvert's** only event was a recent stay at Rock & Glass Manor and The Spikehorn Lodge Complex next to Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California. It is an Airbnb with about 20 acres of desert, seven empty caravans and a couple of home-built houses. Otherwise, Paul is back to work/play, 3D printing silicon carbide and alumina at Robocasting LLC. How could **Gareth Dancer** turn down the eloquent and sincere request for an update, even when there isn't really any hard news in these dismal Lockdown times? How exactly does one write about zilch? By penning a likely typical Lockdown Lament, perhaps. Pre-pandemic, a huge event was marrying Pippa, their 30+ year trial having stood the test of time. So far, so good! Another item ticked off the bucket list was attending a Wagner opera live in Bayreuth: *Tristan & Isolde*, which was unforgettable (Petra Lang – wow). During 2020, they got out to their Greek abode just once for nearly three months. It was a good trip – much gardening and tree pruning took place along with very limited lotus eating before Greek Lockdown struck in early November. They look forward to returning to Greece this autumn, COVID and Brexit permitting. **Richard Fenhalls** has nothing to report and no one could possibly be interested in how many times he has rewritten his will in the last year. Last year **Ken James** hoped to be back to some level of normality. Sadly this did

not come to pass for two reasons: – COVID and unfortunately the nodules on his lungs turned out to be Mesothelioma an incurable cancer. This is normally caused by asbestos but Ken has driven a desk for his entire career and never done any proper physical work! Luckily, he lives in a pretty village with lots of great walks to keep him occupied and this has broken up the tedium of Zoom meetings etc. Ken feels good at present and pleased to be back on the golf course, sorting the allotment and seeing friends and family in the garden (gazebo and fire pit helping here). He has booked a number of short holidays in the UK from May onwards and looks forward to meeting some College friends at the Alumni Golf Society. **Mike Jenner** has been hanging out for 11 years now in his quiet corner of Maryland just down the road from the White House. Zoom is his lifeline to family and friends spread around Europe and the Middle East. **Michael Jones** would really like to report something of interest from the last twelve months but sadly, the single most memorable event was tripping over the pitchfork and breaking his hip. Ten nights in hospital followed. He supposes that compared with a lot of people's experience of the NHS in 2020 he shouldn't grumble. Michael hasn't seen his grandchildren for over a year. They haven't complained, so neither should he. Played an awful lot of Bridge online. Is he improving? Ask **Ken Carpenter** or **Kit Allen**. A wet winter and a cold spring remind him why we were so glad to give up keeping sheep in 2016. Michael has been vaccinated twice and suffered severe vaccine reaction twice. After the second jab, sat shivering under a blanket with a hot water bottle in front of the fire watching Wales fail to win a Grand Slam. After thirty years of working with computers in different industries **John Levett** retired early in 1999 and set up The Listening Room Music Agency for Live Music. This enterprise has been drastically affected by COVID; however, the arrival of the summer of 2021 will bring several outdoor performance opportunities, including an exciting new series for Chiddingstone Castle. Continuing his interest in music John has accepted an invitation to become a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Musicians, and contribute to their patronage of jazz. He also continues to help organise the annual Sevenoaks Summer Festivals but, sadly due to COVID, Festival 2020 had to be cancelled, and Festival 2021 will be much reduced. On a more positive note, as chairman of The Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra, he is pleased to say that he has helped keep this group going during the pandemic, including help to implement an internet solution to minimise online latency, and enable internet-based rehearsals. **Andrew Lister** and his wife, Kate, remain in good health, but feel remote from family in the UK and USA. The new normal? **Nigel Martin** remains fit and well in Durham. The last year has been unusual to say the least. He started the first Lockdown with the purchase of an electric car (new model Renault Zoe) and after much negotiation with neighbours got a charging point fitted. Along with his 11-year-old solar roof panels he is feeling pretty green. He managed one week away in September in a self-catering cottage up Weardale, which allowed him to complete the Weardale Way, as well as having his only meal out in the past year. Apart from that, Susan and he combine the weekly Sainsbury's delivery with lots of walks on former railway tracks in the area, weekly Zoom chats with the kids and, for Nigel, quite a lot of online bridge. **Roy Nettleship** is looking ahead with optimism to weeks, which are no longer marked solely by *Thursday 15.00 to 17.00 – Asda groceries to be delivered*. He has had to Lockdown more thoroughly than most as his wife had a serious operation in the autumn. He never sailed in 2020, but hopes to start again later in the year. **John Parker** finds it difficult to know what to say after the last year,

however, he did write about his application to the UN for approval for an International Year of Glass. It certainly filled his time in Lockdown during the summer and autumn periods but was seriously delayed by the international consequences of COVID. It is probably also true to say that the presidential changes in the USA caused significant ripples throughout the international community. Therefore, decisions have been seriously delayed but, finally rapid progress is being made and a decision is due in 2021. He'll let us know next year how the story ends! Ever since clambering over a neighbour's back garden wall at 7.00 pm on Friday evenings in 1956 to watch David Attenborough's Zoo Quest for a Dragon (still available on Youtube), **Ian Pawlby** had longed to visit Komodo and see the creatures for himself. Propelled by his eldest daughter's indomitable ambition and consummate organising skills, he boarded a British Airways flight at Heathrow to rendezvous in Singapore. After drinks at Raffles, dinner on a spectacular hotel rooftop overlooking the harbour, and a good night's sleep they jetted onwards.



*Ian Pawlby
meets a Komodo
Dragon*

First to Bali for a snatched lunch, then to Flores and finally an hour-long speedboat ride to Sebayur, in the setting sun. Their hotel was the only settlement on Sebayur and its Italian owner and his extended family pretty much the only guests. On Friday morning they boated on to Rinca Island, adjacent to Komodo, in this sprinkled archipelago and there they were. A bevy of the slumbering beasts draped around the National Park's administrative buildings, more dinosaur than lizard – a backward glance of 60 million years. Visitors were protected from their venomous bites by no more than a slender Indonesian guide with a three-foot cane. On Saturday Ian snorkelled on the tropical reef and kayaked through mangroves before skimming homeward via Flores, Bali and Singapore arriving back at Heathrow in the early hours of Monday morning. Thus Ian chalked up his 79th and 80th countries visited. Those were the days. **Dick Peacocke** is enjoying the Ottawa spring and tulips after a winter with the three Ss – skating on the Rideau Canal, cross country skiing, and shovelling snow. Dick is working from home on projects including a new coastguard ship – Judy says why give up paid work at home to start on an unpaid to-do list! Main undertaking last year was to build an addition with ground floor barrier-free bathroom / laundry room. Thinking ahead for future decrepitude which hopefully is still a way off. As for many of us, **Paul Ramsey** has had a most unusual year. Being unable to be physically in places of worship (including hospitals and care homes) for much of the year, taking part in Church Services as a Reader has been on Zoom or Facebook, or videoed on mobile phone. Paul has been privileged to take several funerals, but of course with restricted numbers. One activity, which gained some local publicity, was Paul's repainting of a local milepost which had not been done for 25 years. Paul hopes to go on holiday to Orkney, and to see his grandchildren in Sweden later. Grateful to be safe and vaccinated.



*Paul Ramsey
repainting a
local milepost*

By chance, **Mike Smith** had his second PfizerNBiotech COVID-19 jab, only nine weeks after the first jab rather than the 12 weeks initially recommended. Mike is now completely retired from paid employment. He gave up volunteering as a 'COVID Doctor' after six months as no one from NHS Scotland ever replied to emails asking what they envisaged he might do. He probably would have been used for the vaccination programme locally (and has had to undergo a full day of mandatory training to 'relearn' how to inject someone). He and his wife have hunkered down, highly compliant with the travel restrictions, using the Bell Wood and other local walks for exercise three or four times a week. Regular visits from up to four red squirrels at a time have entertained them. It has cost a fortune in supplying suitable nuts for them and the local birds including woodpeckers, indeed more than 40 species have been identified as visiting the garden with red kites and ospreys occasionally passing over. Fundraising for the Rotary Club has, as with nearly all charities, been very difficult over the year but opportunities seem to be opening up for the autumn. They may manage to travel south to see their children much later in the year, one of whom lives near Truro. As promised last year, **Ian Tattersall**, has been spending his pandemic researching and writing a book on the *Natural History of Spirits*, a companion to previous volumes on *Wine* and *Beer*. Sadly, the pandemic precluded any fieldwork of the kind that made the earlier books so enjoyable to write; but since liquor stores were classified in New York as "essential businesses" the necessary practical research was easy to carry out, and pretty satisfying to boot. He now plans to return to more familiar territory with yet another book on human evolution.

For **Nik Wilkinson** 12 April was a very significant day because, by happy accident (or could it even have been deliberately co-ordinated), that was the day that Boris Johnson allowed people out of England – and also the day that Mark Drakeford opened the Welsh border to the English. So, Judy and Nik were off like a shot for a fortnight's visit to their little cottage in remotest Pembrokeshire for the first time since October last year. It was a wonderful reunion with place and people. Having had no heating the whole winter, the interior was colder than inside the fridge, but after a few days things began to warm up. They were blessed with an amazing run of beautiful sunny weather which meant that they could happily entertain friends to garden teas.

1965 Year Group News:

Brian Cantor has stepped down from his position as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bradford, and has moved back to being a research scientist, working as an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Materials at the University of Oxford and as a Research Professor and Senior Advisor at the Brunel Centre for Advanced Solidification Technology (BCAST) at Brunel University. He has also stepped down as a Senior Consultant at Rolls-Royce and as Chairman of the World Technology Universities Network (which he founded). He continues to be a Trustee of the Science Museums Group and an Editor for Elsevier.

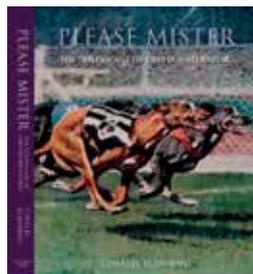
1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

Another quiet and worrying year for us all before the vaccine rescued us and we graduated to two job status! One highlight though was the 1966ers Zoom reunion held on Saturday 26 September 2020. Ann Farrell did an excellent job in arranging, leading and then prompting discussions through the one hour. There were eleven of us on show and once everyone had sorted out the speaker system there were lively

chats from many including **Anthony Nelson** and **Dick Clements**. Ann explained the background to the moving of some of the College portraits (controversial for some of us oldies) and the Master gave us an update on how the College was coping with the Lockdowns. In attendance at the reunion were – **myself, Philip Child, Dick Clements, Peter Emmerson, Richard Foreman, Martin Hampar, Anthony Nelson, David Ormrod, Peter Osborne, Philip Tepper** and **Peter Warne**.

John Dagpunar writes that he joined the ranks of armchair epidemiologists and wrote some papers including *Sensitivity of UK COVID-19 deaths to the timing of suppression measures and their relaxation*, published by Infectious Disease Modelling. He is in regular contact with Professor **Clive Dyer** who regularly updates him on the mathematics of rare events such as extreme space weather and Saints winning the cup.

Charles Blanning has published *Please Mister – The Golden Age of Greyhound Racing*. The book recounts how a global entertainment phenomenon mushroomed in the 1920s following the invention of a mechanical lure by the American entrepreneur Owen Patrick Smith, drawing crowds of a hundred thousand spectators to stadiums like the White City, London. It follows the publication in 2018 of his acclaimed history of the greyhound, *The Greyhound and the Hare*.



Charles Blanning's book

David Banford writes: after a very unusual COVID-affected year living in Stellenbosch, South Africa with the university mothballed, and fairly close to another Christ's alumnus, **Anthony Nelson**, in Constantia – it looks like South Africa is emerging chrysalis-like into some semblance of normality. Let us hope there is no third wave. It was not possible to be vaccinated in South Africa, so my wife and I headed for Detroit, where she has the warehousing and fulfillment arm of her business. I'm still running 25 miles a week, the word running now modulated to gentle jogging, watching brisk walkers and three-legged dogs pass me by. A necessary 'appointment with the future'. We have a British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa imminent, and I know from encounters at rugby training grounds in Stellenbosch, that the Boks are nervous about the series. Hawks Club has its 150th anniversary dinner next year, which should be a night to remember. **Peter Broadbent**, also a Hawk, who played in the Steele-Bodger vs Varsity 1968 game and I travelled together from his home in La Quinta, near Palm Springs, down to Baja California, Mexico for a week's gentlemanly touring in his all-electric Tesla – only problem was finding operational charging points in Mexico.

Robin Derricourt writes: the pleasure of having time with our four grandchildren close at hand in Sydney has not inhibited me from further writing. My latest book, just released by the publisher in the UK, being a secular account of religions' origins. Meanwhile, despite Australia's surprisingly self-disciplined response to COVID, I stay concerned about the impact on our widely distributed College contemporaries.

Phil Child reports that the only real news is that, inspired by a visit to Uzbekistan, and books on the Silk Road, he is trying to learn Arabic. Progress has been slow, Duolingo isn't best for this, but there are plenty of Arabic tutors locally so as Lockdown ends...

1967 Year Group Representative Barry Carter writes:

As **Geoff Woolsey-Brown** says, the 2020 to 2021 year has seen the 1967 Year Group doing much the same as all other groups. **Owen Davies** says grandson Finley is

thriving. **Jim Webber** confirms that Catherine T is a whiz at Zoom and has appreciated the Cambridge in America webinars. He joins **Chris Eaglen** on commending the University on their webinars. Chris is still working on plans for the future of nuclear reactors in the UK, especially with 2030 in mind. The flooding in Bedford made the news for **Tim Wilkes** and Janet. **Fred Frith** is now fully retired from teaching after an intense locked down final semester at the Basel Musik Akademie. His last in-person concert was 13 March 2020. He has tentative dates in Berlin and Rome for summer 2021, and even plans some concert tours in the next year. He has been working on composing commissions from 'Kill Your Idols' in France, the 'Percussion Art



David Williams

Ensemble' in Bern and the 'Bang on a Can All Stars' from New York. **Dave Williams** stepped down after 10 years as Dean of Engineering at Ohio State, and is now taking a year's academic leave hoping to share a little more freedom with Margie after the Lockdown. Like many of us, Dave lost good friends over the last year; none to COVID, but all a reminder that our runway is getting shorter and life should be lived to the full.



Clive Butchins

Clive Butchins served a second year as President of his Rotary Club and took on the role of Secretary when the club lost a member; he becomes the real Secretary this year! He is still serving as a Town Councillor in Elstree & Borehamwood, as chair

of the local Museum Trustees and on some local ecological committees. He and Elaine welcomed their third granddaughter (who is in the UAE) in May 2020. Granddaughter #1 is in Germany, but #2 lives nearby and is seen regularly. **George O'Sullivan** works on the house and garden, continues his church treasurer duties and is lucky to still have a 'care bubble' for an aged relative.

Jeremy Tafler has been volunteering with Victim Support, a charity that works with the police supporting victims of crime. Jeremy has found this so satisfying that he is now studying counselling/psychotherapy (level three – he reminds us is A levels). He plans for level four and five next year. **Peter Tymms** continues to do some work at Durham University, but gardening, croquet, reading and grandparenting are taking over.

Colin Chipperfield comments from Melbourne, Australia, that he is recently retired, has a freshly painted house and a well-manicured garden. He enjoyed a black-tie, Zoom dinner with Victoria-based alumni, delivered cuisine and after-dinner speakers (including Cambridge alumna, Miriam Margolyes). He is already beginning to visit interstate friends and family; the boys and grandchildren are in Canberra and Adelaide. Now retired, **Pete Adriaenssens** and his wife Liz enjoy pottering with veggies, fruit and flowers in their backyard and the greater outdoors of the San Francisco Bay Area. Their children and granddaughter are in the UK; their daughter will be married in Cambridge in July 2021 so they hope to be there. No UK trip for over a year but they have regular Zoom contact with **Colin Chipperfield** and his wife, Linda, in Australia.

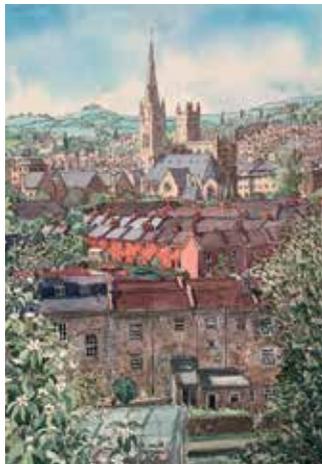
Richard Green continues painting, walking, cycling, watching sport (just on tv now) and gardening; being able to discover new footpaths and cycleways near the house in Bath has been a treat. Two of his paintings have been or are about to be exhibited.

David Colville returned from Singapore at the end of February 2020, and has not travelled much since, except to the northeast of England to explore ancestral haunts. David had a brush with COVID and the other C but fortunately the former was relatively mild and the prognosis for the latter is good. He and his wife have been occupied with the refurbishment of a small mews house in London – it took far longer (and cost more) than forecast, but they moved in, in April 2021.

After a month as Chaplain at St George's College, Jerusalem (in the lovely East Jerusalem campus of the Anglican cathedral) Reverend **William Allberry** was on a high. He then finished his final stay teaching English at Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai. Retirement life in Lockdown continued very much as before – much of the work helping out in local churches just went online. The Indian charity he manages was just a little busier; the DIY and building maintenance work at home, at church, in the community centre, and other buildings all constituted essential work, which allowed him to leave the home, suitably distanced, etc. His grown-up daughter decided to come home and work from there, ensuring that the others stuck to COVID regulations, when she returned to her South London flat, his son returning from Cambodia succeeded her.

Richard Tebboth has enjoyed his Shakespeare play-reading group, set up as it happens by two local friends who are also Cambridge (but not Christ's) alumni. So far, they have got through just over half the plays. He learned through Facebook that his old friend **Jim Webber** belongs to a similar group in Canada. Richard comments on the ties that bind-Zoomed Shakespeare. **John Beech** supervised a postgraduate student dissertation in Kampala; the student is at the Russian International Olympic University in Sochi. His two weeks of lecturing in Kampala had to use pre-recorded PowerPoint presentations, Zoom seminars, and Skype supervisions – surreal, but more pleasant than he expected. He's been marking Masters dissertation proposals in Sports Management for ten students at the London campus of Loughborough University. His online Masters course at York University in Railway Studies is coming to the end of the second year, with just (!) his own dissertation to go: looking at the relationships between the various railway trade unions and the political parties between the wars.

John Wright gained three grandchildren during the last year. Instead of travelling to the UK to see them all, he has spent more time in his central Otago retreat in Bannockburn, where he joined the Mokihi Trust in Central Otago, planting native plants and trees along the banks of the Kawarau River. Bannockburn (New Zealand, not Scotland) was formerly a gold mining area, now turning out great Pinot Noir.



*Richard Green's
paintings of Bath*

Despite digging 100+ holes for plants, no gold nuggets were unearthed. He remains in contact with Fijian doctors to advise on treating children with heart conditions – some have been treated in Auckland as their surgical team cannot go to Fiji until New Zealand and Fiji have a travel ‘bubble’. **Richard Summerfield** reports that he now has Parkinson’s Disease, so communication is difficult and physical activity curtailed. We are all hoping for that miracle cure. **Brian Bradfield** will be 87 in the summer of 2021. He says ‘what do I do but scribble, scribble, scribble?’ He has special memories of Simon, being wine secretary, and propitiating Aesculapius.

Glyn Dale-Jones still lives in Italy half the year. Being there in January 2020 he decided to stay put during Lockdown (large house, garden and pool in the countryside, versus a townhouse in the UK): you’ll recall their cases were the worst in Europe and their Lockdown was first. Glyn was back in the UK in July when things were improving, but was back to Italy (and 2 weeks quarantine) for September and October. He did get in 14 days skiing in France and Italy in 2020 before they closed the resorts in Cervinia, Sauze d’Oulx and La Tania. He is still working full-time as a corporate/commercial lawyer via his virtual law firm, Excello Law. The work has been largely unaffected by COVID. Glyn says ‘pretty boring really, but boring is good during a pandemic!’



Peter Foster's book

Since **Peter Foster** is a journalist and author, he has been semi-retired all his life, but plans now to be less semi-retired! His main recreation has been walking the 120-mile lakeside route (near Toronto) between Oshawa and Hamilton (in bits, of course, four times total this past year). If you haven’t read his recent articles, his new book will inform you, though it may be too political and academically incorrect, he says!

Barry Carter’s routine continues as before, just without the travel. He handles all the submissions to the Journal of Materials Science (about 10,000 a year); the journal will publish about 1,200 of them again this year. He still mentors his two postdocs and Zooms regularly with colleagues at the labs in New Mexico. He hopes to continue his visiting position at Manchester University when travel permits. In the meantime, he has been re-introduced to chess (today’s online variety) with a challenging younger Christ’s Alumnus **Adam Carter** (m. 1994).

Brian Bradfield: *Going down, Michaelmas 1967* (a reflection 54 years after)

So here I sit, aged 33
a very strange anomaly
Above the boiler room, in Christs
Insufferably hot

I gaze out onto Drummer street
Then slip the lock, upon a gate
And go outside for air, to Parkers piece
A noisy crowd, a lot of fuss
Schoolchildren swarming on a bus
Some mothers rush to meet their offspring
Fathers curse their fate
School’s out, but work is ending late

Inside the college all is calm
 Some dons are taking tea, not me
 There's Porter, Munro! Biggins, Schama
 -A young, and lively prototype Obama-
 Along with Coombe and Lewitter, in deference
 To mighty Plumb, or common sense.

Not all in conversation, Geoffrey Martin
 Fresh from Karnak, Thebes or Luxor, dreams,
 Another revelation, as I sit out, in isolation,
 Anticipation, until dinner, final Combination.

Drink up the claret, pass the port
 Tomorrow no more of the sort
 Autumn's past, the leaves have fallen
 December snow, along the Backs
 It's time that I was making tracks

To Suffolk coast, home to the family
 A passing fantasy, become reality.

1968 Year Group Representative Andy Symonds writes:

My wife, Geneviève and I have enjoyed the various Lockdowns French-style (lots of paperwork to justify leaving the premises, and strict limits on how far you could venture). As a result, the garden was maintained in tip-top condition, and we had to employ considerable ingenuity to maximise the length of walks within a given radius of home. In the autumn we had two emergency journeys to UK, the first because my mother was taken seriously ill, and the second three weeks later for her funeral.

Richard Savage writes: Pamela and I found the periods of Lockdown provided excellent opportunities to publish further interim reports on aspects of our long-running archaeological community test-pitting programme in Old Woking in Surrey, a settlement founded in the last quarter of the 7th century, and to make good progress on the formal synthesis of the archaeological and documentary evidence. In the summer 'break' between Lockdowns we enjoyed a very happy family holiday with our grandchildren on the English Riviera, with splendid views across Torbay under almost uninterrupted 'Mediterranean' sunshine. With best wishes to all.

Rowan Williams reports: I retired as Master of Magdalene after what felt like the hardest-working six months of my life, trying with my colleagues to keep the shared life of the College afloat in the massive turmoil and confusion of the first Lockdown. We're now back home in Wales (Cardiff); still a fair bit of speaking and writing, currently still chairing Christian Aid and the Council for the Defence of British Universities, and involved in campaigns around the Glasgow CoP meeting. Two things to look forward to this autumn are the next poetry collection from Carcanet Press – and much more importantly, a first grandchild! All good wishes to the cohort.

Paul Roper says: Greetings to all. Needless to say it's been a quiet year. Luckily there was plenty of maintenance to do on our old property and lots of gardening.

We made good use of our narrowboat with two excellent holidays. This year we are staying in the UK and again the narrowboat will feature prominently in our leisure time. Maybe we will venture further afield in 2022?

Robert Borgerhoff-Mulder responds: Here at home I've written and privately published a short book about my father and his father during the Second World War. Both were heroic – really! – but in very different styles. My father escaped the Netherlands, travelled all round the world to reach England and became a bomber pilot, conducting more than 60 missions. His father remained in the Netherlands. He was director of the country's largest lunatic asylum and hid away many Jewish patients and other people in the underground. The Germans, who suspected what he was doing, took him hostage for nine months, and threatened to kill him in reprisal for sabotage attacks, but had to release him when the asylum became unmanageable in his absence. I had known very little – well, actually practically nothing – until I started to ask questions and research twenty years ago. My interest was provoked by Paul Verhoeven's film *The Black Book* which is set in the time when the Netherlands was liberated in May 1945. I started to wonder about my own family and what they had gone through then. The COVID Lockdown has given me time to put my findings down on paper. It's been a fascinating voyage of discovery as this history has, piece by piece, come to light. I'm delighted that friends and family like the book, and not just for the photographs! They've encouraged me to write about my mother's family and I'm doing that now: another fascinating history and, in a different way, equally extraordinary.



John Purcell

John Purcell writes: I was really lucky to be able to celebrate my 70th birthday in March 2020 just days before the national Lockdown started. My jazz band, *Con Brio*, played for the occasion and we started the evening with some Morris Dancing. After the Lockdown started, my wife and I rediscovered the joys of walking on the Downs or along Eastbourne's seafront – eerily devoid of cars in the spring of 2020. In October, we had a short break in Hereford. The Morris Dancing dried up but we have recently started socially distanced rehearsals again on open ground. The jazz group continued to rehearse in our back garden – thankfully, we have tolerant and supportive neighbours – and we continued rehearsals in

a local church once the evenings became too cold and dark to rehearse outdoors. A local theatre booked us to play a concert just before Christmas but the infection rate became so dreadful in Eastbourne that we had no choice but to cancel. At the moment we have a few gigs on the horizon, always assuming that the road map for coming out of lockdown remains viable. Good wishes to everyone in my year.



Paul Ormerod

Paul Ormerod became Chairman of the Rochdale Development Agency in May last year, Rochdale being his hometown. The Development Agency is the economic development arm of Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council. Last August he was invited to join the Relative Hills Society of Britain. Membership is by invitation only and there are fewer than 200 active members. To qualify you have to have bagged a very large number of British hills.

Hill walkers might note that even completing both the Munros and the Corbetts in Scotland is not enough.

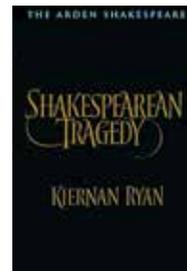
Nigel Collin says: ‘as a local Councillor, after a year of interminable Council Zoom meetings, in the absence of primary legislation required for continuation of remote meetings, all Councils now have to hold meetings in public for the first time in 15 months. At the time of writing, Epsom had its first planning meeting in the council chamber with Counsellors socially distanced and wearing masks, except when speaking. It was a surreal experience, especially given the external speakers relaying their speeches over microphones into the chamber. However, if the pandemic had struck some 20 years ago, without current technology, we would all have been struggling to cope even more than we have to date.’

Stephen Hart has finally had his biography of **James Chuter Ede** (m. 1903) published after several years, and has donated a copy to the College library. He has also written an article on Chuter Ede’s connection with cricket, which additionally featured Christ’s greatest all-rounder, **Gilbert Jessop** (m 1896). This was shortlisted for the *Wisden* cricket writing competition, and published in *The Nightwatchman* magazine.

Geoff Wilson writes: I will be embarking in the autumn on a new phase of life with my lovely new bride Anna – my third wife, which I must agree is not a wonderful advertisement for the relationship maturity of those of us growing up in the last years of single-sex education! On reflection, what a wonderful life I (we) have been lucky enough to have from that excellent Cambridge start to our journey of learning. For me, my maths led me into a 47-year career as a consulting actuary. What experiences, from the heady big-bang city financial consultancy days in the 1980s, up to the quieter period after my own divorce 15 years ago when I built a specialist firm in divorce and pensions. This has now passed on to new ownership as I retired – in my mind to study and practise philosophy. It could be argued that the diagnosis of cancer within months of my retirement, and the subsequent years of treatment and recuperation, interrupted the plan, but no – I can now see that it actually helped. I have come some way, but there is still a lifetime’s work ahead to gradually appreciate our history, culture and environment both near at hand and worldwide. My year of Lockdown was very pleasant, particularly the two Mediterranean holidays where Russian and British travel rules briefly allowed me to be with my fiancée. I can bring you news of my fellow mathematician **Peter Wilkinson** who has continued his ever-more-eclectic home improvement projects – my imagination boggles at the schemes for exotic travel adventures he will have brewed up by the time overseas travel re-opens.

Kiernan Ryan was one of the guests discussing *Macbeth* with Melvyn Bragg on BBC Radio 4’s programme *In Our Time* and a speaker in a debate held by the Cambridge Union about the point and importance of Shakespeare today. His latest book on the Bard, *Shakespearean Tragedy*, has just been published by Bloomsbury.

Roger Tansley writes: as a New Year project Marie-Jo and I decided to visit each week places whose first letter corresponds to the week number (A in week 1, B in week 2, etc.). For this, we are privileged to live in Alsace where there are so many small villages. Thus, we have been to places quite close to home, which we have never visited before, making interesting discoveries. For instance when visiting Fessenheim we discovered a museum dedicated to Victor Schoelcher, advocate for the abolition



*Kiernan Ryan's
book*

of slavery in France and its colonies. In week 6, museums were closed but we were able to return this week for an informative visit to this well-conceived museum. In week 17, we were still restricted to a 10 km radius from home, so we were unable to visit the only Alsatian village starting with Q – Quatzenheim. We bent the rules to allow us to visit a place with a Q in the name, so we went to Riquewihr. The streets were virtually empty – a welcome change as the village is usually packed with tourists. As I write, we are planning to take our bikes this afternoon to visit Urschenheim.

1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

Unsurprisingly, this year's call for news produced even fewer replies than usual, with none from overseas. Even those few had almost nothing to report for attribution: a year of shielding, isolating, or just plain hunkering down and doing our best to keep calm and muddle through, has offered few opportunities for notable escapades or significant achievements other than 70th birthdays and double vaccinations. Just getting through it all may be achievement enough. The lack of news – certainly of replies conveying bad news – is perhaps in itself good news, but not automatically: College has been separately notified of the deaths of **Jonathan Beaumont** and **Peter Miller**, recorded elsewhere in this issue. Even under the constraints of Lockdowns and self-isolations, and despite occasional (non- COVID) urgent medical treatments, people have kept busy, and 'life continues to be a miracle'. College's own contribution provoked one glowing review: 'The Christ's webinars have been terrific ... sharing [the speakers'] ... expertise and work has certainly kept some of my rapidly-changing colour brain cells a constant grey'. The year's unpredictabilities meant that among its deprivations September's unexpected bonus reunion dinner was reduced to an hour-long Zoomshow. On the day, only six of us actually joined in, for half an hour of sharing memories and recent experiences, and general catching up. **John Colyer**, **John Hargreaves**, **Frank Knight**, **Chris O'Brien**, and **Robert Swanson** represented the UK, with **Mike Dickenson** providing a perspective from America. **Jonathan Best** was to have joined from Australia, and did sign in, but then 'lost connection and as it was past 2am here, so sleep deprivation got the upper hand' – otherwise, we few would have girdled the globe. **Tony Jewell's** return to active service with the NHS has already been noted – and presumably noticed – in *Pieces*, but merits more permanent record here. **Philip Cushing** and his wife have moved back to Cambridge, he now delighting in using an ebike on the city's 'fantastic bicycle paths'. Unpredictability will remain the watchword for the next twelve months, but if all goes well next year's report will be more substantial.



Philip Cushing

1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Simon Jamieson wrote with the sad news of the passing of **Martin Harrison** in February 2021. **John D Smith** writes: I suppose that the 50th anniversary of my spending a year out of College at 66 Jesus Lane is a suitable opportunity to reflect on past events. I have been quite fortunate since leaving Christ's and my Geography degree has served me well as a basis for teaching the subject for over 30 years in a

variety of institutions (10 years in a boys Grammar School, 7 years in a boys boarding school, 3 years in a mixed boarding school, 12 years in a mixed comprehensive school and 6 years part-time in a community college). I have examined both Geography and Travel & Tourism for several awarding bodies, latterly as Chief Examiner. I was even able to run annual field trips to Dubai from 2000 to 2006 prior to taking early retirement from full time teaching. I have now completely retired from both teaching and examining but a degree of self-employment still remains – I have just finished co-authoring my seventh Travel and Tourism textbook. With luck, the new royalties might support visits to destinations which my wife and I are fond of – fingers crossed!



*John D Smith
and wife*

John Tattersall was delighted to be nominated as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and will be installed at a special service of Evensong in June. He was ordained at Christ Church in 2007 at the end of a successful career in the City. He has been a Self-Supporting Minister in Oxford Diocese since then, serving six rural parishes in North Oxfordshire, and has been Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance since 2013, responsible for the finances of one of the largest dioceses in the Church of England. He has maintained his City links as non-executive Chair of the Government's 'bad bank', UK Asset Resolution, where he has led the disposal of the remains of Bradford & Bingley, Northern Rock and Mortgage Express. He was also made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year.

David Hall writes: We moved to Cambridge in 2012 because of the connection to the College, and for the wide variety of cultural events. We have discovered a number of these online, either as Zoom meetings or as YouTube recordings. Fairly early on in the course of the epidemic we saw a virtual ADC play about people meeting up in a Zoom-style session, and wondering what happened to the people who had said 'Goodbye' and then left the session – thought-provoking. Since then we have seen a number of ADC productions, some entirely virtual, with all the actors participating from their own homes, and others being streamed live shows in front of a socially-distanced audience. 'Shelved', a play about impossible bookshops, and a socially distanced Macbeth were memorable events. We have enjoyed quite a few classical music concerts put on virtually by Eboracum Baroque, who appear to be based around Cambridge despite the name (Ebor is York). Christ's arranged some interesting webinars. One was on fossilised bird studies, involving questions of their evolution as judged by the fossil record. The Christ's webinar with the most intriguing title had to be 'How to survive a Viking Invasion'. One short answer seemed to be 'run!' as Viking raiding parties often didn't stick around long. The advice did remind me, however, of the old military advice from the 60s: How to survive a nuclear bomb: 'Don't be there when it goes off'. The Christ's webinar of greatest interest to me as a former biochemist, was concerned with Christ's alumni and the response to COVID-19. One very diplomatic answer from one contributor related to the difficulty encountered while working with SAGE: getting politicians to listen to the evidence! It was, of course, an earlier Christ's man, **C P Snow** (Fellow), who drew attention to the 'Two Cultures' problem: 'Politicians, mostly educated in

the humanities, frequently do not understand the science.' Other ways of occupying ourselves included going for walks in Mill Road Cemetery, sitting in freezing pub gardens for the delight of being served with food and drinks, and taking part in a successful (so far) campaign to oppose a large and ugly development over St Matthew's Piece, which is the only public park in our part of Cambridge.

Hugo Williams writes: One positive aspect of the virus has been that it proved the genesis of a weekly Zoom meeting between the wider PUDDLE (don't ask) group based on Christ's 1970 alumni, with guest appearances from 1969 and 1971. We managed to put on shows to mark all major festivals during the year, starting with *Easter 2020*, moving on to the *Summer Season with Henley* (proper kit), *Hallowe'en* (ditto), *I can't remember Guy Fawkes, Christmas...* Having just arranged a Henley Regatta picnic for July last year, it had to be pulled within days because of COVID so we had a Zoom chat instead. It was good to talk and so we organised one for the following week, and so it has continued weekly for the last year or more. We have enjoyed a regular commentary on the USA and the demise of the Trump presidency courtesy of **John Lambert** (m. 1969), resident in Boston, Massachusetts, and on whales and life in rural Canada from **Hal Whitehead** and, I dimly recall from **John Watson** in NZ at some point during the pandemic. It is somewhat strange to report that we are probably now closer in touch than at any time since leaving the College.

Dewar Donnithorne-Tait continues his *pro-bono* work to promote the safe and economically efficient operations of aircraft without human pilots on board as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Having played a major role in gaining acceptance for mathematically rigorous approaches to risk and mitigation, he is now focused on knowledge management and the implications for the Airworthiness regime in the various scenarios emerging from the rapid increase in drone operations and the prospect of Advanced Airborne Mobility. His work with colleagues in Kashmir to conserve the Hangul (Kashmir Stag) continues with some improvements in the animal's status. Still based in Cambridge and Languedoc, he and Alison look forward to the return of long-haul travel.

1971 Year Group Representative Tim Lintott writes:



William Peskett's
book

The theme of **William Peskett's** new book of sonnets is a re-imagining of a collection of poems by William Blake in which he ponders the Fall of Man. The sonnets explore modern conditions for a continuing fall: our mistreatment of earth and its creatures, our mismanagement of our own nations, and of course COVID. You can find it online by searching for William Peskett. **Simon Vivian** reports: 'I have been elected a Fellow of Eton with effect from September this year, and I still have my part-time lectureship at St Anne's College Oxford where **Kate Watkins** (m. 1987) is my boss.'

Adam Wethered writes: 'Such a bizarre year, which I look back on feeling grateful for many things, especially for the arrival of our first grandchild, as well as last spring two puppies (a cocker and a second ridgeback), the rolling Wiltshire countryside around Avebury, and excellent colleagues at work, even if remotely via my semi-competent Zoom abilities. I became Chairman of Wren Investment Office, a multi-family office business, and remained on the British Academy Development

board; I still chair the Garrick Club investment committee and am on the board of Project Associates. I have evaded COVID thus far, though two of my five adult children were hit by it recently and as I write this are languishing in their respective Bermondsey flats. Lockdown release permitting, we hope to host at home the deferred from 2020 marriage of our only daughter Imogen, an entrepreneur in the tech world, to Ronald a Dutchman who inhabits that same digital planet. It is hard to believe, except of course when I look in the mirror, that half a century has nigh passed since I arrived at Christ's and made lifelong friends. The closest ones are blurrily pictured herewith. The three faces from Christ's are, from the left, Tim Lintott, me and the late, much missed George Spyrou. Well done Tim for launching a Christ's LLM scholarship in his name. I feel enormously fortunate to have been taught by Cambridge's 1970s legal brains how to dissect facts, concepts and issues, and how to argue. My more capable and instinctive microbiologist wife, Diana, used to dissect much more tangible things like cells and fungi. Despite my arguments, being based upon piercing logic and undeniable and perhaps selectively chosen facts, I apparently completely miss the point! A crime compounded by increasing deafness and no doubt obstinacy. *C'est la vie!* Final thought: if alive now, would Charles Darwin be measuring our fingers to see if they are becoming more pointed to suit smartphone keyboards? Infuriatingly, my fat fingers haven't evolved!

David Bleiman reports that he can share the news of the recent publication of his first poetry pamphlet: *This Kilt of Many Colours*: <https://www.dempseyandwindle.com/davidbleiman.html>

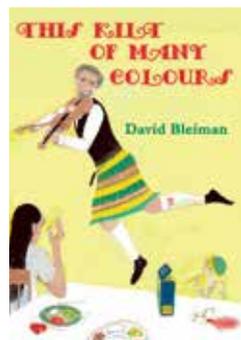
Graham Burton reports: Having reached the mandatory retiring age, I had to step down from my Chair last September. After qualifying in clinical medicine I returned to Cambridge to pursue basic research, first in the Department of Anatomy and then following the merger with Physiology in the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience. My research has centred on human reproduction, and in particular on the role of the placenta in normal and complicated pregnancies. In 2007, I was appointed the inaugural Director of the Centre for Trophoblast Research, a cross-disciplinary grouping focussed on maternal-fetal interactions, and in 2018 led a successful bid to the University for a Strategic Research Initiative in Reproduction that brings together the basic, social and clinical sciences with the arts and humanities. I am still finishing off a few studies and remain a life Fellow at St John's College. **Alan Brown** writes: On a personal front, I have been timed out of some of my Board positions, at Schrodgers after 9 years and at Pool Re (Terrorism insurance) after 13 years. I have taken on a couple of investment committee positions, one with the College and one with the Gurkha Welfare Trust where I hope to meet



Adam Wethered's dogs



L-R: Tim Lintott, Adam Wethered and George Spyrou



David Bleiman's recent publication



*Alan Brown's
newly planted
field*

Joanna Lumley! On the home front, I have planted up a field with 1,350 trees and 550 shrubs. My great hope is that I get to see them grow to at least four times my height! I am awaiting my seventh grandchild in July, but sadly I am unlikely to be able to visit until the middle of 2022 as he or she will be in Adelaide and Australia remains very much closed.

Andrew Bibby is active as secretary of his local Community Land Trust, harnessing community endeavour to bring affordable homes to his area of West Yorkshire. His latest book *Too Hot for Comfort*, which completes his Cumbria Fells crime trilogy, has climate change as a central theme. **Nick Payne** writes: I have been back to clinical work as a volunteer COVID vaccinator since the beginning of 2021. I have found it very rewarding, and humbling, to be part of this project. It has been very impressive how many people have come forward to volunteer for all sorts of vaccination-related tasks, but sadly, and predictably, the government seems intent on taking all the credit for its success! **Tim Lintott** writes: For my own part, the past year has been quite a mix – delighted to have twin grandchildren (happiness tempered by one of them spending the first 5 months of her life in hospital, 4 months of which was in intensive care, but now at home and making good progress). I was in and out of hospital lots, but now much improved – and have just had my golf handicap/index reduced to 15.4. Still bald (I like to think – Bruce Willis?) and on chemo, but holding up pretty well. Hoping to get to France and Italy as soon as we are sensibly able to – am keen to put my long hours of Italian language studies over the past couple of years to use in Italy – even if just ordering spaghetti and a bottle of wine. Only other news is that our youngest daughter has just got a job as a science officer on a conservation project in the Seychelles – so we will have to go and visit (never been there).

Bill Lumb lives in Surrey, having retired from a career as an actuary. He has three adult children and is looking forward to resuming travelling the world when circumstances permit. **Martin Lockett** reports: I am still in China working as Dean of Nottingham University Business School China. Due to COVID restrictions, I haven't been able to travel overseas since I returned to China in March last year. However, it has been a relief to be in one of the safest places in the world with life inside the country more or less normal. Professionally in the last year or so, I have won (as part of a team) a National 'First Class Course' Award, a Zhejiang Province 'First Class Course' Award and a Ningbo city level award for 'Higher Education Teaching Outstanding Achievement'. (As an indicator the population of Zhejiang is 65 million, the same as the UK, and Ningbo over 9 million which is similar to London). In his role as Chair and Trustee of the Nuclear Trust and Director of the Nuclear Liabilities Fund, **Richard Wohanka** has been awarded a CBE in the New Year Honours for services to the Nuclear Industry.

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

Last year our group produced its longest entry ever for the *College Magazine*. The pandemic Lockdown had put many of us into a thoughtful and reflective mode leading to some fascinating contributions. 2021 is different. The intervening year brings relatively little news and one of you advised 'You may struggle to get interesting

copy!’ Indeed, your main headline is ‘been nowhere, done nothing!’ But headlines inevitably give a very partial summary and this year’s (fewer) contributors probably speak for us all with the various themes they pick up on. Projects on the backburner have made their way to the front! So, for example, **Bob Stevenson** is busy editing piano recording sessions to produce new CDs to sell for charity fundraising. He adds ‘in the meantime Radio 3 saw fit to play one of my commercial CDs on its morning *Essential Classics* programme. I have now had three playings on national radio’. **Patrick Reade** is ‘now attending to 37 years of paper accumulation and clearing the Augean stables and that is very therapeutic.’ And these projects need not be boring! He adds, ‘an acquired vast library of art books needs cataloguing, so my time is committed in a fascinating way.’ As someone with a lot of papers, I am inspired by this, and we should all note the therapeutic benefits.

Separation from relatives abroad is a frustration for many. **Steve Bagnall** mentioned his disappointment that he had not seen his two-year-old Californian granddaughter for three quarters of her life. **Jamie Darke** says, ‘Being in Cascais near Lisbon, and my son and daughter-in-law in London, I have not yet seen my four-month-old granddaughter, Milly. Nor have I seen her parents, Max and JiHae since December 2019.’ At the time of writing, he was hoping Portugal would be placed on the ‘green list’ and his wish was granted shortly after. Similarly, **Steve Barnes** in Belgium writes ‘we’ve been essentially locked in for the duration – both of our daughters and grandchildren are in the UK, aged 3 years, 8 months, and only 6 months – so the latest is yet to be seen in person. Thankfully, we have Skype and the like, but really not the same.’

Other parts of our lives have also continued, ‘But really not the same’ on Zoom etc, and this includes giving our time to various community and charity organisations. Marston Allotment Association claims it benefits from the services of **Steve Bagnall** as Secretary. **Jamie Darke** is Governor of the British international school in Carcavelos, St Julian’s, and until recently for the Lisbon English language theatre company. **Tim Tyler** continues as Chair of the Royal Star & Garter, a care home charity for military veterans. He is proud of the residents and staff who have all been under immense pressure through the pandemic and says, ‘we have had better results in keeping the infection at bay than the sector averages which is a credit to all our staff and residents, and our donors who have contributed to meeting the extra costs we have faced.’ Like several of you, I expect, Tim has also been participating in a vaccine trial. Many continue to be directly involved in health and social care services during the pandemic and you may have seen **Paul Elliott** talking about his work at Imperial in London on the College Webinar series in April. This is the important REACT study on the transmission of COVID in the community. I was one of many thousands contacted to take part, and this was probably the first time I had been any real help to Paul since lending him a pencil sharpener in the 4th form at school where we shared a desk over 50 years ago. He has since been awarded a CBE for his services to scientific research in public health, in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

It’s time to stop some things and begin new ones. These might be small or, in **Patrick Reade’s** case, quite major decisions. He writes: ‘After 37 years of medicine I decided to stop practising and on 1 March ‘struck the board and cried ‘No more’. After a year of COVID injecting a toxic ingredient into daily life and after living in those PPE garments and spending hours rescheduling the way we worked and vaccinating *inter alia* and the duty sessions it was time to pull back. Until that moment I had no sense of what the stress had been. No more medical students which

is sad but also no more viva surgical and medical examining.' Looking forward, **Alan Cottenden's** contribution sets the tone of optimism with caution. First, he has actually been away on holiday..... 'Almost forgotten what that was like!' he says. The North Norfolk coast is to be recommended. Second, he has returned to Bedford, which experienced one of the worst COVID surges in the country. So, let's all cautiously and optimistically take **Francis Drasar's** advice, 'We must get together soon' as clearly your responses tell the importance of the support of relatives and friends. Senior Science Advisor at Aadi Defence Pty Ltd, **Ian Sare**, has been made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to science and technology. **Tommy Teague** was appointed Chief Coroner of England and Wales; the appointment took effect in December 2020 and is a three year post.

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

It was great to hear from **Bob Childs** who hasn't featured in this column before. Bob returned to his native south Wales after graduating in Natural Sciences and taught Maths in various comprehensive schools in the Valleys. He then joined the Welsh exam board as Maths officer and retired in 2015 from the post of Assistant Director of Exams. It is interesting to observe that more than 5% of our intake was from Welsh State Schools, but from my observation the number in the current group of undergraduates is much less. Bob currently lives in Neath where one of the College's best known alumni **Tony Lewis** (m. 1959) went to school.

Andrew Jackson continues his career in leadership consulting which has seen him work with bishops, bankers, diplomats, judges, hoteliers, industrialists, Whitehall mandarins and others. Just to emphasise the catholic breadth of his client base Andrew wrote to me from Lviv where he was helping a client set up a digital marketing consultancy, whilst at the same time helping another client on human rights in the Balkans and working with a conventional utility client. He says it's the sort of job where a few grey hairs help to win the work, and the work then helps to keep the grey cells mobile. He remains active in the world of music and arts. He was involved for a long time with of the Shakespeare Schools Foundation (**Edward Gildea** would no doubt approve). When Andrew became chair of the charity he found himself sharing a platform with one of the charity's great patrons, Nick Hytner, (then at the National Theatre) with whom he had worked all those years before in the ever-fertile world of Cambridge Amateur Dramatics. **John Makinson** also has a strong connection with the National Theatre where he was Chairman until 2016. John has been in New York for the past few years and is looking forward to a return to England for a spell. He reports that New York is nowhere near as awful as Taki's columns in the Spectator might lead us to think. He promises a fuller update for next year's magazine.

John May is contemplating a return to Cambridge (perhaps he is waiting for the offer of a Mastership somewhere). In the meanwhile he will continue with his rural idyll in deepest Essex. John has asked me to mention his noble work for the Anglo-Australian charity BASET, which I am happy to do. The charity promotes academic liaison between the UK and the second best cricket playing country in the world. Given the provenance of the College's current distinguished Master it would be impolite to refuse support for such a worthy cause.

For those of you looking for a killer question for the next pub quiz, here is one prompted by a note from **Bill Golush**. Bill is contemplating retirement after 43 years writing software for the downstream refining industry (perhaps he has heard about

the plans to become carbon neutral and thinks it would be best to bail out now). You may remember that Bill is a bit of a whizz at Bridge and he tells me that he has been reading a book by Skid Simon who has the claim to fame of being one of the co-inventors of the Acol bidding system. That's a bit like saying you were at the first meeting of the Football Association in 1863. Anyway, the question is what does Mr Simon have in common with Ed Smith, the former England cricket selector? The answer is, not that they were both at Peterhouse – that was just Ed, but that they were both at Tonbridge. I suppose the clue is in the name of the school.

Steve Gibbs hasn't yet finished his long promised novel. In fact he hasn't yet started it. But he and Rowena have enjoyed fortnightly Zoom supper parties with **Keith Woodward** and his wife Sally. They select a new destination each time and have been as far afield as Spain, Mexico and India, dressing, eating and drinking accordingly. Your correspondent did some non-virtual travelling to far flung destinations last year and had the pleasure of dinner with Susan and **Chris Shea** on the Kent Riviera (Ramsgate is the new Portofino) and Sarah and **Adrian Crellin** (now Professor) in the Yorkshire Dales.

Tony Smith has left Royston and he and Ann are now based solely in Devon. This may restrict his attendance at Lord's but it will allow room for **Mike Sandberg** who has returned from Hong Kong and become one of the new Life Members. Perhaps one day Father Time will be joined by a Sandberg Clock to match the one at the Oval.

Paul Redstone had the distinction of being elected as Conservative county councillor for Northern Rother in East Sussex in the May elections. The burghers of Sussex will be pleased to know that Paul is keeping fit by returning to coxing duties with **Guy Whittaker's** (m. 1974) veterans eight. Guy deserves a special mention for managing to persuade the committee of Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club that your correspondent would be a fit and proper person for membership. The fact that the Club now has two former Chief Crabs in its membership is something that we hope **Terence Kyle** (m. 1965) won't find too alarming. But, as Bishop **Michael Marshall** (m. 1955) likes to say, whilst he didn't pass Dr Pratt's rugby-ball test he still got his offer as soon as the good doctor learned that he could play the Schubert Impromptus. We have always been a broad-church College.

1974 Year Group Representative Richard Baker writes:

I have continued painting and drawing throughout the pandemic but have not ventured beyond my own Cambridge garden to find inspiration. I produced, among other work, several paintings of an obliging crab apple tree and one of the oil paintings is shown here, on the easel in my garden in August 2020.

Keshav Desiraju has just had a book published by Harper Collins – *Of Gifted Voice, the Life and Art of M.S. Subbulakshmi*. It received a decent review in *Songlines*, Issue 167 in May 2021 by Oliver Craske, who is the biographer of Ravi Shankar. **Mark Greaves** reports from Singapore that COVID-19 fatalities have thankfully remained extremely low, but the measures taken to minimize transmissions have been



*Richard Baker's
crab apple
painting*

hugely disruptive to the nation's economy and to the everyday lives of its residents. Nonetheless people generally feel they are in safe hands; he reminds us that a significant number of Singapore's political and administrative leadership are Christ's alumni. As the pandemic took hold in the early part of 2020, Mark was asked to join the Board of the country's principal land transport operator, ComfortDelGro, which runs taxis, buses, coaches and light rail services in the island republic and in six other countries including the UK (notably Metrolink buses in London, as well as Scottish Citylink, NAT Group in South Wales and WestBus UK) and across Australia. Many of the group's operations provide a crucial social service to both urban and rural communities and maintaining them in the face of the difficulties posed by the pandemic has been a challenge. There has been, and continues to be, a core focus on the safety and well-being of staff, customers and other stakeholders, especially as regular daily travelling progressively resumes; not surprisingly, the discussions at Board meetings over the past year have been far from routine. **Paul Littlewood** has continued to do well at Bridge, partnering his wife Fiona. They won the Herts Bridge Association Seniors tournament and the Herts 1st Division league with their teammates Celia and Derek Oram. Of course these competitions have all taken place online and the ability to do this successfully has been a real blessing during the pandemic.

1975 Year Group News:

Scott Whittle reports: I have kept in contact with classmates on a regular basis: **Simon Lewis**, who also lives in Southern California, **John McEldowney** (m. 1975), a graduate student at Christ's who up until last year was Dean of the Law School at the University of Warwick, and **Bruce Reinhart** who was only at Christ's for one year and presently lives in Montgomery, Alabama. I also do hear from others at the Christmas holiday. I visit the College page periodically to see news; it is much appreciated. **Michael Seymour** is delighted to report that, as of 10 May 2021, he and his wife have been together for 40 years.

*Strange times
– Summer 2020:
Dr Hugh Jones
contributing
to virtual
celebrations for
Swansea
University's
Centenary
Graduates in
Genetics and
Biochemistry*



In December 2020, **Hugh Jones** retired from Swansea University Medical School after more than 34 years and is now an Honorary Associate Professor. To mark the Centenary of Swansea University he has published a biography of the Founder, Frank Gilbertson [<https://collections.swansea.ac.uk/s/swansea-2020/page/essays>]. This history project was prompted by the coincidence that Hugh and his family live in the converted stables of the Founder's home.



*Socially
distanced golf*

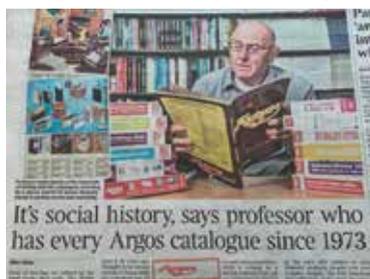
1976 Year Group Representative **Jan Chojecki** writes: Firstly, a big thank you to all who write in; it's great to hear from you, news or no news. In many ways, both such a lot and so little has happened this past year. Socially distanced golf, with **John Philips** (m. 1975), **Richard Morrogh** and 'medium-fast double blue' Mike Howatt (Magdalene, m. 1976), after the first Lockdown, was a major milestone of summer 2020.

For some, inevitably, the year of Lockdowns has resulted in little to report, with a common theme among many correspondents: ‘Really cannot think of anything memorable in a COVID year.’ ‘Sorry. Given Lockdown year, no group photos I’m afraid.’ ‘I am afraid my life has been quite dull over the last year.’ ‘It’s been a quieter year, as you might imagine.’ ‘Survival, keeping the show on the road plus occasional delights seems to have been the tale of the last twelve months.’ ‘I’ll scour my memory for any events that may be reportable’ and ‘I have no news. I did nothing in ‘The Year That Never Happened’ (2020) and I am not doing much more this year apart from deciding to retire, which is hardly news-worthy.’ Nevertheless, **Andrew Ingram** managed to witness the first-ever Maidenhead Downhill Races in July 2020. ‘Grown men and woman steering gravity-powered go-karts and bikes (no pedals) down a hill road towards the mainline station to the delight of onlookers, and all in aid of our local children’s hospice’. Andrew also spotted **Hugh Ashton** (m. 1974) competing in the 2020 BBC Mastermind Semi-Final and doing well answering on the Apollo Space Programme, having specialised in the *Mapp and Lucia* novels the previous round.

Just missing last year’s edition was the news that on 1 August 2020, **Leigh Sparks** (Deputy Principal, Stirling University) featured in the national press for his ‘fascinating record of social history’ – every Argos catalogue since 1973. As Leigh says, ‘for people of a certain age, the books are full of nostalgia.’

This year Leigh writes ‘In the latter half of 2020 and into 2021 I have been engaged in a number of things for the Scottish Government as Chair of Scotland’s Towns Partnership and Professor of Retail Studies. To quote from elsewhere ‘The role of towns, place and communities became increasingly significant in the COVID-19 pandemic response. Given his research and expertise Sparks was appointed a member of the Scottish Government’s Social Renewal Advisory Board to input on towns and place. The Report was published in January 2021 (*If not Now, When?*). [Cabinet Secretary] Aileen Campbell also appointed Sparks to Chair the Review of the Town Centre Action Plan to ensure town centres are fit for the post-pandemic and climate emergency affected world. The review was published in February 2021 (*A New Future for Scotland’s Towns*) and Sparks has presented its findings to many groups, including to members of the UK, Welsh, and Irish governments. The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Hepburn) also appointed Sparks to his Retail Strategy Steering Group in December 2020.’ Leigh’s blog is at www.stirlingretail.com

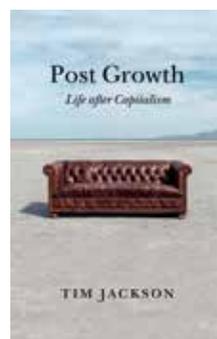
In other news, **Tim Jackson** has published a new book this year, *Post Growth – Life After Capitalism* (Polity). Tim explains ‘the book is not so much a sequel to my previous book *Prosperity without Growth* – written when I was Economics Commissioner to the UK Sustainable Development Commission – as a kind of philosophical ‘prequel’. *Post Growth* ‘dares us to imagine a world beyond



Leigh Sparks and his Argos Catalogue collection



Leigh Sparks in the Scottish Parliament



Tim Jackson's book

capitalism – a place where relationship and meaning take precedence over profits and power. It is both a manifesto for system change and an invitation to rekindle a deeper conversation about the nature of the human condition’.

Erratum: Last year we reported that **Mike Collinson** had been in touch with **Bob Dearden** and **Chaz Kiddle** who were both well. However, on the contrary, Bob in fact caught COVID-19 in April and spent ten weeks in hospital, including four weeks on a ventilator. Although still suffering effects, Bob remarks ‘I am here to tell the tale and I can’t praise the NHS enough.’

Ian Archibald, having acquired **Mike Collinson’s** bike (see last year’s edition), has become a keen recreational cyclist although, readers will be relieved to hear, he has ‘managed to avoid lycra so far.’

Jim Ball found COVID and 2020 a return to his past. He studied Classics (the great plague in Athens of 429BC) and then, for his PhD, Renaissance Venice and the Mediterranean (so many plagues and origin of the word ‘quarantine’). ‘I then swerved into financial journalism and banking and lived a quiet, if boring, life in trade finance and exceptional risk. COVID and Greensill have finally injected a bit of extra vitality and public interest.’



*Larry Amure’s
new bird feeder*

Larry Amure reflects on the past year ‘My guess is that few if any of us has ever experienced a year like the one we have just had. COVID-19 changed everything in that we had to learn to live our lives in different ways. I was looking forward to attending Christ’s May Ball with our year rep and our partners. Unfortunately, it was cancelled, as were the May bumps and dinners in College. I

rapidly learnt how to Zoom (it will not surprise me if this word becomes a verb!) and to use Teams. Unfortunately, our annual dinner with a group of Christ’s friends in London could not be done on Zoom, but we did manage a few Zoom meetings. None of them has changed such that I don’t recognise them. I cannot believe that it is forty-five years since we first met! I am really looking forward to all our lives getting back to normal and we can see each other again in person. I was appointed to the Council of Martin Bacon Academy a new school in Cambridgeshire’s new town Northstowe. This school caters for children with Special Educational Needs, and because of COVID, I am yet to see the school in operation. I am now on the Parochial Church Council at my local church, and I am the Health and Safety Officer (though I wonder why). I took up clarinet following my retirement, but in COVID times, lessons have been impossible. I console myself that I managed to pass Grade 4 before all our lives changed. I am happy that golf clubs are open again. Finally, I have dabbled in writing, and I am not that good. However, after signing up for an on-line course and input from professional authors, an agent has asked to see the rest of my manuscript. I know this guarantees nothing, I am keeping my fingers crossed. My daughter bought me a window bird feeder with a book on British birds. I was surprised to see a squirrel attempting to eat the seeds the other day! (Larry – this is what squirrels do, ed). Keep safe and well.’

Continuing in an avian theme, in September, **Peter Thomas** ‘acquired four rescue hens. Many commercial egg-laying hens are kept in cages and after 72 weeks are killed for pet food. Charities, such as the British Hen Welfare Trust, work with farmers to rehome these hens which can live and continue laying for up to ten years.

We had been warned that caged birds would be very bedraggled and short of feathers, but it was still a shock when they arrived. During the winter months we learnt some hard lessons, particularly that their coop/run was unsuitable for bad weather and had to be rebuilt. In addition, there was a bird flu pandemic which meant they had to be kept indoors for a few months (sounds familiar – ed). However, to see them now each with a full set of feathers, enjoying the sunshine and providing us with two or three eggs a day has made it all worthwhile.’



*Peter Thomas's
hens*

Rob Murgatroyd reports that despite COVID restrictions and travel bans, he has remained at work, courtesy of Microsoft Teams, on restructuring the delivery of NHS and independent secure mental health services. He says ‘Through 2020 I was working on developing and launching a new ‘Provider Collaborative’ model for the NHS East Midlands region, and now in 2021 I have started to do the same (groundhog day) for the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw region – adding in this time Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services and Adult Eating Disorders. I find the subject matter fascinating and, despite a total absence of any clinical experience, have been able to do my bit towards better patient experience and outcomes using the skills of an English degree to make presentations and write persuasive documents. Who would have thought that studies of Chaucer, Shakespeare, Wordsworth and Eliot were all leading to this?’

Martin Webster, partner at law firm Pinsent Masons, writes ‘During the pandemic, I have been working from home in Norfolk and am now contemplating only minimal visits to the office in London before I am due to retire in early September. I will by then have done 40 years with the same firm, which when I started was the norm but now almost unheard of. Aside from a little consultancy work, my plan is to retreat into the garden where I hope to create beauty out of chaos and something that I, and others, can delight in for many years to come! I continue to chair a charity at Bart’s Hospital in London as we begin to gear up for the hospital’s 900th anniversary in 2023 – the oldest hospital in Europe (query the world) that remains on the same site as its original foundation.’

Alec Allen reports that, like all of us, he and his wife Hazel have been keeping a low profile during the pandemic. But he is scheduling a hip replacement in the near future in order to get back on the tennis court. Alec has played for GB in the 50–, 55– and 60-year age groups, winning the national singles at 50s and 55s.

Paul Saint Cassia observes from Malta ‘Over here, things are slowly moving towards ‘normal’. Or rather things seemed to have moved from ‘normal’, to ‘abnormal’, to ‘normally abnormal’, to the current ‘post-normally abnormal’ (and therefore indeterminate). I suppose we all expect to return to ‘normal’, but I suspect it may well be ‘abnormally normal’.’

Paul Whitlock informs of his retirement in the summer of 2020, following 40+ years in the actuarial profession.

Damien Welfare spent much of the 1980s and 1990s working for local government as a Parliamentary Officer, trying to divert or improve the many Government bills on local authorities in the Thatcher/Major years (remember the poll tax?). He was then

a Special Adviser to the Leader of the House of Lords (the late Lord [Ivor] Richard QC) in Tony Blair's first government. He subsequently published a book with Lord Richard setting out a scheme for a democratic reform of the second chamber. He has been a Parliamentary candidate; last standing in 2010. He qualified as a



Tony Price

barrister in 2001 and has been at Cornerstone Barristers (formerly 2–3 Gray's Inn Square) since 2004, specialising in Information Law (data protection, FOI etc) and local government law. He published a book on Information Law in 2019. He is married, with two teenage children, and lives in Southeast London.

Tony Price has moved to South Devon where he is working hard on getting his golf handicap back to where it was 35 years ago. He is also a rich source of platelets, remarking 'at least someone wants my blood.'

Michael Bernstein writes 'I stepped down from my duties as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Stony Brook University this past Fall. I had served one year as Interim President of the institution (during the COVID crisis). I am currently on sabbatical leave, as a Professor of Business, Economics, and History – residing in San Diego, California.'

Mark Roseman, Distinguished Professor of History, Pat M Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies, Indiana University, has published a new book, *ÜberLeben im Dritten Reich*, with Wallstein Press, drawing on a guest professorship at the University of Jena in 2017. Mark explains: 'It's a collection of essays about Jewish life and help for Jews in Nazi Germany. I have been appointed general editor of the four-volume Cambridge *History of the Holocaust* which should appear in 2023. I have continued to enjoy road and gravel biking (lots of country roads, paved and unpaved, and short sharp hills) which was the main compensation for being stuck in Indiana for the last 18 months, but am looking forward to being able to visit family in UK and Europe this summer!'

Rory Field has been in the UK throughout the year of Lockdowns. However, this almost did not happen as, in March 2020, he was in Wellington, New Zealand at a Competition Law workshop. He left just as the planes stopped flying and the airports began to close, just making it back to Scotland on 15 March. St Andrews, as the home of golf with fantastic beaches and nature, proved a good place to experience this strange lull in normal life. From a work perspective, he found the Lockdown both frustrating and a revitalizing catalyst to throw himself back into the work fray with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Accordingly, he was accepted as a Fellow of the



Four
Dr Coulsbreds

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and gave up his part time civil service position and instead re-joined 15 New Bridge Street Chambers in London as a full time Barrister. Currently (May 2021) he is preparing to fly to the Cayman Islands to undertake a 3-week case, which will be a huge change after the past year of working from his home office.

David Coulsbed writes 'I came to Australia in 1993 having married an Australian, Sue, and since that time have had two sons, who are now

23 and 25 years old. Our eldest, Nick, topped his year at Western Sydney Medical School, while Andrew, who went to UNSW aged 17, is now also qualified as doctor. Consequently, there are now four Doctor Coulsheds in the house, of which I am clearly the smallest – we breed them tall here in Oz.

Australia has had four of the great apocalyptic visitations in the past two years – fire, floods, plagues (of mice) and, with COVID, pestilence. The bushfires were extremely real, burning through our back garden and we have since moved to a house built of stone in a lower fire-risk area (Glenbrook).

Vince Abbot explains how he comes to be both Squadron Leader and Dr. 'I qualified in medicine, worked in the NHS for a while then joined the RAF as a doctor. After I finished my commission, I left the RAF and went back to the NHS before finally leaving the NHS and joining a private medical company about 20 years ago. I have decided I have had enough of work and want to concentrate more on my real interests.'

Alastair Reid continues to work with TISCA (The Independent Schools Christian Alliance) and has found the pressures of the past year has brought a lot more work supporting Heads and Chaplains. He is also supporting the Hebron School in India – mentoring the Principal and advising the Governors – where he and his wife Rosalyn used to work. Al says 'These are incredibly difficult times for India but there are amazing stories of resilience and caring for others'. This year, Al and Ros celebrated 44 years together, since being snapped in Second Court.

Simon Roberson reports 'I live in Northumberland and retired in 2018 after spending all my career in various firms around the IT industry. I ended up in BT where my last role was helping to build fibre broadband and 4G networks in the North East. Since retiring, I joined the board of a regional housing association where I'm currently acting as chair, and I serve on a customer consultation group in the water industry and an advisory board for the local tech cluster. I keep myself busy with gardening, fishing, singing and walking. I also have a vague memory of enjoying concerts and meals out with friends. Two of our three children live in Europe, so we are very much



Firemen at the bottom of the Coulsheds' garden



Al and Ros Reid now, and 44 years ago in Second Court



Simon Robertson

looking forward to being able to travel abroad again. Lockdown tales revolve around Zoom – what else? Understanding the technology, and being married to a musician (Margie, Classics, Girton), our household bubble became the online hub for a host of activities including the community choir and parish church services. My tip for escaping Lockdown is to buy a caravan, you can be straight out of the blocks with every easing – as witnessed by the fact that I'm sending this from the far north west of Scotland!

Paul Rosser writes 'I am still in High Tech, still living in Torbay. I spent 15 years doing research with ITT/STC/Nortel in the research labs in Harlow, covering LCD displays, Silicon process technology and solid-state lasers, during which time I completed a PhD in Electronic Engineering at the University of Surrey. I then moved down to Torbay, which is a real centre for Photonics. About five years ago, after various roles, including managing mergers leading to the company Oclaro (now part of Lumentum), I joined a start-up 'EFFECT Photonics' as Operations Director. The R&D comes from Eindhoven in the Netherlands. Since then, we have roughly doubled in headcount in Torbay each year – recently exceeding one hundred employees.'

From Hong Kong, **Shu Kee Wai** reports 'I am still working as a civil engineer, with leisure pursuits in hiking, swimming. It is good talking to friends and colleagues. Despite all these happenings round the world, we have been fortunate enough to see the arrival of our first grandson earlier this year. All the best for the College and all our good old friends. By the way, thanks for telling us about the College, it is like getting some water in a desert.'

Last year **Elwyn Wong** reported on 41 years in New York and 'a society where truth no longer matters'. He now writes 'Not much to add this year I am afraid. Vaccinated, still diligently working through my stash of Bordeaux and not knowing what to think of living in a country that has just printed \$6 trillion dollar in a year ostensibly to 'save the have-nots' (when the entire balance sheet of the Federal Reserve was only \$2 trillion before the pandemic).'

And finally, **Jan Chojecki** adds: '2021–2022 marks the centenary of the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition to the Antarctic, upon which Sir Ernest Shackleton died. The expedition was financed by my grandfather, John Quiller Rowett, who had originally met Shackleton at school at Dulwich College. It was the first polar



*Shackleton and
John Rowett
at bowls*

expedition to involve scouts, and I have been helping a group of scouts, www.ReQuest2021.org.uk, mount a centenary expedition of their own. I have found them mentors from the Universities of Cambridge, Warwick and St Andrews as well as British Antarctic Survey and the Met Office. I have also commenced a '100-years ago' timeline/diary of the original expedition presented as a website blog www.questchronicle.org.uk and Twitter stream [@QuestChronicle](https://twitter.com/QuestChronicle) which contains previously unseen material from my family's archive. This will run until September 2022'.

1977 Year Group Representative Roger Newenham writes:

I have been increasingly busy as an expert in the global refining and petrochemical businesses – the pandemic, perhaps surprisingly, having increased the appetite for litigation in those sectors. As a consequence, my plans for a phased retirement with more travel, more time for gardening / self-sufficiency; and more time to learn to play the piano (not easy when you are 62 year-old novice) somewhat in abeyance.

On 7 May 2021 **Nick Kirkwood** started a twelve-week sabbatical. At the age of 62, with an arthritic left knee combined with two metal plates and 16 screws in his right leg, he thought that a long walk aiming for 90 miles a week would be ‘interesting’. The detailed planning started around the route of an old pilgrimage trail from Central France to Northwest Spain. COVID rather interfered with the plan to walk to Santiago de Compostela such that in 2021 most of the walking will likely have been in the UK. Nick started in Yorkshire, with the intention of walking wider afield as COVID restrictions eased. Nick is hoping to raise awareness of, and raise money for, a disease called Multiple Systems Atrophy which has had a big impact on his family over the last 10 years. The story of Nick’s Walk can be found at: <https://nickkirkwood490634178.wordpress.com/> with fundraising at: <https://juliakirkwood.muchloved.com/Fundraising/Events/627537862>.



Nick Kirkwood

Alan Batten should have retired at the start of the year, but he managed to persuade his employer to keep him for another year to see his project (the launch of two more Galileo satellites) through and because retirement plans to travel cannot happen yet. **Peter Cheshire** was retired for a couple of years after many years teaching at Eltham College, but is now back at work as the German language assistant at the City of London School, which he is thoroughly enjoying. He is also a Licensed Lay Minister at Bromley Parish Church. He remains in touch with **Anthony Agius**, **Sean McEvoy**, **Bernard Disken** and **David Oughton**.

David Lorimer has continued his quest for wisdom and a deeper understanding of life and has recently published a book of essays, *A Quest for Wisdom – Inspiring Purpose on the Path of Life*. Responding to the pandemic, he has created, for the Scientific and Medical Network (<https://scientificandmedical.net>), a programme of weekly webinars. He has also arranged well-attended webinars on expanding a science of consciousness beyond a materialistic worldview through the Galileo Commission (<https://galileocommission.org>).

John White is now running his own property investment business after serving in the Regular Army and then working in the City. He is Chairman of the City of London Archaeological Trust; has been a Magistrate since 2008; and, having finally retired as an Army Reservist in early 2019, is currently Honorary County Colonel, Middlesex and London, for the Princess of Wales’s Royal Regiment (the successor to the Middlesex Regiment and the Queen’s Regiment). **Mike Knaption**, who was a medical and clinical student who went on to train at Addenbrooke’s Hospital and subsequently worked there as a junior doctor, has felt hugely privileged to remain involved with the hospital as a non-executive director member of the board for the past eight years. This past year, as you can all appreciate, has been a huge challenge for all the staff at the hospital, to which they have responded with courage,

professionalism and kindness. Mike is also a Trustee of the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, which has been able to support the hospital, staff and fund research thanks to the generosity of the local population and other philanthropy.

1978 Year Group Representative Tim Podesta writes:

It is 40 years since many of us graduated and for many I suspect it has been a year unlike any other – for me it has been a year 'on hold' but for others – particularly the younger generation it has been a year of great change in careers and lifestyle. For my daughters; one has been working 100% from home as a project engineer in an energy company, changing roles and being promoted during the year; and the other had an accelerated promotion as a consultant in the NHS. **Peter Muchlinski** reports: My main news is that I have had the third edition of my book *Multinational Enterprises and the Law* published by Oxford University Press in February. This book has been continuously in print for 25 years now. I spent the Lockdown finalising the book. I am currently Emeritus Professor of International Commercial Law at the School of Law at SOAS, University of London having retired on health grounds in 2016.

John Beach (m. 1975) writes: The CCBC 1978 May boat (bolstered with oarsmen and a cox from 1976 and 1977) still meets regularly for rowing events, under the Crustaceans M1 banner, as well as for social and, increasingly, cycling activities. Clearly the pandemic took its toll, and nothing happened in 2020. We all pass on our heartfelt sympathy to the cohort of students who missed out on what for all of us was a life-defining period at Christ's. It's just great to be seeing things return to the new normal and we wish CCBC every good fortune in the 2021 season. Under the watchful eye of our coach and CCBC boat house manager, Kate Hurst, we took to the water on the penultimate weekend in May. On the Friday we braved storm force winds and rain before starting to find our rhythm in the calmer conditions on Saturday. We are immensely grateful to Kate for everything she does to support alumni rowing at Christ's. If it goes ahead, we anticipate being at the September alumni regatta and putting a strong showing in the Fairbairns cup in December.

Thank you again CCBC for welcoming us back and trusting us with the magnificent Fillipi shell, John Milton. We feel very honoured and proud to carry your banner.



Numbering from bow with matriculation year in brackets: John Beach (m. 1975), Paul Barton (m. 1975), Jeremy Preddy (m. 1975), Alasdair Docwra (m. 1975) / Bill Aldridge (m. 1975), Andrew Jordan (m. 1975), Rick Nelson (m. 1973), Guy Whittaker (m. 1974), Carey Wolfe (m. 1975), Paul Redstone (m. 1973) Cox

1980 Year Group News:

Glyn Fullelove served a term as President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation from May 2019 to November 2020. The Presidency started with an address given by **Vanessa Houlder** (m. 1981), of the *Financial Times*, and there was a further connection with Christ's when Glyn presented **Stephen Barnfield** (m. 1971) with an Institute Certificate of Merit in June

2019. Numerous events followed, including receptions at the Houses of Parliament and The Oval, and visits to Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as all over England. Following the COVID-19 outbreak, all activities went online, but Glyn was still able to attend virtually and speak at the Institute's Labour Party Conference fringe meeting, and chair the launch event for the House of Common's Treasury Select Committee enquiry into "Tax after Coronavirus". After handing over the Presidency, Glyn became an Independent Adviser to HMRC's Professional Standards Committee in January 2021. In January 2021, **Nan Williams** was appointed Chair of the Welsh diaspora organisation, Global Welsh. **Stephen Jolly** has been appointed a Visiting Professor at one of France's leading business schools, the ESC Rennes School of Business.



Glyn Fullelove with former Chancellor of the Exchequer Ken Clarke and Craig Mackinlay MP CTA at the CIOT President's lunch in January 2020

1981 Year Group Representative, Jasmine Birtles writes:

Tim Jones has a new role in an exotic location. He says, 'my main news is that I will be British Ambassador to Tajikistan in the autumn of this year. Again, the kind of place where I can issue an open invitation to anyone who might be passing (on the road to Samarkand if you are coming from the south). Otherwise, until then still living in Berlin and largely occupied with learning Russian. The mathematician Gauss used to keep his mind fresh by learning a new language each decade and was learning Russian when he died. I am beginning to wonder if those two things might be related...' **Mike Doherty** also has good work news. He says, 'in March I sold my tech based property services company and was strangely successful in convincing the buyer that they didn't need me. They switched off my email the day of the announcement. So after 21 years I am looking for something to do.'

Pete Hobson says, 'I'm now head of ESG at Sustainable Development Capital which manages the largest investment company specialising in energy efficiency projects for industrial and commercial companies around the world. With COP 26 taking place in Glasgow later this year and climate change becoming even more crucial to solve it's a very exciting job!' Many of us were sad to hear of the sudden passing of **Frank Knowles** (m. 1982) who was in the year below us. He hung out with people in both years, largely because **David Berman Howarth** was an old school friend. You can read **Laura Parker's** (m. 1982) excellent obituary of him in the 'In Memoriam' pages of the *Magazine*. David Howarth, who gave a beautiful eulogy at his funeral, says: "Frank was a great friend through school, university and throughout his all-too-short life. He had a great sense of fun and humour, often giggling and sometimes laughing uncontrollably at the absurdity of life but he also had a sharp and critical mind – a rare combination. Equally at home in the Christ's Buttery and Library, Frank's eclectic College career included most sports, singing in

the Christ's Choir and various musical and dramatic adventures. With **Mark Quinn**, **Jasmine Birtles**, **Phyllida Hancock** and I, he joined the Cambridge University Light Entertainment Society (CULES) and went on to many shows and sketches at May Balls, Cambridge care homes and the Edinburgh Fringe. He will be remembered for his warmth, kindness and positivity and his knack of reducing problems to simple truths delivered with a smile and a self-effacing giggle. He will be sorely missed by his family, colleagues and many friends."

Finally **Tim Crossley** gladdens the heart with the stout news that he is still a pipe-smoker, having puffed the weed since Lower Sixth. He adds, 'at Christ's, there were a few pipe smokers around when we were up: **Gorley Putt** (Fellow), **John Rathmell** (Fellow), **Dougie Barker** (Fellow) and **Will Sutherland** (m. 1982), I remember as brothers of the briar. In fact, they used to sell the Balkan Sobranie Smoking Mixture pipe tobacco in the Buttery – I suspect because that was the one that SGP, JCAR and I used to buy. I seem to recall that Dr Barker was a St Bruno chap – a very nice chap whatever the brand and a bonny sight when wearing his evening dress kilt.'

1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox writes:

Kate Davey reports: 'I continue to work at the tattered remains of the criminal Bar but, as an antidote, spend much time studying and helping to conserve old buildings, particularly those of the medieval and Victorian periods. I took an MA at the Courtauld under Professor Paul Crossley in 2010, specialising in Gothic cathedrals, and tackled the eleven exams required to be a London Blue Badge tour guide in 2019. I now take architecture, art and history walks and tours on a professional basis. I am on the board of several charities including the Victorian Society, the British Archaeological Association, the Mausolea and Monuments Trust and the Round Tower Churches Society, and attend their meetings along with our demanding rescue mutt, Cuthbert.' **Fiona Elliott (née Ward)** took the opportunity, following lockdown, to revitalise her travel writing. She had a feature published in *The Independent* about getting away from it all on a trip to Knoydart, one of the most remote parts of the UK. Last October, **Martin Frost**, the co-founder of CMR Surgical, was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours in recognition of his services to robotics. At its last fund-raise, the company reached unicorn status, worth >£1bn. Martin transitioned



*Jane Harwood
(née Laughton)*

out of his CEO role in January 2020. **Jane Harwood (née Laughton)** writes: 'I live in Nottingham with my husband, Rowan, who is a consultant geriatrician and university Professor. Having spent many years in change management roles in the NHS, I joined the voluntary sector as CEO of Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire in 2018. The voluntary sector brings challenges of managing within tiny budgets but also the opportunity to be part of a values-based organisation with freedom to self-determine and speak out, which I much enjoy. My three children are in their 20s and pursuing careers in environmental consultancy, the Bar and musical theatre. Like many others I have reached the stage of life when (trying to) grow vegetables on the allotment brings me great pleasure. I continue to sing and play my violin when I can, have just become churchwarden and run a holiday let in the Peak District.' **Clare Melhuish's**

appointment as Director of UCL Urban Laboratory was renewed for another three years until 2024. They are close to final approval of their new, interdisciplinary MASc programme in Global Urbanism to launch at the new UCL East campus in the QEOP (just topped out) in 2024. **Steve Mills** says: 'I made a fleeting appearance as a wildcard on Landscape Artist Of The



Steve Mills' painting

Year at Chartwell House, talking about how I was going to be painting on a map of the area. So fleeting that nobody ever got to see the final painting. It's not great, although those roads at the bottom do make the ground look bumpy and point towards the gate in the wall. I didn't get a spot as a wildcard for 2022, but I'll keep applying in future years.' **Nicky Ridley** writes: 'I retired from medicine a year ago and, despite applying to volunteer during the COVID crisis, was never called up – perhaps a good thing for society in general! I am living in a small apartment in Cape Cornwall with my husband, Mike, for a couple of months, teaching English and working for the Red Cross family-tracing service. Both are online now so I am taking advantage of the opportunity to be a digital nomad and enjoying the sun and sea and proximity to two out of our three daughters. Like many people our age, we are spending a lot of time looking after ageing parents too, which is a bitter-sweet experience of course. During lockdown, I have been in touch via Zoom with **Martin Nye, Emma Warlow, Jane Graham-Maw, Nina Gold, Chris Morrogh** and **John Hall**, which has been good fun. I am also in touch with **Guy Shanks** and **Dave Gillott**. I am already looking forward to the next reunion...'. In other news, **Nicholas Vineall** is taking over as Vice-Chairman of the Bar Council next year.

1983 Year Group Representative Julian Critchlow writes:

After 3 years with BEIS helping to lead on climate action, I decided it was a good time to return to the world of business, having helped recruit my two successors. My last was shepherding through the 6th Carbon Budget to accelerate our delivery of carbon budgets by 15 years from the original Climate Change Act. April was intended to be a month to recover before the next chapter – but has turned into frantic training of my youngest daughter, Phoebe, who at 16 has decided to join an English Channel Relay w/c 15–20 June. She picked one



Julian Critchlow and family

of the coldest years with her two-hour qualification swim done at 10°C without a wetsuit! During Lockdown, we have also had our other children at home: Daniel writes full-time on Arsenal, Megan works as an Assistant Psychologist at a school for autistic children and Robert has just finished his last year at Bath reading business.



Michael Parsons

Nicola Chumas
(née Dummett)

Combined with Sarah teaching pregnancy yoga and baby massage, the house has been a hive of activity. **Michael Parsons** reports: 'Finally, I have some exciting news to share! I'm returning to Christ's as Bursar – a role that has appealed ever since my days as JCR Treasurer! I'm really looking forward to working in a harmonious organisation, after 8 years in central government. Please do let me know if you are visiting College, it would be great to catch-up... and I promise not to plague you too much for donations to College! Apart from the new job, little has happened this year. Max and I have been working from home pretty much continuously since March 2020 – and I didn't return to the Cabinet Office, except to hand back my laptop and security pass at the end of May. We did get away for a week's walking in the Yorkshire Dales last July – but otherwise it's been walking and cycling around Cambridgeshire.' **Nicola Chumas (née Dummett)**: 'My update through Lockdowns is that I am now offering free psychotherapy to people who would not normally have access to

services, many of whom have experienced extreme childhood deprivation and abuse and significant past trauma. It is really rewarding work and now that I no longer have the pressure of NHS imperatives I can give people the time they need to explore difficulties at a pace they can handle. I also supervise all the regional school counsellors and have just been asked to be trustee with lead for mental health governance for a large charity with national mental health commitments. Family are all thriving but as with many of you, their exploits/ sporting/ academic/ career requirements periodically pop-up and take over every waking moment but will at least involve us swanning round at Henley and traipsing round UK world golf amateur ranking competitions this year. On the animal front, they all seem to be getting physically fitter and healthier than we are as each day goes by... I am absolutely delighted, however, to see that **Andy Hall** has also been sucked into an equestrian life and would very much like to compare notes with him! Picture offering this year is of me getting a rare jolly out, horsing around with some girlfriends. The extensive cake eating afterwards was the best bit but the pics not very edifying...

David Carr: 'Nobody who knew me at Christ's will be much surprised that I ended up writing for the *Racing Post*. But anybody who read my essays all those years ago may well be surprised that I was voted Racing Writer of the Year for 2020 – it doesn't

have quite the glitz and glamour of BBC Sports Personality of the Year but the trophy is easier to carry. It gave me the chance to pay full tribute to my father, a fellow Christ's graduate and my inspiration in so many ways, in a piece which appeared in the paper the next day – sadly just 72 hours before he died of pneumonia.

Andrew Hall: 'I am now living in rural Leicestershire and work (for now anyway) as a Consultant in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care & Sleep Disorders Medicine. The sleep bit was a later addition to my training and resulted from a fascination for what turned out to be the weird and wonderful world of sleep physiology and pathology. It also affords a nice balance to the more intense aspects of my job. Married to Melanie, we have three children, now 22, 24 and 26. We have a smallholding and were, until recently, self-sufficient for beef, pork and lamb. However, this has been somewhat curtailed by a need for more grazing space to accommodate an increasing number of horses. We have been breeding and developing show jumpers; one of our children shares this passion and has competed internationally. Despite a rural existence, I can still be pushing the door of my office open with my bicycle's front wheel after just 12 minutes if I pedal quickly. When not playing farmer, I enjoy a variety of sports including swimming and cycle touring. Along with a dozen friends, I recently cycled LE-JOG over 9 days.

Howard Cartlidge writes: 'in 2021 I've been lucky enough to be able to retire after a 30 year career in law and public policy. I spent most of it as a solicitor and partner in law firms in London, Brussels and Manchester, specialising in EU and competition/antitrust law. For my last two and a half years I joined the UK's competition and consumer protection body, the Competition and Markets Authority, with the aim of giving something back in a field that had given me so much – I was the Senior Director responsible for investigating cartels in the UK. Now that I'm retired I intend to pursue further some of the interests I've kept up over the years.



David Carr



David Carr's father, Edward Carr (m. 1956)



Andrew Hall



Howard Cartlidge

These include travel, not so much of this in 2020, wine – I studied for and achieved the Diploma in Wine and Spirits at the Wine and Spirits Education Trust, the culture and languages of east Asia – I practise Tai Chi and have been learning Japanese for several years and in due course aim to study Chinese, and art – ongoing studies and gallery visits. During Lockdown, I have surprised myself by finally getting fit, mainly through running, which I hope to maintain in retirement. I am also looking for, but haven't yet found, some other opportunity to make a contribution to the world. On a personal level I am delighted to remain happily married to Diane, whom I met all the way back in 1984 when she was at Homerton!

Jo Gardiner reports: 'I was lucky enough to be able to work from home during Lockdown. UK film and TV production either kept going or restarted pretty quickly (we were all watching even more TV!) – so workforce skills and support remained vital throughout, if delivered mainly via the dreaded Zoom and online courses. We trained 50,000+ TV and film crew members in COVID-safe production so that new series and films could launch this year. **Neil Calver**, meanwhile, has been made a High Court Judge and Bencher of Gray's Inn.'

1984 Year Group News:



Ron Slye's
daughter,
Charlie

Ron Slye reports: 'We are surviving through the pandemic relatively well. I taught all online this past year – property law, international criminal law, and conflicts of law. Teaching from home has some obvious conveniences, but I do miss the more direct interaction with colleagues and students (although attending faculty meetings remotely has been a blessing). Our four and half year old daughter, Charlie, has resumed pre-school. All of the kids stay masked and seem to take it all in their stride. The teachers are now all vaccinated, as are we. We are cautiously optimistic that we will shortly be able to

engage in activities that were considered normal before the pandemic. I continue to contribute to discussions on engaging with, and addressing meaningfully, the legacy of slavery and systemic racism in the United States. There is movement both at the national and local level to examine more seriously our history and its contemporary impacts. My experience on the Kenyan Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (recounted in my recent book, *An Outsider's View from the Inside*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2018) has proven to be somewhat relevant to the discussions here. I will be co-teaching a course with a Moroccan colleague this coming academic year that will take a comparative view of the Moroccan and US experience with addressing historical injustices. We will have twenty-five law students from Morocco, and twenty-five from Seattle. If anyone gets to Seattle or the Pacific Northwest please let us know. We have a spare bedroom, and are looking forward to starting to entertain again as we move out of the pandemic.'

1987 Year Group Representative Fiona Stephenson (née Donaldson) writes:

Not surprisingly, there hasn't been a great deal of 'news' this year as activities have been curtailed worldwide. However, **Saul Hudson** reports that before COVID hit,

he met up with **Dominic Wong** for the first time in 25 years. Appropriately they met up at Anfield, Liverpool football club stadium, a place Saul introduced Dom to for the first time when they were students. Both played football at Christ's and Dom is a legendary Christ's football Captain. They were neighbours at Christ's and shared a passion for football and Liverpool. For my own part, I have enjoyed regular Zoom catch ups with **Kate Watkins, Jane Martinson, Rowena Armstrong, Clare Tyley (née Boundy), Andrea Ward and Anke Barrett (née Ludtke)** – coordinating three time zones between us whenever there is a birthday to celebrate. One of the more enjoyable outcomes of the changing circumstances worldwide.

1988 Year Group Representatives Russell Haggart and Matt Robson write:

Last year's Magazine marked the thirteenth year of no updates from the 1988 intake. Faced with yet another void where our friends' news should have been, Matt and Russell simultaneously caved in to what was never an obvious destiny. Now appointed as joint year group representatives, we've had the pleasure of catching up with many of the 1988 cohort in recent months, and hope to talk to more of you anon. Surprisingly, many seemed pleased to hear from us, with widespread hopes of meeting up again once it becomes practical.

Peter and Rachel (née Oxley) Milhofer report that they are back in Reading, where they have lived on the same road for 20 of the past 27 years, with the other seven spent in the Netherlands. Rae has progressed in that time from the oil industry to teaching science, while Pete moved into the oil sector after accountancy, and thence to a portfolio of board roles (Reading University, British Rowing). Pete has been active with the Crustaceans on the Cam, as well as helping to run Reading Rowing Club.

Oliver Lawrence's early years building information systems for the NHS gave way to a rediscovery of his passion for languages, leading to a career in freelance translation and a move to Italy, where he is now a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists, a serial conference pontificator, and an 'in-demand translator of marketing copy for top Italian brands.'

This may, or may not, be of use to **Nick Anderson**, who has spent the past two years in Milan running investor relations for an Italian bank. This after a long career in investment banking at a variety of firms (many of which no longer exist), and a near diversion into viticulture after a second degree in wine making – 'highlight: two hour exam with six glasses of wine to enjoy and write about, bliss.' Home proper is a farm in Sussex with family and assorted animals, including bees. Whenever possible, he heads outdoors – in the past, ski touring in the Arctic and crossing the Greenland icecap, but now the distances are somewhat shorter.

Nick Wenban-Smith, on the other hand, has upped his exercise routine, and talks more about his triathlon and international ironman activities than his legal work at Nominet, which looks after the UK's internet domain names. Nick lives in Oxford with his family, where he chairs the Oxford Triathlon Club, but lives in hope of travel resuming so that he can compete in the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii.

Sarah Knight (née Gigg) has kept steadfastly to her dual research roles in academia and the NHS, having been involved in biomedical engineering since her PhD. From her Hertfordshire home, she continues to split her time between various parts of London, including the Spinal Cord Injury Centre at Stanmore. She still manages to turn up to any event by bicycle, no matter how confounding that seems to non-cyclists.

Bruce Duguid is settled with his family in Hammersmith, where his sons' prowess on the river apparently contrasts with his own multiple wooden spoons in the Bumps. After early careers in corporate strategy and law, he moved into sustainable finance some fifteen years ago with Carbon Trust, and is now in responsible investment for a City asset manager where he focuses on decarbonising clients' investments to achieve net zero by 2050, or sooner.

Mei-Lin Ah-See has recently moved from being a consultant oncologist after 25 years in the NHS to a research leadership role with a pharmaceutical company, which has her based in Cambridge once again, though she reports that she very much enjoys life in Hertfordshire with her family.

Alex Whitfield (née Garden) has been the CEO of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust since 2017, running the hospitals in Basingstoke, Winchester and Andover. She says that she has found the last year and a half 'particularly interesting.' Alongside the pandemic, her trust is also planning for a whole new hospital within the next decade, which needs to support the region for the next 70 years. What downtime she has is spent with her family near Southampton.

Bob Thomas-Carter writes from Cheshire where, after working in finance/IT for a while, he now runs a dental practice with his wife while also being a proud house-dad to the growing family.

Chris Brealey reports that he found the lure of tax accountancy more exciting than remaining in the Army, but has then spent the past twenty years at Fidelity in various parts of the globe, most recently in Luxembourg where he has settled with his family.

Jane Large (née Kearney) is these days to be found in Buckinghamshire, after a wide-ranging career in the civil service. She is now highly active in her local community where she helps out in number of different roles. Though not having kept up with too many of her friends from College, she has stayed in touch regularly with Alison Lloyd-Williams.

Matthew Cheetham wrote from Oxford where he is a GP, married to **Alex Bond** who works for what he calls 'the university' (presumably the local one). Like many, they are very much looking forward to catching up with old friends when the situation allows.

Gavin Allen is in the process of moving on after 25 years at the BBC, most recently as head of its news output. He is moving to a global communications role elsewhere, which may be announced by the time you read this. He reports that he is still a proud fan of Ipswich Town, the Rolling Stones and all things beer, though his devotion to ultra-marathons seems to be a newer development.

Allan Tulchin fondly recalls his year at Christ's before returning to Yale, thence to a PhD in early modern European history at Chicago. He is now a professor at Shippensburg University where, having converted his thesis into a published book, he is now working on his next one. He reports that life has been, in the main, pretty good.

Anne-Marie Grafton wrote from 'her hilltop in Sheffield', sounding a little surprised to be in her 'perfect' job as a user researcher, ensuring that government online services are designed for the people who actually use them. Her surprise stems from being in an industry that simply hadn't been thought of back when she graduated, so she had to get there via a number of different roles within the civil service.

After starting out in manufacturing engineering, **Gita Singham-Willis** moved into management consulting before establishing Cadence Innova, her own consultancy in the field of applying technology to public services. Living now in leafy

SW London, she is busily involved in a variety of theatrical ventures on both sides of the curtain, as a choreographer, dancer and singer.

Nikki Stradling's (née Melia) journey as a solicitor took her to a partnership in Grand Cayman, where she settled and still lives after having switched her energies to her family and voluntary causes after some ill-health.

Sunny Rawal wrote from California, where he moved on from his PhD in theoretical physics into a career in software development, working with a variety of young technology companies to build their products.

Phil Walters sent an update from Bucharest, where he's the Headmaster of the British School there. He moved into teaching after a few years in accountancy and football refereeing, starting in London before moving to Bangkok, and now Romania. He's now joining the school's advisory board, and looking forward to a long overdue visit to Britain.

Russell Haggar has been in the technology sector throughout his career, these days at a technology consultancy while contemplating a return to 'deep' technology investing. Living in a semi-rural part of Hertfordshire, he's inadvertently become embroiled in preserving his village's character from over-development in the area. He's also accidentally ended up running three different youth cricket clubs.

Matt Robson's academic career in biomedical imaging took him to Yale and then Oxford, where he's now a professor in the department of cardiovascular medicine. He's also co-founded an MRI technology business in this area, where he's the CTO. He still lives in the Oxford area, where he's a keen country cyclist.

Simon Johns these days lives just outside New York, having moved there with his family some years ago courtesy of Credit Suisse. He reflects on how we may change on the outside as we grow older, while feeling otherwise unchanged – 33 years on from our 1988 matriculation, he feels we're now likely to repeat a comment he heard from some ancient boaties while a fresh graduate attending a Blades dinner many moons back: 'you haven't changed a bit.' It has been a pleasure to reconnect with so many friends, using the Magazine as an excuse to reach out. Hopefully, everyone's wishes to meet up will be fulfilled in the coming year or so.

1989 Year Group Representative Angie Mettrick writes:

In the last year, most members of the 1989 year group have celebrated their 50th birthdays, albeit often not in the style that they might in any other year. Although the pandemic continues to influence every aspect of life, there has been much to celebrate, and I am grateful to all members who have taken the time to share updates this year. Sarina and **David Clinch** and their daughters are still living in Singapore. David left the partnership at his previous firm earlier this year and joined Shearman & Sterling as a partner. Between family and work commitments, David continues to road and mountain bike and play squash and tennis.

Having spent the intervening decades building a career in public health and healthcare policy, **Diane Soul (née Bell)** has found the last 15 months rather busy. 'I made the decision to go freelance in 2019, expecting to achieve a healthier work/life balance, only to find myself working harder than ever during the global pandemic. However, looking forward, I'm determined to get that work/life balance back on track, with our new house build now nearing completion, the new chickens laying well, and the teenage daughter settling into her A-level studies sufficiently comfortably. Fresh challenges await though, having just bought a smallholding

near the family farm back in Ireland!' **Charlotte Carty (née Large)** has spent the Lockdown at home in rural Dorset: 'we were grateful to have our three children back with us for long periods, although the WiFi in our area had difficulties coping with us all working online ... it certainly added to the frisson of excitement for my eldest, who was completing her University Finals!' **Nick Cartmell** has moved back to New Zealand with his family to work in a Practice on the Kapiti Coast. **Paul Coghlan** lives in Histon (just outside Cambridge) with his wife Kate and two children aged 7 and 11. He is Principal Software Engineer at Elastic Inc, and Kate is studying for an MA in Creative Writing at Goldsmiths. When he moved to Histon he was rather surprised to find out that his neighbour was another EIST graduate from Christ's! **Alex Popkin** started a new job as Head of Tax and Treasury at Viridor, a waste management company whose new CEO, **Kevin Bradshaw** (m. 1987), is also a Christ's alumnus. Alex had previously worked for PwC for twenty three years, and has one son completing a Masters in Town Planning, one who recently graduated in Maths from Warwick, and a daughter who has just completed her GCSEs. **Barry Williams** has spent the entire lockdown period in the New Forest while awaiting house refurbishments. And finally, **Georgina Anthony (née Whiteman)** writes 'I emerged from my family's COVID-induced isolation in time to celebrate my 50th birthday with a long lunch in Cambridge, and received the splendid birthday gift of a mulberry tree from **Hannah Kennedy (née Brown)**, which has been affectionately christened Gorley.'

1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson writes:

This has been a difficult year for our cohort, not just Lockdown and COVID, but turning 50! The half-century, halfway to a telegram, halfway to nowhere. However, the most common complaint has been surviving lockdown with teenage boys. **Sarah Walker** has been awarded an OBE for services to Academia and the COVID-19 response. She is a Professor at both the University of Oxford and University College London. She is also the Chief Investigator and Academic Lead for the National COVID-19 Infection Survey, a collaboration between the University of Oxford and the Office for National



Fiona Harvey

Statistics, investigating prevalence and incidence of current and past infection with SARS-CoV-2. **Fiona Harvey** made the Woman's Hour 2020 Power List – 30 women who have done remarkable things. The list focused on 'Our Planet', so included scientists, experts, community leaders, campaigners, academics, business people, and only two journalists (Fiona and Kate

Humble). **Simon Daniel** is the CEO and Founder of Moixa Energy which he set up in 2006. They currently employ 60 people in London and Manchester. Their original focus was renewables, but more recently Home Batteries and Software. Earlier this year they secured £8.6 million pounds in a funding round led by Honda. He is married with two children, now six and eight. **Sacha Baron Cohen's** impressive career continues at pace. He was nominated at the BAFTAs for Best Supporting Actor Oscar for *The Trial of the Chicago 7*. He was active in the American Presidential election, campaigning against Trump, and in a significant change of strategy, he has appeared in the media as himself – speaking out and taking action against social media companies which sanction hate speech (e.g. citing Facebook as 'the greatest propaganda machine in history', and setting up campaign group Stop Hate for Profit). **David Johncock**

says: 'the big five oh is still a little way off for me as I was one of the younger ones in the 1990 cohort. After 20 years of teaching literature and drama in Hong Kong, I have moved back to the UK with my family and we are living in Exeter, as well as escaping to our cottage in Cornwall when we get the chance. We are volunteering as guide dog boarders so we enjoy lots of muddy walks with Labradors. Mrs J has completed her doctorate and our eldest has been offered a place reading Nat Sci at Peterhouse, so I am the intellectual lightweight of the family. Happy to hear from other Christ's people if they want to drop me a line.' **Mark Davies:** 'I spent the year

at home mainly on Zoom Ergos! Not going to Tokyo because I'm not allowed to – we are just sending the team and immediate support – but will be watching from home with fingers crossed in the hope that we perform as we did at the Europeans. The Onside Youth Zone project I'm chairing in White City (www.westyouthzone.com) finally starts building this summer. And other than that, just spending my time reading and rowing.' **Arabella Duffield:** 'This lockdown year for me was a mixture of high fever (we all got it), infuriation, and a sense of how lucky my family is compared to many others. I also now dislike cooking more than ever. I did enjoy watching some of the Christ's webinar series.'



*Arabella Duffield
and family*

Laura Marschall (née Hicks): 'I got the boys home last summer when we thought two weeks at home was repressive! I went back with them in September. I am now working as a private chef in the North West and in Hong Kong which is great and gives me lots of flexibility. We managed to get back to HK in December just before the UK ban, where I did three weeks in



*Laura Marschall
(née Hicks)*

a government hotel with two teenage boys; all I can say is some things cannot be unseen!' **Paul Brady:** 'One benefit of lockdown is doing more exercise, and I was pleased to run 10k in a time in minutes that is lower my age earlier this year. At the office, a medicine called Ygalo that I have worked on the patents for since 2014 was authorised in February. It's for use in multiple myeloma, and is the first new medicine from Scandinavia to be authorised in a decade.'

Richard Tateson: 'My main lockdown activity has been a return to running, to make up for the lack of cycle commuting.' [Having been prompted by **Paul Brady's** 10km time, **Richard T** continues:] '... I am very confident I can run 10k in less than my age. I also regularly run 2.1 x 10k in less than twice my age, and I am keen to find out whether I can run 4.2 x 10k in less than four times my age. My 2021 claim to fame is my

amazing victory in the principal's fun run at the international school where I teach. Beyond that, I am sure I am not the only one saying 'it's been a funny year!' **James Donaldson:** 'I'm enjoying life in Perth. Now coaching Australian Football League (despite never having played!) as well as



James Donaldson

soccer (both to 7/8 year olds). The Dad's Group I founded held a sailing event as well as a second 100+ people camp-out. I work at HSBC in corporate banking with the majority of clients being resources' companies.' **Ben Sinnott:** 'Life has returned to normal here in the Big Easy, we've shifted from one public health hazard to our normal hazards of alcohol, obesity and heat stroke. At least two of the latter three are fun. Over the summer, Vanessa and I plan to relocate up to NYC, seeing it as our duty to help the capital of the world recover. We also thought we might be able to grab a cheap rent, but that ship seems to have sailed. Visitors will of course be welcome.'

Dave Hughes: 'Work [as a paramedic] was frantic over Christmas and the New Year. It's only now that I realise that I was pretty scared this time last year, because we didn't know what we were letting ourselves in for, the PPE guidance changed daily, and we didn't seem to have enough of the right stuff anyway! At least this time round, we had good stocks of PPE . . . it was nevertheless pretty draining, and there were plenty of incidences of being stuck outside hospital with a desperately sick patient in the back of the ambulance. Family life takes up most of my non-work time. I still serve with the Royal Naval Reserve (26yrs). The time for doing exciting stuff has long gone, so it's all pretty mundane routine stuff these days, and kept to the bare minimum.'

Sarah Ellison (née Boardley): 'we pretty much pulled up the drawbridge at Farlands and counted our blessings for living in a National Park with our chicken and our veg. I've learned that we have an exercise bike in the house, the routes of many new footpaths, and way too much about Coronavirus Regulations; I've forgotten how to wear high heels, how to sing in company and my locker code at work.'

Geraint Lewis: 'It's hard to believe another year has gone by, but what a year. I'm still a professor at the University of Sydney, but the pandemic means that I haven't travelled anywhere in a while. We are still working towards moving out of Sydney and building in the Blue Mountains, but the pandemic has slowed that down too. The children, Bryn and Dylan, are approaching the end of their undergraduate degrees, something that makes me feel old! On the positive side, my third book, *Where did the Universe come from? And other cosmic questions* with Chris Ferrie will be published in September.'

James Ellison: 'I decided I wanted to walk 50km to mark my birthday and just about convinced my wife **Sarah (née Boardley)**. We set off at 5am in the dark and pouring rain, stopped for porridge in a barn at breakfast. Finished at 6pm and had homemade beetroot burgers and chips to celebrate! We have a new duck (an attractive white runner), rescued from our neighbours where he was being drowned by his brothers, and we have a new colony of bees; last year one colony was overrun by wasps, and the

other swarmed. COVID scuppered my book tour for my debut *The Trail*. However, I wrote a lot in lockdown, and Unbound have just launched *Cold Dawn*. <https://unbound.com/books/cold-dawn>.'

Toby Wilkinson has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Fiji National University. He has also recently published his latest book, *World Beneath the Sands*, which has been listed by Amazon in the top 20 science books of 2020, and by *The Times* as one of the best history books of 2020.

Finally, **Paul Fernandez** and his family visited the Mount Soledad Veterans memorial, overlooking San Diego and the Pacific Ocean.



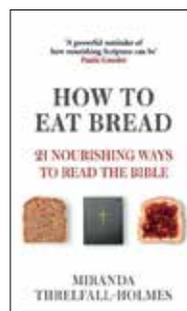
Paul Fernandez
and family

1992 Year Group Representative Krish Shanmuganathan writes: A quiet year for the 1992 year group, including **Sara Spratt (née Collie)**, **Angela Jones** and **Vincent Lam**, all of whom very kindly replied to the call for updates but had nothing substantive to report except that they are in good health – excellent news indeed in what has been a difficult year for many. **Miranda Threlfall-Holmes** writes: ‘I have news of my new book, *How to Eat Bread: 21 Nourishing Ways to Read the Bible* coming out in June. **Phil Threlfall-Holmes** and I are now living in Liverpool, where I’m Team Rector of the St Luke in the City Team Parish and Phil is running his own engineering consultancy, TH Collaborative Innovation. As a sprays and droplets specialist he has been busy this year with COVID research projects.’

Likewise, **Alex Frazier** has some positive news to share: ‘I have been appointed Head of Wolverhampton Grammar School and started in September 2020. WGS has sent a good number of students to Christ’s over the years.’ **Mike Bramble** speaks for many of us, when he writes: “Yet another year has passed without being awarded a Nobel prize, swimming with dolphins, placing second in a beauty contest or being offered the Tottenham job. As the manager of my local community centre, the normal height of annual achievement is avoiding double-booking the main hall; bearing in mind we’ve been largely closed this year, that now pales next to scoring some toilet roll at the height of the pandemic. Home school should have been a learning experience for everyone; my one dubious achievement here was making my kids happier than kids have ever been to return to school. COVID at least afforded me the opportunity to grow my hair out and I even ‘accompanied’ my daughter when she got her ears pierced so, if nothing else, I’ve achieved a mid-life crisis. It really does seem so long since the heady days of the ‘95 Plate triumph when anything seemed possible...’ As for me (**Krish Shanmuganathan**), the heady days of the football 1st XI Plate victory (‘we won the Plate on Jesus Lane...’) that Mike reminisces fondly about are indeed a thing of the past. Just the thought of kicking a football again might send my back into spasm. So it’s back to the sofa and the delights of crowd-less sport on TV – something that I’ve watched far too much of in the last 12 months...’

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes: In this challenging year, it has been a quiet one in terms of major news from the 1993 Year Group. The year group are experiencing the pandemic in different parts of the globe and regards are sent from **Stuart Edwards** in ‘fortress Australia’ and **Catherine Strand (née Hesp)** in Singapore. Congratulations to **Priya Guha**, who has received an MBE for services to international trade and women-led innovation in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

As restrictions ease, a number of the year group were able to reunite in June in Warwick with many making long trips to spend a day in the sunshine together. Here’s to a brighter 2022!



Miranda Threlfall-Holmes's book



Alex Frazier



*Adam Turnbull, Jim Petty, Richard Alton, Andy Hesp, Chris Harper
Paddy Lord (Clare, 1993 – aka C Kamara), Trish Campbell, Sinead Hesp (née Treacy), Alison Whiteley.*

1994 Year Group News:

James Mobbs writes: large parts of my last year have felt rather like being cast away on a desert island, only instead of tropical beaches and balmy breezes, it's the London Borough of Croydon. I've passed almost the whole of the last year on home turf, spending my working days, as usual, grappling with the legal problems thrown up by land registration. The evenings and weekends were spent trying to find forms of entertainment that hadn't been banned for the duration of the pandemic and keeping in touch with members of my family trying to do the same. I've been listening to a lot of the back catalogue of Radio 4's *In Our Time*, watching a lot of YouTube videos and, when regulations allow, visiting London art galleries and museums with the other half of my social bubble. I've also managed to do some writing, although probably not as much as I should have, given the enforced leisure.

Richard Andrews writes that over twenty years since graduation much has changed and, at the same time, many things are constant. He continues to work at KPMG, which he joined on graduation, where he is a partner in their consulting practice with a focus on financial services regulation, controls and assurance – there have been a huge variety of interesting clients and projects to work on and the last 18 months have been busier than ever. He is actively involved in the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) with a particular focus on Financial Services and was recently appointed the Chair of the Financial Services Faculty Board. He has enjoyed various year group reunions over the years and continues to be in touch with a number of the year group; he looks forward to the next reunion when hopefully the current restrictions have eased. Richard is actively involved in his church and lives in the East End of London with his wife and four children.

1995 Year Group News:

Sathnam Sanghera's critically acclaimed book, *Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain*, came out in January 2021 and became an instant *Sunday*

Times bestseller. A TV documentary on the theme is scheduled for the autumn on Channel 4. **Lucy Jessop** is married to Neal and has two children Emily (11) and Henry (9). They are currently living in Dublin where Lucy is the Director of Public Health for the National Immunisation Office.

1996 Year Group Representative Rakhee Rajani (née Hindocha) writes:

Russell Banner was debating (virtually) at the British Association of Head and Neck Oncologists for the motion that 'Radiotherapy is the gift that keeps giving' in May 2021. 'I was being enthusiastic about treating patients with Proton Beam Therapy (UK first machine in Newport, started treating 3 years ago). First CRUK funded Proton randomised control trial (Torpedo) I am also involved with is in throat cancer. We won the debate!'



Russell Banner

In October 2020, **Ed Wild** was promoted to Professor of Neurology at UCL Institute of Neurology. More recently, he has been quite heavily involved in the North Central London COVID vaccination programme: by New Year's Eve he'd personally vaccinated more people than the country of France; and he helped set up and run the mass vaccination sites at the Crick Institute and Islington Business Design Centre as Medical Lead. Then Camden Council put his face on the side of a vaccination bus. He was also on the BBC London news talking about vaccination and the introduction of the Moderna vaccine.



Ed Wild and the vaccination bus

Tom Turmezei is a Consultant Musculoskeletal Radiologist and Imaging research lead at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and Honorary Associate Professor at the University of East Anglia. He was awarded the Royal College of Radiologists 2020 Roentgen Professorship award for research achievement and subsequently travelling to inspire radiology trainees. He is the Creator and host of the CRASH! Podcast. He is also a Member of the Coffin Analysis Team at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, where they discovered the world's youngest mummified foetus. He is married to Vanessa, and has two girls, Evie and Margot.



Tom Turmezei and family

James Heeps joined the RAF straight from Christ's and qualified as a Tornado pilot after four years of intensive training. During a total of twelve years on front-line squadrons, he's flown hundreds of missions over Iraq, Afghanistan,



James Heeps in his Tornado

Libya and Syria, and had the privilege of commanding No. 9 Squadron for its final two years of Tornado operations. Career highlights include being awarded 'best crew' on the UK's equivalent of Top Gun; surviving a grilling from an impressively composed Sarah Montague while recording an airborne segment for Radio 4's Today programme (search YouTube for 'BBC Tornado 360'); and leading a formation of nine Tornados in flypasts to mark the aircraft's retirement. His non-flying appointments have included six months at the NATO military headquarters in Kabul and two years at the Ministry of Defence. 'Since promotion to the rank of group captain last August I've been working alongside government scientists and industry as military head of research and development for the UK's Future Combat Air System. My wife Samantha is a graduate of Aberystwyth's international politics course; we live near Ely with our three boys (aged 11, 9 and 6) and were frequent visitors to Cambridge until COVID intervened.'



*John Thorneycroft
and family*



*Louisa and
Alex Moffat*



Face to face at last

John Thorneycroft is living in Heiloo, the Netherlands where he moved a couple of years ago. Over past year and a half he's changed his job (he now works as a Business Director at a Norwegian videoconferencing company called Pexip) and he has had a fourth child, a daughter called Matilda. Here is a picture of him celebrating King's Day (the national day) in the Netherlands with his two youngest children. **Rob Moffat** has two children: Alex, who is 11, and Louisa, who is 8. Alex is going to Skinners Grammar School in Tunbridge Wells in September.

Rakhee Rajani (née Hindocha) moved to Ocado Retail in Lockdown and is leading on their communications work, which includes corporate communications and public affairs. She's enjoying the fact that her professional and personal interests have aligned – she gets to talk about food and drink all day long. During all three Lockdowns, she had regular Sunday calls on Zoom with some friends from Christ's – **Alyssa Gilbert (née Eisenberg)**, **Judith Boyce**, **Lucy Brown**, **Sabnam Samad**, **Isabelle Bailey (née Kenning)** and **Lisa Rahman** (m. 1995). Some of them met up face to face in April 2021.

1997 Year Group News:

Congratulations to **James Noyes** and his wife Elodie, who welcomed a daughter, Margot, on 4 April 2021, sister to Henry.

1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:

On 5 March 2020 **Rachel Baldock** returned to London after a 3-week tour playing Beethoven's complete symphonies three times over in Barcelona, New York and Chicago. This was meant to be the first trip in a year of performances to mark Beethoven's anniversary year and was undoubtedly a highlight of her career,

playing oboe with John Eliot Gardiner's Orchestre Romantique et Révolutionnaire, an inspiring international group of artists. It turned out she got home just in time before the chaos of the pandemic hit. The impact to artistic life since then has been devastating, and combined with the complexities which Brexit has brought it has meant an almost total stop to her previous working life. The extent of the loss is hard to express and many musicians are struggling to fathom what is next and how we might recover. She tries to stay hopeful and keep playing and writing music. Meanwhile she and her husband Sam have just finished a project building their house from scratch. It took five and a half years and if anyone needs putting off this idea she will happily oblige. But the space is wonderful and they and their three girls (9, 7, 5) enjoy it hugely.

Emma Chapman and **Patrick Driscoll** live in Girton now with their two children, and have been there for three years. Emma has spent the various Lockdowns engaged in the traditional practices of home-schooling and sourdough baking; thankfully home-schooling has finished but the sourdough continues. Patrick was very pleased to have moved his workplace from Welwyn Garden City to Milton Science Park at the end of 2019, and was even more pleased to move it to his own garden in 2020. They have basically got through the last year thanks to CBeebies and Gardeners World.

Derek Chiang started a new role as Vice-President and Head of Biomedical Data Science at Bayer. He looks forward to rapid uptake of vaccinations, so that he can travel from Boston to Berlin to meet his team in person for the first time. This year **Ian Cowley** and his partner became amateur teachers to their eldest son Jasper in Reception/Year 1; fortunately he's thrived and is now doing great back in school with his friends and proper teachers. Middle son, Maxwell, has been enjoying pre-school and is preparing to start school in September, and in August 2020 they added son number 3, Felix, to the brood. He's doing well, despite the lack of contact with virtually anybody outside of their four walls. The trampoline in the garden that they got in late 2019 was a godsend throughout Lockdown and they have managed to avoid any serious injuries. Ian is still Chief Umpire for the Bumps, but sadly had to cancel Mays 2020, and Lents and Mays 2021...he's looking forward to Lents 2022 though. He's now living in Melbourn, a few miles southwest of Cambridge, if anyone wants to catch up when they're in the area.

Baz Jones is still Head of Science at Carlton le Willows Academy in Gedling, Nottingham. Teaching life has been turned upside-down, with the move to remote learning and teaching into a computer screen for much of the past 12 months. Thankfully the school is now about to return to some semblance of normality (when the exam classes leave at any rate, and the staff have finalised their approaches for awarding grades). The kids have shown a great deal of resilience with all of the changes and having to adapt to new technologies and methods of teaching (as have the teachers!). His flat currently looks somewhat like a 'shrine to entropy'... somewhere between teetering piles of assessments that need either marking or moderating, and an Amazon warehouse. Books range from the sublime to the total trash, but little new or of interest to the masses (he's currently reading *The Story of Crass*, which is great, albeit niche). Like many people, Netflix, Amazon Prime, and particularly Disney+ have proved sanity-saving godsend in amongst the endless spreadsheets, and Teams and Zoom meetings. He doesn't have any recommended recipes, although his chilli is still fairly bombproof, and no-one needs any photos of him (largely the

same, but back to the long hair and beard – significantly greyer now). He is mostly looking forward to a hopefully (nearly) normal return to school in September, so the school can just crack on teaching out of labs again, and not in year group bubbles!

Simon Little has been kidnapped by San Francisco and now has a Green Card to prove it. He's engaged to be married this year to Katherine, a wonderful Berkeley native. He's really enjoying working at the University of California, studying brain waves and developing brain stimulation therapies. Also, lots of hiking, surfing, meditating and enjoying the amazing nature there.

Five year-old Ivy and two year-old Stanley keep **Chris Mason** and his wife Polly busy. Home-schooling Ivy during Lockdown aged him by a decade, and Stanley's obsession with trains is incessant. The hours the two of them have spent stood on the railway bridge in the rain waving at choo choo drivers is unbelievable. Chris's admiration for the men and women of the railway has soared to new heights: they almost always wave back.

This year has seen a fairly radical set of changes for **Kathryn Moore-Bick (née Dooks)**, as the law firm she had been a partner at for 9 years and had worked at for 13 years (Kemp Little) was acquired by Deloitte. The deal (which was completed in February) doubled the size of Deloitte Legal in the UK (which was only established about 18 months ago) and has thrown her head first into the world of consulting, tax and audit. The few months prior to completion of the deal were very busy getting the business ready for the transfer to Deloitte – all she can say is: never try to sell a law firm and sorry if she's not been in touch lately! Since then she's really enjoyed the new challenge of being a partner in a 'Big 4' firm, discovering how her employment law practice sits alongside and complements different parts of the firm. It's also been nice to be reacquainted with **Rebecca Triggs** who is a colleague at Deloitte in the Global Mobility business. **Chris Moore-Bick** continues in his role as Head of Science and Technology Policy at the Ministry of Defence, and Lockdown has seen him take up running – which is something Kathryn never thought she would see and has put her own Lockdown fitness efforts to shame! Their daughters Hannah (6) and Sarah (3) seem to have survived Lockdown relatively unscathed, although Hannah would probably agree that her parents make terrible teachers and should stick to their day jobs.

Brooke Morriswood has had, like many, a year broadly similar to the one that preceded it. Germany is in the slightly unusual situation of being worse off now than it was a year ago, although with vaccinations now belatedly gathering momentum everyone is hopeful of restrictions easing in the near future. The rest of the year will be no less nerve-racking however, as his salary, research funding, and contract at the University of Würzburg are all due to run out at the end of the year – consequently there is a lot riding on the grant renewal submission (currently under review). Despite all this, life continues to be fun and the challenge of alternating labwork/career with parenting is one that the family has embraced. Top TV tip of the last year is definitely the remarkable Deutschland '83/86/89 series.



*Brooke Morriswood
and family*

Chloe Naldrett has had an extraordinary year, with many unexpected gifts amongst the challenges. COVID saw her put out to furlough for six months, which she spent diving deep into environmental activism with Extinction Rebellion Bristol and Culture Declares Emergency South West. The job she loved at Bristol Old Vic no longer exists, but luckily, she's now balancing a similar (largely remote) role at the Birmingham Rep, while also spending more time with her boys, now 11 and 8. She's also happily reclaimed her name post-divorce, and is immensely enjoying the freedom and energy of independent life.

For **Jon Pendergast**, as for so many with small children, COVID has been something of a hard slog. Ontario in Canada had very conservative rules: his two boys have not had swimming lessons, soccer or gymnastics since March 2020, and their schooling has been online for 8 out of 13 school months. That said, he has been lucky to be able to continue his work online from home with little disruption. The pandemic has precipitated some small wins along the way – with all the time on his hands during the first Lockdown, he finally managed to put together the treehouse he had been meaning to build for the boys!



*Jon Pendergast
and family*

Matthew Rose sends news from China. Pandemic-wise, pretty much everything is under control, with zero cases apart from imported ones. The really interesting bit which seems omitted from the media outside China is that China has used traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) to successfully treat COVID for a long time now...based on his personal experience of TCM it can be very effective (treated appendicitis, acid reflux, normal cold, stomach upsets). It's not the way it is generally portrayed in the media in the UK as it is strictly regulated. Even if the theory doesn't make sense, some of it really works. In other news, he changed companies from Huawei to Xiaomi, but is still based in Beijing.

Pete Rutter has endured Lockdown with two children under three, navigating UK pension customers' savings through the crisis, and dusting down old epidemiology lecture notes from Christ's own Professor Cliff to consolidate his status as an armchair epidemiologist.

Jon Scholefield is still enjoying semi-retirement at home in Sussex. He's governor of a school, doing a bit of non-executive director work including working with a Californian medi-tech start-up to deliver treatment for inflammatory bowel syndrome in the UK. There are plenty of projects around the home and more in the garden when the weather improves; he has no idea how he ever managed to make time for a full-time executive job! Like many, Lockdown was most brutal for him when home-schooling was required. It's safe to say that his knowledge of spelling sounds now surpasses his distant memory of Cambridge Engineering! He's still happily married to Louise, after nearly 25 years together. Some will remember her visits to Christ's before they were married. He still has the picture of them in the Late Night Bar with her dressed as Princess Leia on his desk. She has worn the years better than he has... he hopes all is well with the wider group of alumni – some of whom he and Lou are still in close contact with, others only occasionally. A warm hello to all, regardless.

1999 Year Group News:

Edward Perks won the *Legal 500 In-house Individual of the Year: FMCG* award last year for his work as Head of Legal at Asahi International.

2001 Year Group Representative Sarah Watson writes:

Michael Mann's
book

Our congratulations go to **Michael Mann**, whose debut children's novel, *Ghostcloud*, is out with Hachette hardback this October. 'The book is a magical, mystery-adventure for 8–12 year olds, suitable for fans of the early Harry Potter books. Early orders make a big difference for new authors, so if it sounds your thing, or if you know any keen young readers with birthdays coming up, you can order it at Waterstones, Amazon and most independent bookshops!' Michael is now a primary school teacher part-time and lives with his partner Joe and daughter Juliet in London, and is busy writing the sequel. I (**Sarah Watson**) left the Army in 2020 and am now sitting part-time as a Deputy District Judge (civil and family) and part-time as an Assistant Coroner. My partner James and I are currently trying to train our new pup Bucky (not named after Buckfast). If you are in York, feel free to look me up. As this October marks 20 years since matriculation please reach out to those people who you have lost touch with or who you haven't spoken to for a while. There will hopefully be a 21 year reunion in 2022 to enable everyone to get back together... more to follow...

2003 Year Group News:

Adam Baird-Fraser has been appointed MBE for his services to national security. He is a team leader at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

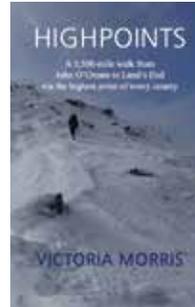
2004 Year Group Representative Anjulie Devi Ruisus writes:

Camilla Farrant married Andrew Tolley (Clare m. 2005) on 15 August 2020 at St Mark's Church, Regent's Park. The Lockdown wedding was a particularly Christ's-connected affair, officiated by **Reverend Dr Matthias Grebe** (m. 2008); with **Victoria Grebe (né Corke)** and **Tiffany Dale (né Stirling)** as bridesmaids, while Camilla's brother, **Jonathan Farrant** (m. 2001) and his family, joined in cardboard form, from Singapore. It was a beautiful service of celebration, followed by champagne, wedding cake, a back garden barbecue and torrential rain! Camilla and Andrew are now expecting a baby in mid-June.

Laura Hadrill (né Skelly) is delighted to announce that baby Florence joined the family in May 2020, a sister for Felix whose 2018 arrival she forgot to mention. 2020 provided some unexpectedly fun moments with fellow alumni: Zoom calls with **Cat McIntosh**, **Paddy Wildin**, **Cat Donaldson** and **Yuliya Nigmatullina** are lethal, **Stephen Montgomery** loves family FaceTime and often joins in full fancy dress, and don't listen to **Dr Piyush Mahapatra** if he says it doesn't look like COVID (NB It was COVID). Lastly, reading and cheering on **Anjulie Ruisus'** baby loss blog has been an incredibly important part of the year for me. My husband and I are planning a fundraising event for Tommy's the Miscarriage Charity for our own losses, and those of our friends and family, later this year.

Kate Meale (né Bristow) married Darren Meale in November 2020. The couple also welcomed their son Xander, on 19 April, this year. **Victoria Morris (né Gregson)** has had a busy year. Firstly, Victoria's book *Highpoints*, about her 3,500 mile

walk from John O’Groats to Land’s End via the highest point of every county, was published by Hayloft in June of last year. Profits from the sale of the book go to Mental Health Research UK. Information on how to purchase can be found on her website at mappamorris.co.uk. Secondly, during the first Lockdown of 2020, Victoria decided to climb the equivalent of the North Face of the Eiger, but climbing up the outside of her house. As part of this challenge, she spent two nights sleeping (or rather, not sleeping) on a homemade ‘porta-ledge’, strapped to the outside wall. This was a fundraising effort in support of Mental Health Research UK, and NHS Charities Together (the latter in memory of her grandfather, who died due to coronavirus early on in the pandemic). She made a video diary of her ascent, which is available from on her website at <http://mappamorris.co.uk/2020/northface.html> which she hopes readers may find entertaining.



Victoria Morris's book

Helen Mort married her partner Jesse in a tiny COVID-adapted ceremony in Sheffield on 6 August 2020. The couple had planned a big summer wedding party, but in the end decided to proceed under the restrictions and held a very intimate gathering with close family at the Sheffield Registry Office, celebrating in their garden afterwards. The wedding party comprised their toddler Alfie, Jesse’s two older children, Helen’s parents and the couple’s three siblings. The sun shone and they all had a great time. **Dr Nikil Rajani** and his wife Shree are proud to announce the birth of their son, Prem Ram Rajani. Born on 6 December 2020, Prem likes to smile, read about animals, and is enthralled by his jumperoo!



Helen Mort on her wedding day

Finally, I (**Anjulie Rusius, neé Buggal**) launched a baby loss blog (www.Mumoirs.co.uk) after the neonatal death of our daughter Summer, last year. Covering topics such as recurrent pregnancy loss, miscarriage and childlessness, it has exceeded all expectation and has been read in 125 countries and territories around the world. I have also been volunteering at **Dr James Rusius’** COVID vaccination clinic in North London, this year. It is honestly just a marquee in a carpark, but we have both been there through wind, rain, snow and minimal sunshine. Despite the temporary, pop-up tent conditions, I’m thrilled to say that the volunteers and staff have together managed to administer 100,000 vaccines on site, since December. My shifts there have undoubtedly been the highlight of every week. Oh, except for the one week in late May 2021, where Christ’s porter **Donald Keeble** popped over for lunch, of course!



Prem Ram Rajani



Anjulie and James Rusius



Anjulie Rusius and Donald Keeble

2005 Year Group Representative Lottie Bagnall (née Greenhow) writes:

Stuart Pearson

Heidi Sunniva
BagnallClaire Wheeler,
Philip Boynton,
and family

Many of us will fondly remember **Stuart Pearson** from our days at Christ's. Stuart sadly passed away earlier this year: more details and a tribute to his memory can be found in the *In Memoriam* section of the *Magazine*.

I (**Lottie Bagnall**), and my husband, Harry, welcomed our baby daughter, Heidi Sunniva Bagnall on 18 July 2020 at Bedford Hospital, weighing 9lb 6.5oz. **Claire Wheeler** and **Philip Boynton** (m. 2006) also welcomed a daughter, Helena on 7 June 2020, a little sister to Thomas. **Temi Awogboro (née Olatunde)** played a key role in bringing to reality the investment in the Evercare Hospital Lekki. The hospital is a private multispecialty tertiary care facility. Temi currently serves as an Executive Director and she was a core part of the investment leadership team responsible for scaling Evercare from inception in 2015 to a global platform today comprising 30+ hospitals, 16+ clinics and 75+ diagnostics centers across Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Pakistan and Nigeria, through the execution of a buy and build investment

strategy. Temi is on the Founding Management Team and Founding Board of Directors of the hospital, which she built from inception, to one of the largest private hospitals in Nigeria today. The commissioning of Evercare Hospital Lekki, the first-of-its-kind facility in the city, is in line with the core belief that access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right. **Dom Benson** has been beating the lockdown blues by walking 7 miles every weekend to buy a loaf of bread in Grantchester. **Mark Higgins** has been keeping himself busy in Ontario and **James Robinson** continues to faff about in Bermuda and would welcome any of you passing through for a drink or round of golf.

2006 Year Group News:Miles and
Amanda Foan-
Coverdale with
daughter, Lizzie

Sofia Wallstrom reports that she started an FWO postdoctoral fellowship in November 2020 to continue her research into molecules around asymptotic giant branch stars. **Miles and Amanda Foan-Coverdale** welcomed their daughter, Lizzie, in January 2020 and now have a wonderful, if noisy and very determined toddler. Amanda finished maternity leave in January 2021 and went straight on to furlough for a few months, before returning to a new role, after a restructure, in the Learning Department at the Science Museum. At the time of writing

her new job is still a bit of a mystery, but hopefully things will become clear soon! After a period in the Cabinet Office, Miles is now back working in the Ministry of Defence. They still live in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex and have been very grateful for being near the sea, woods and local country park during lockdown! **Sarah Foster (née Gardner)** writes: my husband, Ian, and I welcomed our son Peter William Foster in

April 2021, and have been enjoying getting to know him. We were very grateful to have his impending arrival to look forward to through the winter Lockdown, and hope to be able to get out and about with him soon now that things are opening up again. In other news, I was excited to be given the opportunity at the start of the year to be the Global Senior Marketing Manager for my company's next big product launch. It's been a bit strange meeting the team then leaving for several months, but I'm excited about getting stuck into the new role when I return.

2007 Year Group News:

Tyler Hester reports that he graduated from the Doctor of Education Leadership Program at Harvard in May 2020, and continues to work towards making sure all young people in the United States have a fair shot at reaching their full potential. **Anna Protasio** has started her position as Research Fellow in Animal Parasitology at Christ's. She reports: it has been an absolute pleasure to be back in College as a Fellow. Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, we have been able to enjoy some level of social contact with other Fellows albeit facing some very cold evenings in the Fellows' Garden! I look forward to meeting the rest of the Fellowship in the coming months. **Grégory Saulme** reports that he has become a Lawyer, but notes that he cannot share any pictures as there was no ceremony due to the Pandemic. He hopes he can formally celebrate this new step with the Paris Bar very soon. **Flo Wolfe** has been deployed with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal Volunteer Corps) to help at the Nightingale Hospital at the Excel centre. She worked initially with the Patient and Family Liaison team, and latterly as a patient befriender. She says that it was good to be able to do something, however small, to help the pandemic efforts.



Flo Wolfe

2008 Year Group Representative Valerie Teh writes:

In a year that has asked such a lot from so many of us in a multitude of ways, it is a true privilege to be able to share some uplifting news from our cohort gathered from the past years.

Shelina Hughes writes: my husband Adam and I got married in September 2018 at Pendley Manor in Tring, followed by a honeymoon in the Maldives, which was very wonderful and special! We've since moved out to an idyllic village in Buckinghamshire and live there with our two kittens. **Amy Puttick** tells us: I'm getting married! It will be just outside Cambridge on 11 July, to Matt Frayling Cork, after postponing twice because of COVID-19...finally! **Abarna**



Shelina Hughes on her wedding day

Ramanathan is living in Cleveland, Ohio at the moment, where she is doing medical training, and moving to Boston, to pursue infectious disease training. She also recently got engaged to a Floridian man. **Valerie Teh** reports that after postponing two sets of wedding celebrations last summer, she married Scott Jagger in the middle



Valerie Teh's
wedding day



Gregory Williams

of Tier 2 pandemic restrictions at Chelsea Old Town Hall on 20 October 2020. It wasn't what they'd originally planned, but 'life never is!' They also adopted their second dog – a meat-trade rescue from Harbin, China, ironically named Bao – in December 2020. **Gregory Williams**, aka O Ma Cassé, is a music producer, artist, DJ, and marketer currently living in Shanghai, China, working with brands including Nike, Acne Studios, Coca-Cola, and Mixmag. In 2020, his first solo EP *Unspoken Lies* was released in collaboration with artists from China, the US, and the UK. Congratulations go to **Hannah Wood** has been awarded an OBE for services to EU negotiations; she is a Deputy Director at Taskforce Europe.

2010 Year Group Representative **Dara Hamill** writes:



Hamish Robertson's
wedding day



Hamish Robertson,
Ophelia Luong
and son, Edmund



Samuel Hazi



Abigail Moody



Thomas Chetwin on
his wedding day

Hamish Robertson married Ophelia Luong (Downing, 2010) in Norfolk on 18 August 2018, with lots of friends from Christ's attending. They've both been working in North London training in paediatrics since then. On 22 March this year they welcomed Edmund Moorhouse Robertson to the world. He's been keeping them busy with sleepless nights ever since. **Hannah Hazi (née Wray)** and her husband, Amit Hazi (Trinity, 2009), have just had a baby: Samuel Hazi, born on 13 February. **Fiona and David Moody** report that in February 2021 they welcomed their little girl Abigail to the world. **Thomas Chetwin** writes: my news is that I got married to Violet Avkhukova, in Red Rock Canyon, located just outside Las Vegas, in October 2019.

2012 Year Group Representative Harriet Baker writes: An unusual year for everyone and subsequently fewer updates than would normally be expected! The majority of life events in the class of 2012 are related to engagements and marriages as we reach the edge of our 'late 20s' and I'm sure the next few years will bring similar announcements from other Christ's 2012ers.

Grace McGregor got engaged in La Jolla, San Diego and then married in Las Vegas due to the pandemic putting a spanner in any plans to get home to celebrate – making the most of the pandemic to say the least! She has promised me she will be holding a Scottish celebration when restrictions allow which

I am already very excited for! **Juan Carlos Sanchez Madrigal** was married to Catherine Ninos on 11 May 2021. **Henley Leong** got married on 18 July 2020. Given the pandemic, they ended up having a small ceremony in their hotel suite with 20 people in attendance and well over 100 joining via Zoom from around the world – memorable in a way they did not anticipate! They are looking forward to their main banquet in December this year. He has recently bought a small apartment in Hong Kong for investment and is continuing to look for a place to buy.



Juan Carlos Sanchez Madrigal on his wedding day

Laurence Hookway got in touch to say that it would please the members of CCBC to know that his initiation into rowing eventually led him to meeting his wife Gabby, a rower from Philadelphia, where they now live. 'Rowing machines might be awful things but you never know where they will take you!' Gabby is a member of University Barge Club and Laurence is a member of Fairmount Rowing Association; both based on boathouse row in Philadelphia. If any CCBC member ever wants to compete in a Philadelphia regatta (or just needs good recommendations for things to do in Philly) they're more than welcome to get in touch. To finish off the marriage related segment, both **Andy Graham** and **Tim Gordon** have recently got engaged to their respective girlfriends!



Henley Leong's wedding day



Laurence Hookway and his wife, Gabby

In other news, **Naomi Stewart** is back in British Columbia, Canada, struggling with the continually changing restrictions. She received her Master of Arts from Simon Fraser University in English for Educators in June 2020 and is continuing in her role as a secondary school teacher at a private school near where she lives. In addition, this year, she self-published a short collection of poems via Amazon, entitled *Sparks Fly Upward*.

Oliver Jackson is coming to the end of his time as a judicial assistant and will return to the Bar in October 2021. He is greatly looking forward to celebrating next New Year's Eve with a large contingent of Christ's alumni (pandemic permitting!).

Following the LLM, **Lorena Dunne** returned to work with Irish corporate law firm William Fry (resuming her role as an Asset Management & Investment Funds lawyer). She made Partner there in 2017 and moved to the firm's London office in 2018 where she remains based. In recent years, market focus on ESG (environmental, social and governance) factors in the investment funds context gained her particular attention, having studied International Environmental and Human Rights Law as part of her LLM. Her subsequent work in the space has led to her recent



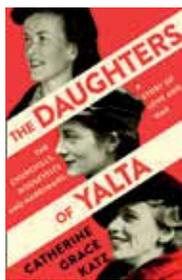
Lorena Dunne and Duchess, the miniature dachshund

appointment as Co-Chair of the firm's new cross-disciplinary ESG & Sustainability Practice Group (which provides legal advice to clients on the myriad of published and planned global, international and local ESG-related rules, standards and expectations). In other news, she fulfilled her lifelong dream last year of owning a miniature-dachshund!

Chuer Zhang is just completing a year of paediatrics training in the East of England but will be taking up a post in Histopathology in Thames Valley in August this year. I (**Harriet Baker**) had my extensive travelling plans cancelled by the pandemic and have remained at Deutsche Bank, albeit in a different team, and remain living in London. One benefit I have experienced from Lockdown has been rediscovering my love for running (which was a big part of my university life) and can frequently be found pacing Battersea Park and Westminster! **James Bartram** has also been thriving on the running front. After discovering his love for running at Cambridge in his fifth year, he has continued to improve since graduating, recently setting PBs of 15:15 in the 5K and 32:30 in the 10K! He will be racing the London Marathon for the first time in October in the Championship event and hoping to set a fast time.

To round things off, there have been multiple meetups of Christ's alumni when restrictions have allowed over the past year and I know that for me, these have really kept me going through a very challenging year. Looking forward to more frequent and larger gatherings as restrictions ease and life gets back to normal!

2013 Year Group Representative James Fox writes:



Catherine Katz's
book

Despite the turbulence of the past year, two alumni have worked hard to write and publish books. **Catherine Katz**, currently a Harvard Law student, published her first book *The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* in September 2020. The book was published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the US and William Collins in the UK, and was named a Best Book of the Year by *Publishers Weekly*, a Best History Book of the Year by the *Telegraph*, and was optioned for a film by producer Amy Pascal and Sony.



James Cahill

James Cahill, currently a Research Fellow in the Department of Classics at King's College London, will have his first novel, *Tiepolo Blue*, published by Sceptre in spring 2022. The book charts the fall from grace of an esteemed Cambridge professor – an expert on the art of the Italian master Tiepolo – who leaves academia for the brave new art world of 1990s London.

2014 Year Group News:

Holly Giles writes: it's been a busy few years since we all graduated from Christ's, and this year has been a particularly busy one, with many of us starting and finishing study programs and jobs. It's also been a strange year, with the last 15 months being disrupted by the ongoing pandemic. Nevertheless, we have a lot to report: after completing their studies last year, the medics have graduated and entered medical practice in the midst of a pandemic. Their ongoing hard work and commitment is appreciated! The Nat Scis have been busy progressing their scientific careers, with

many of us in further study. **Sofia Pedersen** writes: after graduating, I did a Master's in Biomedical Research at Imperial College (2017–2018), then two years as a graduate R&D scientist with AstraZeneca in Cambridge (2018–2020). The pandemic was quite disruptive to my work at AZ, as numbers in the lab were very limited; so I decided to make the most of the 'downtime' by volunteering in the Lighthouse Lab on the Cambridge biomedical campus. I was able to help set up the COVID-19 mass testing centre, which was a collaboration between the university, GSK and AZ and (at least initially) completely volunteer-based. Since October, I've been back in London at the Francis Crick doing a PhD in early detection of colorectal cancer.

Holly Giles is coming to the end of her PhD, having spent most of the last four years in Heidelberg at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, though during the pandemic she has been back in Portsmouth. The PhD has been a huge learning curve, moving into bioinformatics and machine learning to study drug resistance in leukaemia. In parallel to her PhD, in 2018, she participated in the Merck Innovation Cup, where she was challenged to propose a new therapeutic for pandemic preparedness. Her team won their category, and since then she has been consulting for Merck, to support the development of their proposal. More recently, she received a 12,000€ grant from the Joachim-Herz Stiftung which has allowed her to attend many conferences and travel plenty during her PhD. She is now looking forward to finishing her thesis, and is looking at jobs in biotech start-ups and politics back in the UK.

Adam Piatt is studying for a Masters in Advanced Chemical Sciences at the University of Liverpool, which he hopes to complete soon. He will be using laser technology to conduct research into silicone softeners, in partnership with Unilever's Materials Innovation Factory.

Henry McTernan is teaching Classics at Hampton School and is returning to Christ's for a part-time Masters of Education alongside full-time teaching for the 2021–2022 academic year. **Page Nyame-Satterthwaite** was called to the Bar (via Zoom) in 2021 and awarded the Norman Tapp memorial prize for mootings. Alongside criminal pupillage, she started as Director of Vocalise – a *pro bono* initiative to mentor people in prison by teaching debate and public speaking skills – and she is hopeful for the return of debates in prisons in person as soon as it is safe.

Amy Palmer-Newton writes: I got married in August 2019 to my wonderful wife Harleigh Palmer-Newton! We went on honeymoon to northern Finland in March 2020 and got back just before the very first UK lockdown. I recently co-authored a publication on freshwater biodiversity in Lake Malawi and authored many global extinction risk assessments of freshwater species published on the IUCN Red List. I'm currently working on some exciting London-wide conservation projects as a database officer at Greenspace Information for Greater London. Socially, we've have plenty of Zoom quizzes and Gather Town birthday parties to catch up with the Christ's gang, and more recently, we've been able to meet in person again. We are all looking forward to a summer ahead catching up with Christ's friends.



*Amy and Harleigh
Palmer-Newton*

2015 Year Group News:*Mariya
Chepishева*

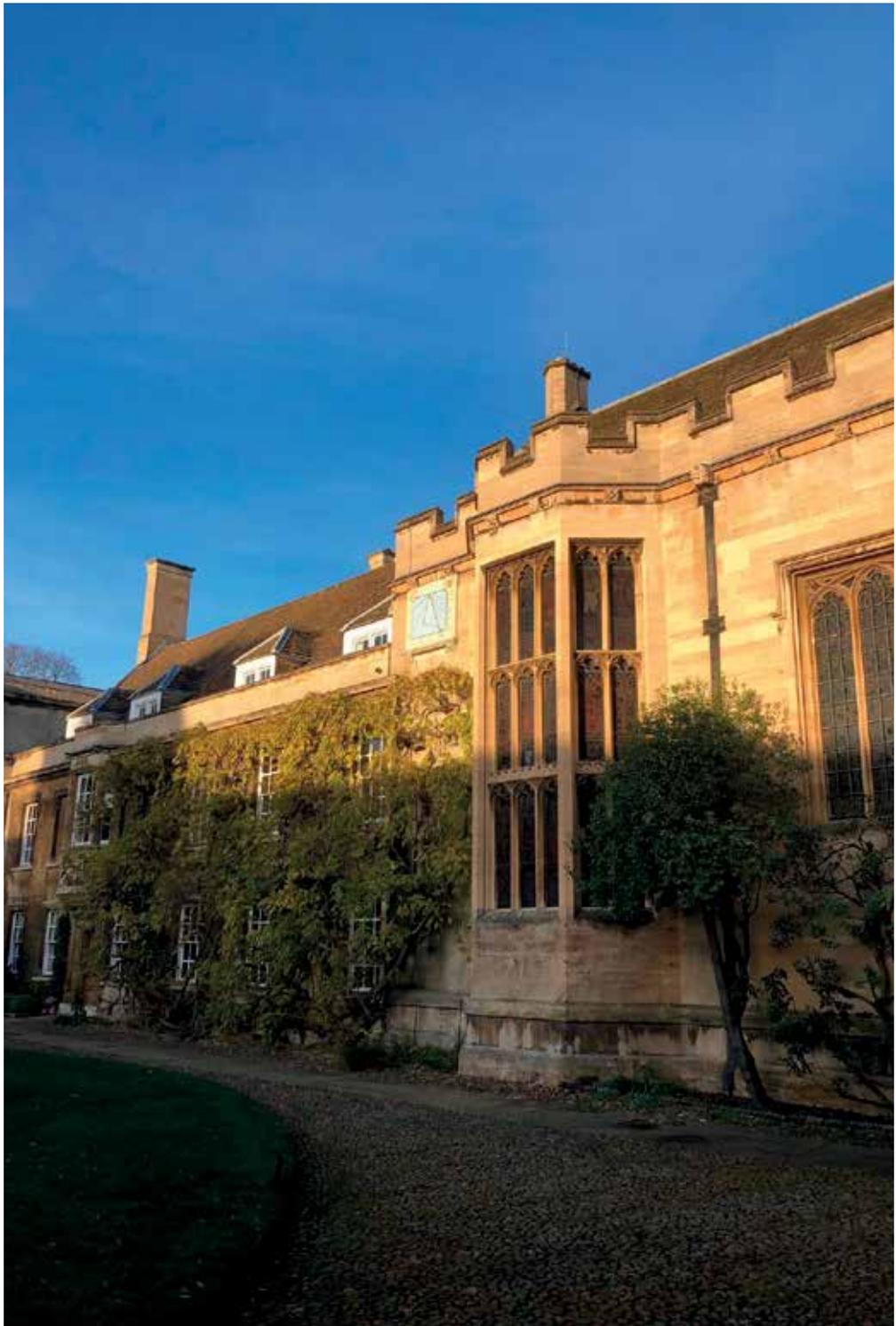
Hendrik Willem Nelis ('Willem') writes: I am at Oxford completing a two-year History of War MPhil after completing an MA at King's College London War Studies. **Mariya Chepishева** reports: I am a PhD candidate in Clinical Neuroscience at Imperial College's Department of brain sciences, studying the contribution of the vestibular system to the spatial orientation and postural control of patients with brain lesions, due to traumatic brain injury or neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease. I have also been volunteering in my home country of Bulgaria to help support COVID-19 testing, as well as displaying a selection of my artwork in a gallery in Bulgaria.

2017 Year Group News:*Will Champion
and Gemma Qin*

Will Champion and Gemma Qin met while Will was conducting research in New York during his MPhil in Architecture and Urban Design at Christ's. Then during lockdown in New York City in May 2020, they became one of the first couple in history to get a marriage licence and get married on Zoom in NYC. They were engaged when New York's State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced 'Project Cupid', which would allow couples to get married in the city via Zoom and they decided to seize this rare opportunity together and get married at this rather historic moment. Although technical difficulty associated with a Zoom ceremony limited their ability to invite as many friends and family as they wished, they loved the simplicity of the ceremony as it reflected the state of the world we live in today. They are now planning to have a physical wedding in Cambridge this September in the Christ's Chapel and Longstowe Hall afterwards.



Irises in Third Court



Winter Sunlight

Photograph opposite by Matthew Tsim

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report the death of our Senior Fellow, David Yale. A full obituary will follow in next year's Magazine.

Christopher Abell (Fellow)



Chris Abell was Professor of Biological Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Todd-Hamied Fellow at Christ's College. Chris was one of the leading biological chemists of his generation working on the mechanisms by which enzymes work, and developing ways to inhibit their action, as a potential treatment for diseases such as tuberculosis, cystic fibrosis and cancer. This work led to the development of a new way to develop drugs, fragment based drug discovery, and the founding of the highly successful company Astex. This, and his work on performing highly miniaturised chemistry using microdroplets, led to Chris becoming a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2012 and Fellow of the Royal Society in 2016. Chris was also a wonderfully supportive Fellow of Christ's College serving as Director of Studies for Chemistry for many years as well as serving on the College Council. Chris also made major contributions to the University as founding director of Cambridge Enterprise, the University's first Director of Postdoctoral Affairs and Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 2016 till his sudden death, at the age of 62, on 26 October 2020.

Chris was the son of a Yorkshire farmer and after going to Selby Grammar School came to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences at St John's College in 1976. Chris graduated in 1979 and stayed at Cambridge for his PhD. During this time, he met his wife Katherine who was also doing a PhD in the same laboratory. After 2 years postdoctoral research at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Chris returned to Cambridge, starting as a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and a Fellow of Christ's College in 1986 where he was to stay for the next 34 years.

I first, unknowingly, met both Chris and Katherine in my first term at Cambridge as an undergraduate when they were both demonstrators for 1a Organic Chemistry. I remember that they took the whole group of us to the pub at the end of our last practical of the term – a notably friendly gesture. It was then about 15 years later when I returned to Cambridge that I met Chris again. I had just joined the Chemistry Department and was asked by Chris if I was interested in joining Christ's College. I remember having an informal interview in the garden of the Master's Lodge at Christ's with tea and sandwiches on a warm summer afternoon with Chris and the Master at the time, Sir Hans Kornberg. Chris was gently persuasive about

the advantages of joining a college in Cambridge and joining Christ's in particular with its strong tradition in Chemistry. This interview resulted in me joining Christ's to teach Physical Chemistry.

Chris helped me greatly as I started in College and took up this new position, explaining to me how the system works in both College and the Chemistry Department. None of this information is written down anywhere and seems to be passed down from Fellow to Fellow by word of mouth but Chris was the perfect guide showing me round both the College and Department and introducing me to colleagues. He was unusually generous with his time and exceptional at the time in working to encourage cross-disciplinary collaborations. He put me in touch with his former student, Shankar Balasubramanian, and we started doing experiments together on DNA and DNA polymerase. This led to a highly successful collaboration resulting in the development of a rapid method to sequence DNA that is now widely used. I also started to work directly with Chris in developing new methods to handle and analyse single molecules and assemble molecules into useful structures in a number of multi-disciplinary projects. Here Chris showed himself to be a brilliant chemist, making molecules to solve the problems that we encountered and always enthusiastic about the work despite the inevitable setbacks and mistakes as we moved into new areas. This work led to about 20 published papers. In particular, with colleagues, we developed a method to detect single virus particles based on acoustic detection. This resulted in a high-profile paper in *Nature Biotechnology* and the formation of a start-up company, *Akubio*, which we co-founded. Unfortunately, with the benefit of hindsight we moved the technology too early from the University and the company was not successful. A fast, cheap and sensitive virus detector would certainly have been very useful during the current Covid Pandemic.

Chris was a tremendous help to me especially in these early years as I started my group and got my research underway. He was always cheerful and positive and a source of advice about problems large and small, helping me find suitable people to work with both in the Department and University. In the early days this also involved visits to the pub after work which certainly also helped get things in context! As time went on and Chris took up his role as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, I saw less of Chris apart from the occasional function in College that often included Katherine as well. It was always great to catch-up when we met. Chris clearly relished his new role and it was always interesting to get his perspective on important issues and find out hidden details of the inner workings of the University. Chris was impressively able to see both the big picture whilst having a strong grasp of the details. It was reassuring to know that someone so capable was in charge of research at the University. He gave the College a fascinating talk about how the University was planning for Brexit and the possible consequences of the UK leaving – a marked change from biological chemistry!

I remember Chris as being 110% committed to anything that he did, highly organised and connected and always very level-headed and calm irrespective of the scale of the problem. He was always easy to talk to and very friendly and welcoming to every-one that he met. I owe Chris a huge debt since he helped me more than anyone else to get my scientific career started when I joined Cambridge. Chris is an irreplaceable colleague and friend who was taken away from us at his prime. I will miss him dearly.

David Klenerman (Fellow)

Bernard Bailyn (Honorary Fellow)

“So what?” That was the question dreaded by all students in Bernard Bailyn’s graduate seminar in early American history at Harvard. So what? You’ve given us lots of detail. What does it amount to? This was a question he kept posing, to his students and to himself, throughout his long life (1922–2020).

Bernard Bailyn (known as “Bud”) joined the Faculty at Harvard in 1953 and taught there for nearly forty years, remaining closely associated with the University until his death, aged 97, on 7 August 2020. His association with Christ’s began in 1986–7 when he was elected a Fellow during his tenure as the University’s visiting Pitt Professor in American History. The College elected him to an Honorary Fellowship in 1988. His most important link to the College was Jack Plumb, whose work on eighteenth-century English politics had helped Bailyn to understand the political vocabulary of American protestors against British rule. For a number of years Bud was a regular visitor to Christ’s, especially when he and his wife Lotte (a distinguished professor of managerial sociology) were visiting her parents in Sussex, but in later years he still retained his affection for the College and was a quietly generous donor.

During his career Bud won two Pulitzer Prizes and numerous other awards, culminating in the National Humanities Medal bestowed on him in 2010 by President Barack Obama for “illuminating our nation’s early history and pioneering the field of Atlantic history.” That double accolade aptly describes his impact and his versatility, first as a leading historian of the American Revolution and then, after formally retiring from Harvard, in founding the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World. This ran from 1995 to 2010, bringing together every summer young scholars from North and South America, Europe and Africa. The networks it fostered gave powerful impetus to now familiar fields such as the study of the slave trade, indigenous peoples and the Caribbean.

In “retirement,” Bud could have rested on his laurels. But he wasn’t that kind of person. Although conservative by instinct and politics, he believed in young people and encouraged them to plough new furrows rather than tilling the old terrain. His philosophy was best captured by a couple of sentences from *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* (1967), for which he won his first Pulitzer. “History is not an inert reconstruction of the past that gets set once and for all; it is a form of inquiry, and those inquiries will shift and renew and grow in time. Succeeding generations will write different kinds of histories – and should.” (Words to be noted by all Cabinet ministers.) For a readable glimpse of Bailyn the maverick historian, try his engaging little memoir, *Illuminating History: A Retrospective of Seven Decades*, published last year.

David Reynolds (Fellow)

Peter Julius Lachmann (Fellow)

Peter Lachmann PhD FRCP FRS FmedSci; Born December 23 1931; Died December 26 2020; Fellow Christ’s College 1962–71 and 1976–2020

The death of Peter Lachmann ends the career of one of the most distinguished and influential figures in UK medicine. In Cambridge, his teaching of immunology inspired countless medical and other students, and as the doctor-scientist he was a shining example to many who were to become leading figures in the UK and elsewhere. He was successively President of the Royal College of Pathologists, Biological Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society, and Founding President of the Academy of Medical Sciences in whose establishment he played a key role;



the Academy is now the major voice for clinical and biomedical science in the UK. Peter was Knighted for his services to medical science in 2002.

Peter Lachmann was born into a scholarly secular Jewish family in Berlin. His mother Thea was a university-educated chemist and his father Heinz a lawyer. Heinz Lachmann had volunteered as a boy soldier and fought on the front line in the Great War. His status as a *Front Kämpfer* had provided a degree of protection in the early Nazi era and allowed him to continue his law practice, but after Kristallnacht on 9 November 1938 he was arrested and taken to Sachsenhausen, the concentration camp. Because Heinz had an English-born mother the family secured a visa and his release from prison and they were able to fly to Croydon airport, arriving with no money and few possessions shortly before Peter's seventh birthday. Starting again under a different legal system, Heinz Lachmann retrained as a solicitor, and the family settled in North London.

Peter's scholastic ability soon became apparent, and after Christ's School in Finchley-then a grammar school-he went to Trinity College and UCH graduating as a medical doctor in 1956. In 1958 he joined the Pathology Department in Cambridge with Robin Coombs FRS, a pioneering immunologist, and in 1960 went to the Rockefeller Institute in New York to research systemic lupus erythematosus with the inspirational doctor-scientist Henry Kunkel. In 1962 he returned to Pathology and a Fellowship at Christs. In 1971 he was appointed to the Foundation Professorship of Immunology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (RPMS) at Hammersmith Hospital in London. At the RPMS, Peter conducted research which led to a deep understanding of how an exceedingly complex set of blood proteins, the complement system (so-called because the system complements the effect of antibodies) are activated and controlled. This research owed much to the study of a single patient who Peter showed had a genetic deficiency of a key control element of the system, a protein termed Factor I. Peter proposed that enriching Factor I might be valuable in the treatment of disorders where over-activity of complement activation worsened disease; many years later (2005) it was discovered over-activation of complement had a role in Age Related Macular Degeneration, a common cause of blindness in the elderly. In 2014, now in his 80s, he helped found a biotech company, Gyroscope, which is using gene therapy to enrich Factor I concentrations in the retina, in the hope of arresting progression of this currently untreatable disease. Trials in patients are now being conducted. For his research on complement Peter was elected FRS in 1982.

In 1976 at the instigation of Sydney Brenner, then Director-Designate of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, the MRC set up a Unit to be led by Peter who was appointed to the newly-endowed Sheila Joan Smith Professorship of Immunology. He returned to Cambridge and re-joined Christ's. After directing his MRC unit for 20 years he retired from his Chair 1996, moving with a small research group to the Veterinary School.

Peter had an exceptional breadth of interests in medicine, science, and the humanities. In immunology he joined Robin Coombs as Editor of the by then classical textbook (Gell and Coombs *Clinical Aspects of Immunology*), and wrote and lectured on genetics and evolution, and ethics and religion. He was international in his outlook, profoundly pro-European, and travelled widely.

As Biological Secretary of the Royal Society he was instrumental in the Society's controversial report on GM Crops, emphasising their benefit, especially to third world countries. He was an advocate for the public defence of reason, arguing that scientists had a responsibility to ensure that their voices were heard.

A lifelong atheist, he nevertheless had an enduring fascination with religion, arguing that religious prescriptions provided essential building blocks for cultural evolution. Reflecting his experience as a beekeeper, in 2019 he published a provocative monograph entitled 'Why Mankind Has Needed Religion Whereas Bees Have Not', and he persuaded the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, to write the Foreword.

Peter held strong views, took no prisoners in argument, and was articulate and forthright. But he had great warmth and generosity, especially to those disadvantaged as his family had been by political upheaval and war. He was intensely loyal to his friends and colleagues, and took great interest in their careers and achievements.

Peter married Sylvia, whom he met when she was a medical student, and they have three children, Robin who is a Consultant in Metabolic Medicine, and Helen a nephrologist and Professor of Medicine, both at UCL hospitals, and Michael who makes scientific programmes for television.

Keith Peters (Honorary Fellow)

Roger Coltman Rees (m. 1948, Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow)



Roger Rees matriculated at Christ's in 1948, having been educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Kirkby Lonsdale, to read Law. He was awarded a State Scholarship and was an Exhibitioner, and then Bachelor Scholar, of the College. He graduated in 1951, and then took the LLB in Public Law, before being admitted Solicitor in 1956. Roger's career was in public service, and his last posts before retirement were Chief Executive of the City of Salford (1974 to 1993), and Clerk of the Greater Manchester Police Authority (1986 to 1993). While at Salford, he was a key figure in the decision to buy and transform what was Manchester Docks into what is now the outstanding Salford Quays.

Roger was appointed OBE in 1990. He held an Honorary Degree from Salford University, and was an Honorary Fellow of University College of Salford. He was also Company Secretary of Lancashire Wildlife Trust for many years, and in his spare time enjoyed singing and travelling, often combining the two. He was a member of Salford Choral Society for over fifty years, and was Chair for ten of those.

Roger was a generous supporter of the College for many years, committed to providing opportunities to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. A modest man, he wanted the name of Kirkby Lonsdale attached to his gifts, rather than his own name, but he delighted in the opportunity to hear from, or meet, the students he was supporting. He was elected a Lady Margaret Fellow in 2018 in recognition of his commitment to Christ's College.

He died on 9 January 2021, aged 92.

Catherine Twilley (Fellow)

Jonathan Steinberg (Former Fellow)

Jonathan Steinberg (1934–2021) was the Harvard-educated son of a distinguished New York rabbi who came to Cambridge for his doctoral work. His time at Christ's College was brief (Junior Research Fellow, 1963–1966) but while he was a University Teaching Officer at Cambridge (1966–2000) he taught generations of Christ's students the history of modern Europe and also of his native United States. Jonathan's first book – completed during his Research Fellowship and entitled *Yesterday's Deterrent: Tirpitz and the Birth of the German Battle Fleet* (1965) – was followed by broader works that displayed his inquisitive and complex mind, such as *Why Switzerland?* (1975) and *All or Nothing: The Axis and the Holocaust, 1941–1943* (1990), comparing Italian and German policy towards the Jews. In 2011 he published his magnum opus, *Bismarck: A Life*, which Henry Kissinger praised in the *New York Times* as “the best study of its subject in the English language.” By then, Jonathan had re-crossed the Atlantic to take up the Walter H. Annenberg chair in European history at the University of Pennsylvania (2000–2018) but he returned to Cambridge in the summers and enjoyed lunching or dining occasionally in Christ's – still entertaining company despite the growing ravages of Alzheimer's. One of his favourite anecdotes was about how, as an American innocent abroad, he was caught up in the Governing Body's fratricidal arguments about whether or not to elect C.P. Snow (still not forgiven by a few for *The Masters*) into an Honorary Fellowship.

Some history alumni will remember his books. Most of them will vividly recall his supervisions. The copious notes on one's essay, analysing argument and evidence. The intense engagement with what a student was saying – his eyes alert, head slightly tilted. And his deep interest in the human being behind the essay writer. He taught US history to Brits as an education into and out of their parochialisms, pushing them through that notorious “barrier of a common language.” As one of his supervisees in the 1970s, I learnt a lot about America – and a good deal about myself. During a dark time in my third year, I asked Jonathan for a chat. It was he who suggested I apply for some of the graduate fellowships to US universities – an idea I would never have dreamt of, let alone had the temerity to act upon. But, emboldened, I did apply and was lucky enough to be appointed. The year at Harvard, followed by a summer travelling around heartland America, were life-changing experiences. For me, and I'm sure for many others, Jonathan lives on as the model of a teacher and a mentor.

David Reynolds (Fellow)

Khalid Saad el din Mohammed (chef-de-partie)

Khalid joined the catering staff at Christ's in 2016 and was an excellent Chef de Partie, extremely well liked and respected by his colleagues and greatly valued by the Head Chef. He battled Covid for some weeks, and tragically died on 27 January 2021. He was married to Encarna Ruiz Paco, and his son, Ayman Saad el din Ruiz, has also worked at Christ's.

Peter William Edward Taylor (m. 1935)

Peter (known as William) was educated at Peter Symonds College, Winchester and came up to Christ's in 1935, gaining a scholarship to read Mathematics. William gained a first in part I of the Maths Tripos but then switched to Law with a Lincoln's Inn scholarship. At the outbreak of war he went with the Horse Artillery to France to confront Hitler's advance. This failed and they had to retreat to



Dunkirk. He was one of the fortunate few of his division to make it home. For the rest of the war he worked as a government scientist advising Churchill on the sound ranging of V1 and V2 rocket sites. At the end of WW2 he decided to be a barrister. He obtained pupillage then chambers in Lincoln's Inn, where he practiced as a Chancery barrister for 50 years. He took silk and was head of chambers for the last 23 years. After retirement, he was an active legal voice for the Kensington Residents Association attending many planning enquiries. He was awarded the Mayor's Medal for this work when he was 95 and finally stepped down – although at age 100 they did ask him to write a representation about the new craze of digging out basements, which he keenly opposed! He died on 16 September 2020, aged 103.

Nigel Taylor

Donald Whitehouse (m. 1942)

Born in East Boldon, Sunderland, Don attended thirteen different schools as his parents moved. Encouraged by a Christ's alumnus, Don won a state bursary to Christ's where he read the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. Students trained with the senior training corps with night watches in case any bombs fell on the College. He was secretary of the Football and Athletics Clubs and was a member of the IVth VIII. Gaining his degree, Don was assigned to the Royal Navy's aircraft carrier, HMS Colossus in the Far East. After the war, He joined Metropolitan-Vickers, qualifying as a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. In April 1949 he was appointed junior steam-turbine designer at W H Allen in Bedford, staying 25 years and becoming chief designer. His job took him across the world as he had the responsibility for many ship's installations, including the first SS Oriana. He then moved to Elliott Turbomachinery on the Isle of Wight becoming Engineering Director in 1974. However, seven years later he had to oversee the closure of the factory following recession in the US. Turning down the opportunity to relocate to the US, Don took on a number of roles before finally retiring in 1989. Don was an avid Sunderland AFC supporter, loved sailing, walking in Snowdonia, and playing football and squash. Don was born on 21 February 1924, died on 16 July 2020 and is survived by his wife Marian, two sons, Ben and Simon, and two grandsons.

Marian Whitehouse

Norman George Dennis (m. 1943)

Norman was born in Plymouth on 13 March 1925, and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Mechanical Sciences. After graduating from Christ's, and later receiving his doctorate here, he moved to the US and to Huntsville, Alabama, where he worked as a rocket scientist for many years. Norman was awarded a total of two doctorates and five masters degrees in the sciences and business during his lifetime. He later worked at the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Mississippi, until his retirement. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren. He died on 24 February 2019, aged 93.

Adapted from an obituary on www.ejfieldingfh.com

Dennis Brake Jenkin (m. 1943)

Dennis was born on 28 June 1925, and came up to Christ's, from the Royal Commercial Travellers School, in 1943 to read Mathematics and Mechanical Sciences. He went on to become a gas and oil consultant, and was married to Gillian. He died on 22 June 2020, aged 94.

Mr Maurice Arthur Tester (m. 1943)

Maurice was born on 7 January 1925. He came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Mechanical Sciences. He died in 2019, aged 94.

Kurt Karl Schwarz (m. 1944)

Kurt was born in Czechoslovakia on 24 May 1926. He lived in Germany until 1938 when his family moved to England to escape persecution. He attended The Leys School, Cambridge, and won an exhibition to Christ's College to read Engineering in 1944, graduating with First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering. While at Cambridge he fell in love with a fellow engineering student, Brenda Patricia (Pat) Pilling, and they were married in 1949. His interests included rowing and music – he conducted the College Choir and played the cello in concerts. From Cambridge, Kurt joined the Norwich branch of Laurence, Scott and Electromotors, where he worked until 1986, becoming Technical Director and Deputy Managing Director. On retirement from LS&E he became Visiting Professor of Electrical Engineering at Southampton University, acted as a consultant, and lectured in India for the British Council. He wrote two books, and continued to publish. Kurt and Pat lived in or near Norwich for their entire married life, but travelled extensively. They had three children and nine grandchildren. Kurt was delighted when one of his granddaughters, Louisa Orton (m. 1995), won a scholarship to read Maths at Christ's. Pat and Kurt's love of music was maintained throughout and he sang in a choir until he was almost ninety. He was (probably) the longest-serving Treasurer of the Norfolk and Norwich Chamber Music Club, and heavily involved in the local church. Pat died in 2014. His ninetieth birthday was celebrated with a family party held at Christ's. Kurt died on 7 February 2021, aged 94.

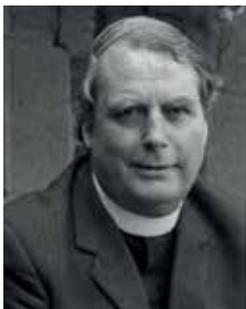
David Schwarz

William Ashe Dymoke Windham (m. 1944)

William, known as Bill, was born in 1926. He came up to Christ's in 1944 from Bedford School, where he was a Scholar, and gained a double first in Mechanical Sciences. He was already a keen, and talented oarsman, and rowed for Christ's at Henley in 1945, before taking his seat in the Blue Boat in 1947, and again in 1951. In 1950 Bill rowed for England in the Empire Games, and for Great Britain in the European Championships in 1950 and in 1951 when they won Gold. His final international vest was at the Olympics in 1952, where his crew finished fourth.

He competed on many occasions at Henley for Leander Club, and was Captain in 1953. In 1949, 1952, and 1953, he was in the Leander crew that won the Grand Challenge Cup, and in 1953 he also won The Stewards' Challenge Cup. Bill's career was spent with Arthur Guinness Son & Co. He continued his involvement in rowing throughout his life, being elected a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1953 and serving as a Member of the Committee of Management between 1972 and 1994. He was President of Leander Club from 1993 to 1998, during which time the rules were changed to allow the admission of women as members of the Club. In honour of his achievements, the Boat Club named an VIII "Bill Windham" on the last day of the Mays 2006. Bill died on 5 January 2021, aged 94.

David Arthur Rogers (m.1945)



David matriculated at Christ's in 1945, fresh from the Second World War and one of the first soldiers to receive his demobilisation papers after VE Day. Born into a Yorkshire clergy family in 1921, David was the oldest of six brothers. He attended Aysgarth School and St Edward's, Oxford. In 1939, on the eve of war, he was planning to head to Cambridge to study and follow his father into the Church. He signed up instead, and found his way into the fledgling Phantom unit, a small, innovative communications network established under Field Marshall Montgomery to provide swift and accurate information from the front. David was the officer on duty to receive the message from the frontline that a German general was requesting safe passage to surrender. Later David was charged with delivering papers from Monty to General Eisenhower, travelling across war-torn Germany and France to personally witness their safe handover. The war over, David finally took up his Cambridge place. He captained the squash club, played hockey, was a Marguerite and a member of the JCR. He read Theology, taking a third with some pride, later arguing that those with higher classifications had taken insufficient advantage of the opportunities Cambridge provides.

Once ordained at Ridley Hall, he embarked on his ministry, serving urban congregations in Stockport and Manchester, as well as rural parishioners in Sedbergh, Yorkshire. He became Archdeacon of Craven, in the Bradford diocese. He married Joan in 1951 and raised four children, delighting in seeing one of his daughters follow him to Christ's in 1979 – the first full year of the admission of women. David died on 23 November 2020, aged 99.

Rosemary Rogers (m. 1979)

Mr Cyril Sugarman (m. 1945)

Cyril was born on 15 March 1928, and came up to Christ's in 1945 to read Natural Sciences. Whilst here he was a member of the Rugby Club. He died on 16 December 2020, aged 92.

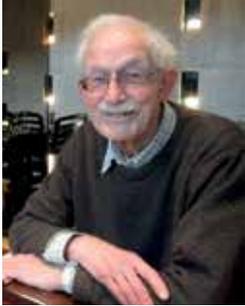
Godfrey Hamilton Dann (m. 1946)

Godfrey was born on 6 October 1923, and came up to Christ's in 1946 from Monkton Combe School to read English. He was a member of the Hockey Club and the Marguerites during his time here. Godfrey had a career in the RAF, training

on Tiger Moth aircraft in Canada, and progressing to bomber aircraft such as the Wellington and Lancaster until the end of the war. In peacetime he was stationed in Germany and flew various fighters including the Vampire. He left the RAF in 1955 and went on to teach in the UK and to the royal family in Saudi Arabia. Godfrey retired with his wife Joan in East Grinstead. He was active in the local church and loved to drive, especially to Spain and France. Godfrey leaves two step-children, Patricia and Timothy. Godfrey died on 18 May 2021, aged 97.

Adapted from an obituary on www.monktoncombeschool.com

Gordon Philip St Chad Starck (m. 1947)



Gordon survived the blitz and V2 missiles hitting Malden Road in Surrey, where he lived as boy. He spoke fondly of his time at Christ's and regularly attended reunions. He went on to study at the London Hospital, then served with the Royal Army Medical Corps, where he was stationed in the Cameron Highlands, combating Communist insurgency in the Malayan jungle. He left the army with the rank of Captain, entering civilian life as a locum at Folkestone General and various London hospitals. But it wasn't until he became the paediatric registrar at Salisbury General Hospital, where he met a staff nurse on the same ward. The nurse, Pauline, would soon become his wife. They married in 1959 and Gordon worked in general practice in St John's Wood for six years. He took his family to Winnipeg, Canada. The harsh winters brought them back to the UK. He then spent the rest of his career in Watford as a GP until he retired in 1994. He and Pauline then enjoyed travelling abroad on bridge holidays with their friends, visits to Kew Gardens, and walks and dips in the sea on the Sussex coast. He enjoyed attending lectures at the Royal Institution, where he was a member for many years. He leaves Pauline, his wife of 60 years; five children; and five grandchildren. Gordon died from frailty of old age with Parkinson's disease on 8 April 2020, aged 91.

Jonathan Starck

Maliyasens Dhammadaasa Dassanayake (m. 1948)

Maliyasens was born on 17 September 1921 in Kurunegala, and died on 3 January 2021, aged 98. His wife, Chithra Ratwatte and two children survive him. He came up to Christ's in 1948 to read Natural Sciences. Maliyasens was an accomplished botanist and a teacher emulated and admired by many. He had a distinguished career at Peradeniya University, and after retirement he served as a Consultant to the Plant Genetic Resources Centre of the Department of Agriculture for another 15 years. He was an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Science, Sri Lanka, and held a number of positions in natural sciences organisations. He was also Associate Editor, and Chief Editor of the Ceylon Journal of Science (Biological Sciences). His major contribution to research was mostly in the field of Plant Taxonomy and he was the Co-Editor of *A Revised Handbook to the Flora of Ceylon*, which was published in a 15 volume series until 2006. A new species of "Kekatiya" (S), endemic to Sri Lanka, was recently named after him.

Adapted from an obituary by Nimal Adikaram and Deepthi Yakandawala in the Sri Lankan Sunday Times

John Granville Jackson (m. 1948)

John was born on 10 October 1925, and came up to Christ's in 1948 to read MML. While at Christ's, he was a member of the table tennis club. He spent his career as a schoolmaster, and he died in 2020.

Geoffrey Edwin Marsh (m. 1948)

Geoffrey was born in Valletta, Malta, where his father was stationed in the Royal Navy. He attended Eltham College and, having joined the Royal Navy, went on to the RN College, Dartmouth 1947–1948. He came up to Christ's to study Engineering. Following this, he served in various ships, including HMS Vanguard, HMS Bermuda and HMS Lion; in the latter he was responsible for communications and electronic systems and enjoyed a deployment which circumnavigated the globe. Later Geoffrey had shore jobs with responsibilities for the Seacat Missile system and for the procurement of shipborne warfare computers. He then attended the RN Staff College at Greenwich and was promoted to Commander, with responsibilities for Military Ship building on the Tyne. In 1975 he left the Royal Navy for the Civil Service until he took early retirement due to medical reasons. He very much enjoyed an active retirement but died in October 2020 after a long illness. Geoffrey is survived by his wife, Chantal, who he married in 1955 in Brussels; he was devoted to her, his three children and their families. He was a keen sportsman; he played squash, golf and badminton, and he was also a skilled woodworker and loved acrylic painting of outdoor scenes.

Chantal Marsh

George Miller (m. 1949)

George was born on 14 November 1928, and came up to Christ's in 1949 where he read MML and was a keen rower for the College. He died on 15 January 2021.

John Anthony Richardson (m. 1949)

John (known as Dick) died on 9 May 2021, aged 91. He went to Downside and having completed his National Service in the Army, came up to Christ's to read History under Dr Plumb. He played an active role in the Roman Catholic community in Cambridge. His entire career was spent with Shell. He was employed in the Sudan, Japan, the Phillipines, Kuwait and Ghana. He played a significant role in winding down operations in Iran after nationalisation by Khomeini. He married Elsbeth in August 1969. They spent a happy retirement in Haslemere, Surrey.

Patrick Bucknell (m. 1949)

Philip Colin Watts (m. 1950)

Philip was born on 29 December 1930, and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Law and MML. He was a member of the Law Society and the Photography Society. Philip went on work as a Solicitor and became Deputy Town Clerk in Worcester. Philip moved to Lincoln City Council in 1973, where he became Chief Executive and Town Clerk before his retirement. Philip died on 4 March 2021, aged 90.

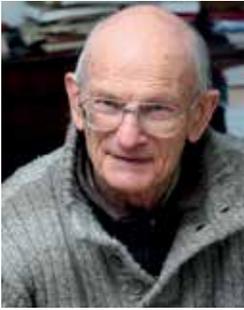
Alan Albert Wright (m. 1950)

Alan was born on 14 December 1929 and came up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences. Whilst here he was a member of the Photography Society. After graduating, Alan undertook a PhD in London at the Postgraduate Medical School,



before becoming Assistant Lecturer at the University of Nottingham, School of Agriculture. He then went on to become Senior Leverhulme Fellow at the same University. After Nottingham, he was a lecturer at the University of Bradford. In his own words, he 'studied and lectured in all kinds of things'. He was on the board of Studies in Life Science 1971 – 1980 and was Chair of the working party on safety in biology laboratories and wrote (largely) the handbook on this subject for use at Bradford. Alan became Chair of the Committee on Human Experimentation and then took early retirement at the end of 1980. He retired to Tobermary, on the Isle of Mull, to live in a former lighthouse keeper's residence where he spent eighteen happy years. He lived a very fulfilling life on Mull and was an avid bird watcher; he met many of the visitors to the island with some becoming lifelong friends. Alan had three sons, Andrew, Robin and Paul. He died on 28 April 2021, aged 91.

Philip Kingford Morris Oakeshott (m. 1951)



Philip was born on 25 January 1931, and came up to Christ's in 1951 to read MML and Theology, where he was also a member of the Athletics and Ridout societies. After completing his Certificate in Education, he went on to become a teacher and head teacher at Thornden School in Chandler's Ford. In 1996, he joined the Southampton Quakers and was a Quaker Chaplain with the Isle of Wight Prison Service, and he wrote a number of books on Jesus. He was married to Rosemary, with whom he had two daughters and one son. Philip died on 9 October 2020, aged 89.

Robert Orr Stevenson (m. 1951)

Robert (known as Robin) was born on 27 April 1933. He won a scholarship to Glenalmond College and then an exhibition to Christ's in 1951 to read French and German. In his second year, Robin was part of the Christ's rugby team that won Cuppers. Robin changed his studies from Languages to Law, and after graduating was called to the Bar as member of Gray's Inn. His National Service was spent in the army, passing out as the top officer cadet of his year. He spent 18 months in Germany with the Royal Horse Artillery, and on leaving the army, he began a career in newspapers. He moved through a number of posts before becoming General Manager at the Daily Express, London, and finally Group General Manager of the Scottish Daily Express in Glasgow. When the Scottish Daily Express closed down, Robin decided he wanted a change of career. He became the General Manager and a Director of the Port of Felixstowe. It was here that he met his wife to be, Anne, at the age of 47. Shortly after marriage, and back living in the West of Scotland, Robin changed career once again and he took up a post with the Scottish Special Housing Association. He also headed up the Legal Services Department before retiring in 1996. Sailing became another lifelong love, leading to more than 20 years spent cruising the West coast of Scotland with his wife Anne and their dogs. Robin died on 16 June 2020, aged 87.

Adapted from an obituary by Anne Stevenson on www.scotsman.com

Clement John Adkins (m. 1952)

Clement (known as John) was born on 16 April 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read Natural Sciences. John went on to Jesus College to complete his PhD in 1956. He was admitted as a Fellow of Jesus in 1957, and was appointed as a University Lecturer in the Cavendish Laboratory's Low Temperature Physics Group in 1964, leading the group from 1982 until his retirement in 1999. His contribution to Physics was recognised by his election as a Fellow of the Institute of Physics. John's heavy involvement in teaching laid the foundations for the success of his book *Equilibrium Thermodynamics* that has long been a standard text for undergraduate students. A fine oboe player, John was closely involved in all aspects of music-making during his time at Jesus and was President of the Jesus College Musical Society for 33 years. John was a keen sportsman, playing squash well into his eighth decade. He served as President of Jesus between 1982 and 1985. John remained forward-looking all his life. A forceful proponent of the admission of women to Jesus in the 1970s, he was delighted by the election of the first female Master of Jesus in 2019. John died on 17 July 2020, aged 86.

Adapted from an obituary from Jesus College

Peter Richards Hamilton Dixon (m. 1952)

Peter was born in Madras in 1931. He was the third generation of his family at Christ's, his father having rowed in the winning Blue Boat in 1920, but sadly dying as a member of the Indian Civil Service in the Bengal Famine of 1944. Peter and his mother returned home in 1939, where their hosts, the Faulkners, took Peter into their family. Peter came up to Christ's from Shrewsbury School and the Royal Signals, in which he continued to serve as a member of the Territorial Army, finally retiring as a full colonel. Peter himself rowed successfully at College, in particular in the second Lent Boat in 1954, when the crew won their oars. He was Captain of Boats in his final year. He was also amongst the re-founders, after a wartime lapse, of the Original Christian Minstrels and a founder of the Firkin Warbecks. Having read Law, Peter was articled to Radcliffes in Westminster, where, in due course, he became Senior Partner. He was temperamentally a particularly good family solicitor, and amongst his famous clients was Margaret Duchess of Argyll. In December 1966, he married Christine (née Gethin), who survives him, together with their son John, a biologist, and Peter's three grandchildren. Peter played an active part in his local church and the Kensington Society. He always enjoyed the company of his many Cambridge friends, with whom he maintained a vigorous social life. In recent years, he suffered from a very limiting illness, through which Christine nursed him magnificently. He died on 18 March 2021, aged 89.

Bryan Mills (m. 1952)

Erik Charles Fudge (m. 1952)

Born in Southampton, Erik attended Itchen grammar school. He came up to Christ's in 1952 to read Mathematics, but transferred to MML. Following his PhD at Christ's, a Fulbright scholarship took Erik to Indiana University in the US, after which he was appointed lecturer in linguistics at the University of Edinburgh. In 1968, he took up a university lectureship in linguistics (phonetics) at Cambridge, and the family



moved to Bar Hill on the outskirts of the city. When he became chair at the University of Hull in 1974, we moved to Hessele. He remained at Hull as head of the department of linguistics until 1988, before moving to the University of Reading as professor of linguistic science. Erik was also the editor of the *Journal of Linguistics* (1977–82), and author of numerous papers and of the book *English Word-Stress* (1984). He retired from academia in 1999.

Erik became a lay reader in the Church of England in 1960, and fulfilled a long-held wish when he was ordained as a non-stipendiary priest in 1994. He continued to serve at St Sebastian's church in Wokingham Without, Berkshire, where we moved to in 1988, until the week before his death. He is survived by Heather, his three children, Tim, Tessa and Erica and three grandsons.

Erica Fudge

James Roberts (m. 1952)



James (known as Jim) was born in Liverpool on 25 June 1932 and died on 1 November 2020. He was educated at Drayton Manor Grammar School from ages 11 to 13 and then at Mill Hill School in London until the age of 18 by way of a Middlesex Education Scholarship to assist less privileged pupils. At school, Jim excelled at all sports and was Captain of the school cricket XI, and a member of the school rugby XV. He was commissioned in the Royal Signals for his two years' National Service and played rugby for the Royal Signals. Jim then came up to Christ's

to read Engineering and won a rugby Blue in his first term, going on to win a total of three successive Blues. Many of his wide range of friends at Cambridge were from the sporting community, and for many years, he arranged annual lunches for fellow players from the Cambridge and England teams. After University, Jim worked in the engineering sector and eventually formed a couple of engineering companies of his own. He was then based in Manchester and played rugby for Sale. Jim married Marianne, with whom he had four children: Guy, Karen, Fiona, and Windsor. In 1960, Jim got his first England rugby cap against Wales, in which he scored two tries, with England winning by 14 – 6 points. He received a further 17 international caps up to and including 1964, and played rugby for Middlesex and for the Barbarians. In later years, Jim lived in Cambridgeshire and enjoyed spending time with his family.

John Roberts (m. 1954)

Robin John Byrne Chapman (m. 1953)

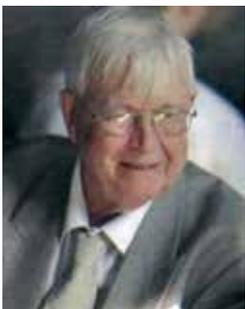
Robin was born in 1933 and went up to read English at Christ's from Selhurst Grammar School after doing his National Service in East Africa. A prolific author and writer for television, he always remembered with fondness his supervisions with Graham Hough. While at Cambridge, he devoted himself to acting and was president of the Marlowe Society. He was inspired to write his first novel, which was published in 1963, after a spell in Joan Littlewood's ground-breaking Theatre Workshop at Stratford East. As a producer and screenwriter at Granada Television, Robin created the thrillers 'Spindoe'



and 'Big Breadwinner Hog'. He went on to write many original plays and television adaptations, including 'Jane Eyre', Huxley's 'Eyeless in Gaza', 'A Portrait of Katherine Mansfield' and several books by P D James. Among his many novels, the most successful was *The Duchess's Diary*, inspired by a character in Cervantes' *Don Quixote*. Robin met Jill Booty at Cambridge, where she was supervised in what had been Darwin's rooms by the Professor of Spanish, J B Trend. They were married in 1959. It was Jill who inspired Robin's lifelong love of Spain and the works of Cervantes. An artist as well as a Hispanist, she has presented Christ's with a picture in memory of J B Trend. Robin died in 2020, aged 88 and is survived by Jill and his son Harry.

Harry Chapman

Gerald Grainge (m. 1953)



Gerald was born on 5 February 1935, and won a scholarship from the local grammar school in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, to Christ's in 1953 to read Modern Languages, focusing on French and Russian. Whilst here, he met Christine Wright and they married in 1959. Upon graduation, he joined the RAF, spending most of his time in Germany, listening in to the Russians and East Germans at the height of the Cold War. After leaving the RAF, he taught modern languages, before moving into Education Management, starting with a role as Assistant Education Officer in Hemel Hempstead, with subsequent senior roles in Croydon and Sutton and ultimately as Director of Education for the London Borough of Bromley. After retirement in 1993, he undertook a research degree in Maritime Archaeology at Southampton University. He published two books: *The Roman Channel Crossing of AD 43* and *The Roman Invasions of Britain*. From 2003 he edited the monograph series of the Nautical Archaeology Society and he featured in two historical television documentaries. Following completion of his doctorate, he edited a book about Sri Lankan traditional outrigger Oruwa sailing canoes, which provided an opportunity to visit Sri Lanka. His work continued, and in the last days before his death, he was working on editing and cataloguing documents from Lord Northbourne's estate in Kent. He is survived by Christine, their three children and nine grandchildren. Gerald died in 2020, aged 84.

Stephen Grainge (obituary taken from The Guardian)

Keith Grant Howard (m. 1953)

Keith Howard arrived at Christ's from Wallasey Grammar School to read French and Russian, after National Service where he was selected for the Russian course. He sang and played rugby and cricket for the College. In 1958 he joined Calday Grange Grammar School, moving to Bristol Grammar School in 1964 as a teacher, and then as Head of Modern Languages. In 1976 he moved to St Mary Redcliffe in Bristol as Deputy Head. In 1979 he became Headmaster at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall, retiring in 1995 to Kimbolton in Herefordshire, where he worked as Ofsted Inspector, School Governor and Parish Councillor. An ex-member of his staff said, "Keith held an unshakeable belief in the ideals of a grammar school education.



He fostered the notion of the school as a community. He possessed an unflagging determination, discipline and drive for academic excellence. Keith, together with his over-riding sense of duty, well deserved the description of being a workaholic. He left behind an institution which ran like a finely tuned and well-oiled machine with an appetite and reputation for national success.” Passionate about choral music, Keith sang in the College choir and later in the chamber choirs of Lichfield and Hereford Cathedrals. He also played the cello. Keith read widely; English classics and poetry, Russian and French literature, some German and Dutch works in their original languages. After a full and fulfilled life, Keith leaves Elsbeth his wife, a son, three daughters and four grandsons.

Elsbeth Howard and family, James Walker (m. 1953) and Bob White (m. 1954)

Patrick Figgis Miller (m. 1953)



Born in Calcutta, Patrick grew up in England attending St John’s School Leatherhead. For his National Service, he was appointed a midshipman by the Admiralty where he was active as a skilled decoder of Russian secret messages between war-time pilots. His experience during the Korean War led him to abandon the study of Russian and choose the study of Theology at Christ’s in 1953. He became a curate at St Mary’s Cambridge, then Canon Librarian at Southwark Cathedral. After Southwark, he entered the life of education. In his first post at Manchester Grammar School, he was Head of Religious Studies and taught Russian. During his time at MGS, he married Margaret and they raised two children. Later, he became a school leader: Principal of Sunbury College and then Principal of Esher College. During the years at Esher College he married Susanne, completed his PhD, retired and moved to Ewell, where St Mary’s Church became his new religious home. His sermons were always based on a mature insight and useable principles of human existence. Patrick never really retired. After his PhD in Philosophy, he wrote a second book, *Dilemmas and Decisions*. He kept his link with the Navy by being on the Admiralty Interview Board. The teacher, the priest and not least the Naval Officer, made him capable of showing great empathy, kindness, but also critical thinking with a steely will-power and an orderly thoroughness. He was most gifted of all in his sense of humour.

Susanne Miller and Peter Downes (m. 1956)

Joseph Christopher Henry Bibby (m. 1954)

Christopher Bibby died peacefully on 11 March 2021. Christopher came up to Christ’s after Shrewsbury School and two years National Service in the RAF. Although reading Law, this was not his abiding interest. He came from a wealthy family in Cheshire and was able to set up in the London arts world. Early on, he acquired many paintings by Lowry before he was generally highly prized. They hung for some years in his apartment in Rutland Gate. In the Rutland Gallery by 1963, Christopher was holding exhibitions of mostly English pictures. In later years, he concentrated on “English folk art”, a genre he did much to foster. He donated three of his own collection to

the British Folk Art Collection in the Compton Verney Art Gallery, Warwickshire. Christopher leaves a widow Eppie, daughters Alice and Helen and three grandchildren. Christopher was an intelligent, memorable, and unconventional friend.

Nigel Hensman (m. 1954)

John Brian Dodsworth (m. 1954)

John (known as Brian) was born on 6 March 1936 and grew up in Middleton, now in Greater Manchester. He came up to Christ's from Manchester Grammar School to read Modern Languages. For part 2 of the Tripos he began to study Old Norse and on graduating he chose to do research in this field, editing an Icelandic saga, *Mágus saga jarls*. He studied for a year at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik, where he met his future wife Guðrun Halldórsdóttir, whom he married in October 1961. As a stipendiary of the Rask-Ørsted Foundation he continued his research in 1962–1963 in Copenhagen, and gained his PhD in 1963. His first post was at Reading University Library; in 1965 he moved to Cambridge University Library, where he eventually became the Scandinavian specialist.

Brian continued to work on the saga, aiming to publish a critical edition. He and Guðrun spent a long time every summer in Iceland. Sadly, in 2009 during one of these visits, Guðrun had a stroke and died a few months later. Brian's own health was already failing and in 2010 he was given a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. When poor health finally prevented him from making progress with the saga he took all his research material to the Institute for Icelandic Studies in Reykjavik. An Icelandic scholar is doing further research based on Brian's work and publication of the saga is expected next year. Brian died on 30 March 2021, aged 85.

Valerie Hall

Jack Herbert (m. 1954)

Jack was born on 15 October 1931 in Tredegar, Monmouthshire. He attended Ebbw Vale Grammar School where he gained a great sense of Welsh history, he always considered himself a Celt. He became particularly interested in the power of the word and of music. Jack completed his BA in English Literature at the University of Nottingham in 1953 before going to Christ's for his MLitt degree where he studied William Blake, under the distinguished scholar Kathleen Raine. After Christ's he did further research into Blake's German sources at the University of Munster. Between 1958 and 1961 he lectured in English at Kyushu University in Japan, during which time he met his wife, Traudl. After Japan he took up a lectureship at the University of Munich, before returning to England to take up the position of Staff Tutor in Literature with the Cambridge University Board of Extra-Mural Studies until 1991. In 1997 Jack was made a Fellow of the Temenos Academy, London, where he continued teaching and lecturing on Goethe, Jung, Rilke and D H Lawrence. He had a number of books published, along with numerous articles and reviews, and was a prolific writer of poems. He died on 22 April 2021, aged 89.

Lawford Howells (m. 1954)

Bernard Cedric James Rogers (m. 1954)

Born in May 1933 in Twickenham, Bernard was one of twins. The family moved to Mauritius when they were eighteen months old, where their father was a missionary.

The war years were spent in Mauritius, and they came back to England in 1946 for boarding school at St John's School, Leatherhead, at the age of 13. After school, he did National Service in the Navy where he studied Russian and became a Coder. He came up to Christ's in 1954 to read History, having first tried French and Russian. After graduating, he had a brief spell in sales, and was then articled to Kemp Chatteris where he studied to become a Chartered Accountant. He married Caroline in 1962. After passing his accountancy exams in 1963, he was given a chance by Kemp Chatteris to return to Mauritius where he was seconded to Blyth, Green & Jordain, a firm of importers. Bernard and Caroline spent three happy years there, and their two older children were born there. After Mauritius, they moved to Ndola in Zambia for two and half years where Bernard worked as Chief Accountant to *The Times of Zambia*. On returning to England, he got a job as Chief Accountant to Mills & Boon and became their Financial Director. They moved to Charmouth in 1990 where they spent thirty happy years, with occasional visits to their small house in France near Cahors. Bernard died in August 2020, as a result of a heart problem, which he had for twenty years.

Caroline Rogers

John Kenneth Arthur Thwaites (m. 1955)

John was born on 11 September 1930, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Education. While here, he was a member of the Table Tennis Club and he rowed for the Boat Club. He went on to become a Senior Lecturer in History at Aberdeen (later Northern) College of Education. Later in life, he was a Fundraiser for the Aberdeen charity, VSA. He died on 21 February 2021, aged 90.

Stephen Blake (m. 1955)



After attending Heversham Grammar School, Stephen served two years with the REME in Germany as part of his National Service. He came up to Cambridge in 1955 to read Natural Sciences. After graduating, he was accepted at the University College of North Staffordshire to continue research for his PhD, which he was awarded by the University of Birmingham in 1962. After finishing his PhD, Stephen worked briefly in industry but soon moved into teaching and obtained a post at Preston Technical College (now UCLAN) and later as Senior Chemistry lecturer at Blackburn Technical College. He also worked as a tutor for the Open University, which was very dear to his heart. Whilst at Cambridge, Stephen sang with Christ's College Choral Society. His love of singing continued throughout his life and he sang for many years with his local choir, Preston Cecilian Choral Society. He introduced some of his university friends to the joys of fell walking using his home in Arnside as a base. It was at Cambridge that Stephen discovered the enjoyment of sailing on a boat larger than that of his uncle's dinghy. With a group of like-minded friends, he embarked on a cruise to Scandinavia in 1957 aboard 'Dayspring'. This love of sailing remained with him and in later years, some weeks of each summer were usually spent with family and friends up in the Hebrides. Stephen died on 29 June 2020. He is survived by his wife, Kath, three children and seven grandchildren.

Kath Blake

Charles Gordon Wells (m. 1955)

Gordon Wells was born on 10 February 1935, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Modern and Medieval Languages. Whilst here, he was a member of the Boat Club. After Christ's, Gordon completed his PhD at the University of Bristol and served on the faculty there and at the University of Toronto before taking up a post at the University of California Santa Cruz. Gordon was a major theoretical scholar of applied linguistics and education as well as a leader in the application of Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT) to education. His seminal book *Dialogic Inquiry: Towards a Socio-cultural Practice and Theory of Education*, has been very influential to sociocultural scholars over the last twenty years. In the later part of his career, he focused on preparing teachers to use these principles in educating their students. Outside his academic life, he loved to cook, tend his garden, play the flute in small ensembles, and entertain family, friends and colleagues. Gordon is survived by his wife Mari. He died on 12 July 2020.

Adapted from an obituary by Trish Stoddart at University of California Santa Cruz

Edward George Carr (m. 1956)

My father Eddie Carr, who died in December 2020, was a lifelong advocate and advertisement for education, and Christ's in particular. Edward, as he was called by nobody but his mother, was born in South London and always spoke of his good fortune at attending Sutton County Grammar School at just the right time. Young men who had come through the horror of the war threw themselves with relish into teaching the intricacies of mathematics, geography and leg-spin bowling and their enthusiasm rubbed off on a cohort which included his contemporary and fellow future Christ's graduate **Clive Whitmore** (m. 1956). My father showed a flair for languages and was selected for a Russian course on starting National Service. He was posted to Berlin, where his duties included helping smuggle back a drunken Russian soldier who found themselves on the wrong side of the Wall at the height of the Cold War. He read Modern Languages when he went up to Christ's in 1956 but switched to Economics of Part II. Eddie spent the most part of his working career with Esso, based mainly in London but also in Fawley, New York and Brussels – those languages were always going to come in handy. He married Anne, who died in 1986, and then fellow Europhile Maureen and remained a financial supporter of the College, which he and I (matriculated 1983) returned most recently to for the dinner marking the retirement of long-serving director of studies William Peterson in 2011. Though my brother, Richard, went to UCL, son-in-law Stephen Neal (m. 1990) is another Christ's alumnus and hope springs eternal for youngest granddaughter Rosa!

David Carr (m. 1983)

Rufus Muirhead Clarke (m. 1956)

Rufus was born on 29 March 1938 in London. He went to Mill Hill School where he excelled academically and at sports. He came up to Christ's in 1956 to read Natural Sciences and completed his medical training at St George's Hospital, London. He played hockey for the College and became a member of the Marguerites. My friendship with Rufus developed from our love of sailing. We raced my National 12' dinghy for



two summers in regattas and at the national championships at Falmouth and at Scarborough. This friendship continued all his life and he passed on that love of sailing to his sons. He returned to Cambridge in 1963 to do a PhD in medical physiology and later moved to a career in public health, medical education and its quality assessment. Outside medicine, he was an accomplished craftsman, finishing a high performance racing dinghy, building a fitted kitchen for me and an impressive wooden castle for his two sons.

In the 1976, the family moved to Newcastle, Australia where he was appointed Professor of Anatomy, instigating and creating an innovative medical education programme at the University. He became Director of Public Health in Western Sydney and later returned to teaching in Sydney. It is impossible to cover here his contribution to medicine. Rufus died on 4 February 2021, aged 82. He is survived by his first wife Anne (née Sunderland), their two sons and by his second wife Jeannette Sheridan, three step-children and eleven grandchildren.

John Evans (m 1956)

Brian Ivor Dennis (m. 1956)

Brian was born on 3 August 1937, and came up to Christ's in 1956 to read Natural Sciences. He went on to be a leading Metallurgist, working his way up from graduate trainee to Director of Technology at Hulett Aluminium. He was an avid bird watcher and stamp collector who enjoyed taking part in many birding projects and was a member of the Royal Philatelic Society. He was a keen musician with a love of improvised jazz. He was married to Bjorg with whom he had two children, Peter and Jane. Brian died on 26 March 2021, aged 83.

Frederick Mary Griffith (m. 1956)

Frederick was born on 21 April 1937. He came up to Christ's in 1956 to read Natural Sciences. He was married to Joan, and died on 13 March 2021.

Patrick Robson (m. 1956)

Patrick was born on 19 May 1935 and came up to Christ's in 1956, after completing his National Service. He was a talented hockey player, and had a successful and varied career. He was an active member of his local community in Surrey. He was husband to Jean and father to Larissa and Mark, and he died on 31 October 2020, aged 85.

John Russell Vincent (m. 1956)



John was born on 20 December 1937, and was educated at Bedales School before reading History at Christ's, where he was part of Jack Plumb's coterie of brilliant young historians. After completing his PhD at Christ's, which went immediately into print as the book on the Liberal Party, which made his name, he became a Research Fellow at Peterhouse. From 1967 he was a University Lecturer in Modern British History, before leaving Cambridge in 1970 aged 33 to take up the Chair in Modern History at Bristol University. Although he wrote articles on current affairs

for *The Times*, it was as a regular columnist on *The Sun* that John became renowned in the 1980s. Among his many private enthusiasms was the turf, especially the Derby. Mozart was his favourite composer, and he was a serious reader of poetry in several languages. A Cornishman by descent, he loved the sea, and visiting churches and cathedrals. The last book he was reading, from cover to cover, was the Bible. In 1972 John Vincent married Nicolette Kenworthy. They had two sons, one of whom died in infancy. John died on 18 March 2021, aged 83.

Adapted from an obituary on www.telegraph.co.uk

John Philip Waddington (m. 1956)



John came up to Christ's from University College School with an open scholarship to read Classics. He claimed that he was bottom of a set of 10 who had all won scholarships, and that his own was down to inspiring teaching and being dragged along by fellow students who were far cleverer. The last time I discussed his Cambridge experiences, he enjoyed recalling his introduction to 'good' claret, learning much about music and the eccentric supervisions of Arthur Peck. To me, what seemed so important was the lasting friendships he made at the College. From Christ's, John joined Spicer and Pegler as one of their first graduate trainees. By the age of 29, he was made a partner, one of the youngest managers to do so in its 100-year history. While working, and then in retirement, John gave his expertise to charity at his old school and the Royal Alexandra and Albert Foundation and School in Reigate. John also joined the Board of Trustees of the FitzRoy charity in 1995 and took over as Chair from 2004 to 2011. His other great passions were music and vintage cars. He was a Patron of the Royal Opera House. From a young boy John had always admired fine motor cars, and it was inevitable that one day he would have his own small collection including three gems from the Rolls-Royce and Bentley stable. John died in hospital in January 2021, aged 83, having contracted COVID while recuperating from surgery to a broken hip.

David Waddington

Michael Christopher Morgan-Evans (m. 1957)

Michael was born on 8 July 1931. He attended St George's College, Weybridge, and began his studies with the Society of African Missions (SMA) in Co Galway. He undertook his Novitiate and Philosophy studies before moving to the African Missions Major seminary, where he completed his theology studies, and was ordained in 1954. Recognising his academic abilities, Michael was sent to do a BA at the University College, Cork, and then came up to Christ's to prepare for a teaching appointment in Nigeria. In 1958, Michael arrived in the diocese of Ondo, Nigeria, where he was appointed to teach at Thomas Aquinas College, becoming its Principal. After eighteen years, he took a break from teaching, and became the Secretary at the 1978 General Assembly in Rome, was elected to the SMA General Council and acted as their General Bursar. He was recalled to Ireland to be Editor of the African Missionary magazine, after which he moved into fulltime parish ministry. After an appointment in Luton, he was assigned to parishes in Australia, where he served for fifteen years, before retiring to the SMA community in Wilton, Cork, in 2010. He died on 22 February 2020, aged 88.

Adapted from an obituary on www.sma.ie

Chunampet Mudaliar Ramakrishna (m. 1957)

Chunampet was a senior advocate at the Madras High Court, India. He attended the Doon School and studied MA (Eco) in Loyola College and finished his Bachelor of Law degree at Madras Law School. He came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Comparative Law, including constitutional and administrative law. Chunampet was an eminent barrister, he also did a lot of work in education and helped provide good education and healthcare in his village. He was passionate about farming and was a good tennis player. He was the legal advisor to several corporates, including the Indian Overseas Bank, Indian Oil Corporation and Air India. He completed 50 years of active service at the bar in 2003. Chunampet died in May 2021, aged 92.

Adapted from an obituary in The Hindu

Rodney Ernest Stratford (m. 1957)

Like others who matriculated in the 1950s, Rod Stratford grew up in a modest home and attended the local grammar school, in his case Erith Grammar School in south London. Coming up to Christ's jolted him into a new intellectual and social world, and he carried its influence with him for the rest of his life. Rod was a History exhibitioner, studying under Professor J H Plumb – of whom he contributed an obituary to the *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature* (Vol. 28 No. 1 (2001)) – and went on to teach History in state schools. He was a notable Head of Sixth Form at Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon, where he influenced generations of pupils to think for themselves, adopt something of his own objectivity and consider what a good life looks like. In mid-life, he took a new direction, learned bricklaying, and relished a newly creative life. Rod was an extraordinary man of intellect, physical vigour, humour and charm, who had the self-confidence to live an outwardly ordinary life – family-centred, domestic, and sociable – with great flair. His family and many friends are left with the indelible imprint of his challenging yet benevolent influence on us. After living in various parts of the country, including Huntingdon, Cambridge and Plymouth, Rod and his second wife Gilly settled in south London about ten years ago. Rod died there on 26 August 2020, aged 82. A life well lived.

Gilly Stratford

David Nadin Clarke (m. 1958)

David Clarke died suddenly at home aged 83 years. He is survived by his two sons Michael and Nicholas. After leaving Giggleswick School he first did his National Service with the Royal Engineers on Christmas Island, and then came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Engineering. For the next 20 years he worked in the steel industry, chiefly in Sheffield. There he rose to be Managing Director of Forgemasters. The later part of his career was spent consulting in many different parts of eastern Europe, advising on running their industries post-communism. From Sheffield he moved with his wife, Josephine, to Hutton Rudby in North Yorkshire.

Adapted from an obituary on www.giggleswick.org.uk

William Roch Davies (m. 1958)

William (known as Bill) passed away on 17 February 2021. He spent three years at Christ's College studying Anthropology. Bill was a talented soccer player who had represented Wales as a schoolboy. During his period of National Service, Bill learned Russian; a skill he used to advantage on occasion during his career. After leaving Christ's, he began his first graduate job in September 1962 working for UNA Wales (the United Nations Association). In September 1963, Bill became the Welsh National Secretary for UNA following the death of his predecessor, William Arnold. In 1973, the WCIA (Welsh Centre for International Affairs) was launched with Bill appointed as its Founding Director. As Director of WCIA, Bill drove forward several projects involving Welsh men and women in international activities. Bill retired in October 1996 and received an OBE in the 1997 New Years' Honours list for humanitarian services. In 2018, Bill contributed to the 80th Anniversary celebrations of the iconic Temple of Peace building, where the WCIA is situated. Bill married Dr Jane Jones, a gynaecologist, in 1967, and they both lived in Cardiff until Jane's death in 1998. Their daughter, Elizabeth Margaret (Lisa) was born in 1972.

Elizabeth Davies

Glyn David Flowerdew (m. 1958)

Glyn was born on 13 February 1939, and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Medicine, having gained an Open Scholarship. He then went on to St Georges Hospital Medical School to complete his medical training, after which, he came back to Cambridge to take the final MB BCHIR Examination. He then returned to St Georges Hospital to be a Houseman.

After passing the final FFARCS Examination, he extended his Registrar job to Alder Hey Hospital to work with Professor Jackson-Rees in his Intensive Care Unit, and was appointed as Registrar and then Senior Registrar in Anaesthesia at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children & St George's. In 1971, Glyn was appointed to a Consultant post at The City Hospital in Nottingham Neonatal Anaesthesia and Paediatric Intensive care. He went on to train nursing staff in the intubation of babies, a new practice at the time, and one which has saved the lives of many babies. He was made a College Tutor to help SHOs getting ready to sit their Primary FFARCs, was elected as Honorary Secretary to the Nottingham Areas Anaesthetists, and became Chairman. Glyn retired in 2003 to spend more time in his beloved garden and to indulge his passion for bee keeping. Glyn and his wife Eileen travelled extensively and their last journey together was horse riding and walking up to The Tigers Nest in Bhutan; unknown to them that he was already in the early stages of Motor Neurones Disease. Glyn died on 20 August 2020, aged 81.

Eileen Flowerdew

Robert Christopher Robertson (m 1958)

Chris was born on 3 August 1937 in Beckenham, Kent. He came up to Christ's in 1958 having served as 2nd Lieutenant, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, in Cyprus. He read Law and Economics at Cambridge and played rugby for the College rugby team in 1960. After Cambridge, in 1961, he joined Robertson Foods Ltd in the Manchester factory, and became Chairman in 1971. He married Christine in 1962 and had three children and two grandchildren of whom he was very proud. He died suddenly at home in Surrey on 19 June 2020, aged 82. He

was a gentleman in both senses of the word.

Christine Robertson

Herbert Hugh Thomas (m. 1958)

Herbert (known as Hugh), was born on 17 March 1937 and came up to Christ's in 1958, to read Archaeology & Anthropology. Hugh played rugby for CURFC, and was a member of the Hawks Club. From Baglan, he was proud to represent his community and his beloved country at Cambridge. A son of a steel worker, being at Cambridge gave him opportunities his parents could never have imagined.

*Hugh, with friends
in 2019*

Like many, he never got to Table 1 of the Hawks Club Annual Christmas Dinner (I recall him not relishing the thought). Hugh died on 29 November 2020, aged 83.

Paul Thomas

Edward Michael Sunderland Lewis (m. 1960)

Edward (known as Michael) who died on 27 April 2021, came up to Christ's from Radley in 1960 to read Natural Sciences, eventually specialising in Metallurgy. A keen oarsman, he rowed in the First VIII in his first two years at the College and was Secretary of Boats in his second. While an undergraduate he met his future wife, Marion Atchley, who was at Newnham College. She survives him along with their two married daughters and four grandchildren. On graduating, Michael became a schoolmaster, first at St Edward's Oxford followed by

twenty six years at Radley. *Thinking Chemistry*, which he wrote with Guy Waller, was published by Oxford University Press in 1982 and reprinted every second year until 1998 and was translated into Spanish and Italian. He went on to write a series of examination revision books, which proved sufficiently popular to be translated into a large number of languages including Russian and Chinese. As well as being a scholarly Director of Studies and Head of Science, Michael had a variety of literary enthusiasms, painting in water colours, coaching rowing, playing golf, a sport which

he nurtured among the boys, and taking a keen interest in the development of IT at Radley. His versatility was nothing short of remarkable. He and Marion retired to Lymington where they were stalwarts of the parish church of St Thomas and adventurous ocean-going sailors.

Arthur Hearnden (m. 1949)

Stanley Alan Martin (m. 1961)

Stanley (known as Alan) was born on 7 September 1942, and came up to Christ's in 1961 to read Natural Sciences. He was a member of the CURUFC and the Marguerites. During his time here he was part of the unbeaten 1961 team and scored a try in the 1962 Varsity Match. He still kept in touch with a many of his old teammates. Alan was married to Jenny, and died on 27 April 2021, aged 78.

William Richard Smith (1961)



William (known as Richard) was an incredibly intelligent, intellectual, engaging, warm-hearted and generous true country gentleman. He absolutely loved his time at Christ's College. Not only thriving in his learning of Natural Sciences, he made many close lifelong friends, including those belonging to the "Random Variables" rowing team. An avid reader of fiction and non-fiction, he loved poetry too and enjoyed reciting it and made some excellent recordings. He wrote his own poetry, which was beautifully poignant. He was a keen salmon and trout fisherman, spending much time fishing on trips with close friends who shared his passion. He was also an excellent photographer, taking a course on digital photography, and took many wonderful landscapes and stunning close ups of the bright alpine flowers he loved to grow in his garden. He was a perceptive and knowledgeable philosophical thinker, taking part-time courses at Oxford University after he retired. He made many good friends, throughout his life: his childhood village of Carleton in North Yorkshire, grammar school, fishing, the local inns, Christ's College and throughout his working career. Richard died on 30 January 2021, aged 78.

Sally Richter

David John Stuart Gibbins (m. 1962)



David was born on 15 May 1944, the second son to Stanley and Mary Gibbins, and brother to Michael Gibbins. He attended prep school at Chelmsford Hall in Eastbourne and following that went to Marlborough College. He was a studious boy and arrived at Christ's in 1962 where he started reading Natural Sciences following a love of astronomy gained from a gap year job at the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux. He later switched to read Law, which he enjoyed more. David was called to the Bar and joined New Court Middle Temple in Jack Whitford's chambers. He had a very successful IP practice but decided to retrain as a solicitor, preferring to have more contact with people. David joined Needham and Grant which later amalgamated with Wragge and Co. He loved working there with the

team and particularly enjoyed mentoring young trainees, he made a lot of friends amongst his colleagues, and was known as Gibbo by all. David had a keen interest in anything scientific or mathematical, he had a sharp brain and was always quick to understand a problem and give a wise answer. He was a good sportsman and played cricket, tennis, and golf. He excelled at recalling jokes and laughter was always around him. He had a long and happy marriage to Frances and had three children and seven grandchildren and died on 9 July 2020 after a long battle with cancer.

Mat Gibbins

Robert Harold Fryer (m. 1963)

Robert (known as Bob) read Modern and Medieval Languages and was a founder member of the Student Representative Council. At Wadham College, Oxford, Bob took the Diploma in Social and Administrative Studies. After Research Assistant



posts at Imperial College and Oxford University, he became a Lecturer at UMIST in 1969 where he began his research into NUPE (National Union of Public Employees) alongside teaching. In 1971 Bob became a lecturer at University of Warwick and lead research projects into various trade unions, including NUPE. According to Lord Tom Sawyer the 'Warwick Report' published in 1974 not only transformed NUPE but was revolutionary and paved the way in all unions and the Labour Party for women members to govern their organisations. In

1983 Bob became the Principal of Northern College, near Barnsley, a residential college for adults. While at Northern College, he combined his passion for adult education, particularly the education of men and women from underrepresented groups, with his support and commitment to trade unions and the Labour Party. In the early 1990s Bob was the academic adviser for NUPE during the merger talks with NALGO and COHSE and later was invited by David Blunket to chair the National Advisory Group on Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning. In 1999 Bob was awarded the CBE for his contribution to community education. From Northern College Bob moved to Southampton University, where he was an Assistant Vice-Chancellor before being appointed as the Director of Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning at the Department of Health until retirement in 2009. We married in 1967, have three children, Dominic, Tim and Kate, and four grandsons.

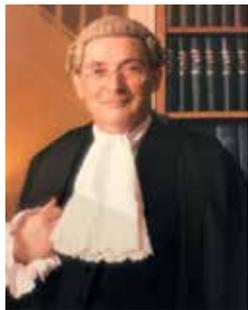
Ann Fryer

Charles John Francis Kenney (m. 1963)

Charles was born on 1 December 1943. After attending The Kings School Canterbury he came up to Christ's in 1963 to read History, and was a member of the Rugby Club. He was an airport manager with BOAC and British Airways for thirty-three years, before retiring in 1999. He was partner to Vivienne Sampson and father to Francis and grandfather to Thea and Noah. He died on 14 November 2019, aged 75.

James Denny Jenkins (m. 1964)

James (known as Denny) was born on 12 July 1940, and came up to Christ's in 1964 to read Chemical Engineering, and was a member of the Rugby Club. Denny was husband to Lorraine and father to Huw and Stuart. He died on 13 June 2019, aged 78.

Thomas St John Bates (m. 1964)

Thomas (known as St John) read Law at Christ's from 1964 to 1968. After graduating, he undertook his first teaching job, assisting in a summer school in Oklahoma. This was the start of 50 years of continuous teaching of Law. Most of St John's academic career was at the University of Edinburgh as Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer, in the Department of Constitutional Law from 1969 to 1985. During his early years in Edinburgh, he was also warden of Milne's Court Hall of Residence. From 1985 to 1987, St John was John Millar Professor of Law at the University of Glasgow, before moving to the Isle of Man to become Clerk of Tynwald, the Island's Parliament. He continued in this role until 2001. In addition to these roles, St John also edited the *Statue Law Review* for over 20 years, retiring in 2011. St John loved travelling and embraced the opportunities provided by his work to explore the world, travelling extensively to deliver presentations on Constitutional Law and Legislative Drafting. Later he established the St John Bates Consultancy providing advice and training on Legislative Drafting. Latterly, he based himself on the picturesque island of Gozo off the coast of Malta during the summer months. During lockdown, deprived of the warmth of Gozo, St John enjoyed the Manx sunshine and perfecting his garden. St John died on 16 October 2020, aged 76.

Helen Bates and David Bates

Geoffrey Hugh Morley (m. 1964)

Geoffrey Morley matriculated at Christ's in 1964 to read Mathematics, transferring to Electrical Sciences in the third year. While at Christ's he was Secretary of the Chess Club. His career was in IT, with periods as a System Software Analyst at British Coal, and then Origin, until its merger to become Atos Origin in 2000. Following retirement, he spent his time doing "recreational maths". He regularly presented at MathsJam and was a keen promoter of the work of Bill Tutte, who had been at Bletchley Park with Alan Turing and who had visited Geoffrey's school in 1964 in honour of Geoffrey's work on squared squares. Geoffrey was a generous supporter of the College for many years, keen to support students from modest backgrounds. He was always entertaining when speaking to students during the Telephone Campaign, and enjoyed returning to College for events. He died on 9 December 2020, aged 76.

Catherine Twilley (Fellow)

Glenn Eric Clare Rose (m. 1967)

Glenn was born on 26 June 1949, and was a direct descendant of the poet, John Clare. After attending King's College Junior School as a 'Surrey Scholar' he won an Open Exhibition in English at Christ's in 1967, but then went on to read Moral Sciences. Glenn worked in the voluntary sector, helping organisations with their applications for local authority grants. He was an aficionado of avant-garde jazz and a West Ham United fan. He is survived by his parents Eric and Dorothy, wife Anita, daughter Ayla and two grandsons. Glenn died on 29 June 2020, aged 71.

Adapted from an obituary on www.oldkingsclub.org.uk

Jonathan David Beaumont (m. 1969)

Jonathan (known as Jon) attended City of London School before reading Medicine at Christ's. He completed his clinical training at St Thomas' Hospital, London. He was a respected GP, running his own single-handed practice in Guildford for many years. His insatiable thirst for knowledge and curiosity about people meant that he prided himself on knowing his patients as individuals beyond their superficial symptoms. He retired reluctantly from medicine only last year at the age of 70. A lifelong intrepid traveller with his beloved wife Carol, he started

his globetrotting by hitchhiking to Beirut aged only 15 and by doing a stint as a young flying doctor in the Australian Outback. A man of many parts, Jon was a talented sculptor, a connoisseur of good food and wine and an inspirational home designer. He could so easily have been an architect; friends used to joke that no wall was safe when he advised them on re-designing their homes! A serial boat owner, he was in his element when messing about on the river. He was an entertaining and loyal friend with an endless fund of amusing anecdotes. An original thinker, he relished nothing more than provoking spirited discussions, especially about politics. Jon died peacefully at home in Slapton, Devon on 6 February 2021, aged 71 after a short illness.

Penny Owen

Peter John Miller (m. 1969)

Peter was born on 25 May 1951. After attending St Ambrose Prep School, he went on to Bede's, in East Sussex. At an early age, his academic nature shone through and he came up to Christ's in 1969 to read Law. After completing his studies, Peter moved to Tunbridge Wells where he worked as a trainee, then assistant solicitor. In 1977, Peter took up teacher training at Roydon Hall in Maidstone. Peter studied transcendental meditation under the Maharishi Foundation. In 1979, he moved to London. Peter held a number of positions with various solicitors, ranging from consultant to being partner for firms in Commercial, Investment, Leasehold and Charity Property and Commercial and Housing Development and was, for a time, self-employed. Peter retired in 2017. He was a walker and swimmer and kept himself fit. He was also a keen photographer. Peter died in July 2020, aged 69.

Adapted from the eulogy at Peter's funeral

Martin Harrison (m. 1970)

Martin Harrison entered Christ's in 1970 to read English. He was educated at King James's School, Almondbury, a few miles from his native Huddersfield. At Christ's he energetically pursued his love for theatre, as director, of Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*, and performer, a splendidly sleazy Lussurioso in Middleton's *The Revenger's Tragedy*. Theatre became a major feature of Martin's subsequent career. After training as a teacher, he first taught English and General Studies at South Trafford College of Further Education before switching to teaching Drama, at the same time becoming Head of BTEC. During this time he also published *Theatre: A Book of Words*, which combined lexicography, theatre history and modern theatre practice to



explore the origins and meanings of over 2,000 theatrical terms. Eventually, Martin was appointed Head of Arts and Humanities at South Trafford before crossing the Pennines back to his beloved Yorkshire to take up a post as Head of Vocational Education at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate. He took great pleasure and pride in the fact that, during his time at the College, many young people with no previous formal educational achievement gained Level 2 and Level 3 skills in Maths, English and IT and went on to achieve careers in the military and beyond. He retired in 2017. Since 2000 Martin lived with his wife Carol and children Dan and Amy in Knaresborough, where he organised the Drama and Spoken Word elements of the Knaresborough Festival of Entertainment and Visual Arts (FEVA), including hosting poets Simon Armitage and Roger McGough. Martin died in February 2021, aged 69.

Simon Jamieson (m. 1970)

Christopher Michael Taylor (m. 1970)

Chris was born in July 1952 and was the first-born of twins. He attended Hutton Grammar School and came up to Christ's to read Medicine in 1970. His postgraduate training took him to Hastings, where he worked as a house officer and met his future wife, Sue, whom he married in 1978. Chris was fascinated by neuropsychiatry and this interest led him to begin psychiatric training. He subsequently moved to Leeds, where he worked as a senior registrar, working tirelessly over the next few years to develop the mental health services in south-east Leeds. He spent much of his time planning the introduction of a modern, community oriented mental health service with an inpatient unit in Leeds. Chris retired from the NHS in 2008, but continued in the private sector. However, the arrival of grandchildren prompted him to retire completely from clinical work in 2014. In the summer of 2018, he was given a diagnosis of diffuse large B cell lymphoma, and died on 15 October 2019. He leaves his wife, Sue; daughter, Rachel; sons, Michael and Andrew; and three grandchildren.

Adapted from an obituary on www.bmj.com

Scott Alexander Gronmark (m. 1971)



Scott was born on 20 November 1952 and, came up to Christ's in 1971 to read Philosophy. He went on to work in publishing with Academic Press and New English Library, after which he spent seven years as a full-time writer, publishing ten novels in all. He moved to the BBC where he worked on BBC Radio 2's John Dunn Show, ending up as a producer on the Nine O'Clock News. He spent ten years with BBC News & Current Affairs, before joining Interactive TV and launching what is now the BBCi red button service. Scott took early retirement at 51 and ran a new media consultancy, Scott Gronmark Associates, for seven years. In his retirement, he spent his time writing his blog, attending book groups and poetry reading sessions, playing electric and acoustic guitars, and recording music on his iMac. Scott died on 29 June 2020, aged 67.

Adapted from an obituary on www.oldkingsclub.org.uk

Paul Murray White (m. 1971)

Paul was born on 11 May 1953. On leaving Gordonstoun, Paul came up to Christ's to read Law. We were good friends, and we shared B2 in Second Court in our second year. On leaving Christ's, Paul qualified as a barrister on the northern circuit. He lived near York in Long Marston Manor, a spectacular house. Life was good. His career was taking off. He was married, with one son and another nearly due. Then tragedy struck. In 1984 Paul had a severe stroke. He was suffering from polycythemia, the over production of red blood cells. A simple blood test would have revealed this, and he could have been treated, but instead, his life changed dramatically. His career as a barrister was over. His family was breaking up. As part of Paul's rehabilitation, he "apprenticed" with a specialist restorer of old buildings. This opened a new chapter in Paul's life. He learnt how to restore and build furniture, and went on to make many fine pieces in his workshop. In 1992, Paul married Linda, and together they created wonderful homes in beautiful old houses, latterly in Harden near Bingley. They both had a passion for dogs. Many will remember Paul as being highly mischievous and someone who loved a good argument. That never changed! Sadly, Linda caught Covid-19 and was very seriously ill. Thankfully, she has recovered. Paul also caught the disease. It is likely that this ultimately caused his death by throwing off blood clots. Paul died on 25 April, shortly before his 67th birthday.

Alan Brown (m. 1971)

Philip Gerard Atkinson (m. 1972)

Philip was born on 3 May 1953, and came up to Christ's in 1972 to read History. Whilst here he made it onto the University Challenge team. Philip went on to have a long career as a freelance journalist. He died in 2019, aged 66.

Jeremy Nicholas Candfield (m. 1972)

Jeremy was born on 28 August 1953, and came up to Christ's, from Wygggeston Grammer School, in 1972 to read Economics. After his time at the Department for Environment and Transport, Jeremy joined the Railway Industry Association (RIA) in 1998 as their Director General, a role he was forced to give up in 2016 when the onset of Parkinson's was making it impossible for him to continue. During his 18-year tenure, he transformed the RIA from what had been regarded, by many, as 'a gentleman's club' to the go-to trade association with a membership of over 200. It had also become the established voice of the railway supply chain and was viewed as a vital and integral piece of the post-privatisation rail jigsaw. Jeremy is survived by his wife, Uta, and their children, Sophie and Christopher. He died on 1 November 2020, aged 67.

Adapted from an obituary by Peter Loosley on www.riagb.uk

Ian Neil Larkin (m. 1975)

Ian was born on 2 March 1957, and came up Christ's in 1975 to read Mathematics, and going on to do Management Studies and a Diploma in Computer Science. He died on 17 July 2020, aged 63.

Marcus John Banks (m.1978)

Born in Liverpool, Marcus went to New Heys Comprehensive School in Liverpool and came up to Christ's in 1978. He gained a first class degree in Social Anthropology and stayed on for a PhD, completing his thesis in 1985. He went on to study film-making at the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield, before being appointed a lecturer at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology in Oxford in 1987. He remained at the department for the rest of his life, later becoming professor, and director of the university's larger School of Anthropology and Museum of Ethnography. He held visiting professorships at the universities of Vienna, Paris Descartes, and Canterbury, New Zealand. He sat on the Royal Anthropological Institute's film committee and the European Association of Social Anthropologists' executive committee. Marcus's partner for more than thirty years was Barrie Thomas, whom he had met while walking around the University Parks in Oxford. He died on 22 October 2020, aged 60.

Adapted from an obituary on www.theguardian.com

Frank Knowles (m.1982)

Frank's many friends at Christ's were shocked and saddened by the news of his untimely death in April. His cheerfulness, perennial good humour and quick wit endure in our fond memories. Frank made friends easily. Through his schoolmate Dave Howarth, his circle soon expanded into the year above, leading to happy evenings of impromptu singing and strumming, first in his room on D staircase and then, in second year, in St Barnabas Road. For third year he and five friends moved into a house on Warkworth Terrace where the shower, memorably, was in the kitchen.

Few participated as fully in College life as Frank. Along with second team rugby and choir (a combination which occasionally resulted in the cassock being hastily slung over muddy rugby kit), Frank was on the JCR, and became logistics supremo of the 1983 May Ball. His performing career began with the Christ's panto, and moved swiftly to university level – and two trips to the Edinburgh Festival.

After graduating in Botany, Frank worked at Pru-Bache in New York, the city where he met Sue. Back in the UK, their family life reconnected to Cambridge when all three children went to school and University here. In 2018 Frank followed their lead, studying Entrepreneurship at the Judge before co-founding Carbon-13, a venture fund supporting low-carbon start-ups.

His close Christ's friends are treasuring our recent tradition of walks and convivial pub lunches in a group that Frank termed the Chramblers. We'll continue to walk and reminisce warmly about our much-missed friend. Gently teasing, always kind. Friendly, funny, and self-deprecating: Frank was one of the good guys.

Laura Parker (m. 1982)

Bruce Robertson (m. 1983)

As with everything in his life, Bruce's contribution to Christ's and Cambridge was all in. Be that in a swimming pool representing the university at water polo, engineering, which held his attention far greater than school, a raft of social distractions that did at least prevail in the Eighties, and Bridge, at which he excelled. The love of cards



came from formative, ex-patriate years across continents offering little or no watchable television. Sudan was the source of comfort he always took from water with the Nile offering the opportunity of a maiden voyage and children's boat races. Windsurfing followed (with record of this held by Norfolk RNLI, which had cause to rescue him once but bore no responsibility for the black eye). After College, Bruce worked as a Management Consultant. His wanderer's blood meant a return to Africa, and Botswana, with the same love of adventure having carried him to Australia previously. Those who shared this time will remember – almost as well as various neighbours – how Dave Brubeck's Take Five was an unofficial anthem for halcyon days. Bruce married Joanna and they had two sons, Andrew and Tim. Andrew's tragic death in 2017, was a source of huge sadness as is Bruce's own passing from the effects of SPG7. Bruce died on 20 May 2021, aged 56.

Colin Cameron (m. 1983)

Aidan Lavery (m. 1984)



Aidan was born on 16 March 1965. He grew up in Purley, and attended Whitgift School before reading Engineering at Christ's, matriculating in 1984. In College, Aidan was into politics, finding his natural home with the Tory Reform Group. He also enjoyed rowing with the same enthusiasm, though perhaps with less success. But at Christ's the two activities that were to have the most enduring impact were his trip to Nepal and an anti-littering film he shot with Jonathan Brunert for Croydon County Council. This ignited a passion for travel and for creative film production. Whilst studying for an MPhil in Computer Science, he used his time to search for his first job in TV journalism at the BBC. Aidan flourished at the BBC and advanced quickly. Aidan's TV career took off in 1992 when he joined Newsnight, becoming producer and editor. Developing a distinctive personal brand that mixed creativity and curiosity, he became an investigative journalist on Panorama. He worked on many programmes but three that were really striking; the first about the massacres at Sabra and Shatila camps; the second in Afghanistan with British troops (during which he had gallstones removed in an army field hospital); and the third in Kosovo, which included a night-time drive through an unmapped minefield. In 2002 Aidan returned to science at the BBC, making *The Story of Science*, a series covering quantum physics and the structure of the universe. In September 2013 Aidan married Claudia Doets, and together they had two daughters, Belia and Livia. In 2017 the family moved to Sydney, Australia, where ABC employed him to reinvigorate their science output. By 2020 he was overseeing all their factual and specialist content. Aidan took up long-distance swimming, delighting in an aerial photo of himself swimming across Bondi surrounded by sharks, which made the national TV news. Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in March 2020, Aidan's health declined rapidly and he died on 4 August 2020, aged 55.

James Sefton (m. 1984) and Richard Anton (m. 1984)

Grant Craig Venner (m. 1985)

Grant grew up in Buckinghamshire and attended Beechwood School and Aylesbury Grammar before coming up to Christ's in 1985. He was a talented swimmer from an early age and was awarded a half blue for water polo and a blue for swimming at Cambridge and was an active member of the Tadpoles. Grant achieved a 2.1. in Modern Languages in 1989 and had a successful career in marketing at Pilkington Glass and Kraft Foods alongside renovating a number of properties. Grant then undertook an MA in Cultural and Media Studies at University of the West of England and set up his own brand consultancy business, focusing on semiotics. He moved to London and married Annabel, they had two boys together, Matthew and Daniel. Grant loved exploring different cultures and travelled with both friends and family to countries such as New Zealand, Nepal (Everest Base Camp) Kenya, China, Canada, Indonesia, Vietnam. His love of swimming remained and he went on a number of Swim Trek holidays and completed two Channel relay events (England – France, England – France – England). Grant was a founding member of Ealing Transition, and worked with members and Ealing council to drive awareness of climate change and future energy challenges. His most high-profile initiatives were solar schools and the community orchard, and he spent hours at his allotment producing an abundance of fruit and vegetables. Grant died last summer after a short illness, aged 52.

Annabel Venner

Barbara Maguire (m. 1989)

Barbara was born on 29 June 1967 and grew up in County Leitrim in the north-west of Ireland. She first attended Trinity College Dublin where she was awarded a Foundation Scholarship in 1986, and she graduated from Trinity with a first-class honours LLB degree in 1988. Barbara then attended Christ's, where she graduated with a first-class honours LLM degree in 1989. It was while she was attending Christ's that she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Barbara returned to Ireland where she practised with one of Ireland's leading law firms while also enjoying academic careers for many years in both Trinity College and the National University of Ireland. Deteriorating health denied her the opportunity to develop her careers further. She died on 19 March 2020 and is survived by her daughter, Sarah, husband, Finbarr, and brother, David.

Finbarr Domoney

Stuart Michael Pearson (m. 2005)

Stuart came up to Christ's in 2005 to read Social and Political Sciences and quickly became a key part of our matriculation year group. Hailing from the North East of England, his distinctive accent became a fixture in the Buttery and his dry sense of humour and easygoing personality made him friends across the year groups. Stuart was an enthusiastic college sportsman, with stints rowing and playing football.



He threw himself into the CCRFC, despite having little experience of playing rugby, and was club Social Secretary in his second year. As Access Officer, he was an integral part of the JCR Committee and an advocate of expanding academic opportunities for all young people. After graduation, Stuart's passion for helping others led to a career in Clinical Psychology. He worked in the NHS, initially in London, gaining a doctorate at Royal Holloway in 2013. He travelled widely, including two years exploring and working in New Zealand. In 2016 he returned, settling in Leeds. He remained committed to the NHS, working as a trauma specialist treating severe and enduring mental health problems. Stuart was a talented drummer, playing in numerous bands, including memorable performances at the College pantomime. He became a passionate activist for the planet, joining Extinction Rebellion protests in London and Leeds, and fundraising with a half marathon. Friends will remember Stuart equally adept as an engaging storyteller at the centre of a crowd, and an empathic and caring listener. Stuart passed away on 22 April 2021, aged 33.

Luke Norman (m. 2005) and Duncan Bull (m. 2005)



The College Beehives

KEEPING IN TOUCH



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Please note that due to Covid-19, the College may at times be closed to all visitors, including alumni, and accommodation and meals may not be available. Please contact us at alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk if you are planning a visit and would like the latest information.

COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

The College is generally open to members of the public from Monday to Sunday 9am to 4pm (except during the 'Quiet Period' and during the Christmas closure period) and the Fellows' Garden is open Monday to Friday only, 9am to 4pm. In addition, members of Christ's are welcome to visit at any time. Please check in at the Porters' Lodge (St Andrew's Street) on arrival and let the duty porter know that you are a member of College. During full term, Choral Evensong is sung in the College Chapel at 6.45pm on Thursdays and at 6.00pm on Sundays. Members of College are very welcome at services. Information can be found on the College's website: www.christs.cam.ac.uk

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

Dining

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

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time and Monday to Friday out of term and the first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring an adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement. The current guest cost is in the region of £55 and will be confirmed on booking, inclusive of wine, with an invoice sent via email after the dinner. Please note that a maximum of 6 alumni can exercise their dining privileges on any one night and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office on either (01223) 339556 or (01223) 334985 or by email to mealbookings@christs.cam.ac.uk and must be made before 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 two weeks in advance. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

Accommodation

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

The guest rooms are C.3 (1st floor level) and C.5 (2nd floor level) 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 by email to accommodation@christs.cam.ac.uk.

The College welcomes enquiries about dinners, meetings and conferences. Please contact the Conference and Events Office (conference@christs.cam.ac.uk).

Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: **<http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/alumni/accommodation>**

To receive the alumni promotional rate on single rooms, all you need to do is enter the code: **chalum21**. This is the code for 2021, which will change to **chalum22** in 2022 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. The Development Office has set up a number of social media channels so you can keep up-to-date with College and alumni news online:

-  Join us on Facebook to see photographs of College, hear the latest news and learn about events (<https://www.facebook.com/christscollegecambridge>)
-  Follow us on Twitter for real time news and 'tweets' from College (https://twitter.com/christs_college)
-  To connect with other alumni in your field and with current Christ's students, then join our Christ's College Connections group on LinkedIn. You can use this group as an opportunity to share ideas, connect with others, and provide careers advice to current students and recent graduates. (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12431092/>)
-  We also have an Instagram account so come and have a look at our photos! (<https://www.instagram.com/christscollegecambridge>)



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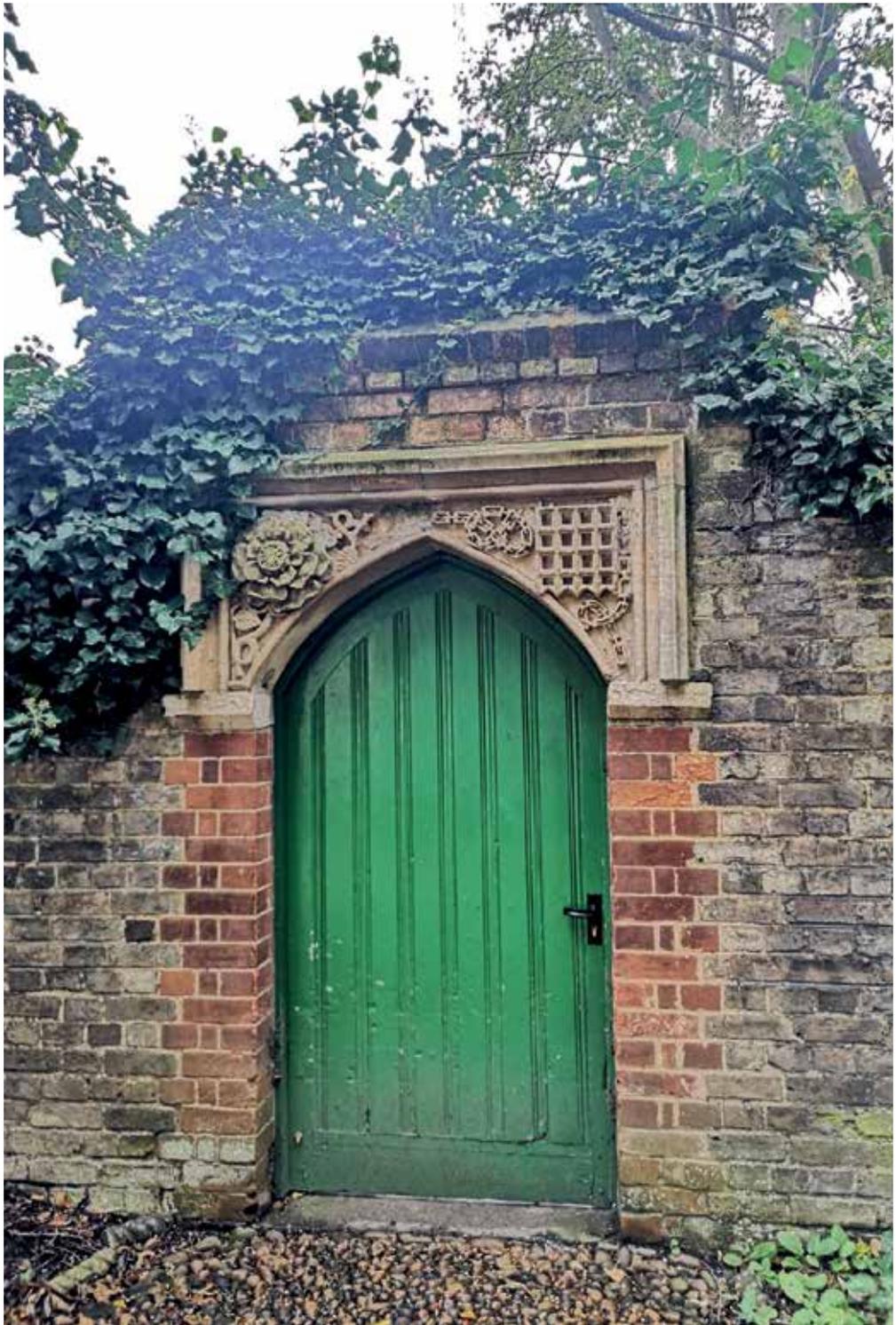
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