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Anthony Smith's statue of Charles Darwin in the Darwin Garden

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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER



Jane Stapleton

Being Master of Christ's for the last six years has been a most rewarding experience. Though I came as an 'external' to College, I already knew quite a bit about it through my association with St John's and with some members of Christ's life-long community! I knew I was coming to, what was described to me as, a 'jewel' of a college with extraordinary academic achievement blended with the warm friendliness of a truly inclusive community. And so it proved, in spades.

At the end of my first year (2016–2017) the hard work of our talented undergraduates produced examination results which took us up to second place in the Tompkins Table, and then in 2018 to the top of the Table where, currently released information suggests, Christ's firmly remains today. The students are certainly giving us all an exceptional Golden Age of academic success!

But Christ's isn't just about legendary scholarly achievement. It is also, and more importantly, about how all parts of our community – students, Fellows, alumni, Staff – pull together to produce an especially supportive and harmonious environment for our mission pursuing excellence in teaching, learning and research. Who knew how invaluable that rich cooperative dynamic would prove when in mid-March 2020 we were pitched into navigating a pandemic as Lent Term drew to a close? Like so many people, I was very busy and, though someone referred to me as being 'the captain on the Bridge of the good ship Christ's College', it was far more like being 'down in the engine room' with remarkable people whose extraordinary efforts for our community I had the privilege to witness and coordinate.

The whole College community navigated the historic and complex challenges of Covid with splendid fortitude, understanding, ingenuity and generosity. Given how warmly agreeable our College was before the pandemic, it is seriously impressive that we have emerged an even more harmonious community. Witnessing this solidarity and grace under pressure will be one of my most treasured memories of my time at Christ's.

I am relieved to report that for most of this academic year we have been back to normal with the students energetically making up for lost time in their enthusiastic embrace of an eye-watering range of extra-curricular activities, often at a remarkably high level. Our Choir, deservedly acknowledged to be outstanding, is now back on tour, students have won Blues in a variety of sports, written for *Varsity*, played in orchestras and other musical groups, produced and acted in plays, been instrumental in the College achieving Gold in the Green Awards and organised a magnificently successful May Ball, a huge credit to the students involved given they had never even been to a Christ's May Ball (the 2020 one was cancelled)!

Delightfully, I was able to admit this year's graduating undergraduates to their degrees in June in person in the Senate House, and with guests present. Most of them matriculated at Christ's in 2019 and, though the pandemic disrupted much of their student experience, they responded magnificently and have done themselves and the College proud.

It was also a very great pleasure to welcome our celebrated alumnus, Sir Simon Schama (Honorary Fellow) to Christ's just a week earlier, on the occasion of the celebration of his Honorary Degree from Cambridge. In fact, this visit was his second in a week, as the previous Friday I hosted a lunch for our Honorary Fellows, an extraordinary group of people of whom the College is enormously proud. I was very pleased indeed that so many came, including George Yeo who made the journey from Singapore.

I want to thank our impressive and immensely supportive alumni. It has been a privilege to meet so many of you and to hear your fascinating stories of Christ's often transformational role in your life trajectories. And how extraordinary those trajectories are.

Lastly, but by no means least, I want to thank deeply our wonderful Staff for their exceptional devotion to the College. Their many kindnesses to Peter and me have made us feel thoroughly at home. From the very first meal in Hall I presided at, when Paul Davis (Head Butler) slipped me a 'cheat sheet' of what the procedure and etiquette was, I knew I was in excellent hands!

All in all, the College is truly flourishing and will continue to go from strength to strength. Simon McDonald has already stayed with us in the Lodge a number of times, getting the feel of the College, and we are all focussed on ensuring that his and Olivia's arrival at Christ's will be smooth and welcoming. I warmly wish Simon every success as Master. Peter and I are returning to Australia, but I will become a Life Fellow and much look forward to continuing my connection with this wonderful College and community. Au revoir!

Jane Stapleton

TRIBUTE TO THE MASTER

Professor Jane Stapleton steps down as the 38th Master of Christ's at the end of August 2022. As a College we owe Jane, and her husband Peter Cane, great thanks for their efforts over the last six years, and particularly in leading the College through the greatest peacetime crisis in a century.

Jane is a distinguished academic lawyer (as is Peter). She is an Emeritus Distinguished Professor at the Australian National University, is the first non-US Member of the American Law Institute Council, and was appointed an Honorary Queen's Counsel in 2020. An expert in the law of torts – civil wrongs causing loss or harm resulting in a legal liability – she has acted as consultant in major international commercial, pharmaceutical, medical and environmental litigation.

Arriving in September 2016, Jane was our first female Master and only the second from outside the Fellowship. Jane and Peter's open, approachable style fitted easily into the College's welcoming, supportive community. Many members learned how good a cook Peter is as they entertained in the Lodge, as well as enjoying the great support that Peter and his organ have provided to the musical life of the College. Jane's formal and informal support for Staff is exemplified by the institution of the long service photographic portraits in Z building, the annual Staff BBQ, and the opening up of the Master's Garden for Staff to enjoy for a week during the summer. As well as championing Staff views, Jane has also been constantly concerned to ensure that Students have a strong voice in the College, individually and collectively, and has always been available to them whether to raise issues or just to chat.

Beginning just over two-thirds of the way through Jane's tenure, the Covid pandemic was enormously disruptive to the life of the College and deeply personally painful to many members. Although the pandemic overshadowed every aspect of College life, it did not prevent the College pursuing its mission of "education, religion, learning and research". Jane's commitment to student wellbeing pervaded all the meetings of the Covid Planning Group. Her support of the College's simultaneous pursuit of academic excellence and widening participation have led to Christ's sitting at the top of the College academic league tables for several years running at the same time as having last year (2021/22) achieved an undergraduate intake of which half were women and 78% of the UK intake were from state schools. Jane and Peter's engagement with admissions and outreach activities has been a real asset to the College.

The College has emerged in remarkably good shape thanks to Jane's deft leadership, and some pandemic-induced innovations are proving beneficial in the longer term and look set to remain. The introduction of the JCR and MCR Presidents as observers to Council meetings further improves the transparency of decision making in the College. The use of email to transact College business, including the election of the College Council – previously a rather tedious affair involving the manual counting of handwritten names on many dozens of paper slips – has increased the efficiency of College governance.

But perhaps the most unlikely innovation was, inevitably, a much more personal one. Jane's institution of "Zoom Combination" provided a much-needed way for Fellows to remain in social contact with one another, including many who could not normally attend Combination. It was a great pleasure to socialise with Fellows I would not normally have been able to meet on topics ranging from the experience of

the pandemic in Brazil, to which American TV channels would give best coverage of the US Presidential election, to (naturally) vaccine development and the challenges of vaccine manufacture and deployment. Though the need to meet online has thankfully passed, long may the ability to do so last so that members too infirm or distant to attend College in person can continue to participate.

Jane and Peter will be returning to Australia after a very well-earned holiday, their first return home to see friends and family for several years. But their memory will live on in College thanks to the Development Board's endowment of the Stapleton Prize in Law in honour of Jane, and of course in the fine new portrait of Jane now hanging in the Great Hall – a modest improvement in gender balance of which I am sure Lady Margaret would approve!

So all that remains to be said to you, Jane and Peter, on behalf of the entire College community, Students, Staff, Alumni and Fellows, is a huge thank-you for all your very great efforts in what surely must have been one of the busier Masterships in the history of the College. We hope that your next six years are rather less eventful!

Richard Mortier, President



*Portrait of
Jane Stapleton by
Michael Gaskell*

BURSAR'S UPDATE



Michael Parsons

Income (excluding donations) for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 was £12.4m (2021: £9.5m) and expenditure was £12.5m (2021: £10.5m). Although activity began to pick up during the 2021–22 financial year as the COVID pandemic subsided, commercial income was still significantly impacted, with very little income during the 2021 long vacation.

As a result, there was again a deficit on continuing operations (excluding donations) of £0.05m (2020–21: £1.0m deficit). Although this represents a significant improvement on the previous year, much of this improvement is due to applying the maximum investment portfolio distribution permitted under the College's spending rule, which is designed to maintain an appropriate balance between annual levels of distribution from the endowment and the maintenance over time of the real value of the endowment.

The College's widely diversified investments performed well in 2021–22, with gains on retail and agricultural properties and modest gains on securities despite difficult market conditions caused by the shocks to global supply chains, energy markets, rising inflation and the war in Ukraine. The property portfolio includes the College's interest in the Darwin Green development (north Cambridge). Total returns of about 3.3% (2021: 16.9%) were made on securities and about 15.4% (2021: 1.8%) on commercial and agricultural property holdings, with an overall return of 5.1% (2021: 13.9%). Total returns from the College's investments of £6.7m (2021: £16.2m) exceeded the amount distributed to fund current spending of £5.1m (2021: £3.7m).

Donations income was £18.2m (2021: £3.8m) including £14.5m of donations & pledges for Yusuf Hamied Court. With donations, total income for the year was £30.6m.

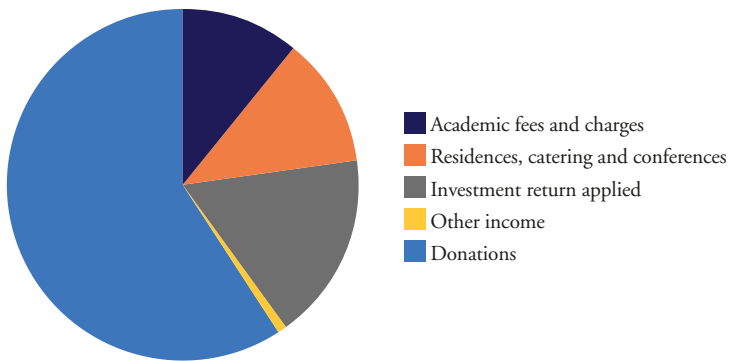
The consolidated balance sheet remained strong, with total reserves of £239m (2021: £217m). Within this total, Unrestricted reserves are £86m (2021: £80m) which, after taking into account £89m (2021: £82m) of operational fixed assets (including the domus site), implies negative "free reserves" of £3m (2021: £2m). Nevertheless, the College continued to hold sufficient liquid funds to meet all normal contingencies.

Looking ahead, we may not have heard the last of changes to the way universities are funded. The Government may yet look again at reducing tuition fees, which would be potentially damaging for colleges, for which the current fees fall well short of the cost of educating our undergraduates. The College's reliance on commercial income and philanthropic support can only increase.

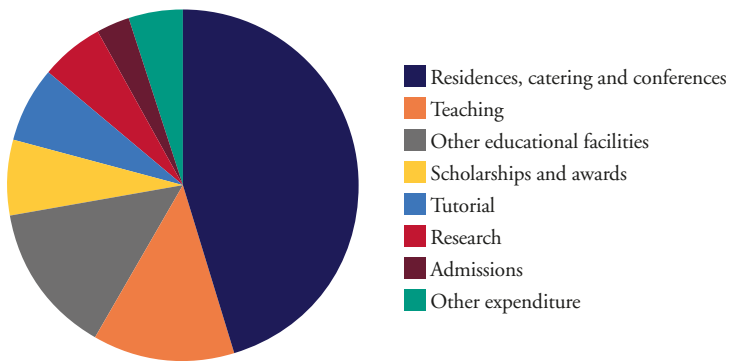
The King Street development (Yusuf Hamied Court) will complete in 2022–23 and will provide over 60 postgraduate study bedrooms on the main College site, 5 teaching rooms for Fellows, a new music practice and performance space (the Bill Fitzgerald Music Room), and several seminar / meeting rooms – as well as some commercial properties facing King Street. Heating for Yusuf Hamied Court will be provided by an air-source heat pump, rather than gas boilers.

A rolling programme of refurbishment work in the College's hostels, including improving insulation and replacing gas boilers with air-source heat pumps, continues with 3 further hostels in Jesus Lane and Emmanuel Road included in the programme for 2022–23.

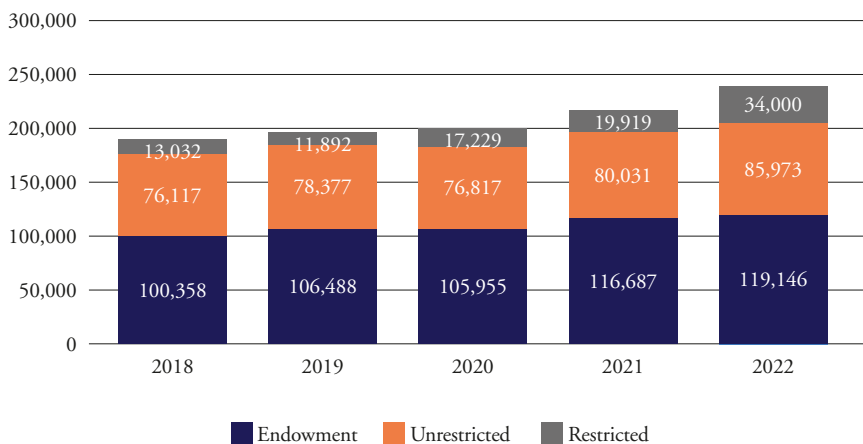
Income from all sources 2022: £30.6m



Principal sources of expenditure 2022: £12.4m



Reserves £'000



Enabling works are also being undertaken in First Court over summer 2022 to prepare for the recommencement in summer 2023 of the major project to replace the First Court rooves with new Collyweston tiles, improve insulation, renew mechanical and electrical installations, including preparing for lower-pressure heating systems to accommodate future ground-source heat pump plans for the domus site.

Doors are being fitted on the open staircases in the Stevenson Building and planning permission has been obtained for solar panels on New Court.

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

The experience of students this year has confirmed the need for a significant expansion of flexible study space and the Governing Body has re-affirmed its commitment to the Christ's Research and Study Hub (CRASH). Some technical details of the original plans will need to be changed when a renewed planning application is made during 2022–23 – which will also provide an opportunity to confirm that the design meets current user and sustainability ambitions for this development. Fundraising for this project will be a priority for the next few years.

Michael Parsons

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

This is the last time that I shall write a letter for the *Magazine*, because I have decided to step down from the role of Senior Tutor in January 2023. For the foreseeable future, though, I shall remain a Fellow – and a Tutor and Director of Studies in Mathematics. I have now been Senior Tutor for 14 years (barely any time, of course, when compared to my predecessor Dr Kelvin Bowkett) and so much has changed in that time.

I'm delighted to be stepping down when the College is in such excellent health, in every way.

In terms of Covid, the last academic year has been, to all intents and purposes, practically normal. Of course we encouraged students, staff and Fellows to take sensible general precautions, to wear masks when they thought it was appropriate, and to self-isolate if they got symptoms. But almost all of our teaching and social activities took place in person and in the normal way, including Freshers' Week! Getting back to proper face-to-face supervisions was a real relief for students and Fellows alike. We have all been back "in the office" for the whole academic year. (Not many offices are as beautiful as Christ's is, it has to be said.) Examinations and graduation ceremonies also returned to normal.

On the other hand, the College and the University have both tried to learn from a few of the changes that were introduced in rather a panic during the pandemic, but which turned out to be educationally beneficial. For example, lectures are now mostly recorded *at the same time as* they happen in person, so that students can choose to re-watch a lecture later in the day online if they wish. Some examinations in the humanities now take place over a longer time-period than usual (5 hours for example) in students' own rooms, on their own laptops, with access to books and the internet. This reduces the need for students to hand-write essays at speed (something that is rather alien to most teenagers) and gives them more opportunity to show what they can achieve when they have a little more time and a little less pressure. It has proved to be very rewarding. Of course, not all students' examinations are held in this format, and extra care has to be paid to guarding against cheating and plagiarism, but that is something that the University is aware of and can manage effectively.

If you had read newspapers during the year, you might have been led to believe that most Universities were shirking their responsibilities, taking the easy options: not bothering to deliver new lectures but simply showing recordings of last year's lectures, cancelling examinations again, and refusing to hold graduation ceremonies. Not in Cambridge! But of course the press rarely reports positive news stories about Cambridge: it always prefers to find some reason to criticise.

On that subject, I wrote something for last year's *Magazine* that had to be edited out for lack of space. But there's space this year, so let me say now what I wanted to say then. Nationally, the issue of "freedom of speech" at UK Universities and its polar opposite, "cancel culture", have come in for considerable scrutiny. Within Christ's, we have had no problems at all with our student unions, clubs or societies trying to suppress freedom of speech in any way. Members of the College can be sure that, if I had any suspicions, I would have done my utmost to defend free speech to the fullest. The College has even adopted a formal policy statement setting out its commitment



Robert Hunt
with Baines

to that principle. Fortunately, I have never had to defend it, because nobody has tried to challenge it.

The issue of student welfare in Universities has also been in the news this year. Of course, welfare has long been a focus at Christ's, through the work of the Tutors, but in the past few years (starting well before the pandemic) it has come to the fore as a key concern. I have tried to make Christ's a peaceful, pleasant and happy place to study, but for those who find student life stressful and need help, I'm pleased to say that we have counselling provision that is second-to-none within the University. Our own counsellors are available to students when they need it, within one or two days of asking their Tutor and with no waiting list. Our consultant psychiatrist is available to help the students with the most severe problems. We find that if we look after our students' wellbeing in the round, they thrive.

Some alumni may remember Rocket, our most recent College cat (and before him, Milton and others). Rocket chose to retire last academic year, but I have always thought that his presence had a positive, calming effect on many students. So Dr Lyon, Dr Tomlinson, Dr Genny Silvanus (former College Archivist), and I have conspired to recruit not one, but two new College kittens (named Finch and Baines). I am sure that they will prove just as effective in student welfare as Rocket was: they are looking forward to meeting students in October.

Students were able to get back properly to sports and art activities this year. Amongst the highlights: the College Art Prize was hotly contested, making the judges' task extremely difficult; and the Women's First Boat was awarded Blades at the May Bumps. You can read more about student activities elsewhere in the *Magazine*.

I should of course mention, in passing, the College's academic achievements. The proportion of final-year students receiving a first-class result was 52%, a record for the College. (The last time that examinations were normal enough to be able to give such a figure sensibly was in 2019, when it was a mere 51%.) Taking students in all years into account, the proportion was 46%, which places us easily in first position at the top of the academic league table for Cambridge Colleges where we have been consistently since 2018. (The year before that we were second.) Our percentage of "Good Honours" (i.e., firsts and II.1s combined) was 88%.

To put these figures into context, the average across the University as a whole was 29.9% firsts and 81.2% Good Honours, and even the second-placed College this year was 7 whole percentage points behind Christ's in firsts. Our students are, simply put, exceptional even by Cambridge standards. These magnificent results are only possible because everybody at Christ's works together towards the same aim, from the Admissions team to our Directors of Studies and Tutors – not to forget, of course, the very hard work put in by our students themselves!

I was delighted to award this year the College's inaugural Prizes for Excellence in College Teaching. The prizes were based directly on student feedback, and the winners were Mr Wessel Bruinsma (PhD student in Engineering), Mr Paul Fannon (Fellow in Mathematics for Natural Sciences), Dr Mike Housden (Fellow in Chemistry) and Dr Sophie Read (Fellow in English). Congratulations to all of them.

I look forward to welcoming our new Master in October. He is joining a vibrant College with outstanding students and enthusiastic Fellows that is at the peak of academic achievement. I will try to make his introduction to the ways of the College as easy as possible before I step down to make way for my successor as Senior Tutor.

I am proud of what I have been able to achieve at the College over the past 14 years, which has only been feasible because of the support of the whole Fellowship, for which I am very grateful.

Robert Hunt



The presentation of Teaching Prizes: Robert Hunt, Mike Housden, Susan Hill, Paul Fannon, Sophie Read, and Jane Stapleton

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

For Admissions and Outreach, as for so many teams in College, 2021–22 has been a year of ups and downs, hope and uncertainty, normality and oddness. While UK offer-holders were able to approach the August 2021 confirmation period with relative confidence, knowing that their A-levels would be awarded on the basis of teacher-assessment, we were less confident about the distribution of grades this method of assessment would yield – and many non UK offer-holders continued to face last-minute examination cancellations and award changes. Once all the marks were in, we found we had some cause for celebration and some for sadness. On the downside, we had lost far more international students than usual, as fears over Covid, high fees for EU candidates and the ongoing absence of undergraduate scholarships at University level took their toll. On the plus side, we had admitted the first ever gender-balanced cohort in the College's history, together with our highest ever intake from the UK state sector, with 78% of our British-educated entrants coming from maintained schools. A number of these entrants joined us early for our first post-pandemic outreach event, the September Christ's-King's "Bridging Course", now delivered as a three-way partnership with Gonville and Caius and overseen by our Access and Outreach Bye-Fellow from the Faculty of Education, Professor Jenny Gibson. The Bridging Course is intended to scaffold the transition from school to university for students from backgrounds without a history of progression to Oxbridge – and we were delighted to note how many of the students who attended the inaugural Course in 2020 volunteered to come back and mentor their successors in 2021.

Bridging Course over, it was time to turn our focus to the 2021–22 Admissions Round. While we did not quite hit the 1000 mark again, we nonetheless received the second highest number of undergraduate applications in Christ's history – 968 – a figure that confirmed our status as one of the most over-subscribed Cambridge



*The Women in
Maths residential*

Colleges, and left some subjects with the same intimidating choice of over ten applicants per place that they had confronted in 2020–21. The spread of applications suggested that our widening participation efforts had continued to yield results even in a year when prospective applicants had not been able to visit the College in person (and on this note, the sector-wide Higher Education Access Tracker currently indicates that Christ's has been one of the two most active Cambridge Colleges in outreach initiatives over the past year). A heartening 76.5% of our UK applicants were from the maintained sector, and although Christ's experienced a drop in the number of European applicants, in common with the rest of the University, it was not as marked as it was at other Colleges. Impressively, close to a third of our applicants had attended an event hosted directly by Christ's (either virtually or pre-pandemic, in person). Many others had come to us through our engagement with the University's virtual open days and our collaborations with external organizations, including IntoUniversity and Harrow School, which runs the Lumina Oxbridge preparation course for state school groups across London.

As in 2021, our undergraduate interviews took place entirely online. Having learned from our experiences the previous year, we anticipated that the process would be smoother than the first time round, and certainly, fewer interviews had to be re-scheduled to off-set the technical difficulties experienced by candidates with internet connections of varying reliability. Disruption was however wrought by Omicron, which swept through our administrative team, our interview panels and a large tranche of our applicants, while I sat stranded overseas with a dose of what was by then old-fashioned Delta. Where they were healthy, students (now accustomed to online learning and interaction) tended to perform better than they had in 2021, although some of our most disadvantaged candidates struggled to find quiet spaces where they could engage with interviews without disruption. As ever, our Directors of Studies wrestled with the evidence over long evenings and weekends, endeavouring to make the fairest decisions possible under the circumstances. As ever, I am immensely grateful to them for their care and diligence – as well as their patience with an Admissions Department that felt at times as though it was flying by the seat of its pants. Somehow (and I remain unsure quite how) we settled on 148 offers for 2022 entry, of which 53% went to women applicants, including more than half our offers in Engineering; a very pleasing return on all the work that the College has put into attracting more female candidates for STEM subjects.

Once we had dusted ourselves down and emerged from Covid-imposed isolation, we were free to consider a return to in-person outreach at scale, which we will be combining with online sessions (accommodating students too far away to reach Cambridge easily) in a “hybrid” programme from now on. At first, our activities were relatively low-key: visits to and from schools in our Link Areas, and events with IntoUniversity, the Brilliant Club, and SEO (Sponsors for Educational Opportunity) London. Later in the spring, however, we were able to run two of our longstanding residential programmes: the Women in Maths residential, which saw sixty young women come to attend a range of taster sessions in Mathematics and related subjects, delivered by Christ's and Trinity; and the Christ's/King's residential, which covers both the Arts and the Sciences and is open to students who either studied at a low-performing GCSE school or are currently studying at a school with little tradition of Oxbridge entry. We also ran subject taster days in Economics, English, History and Natural Sciences (themed around James Meade, John Milton, Lady Margaret

Beaufort and Charles Darwin, respectively), and welcomed teachers from around the world as part of the University's International Guidance Counsellors' Conference.

At Easter, Ellie Wood and I began to venture outside the UK, participating in the Project Access/Academy of Talented Youth "road trip" across Denmark, delivering sessions at the Milestone Institute in Hungary, and visiting schools in Cyprus and Norway at the behest of the University. As I write, we are looking forward to our most exciting summer for several years. I will be working with Project Access in Austria, Germany and Finland, while the rest of the team gear up for our annual Low Participation Neighbourhood Summer School, which received an unprecedented boost this year when we secured a mention (and 42,000 hits) from a TikTok influencer. We're also delighted to be hosting a group of students participating in the cross-collegiate STEM SMART initiative, which supports educationally disadvantaged students in Years 12 and 13 to raise their attainment at school and develop the confidence to apply to study physical sciences and engineering at top universities.

As ever, I owe a debt of thanks to my extraordinary team – Kristy Guneratne, Jan Marshall, Hayley Stephen and Ellie Wood in the Admissions Office – to our Postgraduate Admissions Administrator, Louise Yirrell, to our JCR Access Officer, Romany Whittall, and all our student "Christ's reps", to Jan Wiekak, our STEP tutor, to the Master and my fellow Fellows, and to the many alumni who continue to support us in many different ways.

Emily Tomlinson



*Emily Tomlinson
at an outreach event
at The English School
in Cyprus*

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain of a Cambridge College can rarely say with confidence that something has happened for the very first time. As I look back on this year, however, there have been many occasions of ‘the first time, since...’. After two years of Covid, as in so many aspects of the College’s life, the academic year 2021–22 has been one of *restoration* and starting again.

I am pleased to say that I have actually forgotten the state in which Chapel services resumed in Michaelmas. I cannot find any risk assessments from that date, so I assume that (apart from masks), things were returning to normal. Sunday communion services resumed together with proper hymn singing, although with the wine distributed in sherry glasses (what else in a Cambridge College?). In the evening, we were able to make use of the whole choir and to invite guest preachers back, which meant that Sundays started to feel a little more normal (and the Chaplain was not having to write *quite* so many sermons). We did continue to stream services, to the great delight of many alumni and (I learned) the parents of students who make a point of tuning in when said students are put on the reading rota.

We also took two ordinands on attachment from Ridley Hall, Steve Jullien (m. 2019) and Nick Romans, who got stuck into helping run Chapel services. Nick’s former profession as a wine merchant meant that, almost inevitably, the dormant Chapel Bible studies revived as a combined ‘discussion group with wine tasting’, which for some reason proved very popular.

Of course, December brought the looming threat of the Omicron surge. Fortunately, we had already decided to repeat the previous year’s outdoor carol service, so no changes needed to be made there. The Head Porter did warn me, however, that two years of outdoor carolling is starting to look dangerously like an established tradition, so who knows what we will do this December. The Commemoration of Benefactors’ service occurred indoors as normal and was probably the biggest service up to that point since the start of Covid, and it was a pleasure to welcome back the Revd Dr Jocelyn Downey, whom I trained with at Ridley.

By Lent term, I think we had ditched the masks and distancing, but another, more personal deadline loomed as we awaited the birth of our second daughter, Astrid. For several weeks, the Chapel was handed over to the ordinands and graduate students who I am delighted to report made a splendid job of it (the only crisis being the mysterious case of the disappearing service orders). I could even keep an eye on them thanks to the streaming equipment! I should also like to note my thanks to Clare Kitcat, the Maser’s assistant, for sterling administrative support at this time.

I returned, however, to the sad task of helping the College bid farewell to one of its most beloved fellows, Professor Geoffrey Martin. It was a sombre and deeply sad event, but I feel he would have approved of the dignity with which we said our goodbyes. I suspect he would also chuckle at the Chaplain and the current Wallis-Budge Fellow comparing notes on resurrection in Christian and New Kingdom theology.

And then came my very first ‘normal’ Easter term as Chaplain! It was, I must confess, not quite as hectic as I had feared. Perhaps being able to sit people down over a cup of tea, rather than having to take endless walks around the Fellows’ Garden,



Robert Evans



*The Christ's
College Choir on
Ascension Day*

has softened the blow. Still, it has been a fulfilling experience and a good reminder of how useful Chaplains can be when our academic staff are buried beneath the final scramble of revision teaching.

On Ascension Day, the choir finally returned to the roof of the Great Gate, first thing in the morning, to sing their customary anthems while members of the College listened from below. And at the end of term, we were able to hold the Bishop Porteus Scripture Reading Prize, won by Tom Baarda, with Grace Beckett and Tamsin Wood as runners up. I was ably assisted in this by Mr Don MacBean, who remarked that – somehow – the standard of reading had actually gone up since before the pandemic. Maybe we have all been so relieved to come off Zoom and make proper use of our sixteenth century lectern again!

Although it has been a year of 'firsts, since...', it has also been – without me realising it – a year of lasts. In December, I shall be leaving to take up the post of Senior Chaplain at Radley College, not far from another UK University town. I shall be very sorry to leave Christ's and its amazing community but would like to express my gratitude for a fantastic three and a half years and wish the College all the best for the future. Just don't expect me to keep answering questions about how the streaming equipment works!

Robert Evans

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

I am delighted to be able to report that the Campaign for Christ's, which we launched publicly in 2015, has now reached its target of £50m raised for the College. We are thrilled that this milestone has been achieved, and that so many alumni and friends have supported the Campaign. An incredible 2,874 of you have taken part in this, and responded to our appeals for support; thank you. During the Campaign, we have raised funds for new bursaries, hardship funds, and other student support, and completed a major refurbishment and extension of the Boathouse. Our flagship new building, Yusuf Hamied Court, is due for completion over the coming months, and will transform the main College site, with the addition of 64 en-suite student rooms (including a number of accessible rooms and kitchens), the Bill Fitzgerald Music Room, three seminar rooms, and additional Fellows' teaching rooms. I am particularly grateful to the Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation for their incredible generosity in support of the new building.



Catherine Twilley

Our attention now turns to the remaining building project, the Christ's Research and Study Hub, alongside other priorities such as an Early Career Research and Teaching Fellowship in Economics, and the College's sustainability agenda. We will also continue to focus on bursaries and studentships, and other awards, including access initiatives to enable a wide range of students to benefit from all that we have to offer at Christ's and Cambridge.

This year has been a busy one, with a full calendar of events and activities, and it has been a joy to see so many alumni in person again. We have also enjoyed the College full of students who so successfully combine their studies with their interests in a wide range of areas. The Clubs and Societies' reports in this *Magazine* give a flavour of the vibrancy of College life.

As far as our fundraising this year is concerned, we ran another very successful Telephone Campaign in March/April with the student callers reaching 589 alumni and having some wonderful conversations. Your generosity has meant that nearly £327,000 has been pledged over the next three years. To build on this initiative and our annual giving programme, we are holding our inaugural Giving Day in November, for which we have already secured a number of donations.

So many people have helped to make our fundraising and alumni relations programme a success, and I am grateful to all of them. The Development Office team of Robert Smith, Ann Farrell, Sebastian Peel, Molly Becker, and Emily Walsh, works tirelessly, and it would not be possible to engage so effectively with alumni without their work and initiative. College staff provide a warm welcome to visiting alumni, excellent food and drink, and well-appointed accommodation, not to mention the wonderful gardens, and this all helps support the continuing engagement of all members of the Christ's College community. The students are also keen to engage with alumni and it is good to be able to support them in organising events, and connecting them with alumni for careers support.

Our Year Group Representatives help their year groups to stay in touch with each other as well as the College, and, importantly, gather news for the *Magazine*. My

thanks to each of them. Our Development Board meets three times a year to discuss our fundraising and alumni relations strategy, and provides advice and support outside the formal meetings.

Peter Speicher retired from the Development Board in June, after many years of excellent advice and support. He has promised to remain involved and to help us with our US-based activity, and we are very grateful for that. This means that the current external membership is:

Mark Davies (m. 1990) – Chair

Jim Warwick (m. 1983)

Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989)

Susan Hill (m. 1992)

Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)

Soumen Das (m. 1995)

I am proud of the transformative impact of our development work, and reiterate my thanks to everyone who has supported us, and continues to support us. We couldn't do it without you.

Catherine Twilley



*Yusuf Hamied Court
nearing completion*



Fellows' Garden Gate

SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as expected at October 2022 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

Lord McDonald of Salford GCMG KCVO

Fellows

1961 Dr John Rathmell
 1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD
 1969 Prof. Martin Johnson FRS, FRCOG, FMedSci, FRSB
 1969 Prof. John Wilson ScD
 1971 Dr David Jones
 1972 Prof. 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 Prof. Gareth Rees
 1985 Prof. Ian Leslie FReEng
 1986 Prof. Susan Bayly
 1987 Prof. Nicholas Gay
 1994 Prof. Sir David Klenerman FRS FRSC FMedSci
 1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)
 1998 Dr Robert Hunt
 2001 Prof. Marcelo Fiore
 2006 Prof. Caroline Vout FSA
 2006 Dr Sophie Read
 2007 Dr Julia Shvets
 2008 Dr Elena Punsakaya
 2008 Prof. Sanjeev Goyal FBA
 2008 Ms Catherine Twilley
 2010 Prof. Duncan Bell (2004)
 2010 Dr Tom Monie (2006)
 2011 Prof. Ash Amin CBE FBA
 2011 Prof. Sarah Radcliffe FBA
 2012 Prof. Sarah Franklin (2011)
 2013 Dr Richard Williams
 2014 Prof. Gábor Betegh
 2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer
 2015 Prof. Christopher Thomas
 2015 Prof. David Trippett (2009)
 2016 Dr Anthony Coyne
 2016 Prof. Richard Mortier
 2016 Dr Edward Allen
 2016 Dr Andrew Stewart
 2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson
 2017 Dr Harriet Lyon
 2017 Dr Mike Housden
 2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran
 2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla

2018 Dr Sam Stanier
 2018 Dr Daniel Field
 2018 Dr Mary Franklin-Brown
 2019 Dr James Jones
 2019 Dr Alexandre Loktionov
 2019 Dr Rosalie Jones McVey
 2019 Dr Henry Bradford
 2019 Prof. Mark Girolami FReEng FRSE
 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 Prof. Hrvoje Jasak
 2021 Dr Anna Protasio
 2021 Mr Paul Fannon
 2021 Mr Michael Parsons
 2021 Dr Farbod Akhlaghi
 2021 Mr Alex Savu
 2021 Dr Eleni Katsampouka
 2021 Dr Camilla Nord
 2021 Dr Stephanie Rohner
 2021 Dr Nicole Sheriko
 2021 Dr Matthew Ward
 2022 Dr Miguel Beneitez
 2022 Prof. Jane Stapleton FBA Hon KC
 2022 Prof. Chris Pickard
 2022 Dr Irit Katz (2020)
 2022 Dr Ori Mautner
 2022 Dr Henry Spelman (2015)
 2022 Dr Purba Hossain
 2022 Mr Kareem Estefan

Emeritus Fellows

1962 Dr Alan Munro
 1963 Prof. Peter Landshoff
 1966 Dr Robert Diamond
 1969 Dr Visvanathan Navaratnam
 1969 Prof. Peter Rayner
 1974 Prof. Andrew Cliff FBA
 1990 Dr Richard Batley

Honorary Fellows

1978 Prof. Sir Peter Hirsch FRS (1960)
 1984 Prof. Barry Supple CBE LittD
 FBA FRHISTSOC (1981)
 1984 Sir Robin Nicholson FRS (1961)
 1990 Sir Rodric Braithwaite GCMG
 1991 Sir Dillwyn Williams MD
 1993 Prof. Sir Christopher Ricks FBA (1975)
 1995 Prof. Sir Simon Schama Hon LittD
 CBE FBA (1966)
 1996 Rt Hon Lord Irvine of Lairg PC KC
 1996 Mr Neil McKendrick (1958)
 1997 Prof. John Clarke ScD FRS (1972)
 1998 Dr Adrian Ning-Hong Yeo (1970)
 2002 Sir Charles Saumarez Smith CBE FSA (1979)
 2002 Sir Nicholas Serota CH Hon LittD
 2002 Lord Williams of Oystermouth DD PC FBA
 2004 Prof. Sir Martin Evans DSC Hon
 LLD FRS FMedSci
 2004 Rt Hon Lord Turnbull of Enfield KCB CVO
 2005 Prof. Sir Keith Peters GBE Hon MD FRCP
 FRS FMedSci (1987)
 2005 Sir David Cannadine LittD FBA FRSL
 FSA FRHistS (1975)
 2005 Prof. Dame Linda Colley CBE FBA FRSL
 FRHistS (1978)
 2005 Rt Hon Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL
 2008 Prof. Quentin Skinner FBA (1962)
 2008 Dr Yusuf Hamied Hon ScD FRS
 2009 Prof. Sir James Smith FRS FMedSci (2001)
 2009 The Rt Hon Lord Justice Moore-Bick PC
 2009 Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo
 2010 Sir Hugh Pelham FRS FMedSci (1978)
 2013 Prof. Sir Michael Edwards OBE Hon LittD
 2014 Prof. Margaret Stanley OBE FMedSci (1991)
 2016 Prof. Tony Hunter
 2016 Dr Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein
 2016 Prof. Duncan Haldane FRS
 2017 Sir Martin Sorrell
 2018 Prof. Bill Steen HonFIMEchE
 2018 Sir Richard Treisman FRS
 2018 Prof. Philip Kitcher
 2019 Prof. Tanya Luhrmann (1985)
 2019 Mr Swee Keat Heng
 2020 Prof. Simon Tavaré FRS FMedSci (2004)
 2022 Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau (2013)

Bye-Fellows

1999 Dr David Webster
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthams
 2005 Prof. David Rowland
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipouros
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys
 2014 Dr Steven Murdoch (2008)
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi
 2016 Mr Richard Bassett
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall
 2018 Dr Richard Turner (2015)
 2020 Mr Mark Lewisohn
 2020 Dr Peter Hedges
 2020 Dr Nuno Miguel Oliveira
 2020 Dr Charles Charlson
 2020 Dr Il-Kweon Sir
 2020 Prof. Jenny Gibson
 2020 Dr David Wallis
 2021 Dr Tony Jewell
 2021 Dr Ho-On To
 2022 Mr Alan Brown
 2022 Dr Dominic de Cogan (2014)
 2022 Prof. David Norman (2002)
 2022 Prof. Jonathan Gillard MD (2002)
 2022 Prof. Michael Edwardson (2003)
 2022 Dr Alina Chanysheva
 2022 Dr Matthew Cheetham
 2022 Dr Charlotte Houldcroft
 2022 Dr Anthony Ng
 2022 Dr Nick Pypel
 2022 Dr Lucy Razzall
 2022 Dr Stanley Strawbridge
 2022 Dr Felipe Karam Teixeira
 2022 Prof. Boris Kashinov

Fellow-Commoners

1994 Mr Graham Ballard (1982)
 1998 Ms Shelby White
 2008 Dr Michael Halstead (2002)
 2009 Mrs Elizabeth Reddaway (2004)
 2010 Mr Michael Perlman
 2021 Mr David Ball (2011)
 2022 Prof. Jim Secord (2008)
 2022 Prof. Charlie Kennel

Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellows

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

Honorary Members

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

Chaplain

Reverend Dr Robert Evans

Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Professor Nancy Stevens and Dr Patrick O'Connor,
University of Ohio, Academic Year 2021–2022

New Senior Members

The 39th Master LORD McDONALD OF SALFORD CMSG KCVO

I was born in Salford in 1961 and went to local schools before studying History at Pembroke. When I left Cambridge to join the Foreign Office in 1982, I did not imagine that one day I would return as Master of Christ's. Years later, reading *The Masters* failed to plant a seed: rather the reverse, if my academic ambitions were a fallow field, C P Snow sprinkled them with Paraquat.



Simon McDonald

But in 2016 Jane Stapleton broke the mould in more ways than one. Not only was she the first woman Master in 500 years, she was also the first Master who came from outside the UK. So, when she announced her intention to return to Australia and three people suggested I throw my hat in the ring to replace her, I took the idea seriously.

I liked everything I learned about Christ's as I prepared for the long interview process: the Fellows, the students, the staff, the alumni, and the ravishing grounds. Each stage I passed increased my enthusiasm for the job. I was impressed that no-one, at any stage, mentioned the Foreign Office's only previous brush with the Mastership: in 1981, Oliver Wright, who had been ambassador to Bonn, was elected to succeed Jack Plumb; when Mrs Thatcher asked him to be ambassador in Washington, he let the College down. Clearly, the community is more diplomatic than some top diplomats.

In 38 years in the Foreign Office, I served in Saudi Arabia (twice), the United States, Israel (as ambassador) and Germany (twice, the second time as ambassador). In London, my jobs included principal private secretary to the foreign secretary, foreign policy adviser to the prime minister, and permanent under-secretary of state at the FCO. I stepped down as PUS in September 2020. Five months later I was introduced to the House of Lords as Lord McDonald of Salford.

After working for so long for one organisation, I am hugely looking forward to working for another which is international, proud of its history and exacting in its standards. New entrants were the colleagues I most enjoyed working with; I suspect the same will be true here. In the words of the Pointer Sisters, I'm so excited!

MIGUEL BENEITEZ elected a Junior Research Fellow
I am delighted to join Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. After an undergraduate degree in Engineering in Madrid, Spain, I moved to KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden to continue my education and read for a Master's degree focusing on Fluid Mechanics. I completed my PhD at the same institute in 2021 and I came to Cambridge shortly after to join the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics as a research associate.



Miguel Beneitez

My research focuses on nonlinear dynamics applied to fundamental fluid mechanics problems. I find it truly fascinating how effective various mathematical tools are when providing a beautiful (and in many cases simple) description of our world. In particular, I am interested in fluids since they are encountered in myriad systems of many different sizes: from tiny micro swimmers to the huge scales

characterising the formation of planets. My PhD thesis focused on the transition to turbulence from laminar ordered states and was part of an extensive effort to apply dynamical systems theory to subcritical transition in canonical fluid systems. In our work we identified nonlinear solutions that exist on the boundary between the states that become turbulent and those that do not. We also identified which are the most dangerous perturbations triggering turbulence in the flow over a semi-infinite plate.

In Cambridge, I am turning my attention to viscoelastic flows, which are characterised by the presence of both elasticity and viscosity. This is a feature increasingly present in many common liquids in today's world (e.g. shampoo, paints, blood and DNA suspensions among many others). Despite their common presence and the wealth of interesting properties (e.g. it has been known for over 70 years that a very small amount of elasticity suffices to at least halve the viscous resistance on a surface caused by a turbulent flow) viscoelastic fluids remain poorly understood, partly due to the complexity of the mathematical models used by the community to describe them. During my time here I hope that we will gain new insights into the kinds of turbulence present in viscoelastic flows, as well as the possible paths to reach these chaotic states.

Outside of my academic interests, I am a keen runner and I have recently taken up rowing. I am enormously honoured to join a wonderful community at Christ's.



Kareem Estefan

KAREEM ESTEFAN elected a Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow and Director of Studies of Art History.

I am a scholar of contemporary visual culture, specializing in Arab moving-image practices, documentary and Global South cinema, and engagements with colonialism and its legacies in contemporary art and film. I completed a PhD in Modern Culture and Media at Brown University in May, and

have just settled in Cambridge after living in Los Angeles and Beirut during the course of my dissertation work. I arrive eager to be part of the Christ's community and to contribute to the university's distinctive model of supervisory teaching. In addition to my roles at Christ's, I join the university as Assistant Professor of Film and Screen Studies, co-appointed between the Centre for Film and Screen Studies and the History of Art and Architecture department.

My research broadly explores questions of aesthetics and politics through contemporary visual culture from Palestine, Lebanon, and the Levant region. My PhD dissertation asked, 'what does it mean to bear witness in Palestinian visual culture?' I posited a model of witnessing as a decolonial process of worldbuilding, in which artists refract the unjust conditions of the present and reconstruct unrealized political potential from the past to animate visions of emergent rights and resurgent communities. I contextualized such practices as critical responses to the political limitations of humanitarianism and the aesthetic restrictions of documentary realism, which have placed pressure on Palestinian artists to provide proof of their own oppression from the restrictive perspectives of sympathetic, suffering subjects. I also situated these artists' works alongside Afrofuturism and Indigenous futurisms, arguing that "decolonial futurisms" reorient the speculative imagination from teleological conceptions of progress to a poetics and politics of worldbuilding in the wake of catastrophe, in which visions of the yet-to-come are always also returns to the practices, epistemologies, and dreams of those whose worlds were destroyed.

Prior to my PhD, I lived in New York for ten years, during which time I earned a BA in Comparative Literature from New York University (2008) and an MFA in Art Criticism and Writing from the School of Visual Arts (2012). Apart from my studies, I also wrote art criticism and worked as an editor at nonprofits in the arts and journalism. From 2012–2015, I was associate editor of *Creative Time Reports*, an online magazine of the public art nonprofit Creative Time that showcased artists' writings and multimedia works engaging international social and political issues. My writing on art and cultural activism has appeared in publications including *4 Columns*, *Art in America*, *Artforum*, *BOMB*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, *Frieze*, *Ibraaz*, *Journal of Cinema and Media Studies*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, *Journal of Visual Culture*, *The New Inquiry*, *The New York Times T Magazine*, *Third Text*, and *World Records*, among others. I am also co-editor, with Carin Kuoni and Laura Raicovich, of *Assuming Boycott: Resistance, Agency, and Cultural Production* (OR Books, 2017), an anthology of essays by artists, curators, and scholars on artists' activism, boycott campaigns, (self-)censorship, and transnational solidarity.

Currently, I am writing an essay on virtual practices of Palestinian return and, with Dr Stefan Tarnowski of Corpus Christi College, co-editing an issue of the documentary media journal *World Records* on the relationships among media technologies, political upheaval, and different generations of activists in the Levant. I also serve as co-chair of the Middle East Caucus for the Society of Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS), a role through which I strive to increase the recognition of scholarship on film and media from the Middle East, to advocate for scholars impacted by travel restrictions and infringements on academic freedom, and to collaborate with peer groups that represent scholars from other marginalized communities. Academic work aside, I am spending my time exploring Cambridge and London, raising a four-month-old, and enjoying sci-fi films and novels.

PURBA HOSSAIN elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a historian of colonial South Asia. Before coming to Christ's, I completed my BA and MA at Presidency University, Kolkata (India), and my PhD at the University of Leeds. My doctoral project explored how voices from Calcutta (India) shaped debates on the use of Indian indentured labourers in Caribbean and Indian Ocean plantations. It demonstrated the ways in which Indian labourers were imagined as ideal labourers to meet the British Empire's demands in the wake of the abolition of slavery. Ultimately, it showed that processes that regulated the lives of indentured migrants were the result of a triangulated conversation between Britain, India and plantation colonies, rather than directives emanating from metropolitan Britain to be dutifully followed in the colonies. I am currently developing this research into my first monograph as an Economic History Society Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, London.

As I join Christ's, I am very excited to become a part of the College's community, and look forward to working on my postdoctoral project. Building upon my research on indigenous voices, I will explore the role and agency of translators, interpreters and language informants of British India. This research has at its core a simple question: 'How did a monoglot British state exert power and control over its polyglot colonial subjects?' It will explore how translators mediated between British



Purba Hossain

and Indian peoples, shaped the crucial knowledge-structures that underpinned the colonial state, and facilitated the state's diplomatic relations with border regions. In doing so, it will demonstrate how Indians contributed to colonial power structures. I am really looking forward to this new journey, and to exploring Cambridge.



Irit Katz

IRIT KATZ elected a Fellow

I am thrilled and honoured to be joining Christ's as the first Architecture Fellow in the College. I first joined Christ's as Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies in Architecture when I started my lectureship position in Architecture and Urban Studies at the Department of Architecture in 2020. I moved to Cambridge to begin my PhD in 2011 after completing a BArch degree in Architecture and an MA in Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies in Israel and practicing as an architect in Tel Aviv and in London. Prior to my lectureship in Cambridge, I held academic positions at the University of Pennsylvania, the LSE, and the University of Sheffield.

My work focuses on built environments shaped in extreme conditions such as violent conflicts, forced displacement, and climatic emergencies, examining the social, political, and cultural meaning of their spatial transformations. My studies incorporate various methods including historical and archival research, spatial ethnography, visual methods, and a strong engagement with cultural and political theories.

My first monograph, *The Common Camp: Architecture of Power and Resistance in Israel-Palestine* (2022 University of Minnesota Press), examines the camp as a persistent political instrument in Israel-Palestine and beyond. This and other studies were published in several peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes and won numerous academic awards including the SAH/Mellon Author Award and the RIBA President's Award for Research.

Outside of my professional and academic life, I have published three poetry collections (in Hebrew) and enjoy long distance running. I am looking forward to being more involved in Christ's academic and social life, and to contributing to the College's artistic and architectural endeavours.



Ori Mautner

ORI MAUTNER elected a Junior Research Fellow

It is an honour and a great privilege to be joining the Christ's community. This past academic year, I have been ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Cambridge Department of Social Anthropology, where I also conducted my PhD research. Previously, I was a student in the Lautman Interdisciplinary Programme for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University.

My research focuses on the anthropologies of ethics, religion, and politics – and especially on non-liberal approaches to living with difference in Israel-Palestine. My PhD analysed the ways orthodox Jews on the one hand, and 'secular' Jewish activists for solidarity with Palestinians on the other, employ Buddhist-derived meditative practices for pursuing their respective religious and political goals. In Israel, the demand for such techniques appears to be among the highest in the world, and they are currently being practised by a striking variety of Israelis. My thesis examined this remarkably recurrent yet underexplored facet of contemporary Israeli culture, and contributed primarily to the burgeoning anthropology of ethics.

At Christ's, I will analyse unique but little-understood models and practices of living with difference among working-class Mizrahim (Jews of Middle-Eastern and North-African descent) and Palestinian citizens of Israel – in the face of precarity, inequality, and tension. Focusing on lessons that can be drawn from these relations for thinking about tolerance, I will conduct in-depth ethnographic fieldwork in an urban area in central Israel. The prevailing academic way of studying tolerance is through the liberal paradigm. But Mizrahi and Palestinian residents of this area, while normally not *anti*-liberal, often reject liberal politics, which they tend to find alienating. The project, in turn, aims to develop a theoretical approach that can account for such cases, ones in which people refuse central dimensions of liberal tolerance but still live mostly peaceably side-by-side for decades.

CHRIS PICKARD elected a Fellow

I first arrived in Cambridge in 1991 as an undergraduate at Christ's and left with a PhD from the Cavendish Laboratories in theoretical condensed matter physics in 1997. I most recently returned to Cambridge in 2015 as the first Sir Alan Cottrell Professor of Materials Science.

Based in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, I have established the Materials Theory Group. The group develops first principles methods and computer codes, starting with quantum mechanics, to discover and understand the new materials that are so vital for our collective survival. Projects range from the design of energy storage materials, to hunts for high temperature superconductors, and the materials hidden within giant planets. We make a special effort to ensure our codes are widely used, sometimes commercially, but largely through open-source licensing.

I am a lead developer of CASTEP, a workhorse code used for the first principles study of materials. It is one of the most significant commercial licenses issued by Cambridge Enterprise, but the code is also available at no cost to academic researchers worldwide. I have developed methods for theoretical spectroscopy, most notably solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance, and the prediction of atomistic structures *ex nihilo*. I have used my codes to reveal the structure of dense hydrogen, discover superconductors with transition temperatures approaching room temperature, and uncover the fate of carbon under extreme compression.

Following my PhD, I spent time in Taiwan, Germany, and France. In 2000 I returned to Cambridge, and was a Research Fellow of Darwin College, EPSRC Advanced Research Fellow, and later a Fellow, Tutor, and Director of Studies of Physics at Corpus Christi College. I moved to a Readership at St Andrews in 2006, and then in 2009 to a Professorship in Physics at UCL, where I also held an EPSRC Leadership Fellowship.

I am honoured to have been elected a Fellow of Christ's and delighted to be returning to my first College.

HENRY SPELMAN elected a Fellow

After completing a DPhil at Oxford, I first came to Christ's in 2015, holding the titles of Praelector, WHD Rouse Junior Research Fellow in Classics, and Father Christmas for the College Children's Christmas Party. After spending the last



Chris Pickard



Henry Spelman

two plague years back in Oxford as the Leventis Research Fellow in ancient Greek at Merton College, I am thrilled to return to Christ's this year as a Fellow in Classics of the non-junior variety. I am all the more thrilled to return because I know first-hand just how wonderful, rich, and unique Christ's is as an intellectual community. There is simply nowhere I would rather be, and I hope that I can stick around for much longer this time.

I like to say that I am interested in understanding all things about the ancient Greek world, which is true, but in practice I spend most of my time thinking about poems which are difficult to understand, either because they are preserved only in short quotations or on tattered ancient manuscripts hauled from the sands of Egypt – or simply because the difficulty is essential to the point of the poetry. Pindar, the hardest, most beautiful, and most important of all the lyric poets that the ancient world has to offer, has been a particular obsession. I have published *Pindar and the Poetics of Permanence* (Oxford University Press, 2018), and I am currently finishing one last Pindaric book while editing *The Cambridge Companion to Pindar* on the side. Soon I hope to move on to the fresh fields of thinking about jokes at the expense of the gods in Athenian comedy and pondering what jibes at Zeus' libido can tell us about the nature of Greek religion.

I feel incredibly lucky to return to the Christ's Fellowship and to our wonderful students. While once again dedicating myself to the deep joys of teaching and research, I hope that this time around I can, for once, lead the Fellows' Cricket Team to glorious victory over the students and procure a better coffee machine for the Fellows' Parlour within a decade of first having promised to do so.



Foxgloves in the Christ's gardens

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours

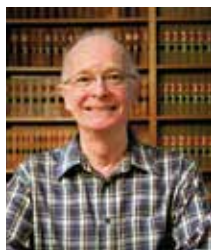


Ned Allen

DR NED ALLEN (Fellow) in English has been awarded a STARS grant by the University of Padova to undertake a project called 'Radio Waves: Network Building and the Making of Modern Europe'. He has also been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2022.

PROFESSOR SUSAN BAYLY (Fellow) has been awarded a prestigious State Honour by the Government of Vietnam. It is Vietnam's 'For the Cause of Culture' medal, awarded in recognition of Professor Bayly's services to leading Vietnamese cultural institutions, including the Vietnam National Museum of Fine Arts in Hanoi. The award is one of the most highly ranked in Vietnam's system, and it is rare for a foreigner to be acknowledged in this way.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN BLYTH (Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow) has been appointed Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, starting in October 2022.



Peter Cane

PROFESSOR PETER CANE (Fellow) was honoured in a recently-published book of essays that recognised his contributions to legal scholarship.

PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY (Honorary Fellow) was appointed DBE in the Birthday Honours. Her citation reads "Professor Linda Colley is recognised for an outstanding contribution to history. Awarded a CBE in 2009, she has continued to produce historical works of profound political and cultural relevance, helping the understanding of Britain's constitutional place in the world, and of constitutions more generally. In the last decade she has published two highly acclaimed books on these topics, *Acts of Union and Disunion* (2014) and *The Gun, the Ship and the Pen: Warfare, Constitutions and the Making of the Modern World* (2021), each of them a major scholarly achievement."

PROFESSOR VIRGINIA COX (Former Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS (Honorary Fellow) gave the Richard Myers Lectures in March 2022 in Charlottesville, Virginia, along with a poetry reading and a sermon in the University Baptist Church. In May he was in Brussels, at the former residence of the Papal Nuncio, for the world premiere of a song cycle by Michel Petrossian, *Paris Aubaine*, based on his poems, some of which he read beforehand.



The Chaplain and family

THE REVEREND DR BOB EVANS (Chaplain) and his wife Alice welcomed Astrid Soulieux-Evans into the world on 5 March 2022. In January 2023, he will be joining Radley College as Senior Chaplain.

DR SEAN FLEMING (Fellow) has been appointed to a prestigious three-year fellowship at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham, starting in September 2022.

DR MARY FRANKLIN-BROWN (Fellow) has been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2022.

DR JENNY GIBSON (Bye-Fellow) has been promoted to Professor from 1 October 2022.

DR MATHEW HORROCKS (Former Fellow) is the recipient of the Royal Society's Joseph Black Award.

PROFESSOR TONY HUNTER (Honorary Fellow) received the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research in April 2022.

DR HRVOJE JASAK (Fellow) has been promoted to Professor from 1 October 2022.

DR ELENI KATSAMPOUKA (Fellow) has been awarded the Subedi Prize for Best Doctoral Dissertation in 2020–2021 by the Oxford Law Faculty.

PROFESSOR FRANK KELLY (Fellow) chaired a report for the Royal Society on the challenge of combating scientific misinformation online.

PROFESSOR TANYA LUHRMANN (Honorary Fellow) has been elected a Member of the American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in the United States, which was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of 'promoting useful knowledge.'



Tanya Luhrmann

DR HARRIET LYON (Fellow) has been elected Plumb Fellow in History from 1 October 2022. Her first book, *Memory and the Dissolution of the Monasteries in Early Modern England* (Cambridge University Press), was shortlisted for the Royal Historical Society Whitfield Book Prize.

DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA (Fellow) visited Stockholm in March 2022 to present his recent book "*Lawmaking under Pressure: International Humanitarian Law and Internal Armed Conflict*". Giovanni was invited by the director of the Hans Blix Centre for the History of International Relations, Professor Aryo Makko, and was delighted to meet Hans Blix himself.



Giovanni Mantilla with Hans Blix

Of Giovanni's book, Hans said, "Giovanni Mantilla has written a fascinating book. His remarkable tracing of diplomatic negotiations in Geneva and capitals shows how

reluctant many governments were to accept international rules for internal conflicts and how important social pressure was for changing their positions. As most armed conflicts nowadays are internal, while most attention has been devoted to rules on international warfare, this book by Giovanni Mantilla is as pioneering as it is welcome.” Giovanni has also been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2022.

DR HELEN PFEIFER (Fellow) published a book called *Empire of Salons: Conquest and Community in Early Modern Ottoman Lands* with Princeton University Press in March 2022. It is a history of the Ottoman incorporation of Arab lands that shows how gentlemanly salons shaped culture, society, and governance.

DR GARETH REES (Fellow) has been promoted to Professor from 1 October 2022.

RADKA ŠUSTROVÁ (Bye-Fellow) and her partner Michal had a daughter, Stella, on 18 May 2022.



Russell Barnes
at Professor
David Reynolds'
surprise dinner

PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS (Fellow) was the delighted victim of a surprise dinner on 16 March 2022 to accompany publication of a *Festschrift* to mark his retirement from Faculty teaching. This took the form of a special issue of the academic journal *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, with essays from former PhD students – most of whom were able to attend. The three main organisers – Richard Aldous (m.1989), Nigel Ashton (m.1984), and Kristina Spohr (former Fellow), all Christ's alumni who are now full Professors – worked with Margaret to get David to the Portrait Room on time. And Russell Barnes (m.1987) of ClearStory provided some entertaining/excruciating clips from historical documentaries that he and David have done over the years. Despite a few Covid complications, the evening was great fun, and it was agreed to make the dinner an annual event. David was also touched to be elected an Honorary Fellow of Caius, his undergraduate College, but he continues to enjoy supervising Christ's students and acting as Director of Studies for Part II History and for History & Politics.

DR NICOLE SHERIKO (Junior Research Fellow) won the Shakespeare Association of America's Leeds Barroll Prize for the best PhD thesis in Shakespeare studies for her project titled "Imitating Difference: Renaissance Entertainment Culture and the Ethics of Popular Form." Nicole has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of English at Yale University starting next summer, which will be a happy conclusion to her JRF time at Christ's.

PROFESSOR QUENTIN SKINNER (Honorary Fellow) will be retiring and moving to an Emeritus Professorship at Queen Mary University of London in October 2022. Quentin said 'Christ's is very much the reason for the length of my teaching career. I was appointed to a Class E Fellowship and was appointed Assistant Director of Studies in History at Christ's in the summer of 1962 and took up my post at the start of October 1962. So, when I take up my Emeritus Professorship at

Queen Mary in September, I shall have been teaching in English Universities for exactly 60 years.’

PROFESSOR SARAH RADCLIFFE’S (Fellow) book *Decolonizing Geography: An introduction* was published by Polity Press (Cambridge) in April in the UK and in May in the US with Wiley.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL SQUIRE (Former Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

DR CHRIS TOWNSEND (Fellow) published two books in May 2022. *George Berkeley and Romanticism: Ghostly Language* is a study of the Romantic poets Blake, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and Shelley, and their reception of the work of the Enlightenment philosopher George Berkeley (who infamously claimed that objects in the world only really exist as ideas in our minds). In it he thinks about what it means for poetry to take up the work of philosophy, and makes an argument for Romanticism’s role in the history of philosophy.

Philosophical Connections: Akenside, Neoclassicism, and Romanticism is a short study of the poet Mark Akenside’s mediating role in between early eighteenth-century verse cultures and the rise of Romanticism. He takes Akenside’s long poem ‘The Pleasures of Imagination’ as an instructional case study in how verse forms and poetic thinking shifted across the eighteenth century, with a particular focus on how things ‘seem to be’ in his poetry.

MS CATHERINE TWILLEY (Fellow) has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

PROFESSOR ROWAN WILLIAMS (Honorary Fellow) is, as of November 2021, co-chair of the Independent Commission on the Future of the Constitution, set up by the Welsh Government to consider the future of devolution. He is also chair of the Welsh Peace Academy. *Collected Poems*, a book of his poetry, was published last November by Carcanet.

DR CHUCK WITT (Fellow) is a named investigator on a project that has received a Critical Mass Grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Council.

STAFF NEWS



As part of their personal development and training, members of the gardens team attended an international horticultural exhibition, Floriade 2022. The exhibition was in Almere, near Amsterdam, in July.



Jan Marshall at her fundraiser for Ripple Effect

Jan Marshall (Admissions Office) and her husband John held a garden party as a fundraiser for a charity which helps the poorest people in Africa to achieve food security. The charity has recently changed its name from Send a Cow to Ripple Effect. By opening their garden to friends and neighbours and offering tea and cake they raised well over £1,000.



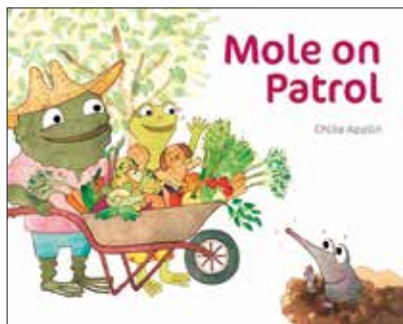
Peter Pride and Ruth Long on their wedding day

Peter Pride (Accounts Department) and **Ruth Long** (who used to work in the library) got engaged having first met while working at Christ's. They were married in the College Chapel on 24 September 2022.

Photograph by Andrew Maguire

There have been a number of retirements. **John Wagstaff**, College Librarian, retired on 17 June 2022 after six years with the College. **Donald Keeble** (Day Porter) retired in January 2022 after sixteen years at Christ's. **Maggie Ward** (Bedmaker) retired in April 2022 after twelve years at Christ's. **Tony Southwell** (High Table Butler) retired in June 2022 after twenty three years at Christ's, and **Tony Marshall**, Head Chef, and **Kevin McHugh**, Bar Manager, retired at the end of September. Finally, **Sue O'Donnell**, Conference and Events Manager, retired in December 2021 after an exceptional forty three years at Christ's.

In the Development Office, there have been some staff changes, with **Robert Smith** being promoted to Senior Development Officer, and **Sebastian Peel** being promoted to Development Officer. Robert is also the Communications Representative for the Cambridge Colleges Development Group. **Katie Coakes** left her post as Alumni Communications Officer to join Macmillan Cancer Support, and our Acting Communications Officer, **Chlöe Applin's** first children's picture book as an author/illustrator, *Mole on Patrol*, has been published this year. **Emily Walsh** has joined the team as Development Assistant.



Chlöe Applin's children's book Mole on Patrol

In the Library, **Catherine Anscough** has joined as College Librarian, and the Archivist, **Genny Silvanus**, has left to take up a post at Corpus Christi College.

Her replacement is **Lucy Hughes**. **Celia Vartholomeou** (Senior Library Assistant) is currently Acting Assistant College Librarian.

In February 2022 we celebrated the 25th anniversary of **Kathleen Briston** (Bedmaker) joining the College.

We are delighted that there have been a number of babies born in the last year: **Amy Leahy** (Assistant Librarian) had a baby girl called Niamh in early April 2022; **Phil Roberts** (Houseporter Supervisor) had a baby boy called Leonardo Roberts; **Gemma Clark** (Bedmaker) had a baby boy called Reuben-Ray Hardy-Clark in May 2022; and **Emma Jenkins** (Senior Chef de Partie) and her partner Tamzin (former bedmaker) welcomed their new baby boy called Lewis, brother to Nancy.



Staff BBQ

STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

THE JCR

President: Sam Carling Vice President: Tamsin Wood Treasurer: Fergus Kirman Secretary: Immi Sandhu Welfare Officers: Ossie Visick and Christina Lawrence Webmaster: Miles Watson Access Officer: Romany Whittall Ents Officer: Hannah Huang Environmental, Ethical Affairs and Charities Officer: Camille McCarthy Catering and Facilities Officer: Jonathan Konig First Year Officers: Charlotte Westwood and Vivek Bilous Fourth Year Officer: Oliver O'Brien Internationals' Officer: Tudor Serban Ethnic Diversity Officer: Abhimanyu Gowda Women's Officer: Leah Almeida Class Act Officer: Laura Goodchild

Website: www.thejcr.co.uk

The JCR's work has been incredibly important this year, with it being the first out of the pandemic. We had traditions to rebuild, and a calendar of events to plan despite not having experienced very many in the previous year! But despite the significant challenges presented to us by this year-and-a-half gap, the JCR performed stellarly.

Tamsin and I took the reins after our predecessors stepped down at the end of Easter term 2021, and were immediately launched into the deep end in planning Freshers' Week with the 2021 Freshers' Reps (Immi Sandhu and Rehan Chagla). It was a huge success, with all the usual events as well as a few fresh ones – one of which being a barbeque in which, rather unexpectedly, I ended up serving the food! On the more serious side, we took in the flaws of last year's Respect and Consent workshops and built on those sessions to better deliver them this year. We also successfully resurrected bops, despite none of us having attended one previously due to the pandemic – the incredible effort put into this by Hannah Huang, as Ents Officer, cannot be overstated.

Following the Michaelmas term's elections, a new JCR Constitution with significant restructuring provisions came into effect, and Tamsin and I were elected again to lead this year's committee. We had significant internal work to do – Fergus Kirman as Treasurer developed a robust set of financial conduct guidelines to ensure fairness and improve transparency for the JCR's finances going forward – particularly in relation to Society finances, where there have previously been issues surrounding a lack of procedure – and Miles Watson as Webmaster took charge of completely overhauling our broken website into one we can really be proud of and which is truly an asset to students. But this didn't mean our events took a hit – we trialled live music at bops, and held a joint bop externally with other colleges too. We ran second-year students' Halfway Hall and were also able to secure a date for third years to have one of their own to replace the one that they missed last year. The Freshers also had a formal to commemorate the tradition of college marriages, involving many students dressing up as their College spouse for a laugh – which was quite a first impression for the Master-elect, who happened to be attending his first formal that evening! Immi, now Secretary, has been tirelessly promoting all of these events and initiatives through the JCR's social media channels, and throughout all of this Romany Whittall as our Access Officer has worked true magic behind the scenes to deliver the annual Shadowing Scheme as well as ensuring the success of so many more access initiatives.

In Easter term, with the appetite for events in College much reduced as exams loomed, our work became more introspective. Ossie Visick, one of the Welfare Officers, was able to create a scheme for students to borrow airbeds from the JCR working through the Accommodation Office, and thus increased the provision for students' visitors to stay overnight significantly – something that has been very gratefully received by all! Ossie, Fergus and I also spent many hours redrafting the Constitution once again, to codify our financial reforms for future committees as well as correcting oversights in the changes made by the previous committee. Additionally, largely due to the work of Camille McCarthy as Green Officer, Christ's received a gold award in the Green Impact Scheme – giving us concrete evidence of the excellent climate action Christ's is taking – with staff and students working together to deliver real changes.

I'm looking forward hugely to diving once again into Freshers' Week, and carrying through the projects which this JCR has begun. We have achieved so much in our time so far, and I cannot wait to see what more we are able to achieve for students going forward into the final term of our committee.

Sam Carling

THE MCR

*President: Juliane Weller Secretary: Emma Belcher Treasurer: Alaric Sanders
Vice President/Welfare: Judith Benoit
Committee: Bassel Arnaout, Alan Baldwin, John Broomfield, Sakshi Ghai, Bethany Heath, Julie Hornsby, Kate McNeil, Joe Smith*

After almost two years of strict social distancing, Freshers and returning members alike keenly anticipated starting the academic year with more in-person events. We welcomed everyone back during Freshers Week with BBQs, pub trips, and game nights. Seasonal events were a good occasion to improve handicraft skills, like pumpkin carving and Christmas wreath making, and expand our culinary horizons on Diwali, Lunar New Year, and French Wine and Cheese night. After a bagpipe and haggis packed Burns Supper, both beginners and experienced Ceilidh dancers practised their footwork to start off Lent term with a distinctly Scottish bang, and diners in Christ's Hall were transported into the worlds of Hollywood glamour and Mediaeval mystique at the MCR Superhalls in Michaelmas and Lent terms. Good food was of course not limited to special occasions. With Graduate Hall back to normal capacity, we greeted graduates from eleven other colleges in a series of wonderful Formal Swaps. Memorable events such as karaoke (featuring stirring performances from Christ's own Porters) and Bops (one of which was hosted with Cambridge's African Society) were welcome musical interludes in the busy Cambridge term. On Sundays, Welfare Coffee gave students the opportunity to have a chat in a relaxed atmosphere, especially as the weather allowed us to enjoy the College gardeners' hard work in our stunning gardens.

The MCR has encouraged graduates to get out of their academic comfort zones throughout the year and enjoy the striking diversity of research and learning at Cambridge. This was accomplished particularly in the edifying and entertaining trips to the Fitzwilliam and Sedgwick Museums. These visits were guided by enthusiastic fellow MCR members who used their own expertise to give passionate insight into the exhibits beyond what was apparent inside the museums themselves. Back in

College, Bassel Arnaut hosted an engaging talk on the work of our most celebrated alumnus to commemorate Darwin Day. The exceptional research conducted by more contemporary MCR members and Fellows in our College was showcased during the Emerging Research Seminar Series with talks from Dr Farbod Akhlaghi, Lieske Huits, and Callum Fairbairn in Michaelmas term, and Dr Stephanie Rohner, Alice Amegah, and Peichao Qin in Easter term. Professor Peter Cane and Emily Rhodes presented at the Evelyn Downs Lecture on British constitutional history and the legal roles of mothers in early modern Britain. In testament to their impact, conversations and debate sparked at these events continued long into the night at Formal Hall afterwards. This academic year, a strong focus was set on strengthening the connection between Graduates and Fellows through several event series. In addition to the joint dinners after the ERSS and Evelyn Downs, we had two “Meet the Fellows” events for Science and Humanities, where students and Fellows were invited to mingle in the OCR with drinks and nibbles. In Michaelmas term, the Junior Research Fellows shared insights into their careers and the JRF application process during a fireside chat in the MCR. For the first time, the MCR and Junior Research Fellows even joined forces in February to host a Bop together.

Christ's College and its fantastic postgraduate student body has weathered the challenges of the past few years admirably, and the MCR is excited to continue providing entertainment, support, academic enrichment and more for the year to come.

Juliane Weller

CHRIST'S AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)

President: Daniel Pereira Vice-President: Ariel Hebditch Treasurer: Emily Durling Secretary: Ivi Patrikiou

Despite the successes of our lockdown YouTube comedies and Zoom pantos, it is refreshing to say that CADS is returning to the stage – or at least a stage of sorts, as this year's in-College performances have largely avoided the traditional treading of the boards. Postponed from Easter to Michaelmas 2021, a festival-inspired take on Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* filled the Fellows' Garden, armed with bucket hats and neon tents. The traditional panto returned at Christmas as Lent term's Zoom panto *Culhwch and Olwen* (written by our own Alys Williams) was finally bodied

*Christ's
Amateur
Dramatics
Society cast
photo for
Edward II*



forth in the Yusuf Hamied Theatre. By Easter, in-college drama had truly recovered from Covid. The Freshers' production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* brought the Wildean farce into the early noughties, making excellent use of the rather outdated costumes in the CADS cupboard, with some cast members even remarking on how *vintage* the store was becoming! Our May Week show – Marlowe's *Edward II* – was a triumph. Set in the Chapel, with candles lit and costumes hired from the National Theatre, the production explored past and present visions of queer relationships. It was wonderful to work on a project with so many fellow Christ's students, from actors to publicity designers to directors, and we hope in-College drama will continue to flourish in the coming year. As for our role as a funding body, CADS is quickly becoming one of the largest supporters of student theatre in the city, particularly at the Corpus Playroom. Most successful were *The York Crucifix*, *Peer Gynt*, and two Chekhov plays, and we are proud to be taking the student-written *The Coven* to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Daniel Pereira

CHRIST'S ART SOCIETY (CAS)

Weekly CAS workshops continued to take place in the Function Room, where the layout of tables and chairs allow for different work stations and social groups to work on different activities, as well as the tranquility of the environment allowing for deeper concentration than the previously used JCR (this concentration has been known to be occasionally disrupted by the blasting of music by yours truly, however). This year, there was a larger focus on stand-alone sessions – such as collage, various painting and drawing sessions, and scrapbooking – in lieu of multi-week projects for increased accessibility and variety of activities. Many workshops this year welcomed students outside of Christ's, fostering a sense of inter-collegiate community in the workroom and encouraging meeting new people that might otherwise be outside of one's social sphere. Easter term saw CAS slow down, as is always the case with exams, but it ended on a high note with a successful society social involving pizza and treats on the lawn of the Fellows' Garden. Changes to CAS leadership next year will be sure to bring new and refreshing perspectives and vibes to the table and we hope that you will join us for a workshop or two next year!

Vincent Forester

CHRIST'S COLLEGE BADMINTON CLUB

Sabil Sindhi (Former 1st team captain and Club President), Richard Jung (Current 1st team captain and Club President), Joseph Mutch (2nd Team Captain), Stas Hauke (Social Session organiser), Yash Gaikwad, Jamie Handitye, Ziyi Liu, Andrew Wang, Andy Lo, Arjun Tapasvi, Bi Jiaming, Elvinas Ribinskas, Gu Qiushi, Jeremy Lee, Jian Wei Loh, Matthew Coxon, Moses Law Zk, Olly Huggon, Rory Durham, Wee Jiawei, Xie Yuxuan, Yuqi Lin

The Badminton Club put on social sessions every Friday and Saturday for the students. We had great turnouts to these sessions, and many students used them as an opportunity to play some relaxed badminton and destress from the Cambridge workload. Stas Hauke and I ran the social sessions.

In addition to the social sessions, we had enough interest in competitive badminton that we entered two teams into the Inter-Collegiate Badminton League this year.



*The
Badminton
Club*

badminton. Realistically to do better we would have liked to have trained more, but we were not able to fit in many training sessions. In Lent the teams fared better as the divisions were a bit fairer now and the teams had a few victories throughout the term. Hopefully, we can come back next year stronger! In Easter term the Club ran one session a week due to the exams, providing a good break from revision.

Sabil Sindhi

THE BOAT CLUB

Whereas in previous editions of the *College Magazine* the Men's and Women's Captains have reported separately for their sides of the Boat Club, as Captains who have worked interdependently and feel that the club is more integrative than such reports would suggest, we have decided to deliver our retrospect for the year together. We sincerely hope you enjoy it!

We entered Michaelmas with five senior crews, a far cry from the two and a half senior crews the Boat Club had when we both noviced in Michaelmas 2019. This was then complemented by over 60 novices attending our taster sessions and enough staying on to form a further five crews. Highlights from the novice programme would surely include our Novice Men and Women placing 9th and 11th respectively at Queens' Ergs, our 1st Novice Men's VIII achieving 4th in Emma Sprints, our 1st and 2nd Novice Men's VIII and 1st Novice Women's VIII placing 9th, 5th and 12th in each of their respective categories in Fairbairn's. Success during Michaelmas was also seen for our senior crews, with the 1st Men's VIII placing 5th out of the College VIIIs at Winter Head and our 2nd Women's VIII placing 10th out of 22 in their category in the same race. The highlight of the term, however, was the concerted effort of our senior crews in Fairbairn's, with both the Men's and Women's 1st VIIIs placing 7th on the river, our 2nd Women's crew, racing in a IV, coming 5th in their category, and our 2nd Men's VIII managing to come 10th in their category.

Owing in part due to ongoing Covid restrictions, increased costs associated with Brexit, and other logistical issues, unfortunately our annual January training camp at Lac D'Aiguebelette (which has held the 1997 and 2015 Rowing World Championships) was unable to go ahead. Nevertheless, following the success of our earlier, similar, pre-Michaelmas training camp on the Cam, we did an intensive "Rowing Week" at the start of Lent term, with several daily mixed crew outings to help bridge the gap between novice and senior rowing and get us all prepared for the term ahead.

The club took advantage of the Lent Term racing opportunities offered, and produced some excellent results. Highlights included our first off-Cam race in years, where a 1st and 2nd Women's VIII composite crew raced Bedford Head and finished 3rd out of 12 entries in Band 2 of the Women's VIII event. At Newnham Head, our 2nd Men's VIII showed what they were made of when they finished 3rd out of the Men's Lower Boats. We also saw success in Trinity Second Challenge Sculls, with Max Fenner and AnaRosa Capp winning their respective divisions. Despite unfortunately missing out on the Getting on Race (GoR), our 3rd Women's VIII also showcased their skill amongst the lower boats when they finished 2nd in their division at Talbott cup.

With only a handful of Boat Club members having any Bumps experience at all, Christ's got ready for Lent Bumps after a two-year hiatus. Following the Getting on Race, we had four crews participating, and overall the Boat Club had an incredibly successful campaign, with the most bumps seen in years! Our 1st Women's VIII achieved +2 overall, the 2nd Women's VIII achieved +3 (our highest scoring crew) and our 2nd Men's VIII achieved +2 also. Sadly, owing to illness sweeping through the crew before and during bumps, necessitating *at least* two subs per day, our 1st Men's VIII were bumped each day, getting "Spoons" despite their best efforts to push on given the circumstances.

Soon after Lent Bumps, during the Easter Vacation, the Boat Club took to the tideway the first time since 2019 – our 1st Men's VIII entered and raced the Head of the River Race (HORR). The race, over a 6.8 km course from Mortlake to Putney (The Boat Race course in reverse), had nearly 300 crews competing, both national and international, amateur and professional. The race saw last year's Men's Captain and Captain of Boats, Herbie Lambden, join the crew in addition to our 1st Women's VIII coach, Max Fenner, who also stepped in as a sub. The race itself was very enjoyable and they were able to overtake five other crews, finishing with overlap on Jesus' 2nd Men's VIII who would have been our sixth. Coming 74th in their category and 212th overall they were able to beat several Cambridge college 1st Men's VIIIs, including Churchill's, whose 6 seat has now made Cambridge rowing history by unfortunately catching an ejector crab just before the finish.

A personal highlight of the year was when we entered a 1st Men's and Women's VIII composite crew (four and four) into Head of the Cam, just before the start of Easter Term. Not only was this the one and only time that we, as Captains, entered a race together, we won the mixed VIII category, with a time of 9:44. We beat our nearest category competitor by 1:43 and even Trinity Hall's and St Edmunds' 1st



*1st Men's VIII
competing at
HORR*

Men's VIII's. Three alumni crews also competed at the event, seeing great success, and our thanks go to Peter Hobson for organising the celebratory Head of the Cam dinner and for extending the invitation to include current members of the Boat Club.

As usual, the culmination of the entire year was assuredly May Bumps, the first held since 2019. There was potential for great losses or gains, as division orders were highly unlikely to reflect the abilities of current crews on the river. The club entered seven crews into Mays, including a 4th Men's VIII (the first time since 2014, as far as we can tell) but despite tremendous effort, unfortunately, neither them nor our 3rd Women's VIII made it past the Getting on Race due to the sheer competitiveness of the many other crews entered. We're pleased to report that all crews performed admirably. Amongst our lower boats, our 2nd and 3rd Men's VIII's both finished their campaigns on -2, and our 2nd Women's VIII finished on -3; all crews put in some strong rowing and hard-fought row-overs and just got a little unlucky in places.

In a crew that contained three rowers and a cox who had noviced this academic year, the 1st Men's VIII had gone from strength-to-strength throughout Term. Alas, a week before Bumps, their stroke developed a rib stress fracture. This necessitated Robert Cooper, an ex-1st VIII rower, to sub in at the last minute. Despite closing a gap off the start on the crews ahead on the first and second days of the campaign, the 1st Men's VIII had to settle for strong, defensive row-overs after said crews made their own bumps early on the course. The third day would see them getting bumped by a very deserving Hughes Hall 1st VIII (who would go on to get Blades with +5, having been sandwich boat). The final day saw great scandal when St Catharine's called a bump on Selwyn after the A14 bridge and held it up to clear before the Umpire had officially declared it. A reinvigorated Selwyn were then able to catch our 1st VIII just after Ditton Corner, with both crews putting on a good show for the many spectators lining the banks between Grassy and the Plough. Our 1st Men's VIII ended their May's campaign on -2 which, when considering that they were punching far above their weight given the circumstances, we are taking as a small win.

Building on the successful Lent's campaign, our 1st Women's VIII went into Easter term with the goal of at least +3, knowing that they were quick. However, they hadn't realised just how swift they were until, on the first day, they bumped Girton's 1st VIII within 400 m, despite a non-functional cox box. Suffice it to say that the aspirational spark to attain Blades was justly ignited. Over the following days this spark was kindled and bellowed by their coach, Max Fenner, until it reached a roaring blaze. Our Women's 1st VIII would make monumental pushes on the second and third days to respectively bump First and Third's and Clare's 1st VIII's within 1,000 m, without having to take a corner. On the final day, spurred on by many from the Christ's community who were watching from the tent holding the annual May's picnic, our 1st Women's VIII gave it their damndest to chase down a very fast Churchill. They immediately hit their stride, reaching above a rate 40 off the start, and maintaining a split of 1:32/500 m, even after their rhythm call. Having assumed it would be a long, gruelling row even if they were to bump, the crew were ecstatic when whistles were given within the first 500 m. Despite the excitement, the entire crew remained cool and collected and were able to make the bump on Churchill at First Post corner, right in front of the Christ's Mays picnic! Their entire, inspirational campaign will be remembered for a long time by the club as a whole, the entire crew, and especially by their Captain at bow, who could not be more proud.

More so than ever in recent years, we feel that the Club is on the up, having grown substantially since we joined it in Michaelmas 2019, despite the adversity and disruption faced during the pandemic – the Boat Club will potentially go into the next academic year with five or six senior crews. Alongside this growth, we have also borne witness to deepening engagement of current students with



*1st Women's VIII
at May Bumps*

the wider college community including the Fellows, who now have their own regular outings, and especially with our alumni. With regards to the latter, this is something we truly cherish, and we would encourage any alumnus or alumna who do not receive our Termly Boat Club Newsletters or who are not currently involved in regular alumni rowing events – such as the Blades Regatta, Fairbairn's and Head of the Cam, which consistently see as many as three alumni crews participate – to reach out to the College Development Director (and dear friend of the Boat Club) Catherine Twilley (cmt23@cam.ac.uk) to get involved.

We have captained this club as a team and it has been the highlight of our time at Cambridge, however, we would not have achieved our successes without a great deal of support. We would like to extend our thanks to the Steering and Student Committees, and the individual Crew Captains and Coaches for their tireless day-to-day efforts to keep the Club running. We would also like to extend special thanks to Head Coach, 1st Men's VIII Coach and Boatwoman, Kate Hurst, and the 1st Women's VIII Coach, Max Fenner, for their combined vision and dedication to the Club, keeping us all competitive and assuring the 1st Women's Crew their Blades! Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank each and every one of our rowers and coxes for making the club so welcoming and convivial.

Katy Hempson and Rich Turner

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CHOIR

After two years of disruption, services in Chapel returned to normal this year. The livestreaming of Sunday services on the Christ's College Chapel YouTube channel was an innovation encouraged by the pandemic that has proved popular, and it has become part of the Choir's 'new normal': alumni and the wider College community can now join in with Chapel wherever they may be.

The Choir has had to work hard this year to overcome a lack of familiarity with core repertoire that was an inevitable result of four terms without regular services. But the enthusiasm and commitment of the singers – a mixture of undergraduates and postgraduates – and the experience of the Director of Music, Professor David Rowland, has enabled the Choir to continue to give polished and sensitive performances of repertoire ranging from Tudor polyphony to 21st century compositions. A new collaboration has been initiated with the State Ceremonial Musicians of the Household Division, which led to a recording with the Band of the Scots Guards, and two concerts with the Orchestra of the Household Division: a performance of the Cenotaph Requiem for the season of Remembrance, and a concert for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In March, the Choir was pleased to record a second CD of music by alumna Annabel McLauchlan Rooney (m.1991) to be



The Choir

released with Regent Records in 2023. The traditional Anthems for Ascension Day, sung from the roof of the Great Gate, returned in May and were enjoyed both by the singers and by the many members of College who gathered in First Court to listen. The culmination of the year was the long-postponed tour to the East Coast of the USA, which finally went ahead in July: 25 members of the Choir gave 19 performances over 22 days in eleven states. Looking ahead to March 2023, we will record a CD of music by Hubert Parry, for which the current singers will be joined by alumni of the Choir. Details have already been circulated – we invite alumni of the Choir who have not yet received information to contact the Development Office.

Finally, we wish to record our gratitude to the outgoing Master, Professor Jane Stapleton, and to Professor Peter Cane for their enduring support of the Choir over the past six years. Their generous invitation of the Choir to a reception in the Master's Lodge at the end of Easter Term gave a fitting opportunity to thank them and to wish them well for the future.

Tom Baarda

SIDNEY-CHRIST'S CHRISTIAN UNION



*The Sidney-Christ's
Christian Union on a
punting outing*

After continued online meetings during Covid times, the Sidney-Christ's CU has grasped the opportunity for in-person events with both hands. Alongside weekly meetings where members can support one another and enjoy the privilege of listening to God's word together, the CU has been outward looking. The CU exists to show people the joy of knowing Jesus and the flagship "Text-a-toastie" events have resurfaced. Students can ask questions and discuss worldviews over freshly-made toasties – a fascinating time. The CU took full advantage of the week of events hosted by the Intercollegiate Christian Union, discussing pursuit ("What are we searching for in life?") and enjoyed the openness of people to discuss what they believe – long may this continue! The highlight of our year is the big end of year CU picnic and we are looking forward to this coming to a Fellows' Garden near you. Special thanks must go to our two lead reps: Mingwei Lu and Isabelle Chisholm and our new reps Hannah Castle and Sarah Clark.

James Tett

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

Having to rebuild following the graduation of several senior players, including a captain, two opening batsman and an opening bowler, the season got off to a promising start, getting through our Cuppers group without losing a game. Unfortunately, an eventful quarter final against Jesus College ended in a defeat so one-sided as to give the Netherlands' recent performance against England a run for its money. The following friendlies were more successful and enjoyable, with well-fought victories against Racing Club and Simmons & Simmons. The highlights, as ever, were the matches against the Old Boys and Staff/Fellows respectively.

Notable performances include Kiran Raja for his uniquely reckless yet effective batting (with the less said about his bowling the better), Pranav Madan for his consistent results with bat and ball, James Patchett for his unerring accuracy opening the bowling, Ian Holdroyd for his enviable ability to score all of his runs with one shot and Abhimanyu Gowda with his unfailing ability to drop the easiest of catches, only to redeem himself with a lethal half tracker.

With a young, vibrant team there is plenty to look forward to in the coming years, where new additions and improved performances augur a new era of success for CCCC.

Satyam Verma

DARWIN SOCIETY

After a cocoon-like year during Covid, the Darwin Society has burst forth like a glorious butterfly (or perhaps a peppered moth, as per Darwin's studies). Returning as the premier science society in college, the Darwin Society has held an exciting range of events as it seeks to provide a space to connect people interested in science from all backgrounds.

From talks to workshops to dinners, the Darwin Society and its members have been able to socialise and explore aspects of research from the technological (e.g. a workshop on virtual and augmented reality technologies) to the philosophical ("What is directionless time?"). The Society has partnered with our counterparts at Trinity, St John's, Pembroke, Newnham and Homerton to connect members to the wider university science scene. The highlight of the year was the Darwin Dinner, at the beginning of Easter term. Conscious of our namesake, Professor Richard Buggs (Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew) spoke on "Darwin's Abominable mystery: The Origin of Flowering Plants", which left us pondering the substantial gaps in one of our best theories of biodiversity. Special thanks must go to the committee: Jiaming Bi (Secretary), Abhimanyu Gowda (Treasurer), Emily Wenban-Smith (Social Secretary), Joseph Mutch (Speakers Officer) and Jerroy Chang (Publicity).



The Darwin Society at the Darwin Dinner

James Tett

CHRIST'S COLLEGE ENGINEERING SOCIETY (CCES)



*The Christ's College
Engineering
Society during
Freshers' Week*

The Christ's College Engineering Society (CCES) was founded two years ago on the following three pillars: the CCES Lecture Series, project talks, and socialising with fellow engineers. As this was the first time in the Society's history without Covid regulations, we saw significant developments in each of the pillars over the past year.

Firstly, the CCES lecture series was a huge success. We invited five leading professionals to give a talk about their industries and careers over the year. Our guest speakers worked in a wide range of industries, such as Algorithmic Quantitative Trading, Space Technologies, Infrastructure Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, and Bioengineering. Unlike previous years where the only attendees were Christ's College Engineers, we opened these talks up to all students and academics in the University. Moreover, we collaborated with local schools and arranged for sixth form students to attend these lectures as well. We believe that the valuable knowledge given by these speakers can benefit a range of people interested in various disciplines, and we aim to carry on this open Lecture Series with new speakers every year. Alumni are also welcome to attend the lectures (in person or online); all information about the Lecture Series can be found on our website <https://www.christs.engineering>.

Secondly, the project talks initiative facilitated the transfer of knowledge between engineering students at Christ's. One requirement of the engineering trips is that fourth-year engineers have to give a presentation of their MEng project. After conducting some surveys, we discovered that it would be mutually beneficial for the fourth year students to practice their presentations in front of the younger years beforehand. With this, the fourth years get practice, and the younger years get to learn about the sort of projects they will undertake in the future.

Lastly, we organised several social events that truly brought forward the community of engineers - students and Fellows alike - at Christ's. I would like to thank Vice-President Ben Zandonati and Social Secretary Joshua Sczarowich for their contributions to the success of the CCES this year. I would also like to congratulate Yash Gaikwad, Joshua Sczarowich, and Annabel Milhofer for being elected as the CCES committee for next year.

Aditya Jain

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Christ's Is: Cameron Bicknell, Matt Harris, Louis Engel, Daniel Little, Alex Adderley, Barney Crawford, Bene Aveyard, Billy Howard, Chris Patel, Christian Wessels, Elliott Brown, Oli Lewis, Felix Asare, Matthew Van Schalkwyk, Stanley Somogyi, Steph Stephanides, Tom Spencer, Jordan Smith, Tom McMannamon, Vivek Bilous.

Christ's IIs: Robert Cooper, Oscar Windrath-Carr, Oli O'Brien, Joel Gaylord, Ollie Lake, James Morris, Rory Durham, Kozak Andras, Stas, Luke Lim, Tung, Carmelo Quinn, Callum Stevens, Jamie Fraiser, Rhys Herbert, Marcus Mayfield, Sergio Mendez, Amritz Ansara.

It has been a testing year for the CCAFC following the graduation of a host of key players last summer leaving big boots to fill for the incoming Freshers. A tough start to the season saw us drawn against eventual league winners and runners-up Clare and Darwin in two of our opening three fixtures. Huge victories against Magdalene Is (6–0), Caius II (10–1) and Fitz II (8–3) showed but a glimpse of what this squad is truly capable of. Ultimately, there were too many disappointing results scattered throughout and we finished the season 4th in Division III. Particularly impressive during their debut seasons were Stanley Somogyi, with 7 assists; Alex Adderley, solid as a rock at the back with some important goal contributions and Christian Wessels having an explosive impact from left-back.

Perhaps our proudest moment came in the form of a first-round cuppers performance against Pembroke Is, eventual runners-up of the Premiership. We set up defensively sound and aimed to beat them on the counterattack, which is exactly what we did when Matt Harris opened the scoring early in the first half. He almost made it 2-0 late in the half but was unfortunate to see his effort from the halfway line cannon off the crossbar. An equaliser from Pembroke on the stroke of halftime left it all to play for in the second half. We held our own throughout the second half and were oh so unfortunate to have the game snatched cruelly away from us with a fortuitous Pembroke winner. Despite a first-round cuppers exit, this performance proved that Christs Is can battle with the best and surely will be promoted next season under the leadership of incoming captain Oli Lewis.

The IIs squad was led admirably this season by Rob Cooper guiding them to safety in division V and ultimately an impressive top-half finish in their first full season in the division. Social Sec Daniel Little provided entertaining socials throughout the year culminating in the hugely successful old boys game and Football dinner.

Cameron Bicknell

HOCKEY CLUB

Members: Oscar Windrath-Carr, Flora Frankopan, Harry Muldowney, Abhimanyu Gowda, Jemma Jeffrey, Noah Hatchwell, Oliver Sharp, Seb Walton

After a successful 2020/21 season as Cuppers runner's up and first division league winners, the Christ's-Pembroke joint hockey team once again returned to fight on both fronts in a season unplagued by Covid. Michaelmas term proved tough, defined by narrow defeats and struggling numbers that added up to a relegation place in the first division of the league alongside Jesus, the other Cuppers finalists of the 2020/2021 season; a lot of work was needed to fight for promotion. In Lent term, turnout was bolstered with the addition of Oliver Sharp and Flora Frankopan as regulars to our attack. With better defensive performances built around Oscar Windrath-Carr, an immovable presence at centre-back, Christ's-Pembroke reached second place in the second division, winning a vital promotion spot. With momentum building from



The Hockey Club

successful promotion, we began our annual Cuppers campaign in an attempt to do what last year's team fell just short of doing. A comfortable 6–1 win against a weak Magdalene side began proceedings. This was followed by a hard-fought 10–6 victory over Caius-Girton, with goals from Christ's players accounting for over half of our score. University 1st XI player Seb Walton proved crucial to our success as we progressed to a highly-anticipated finals day at the university grounds at Wilberforce Road, with around 100 players and spectators in attendance. In the first semi-final we faced St Catharine's, conceding early. The team showed strong mentality to equalise, with the match to be decided by penalty run-ins. Strong saves from our Pembroke keeper in a tense shoot-out brought us to the final, where we were to face a strong Jesus side. Despite taking a 2–0 lead, Jesus fought hard late in the second half and equalised with just 3 minutes to go. A last-ditch attempt by Jesus to steal the match sneaked through with the very last touch of the game, and we once again fell right at the final hurdle. Nevertheless, maintaining our place in the league and finishing runner's up in Cuppers can be considered a successful season, and we are keen to continue our chase for silverware into 2023.

Abhimanyu Gowda

CHRIST'S COLLEGE MIXED LACROSSE TEAM

Noah Hatchwell (C), Caitlyn Furley (C), Jemma Jeffrey, James Morris, Ollie Lake, Ana-Maria Skaricic, Kiran Raja, Laura Herbert, Charlie Reeves, Daanyal Morrish, Ollie Norbury, Sergio Mendez-Allende, Eleanor Burnett-Stuart, Oli Lewis, Tamas Vamos, Alix Danis

The lacrosse team was revitalised this year with an impressive intake of Freshers and several second-years joining the team. As only a few players had any prior experience, we were learning on the job, but still managed to take home several victories in Michaelmas and Lent term – largely thanks to the pure determination of James, Ana-Maria, and Kiran. Despite struggling to get full teams out, we had an impressive turnout for cuppers, and would have had a shot at getting past the group stages if we knew all the rules! We are excited to keep growing next year, and hopefully, organise more 'well hydrated' games in the next league.

Caitlyn Furley

CHRIST'S COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY



This year has been a successful one for Christ's College Law Society (CCLS). After a strange and difficult couple of years of Covid restrictions, we were able to get in-person social and career events up and running again.

Michaelmas term began with 'Freshers Drinks' and 'Law Pizza', two annual CCLS events to welcome Freshers to the College. We subsequently attended a dinner

*The Christ's College
Law Society*

with law firm Slaughter & May, where we were able to learn about life as a commercial solicitor and to socialise with Christ's alumni. Then, a panel event, 'A Career as a Non-Commercial Solicitor', took place. Amy O'Shea, Trainee Solicitor at Bindman's, and Sarah Holmes, Legal Director at Womble Bond Dickinson, gave us a great insight into their working lives and many pearls of wisdom. Later in the term, another dinner took place, this time with law firm Hogan Lovells, where CCLS members had the opportunity to learn more about a career in commercial law. Soon after, the brilliant 'A Career as a Barrister' panel event took place. Our panellists were Dexter Dias KC, Barrister at Garden Court Chambers, Dr Stephanie Palmer, Fellow at Girton College and Barrister at Blackstone Chambers, and Charlotte McNally, Barrister at Furnival Chambers. As the festive season came along, we were kindly invited to the Master's Lodge by Professor Stapleton and Professor Cane. We enjoyed mince pies and tea and helped to decorate the Christmas tree. Michaelmas Term ended with the annual Freshers' Moot, adjudicated by Dr Richard Williams, where this year's Freshers all performed incredibly well, with Callum Stevens, Charlotte Westwood, Valerios Athinodorou and Vivek Bilous making it through to the final. This was followed by a jolly 'Bridgemas' Dinner in the Old Combination Room.

Lent term started with a 'New Year Social', continuing the CCLS affinity for pizza at the start of a term. We then hosted the prestigious Lady Margaret Beaufort Moot against St John's College, where our brilliant mooters, Satyam Verma and Vivek Bilous were deemed victorious by Mr Justice Calver. More mooting took place later in the term, with the Freshers' Moot Final being adjudicated by Judge Bate, who crowned the talented Valerios Athinodorou this year's winner. The term finished with the CCLS Annual Dinner in the Old Combination Room.

In Easter Term, the CCLS Alumni Dinner took place, with second- and third-years dining with Araba Taylor, Barrister at Fenners Chambers, James Maxwell-Scott KC, Barrister at Crown Office Chambers, Jennifer Haywood, Barrister at Serle Court Chambers, Louise Whittington, Barrister at 42 Bedford Row and Tom Hawker-Dawson, Brenda Hale Fellow in Law at Girton College (and Former Fellow of Christ's). Soon after, exams came around, after which we celebrated the end of the academic year with the first CCLS Garden Party since 2019!

Thank you to all panellists, judges and guests that have allowed such fantastic events to take place this year. Thank you to the rest of the CCLS committee, Ella Fogg (Vice-President), Caitlin Moore (Secretary), Rachel Adkins (Treasurer) and Will Starkey (Master of the Moots) for coming up with great ideas and helping to execute them. Last but not least, thank you to all CCLS members for getting involved and helping to build a supportive and friendly CCLS community.

Aravynnd Atwal

MARGUERITES

Just before the year began, members of the Marguerites and the Hippolytans embarked on the inaugural 'Margs & Hippos Tour' to Bisley, Gloucestershire, with particular thanks to Robert Cooper (Secretary 2021–22) and Jordan Smith for their help in organising the trip. Despite some questionable weather, the weekend was thoroughly enjoyable, consisting of barbecues, a lock-in, and various sporting activities. This very much set the tone for the year, as the club enjoyed weekly social events whilst leading the College sports teams each weekend, both of which had been sorely missed during

the pandemic. We were also able to host the alumni dinner for the first time since November 2019, and it was a pleasure to welcome back so many previous members. Again, particular thanks go to Jonny Thompson who kindly paid for the current members to attend as he was unfortunately isolating with Covid. This year has also seen a typically strong contingent of Margs performing at University level, with Matt Harris gaining his Blue in Football, Robert Cooper becoming Vice-President of the Ski Club, James Vitali continuing to be central to the Blues cricketing success, Jordan Smith becoming President of the University Surfing Society, and Jean-Mich el Maug e and Felix Asare playing their parts in the Rugby League team's promotion and Varsity victory. The latter end of the year included traditional Club activities such as Lockwood, our annual brunch, and the long-awaited return of our Garden Party with the Hippos, all under the stewardship of our newly elected committee: Benji Holland (President), Thomas Adkins (Secretary), and Abhi Gowda (Treasurer). Finally, at the beginning of July we set off for our second joint tour, this time travelling to M laga with the Hippos for a few days of much-needed rest and relaxation following such a busy year.

Felix Asare

MEDICAL SOCIETY

This year saw the return of all the regular Christ's College Medical Society (CCMS) traditions, bringing medics together for a number of social events. We ran welfare events twice a term which served cakes, biscuits and hot chocolate to Christ's medic population. The annual CCMS dinner went ahead for the first time since 2019, bringing medics from all years together for a wonderful meal. In Lent term, we held our part II wine and cheese event, presenting the range of third year options to second year medics. At the end of the year, we held a garden party for the first time in two years, bringing everyone together for some post-exam festivities. Overall, this has been a fantastic year for the CCMS, with a return to normality. We are thankful for the support of Dr Stewart, Dr Huang-Doran and all the other supervisors, and we hope that next year will be just as successful as this year.

Mikesh Patel (President) and Ardon Pillay (Vice President)

MUSIC SOCIETY



The Music Society

After two quiet years due to Covid, the society was delighted to be able to host events again this year, with the return of our weekly recital series, Week 5 Blues, the Charles Blackham Memorial Competition, and even 'Squash O'Clock' in Easter term. Our recitals were organised by Jemma Jeffery, with our Michaelmas series including performances

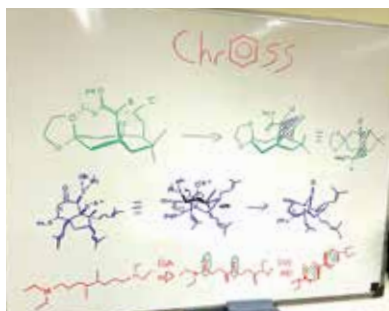
from committee members Angel Wong and Laura AlYousif. Senior organ scholar Tom Burrows took Christ's Jazz from strength to strength, whilst Rehan Chagla led both the folk and the newly founded pop group expertly, with their efforts alongside our

Secretary Harry Muldowney culminating in a sold-out audience for our Christmas concert. The folk group also hosted a successful concert in the Buttery, raising money for the Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign. Lent term followed in similar fashion, and it was a pleasure to welcome back Sally Blackham for the first time since the pandemic. The memorial competition was adjudicated by Professor Rowland (Director of Music), Professor Peter Cane, and Felix Asare (Chair 2021–22) and demonstrated the College's finest musical talent, with our other Senior Organ Scholar and Treasurer James Tett scooping up the main award. We were also treated to an Organ Scholars' recital from James, Tom, and Junior organ scholar Davon Halim, which was immediately followed by our annual dinner, courtesy of Special Events Officer Robert Bywater. Additionally, we hosted two masterclasses this year: in November we welcomed Royal Opera House conductor Paul Wynn-Griffiths, and in March award-winning jazz conductor and pianist Nikki Iles visited from the Royal Academy of Music. Both events were great successes, with students from across the university benefitting from their professional insights. Finally, Easter term saw further recitals from Felix Asare, Tom Baarda and Davon Halim, and we ended the year with a highly enjoyable garden party, organised by Viesturs Spūlis.

Felix Asare

CHRIST'S COLLEGE ORGANIC SYNTHESIS SOCIETY (CHROSS)

Organic synthesis is the chemistry that brings us the molecules that make up our world, from the pharmaceuticals we use to treat diseases, to the compounds that produce scents, colours, and tastes. Many of these are naturally occurring chemicals, and the focus of this year has been to study the work of some of those chemists who have attempted to imitate nature in the construction of complex natural products.



*Organic compounds
mapped by the Christ's
College Organic
Synthesis Society*

The year began with an unexpectedly popular stall at the Michaelmas Freshers' Fair. Although only seven spaces were made for names on the expression of interest form, a total of 23 people signed to show their interest, with some having to write on the back of an envelope. This was a fantastic boost of confidence for ChrOSS and we truly appreciate everyone who showed interest at the start of the year – thank you. Michaelmas term continued with sessions in Z8 every week, looking at topics such as retrosynthesis, acetylene reactions, and the order of events, based on chapters of the venerable 'Organic Synthesis: The Disconnection Approach' by Stuart Warren and Paul Wyatt. Among the case studies in Michaelmas were the synthesis of a radiolabelled cancer drug [3H]-tamoxifen, a moth reproductive hormone JH-1, and a 'mirror-image' amine produced by scotch bonnets, (-)-sparteine. Thank you to Peter Rukovansky, Abhi Gowda, Oli Lewis and Sam Carling for attending events on a regular/semi-regular basis, and for bringing your often brilliant and unique perspectives to the sessions we worked on together.

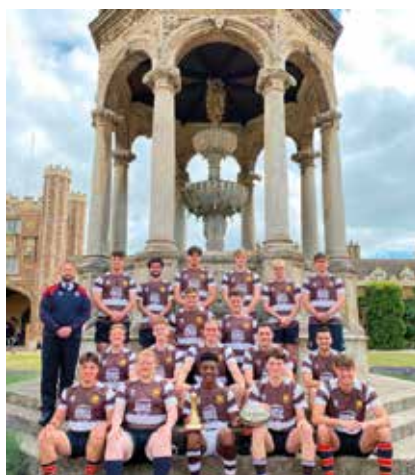
Due to a sudden increase in Covid cases, the Lent term events were moved online through Zoom, with links sent through the ChrOSS mailing list and Facebook page.

We focussed more on the case studies in Lent term. We looked at the synthesis of (+)-hirsutene by the German chemist Benjamin List, who recently won the Nobel Prize for his work on asymmetric organocatalysis, which was applied in the synthesis to enact a stunning desymmetrization reaction. During a case study on the 1980 synthesis of Quadrone by S.J. Danishefsky, a physical model was constructed by Peter to explain the stereochemistry of a complicated intramolecular enolate alkylation, which was especially impressive given that the event was entirely online. To highlight the fact that there is no 'right answer' in organic synthesis, we compared two syntheses of the same molecule, periplanone B, by the chemists W.C. Still in 1979 and S.L. Schreiber in 1984, both using different but equally resourceful strategies.

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in this idea and made ChrOSS what it is. I hope you might feel inspired to continue studying in this area in the future.

James Proudfoot

CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCRFC)



The Rugby Football Club in Trinity College

Played: 12 Won: 9 Lost: 3 Points Scored: 240 Points Conceded: 130

Following a difficult two years during the pandemic, playing rugby on a regular basis was a very welcome prospect for the Club at the start of Michaelmas. This excitement translated into strong performances and a successful double promotion from Division 3, ending the season as champions of Division 2. The Club's very own Holy Trinity of Rory Durham (Captain 2019–21), Bene Aveyard, and Harry Goodhew (Captain 2022–23) now boast a combined 17 years of service, showing their experience

throughout the season. Their words of wisdom were greatly valued by this year's Captain and Vice-Captain, Felix Asare and Jean-Mich el Maugu e, who will both be sorely missed next year along with Bene, Rory, and club-favourite Amritz Ansara. The club's success this year reflects the dedication in training and the continuing strength of our partnership with Trinity College. These factors resulted in a five-match winning streak in Michaelmas, with Emmanuel/Magdalene, St Catharine's, All Greys, Corpus/Clare/King's, and Churchill all being unable to cope with our speed, style, and grace. Of these, Catz was a particularly impressive victory, as Rory's desire to play in all 15 positions across his career resulted in him converting a last-minute touchline conversion to win the game 7–5. Although our Cuppers campaign was less successful, we continued to be strong in the league in Lent term, with further victories against Churchill, Catz, and Robinson proving enough to win the division and secure promotion to Division 1 for the next academic year. Finally, the Club was also delighted (if not somewhat surprised) to receive the League's Fair Play Award, rounding off a highly successful and enjoyable season.

Felix Asare

CHRIST'S COLLEGE NOLLYWOOD SOCIETY

Despite being a relatively new Society, the Christ's College Nollywood Society has been able to run several great events during the past academic year. With the help of our fantastic committee and all our members we have hosted three Nollywood-themed movie nights, including the long-anticipated Aki and Pawpaw Reloaded. Our activities were not limited to the cinematic realm however, and we also organised an evening of West African cuisine provided by Cambridge's own Eko Kitchen. Each of these events couldn't have taken place without the dedicated work of our small committee, some of whom will be graduating this year. For this reason, the society is proud to announce the appointment of the new President-elect: Shanker Narayan (the remaining elections are currently in the process of being conducted). We will be aiming to organise an even greater number of events in the next academic year, and hopefully to increase the size and influence of our membership even further. We are hugely grateful to everyone who has taken part in the society over the past year (and to the JCR for providing funding for society events), and we are looking forward to another year of Nollywood-related fun!

Co-Presidents Joel Gayford and Jamie Handitye

VOLLEYBALL CLUB

In the 2021/22 academic year, Christ's College Volleyball Club has successfully recovered from the disruption due to the pandemic, operating at its maximum capacity throughout the year. Partnering up with Jesus' and Wolfson's Volleyball Club, we run regular indoor volleyball sessions during term time at Kelsey Kerridge, catered to players of all levels who enjoy a casual volleyball session. We are highly delighted to see



*The
Volleyball
Club*

more Christ's students pick up the sport as a leisure activity. To highlight, we are really proud of the positive, friendly, and encouraging atmosphere that we have cultivated within the club. Apart from exercising, the club has certainly created opportunities for our members to meet like-minded individuals in a different setting, thus expanding the network of the students. On the other hand, Christ's has also entered the annual Volleyball College Cuppers during Easter Term, clinching victory against St John's College in the qualifiers. Unfortunately, we have been defeated by both Trinity and Emmanuel College after a series of hard-fought battles later in the qualifiers, thus marking the end of our journey. However, we firmly believe that we will come back stronger in the next College Cuppers.

James Ho

Prizes 2022

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the Examinations of June 2022.

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic

Levy-Plumb Exhibition Prize G.S.A. Beckett

Archaeology

Levy-Plumb Prize M.M. Del Carretto

Architecture

Levy-Plumb Prizes A.L. Jones, Z.S. Kwata (Exhibition)
Walter Wren Prize M.E. Holmes

Asian and Middle-Eastern Studies

Syed Mahmood Prize C. Olivieri

Classics

S. G. Campbell Prizes A. Firman, J.V.A. Millar (Exhibition)
Calverley Prize D. Boyles
Rev'd E.T.S. Carr Prize L. Jacobs
Harrison Prize F. Frankopan
Thompson Prize L.R. Broadley

Computer Science

Sir Robert Cox Prize A.D. Tapasvi
College Prizes J. Konig, B. Mauger, W. Pan, M. Sinkievic,
K. Susters, M.T. Watson
Bob Diamond Prize C.Y.A. Lo

Economics

A.R.Prest A. Sanil Kumar
College Prizes M.T. Brogaard, B. Choo Guang Neng,
B. Holland, M.Y.E. Leong, R. Liu,
O.J.R. Norbury, E.J.A. Sutanto, A. Tkacz,
T. Vamos,
James Meade Prize E.-W. Mok
Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize M. Surti

Engineering

College Prizes B.C. Atchison, Jieying Chen (Exhibition),
Y.S. Gaikwad, J.X. Ho, X. Li, A.S.L. Wang,
Y. Xie, J. Zhao
M.R. Lynch Prizes S. Kwon, T. Le Xuan, Z. Qin, O.T.S Sharp,
S.J. Sindhi, X. Wu, L. Zhang
Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize J.H.J. Lee
T.C. Wyatt Prize Jinghong Chen

English

Levy-Plumb Prizes

C. Borges Dantas, E. Freeman,
 J.W. Harrington, I.A. Jackson, M. Kaminska,
 R.A.E. Lee, A. Mansfield, F. Malekpoosh,
 C.V. Patel, P.C.M Prendergast-Coates,
 F. Quinn (Exhibition), S. Smith, A.J. Winter
 J.-M. Maugüé
 D.L. Pereira, E. Shardlow

Milton Prize
 Skeat Prizes

Geography

College Prize
 Parker Prize

L.A.S. Davies
 M. Harris

History

Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes
 Levy-Plumb Prizes

F.P. Kirman, A.J. Pountney
 J.F.E.L. Compton, M. Condron Asquith
 (Exhibition), B.M.S. Jones (Exhibition),
 E. Smith, S. Sokolov
 R. Marks

Sir John Plumb Prize

History of Art

Levy-Plumb Prize

F. Sharp

History and Modern Languages

Levy-Plumb Prize

N.A.E. McDowall

History and Politics

Sir Simon Schama Dissertation Prize S.R. West

Human, Social, and Political Sciences

College Prizes

A. Capp (Exhibition), S.A. Hart (Exhibition)
 H.A.F.G. Lederman, P.P.Y. Sautereau du Part,
 C.O. Wessels
 E. Burnett-Stuart
 M.A. Osborne

Dr Fred Eade Prize
 Haddon Prize

Land Economy

College Prizes

A.C.E. Danis (Exhibition), G. Meregalli
 (Exhibition), M.E.L.P. Murdin

Law

College Prizes

A. Atwal (Exhibition), R.S. Brown
 (Exhibition), F. Gallardo Sarti (Exhibition),
 Y.X.L. Lim, F. Saunderson
 V. Athinodorou Zevedaïou, C.H.J. Foong,
 T.D. McManamon Cookson, P. Mishra,
 H.J. Patel, S.G. Verma

de Hart Prizes

Sir Elihu Lauterpacht Dissertation Prize	C.R. Moore
Rapaport Prizes	M.Z.K. Law, V. Verbelen
Stapleton Prize	E.J. Fogg
<i>Linguistics</i>	
Levy-Plumb Prize	E. Parker
Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize	R.A. Whittall
<i>Mathematics</i>	
College Prizes	J.C. Fluxman (Exhibition), S.P. Hauke, R. Lopatko, L. Luu, A. Miguel Gómez (Exhibition), B.Y. Nielsen, O.P. O'Brien (Exhibition), M. Yan, B. Zhang (Exhibition)
Kelly Prizes	D. Kozevnikov, H.J. Stuart
Paley Prizes	H.R.P. Phillips, P.R. Thomas
Dr J.A.J. Whelan Prizes	E. Kaziukenas, C. McDougall, J. Morris, P. Suman, V. Suresh, A. Yan, G. Zaphiris
<i>Medical and Veterinary Sciences</i>	
Jennifer Perelman Prize	R.A. Durham
Michael Perelman Prizes	B.A. Aveyard, N.S. Flora, A.K.M. Lim
Staines Read Prize	W. Jackson
Szeming Sze Prizes	N. Batra, C.B. Cole, N.M. Jagodzinska, A.D. Morrish, O. Paschalis, Y.K.N. Yeung
<i>Modern and Medieval Languages</i>	
Latimer Jackson Prize	B. Crawford
W.B. Lauder Prize	C. McCarthy
Levy-Plumb Prizes	J.C. Caminer, S.S. Clare, K.F. Falconer, O.M.-A. Flint, A. Fung Roviras (Exhibition), R. James, H.L.M. Jari, A. Lewis, P.M. Page, O. Togher, A.T.C. Whitehead,
<i>Music</i>	
Canon Greville Cooke Prize	I. Salter
<i>Natural Sciences</i>	
Valerie Barker Prize	Y. He
College Prizes	J. Barrett, J. Bi, A.B.C.S. Blackwell, P.R. Bridges, S. Carling, J.W.J. Chang, K. Cheng, O.E.M. Despard, C. Furley, E.S. Jaaskelainen, P.R. Janga, X.J. Koay (Exhibition), D. Kuryla, V.W.J. Lai, J.Y.J. Lee, M.W. Malowidzki (Exhibition), J. T. Mutch, C. Reeves, A. Risebrow, T. Spencer, J. Tett, D.-C. Ungreanu, H. Wang, Y. Ye

Darwin Prize
P.J. Fay Prize
Greig Prizes

A.M. Pillay
A. Bibekar
R.M. Cooper, M. Ganeshwaran,
K.M. Iwanowski, J. Jones, S. Kapllani Mucaj,
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J.H. Gayford
N. Quigley, E.A. Samuel
C.T. Day
J. Proudfoot
M.M. Constantinescu, H.J. London,
J.W. Wee

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Dr Kaetrin V. Simpson Prizes
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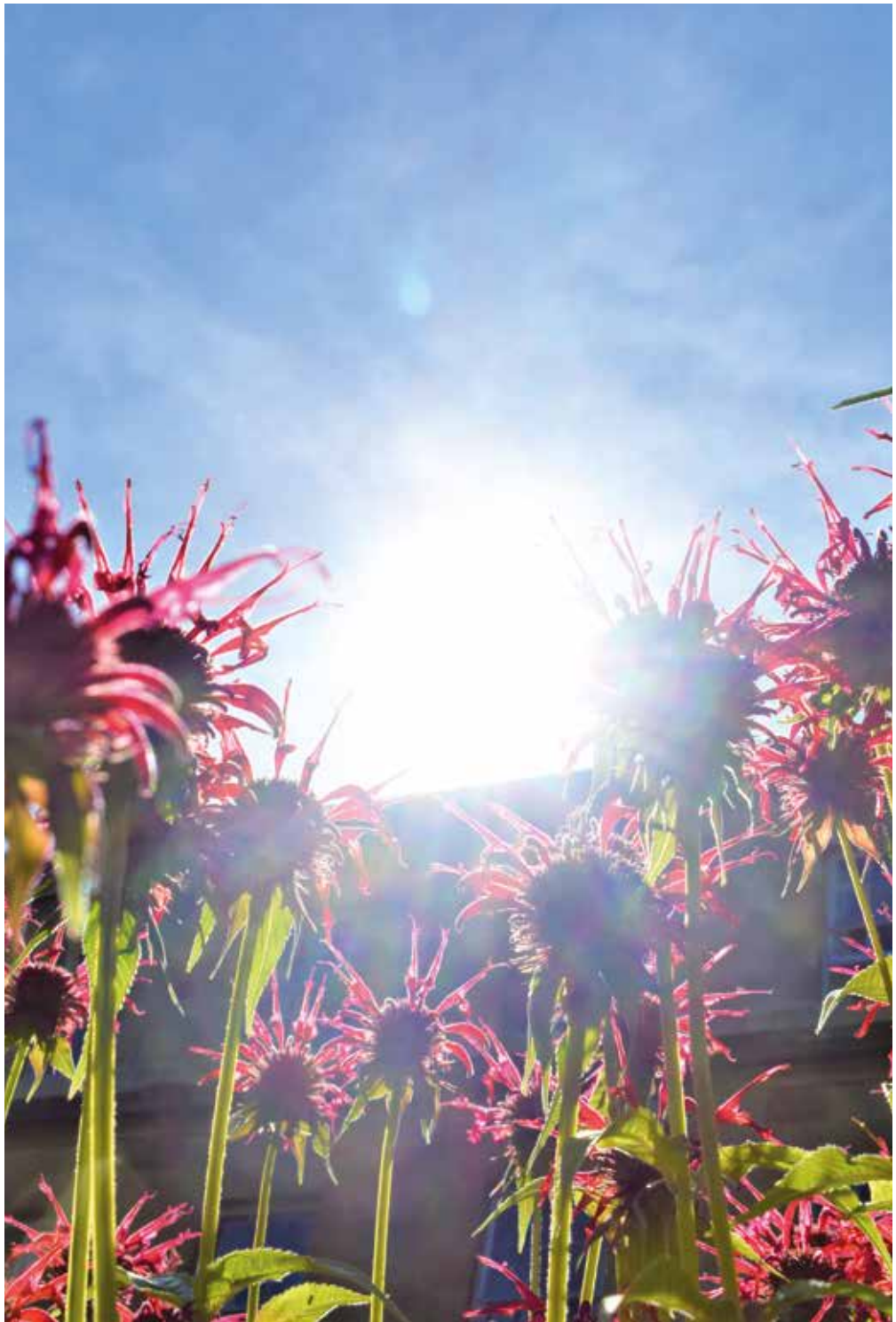
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Theology

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R. Jenkins

We are delighted to record that A. Risebrow was awarded a College Prize in Natural Sciences in 2021.



Sunshine over Christ's flowers

ALUMNI NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

This past year has shown signs of a post-Covid return to in-person event attendance. In the 2020 – 2021 academic year we organised 12 events with eight being held by Zoom. For the 2021 – 2022 year we held 24 events in-person, with over 1300 alumni and guests attending. Alumni met up for sporting events – primarily golf, rowing and rugby; economic discussions with dinner; holiday drinks and reunions with matriculants from 1943 to 2015. We were also delighted that Dr Harriet Lyon (Fellow) gave a webinar in February to talk about her new book about the dissolution of the monasteries.

September was particularly busy as the College sought to 'catch-up' with missed events due to Covid. The normal dates for some of our events were tweaked to allow for double the amount of year groups invited, General Admission and MA Congregation ceremonies were held in September and the annual reunion for everyone up to 1963 was moved to a Friday.

The first event of the year was a Reunion Garden Party, usually held in June, moved to September for matriculation years 1963 to 1974 inclusive. There were 12 year groups and their guests invited to join us in the Fellows' Garden for lunch, drinks and music. It was lovely to welcome everyone back on such a glorious sunny day.

The main College reunions were for those who matriculated up to and including 1962 and in 1971 and, later in the month, those that started in 1975 through to 1979. All of the events were very successful with many alumni re-connecting with College friends and making new connections, and we were particularly delighted that, following the reunion, the Year Group Representatives from 1979 and 1980 decided to join forces for a dinner for both year groups in September 2022. We also held the Blades Regatta and Dinner and it was a lot of fun to see everyone racing on the Cam.

On Remembrance Sunday, the Fisher Society held their annual lunch in Hall after moving to Zoom for the 2021 event. The numbers were affected by a concern about the rise of a new Covid variant, but everyone enjoyed their visit to College and we were pleased to see old friends. This event is held to say thank you to all of those who have left legacies to Christ's in their wills.

In early December we were off to London for the annual Winter Drinks Reception, this time held at an entirely new venue, OGNISKO on Exhibition Road in Kensington. It was a wonderful evening, with fantastic wine and food, and a great

venue – we hope to return soon! We were delighted to welcome so many GoLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) alumni.

Alumni who had been expecting to receive their MA Degrees during the Covid lockdown were sorely disappointed, but in order to provide an opportunity for the year groups to celebrate together, the College and the University added dates to their calendars for Senate House ceremonies. As such, on 25 March the 2013 and 2014 matriculation groups were reunited at Christ's, with events and ceremonies culminating in a Dinner in Hall. The following week the 2015s returned for their scheduled MA Congregation and celebrations – this event marked the beginning of all the College alumni events returning to normal schedules, having managed to make up all missed reunions.

Also in April was the College Medical Association's conference, which was held on Zoom due to the uncertainty of a new strain of Covid. The topic was "Prevention", and the speakers covered "Protecting health: the HPV story", "Protecting health: Changing minds about changing behaviour", "Preventing brain injuries and their sequelae", and "Prevention and the NHS". The Economists met in person in April, and enjoyed a series of presentations from current Fellows and students, before a convivial dinner in Hall.

Our Evensong Receptions for Alumni and guests on the last Thursday of Lent and Easter Terms have become highly-anticipated events. It was lovely to welcome everyone back to Chapel after such a long absence to hear the wonderful Choir, and to enjoy a drinks and canapés reception.

The May Bumps picnic was held on 18 June on the banks of the Cam. The weather could have been better with intermittent rain but it did not dampen our enthusiasm, particularly when the 1st Women achieved a Bump (and thereby their Blades) just in front of the party! Later in June we welcomed back alumni who matriculated from 1980 to 1984 to a garden party and buffet lunch in the Fellows' Garden, where we were also treated to some musical entertainment by the Choir. It was another lovely day, with everyone enjoying catching up with fellow alumni in the sunshine.

The College's Annual Association Dinner provides an ideal opportunity to get together with a group of College friends outside the normal run of year group reunions, and this year was no exception. Do start planning your group now for next year's dinner on Saturday 1 July 2023.

Family Day returned for the first time since 2017. It was a rousing success. Nearly 150 alumni, Fellows and staff with their families joined us for bouncy castles, obstacle courses, lawn games, storytelling and food galore. We will be making this an annual event once again.

Our office has also helped organise events for the 1979 and 1980 Year Groups, the 1971 Year Group, and the Golf Society. We are happy to help with the administration for alumni events you may want to organise, so please give us a call on 01223 766710 or email us at alumni@christs.cam.ac.uk.

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

Ann Farrell
Alumni Relations Officer





Year Group News

1953 Year Group Representative Anthony Eastwood writes:

Elizabeth and I are finally getting near to completing our factor-of-seven downsize. We should have bitten the bullet earlier, but we so enjoyed our last place. Meanwhile the local hospice charity shop has overflowed with our spare kit, while several hundred books have gone to the National Trust's second-hand bookshops. On a sadder note, the pandemic has blocked our travel plans, but at least we are blessed with the sight of the tide running or ebbing past our garden gate here in Bosham, Chichester Harbour. Our eldest, **Rupert** (m. 1986), lives across the water, busy as ever with offspring sailing for UK, never mind Oxbridge. How lazy we all must have been! – but perhaps more content.

What now? – the pleasures of happily looking back, but new pleasures still come. Here in the South Downs National Park, we have an abundance of delightful walks. We thank our stars that we are still able to enjoy them: a motto for our age group has to be 'keep at it as long as you can!' – at times rather challenging, especially as age's impediments seem to come in waves. Looking back, there remains still so much to enjoy. I often find myself recalling my arrival at Christ's, straight from my regiment (and a day early, so no Hall supper!).

1954 Year Group Representative Lawford Howells writes:

John Roberts shared two photos taken in 1954, of himself and the late Phillip King. John writes: 'one was taken in College and the other in Ibiza where Phillip and I spent a few weeks after military service before coming to Christ's. Phillip and I were best mates at Mill Hill School'.

Bill Steen is nearing completion of a twenty-year effort to compile an illuminated catalogue of all the College pictures. The information is held in an Adlib database, and numerous people have found pictures for their publications, or personal files of old members of the College, family as well as famous alumni. IT support for Adlib has now stopped so it has been necessary for the College to migrate the database to Axiell Collections, a cloud-based system which will be available to all College members shortly. This whole operation has been made possible by a generous donation from **Nigel Hensman** who provided the funds for the database transfer and the first annual subscription. This database has a wealth

of facts and historical information and shows how the Christ's community has always been active and has achieved much over the centuries in developing scholarship, politics and science.

Martin Hugh-Jones writes: I have published the second edition of my memoir *Flocks in your confiding: some chapters in a life*. This corrects various minor errors in my first private edition but more importantly visits the information and events surrounding the anthrax letters of 2001. A possible perpetrator is suggested. I leave it to the reader to decide whether to agree



John Roberts
and Phillip King
at Christ's



John Roberts
and Phillip King
in Ibiza



Martin Hugh-
Jones' memoir

with me on this. But it certainly was not Bruce Ivins, who was charged by the FBI. **Julian Lush** reports that he, **Bob Morris** (m. 1958) and **Tom Luce** (m. 1963) found themselves recently at one of the regular meetings of the Romney Street Group, a long-standing discussion group on current affairs that meets weekly in term time at the Athenaeum Club. Tom Luce was the speaker on a comparison of healthcare systems in the UK and the USA.

1955 Year Group Representative Robin Loveday writes:

This year the College list shows 38 in our matriculation year, all but nine of whom offered an email address. When I started this “job” about 20 years ago there were about 100 of us, and only about nine didn't need the round-robin letter by post! Unfortunately, I did not have time to send a letter to India or West Africa and would have liked, perhaps, to have heard from Madan Bhatia, who entertained my wife and me royally in Delhi in 2003. He told me then that he still had a framed photograph on his office wall of the Gentlemen's boat in which we rowed in the 1957 Mays. The five responses I received, two new and three ‘regulars’, were all longer than usual, which may mean people have more time on their hands at our age, so they have been subject to my précis.

Bob Müller (known to the College as Karl, his first Christian name) wrote from his home in Bonn and enclosed the photograph of his success as captain of the badminton team in 57/58 that lost narrowly to St John's in the Cuppers final. He remarked that the guy in the back on the right did quite well for himself and the rest of the world in the meantime! He remembered his Law tripos group being very small, but including John McMahon, Chris Marshall and G.A.T.A. (vi), who would surely remember that he scraped through his finals. (Greetings to him!) The degree did, though, help him to be posted solely to English-speaking countries during his subsequent Foreign Office career, which was basically unheard of. He had followed his father, who was in the German Foreign Service in Cleveland, Ohio when Bob was born, transferred to Dublin in 1938, was permitted to remain in Ireland post-war, and was taken back into the Foreign Service in the London Embassy, passport and visa section. With a broad Dublin accent, Bob thus went to school in England, and then to Christ's. It was after his graduation in 1958 that he went to Germany for the first time, and eventually followed in his father's footsteps into the Foreign Office in Bonn. After postings lasting four to five years each in New York, Los Angeles, Perth W.A., Johannesburg, Bonn, and London (where, like his father, he was head of Passport and Visa!). High points of that tour were meetings with Her Majesty on two occasions, a Diplomatic reception and when he acted as a wing-man to his new Ambassador when he presented his credentials. His final posting was to Kingston, Jamaica, before he retired in 2001. He is still playing tennis and golf and remains a traditional jazz fan; his final picture is on the occasion of his 86th birthday in March with wife Ingrid and sons Mick and Chris.



*The 1957/1958
Badminton team*



*Bob Müller
with family*

David Paxman retired for the second time this year! The first was in 1996 after 36 years working in Philips Research Laboratories in Surrey. This had been a very interesting career, laying the basics of many of the advances we utilise today. However in 1997, intrigued by an appeal from the National Trust for a chance to gain experience in “estate management” at Polesden Lacey, he signed up as a volunteer. In Autumn 1997 with other like-minded individuals he started on what was essentially woodland maintenance; coppicing, tree clearing, hedge planting and repairing fences, etc. It was revealing to discover how much activity was required to keep such a property in pristine condition. Now, he is able to visit, along with old colleagues, and admire the results of their efforts. It had not been the case with his first career, as the laboratory had closed in 2008. However, this year, with the help of the new owners, the local planning department, and old colleagues over the last few years, some of the original memorials on the site have been retained. He also said that whilst writing to me he had been reminded that, 65 years ago, **Bruce Bangert** had recruited him, **Stephen Blake**, and **Neville Preston**, to help crew a sailing trawler on a 1500-mile cruise to Scandinavia, leaving Lowestoft on 8 June, immediately after his practical chemistry exams. This resulted in lifelong friendships and, intriguingly, his Danish wife!

Andrew Bain reported that although he continued to have an agreeable life, he didn't feel that he was capable of making much of a contribution to society and was finding the political and economic environment in which we live pretty depressing (he may not be alone there). Fortunately, however, he was still much fitter physically than most of his contemporaries, but would leave it to others to judge his mental capacity! His closest friends from Christ's are now all sadly deceased, as are his London friends. Living in Helensburgh, a visit to Cambridge from Helensburgh really made sense only in the context of a trip to the south for other reasons, and thanks to Covid he hadn't even given much thought to that in the last couple of years. Maybe by next year, if life has returned to something close to what we used to regard as normal, he could put together a sensible programme for a visit to London with a side-trip to Cambridge to coincide with some College function. If there is a Fisher Society do in November, that might conceivably be on the cards.

George Astbury, always my faithful respondent, had hoped in last year's *Magazine* that we could both return to normal pottering around in old motors, but Covid restrictions continued to limit things. He was, however, an active member of two “Old Car” drinking groups, but, although his spine surgeon had turned out to be a good one, he had been confined to a chair & two Zimmer frames up to April 2022. I presume after that, he reported on a reunion in Dublin with **Micheal Johnston** (m. 1954), who had been the Captain of CCBC, and **John Pitchford** (m. 1954), who had been Secretary, then President, of the CUBC. It was then, after winning two successive Boat races, that Canon Raven declared that “Christ's was now a Rowing College”. The object of the reunion had been to check that they were all still alive, even though somewhat dependent on the NHS. To do that, they checked their progress to Fitzgeralds. The 200 yards took about 20 minutes, but it *was* slightly up hill and their helpers (wives) were not in the first flush (although Pat Johnston still swims daily at the “Forty Foot”). He had also attended a very convivial dinner at Christ's for Original Christian Minstrels, as a guest of **Hamish Donaldson** (m. 1957). He thought he could perhaps be identified as the oldest person present, and if, as he believed, the OCM no longer meets, he hoped that a suitably gifted dynamic person would surface and again raise the roof with ballads from the Music Halls.

Richard Simmons and his wife sold up in France in October 2021, leaving friends with great regret, and moved to the wonderful city of Lichfield to be near their daughter and family. He has finished a biography of William Temple Franklin, grandson of Benjamin Franklin, but Covid and library restrictions had delayed final revisions. His article on “William Temple Franklin and the publication of Benjamin Franklin’s works” should be published soon in the *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*. He hopes to visit Christ’s and dine in the College before too long.

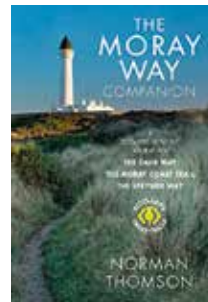
1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

Philip Edmondson has been retired from Harley Street for 20 years and is very happy gardening and fishing in the Cotswolds. He has written a medical thriller (*Orchids Can Kill*) and a history of the old house they live in, which has quite interesting American connections. **Donald Steele** reminds us that it is 65 years since our matriculation. Speaking of which, 2022 marks his graduation to Life Membership of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews – automatic after 60 years. He has also been a member of the Association of Golf Writers for 60 years and a past captain of Denham Golf Club for 50 years. It is not just the Queen with landmarks to celebrate!



Philip Edmondson

Norman Thomson has been writing a book called *The Moray Way Companion* which was published this June. The publisher is Birlinn in Edinburgh who publish a wide range of Scottish-oriented books. His fits into a series on some of Scotland’s Great Trails – long distance footpaths such as the Deeside Way and the Fife Coast Trail. The Moray Way concept was co-founded by Norman and the County Council Sports Development Officer in 2009 following a casual conversation in the local library about how they might draw the increasing numbers of foot-slogging walkers to the wonderful diversity of scenery and landscape they have, much superior to, say, the West Highland Way. The movement grew and evolved into the Moray Walking Festival, now in its 12th year. **Richard Waterfield** says he has very little to report. His muscular neuropathy (Charcot Marie Tooth disease) has finally caught up with him and he is now almost immobile and can only look at the garden rather than take pleasure working in it. They are still working towards downsizing!



The Moray Way Companion

Michael Edwards’ year has been very rich, as ever. He crossed the border to Luxembourg in October, where he and his wife were entertained in the British Ambassador’s Residence, to give a lecture in English on *Thinking in Poetry* and another in French on *Jesus and the Art of Conversation*. He also took hesitant steps into the world of Zoom and Skype by recording a video on Shakespeare with Michael Whitmore, the Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, and another with Stephen Lewis on his book *The Bible and Poetry*, which Stephen had translated. Another book of poetry in English, *Wivenhoe: a Poem*, was finished, and a polemical study of *Euro-Christianity* was begun. The Académie française keeps him even busier than usual, now that the Académie’s Dictionary is nearing completion and everything has to be double-checked.

*Jeremy Willings
in Burgundy*



Jeremy Willings managed to spend a few days wine tasting in Burgundy towards the end of March, which was successful and pleasurable. He continues as Chairman of Milland Conservatives and hosted a dinner for members and guests last October with the Rt Hon Mark Francois MP as the guest speaker. He has arranged for the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP to be the guest speaker later this year. In the National Teaching Awards, **David Hargreaves** was given the Lord David Puttnam Award for Lifetime Contribution to Education – which is heavy enough to make an excellent door-stop! **Edward Stewart** continues to celebrate Mass each day and help out in the area, when needed. The presbytery, in which he lives, is a large Georgian building and there is a big garden, which keeps him busy. He also continues to celebrate Mass in French once a month for a group of French Africans in Coventry.

Chris Eyles spent a week in May walking with friends in the North Yorkshire Moors and felt a sense of achievement to have completed five walks each of about 7 to 7.5 miles. On their rest day they visited Castle Howard and Nunnington Hall. He has had cataract operations in both eyes which were very successful and he is back flying the Piper Cherokee 180 in which he owns a share. Chris and his wife remain very active belonging to the U3A and join their Wednesday Walkers for hikes of about 5 miles. He has recently taken over as Treasurer of the local U3A group which has over 700 members. This supplements his job as Treasurer of his professional institute's charity, The Incorporated Benevolent Association of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys. Meanwhile he has been taking an online course in Astrophysics, run by the Australian National University. Last September



I found this picture of the Christ's Athletics team in 1960, but we were only able to identify half of the names. Perhaps this edition of the College Magazine will reveal some more.

*Back Row: Athlete A, Athlete B, Hamish Donaldson, Rob Galbraith,
Athlete C, Athlete D, Martin Cuss, Richard Wade
Sitting: Athlete E, Mike Brufal, Tony Cope, Rod Wild, Tim Bradford*

they took their car up to the Orkneys and Shetlands for a most enjoyable trip going as far north on Unst as they could drive. In three weeks they encountered only one wet day and one assault by midges. He was visited last July by **Rodney Hillman** and his wife Pauline. At Christmas he heard from **David Bennett**, **Howard Clase** and **Carl Whitehouse**.

Hamish Donaldson has had a busy year as chairman of Haslemere Festival, organising the town's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A huge beacon/bonfire on Thursday 2 June was followed by a Charter Fair on the Friday, a Scarecrow Competition (with a Royalty theme) and a Jubilee Concert (with music from the Queen's Coronation service) on the Saturday. On the Sunday there was a civic service in the parish church followed by a carnival procession to the Green (with floats and cars from every decade of her reign). A tea party on the Green was followed by bands playing into the evening songs from the seven decades. As a lasting memorial to the Queen, a tower clock has been built on the local community centre and paid for by public subscription. Its dedication by the Lord Lieutenant marked the end of a very successful weekend.

We also received greetings from **Glyn Price**, **Geoff Roberts**, **Sam Legerton**, **Tony George**, **Brian Wilson**, **David Ravenscroft**, **Tony Fawkes** and **John Rudolf**, who writes that this bird has not yet fallen off his perch but doesn't crow as often or as loud as he used to.

1959 Year Group Representative Michael Gibbs writes:

I think the Covid pandemic has allowed us all to get used to doing not very much! We are also growing older so less is likely to happen. **Martin Woolley** reports that he has been appointed churchwarden at Saint Mary Bourne Street, Pimlico SW1. On a sad note, we heard that **Charles Peters** had passed away recently. A small group of '59ers had lunch together in the City to celebrate escape from Covid lockdown and to enjoy their company. We invite any other alumni so minded to join us on the next occasion. Do contact me, Michael Gibbs. Those appearing in the photograph are **Martin Woolley**, **Michael Gore**, **Derwent Swain**, **Don Brewin**, myself and **John Radcliffe**. **Robin Webster** is also a member of the group but not present.



1959 year group reunion lunch

1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford writes:

What with lockdowns, no travel, and the infirmities of old age I suspect many feel they have little of note to report! I feel rather like that myself, and for my year's activities I am reduced to listing my own struggle to maintain even the slightest fitness by swimming, the rowing machine, electric bike, and slow walking. However, I did chalk up one milestone – my 250th occasion volunteering at the local Saturday parkrun, for which I was presented with a tankard! The other major highlight was undoubtedly the College Reunion Dinner in September 2021 with three from our year: **Roger Grenville-Jones**, **Richard Paden** and myself.



Michael Sandford volunteering at his local Parkrun

Likewise, **Jeremy Robinson** reports: I have kept my golf going and I play, probably, twice a month at Burnham & Berrow on the North Somerset coast and, perhaps, more frequently here at East Devon – but my golf is very poor as I had to have my shoulder replaced two years ago after a fall on holiday in Wales. Last July I retired as a Chief Steward at the Devon County Show and shall enjoy this year's Show at the start of July as a free spirit! I play quite a bit of snooker at the 'famous' Budleigh Salterton Club, but I have no career achievements to report on – they are far in the distant past! Much time is spent walking our Border Terrier on the wonderful Woodbury Common which is close at hand.

David Black writes: I have nothing of real interest to report as a result of zero travel, even within Australia. 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 now had four instalments of Covid vaccines. **Robert Tapper** and his wife Carole moved from Brixham to a 'retirement village' near Bristol, where he is improving his skills in petanque and plays the (rather super) grand piano most days. **Dick Paden** managed to get a few weeks on his narrow boat and late last year ventured into the Coventry basin during their City of Culture activities with a host of pop-up global food stalls around the basin itself – great fun and nice to be able to socialise safely in the fresh air. He felt very privileged to take Holy Communion in the Cathedral, the first they had held for many months. He attended his eldest granddaughter's delayed graduation from the University of Manchester – two down and six more to go now! Amateur radio and Raynet activities are picking up again. He has now re-joined CU Wireless Society as a life and very old member after first joining in 1960 (as did your Year Group Rep at the Freshers' Fair of 1960!) His life now revolves around being a fully retired widower rattling around in a large house and garden with a protective Rough Collie for company but still being asked to lecture on the History of Cambridge Instrument Company founded by Horace, Charles Darwin's son. It was his first employer and only in later life has he become so aware of being involved in those early and exciting days of Scanning Microscopy in Cambridge and which provided a fantastically fulfilling life-long career and election as Honorary Fellow of The Royal Microscopical Society. In any spare time, he runs a monthly Village Cinema, manages the Church Institute and gets involved in all the things one is asked to do in a small Cambridgeshire village.

1961 Year Group Representative Patrick Mannix writes:

In the absence of any reports on career advancement, I can report that **Horace Mitchell** is fighting Church of England-imposed reform regarding closure of churches, **Bill Kyte** was awarded an OBE in 2003 for Services to the Environment in the Power Sector, **Gideon Ben Tovim** was awarded an OBE for Services to Health in 2012, and **David Hamilton-Eddy** remembers driving a Norton motorcycle through Mayfair in the 1960s, with a beautiful girl on the pillion, at 90mph, for which he did not get an OBE!

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

It hardly seems possible that it is 60 years since we matriculated. **Jeremy Tucker** probably echoed the experience of several others after two years of the pandemic saying that he was enjoying a quiet retired life with no notable events to report!

Patrick Parrinder also told of an experience which many of us in London recognised, ‘rambling through an eerily deserted Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens’ in July 2020. He was with **Tony Rogerson** whom he had met at the Bayswater Hotel where Tony seemed to be the only person staying and the only visitor from Germany in London. They met up again in April this year when London was crowded once again. Patrick is President of the H.G. Wells Society and a regular user of the London Library where he continues his research on HGW and other literary topics. A keen bird-watcher, Patrick noted the annual return of the swifts over North London on 10 May this year. **Ian Laing** keeps fit – he was skiing in the Dolomites in March and visited France in April with his grandchildren. **Robin Kerr** is also very fit and was sculling on the River Ouse near York for two days last year with his customary Christ’s gang.



Ian Laing skiing

Ian Strachan and Peggy have left their home in London after 34 years and moved to their house in Manchester-by-the-Sea, just north of Boston (MA), to be nearer to their children and grandchildren in the US. They have also acquired a small apartment in a beautiful retirement community which they will move into, hopefully later rather than sooner, as Ian was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s two years ago. Ian intends to visit the UK occasionally, as long as they can travel. He applauds the work of the retiring Master who has done so much to keep Christ’s at the top of the academic league tables and he has given the College a substantial bursary to provide postgraduate research support as a leaving present. **Dr David Apps** continues to do some teaching at the Bioscience Department of the Edinburgh Medical School and was pleased to see his students face-to-face again after two years of online work. He has recently returned from a trip to see the wildlife in Sri Lanka.



David Apps on holiday in Sri Lanka

Peter Mrkusic came to London in April to stay with his son **Greg** (m. 1994) and family in Kew. He joined **Tim Callan** and me for lunch at the Hurlingham Club where I play tennis twice a week. Peter is also still playing tennis in Johannesburg and helping his son Paul with the antique jewellery business. We maintain a correspondence with **John Murray** in Florida whose right-wing commentaries on the state of US politics and on the stock market are always interesting and punchy. John has finally retired and sold his tourism business, including the BOLO deep sea charter boats, under the severe effects of Covid on tourism. He is now focused on family and investment management; riding the market volatility and the ‘will she/won’t she’ recession is a stimulating challenge. **Granville Tunncliffe-Wilson** got Covid last November, but his wife Jean escaped it despite not attempting to isolate.



Granville Tunncliffe-Wilson rowing on Carsington Water

They are relatively isolated geographically and he spent last summer and winter once again occupied with, respectively, chasing swarms of bees and connecting neighbours to their community broadband. He starred in their long-delayed performance of *Princess Ida* and their production of *HMS Pinafore* which went ahead successfully in November with a full cast in spite of rampant Covid. The photo shows Jean on the

left taking the oars on Carsington Water during a family 70th birthday celebration. Granville's son Stephen (a John's man), as CEO of Inca Digital, managed the company's sale to AGFA which will ensure its future funding.

Six of our year attended the Reunion Dinner in College last September; the others being **Steve Bown, Robin Kerr, Robin Thompson, Peter Brewin, and Tim Callan.** **Robin Thompson's** involvement with dementia support groups, offering training and resources, particularly for caregivers, keeps him very busy. He occasionally meets up with **Peter Brewin** who continues his work as a Lay Reader and as deputy editor of the *Plaxtol Herald*. He is enjoying the good life deep in the Kent countryside, tending his vegetables, walking the dog, playing string quartets, and studying history with a fascinating local tutor as well as with a U3A Group which he started before Lockdown with two others, and which now has 50 members. Peter and I have a regular lunch with **Tim Callan**, generally in London, where Tim lives conveniently close to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. He has had an uneventful year apart from a walking holiday last summer with his usual group of friends in the Peak District and the Lake District (where they were in competition with Tom Cruise). He keeps in touch with many international friends and is enjoying London being almost back to normal with theatres open again. I will close with **Donald Fordyce's** erudite contribution from Queen's University, Canada, where the work he reported last year on SARS-CoV-2 Achilles heels has been formally published (2021: *Computational Biology & Chemistry*). He has continued studies related to Cambridge geneticist, William Bateson, whose mentoring of JBS Haldane has implications for *Roe v. Wade* and planned parenthood (2022: *Journal of Genetics*). Happily a second edition of *Treasure Your Experiences* (Bateson's biography) is now at the proof stage with likely publication later this year (Mendel's bicentennial). Finally, with historian Mark Boyer Adams, he has been questioning some of the "just so stories" that the turn-of-the-century "biometricians" (later known as "theoretical population geneticists") employed to challenge Bateson and his fellow "Mendelians".

1964 Year Group Representatives Roy Nettleship and Mike Jenner write:

The big recent event in **Paul Calvert's** life is that he and his wife Dolores sold the family ranch. The homestead has had a storied history; from changing borders over the decades, to hunting on its territory. It was sad to see it go but necessary to protect it from fire. **Ken Carpenter** reports that he retired fully just as the Covid pandemic broke out. He received the 2021 EUROCAE Lifetime Achievement Award "for many years of excellent support and outstanding contributions" as a member of its Working Group on Airborne Collision Avoidance Systems. He boasts eight grandchildren, including three step-children of his elder son. Little has changed for **Michael Freedman** since his last contribution. Still living in same house after 40 years. Still happily married to the same wife after nearly 50 years. The new, ongoing event of interest is that he and his adult children have involved themselves significantly in a food mall development in the heart of Helsinki. Just before Covid struck; and then Putin struck; and then inflation struck. The miracle is that the project has survived well, they say, with excellent anchor tenants signed up and many others in play.

Amongst other things after he retired, **Ian Harvey** returned, or regressed, to flying model aircraft. The most beautiful one to fly is a glider with 13ft wingspan, weighing only 4lbs and perfectly made of carbon fibre. The author of this model of perfection is Vladimir of Kharkiv, who is now turning out military drones as fast as he can

make them for the Ukrainian army. He is happy to wait as long as needed for his next model from him – “Ukraine’s needs are infinitely greater than mine”. The same situation has resulted in them hosting a wonderful Ukrainian refugee family. The two children are gifted violinists, at music school in Kyiv until it closed immediately after the invasion, and they started at the Yehudi Menuhin Music School. Their mother is a concert pianist – her ‘practising’ means their house is now filled with glorious live piano and violin music. It also means that their Steinway M is getting a proper workout at last – and Ian says he may even get some much-needed music lessons once they are properly settled in. Life for **Ken James** is much the same as last year – still on chemo, and still playing golf with a buggy, including with the Christ’s Alumni golf society and the Hawks’ Club golf event.

After retiring from the Engineering Department, **Dai Jones** built up an engineering consultancy practice, but recently decided to call it a day as the demands of appearing as an expert witness in large shipping and construction cases were probably not conducive to longevity. However, he is still a Life Fellow of Christ’s, and still involved in College activities. Sian and he have daughters in Sydney and Cambridge, so for many years have divided their time between two families and two countries. Dai was “brought up” sailing in Swansea Bay, so the visits to Sydney have been a great opportunity to get into yacht racing on the Harbour; and back in Cambridge he has taken up boat-building. His current project is a traditional 18-foot sailing dinghy of the type he used to sail at Mumbles. He hopes to get her finished next year. She fits in the garage with about half an inch to spare. He has joined two sailing clubs – Sydney Amateur SC and Blackwater SC (Essex). Both are a great bunch of people, very welcoming and supportive, and full of “can-do” attitude. Sian has mixed views on these obsessions. After a series of races in a Dragon class yacht, bruised and unable to walk downhill, her comment was “I have no sympathy for people who engage in dangerous and uncomfortable sports.” **Michael Jones** wishes he could think of something original, witty, interesting but in truth has found the last twelve months just a period of tranquil reflection, and of course the usual things like creating paths, felling trees and taming nature around him. A new dog, old friends and that’s about it. **John Levett**’s retirement occupation as music agent and promoter is about to enter its twenty fourth year. Live events, both indoors and outdoors, have restarted after the pandemic; these include a jazz lunch series at the HAWTH Theatre in Crawley and a continuation of open-air music events at Chiddingstone Castle. A stressful addition has been providing a whole afternoon of live music for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in the centre of Sevenoaks, covering the seventy years of her reign! His wife Janice and their family, thankfully, are well and “keep calm and carry on”, while **John Marshall** also reports that he is keeping going and enjoying it, while life for **Roy Nettleship** has returned to the humdrum, with frequent dinghy sailing on the Trent, bird-watching here and there and gardening.

For **John Parker**, the last year has been busier than ever – firstly the completion of paperwork for a successful application to the United Nations to recognise 2022 as an International Year of Glass, quickly followed by a book entitled *Welcome to the Age of Glass*, talks in Geneva, Denmark and the UK, webinars and background administration to support many hundreds of activities taking place in more than 50 countries around the globe. Judy and **Dick Peacock** are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Dick is intending to retire in the next couple of months after more than 50 years working with computer

systems. Among colossal developments, he has seen AI change from its symbolic nature in his 1970s PhD – picture understanding – to the current connectionist and machine learning approach touching everybody's life. He hopes to resume some of the in-person activities of the Cambridge Society of Ottawa soon and get off Zoom.



Paul Ramsay's garage door painted for the Platinum Jubilee



David Read in his 1969 Classic British sports car

Paul Ramsay became a Reader Emeritus with Permission to Officiate in October last, which really means 'thank you and carry on as before', but unfortunately, he had Covid at the time of presentation of the certificate, so couldn't go in person to receive it. Now like many he has had four jobs. He enjoyed the Garden Party in September, and he has managed two weeks in Sweden twice, in November and March, to see family there. Latest venture – painting his garage door for the Platinum Jubilee.

David Read and his wife did so much together, but Marja passed away in January. They met in the computer business, travelled the world on projects with each other, Canada, France, Germany and Oz, mainly on airline systems, Marja his manager a lot of the time. Since retirement, he has rebuilt a 1969 Classic British sports car, known as Bob because he came as a bucket of bits, an abandoned restoration project. He is David's pride and joy, every panel is new (done by a professional bodywork builder). He also had his engine reconditioned, all else, new bearings, wiring, fuel lines done by David himself. Bob is now taken along to Classic Car Shows, which were stalled due to the pandemic. Temporary hiccup as late last summer he cooked his motor ... not once, but twice, always a good thing to replace radiator caps after a top-up of water! Otherwise, he keeps busy with DIY and computer photo editing. He produces bespoke themed birthday interest cards for the grandkids (based on their current interests) and, finally, a bit of gardening (stress on the bit). David also reports that his twin brother **John Read**, living in Copenhagen, is a bit of a social hermit, likes getting the *Magazine*, but... He has also restored a Triumph Spitfire like David's, being a great online consultant during David's own rebuild. John is now working on a Hillman Imp.

Last year **Richard Saw** was diagnosed with PPA (Primary Progressive Aphasia). It's a very rare dementia and is caused by damage to the frontal lobes of the brain; no-one knows what does the damage. So far, his speech has been affected which has become laboured, but he reports that he can still think straight and he is remaining positive about the situation, still involved in Village and Church projects. He still rides his road bike with the local cycling club, rings the bells at church, goes sailing in Greece and looks after five grandchildren from time to time. His wife, Andrea, has had Parkinson's for some time so they don't know who will finish up looking after whom. **Mike Smith** has not very much to report as they have hunkered down. He made the most stupid mistake of his retirement last week. When he was advised to take a lateral flow test, he noted that 'C' came up. He totally misread the 'C' as Covid and assumed somehow that he was positive, spent most of the morning advising contacts appropriately. Next morning, he did the same but looked at the next page in the pamphlet and realised that 'C' meant control, i.e. negative! He spent half of the morning undoing the notifications of the day before. The best event for them has been the return of one of their daughters with husband and family to Scotland which means visiting is only 3¼ hours away rather than 12 or more.

In the last year their son and both sons-in law have been/or are deployed overseas which has meant increased support by WhatsApp to the families. They have done a couple of sessions of tree-planting alongside the River Dee with Rotarians as part of the Queen's Canopy project. Rotary and Probus have continued by Zoom until earlier this year and there is a gradual return to the 'new' normal.

With fieldwork and travel still on hold, **Ian Tattersall** has had to spend most of his time writing, with the result that three books, two written with his colleague Rob DeSalle, will appear in the second half of 2022, on subjects ranging from Spirits (the drinkable kind) to human evolution. He is looking forward to the world opening up enough to resume traveling, particularly in search of material on early natural historical explorations of Madagascar, but he is meanwhile enjoying seeing his home territory of Greenwich Village coming back to life around him. The lemur species, *Propithecus tattersalli*, in northern Madagascar is named after Ian. **John Whicher** and Jenny have bounced back from Covid restrictions with a lot of travel and catching up with friends and family. They visited their daughter in Montreal last autumn and this spring. What a lovely city. Closer to home they have a newish granddaughter and another on the way. They continue to do a lot of flying in their Skyranger and Bucker Jungman and a lot of aviation-related committee work. John is busy lecturing on the local geology of their area around Sherborne in Dorset and even publishing a few papers on it. A new project is a book on the building stones of this beautiful little town. Overall very busy, perhaps too much so. **Mike Williams** doubts whether there ever was a time when he could expound upon the signal achievements of his career or sporting prowess. However, he can say with some confidence that if any such eventuality ever existed, it has long since passed. It is instead their children, grandchildren and relatives who determine some of the milestones of their current activities. Though he nominally remains engaged in one disciplinary body, for practical purposes he gave up his last legal responsibility a few months ago. Anne has put up with him since their Cambridge days as undergraduates and they have recently visited her aunt, the widow of Charles Schulz (of Charlie Brown/peanuts) in California and one of their daughters, an ITV producer and her family, in Australia. The other three children and their families also keep them busy and although they live closer to their home in Cambridge they are still not very close. What have Mike and Anne done to chase them away? They also still see various Christ's contemporaries on a fairly regular basis, some of whom he can confidently predict will not put pen to paper. Others may, in which case their viewpoint may well be worth noting.



*Ian Tattersall
with a lemur in
Madagascar*

1965 Year Group Representative Terence Kyle writes:

Guy Benians wrote to inform me that his wife, Margaret, who attended New Hall had died at the end of January this year from Alzheimer's. He is engaged in West Fermanagh, Northern Ireland in experimenting around the "beneficial" effect of sodium on grass growth. **Jim Mackison** tells me that his daughter, Tamiko Dooley, won the BBC Christmas Carol competition in December 2021. Enter "Tamiko Dooley carol" into Google search to hear the Carol. **Wynne Aveling** says he has managed a couple of meetings at Glyndebourne Opera with Diana and **Andrew**

Turnbull. His plan to climb all the Munros by the age of 79 has been set back by lockdowns and by tearing his knee ligament skiing off-piste. He has only 91 left to climb out of a total of 282! **Tony Peace** died on 6 May this year from bowel cancer. He and his wife Roslyn had moved into an apartment in one of the buildings in the Close at Salisbury Cathedral a couple of years ago. His funeral took place in the Cathedral on 1 June and the eulogy was given by **Robin Field.** I attended the funeral as well as **Martin Day.**

*Brian Cantor,
Joe Foweraker,
John Hodgson,
David Lindsell,
Alastair Simkin,
and Ron Smith at
the Oxford and
Cambridge Club*



David Lindsell writes: In May, **Brian Cantor, Joe Foweraker, John Hodgson, David Lindsell, Alastair Simkin** and **Ron Smith** met at the British Museum and were given a guided tour of the World of Stonehenge exhibition by Jill Cook, Keeper of the Museum's Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory, followed by dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where the photograph here was taken. Extra-curricular activities of most of the group while undergraduates included membership of the College Spasm Band, the full name of which is unprintable here, and rhythm and blues band Hubie. Very sadly, another member of both bands, **Mike Turner,** succumbed to cancer in November, but we were delighted to be joined for the day by Katharina, his widow.

David Hooker writes: Although rugby was not my main sport at Christ's (one game) as opposed to University Modern Pentathlon and swimming I had a son who was a good junior rugby player being selected for a youth county team before he switched to semi-contact kick boxing where he won a national youth title. This led me to being involved in managing youth rugby at my local rugby club East Grinstead RFC, which I have found very rewarding, and I continued this when my son switched sports. This led to my involvement in Sussex youth rugby which has continued in my retirement as Sussex RFU youth chair. I can reduce these commitments somewhat as I will be busy in another role as I have been elected the President of Sussex RFU for the next two years.

Joe Conway wrote from Perth in Western Australia to inform me that he and his wife have had their fourth vaccination against Covid and are planning to visit family and friends in Canada and the UK after having not been permitted to leave Western Australia for the past two years. He and his wife also plan to meet up on 15 July with **Mervyn Lloyd, Chris Gittins** and their wives at Chris's home in Hertfordshire for a reunion get-together before they leave for Perth, and Mervyn and his wife leave for New Jersey.

*Kat Bryan, Robin
and Sarah Kerr,
and Tom Swallow*



Tom Swallow reports that Crustaceans **David Walden** (Bow steer) and himself formed a scratch composite quad with Taunton Rowing Club. They competed with glorious lack of success and great pleasure at Gloucester Head and the Head of the Dart. Together with **Robin Kerr** (m. 1966) and his wife Sarah, they also were welcomed by former Boatman **Kat Bryan (née Astley)** and

her family at their home in Wales, where the party reconnoitred the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal for the annual two-day Crustaceans Quad Scull.

1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

At long last, we all had a better year, and my wife and I enjoyed a few days in Vienna in May after waiting three years to get there. I finally finished a 5,000-piece jigsaw that our daughters bought as a challenge many years ago. So, the 'Henricus Hondius 1630 world map' is now mounted on a bedroom wall and I just need to get the Latin narratives on it translated as my O Level Latin is not quite up to it. In March **Terence Kyle** (m. 1965) and myself were pleased to be able to return to Twickenham for the Varsity match. It was a good day out but sad that there were only c.10,000 spectators there and over lunch, we were joined by **John James** (m. 1961) and bemoaned the lack of Christ's Rugby Blues these days. Following **Graham Tite's** (m. 1963) King Street article in last year's *Magazine* **David Banford**



Gordon Beer's completed 5,000-piece jigsaw puzzle

writes: The origins of The King Street Run are buried in 1950s' Cambridge history, but my curiosity was piqued when I heard about it as a Freshman in 1966 – an unusual challenge. Apparently, an argument had broken out amongst some medics who stated that the human body could not hold more than four pints of liquid and that The King Street Run – a pint of beer in each of eight pubs on King Street without a visit to the bathroom, must involve deception. So, The King Street Run was born in an attempt to validate this. King Street runs behind Christ's and being so close, I decided to try out for a King Street Run 'clean tie' (foaming tankard on a blue tie without any defacing P symbols showing shortfall) when I was invited, if memory serves correctly, by **Howard Rose** (m. 1964) on my same staircase 'D' in November 1966.

The Assembly point was The Rade Gund at the Jesus Green end of King Street (many of these pubs are now gone, or their names have changed). I had been warned that you had to strike for under an hour, or it became progressively impossible to earn a clean tie. Some other pubs we visited were The Horse and Groom, Champion of the Thames, The Earl Grey, The Maypole, The Cambridge Arms and the Royal Arms – can't remember the last one! For the record, the fastest time ever recorded was 14 minutes and five seconds in 1982 accomplished by the President of the Cantabrigiensis Hash House Harriers. As an anecdote, possibly apocryphal, Ted Dexter (Jesus 1955–1958) did the run both ways in under two hours to win a 'clean tie'. I whipped in fellow Christ's College Satchel Club member **Christopher Radbone** in the Lent Term 1967. These days, my 'clean tie' hangs in pride of place in my unused tie rack, a souvenir of some harmless fun, but not PC these days! P.S. Having heard of our successful Run Gordon Beer asked to try it drinking eight half pints of shandy but was rebuffed and widely ridiculed thereafter! His proud achievement was being named G R Shandy in the 1967 May Bumps Christ's 5th Rugby Boat programme. Continuing the King Street Run theme, **Peter Broadbent** writes: I don't recall the year, but I did complete an official King Street Run, with Banford as my witness and coach. A clean run, with no puking, peeing or other early relief from the splendid eight pints of beer. I was awarded the tie but cannot seem

to locate it now. **David Robinson** writes: Regarding the King Street Run, I earned a tie but had to have a pee! Three pints now puts me straight to sleep... **Mike Harris**, a Hockey Blue, writes: I am due to play in a World Grand Masters over 75 Hockey Tournament in Barcelona in June. That this is possible must be due in part to total abstinence from the King Street Run in former times.

William Mason writes: I was a Choral Exhibitioner and read Music at a time when there was no music Fellow at the College. Reading about musical life at Christ's nowadays – and listening to the quality of the Choir – fills me with envy, though there was undoubtedly an upside to having to do it all yourself. The Chapel Choir at that time was of course sadly lacking in sopranos (either boys or female students), and the decision to have the upper line sung by baritones was, in retrospect, a dreadful compromise. But luckily it failed to put me off singing, as this has been the backbone of my career ever since. After a couple of years on a singing scholarship at the RAM followed by two years in the BBC Chorus (now Singers), I divided my energies for the next few years in London between Early Music (John Eliot Gardiner, Roger Norrington, Pro Cantione Antiqua etc.) and opera, including a year as a solo bass at the ENO. Since 1977 my family and I have lived in the German-speaking world – a total of five years at two German opera houses (Heidelberg and Würzburg), followed by forty years in Austria. I was a permanent member of the opera ensemble in Linz for twenty-seven of those years, and since leaving the ensemble I have appeared regularly as a guest in plays, opera and musicals. I'm currently singing Titirel in Parsifal at the wonderful new opera house in Linz. From 1992–2013 I taught singing at the Bruckner University in Linz, and in 1996 my wife and I founded a Baroque opera summer festival which ran for 12 years, where I both conducted and performed. In the last few years we have inflicted German versions of Gilbert and Sullivan (*The Mikado* and *The Pirates of Penzance*) on rural Austrian audiences, and these – though embarked on with some trepidation – were a tremendous success. I now conduct a wonderful choir as well – a real bonus for me, especially as they consent to perform the odd motet or mass that I write for them. Our two sons are also steeped in music, which is hardly surprising as my New Zealand wife Jean was also a professional singer. My younger son, Orlando, changed direction after ten years as an opera singer, and now works for the Scottish government as the senior civil servant responsible for the dreadful Scottish drug problem. Henry, the elder son, divides his time between directing and writing for the theatre, with the odd appearance as a performer. He started as a professional director at the age of 21 with a series of Baroque operas and went on to direct plays, operas and musicals at many houses in Germany and Austria including the Vienna State Opera. Twice he directed Shakespeare productions in his own translations at the Salzburg Festival, and most recently won the German Musical Prize for his musical adaptation of Edmund de Waal's wonderful book *The Hare with Amber Eyes*. We are all hoping that this great piece – which had Edmund de Waal in floods of tears at the first night – will find its way across the channel before too long.

Following the success of *The Greyhound and the Hare* and *Please Mister; The Golden Age of Greyhound Racing*, **Charles Blanning** has completed *Twenty Two Waterloo Cups*, which was published by the Fullerton Press in August 2022. When not at the computer keyboard, he has appeared as Baron Hardup in *Cinderella* at the Wells Little Theatre and is rehearsing an early demise as General McKenzie in *Agatha*

and seven grandchildren) who are spread out in Northumberland, Hastings and Washington DC. His other activities are carving stone, gardening and making bread, cheese and ale, plus occasionally working for the University Clinical School.

Brian Bradfield, **Martin Coleby** (in Hertfordshire), **Peter Foster** and **Jim Webber** contacted Barry to say they still alive and kicking and looking to a more normal future. **Clive Butchins** did get to visit his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter number three in the UAE over the New Year; granddaughter number one from Germany joined them. He also spent time with daughter and granddaughter number two in France during April, returning with Covid. He's still busy with Rotary, Museum, and Ecological campaigns (but less tennis) and was voted for a third time in May 2022 as Deputy Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood. **Barry Carter** resumed his research consulting at Sandia National Labs in Albuquerque in July 2021, and still looks after the *Journal of Materials Science*. He is Emeritus in one Department at UConn and a Research Professor in another. He's still working with **Dave Williams**, and losing online chess games more often to **Adam Carter** (m. 1994). His oldest grandson starts high school in the fall and is taller than him! If you'd like to contact any of our Year Group, or to support **George O'Sullivan's** walk (see below for details), let Barry know and he'll put you in contact.

David Colville and his wife enjoy their renewed ability to travel abroad and have already travelled to France and to Singapore, where his wife was able to catch up with family members. David is keeping to his New Year resolution to spend less time in hospital in 2022 than in 2021. In July 2022, he joined a small group from the 1967 year for dinner at Christ's – 55 years on from matriculation and five years since this group last convened. Last time the group met they dined in the Mountbatten Room and hope to learn why it is now the Portrait Room!

Glyn Dale-Jones is still practising law full time from his UK home in Parkgate on the Wirral and from his other home in Piemonte in NW Italy (when, he says, the wretched Schengen rule of 90 days in any rolling 180 days allows!). Busier than ever doing corporate law, mainly M&A, with over £200m deals on at the moment through his virtual law firm, Excello Law. He says he does quite a bit of work in one sector with a firm called Birketts in Cambridge. The managing partner, although based in the head office in Ipswich, used to be **Bob Wright** (m. 1967), both were on the College football team. Glyn says he is one of a growing band of 'digital nomads' and that Italy is introducing a special visa for such nomads with substantial tax breaks so he may become resident in Italy yet to beat Schengen! Schengen covers the whole of the EU, including the Canaries and Madeira, apart from Cyprus, Bulgaria and Romania. So, to avoid eating into his time in Italy he went to Cyprus in October 2021 for a late break. This year he's been skiing in Cervinia, Sauze d'Oulx and Tignes Val Claret, only 14 days in all but better than 2021! Aiming for 20 days in 2023. 2021 saw the birth of Glyn's eighth grandchild! In September 2022, he'll celebrate 50 years of practising law! **John Day** is still keeping busy writing at 73 and is on his eighteenth book: the ICC commentary on Genesis 1–11. Jane, his wife of 40 years, died in 2021, but he says he amazingly found his new wife, Jennifer, through advertising in *Private Eye*!

Sandy and **Chris Eaglen** attended the 2021 Autumn Garden Party at Christ's. Enjoyed two weeks in Cornwall swimming and visiting Marconi Radio Centre in Poldhu. RHS Chelsea Flower Show was late in September and enjoyable. After the third and fourth Moderna Covid vaccinations they wonder what is next. Started

to travel again by tube and train in 2022. They visited Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Cumbria during Spring 2022 and particularly enjoyed the visit to Norwich Cathedral. After visiting the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May (with the roses already out), Chris delivered a seminar on Financing and Procuring Tunnelling Infrastructure at the British Tunnelling Society Construction and Design School Week in July 2022. He will be at the Autumn Christ's Dinner.

Sebastian Fairweather sent a photo from his office window showing a sunny creek with two paddle-boarders enjoying themselves and his yacht (on his garden wall) dressed up for the Jubilee. The tide comes in, the tide goes out and things are always changing which is just as well when one does not have to go to work. **Edward Franks** reports that all is well, decaying nicely, with gravity doing its work. Fighting back at the West Roxbury YMCA. After a



The view from Sebastian Fairweather's office window

four-year absence from Europe off to London, the very south of France, Northern Italy and Greece to 'hang' with friends for a long vacation. **Fred Frith** had concert tours throughout Europe in October 2021 and again in March 2022 (when their drummer ended up in Tel Aviv for a week with Covid and Ukrainian refugees were arriving already in Prague and Vienna railway stations). He had archival record projects, and now a commission for an opera, *Truth is a Four Letter Word*, that will premiere in Paris in February 2023. And still enjoys weekly bird-watching trips to the coast!

Colin Howard is now a retired GP. He enjoys fly fishing including salmon, and growing orchids. He says he has been learning Italian for a few years, reasonably successfully. He says: when you have one-to-one tuition there is no hiding place! **Maurice Howard** is Professor Emeritus of Art History at the University of Sussex, busy with alumni and fundraising, and serves on many committees to do with the conservation of buildings; he is also teaching and writing when there's time and is currently engaged in a protracted house move.



Colin Howard with a salmon caught fly fishing

Michael Kyle spent November 2021 to January 2022 in Quito, the capital of Ecuador. His son was teaching at the International British School there and had a road accident which resulted in a quadruple fracture of his pelvis. Michael was contemplating the process of emergency medevac but then was assured by a friend, who is a senior NHS official, that the doctors and hospitals in Quito were of a high standard – largely because of the number of traffic accidents they have had to deal with! Michael confirms that driving standards there are highly questionable. Michael had been in Quito in 2018 – a place of contrasts. The centre is highly modern, just like any western European city; but go some miles out and it is less so. He had a trip down memory lane when travelling in a taxi through an old suburb when he realised that the road was paved in "set-squares" (effectively blocks of paving stone) which reminded him of his 1950s childhood on the Shankhill Road in Belfast. Long replaced there, but useful in Quito because they are slightly flexible; earthquakes are not infrequent. Michael says the locals are still friendly but there is a great deal of street crime so caution is necessary when walking anywhere. It took three hours

to complete the process of discharging his son from hospital. Covid was coming under control and masks were required everywhere, including on the street. The big downside is the elevation is over 8000 ft in Quito and more in the surrounding mountains. It took him two months back in the UK to recover (heart pounding and shortness of breath) before his tennis became more normal.

Ray Langford took a three-week post-cancer cure at Avènes in Languedoc. Ray says the cure is a French phenomenon, available on their NHS, which Jane Austen would have described as 'taking the waters'. Today it is more balneotherapy and physiotherapy and it left him feeling wonderful. The centre became famous in 1871 when it received victims of the great fire of Chicago and today welcomes children from all over the world for burns and skin complaints. Ray went through chemotherapy and surgery in 2021 but also celebrated the birth of his seventh grandchild Noé who lives only an hour away in Montpellier. He is now back to normal and making plans for the future. **Adrian Lowe** is missing his skiing, coffee bars, and Pilates, but his house improvements have benefited! Having retired as a computer programmer in 2014, tennis, not yet competitive but three times a week with the club coach, is continuing (wearing FFP3 masks of course). Adrian is in contact with **Ray Langford** by phone, and in touch with **Phil Leverick** (all three were in X block.) He met with **Lloyd Zokay** and Gill for a pub lunch until Covid. He says he finally threw out nearly all his Cambridge lecture notes.

George O'Sullivan continued through another year of gardening (no geraniums), looking after the house, doing some long walks in the West Midlands, and manning a 'care bubble' for his elderly relative on the other side of Birmingham. He 'spread his wings' to the extent of taking drives to Dorset and Surrey to meet up with one friend and to attend the funeral of another; the friend is hoping to celebrate her 100th birthday in June 2023 so George will attempt a two-day 100k charity walk in honour of the event (sponsors are welcome). **David Perry** continues his work on the Podcast *Naked Reflections* at the Cambridge-based Woolf Institute and he encourages **Rowan Williams** (m. 1968) to take part as often as possible. He recently met **Clive Bell** (m. 1969) at the Punter, at the back of St John's, and they nostalgically discussed experimental music of the late 1960s. **Gordon Robinson** has now moved to North Carolina, where he and Sue get to see their grandsons most days. Sadly, **Peter Sanders** lost his wife, Malvina, a few months before the first Covid lockdown. He visited Christ's in summer 2021 for the first time in many years and stayed in the typewriter block with a friend. It was the first night that the accommodation had been open in 2022 and is recommended. He still lives in Hove.

Robert Stone, having retired from teaching classics in 2009, has spent the last 12.5 years studying philosophy (for fun) with the Oxford (aarrghhh!) University Department for Continuing Education. This has a Philosophical Society attached, of which he is currently Chairman. "Global fame at last!", he says. **Jeremy Tafler** is about to embark on the final year of a psychotherapy postgraduate diploma. Lovely fellow students but it's hard going. Meanwhile he was in Spain with the family. Memories of the Horse and Groom and table football, but now the grandson beats two of them single handed...

Richard Tebboth's Shakespeare play reading group has almost completed the whole canon – just two or three to go. He says the surprise of the year was finding himself pictured among the photographs in the College e-Christmas card taken following a Fisher Society lunch where he chatted about old times with **Jon Corrall**

(also MML). **Pete Tymms** says his professional education work continues to fade although he still has a few projects running; he was recently elected to the British Academy. Gardening, playing croquet, wood working, and his grandson keep him active. Another grandchild is due soon. Pete and Beena recently met up with **Mike Clayden** and his partner Norma for a great day in Durham; Mike says he and Norma are working through Beena's cookbook of culinary delights.

Dave Williams spent the last year on academic leave working out what to do with the rest of his life. He says there's great joy in choosing with whom to work and spend time with after 20 years of senior university administration, where such choices are rare. He's helping raise \$50M in venture capital to help Ohio start-up companies, helped another Ohio university raise \$50M in public bonds by leasing its parking system and doing a little more consulting for other universities. He takes on the leadership of ASM international in Fall 2022. Dave and Margie got to London twice (pre-Omicron) to meet their third grandchild, Ford, at the time of writing, almost a year old. They spent a week in the Galapagos with two long-time Cambridge friends and their wives which was everything it was promised to be (especially after 2020 and 2021 cancellations).



Dave Williams and friends in the Galapagos

Geoff Woolsey-Brown had a mild case of Covid but says he did not miss a walking of the dogs nor any meals! **John Wright** spent four months in lockdown in Auckland, working from home. Then a few months of 2022 were spent resuscitating the Bannockburn garden. By June 2022 he could at last travel to the UK and meet three grandchildren born since the pandemic started!

1968 Year Group News:

Rowan Williams writes: We are still enjoying being back in Wales – though, with the arrival of our first grandchild last November, we are back and forth to London a fair amount! I'm now co-chairing the Independent Commission on the Future of the Constitution set up by the Welsh Government last year to look at possible developments with devolved governmental powers – a very stretching task, but one that is opening up some large questions about grass-roots democracy and how to stage a serious 'national conversation'. Still busy with local parish work as well, and a bit of teaching here and there. A short visit to Ukraine just before Easter to see something of the refugee situation has reinforced concerns about how we're handling asylum seekers – but also provided much inspiration through the depth and seriousness of the volunteer response on the ground in Ukraine. All good wishes to you and the cohort. **Paul Roper** responds: 2021 was another cautious year with Covid precautions. Again, we made good use of the narrowboat, spending six weeks crossing the tidal Ribble estuary to get onto the Lancaster canal. We travelled to the top of the system above Carnforth and since Sarah is into amateur dramatics, we had to visit the station (the home of *Brief Encounter*). She swept up the platform approach ramp doing a good Celia Jenson impression, whereas my Trevor Howard impression was less impressive! By Christmas, we decided to largely abandon Covid caution and resumed full socialising and a return to dancing. We did both get Covid in late spring but soon recovered. Good wishes to you all.

Robert
Borgerhoff
Mulder and
Harley Nott



Robert Borgerhoff Mulder and **Harley Nott** (m. 1969) were back on skis again after missing a season due to Covid. A week in the Dolomites in mid-February produced mixed results. It hadn't snowed since early January, and sunny south-facing slopes were soggy and wet while north-facing ones were crinkled ice. Lower slopes of course had no snow at all. Septuagenarians now, the two nevertheless put up an admirable show of *ski de combat*. Climate change is doing no favours to traditional skiers who climb for their descents. Ski lifts and artificial snow may be the way for the (short-term) future but they're as far from the Real Thing as Coca-Cola. **Stephen Hart** is still trying to return to regular travel after the hiatus of the last two years, but managed to walk the Wherryman's Way footpath from Norwich to Great Yarmouth.

Tim Palmer sends greetings to the 1968 year group. He has spent a good part of the year at his barn in the Ardèche. While the conversion project will probably never be completely finished, it would probably be more accurate to describe it now as a house. During the latest visits there, the emphasis has moved from building work to furniture making. Music-making has picked up as the pandemic has receded, with song recitals and concerts in both France and Cambridge.

John Purcell writes: I had a week in Dieppe in mid-May 2022 but unfortunately caught Covid over in France and spent most of my time there self-isolating. I am still keeping busy with playing jazz and Morris dancing. Did I catch the Morris dancing bug from Dr A. L. Peck during my tutorials with him? Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee has generated quite a few local gigs in her honour. Otherwise, I am keeping well and reasonably busy.

Tony Cornah has responded: I've managed two half marathons this year after the enforced layoff because of the lockdown: in the 70+ category I came forth in Sheffield and third in the Bungay Black Dog. We will be at the May Bumps picnic this year, again after a Covid-enforced layoff: I'd intended to come last year to mark 50 years since I last wielded an oar in anger. Geneviève and **Andy Symonds** have, after 16 years in France, upped sticks and moved back to *La Perfide Albion*, albeit the southwest corner, to be closer to children and grandchildren. They spent the greater part of the year dealing with the consequences of having lots of space to accumulate "stuff" and then having to decide what to do with it all. **Geoffrey Lockwood** sends his greetings and best wishes, and reports that he has completed 50 years as organist of Christ Church, New Mill. **Paul Ormerod** writes: Andy Burnham has appointed me as Chair of the Atom Valley Greater Manchester Mayoral Development Zone. This is a major development in the North and East of the city region, intended to create 20,000 high tech jobs.

Tony Cornah



Geoffrey Lockwood



1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

Despite heartfelt pleas in the call for news, this report maintains its tradition of recording a general lack of response. Some replies – unsurprisingly – said that they had nothing 'newsworthy' to report, but still underpin what follows. Silence, as usual, is taken to indicate general contentment with life, or at least passive or Stoical

acceptance of its vicissitudes. The general mood, conveyed both directly and by second-hand indications, is that we are emerging reasonably confidently from the mothballing of the past couple of years, although what ‘emergence’ entails covers a wide spectrum. Writing from ‘sylvan Sussex’, **John Hargreaves** extolled the continuing ‘settled routines of chess tuition and clubs, bridge, gardening, grandchildren and TV sport – and lots of reading’. At the other extreme, some struggle to impose a semblance of order on the not-quite-post-Covid chaos, as dormant deadlines and commitments revive to challenge any attempt to take back control. Others embark on new ventures and adventures.

Eric Webb has become a volunteer guide at Milton Keynes Museum and has taken up croquet (a ‘ruthless pursuit’) with U3A. He has even risked foreign travel, going off in April to Greece and North Macedonia to tour the Salonica Front of WW1. Exploits there included an ascent of the ‘Devil’s Eye’ of Kale Tepe, a commanding height (610m) on the former Bulgarian front line: ‘Oh yes! I *did* climb it under my own steam and I have a Salonica Society bronze medal to prove it!’ For many of us, grandchildren continue to accumulate and grow, making us both joyfully and painfully aware of the passage of time. So far no one has mentioned great-grands, and there is no prize for being the first to do so. Time’s passing also brings a sense of slowing down, possibly an after-effect of lockdowns. It also means that a cohort defined as a year-group can only thin, this year sadly losing **Jon Bacon**, **Colin Farrington**, and **Alan Snowball**.



Eric Webb

Over the past year, a key feature of the College’s shaking off the shackles has been the revival of alumni events. Balancing intrepidity against anxiety, and hoping that we hadn’t miscalculated the risks, six of us were due to attend the Reunion Garden Party for 1963–74 matriculants in September 2021: **Bill Budd**, **Phil Cushing**, **Pete Grant-Ross**, **Frank Knight**, **Robert Swanson**, and **Andrew Thornton**. As the names of those attending were not circulated in advance, no collective meeting could be planned. Encounters were therefore somewhat haphazard, among ourselves and with those attending from overlapping years; but it was a very congenial few hours.

Writing from Australia’s Blue Mountains, and behind the barriers of the ‘non-Covid policy’, **Jonah Best** supplied the only non-UK response to the call for news. He recalled life on the top floor of P Block ‘during my first transformative year at Christ’s’, fingering Jon Bacon as one of the leading pranksters. Over the past year, zoom calls with fellow P-Block residents **Dave Crust** and **Nick Devons** have been conducted in ‘the anarchical banter that was developed to a fine art in our undergraduate daze (not a misprint)’. ‘Having relinquished my previous careers as a teacher, systems analyst, educational manager and psychologist, I’m still (unbelievably) working part-time presenting seminars to disability support workers.’ Closer to home, and from the domestic clausturation imposed by the ‘dratted C-bug’, **Howard Duthie** sent a long catch-up from Scotland,



Howard and Alison Duthie with their plane on the Isle of Bute

where he has lived and worked since the 1970s. Having been successively Director of Music at George Heriot's School, Edinburgh and Morrison's Academy, Crieff, he is now retired. Life remains full, combining being Director of Music and Organist at St John's Kirk of Perth with 'many other musical "odd jobs" (choral/orchestral conducting, accompanying, adjudicating, writing, committee work, etc, etc)'. Thanks to acculturation he has 'for a long time regarded myself as a naturalised Scot'. Shared ownership of a light aeroplane and possession of an appropriate pilot's licence allows him to relax by flying around the Highlands and Islands. However, he no longer indulges in paragliding, having 'decided to quit while I was still alive'. His ground-based exploration includes riding with the charity-group Talking Tandems, 'who take blind and visually-impaired cyclists around Fife and surrounding parts'.



David George
officiating a
wedding

David George's message also came from Scotland. He retired from Law about two decades ago, and from 'various other quasi-occupations' thereafter. He continues to work part-time as a Registrar officiating at civil weddings/partnerships in 'stunning Highland locations' principally in and around the Cairngorms. Responses from south of the border were usually less expansive, more general news than concrete detail. However, the name-checks passed on attest the continuation of networks in the UK, across continents, and between year groups. Among them, **Clive Bell** recalls a pleasant pub lunch passed with **David Perry** (m. 1967), during which they discussed Clive's recent interview with the improvised music pioneers AMM, published in *The Wire*. In the 1960s the group opened for The Pink Floyd at the UFO in Tottenham Court Road, 'but neither of us can recall whether we were there'. **Roger Stennett** reports that during the Covid months he 'returned to my first love, poetry'. He has written some 2000 poems since March 2020. Another poetry collection is also ready for publication, scheduled to appear just before the distribution of this report. *39 Poems For Dylan T* is 'focused on themes which connect my life and writing with the work and life of Dylan Thomas, whose poetry I have studied and enjoyed for more than half a century'.

The pandemic casts a long shadow, over a very uncertain world. As we dodder or jog or sprint along, we can perhaps empathise with the ambiguities, aspiration, and frustration of **Jonah Best's** parting shot: 'Just a couple of heart valves to replace now and I'll be good to go. But where?' Next year's report should record some of our answers to that question.

1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Hugh Williams writes: regrettably, I have absolutely no career achievements to report and I have achieved no personal milestones. However, despite spending much of the last year with a considerable number and wide variety of members of the medical profession, regrettably in their professional capacity, I am still alive and kicking and I regard this as a supremely important achievement; I intend this as a compliment to the medics, not the reverse!

And I am delighted to say that the meetings by Zoom of Christ's m. 1970 (plus exemplars from m. 1969 and m. 1971) Boat Club alumni under the soubriquet of P.U.D.D.L.E., which started with the first Covid lockdown in early 2020, somehow just continued weekly into the 2021 lockdowns and now for yet another

year. We have greatly enjoyed our weekly sessions and only rarely mention rowing. Appearances in approximate matriculation order include **John (“JL”) Lambert** from Boston, Mass., **Peter Howard**, **David Kenning**, **Jonathan Knight**, Yours Truly, **John Watson** (frequently from NZ), **David Greenway** and **Charles Stubbs** with occasional appearances by **Chris Hodson** and **Hal Whitehead** (from Canada). We even met for a Henley Regatta picnic in 2021 and there are vague mentions of JL and I rowing a double together at Henley Masters Regatta next year, hopefully, wiser counsels will intervene before then.

Mike Clarkson writes: I was shocked to realise that this year is the 50th anniversary of the 1972 Christ’s May 1st VIII in which I had the honour of being Stroke. Our results in the May Bumps are better left shrouded by the mists of time but I have made a note to try to link up with other members of the crew one day. Debbie and I recently had the pleasant experience of meeting up again with **Pete Clarke** (m. 1971) who also lives in Bath. We had an enjoyable catch-up in our local pub, the Fox and Badger.

John Tattersall received an LVO in the birthday honours list in June 2021 (after the last year’s publication deadline for this *Magazine*) for his services to the Royal Court of St Katherine in the East End of London. **Dewar Donnithorne-Tait** continues his *pro bono* work with the Royal Aeronautical Society to enable the safe integration of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (also known as drones) into non-segregated airspace. He remains passionate about wildlife and wilderness conservation and he and Alison (Newnham m. 1972) have recently travelled to several national parks and game reserves across southern Africa and Sri Lanka. His long-term support of the conservation of the Kashmir Stag (Hangul) also continues and the Hangul population is growing slowly in and around Dachigam National Park in northern Kashmir.

We are sorry to have to report that Tim Lintott sadly died after submitting his year group report. We are enormously grateful to Tim for all his support and an obituary will be included in next year’s Magazine.

1971 Year Group Representative Tim Lintott writes:

My news is fairly undramatic, with some good elements as well as less good. Enjoyable contact with contemporary alumni has included reconnecting with **Dick Thomas** (recently returned from a medical career in Canada), who spent a lot of time on the rugby field at Cambridge (three Blues at second row), pushing me in the front row, some other alumni at a College Fisher Society event (including **Dermot Main-Thompson** (m. 1954), as well as continued contact with **Jonny May** (m. 1973), **Mike Pimley** (m. 1972), **Sandy Pratt**, **Adam Wethered**, and **Ian Murray**.



Tim Lintott

On the health front, I continue to be treated (that is clearly not the correct word – it is no treat at all!) with cocktails of chemotherapy. But it is helping me to stay active and enjoy travel (see a recent snap of me in Venice with a plate of pasta and prawns), golf, rugby (watching only – mainly at Harlequins), family (including twin grandchildren of 21 months), cricket (watching matches at the Oval – Surrey or England).

Other things have been keeping us busy. A couple of weeks ago, we greeted a family from Ukraine who will be staying with us for the foreseeable future. A mother and two children (one of 3 years and one of 8 months) who drove from outside Lviv to the UK with her twin sister and her daughter (13 years), who are staying with near neighbours of ours. Their family home was in Mariupol (now destroyed). The family (hard to call it a family, as the husbands and elderly parents are still in Ukraine) with us had moved to Kharkiv, where the mother was a dentist/orthodontist in a large practice (newly equipped a few months before the war). Helping them to navigate the not-insubstantial obstacles to set up in the UK has been time-consuming and often very frustrating, but now they have been able to open bank accounts (not easy when you don't have proof of a permanent address in the UK for any previous period) and some school places have been found. And now the adults are looking to do some work – let's see what will be available (the twin sister is a lawyer – and we all know how useful they are!). Co-incidentally, the current holder of the George Spyrou scholarship is from Ukraine. The scholarship supports a postgraduate to study for an LLM at the College every year and was established and has been supported by some Alumni and other friends and family of George (who studied law at Christ's from 1971–73, but died from leukaemia 10 years ago).

Congratulations to **Professor Graham Burton FMedSci FRS** on becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society in recognition for his research into placental development and function during human early pregnancy, and how aberrations lay the foundations for later complications ranging from miscarriage to pre-eclampsia. Graham is Mary Marshall and Arthur Walton Professor Emeritus of the Physiology of Reproduction, University of Cambridge.

Adam Wethered writes: The last twelve months brought the first meaningful sense of freedom from Covid lockdowns. My wife and I were able to travel to see the Swedish half of my family, and stay in Skiathos, Greece, and then Lamu, a Kenyan island, as guests of generous friends. I now work part-time as chairman of an investment company, which keeps me current in the business world. Generally, I enjoy social conversations with old friends and making new ones. Growing things, whether plants, trees or young people who need advice, is the best activity as I get older. I read that Michael Palin emphasises enjoying a sense of curiosity and wonder.

This struck me as very positive. Viewed through that prism, almost everything one encounters is interesting and enjoyable. Most fun was hosting my daughter's much-postponed wedding last September, and watching my one-year-old granddaughter's expressive personality take shape.

Here is a bit of light news from **Sandy Pratt** (who read Law and was a partner at Norton Rose). Now retired but still showing his talents! Sandy writes: Only a snippet for the College *Magazine*, which is perhaps unusual and might amuse. I was awarded a bronze medal in the 2022 World's Original Marmalade Award (in the category of marmalade with a twist). **Andrew Murday** was elected to North Yorkshire County Council for Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale as a representative for the Liberal Democrats. He writes: Victory was sweet after my defeat in the 2019 general election.

*Andy Pratt's
World's Original
Marmalade
Award*



Andrew Murday

Alan Brown writes: this year really relates to some changes to my non-exec roles. A number have ended as I was well and truly timed out. This has given me the room to take on some very interesting new roles. I joined the investment committees of Christ's, the Gurkha Welfare Trust, the Academy of Medical Sciences, and I am a Trustee and Treasurer of the King's Fund. Also, on 1 June this year, I became the Chair of UCIM (University of Cambridge Investment Management Limited), the regulated entity that manages the Cambridge University Endowment Fund. And then, to my great surprise, the College has appointed me a Bye-Fellow (that's a non-academic Fellow). Finally, on the family front, my youngest son and his partner in Adelaide have delivered my seventh grandchild, Hattie!

Martin Labram writes: I have lived in Reading now for about 40 years, and finished 25 years on the (continuous!) payroll with DEC, Compaq, HP an amazing nine whole years ago in 2013 when I switched most of my time to walking and archaeology of one form or another.

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

The realisation that it's 50 years since 1972 caught the imagination of many respondents. We set a challenge and asked four questions. The archetypal responses were as follows:

- What's your reaction to the thought it was 50 years ago that you joined the Christ's community? 50 years! It's flown by!
- How have you changed? A person I shall call "anon" said fatter, less fit and less bendy. With that description his identity is secure.
- What do you know now that you wish you had known then? That we better understood climate, health, environment and the legacy of colonialism. That we'd met the love our lives sooner was a more personal sentiment. Some wondered why, as late as 1972, it was still almost a single sex University.
- What song would you pick? To be honest the idea of a song choice gained little traction beyond the point that what matters is the memories songs evoke. David Bowie's Autumn 1972 "Jean Genie" played at the "guest hours protest party", so I always think of Christ's when I hear it!

Neil Marshall has just to hear Van Morrison and he's back by the Cam, smoking various things and thinking of loves lost and won. He's still contemplating beside a river, pictured here, but in New Zealand. Neil adds: I wish I had known how wonderful New Zealand is and had emigrated straight after university as I had planned to do, until a woman got in the way. He speaks for many who



Neil Marshall

felt they did not 'fit in' on arrival in Cambridge, and Neil is grateful for the like-minded friends he eventually found. Thankfully nowadays great efforts are made to combat the imposter syndrome that says you have the wrong background to come to Cambridge. **Jim Whitlock** could claim he was not a typical student as he was simultaneously training for ordination at Westcott House. He explains that prior to Cambridge his world had been in art education. He has returned to painting full-time in retirement and says: I have enjoyed some amazing worldwide travel recently showing work following experiences in Nepal and Mount Everest. Exhibitions in Exeter, Truro and Norwich Cathedrals strengthen the link between my faith and creativity and I was delighted to be given a two-year artist residency at Norwich

Cathedral. I am currently preparing new work for Truro Cathedral in October. 50 years ago, he remembers meeting Senior Tutor S. Gorley Putt at interview, and recalling him lecturing at Brighton College of Art ten years previously. **Nigel McCulloch** (now Bishop) was the very youthful Chaplain and Director of Studies and Jim has remained in steady contact ever since. For the intervening 50 years, Jim adds: My ordained Priestly ministry was mostly throughout Cornwall, serving as Parish priest, Chaplain to Bishops and Directing vocations. Five years "overseas" service in Luton (and the Caribbean) brought me back to Cornwall where I am Canon Emeritus of Truro Cathedral.

Rob Anderson observes: So much has changed, yet some things haven't! I recall programming in Fortran with pencil-marked cards at Christ's and thinking this was the future! He married Pat immediately after leaving Christ's and they moved to Hull where he started working for BP and Pat started teaching. His early career in the petrochemical industry took them around the world with postings in Malaysia, Indonesia, Norway and finally Russia, he says: when we all thought it was moving toward a western model. Now semi-retired he continues to be involved in the energy transition with a Swedish/Omani energy company. Importantly he adds: along the way we were blessed with four lovely children. Our time is now spent involved in Rutland village life, maintaining an ancient village church, and supporting our now adult kids with a growing number of grandkids spread somewhat widely. While watching the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on television, Rob was struck by the perspective that our cohort are effectively complete Elizabethans! Little did **Keith Ison** and **Alan Cottenden** expect to meet helping as volunteers at her Platinum Jubilee service at St Paul's. But this was the case. Keith spotted Alan chatting to Royalty, no doubt on the subject of his life's work for which we congratulate him on receiving an MBE this year. Your Year Rep suggests looking up Alan's research this time as he is sure he has failed to explain it properly in the past! This year **Keith Ison** took a break from planting on his allotment, running an eco-group at his church and editing an online leadership journal for scientists in healthcare by going for an eight day walk round the north-west coast of Jura, in the Inner Hebrides. He says the walking is challenging and the bothies are to be recommended, as are a good pair of tick tweezers and a magnifying glass! Early May is a good time to go, when the spring flowers are out but the midges are not. Or maybe it was the strong winds that kept them grounded!

This segues to a post-pandemic theme of walking. A thwarted pandemic visit to the USA inspired **Steve Bagnall** and his wife Susie to do something better than bemoan the travel ban. Instead, they took the train and boat to Greenwich, found their home of 30 years ago and walked 150 miles back along the Thames to their home in Oxford. Steve can also recommend long-distance walking. **David Pope** can top that. He's actually forged a path. He writes: Most of my waking hours over the last year (and much of what should have been sleeping hours, unfortunately) have been taken up with setting up the Gower Pilgrimage Way. This is a 50-mile-long walking and cycling route linking all seventeen historic churches in Gower. It allows visitors to discover the rich heritage of these churches, which are mainly medieval but have their roots in the days of



David Pope

the Celtic saints, and which continue to serve as places of Christian worship today. We have a bilingual website in English and Welsh at gowerpilgrimageway.org, and the Way was formally inaugurated by the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan on 21 May.

Francis Drasar was clothed in the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers and is Treasurer of its charity which provides grants to improve the lives of people with visual impairment. **Michael Pimley** is living in Princeton and runs into Christ's alumni there, most notably **David Cannadine** and **Linda Colley**, whom he says continue as Professors of great distinction at Princeton.

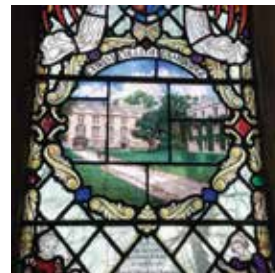
Bob Stevenson can be relied on to have travelled somewhere most of us don't get to and managed to book a holiday tour of Saudi Arabia in January. His travel record over the last 50 years is impressive; the Garden of Eden (Iran), the Lost World (Venezuela) and Timbuktu (Mali) and climbed Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) and Kinabalu (Borneo). He can also be relied on to have photographs from College reunions. His charitable fundraising from his CDs continues. Apologies to Bob and others where questions about 1972 prompted uncomfortable memories! Bob says they include nightmares of being unprepared for exams.

Jim Wheelan had a UK trip, to catch up with family after a three-year coronavirus hiatus. He managed to meet up with **Bob Stevenson** and **Ian Tibbles**. Jim has lived in the USA since 1988, after meeting his wife Cheri when at Harvard Business School (MBA 1982). He has known Bob since 1964 at Hayes County Grammar School and Ian (top room lottery pick in 3rd year), he says: let me room with him in Fellows' Building, B staircase (we were below Gorley Putt's rooms!). His wife is a Doc Martin fan and they met Ian and his wife Janet for lunch in Port Isaac at the pub on the harbour that is always on TV. While in England he visited Great Missenden's parish church which has a stained-glass window of Christ's second court, with his old rooms in view – does anyone know why?

As we reflect on 50 years of history, the final news is from professional historian **Taylor Downing**. He had a new book out in January called *1942 – Britain at the Brink*, which looks at the series of military disasters that Britain endured during that year and how they created a political crisis for Churchill and his government. He got to the point in October 1942 when he told those around him 'One more defeat in battle and I'm finished'. Then of course came the battle of El Alamein and victory. The rest is, as it were, history. Taylor writes: I've been wondering what my 19-year-old self would think about me 50 years on. Apart from seeing myself today as unbelievably ancient, which of course we don't feel, most of us see ourselves as at least ten years younger than we really are, I think I would be quite impressed that I had managed a career in History while only briefly being an academic. When we were at Christ's the top historians who taught us like Prof J.H. Plumb and Simon Schama certainly left all of us with a passion for history but also with a sense that it was too important to be left to historians. I'm one of the lucky ones who through a career in both making television programmes and in writing, I've been able to spend 50 years researching, interpreting and presenting history to a reasonably wide audience and readership. I



*Bob Stevenson
and Jim Wheelan*



*A stained glass
representation of
Christ's College
that Jim Wheeler
found in Great
Missenden's
parish church*

think in 1972 I would have found that pretty 'cool'. There will have been many triumphs and disasters for each of us in the last 50 years, but it's good to remember that our 18-year-old selves will have viewed much of what you've done as pretty cool!

We have recently heard of the death in 2014 of John Searle who read Engineering at Christ's.

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

It is gratifying to report that we have five new contributors this year, and also something of a Polemic to set the 1973 minds whirring. **Nigel Cox** was a scientist at College but spent his working life in Human Resources at Pickfords which went through various iterations until it was acquired by DHL. He is now involved with the Ancient Tree Forum, Bristol jazz and blues festival and is a shareholder in the New Internationalist. He is also a governor of Lawn Manor Academy in Swindon. In connection with that latter role he writes: I have had a lifelong commitment to supporting state education – at Cambridge I was involved with a local playground group and CASE (Confederation for the Advancement of State Education). Even back when we were at College we knew that the evidence was overwhelmingly that our children would be better served by a non-selective approach to schooling. For the last eight years I have seen up close the damage done by the policy choices being made in education and social services – funding disparities get worse, children in deprived areas suffer, and resources are withdrawn from local areas. I could go on and, if invited, would do so. My question to fellow 1973-ers is, how many of you have been putting your experience and resources into direct support to those children and schools where the need is greatest, rather than those better resourced and connected to those in power and with influence? More important, perhaps, now that you are probably retired, where are you putting your time and effort.

Thinking that this might perhaps be a good theme for a discussion before our reunion dinner which is due to be held next September, your correspondent contacted others who have been involved in the world of education for their views on the matter.

Tony Smith taught in two comprehensive schools before going into education administration. Amongst other things he was responsible for the school reorganisation in Exeter and is now chair of a multi-academy trust. Like Nigel, he has trenchant views on the subject, one of which is "Academies are NOT the answer". **Jon Tompkins** is still teaching in Bracknell so will be able to contribute to this debate with current knowledge, and I suspect it will elicit views from many. In the meanwhile, Mention of Jonny Tompkins allows us to celebrate one of the College's great modern oarsmen. JT appeared in five Henley finals, winning two with Molesey Boat Club in the Wyfolds (coxless 4s). He won four golds and a number of silvers in the national championships, had two wins with an England crew and then followed it up by coaching the GB women at junior, under 23 and senior world championships and at the Barcelona Olympics. Then he got married.

Alongside his teaching and family duties, JT set up a business coaching consultancy which is highly praised and co-authored "The System, the proven formula for growing your business". He carried on rowing in the veterans category and was in the Cambridge crew for the first seven veteran Blue Boat races. While many 73-ers might be paddling light into retirement JT is keeping his rating high, and despite having a pile of Economics A Level scripts to mark he found the time to dig out the historic Crustaceans photo which accompanies this piece. A number of people have asked for

this over the years so it's good to see that it is still in existence. It shows the Club at rest in the Fellows' Garden, just after we had been taken off the proscribed society list.

Tom Beddall is another first-time contributor. He writes that after receiving the Master of Architecture degree from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design in 1980, and working as an architect for 40 years, he retired from architectural practice in May 2020. During his career, he worked on a range of large architectural and urban design projects, including university and public buildings, research and teaching laboratories, office interiors, and high-rise housing. Most recently, he was senior associate at Koetter Kim & Associates, with offices in Boston Massachusetts and London, for 18 years, and then at Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype in Boston for five years. Tom and Francoise Dumler were married in 2003 and live in Brookline, Massachusetts. They spend time every year at a summer house on a coastal wildlife refuge an hour's drive north of Boston, where Tom is volunteer steward of the property, which comprises seven islands behind the barrier beach.

David Shimmin is another welcome newcomer to the column. David had a distinguished career in the pharmaceutical robotics and identity software sectors as well as a spell of research and teaching at Liverpool University. He and Christine live in Cheshire, their two children and three grandchildren live elsewhere in the UK so David and Christine busy themselves helping at the local nature reserve, food bank and local United Reformed Church. **David Millward** is a regular contributor, and like the good journalist he is, always gets his copy in early. He and Robin (Girton m. 1974) live in Maine and Dave works part-time for the *Telegraph* and as a freelancer. On hearing that your correspondent was going to the FA Cup final to watch Chelsea, Dave relived the triumph of having been at the 1970 games where the Blues overcame Don Revie's mighty Leeds. Years later he managed to get a scoop in his interview with the legendary "chopper" Harris when he learned that he was a shrewd businessman who had made a fortune investing in golf courses. **Andrew Bruckland's** rather smaller investment in the fortunes of Tottenham Hotspur appears to be paying off and Andy is looking forward to their return to the Champions League. Sir **Jim Smith** has stepped down from his role as Director of Science at the Wellcome Foundation and is now an Emeritus Scientist at the Francis Crick Institute. But Jim shows no sign of slowing down as he remains secretary of the Zoological Society of London and is active on a number of other scientific committees and bodies. If he is not already a member, Jim might like to consider joining the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor. Their Platinum Jubilee dinner was a truly grand affair and their entertaining guest speaker was **Richard Luce** (m. 1957). A coincidence that is not often remarked on is that Lord Luce was succeeded as Minister for the Arts by **David Mellor** (m. 1967).



*The 1973
Crustaceans*



*Tom Beddall
and Francoise
Dumler*

David was looking his usual hirsute self at Garsington for the opening night of *Orfeo*. Perhaps out of a wish not to offend anyone he has so far refrained from reviewing the production. Another great patron of opera **Harry Hyman** (m. 1975) was also at the opening night. We always enjoy alarming our guests by explaining that we used to scrum down together in the College rugby team.

Stephen Gibbs and Rowena (also Girton m. 1974) made it to Greece and Barbados last year. This year they decided on a change, so they have gone to Barbados and Greece. It may not be as warm in the Lake District as they had expected. Steve has at least made progress on his proposed book and the humorous side of life in a city law firm. He has a title: *Cut to the Case*, but he has been advised that publication is unlikely without a major change to the laws of libel. He and Rowena still dine virtually with **Keith Woodward** and Sally (Newnham m. 1973).

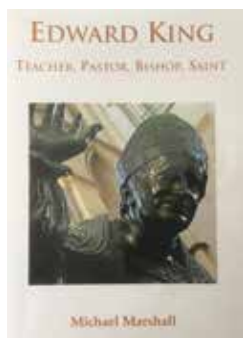
Patrick Leonard, a Geographer in College who has become a keen ornithologist in his retirement near the Gibbs in the Lake District, contributes the following arresting passage from *The Swallow: a Biography*:

'Later in life Charles Raven would become a distinguished theologian, author and Master of Christ's College, Cambridge. But during the First World War he was a young chaplain on the front line in France, witnessing such terrible scenes that, after the conflict ended, he became a lifelong pacifist. In his biography *In Praise of Birds*, published less than a decade later, Raven wrote of how the discovery of a pair of swallows nesting in the troops' temporary HQ was a morale boost for his men.

'These birds were angels in disguise. It is a truism that one touch of nature makes the whole world kin; those blessed birds brought instant relief to the nerves and tempers of the mess...we all regarded the pair with devoted affection.' The swallows were soon adopted as the battalion's unofficial mascots, their survival clearly linked – in the minds of Raven's men at least – with their own fragile mortality.'

Speaking of distinguished theologians, your correspondent enjoyed a wonderful hour with **Michael Marshall** (m. 1955) at his Sloane Street flat, just along from the glorious Church which he helped save from extinction, to capture the following story of a joke played on the great Jack Plumb. Jack was apparently a very good cook and so Michael and a friend (who Michael will only disclose as being a member of the 1st VIII) conceived the idea of hanging a large poster outside the balcony of Jack's room in First Court proclaiming "Jack's Caff. Frying tonight". The poster caused a great furore the next morning and was hurriedly taken down by the Porters. Michael

and his friend lived in fear of discovery for a while (in those long-off days it would have been a sending-down offence) but happily, the culprits were never discovered, and each was able to take their degree and pursue their vocations. Michael has just completed a major study of Edward King, the man said to have restored the soul of the 19th century Church of England, and this column is delighted to be able to publicise the work with the attached photograph. The fact that the Foreword was contributed by **Rowan Williams** (m. 1968) gives the book added resonance in these pages.



Michael Marshall's new study of Edward King

Edward Gildea reports: Last summer, in my role as a temporary, unpaid Christian Aid Climate Change organiser, I decided it would be a good idea if all the churches and cathedrals in Britain were to ring out their bells as a warning about the

climate crisis on the eve of COP26, since we were hosting it. So I launched ‘Ring out for Climate!’ and started writing to hundreds of bishops, deans and archbishops. The response was quite remarkable! Thousands of churches, from the Shetland Isles to the Isle of Jersey, and from remotest Cornwall to an island off Essex, took part. At least 25 English cathedrals rang out, including St Paul’s, Canterbury, York Minster, Durham and above all Glasgow. There was tremendous support by organisations such as the Association of English Cathedrals and great interest generated in the media, both locally, nationally and internationally. Bells rang out in Australia and across the US and Canada from New York to British Columbia. But I was most proud that in thousands of parish churches there were vigils, prayers, poetry readings, music and candles, organised by families, communities and parishioners who felt they, at last, had the opportunity to express their feelings of fear, concern and hope while sounding the church’s warning. It was wonderful. Indeed, I got the feeling that, however disappointing the outcome, the politicians and negotiators in COP 26 were under more pressure than ever. Media coverage was intense, and the voices of young people, scientists, NGOs, activists, civil society and Christian organisations were raised as never before. Sadly, however, the church may have to sound its warning about the growing threat to humanity and appalling climate injustice again in the future. Maybe on the eve of the next COP or when it is declared that we have reached 1.2 degrees of warming.

1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood writes:

Lockdown has inevitably restricted the activities that people undertook last year but I am delighted to report happy news from around the globe. **John Leach** married Lynn Anderson, the lady he first met and fell in love with whilst at Christ’s in December 1976. They moved into a stunning Grade II* signature listed building in Bath. The house was built in 1836 for the then MP but is now divided into five flats, one of which they own. A magnificent house, (over) full garden, perfect location, just under one mile from the Abbey and the centre, so they couldn’t be more pleased. **Stephen Riley** got married last August to Victoria Burch and managed to have a proper wedding party with no Covid restrictions! They are living mainly in West Sussex near Arundel and enjoying Stephen’s partial retirement. Stephen is still working a few days a month as a Non-Exec on the Board of an Insurance company and on the Court of a Livery Company in the City. He is also a Trustee of a small music charity. **Malcolm Ingham** is now formally retired from Victoria University of Wellington although he still has a 0.25FTE research contract that will keep him going for another three and a half years. His main outside activity remains orienteering (having morphed there from football



John Leach and Lynn Anderson on their wedding day



Stephen Riley and Victoria Burch on their wedding day

many years ago) and he is still High Performance Leader for Orienteering New Zealand. Two years of Covid means it has been a bit quiet on that front but New Zealand will be fielding a full team at this year's World Championships in Denmark, and Malcolm will be heading there as manager. **Nick Rennison** celebrated 2022 by looking back a century. His latest book, *1922: Scenes from a Turbulent Year*, was published and received generous reviews in the *Guardian*, the *Spectator*, and the *TLS*. He is now working on a very different project – an anthology of crime stories from the American pulp magazines of the 1930s and 1940s. **Martin George**, like most of us, had his holiday plans decimated by the pandemic but this meant he became involved with more consultancy work online. His latest project, with his wife, Theresa, is to renovate a house near Hythe which they hope to move into during August. **Paul Littlewood** has resumed playing over-the-board chess after two years of only competing online. Recently he came joint first in the English Over 65 championships and he has been selected to represent England on Board two in the World Seniors Over 65 Team Championships.

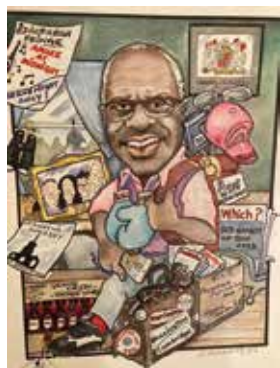
1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki writes:

Our year group inevitably features retirees enjoying new pursuits, those looking forward to imminent retirement and a sprinkling of us still not having got around to pulling stumps on work. But most of us seem to be enjoying the regained freedom once more, after the restrictions of the past two years.



*Larry Amure
and Mary Berry*

As **Larry Amure** remarks: 'Things are opening up again, and this unfortunately has put my bird watching down the list (see last year's *Magazine!*). My wife and I recently went up to Edinburgh where she ran the marathon. We met **Simon Sandberg** and Maddi Riddell (Girton m. 1976) who were there cheering their daughter on. Whilst waiting to travel from Edinburgh's Waverley station to St Andrews for post-race relaxation, I was surprised to see Mary Berry standing next to me. Her banana bread loaf recipe is the only one I use.'



*A birthday gift
to Larry Amure
from his
Christ's friends*

Larry continues: 'I was seventy years old this year and to celebrate I had a lunchtime party at Swavesey Mill. I was very happy that our Master, Jane Stapleton, and her husband were able to attend. Eight of my Christ's friends also attended with partners, and some were still enjoying refreshments at our house some ten hours after the drinks reception which started at noon.' The mentioned Christ's friends – **Tim Davies**, **Brian Edwards**, **Dai Knoyle**, **Stephen Morris**, **Simon Sandberg**, **Leigh Sparks**, **Jerry Thomas** and **Jan Chojecki** – presented Larry with a fine caricature portrait to mark the occasion.

Nick Bartle writes from New Zealand: 'I have been retired for over two years; the two quietest years in living memory. In that time, I have been inducted as a bard of the Cornish Gorsedh. Not widely recognised outside of Cornwall, a bardship is something of an honour. I am proud of my Cornish beginnings and ancestry, and the Gorsedh promotes all aspects of Cornish culture such as its language, music

and literature. My award was for my role in the NZ Cornish Association, where I have been writing newsletters for many years for our nationwide membership. Other chunks of my time are taken up with trying to stay fit. The pandemic had an unexpected benefit. The lack of international tourists to NZ enabled me to book a place to walk the Milford Track last December – a bucket list item I was able to tick off. It is one of the world's greatest multi-day tramps and the scenery is truly outstanding. I also volunteer regularly in a group working to rejuvenate native bush along another walking track near home. We spend lots of time cutting down introduced species and planting native trees. There are two main culprits in the Wellington region – gorse and Darwin's berberis. I suspect that Darwin would turn in his grave if he was aware that his name had been given to such a pest plant – at least in the NZ ecosystem. Both gorse and berberis were most likely introduced here on the backs of farm animals brought to NZ from Britain.'

Roy McLean reports: 'Well, my news is that I'm now retired, after 40 years (on and off) in software development - latterly working for Fiserv, a large US banking systems vendor, as a technical information specialist. For quite a bit of that time I've been paid to learn interesting stuff and play with software, so I can't complain! I'm still working (occasionally) on a personal programming project, to keep the little grey cells functioning. In addition, I've 'reverted' by taking up two activities which I could have done 45 years ago at Christ's: rowing and singing (lessons). The rowing is at the excellent Peterborough City club, where there is a 1000m rowing lake, rather than the narrow confines of the Cam. I'm keeping (as they say) busy!'

Jan Golinski will be transitioning to retirement at the University of New Hampshire, where he has taught for 32 years. He has also recently stepped down as president of the History of Science Society, the leading international organization in the field.

John Innes has stepped down as the Dean of Forestry in September 2021 and is now in the middle of an 18-month period of administrative leave. He observes: 'All that means is that there are fewer meetings and much less undergraduate teaching. However, my life still seems to be filled with meetings.'

Phil Chan reports: 'our new medical school (Kent and Medway) in Canterbury thrives, despite the massive challenge of opening during a pandemic. Our students have proven to be brave and resilient, we've assembled a progressive and enthusiastic faculty, and (the GMC agrees) all is going well. We have the highest applicant-to-places ratio in the country, and as I am responsible for selection, this has its challenges too! We are committed to widening participation in medicine, and have implemented many novel approaches to selection, so much so that we can safely say that we are different to all other medical schools. I remain research active and energised by this new way of life.'

Mike Collinson has experienced an upside of the pandemic: 'I run the technical side of Ticketebo, a medium-sized company that sells online tickets on behalf of event organisers big and small as well as providing phone apps that scan tickets and enable on-site sales. Well-established in Australia, two years ago we had just launched in the UK. When Covid struck, our daily sales volume plummeted from thousands to almost nothing. For me it was a chance to work on completely revamping our ageing software, and as the "new real" became apparent, slightly reposition the business as the big boys seemed to be not moving. Suddenly many venues who'd been content to sell paper entry tickets at the door needed to keep personal contact

down as well as record track-and-trace contact details. And many sports venues were forced by Australian state health authorities to have "Covid plans" that tracked not only the spectators but competitors, officials and media as well. I was surprised to find that in motor racing that can be several hundred people! The very large ticketing companies, who often have exclusive contracts on spectator ticketing, just weren't interested. In the months that followed, the business has expanded dramatically, and I am still frantically busy steering the technical side to meet all the challenges and new possibilities.'

Kim Walker is 'still a solicitor working in London, I continue to advise clients on (mainly) intellectual property, data protection and commercial contract matters. However, contemplation of retirement in the next few years is prompting thoughts of moving to Cambridge for a change of scenery, following 28 years living in Harpenden. My youngest daughter is currently working for her Masters in Environmental Policy at Clare College and our visits to see her have reminded us what an attractive place Cambridge is.'

Alistair Reid continues to work part-time as General Secretary of TISCA (The Independent Schools Christian Alliance) and recently linked up with three schools in Cambridge.

Andrew Ingram reports: 'I'm getting more and more into the practical end of combating climate change. We have a local group of volunteers here called Draughtbusters, and we visit people with draughty houses to see if we can help. A bit like Ghostbusters, crossed with Dad's Army.'

Rob Murgatroyd writes: 'I was also sad to learn of the death of **Richard Axton** (m. 1959, Former Fellow) who was one of the College's English supervisors during our time at Christ's. His daughter Lucy kindly wrote to me following my Christmas card to his cottage in Sark to say he had died of pancreatic cancer last year. A retirement life well-led in Sark (even after the death from dementia of his wife Marie) where he galvanised the small community and was honoured with a CBE for his work. The English boys were regular visitors to his room in Third Court for corrective education on mediaeval lit and tragedy. Richard had been a student at Christ's himself and told the story (honestly true) of his entrance interview when, having knocked on the door and entered as instructed, he was expected to catch a rugby ball flying across the room. Having done so, and also shown that he could read a bit of music by humming a line he was shown, he was in. That was a time when entrance hurdles were arguably a bit lax and Christ's was so good at rugby that it had half the Blues team in College and wanted more – Richard said he couldn't even get into the first College team despite having been a promising county schoolboy player.'

Moving fully on to the sports section of the year group news, **Mike Cullen** reports that 'This year's "70's Footy Boys Golf Tour" took us to Royal Birkdale. Needless to say, the course won!' The tour comprised **Chris Garden**, **Mark Gosnell** (both m. 1975), **Mike Cullen** and **Mick McGuire**, **John Thornton** (m. 1977) and **Maurice Cox** (m. 1978).



*Chris Garden,
Mark Gosnell,
Mike Cullen,
Mick McGuire,
John Thornton,
and Maurice Cox*



*Christ's v John's
Golf Match,
Huntercombe,
May 2022*

Alec Allen provides an update on his hip surgery: 'Yes had my hip op which has been remarkably successful so far. Back playing singles tennis in three months and now looking forward to the British Seniors Open at the end of the month.'

In May, at Huntercombe in Oxfordshire, **Mick McGuire** helped Christ's to beat St John's College and win the Lady Margaret Golf Trophy. Thanks go to **Chris Garden** (m. 1975) for this report: 'The 36-hole foursomes match was evenly poised at lunch with three points each, but our lads' superior skill and fitness meant we won the afternoon games 4–2 to retain the trophy. Captained by **Guy Whittaker** (m. 1974), all 12 players on our team contributed points to the win, so well played all round. In the event's seventh year, Christ's remain unbeaten, having won two with the other five halved.' In the photo, Christ's golfers are those (mostly) in dark blue, from the left: **Bill Morgan**, **John Thornton** (m. 1977), **Andy Jordan**, **Robert Barnes**, **Mike Holley**, **Gerald Wingrove**, **Mick McGuire**, **Fergus Brownlee**, **Ian Johnson**, **Johnny Phillips** (m. 1975), **Al Darlington** (m.1975) and **Guy Whittaker**.



*Guy Whittaker
receives the Lady
Margaret Golf
Trophy*

The **Richard De La Hoyde Award** this year has been given to Natural Sciences undergraduate **Carrie Day** (m. 2020). Having been a competitive swimmer much of her life, Carrie took up water polo last year and is a very successful member of the Cambridge women's water polo team.

To stimulate dialogue and comprise a literary section, the year group was asked for recommendations for books, duly coming up with many outstanding suggestions for consideration. Including, in no particular order:

Frostquake by Juliet Nicolson; *A History of Britain Through Books: 1900-1964* by Christopher Tugendhat; *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert; the classic *Christ Stopped at Eboli* by Carlo Levi; the brand new *Mrs Death Misses Death* by Salena Godden; *Fire Country* by Victor Steffensen; *The Cambridge Greek Lexicon*, ed. James Diggle; *The Dark Forest* by Cixin Liu; *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro; anything by William Boyd; anything by **William Nicholson** (m. 1967); anything by Patricia Highsmith; *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry; *Golden Hill* by Francis Spufford; *Dissolution* by C J Sampson; and finally *Knights of the Air - Book 1: Rage* by **Iain Stewart** (m. 1977).



Rage by Iain Stewart

Of **Iain Stewart's** book, his fellow Fettesian **Al Reid** writes: 'The book – the first in a series of four – is an historical novel. It is very faithful to the history of WW1 air aces and begins by following the lead character from East Africa, which was Iain's home while a pupil at Fettes. I can't recommend the book more highly for its twists, unexpected narrative, excitement and close regard to the history, war politics and conditions of the time.'

The group was also asked for recommendations for TV boxed sets but clearly, post-pandemic, we are all off our couches as the only offerings were *Derry Girls*, *Chloe*, *The Trial* and *Life on Mars*.

And finally, **Jan Chojecki** writes: 'I mentioned in last year's instalment that I had commenced a web-based diary-style account at www.questchronicle.org describing the events of and behind Ernest Shackleton's last expedition, 100 years ago on the *Quest*. The expedition was financed by my grandfather, the businessman and philanthropist John Quiller Rowett. This has morphed into a book, *The Quest Chronicle*, which will publish in September this year.'

1977 Year Group Representative Roger Newenham writes:

Unlike many alumni peers, **Roger Newenham** has not yet retired and continues to be busy as an expert in the global refining and petrochemical businesses. Easing of travel restrictions allowed an autumn trip to Iceland, despite its lack of oil or petrochemicals. The scenery and hospitality were fantastic: Iceland should be on everyone's bucket list, even though Roger and his wife, SJ, saw neither whales nor the Northern lights. As this report was being prepared there was sad news that **Mike Sugden** passed away in April this year. An obituary by John Nelmes is included in the *In Memoriam* section of the *Magazine*.

Mike Knapton has recently finished his time as a non-executive director at Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge, after nine years. However, he maintains a link to the hospital through Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, as a trustee and currently acting chair. Beyond that he is now enjoying getting around after the past two years of Covid restrictions.



Nick Kirkwood walking at Ellerton Cove and meeting up with Dave Lockwood and Al Darlington



In last year's *Magazine* **Nick Kirkwood** previewed his plan to walk much of the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. His dodgy knee, together with various metal plates, held out for the planned 900 mile walk through the early summer of 2021. However, Covid meant that it all took place in the UK, rather than across France and Spain. Mostly it comprised day walks in Yorkshire but a good few miles were planned on routes further south, which meant a few days were completed in the company of friends who matriculated in 1977. A few photos are on Nick's blog: <https://wordpress.com/view/nickkirkwood490634178.wordpress.com>.

In total, the walk raised a little over £9,000 for the MSA Trust; Nick's sincere thanks go to all those who donated, provided practical support, and walked with him.

In the autumn, by chance, he did find his way onto part of the French leg of the Camino de Santiago and he is contemplating his next 900 miles, though not perhaps, in one go. Any donations to encourage him would be appreciated via the link: <https://juliakirkwood.muchloved.com/Donate>.

Mike Seaman is still working, although tapering down, and has just passed the milestone of 25 years working from home. Since summer 2021 he and his wife have been empty nesters, their four kids having all left home. In October they had the pleasure of lunching with **Keith Robson** and his wife in their beautiful home in Kelowna, British Columbia. Keith has some impressive night vision camera videos of bears in their back garden! Mike sees **Julian Wightwick** semi-regularly, and last autumn met up with **Steve Rawnsley** for the first time in a long while and enjoyed catching-up with a number of others from our year at the College Reunion Dinner in September.

Malcolm Thomas and his wife retired in December 2019, full of plans, only to be thwarted by the pandemic. Intending to dip his toes into archaeology as a hobby, he had a year of desk-based learning and activity. He was finally able to throw himself into fieldwork in 2021, and the field has now returned to pre-lockdown normal, with plenty of excavations to keep him happy in 2022.

Another ambition for retirement was tackling some long-distance footpaths together with his wife, Ann. This ambition was realised in 2022 when they completed the London Ring Walk and the Thames Valley Footpath in the year. Malcolm advises that the Ring Walk is an astonishingly green route around the middle of London which gave an interesting perspective on London. They hooked up with one of their sons who is living in London, and with **Justin Hayes** and his wife Audrey.

Peter Ransome is still living near Geneva, Switzerland. He is now retired from a UN specialised agency, International Telecommunication Union, but doing occasional telecoms consultancy. He and his wife are active members of the (Swiss) Oxford and Cambridge Dining Club.

By way of our very own "Letter from America", **Hugh Smith**, who now resides in San Jose, reports that a recent trip to Nashville reinforced the very different state of and response to the Covid pandemic across the USA. On the flight to Nashville and in the town, hardly anyone was wearing a mask. While in Nashville he visited the home of Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the USA, whose achievements included victory over the British at the Battle of New Orleans in early 1815. Back at home in the San Francisco Bay Area a noticeably higher proportion of people are still wearing masks, especially when in supermarkets and other non-bar/restaurant public locations. US residents seem to be living in a period of great disturbance.

Continuing the foreign theme, **Adam Dawson** has temporarily settled in the Emerald Isle. Having endured, along with most of the rest of the world,



Malcolm Thomas helping to excavate a medieval chapel



Adam Dawson on Howth Head in Ireland

*Adam Dawson,
Dave Lockwood
and Roger
Newenham near
MacGillycuddy's
Reeks in
June 1979*



on-off lockdowns for over a year, Adam and his wife decided to use the period when global travel may still be curtailed or at least difficult, to explore somewhere closer to home, but still largely unknown. At around the same time, they had been doing some research on their ancestry and discovered on his wife's mother's side an interesting Irish branch that could trace its history back to the Kilkenny area until at least the early 1700s. So, Adam and Val decided to leave the UK for a while to go and explore Ireland. Neither had ever lived abroad so they decided to make a proper go of it and not just explore Ireland, but actually live there for a while. Since arriving in September 2021 and settling near Dublin, it's been a surprisingly exhilarating journey of discovery. Although dealing with bureaucracy like tax, driving licences and national insurance can be time-consuming and tedious, in general it's a case of the more you put in, the more you get out. They've been made to feel welcome everywhere they've been. Val has found work in a local museum, and Adam is now a leader for the Dublin Walking Club, taking hikes into the Wicklow, Cooley and Mourne mountains. All in all, Adam reports that it's been a thoroughly enjoyable experience and he'd recommend it to anyone. It's never too late to take the plunge and try out something completely new!

1978 Year Group Representative Tim Podesta writes:

*Pete Livesey,
Tim Podesta,
Mike Wortley,
Chris Parsons,
Ian Nunez, Paul
Barnes and
John Crabtree*



I have developed an enjoyable consulting business as a subject matter expert in hydrogen with the Faculty of World Hydrogen Leaders, running training courses, online and in person and acting as master of ceremonies for conferences. At the same time as becoming 'Papi' – a grandfather.

Richard Bacon writes: I survived the lockdown and having previously worked on pandemic flu planning, I and my family spotted the warning signs early and did a good job stocking up. Not on bog roll but on DIY materials. I completed the lengthy ten-year list of DIY tasks by April 2021. On top of that, I found Amazon Audible and DuoLingo, and I built a number of models from my old Lego set that has stayed in the family.

Richard Clark writes: I am moving from my present post as Team Rector of the Holy Trinity Redditch team to be Rector in Charge of the North Wingfield team in North East Derbyshire, in July. The new team, which I will lead with the assistance of a team vicar, comprises five churches in the former Derbyshire coalfield between Alfreton and Chesterfield. Sue and I will be living in the vicarage at Clay Cross.

Richard Harden writes: A few years ago, I left the eponymous restaurant guide business I co-founded in 1991 with my brother Peter (Trinity m. 1984). I'm now involved in a project to launch a revolutionary 'new-food' business; all about making it easier to eat vegetables! Living in Westminster, with wife and two kids, both at university.

Simon Jones writes: This year I teamed up with an old school mate to facilitate the permanent rewilding of ten acres of enriched pasture in Eryri aka Snowdonia. I am back behind an oar, sea rowing a Celtic longboat out of Porthmadog.

Chris Parsons writes: After 40 years I find myself unexpectedly living back in Cambridge, where my wife has taken up a senior position at Clare College. It is a pleasure to be back in this beautiful city and to be involved in the life of a college once again. I call in at Christ's from time to time, mostly to admire the lovely gardens or show visitors the room above the bins and the car park where I lived in my first year!

1979 Year Group News:

Simon Burgess, Professor of Economics at the University of Bristol, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

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

I am delighted to report that I am privileged to have married Ms Rachel Graham on 26 November 2021 at Tavistock House Camden, Registry office. **Harry Hyman** (m. 1975) was best man. Rachel was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer in June 2019 but her treatment, I am delighted to report, was successful. I returned to playing cricket having completed the London Marathon in 2018 and was elected a Vice President of Old Haberdashers' Cricket Club subsequently. I am looking forward to the Christ's reunion dinner in September and the wider reunion in June.



*Clive Hyman
and Rachel
Graham on their
wedding day*

Stephen Jolly has been appointed a Partner of Consulium, the leading UK government advisory firm in the Middle East. A former senior British defence official, Stephen is considered one of the Britain's foremost experts on information operations and propaganda. He is a Fellow Commoner of St Edmund's, a former Fellow of Clare and worked as the University's inaugural Director of External Affairs & Communications (2005–13).

Professor **Glenn Fulcher** has this year taken early retirement from his Chair in Education and Language Assessment in the School of Education at the University of Leicester. He edited the Sage journal *Language Testing* from 2007 to 2016, and remained podcast editor until 2021. He has published seven books and over 100 peer-reviewed chapters and articles, achieving an h-index of 34 by 2021. The impact of his research on the practices of examination boards worldwide, particularly in the field of performance assessment and validation theory, is being commemorated in a special *Festschrift* issue of *Language Teaching Research Quarterly* in July 2022. In 2021 he received the Messick Memorial Award from the United States Educational Testing Service for his contribution to validation theory in educational assessment. Upon retirement in March 2022, he was awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Professor of Education and Language Assessment at the University of Leicester. He was also elected to a Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences this year, and appointed Visiting Professor at the Centre for Research in English Language Education and Assessment. He can be contacted at glenn.fulcher@languagetesting.info.

Moray Maclennan was appointed CEO of M&C Saatchi Plc.



*Steve Hornsby's
60th birthday
celebration*

Steve Hornsby writes: I was delighted to celebrate my 60th in February 2022 with a Big Bristol Birthday Bash, alongside 10 other Christ's alumni. Present were **Andy Booth, Richard Brown, Clive Hyman, John Slee, Dave Smith, Neil Sturmeay, Ingrid Sturmeay (née Sommer), Mark Taylor, Vanessa Taylor (née Wellings), and Scott York.** It was great to catch up and see everyone again In Real Life. In other news, around ten years ago I formed my own management consultancy, Hemisphere Business Transformation, after being a Partner with IBM and PwC. My focus has been on Global Health. It's been incredibly rewarding, very successful and made a real impact. Getting millions of malaria bed-nets to protect children; getting HIV drugs to patients; deploying innovative diagnostics to the last mile in villages; and making global supply chains to function efficiently and effectively. Now I'm 'pivoting again' closer to home: I've become a Non-Executive Director of an Academy Trust for Special Educational Needs schools in Bristol; am coaching and mentoring some local entrepreneurs; and am open-minded about other interesting opportunities.

1981 Year Group Representative Jasmine Birtles writes:



David Flavell

David Flavell has been appointed Stadium Announcer at Dunston UTS in the Northern Premier League East, the eighth tier of the English football pyramid. Duties include: reading out the teams, announcing goals and substitutions, and advertising the Bait Cabin for half-time pies. Cars with lights left on a specialty. To prove it, here's a picture of him in the press box.

Mark Townley says he is still toiling away. An awful lot of people seem to be retiring these days or at least stepping away from full-time employment, but I soldier on. I find the whole working from home thing that has prevailed over the last two years to be congenial. Otherwise, I really have only one event of significance to relate. In November, my daughter Eleanor married Ethan at the Malcolm Hotel in Canmore. Walking her down the aisle was an absolute blast and the whole weekend was wonderful.

Ginny Barbour writes: I now live in Brisbane, Australia where I'm a Professor and co-lead for the Office for Scholarly Communication at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and the Director of Open Access Australasia. My work

focuses on open access to academic research, research quality and reproducibility. It's been a challenging year here - as well as the pandemic, we've had floods and other unusual weather but despite that, I'm settled in Australia. I was very happy that when back in Cambridge recently to see family, I had the chance to dine in College with **Mark Patterson** (m. 1979). Mark and I were colleagues in Cambridge in the 2000s at one of the first open-access publishers, the Public Library of Science (PLOS) – Mark was one of the founding Editors of PLOS Biology and I was a founding Editor of PLOS Medicine.

Jasmine Birtles has recently started her weekly 'Miss Moneysaver' column in the *Daily Mail* and has a weekly slot on GB News TV. She is still running MoneyMagpie.com and has set up a new political Substack called News Uncut. **Tim Jones** says: arrived to take up the role of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Tajikistan in September last year. Nothing dramatic to report, which is probably a good thing. Happy to meet any Christ's Alumni who happen to be passing this way. Photo attached is of me cutting the cake at our Platinum Jubilee party.

David Popper reports that he and a few others spent a happy time back in Cambridge for birthday celebrations. Whether it was a post-Covid celebration of 40 years since Matriculation, to mark impending 60th Birthdays, or merely because Martin was back in the UK from his home in Brisbane, Australia, four College NatScis gathered at Christ's in early May to revisit old haunts and spend time together. **Mark Corbett**, **Martin Dean**, **John Lawrence** and I spent an enjoyable and sunny weekend in and around the University, joined by **Jill Goldsmith** and **Graham Oxborrow**. The highlight of course was the trip out west back to the scene of those dreaded Tripos Part II Physics third year exams!

1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Stone writes:

Rob Blade writes: Rhian and I celebrate our Silver Wedding this year, which we will do on a tour of the west coast of the United States. This was originally planned for the summer of 2020, but the pandemic kept us somewhat closer to home at that time. Our son, Jonathan, has just completed his first year at Southampton University, reading history. He saw the light, and didn't follow his father into engineering. I continue to work in MOD Defence Equipment and Support, and recently escaped from the AJAX reconnaissance vehicle project, although its problems are nothing to do with me! I'm still managing to play tennis, when I can, to a league standard.

Nick Brasier was the Adjutant for the NRA Target Rifle Team to the Channel Islands in May 2022. The team beat Jersey for the first time in twelve years and won their match against Guernsey. This was a deliberately selected young team, with the ten shooters averaging 24 years old, and is intended to prepare them for joining future tours in teams that represent Great Britain overseas. Nick coached the shooters in their wins against both Jersey and Guernsey.



Jasmine Birtles' weekly 'Miss Moneysaver' column



Tim Jones and the Jubilee cake

Jane Graham-Maw is recovering (slowly) from breaking both her ankles last year and is thankful she has a job that involves a lot of sitting down and reading. Her eponymous literary agency goes from strength to strength, having been responsible for four of the top ten non-fiction paperback bestsellers of 2021. Her three daughters have almost all flown the London nest, so she and her husband (Rupert Ross-Macdonald, St John's 1980) spend as much time as they can in a house they built, on a family farm in West Cornwall.



Steve Mills' paintings



Steve Mills' artistic journey continues. As well as marker portraits, "Inktense" pencil figure drawing and watercolour landscapes, he's now also painting all three subjects in oil pastel. He shows off his works on his blog at www.artisticactuary.blogspot.com. His application to Landscape Artist Of The Year 2023 was unsuccessful (as usual) but he's hoping to be invited to participate as a wildcard for a second time. His most popular painting this year was of his local church and was given to his neighbour as an 80th birthday present; his second most popular was a matching painting of her house, which now sits proudly alongside its partner.

Lynn Oxborrow has been awarded a full professorship in Management at Nottingham Trent University.

Cathy Stone reports that the 'Chramblers' informal walking group is back in action after the Covid hiatus, although sadly missing dear **Frank Knowles**. There have been two meetings variously attended by **Paul** and **Laura Parker**, **Lucy Reynolds**, Sue Knowles, **Charlie Boyd** and **Isabel Taylor**, **Daryl Rice** and Seb Fox, and **Cathy** and **Derek Stone**. Others hope to join us in the future when they can.

Isabel Taylor writes that she has had the pleasure and privilege of going back to university as an undergraduate, recently graduating with a degree in English and Creative Writing at Royal Holloway, University of London. She and her fellow students especially enjoyed being taught by the most amusing, most erudite professor of all: fellow Christ's alumna **Professor Judith Hawley** (m. 1983). Her impression of a triffid is the stuff of legends!

Nicholas Vineall KC will be Chair of the Bar in 2023.

1984 Year Group News:

Professor **James Durrant** was appointed CBE in the Birthday Honours 2022 for services to photochemistry and solar energy research.

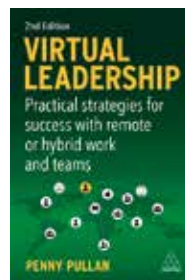
1986 Year Group Representative Simon Edwards writes:



Julian Tang

Helen Lachmann is Professor of Medicine at UCL and lead of National Amyloidosis Centre at Royal Free. She did a fair bit of Covid in hospital and on the MHRA Expert working group on Covid vaccines. She is now hosting a very lovely teenage Ukrainian refugee who is astonishingly brave and is settling into life here. **Julian Tang** is Clinical Virologist/Honorary Associate Professor in Respiratory Sciences at University of Leicester, and is shown here suiting up to take a Covid sample in the early days of the pandemic

Penny Pullan's (née Urry) 'obscure' 2016 book that became a pandemic bestseller is now out in second edition: *Virtual Leadership: Practical strategies for success with remote or hybrid work and teams* (Kogan Page) was published in March 2022. Her next second edition is out this autumn: *Making Risk Management Work: Engaging people to identify, own and manage risk* (Routledge), co-authored with Ruth Murray-Webster. As well as working as a freelance consultant in these areas, she is going into her second year of a part-time MA in Theology at Durham University, studying such fascinating areas as ethics, theological anthropology and Greek, and has been asked to co-lead a module on *Leadership for the Future*. The assignments mean she is probably doing enough writing, so books will have to wait. Penny was licensed as a Reader (a lay minister) in the Church of England over Zoom in early 2021.



The second edition of Penny Pullan's book

Ian Kendall has returned to the UK, after overseas assignments in the USA and Italy within the VW Group, and is now living in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. Ian has taken a job in Product Research and Development back at Bentley Motors in Crewe, working on new cool electronics features for the upcoming luxury electric vehicles. Ian has no plans to retire yet, he wants to keep going 'as long as they'll let me', as there's still lots to do.

Simon Edwards caught up with fellow economists **Suzy Webb** and **Tudor Costigan** in London, and met with **Dimitri Toseland**, who now lives a five-minute walk away. He also attended the College Economics dinner.



Simon Edwards and Director of Studies Dr Julia Shvets at Christ's Economics Dinner

1987 Year Group Representative Fiona Stephenson writes:

Thank you to everyone who contacted me with their news updates – it's always lovely to hear from our year group.

Russell Jones has recently moved to New Zealand (a fine choice!). He is living in Palmerston North with his girlfriend, who has a senior job with global dairy giant Fonterra. Russell has been promoted as a football official in England, and is now an Assistant Referee on the National League, Premier League Reserves and Women's Super League. Hopefully, his refereeing skills will be put to good use in New Zealand.



Russell Jones

Saul Hudson is still living in Miami. He was visited by **Dave Rowlands** (m. 1989), who unfortunately brought Covid with him. Saul attended the wedding of **Steve Blyth** (m. 1985) and **Fiona Critchley** (m. 1984), where he stayed in College and enjoyed reconnecting with several others.

Andrea Ward joined the University of Cambridge as its Head of Brand and Trademark at the end of 2021. Based in The Old Schools, she oversees the University's brand protection programme working closely with colleagues in Cambridge University Press & Assessment and the University's brand licensing operation Fitzwilliam Museum Enterprises. 2022 will also herald a refreshed visual identity for the University that Andrea is spearheading in conjunction with colleagues in the Office of External Affairs and Communications. Watch this space!

Chris Vaughan was elected as the Senior Partner of HGF in December 2021. HGF is one of Europe's leading Intellectual Property firms, bringing together 193

patent attorneys, trademark attorneys, design attorneys, IP solicitors and attorneys-at-law. He lives in Ilkley, West Yorkshire with his wife Karen and children Oscar (18) and Harriet (16). Karen is currently doing a PhD in nutrition at the University of Leeds. Oscar is doing A levels, and will be studying maths at university. Harriet is doing her GCSEs and is thinking of going into biosciences. Their dog, Daisy (5), has yet to fulfil her academic potential. Amidst the family chaos, they are also hosting a family from Ukraine.

And finally, in some very sad news, I have to report the passing of one of our year group. Tragically, Professor **John Macdonald** passed away in March this year after suffering a heart attack while hiking. He was an enthusiastic engineer and rower at Christ's and you can read his obituary in the *In Memoriam* section. Thank you to **Gary Davies** for compiling it, and my deep condolences to John's wife and children.

1988 Year Group Representatives Matthew Robson and Russell Haggar write:

Rich updates from the 1988 year group. Some more updates from 30 year absences, notable successes and titbits. First a theme of people who went away only to come back. **Alex Cheetham (née Bond)** writes: After seven or so years in the civil service, **Matthew** did a career volte-face (English at Christ's) and did a medical degree in his late twenties. Alex worked at the Treasury for a number of years, and then moved to working for BT plc. They both decided to have an adventure and moved to New Zealand for a couple of years. Matthew worked in hospital medicine and Alex worked for the NZ government's competition regulator. After crossing the USA by car on the way to New Zealand and Australia in a (very tiny) campervan on the way back, they eventually settled in Oxford and had two children, now both teenagers. Alex works at Oxford University (nothing like as pretty as Cambridge) and Matthew is a local GP. In a fit of nostalgia, Alex went back to Christ's in April for the Economics dinner.

Andrew Bonwick updated us with: worked around the world for Red Cross, Oxfam in war zones (Bosnia, Chechnya, Congo, Sierra Leone, Nepal, Cambodia). Met my wife who was a doctor with Médecins Sans Frontiers on a similar path. Got tired of the insecurity (and kids came along), so studied law part-time over the last few years, qualifying as a solicitor in 2009. A few years of private practice litigating (mostly insurance stuff), and now working in-house for a global insurance broker. We now live in Essex with our daughter (17), son (15), and a cocker spaniel called Pablo. When not working, mostly bikes. On and off-road, a lot of fun and a bit of racing to stay sharp. On a more academic theme **Joel Goldstein** tells us: After College, I spent about ten years living in Boston, Geneva and Chicago; getting a PhD, and doing research at CERN and Fermilab. I moved back to the UK twenty years ago to work at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, and a few years later I moved to an academic position at the University of Bristol. I am still at Bristol, working on experiments at CERN and elsewhere, and I was one of the (six thousand) authors of the Higgs boson discovery. These days, I even enjoy having to properly learn the physics I was supposed to know thirty years ago in order to teach it to the next generations. I live in Bristol with my wife and two daughters, aged 11 and 8.

Peter Mathieson (a postgraduate student from our year group) writes: I am currently Principal of the University of Edinburgh after previously being President of the University of Hong Kong. Before that I was 19 years in Bristol, the last six (2008–14) as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Professor of Medicine. **Nikki Melia, Gita Singham** and **Mei-Lin Ah-See** met up during one of

Nikki's trips to London from her home in the Cayman Islands. I will save their stories for future editions to avoid paraphrasing their lives.

Now from those of us who didn't go away. **Yasar Khan** updated us, writing: I am now living in Sutton with my wife Fauzia and three children. After reading Engineering at Christ's, I trained as a Chartered Accountant. I set up my own Accountancy practice in 2010 with offices in London and Bath. I also have an engineering business making gears and drive shafts for motorsports and movies, including for a couple of Formula One teams as well as parts for *James Bond*, *Mission Impossible*, the latest *Batmobile*, and even the live set for *Magic Mike!* I am still playing squash (at least while my knees hold out) and looking forward to resuming post-Covid travels.

Rebecca Hodgson produced the critically acclaimed *Sherwood*, which aired on BBC1 in June. Written by James Graham and with an amazing cast including David Morrissey and Lesley Manville, *Sherwood* explored two contemporary murders and the historical wounds of the miners' strike. When she's not filming, Rebecca lives with her husband, three teenagers and a fox red Labrador in Manchester.

From one member who has returned briefly. **Cormac Sreenan** was very pleased to return to Cambridge for six months this academic year, on a research sabbatical visit to the Department of Computer Science & Technology, hosted by Prof Sir Andy Hopper. He was granted sabbatical after completing two stints as Head of School at University College Cork (Ireland), where he is a Professor of Computer Science and runs a research laboratory focused on wireless networking. He reports that coming back to Christ's and having the opportunity to dine at high-table dinners, was both engaging and stimulating. It brought back so many fond memories of wonderful MCR evenings when he was a PhD student.

And finally, from two members who went away and haven't yet come back. **Gaby Darbyshire** updates us with: After being a barrister for a brief spell, I then changed careers and became a management consultant. I moved to San Francisco in 1999 for what I thought was a year's secondment with my consulting job, and have been in the US ever since, which sometimes still really surprises me! I spent four years in SF and then sixteen glorious years in New York, founding and running various start-ups in media, wine and VR/AR, spending my weekends hiking, swimming, and paddle boarding at a lake in upstate New York, right next to the Appalachian Trail. I moved to Los Angeles in January of 2020, which turned out to be a lucky thing: weathering the pandemic there was not unpleasant. I am a mediocre but enthusiastic surfer as a result. I now run a venture fund investing in businesses focused on planetary and human resilience. And **Phil Walters** found the time to scramble a day trip from his home in Bucharest to Wembley to see Forest gain a glorious promotion.



*Nikki Melia,
Gita Singham
and Mei-Lin
Ah-See*

1989 Year Group News:

In November 2021, Dr **Don Buckingham** was honoured with his induction into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Heralded by the Hall of Fame as the father of agricultural law in Canada, Don has devoted his more than 30-year professional career, which he started with his time at Cambridge, to building a strong legal structure to support Canada's agri-food system, while inspiring the next generation of agricultural lawyers in Canada. **Kingsley Selvaraj** and family continue to enjoy life



*Jonathan and
Rebecca Selvaraj*

in the UAE. Kingsley's son Jonathan is training as a professional golfer and has had success including a win against professional opposition in the 2022 Dubai Golf Trophy, and a world record for his Trackman Combine score. Kingsley's daughter Rebecca graduated in April 2022 with a Masters degree in Endodontics from Chester University, and is now practising in the East Midlands.

Caroline Hampson (née Marr) writes: Earlier this month we had a small Christ's reunion in London, kindly organised by **Peter Haspel**. We had an enjoyable evening catching up with old friends and we all found it hard to believe it was 30 years since we had graduated. Pictured (from left to right:) **Neil Hampson, Jenny Haywood, Tim Minshall, Jolie Powell (née Carter), Charlotte Carty (née Large), Tim Carty, Kate Garland (née Wheeler), Debbie Owen (née Alford), Will Milles, Peter Haspel, Nicola Minshall (née Carnall), Caroline Hampson (née Marr), Pippa Milles (née Owens),** and Una Haspel.



*1989 year
group reunion
in London*

1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson writes:

This year has seen the remainder of our 50th birthdays. Parties went out with Covid or at least that's my excuse. Read on to discover who bought a Formula One racing car to celebrate.

Fiona Harvey threw a surprise party for **Janet Phillips'** big birthday in May. It was a double celebration with the launch of Janet's new book *Great Literary Friendships*. The book, the product of Janet's research during lockdown, takes an engaging look at some of the great friendships in literature, from Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, Jane Eyre and Helen Burns, to Frodo and Sam, and Mole and Ratty. *Country Life* described reading it as 'Like being in the company of a sprightly, charming, well-read friend'. A large group of Christ's graduates, and others, gathered in the Book Bar bookshop in London to celebrate the launch. Attendees included **Andrew Allen, Neil Parkes, Simon Nicholson, Adam Clitheroe, Emma Griffiths, Anne Henry, Pieta Das Gupta, Lola Knipe, Deepak Nambisan** and **Lorenzo Wood**.



*Catriona
Hepburn*

Great to hear from **Catriona Hepburn** for the first time since College. She writes: After graduating with a degree in Physics, I embarked on a PhD in Geophysics. However, my ambition to be a violinist won through, and after a year I abandoned the PhD and went to study violin at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Since graduating from the RAM, I have enjoyed nearly 25 years as an orchestral violinist, working principally with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and English National Opera. I currently live in London with my husband and ten-year-old son, and I have three grown-up stepchildren. Last year, my brother David died of Motor Neurone Disease,

just six months after being diagnosed. As a tribute to him, and to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, I will be running the London Marathon in October. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catriona-hepburn1>

This year I wrote to **Sacha Baron-Cohen** in LA asking for his news, but I've not heard back. However, according to *Hello* magazine Sacha and his wife Isla Fisher had a 'huge reason to celebrate on St Patrick's Day as they rang in their son, Montgomery's seventh birthday'. The article continued, 'The pair – who have been married for more than 20 years and have three children including Montgomery's two older sisters, Olive and Elula – relocated from Los Angeles to Australia in 2020.' This might explain the lack of reply to my letter. Hey, Sacha, if you're reading this . . .

Ben Sinnott writes: Busy year, we had a strong case of Covid claustrophobia and decided to move from New Orleans to Utah. Discovered upon arrival that there are no Mardi Gras parades, drinking in the street, or crawfish boils in Utah. So naturally, we're leaving and are on the way to Annapolis, Maryland, just outside Washington DC. Like most of us, I hit the 50 barrier (I'm calling it "My first half-century", which is more than my total runs scored for Christ's Cricket XI team). As a gift to myself I bought a Formula One car, I think that qualifies nicely as a solid mid-life – hopefully – crisis purchase. Planning to race it over here, and perhaps bring it over to run in some events in the UK as well. What could possibly go wrong?

Richard Tateson writes: After my hubris last year of looking forward to trying a marathon for my fiftieth I was almost immediately struck down by injury (left buttock since you ask) and am only now easing back into running. Serves me right! I have been adequately distracted during my convalescence by the arrival of a new baby daughter and am currently amusing myself in any remaining spare time by joining a creative writing class run by none other than our own Year Rep Mr Ellison.

Fiona Harvey attended COP26 in November 2021 for *The Guardian*, and writes: The UN climate summit was the biggest diplomatic event held on UK soil since the Second World War. The two-week long Glasgow conference was attended by world leaders including Joe Biden, Antonio Guterres and Boris Johnson. Derided as a failure by some, hailed as a fragile victory by others, the summit and I were almost entirely fuelled by Irn-Bru. **Sue Ozanne** writes: I am still in Cambridge (have never left!) doing research at the Metabolic Research Laboratories within the University of Cambridge where I am Professor of Developmental Endocrinology. I am still in touch with quite a few friends from Christ's.



Fiona Harvey and Janet Phillips

Sarah Walker writes: I am currently trying to shift around 440,000 Covid Infection Survey participants from being visited each month at their homes by a study worker to posting swab and blood samples and completing questionnaires online or over the phone. A tech build that would usually take a year has been compressed into three months and to call the process challenging is an epic understatement. Hoping we get a couple of months of almost stability before the anticipated flu season kicks off, but as they say, it is difficult to make predictions, especially about the future!

Paul Brady writes: I was impressed by **Richard Tateson's** running times as reported in last year's *Magazine*. I have managed 10k in under my age in minutes this year (this morning), but I am some way off doing a half marathon in under 2.1 x my age. I have

also just completed 25 years with my patent firm. Whilst that might sound like a long time, no two years have been the same and it remains interesting work. I wrote and filed my first patent application this year for an invention from Cambridge University (for a cancer diagnosis method).

Emma Williams (née Thompson) writes: I have been designing and delivering training for early career researchers (PhD students, postdocs, fellows). Having done a big switch to online training, we are now edging back into real-life training. Part of the reason for the super keen work ethic is that **Richard Williams** followed all the lockdowns working remotely for a hedge fund with the longest gardening leave ever. I have at least got him to dig a pond. We are both wondering how we can be possibly old enough for son number one to be graduating from his Chemistry Masters. Cost centre number two embarked on Physics and Maths at Manchester, thereby keeping both his parents happy. And third and final son keeps us all busy as we have discovered archery as a sport.

Sarah Ellson (née Boardley) writes: I've been putting 20+ years of regulatory experience to good use working with Dame Heather Rabbatts and #TimesUp to create a proposal for an Independent Standards Authority to address sexual misconduct and bullying in the creative industries. We hope to start supporting film, TV and theatre by the end of the year. In May 2022 I finally performed the poignant Brahms Requiem with my local choir – rehearsals having started in January 2020.



*Arabella Duffield
and family*

Arabella Duffield writes: Am alive and well although ageing rapidly, obviously. Still a mother to two pre-teen boys – despite their irritating best efforts to break all their bones all the time. We managed to cadge some tickets to a very fun premiere of *Top Gun: Maverick*.



*Lizzy Prescott
and family*

Lizzy Prescott (née Taylor) writes: Life in rural Northumberland continues to be dominated by the veterinary practice, our menagerie, and our two boys (currently sitting GCSEs and A-levels respectively). We have been enormously grateful for the space we have here during all the Covid lockdowns over the last two years, and it was wonderful to have more time with the boys during their online schooling. We are now, however, looking forward to our first summer holiday abroad for three years – though the thought of getting back on an aeroplane does feel a little surreal.



*Laura
Marshall
and
family*

Laura Marshall (née Hicks) writes: We moved from Hong Kong to Toronto, Canada in September. It has been a bit of a shock to the system, the winter was the worst in 30 years and people are still terrified of doing anything because of Covid. I'm working as a private chef and giving cookery lessons which keeps me pretty busy. The boys are still at school in the Lake District so I'm commuting as usual. I'm

currently back for half term and have taken them to Portugal for a change of scenery and chance to relax (Max is halfway through his GCSEs). I will stay in the UK until they break up in July. My cottage renovations are complete and I am supremely happy being there.

Paul Fernandez writes: Over the past year, I've enjoyed attending my children's high school marching band performances. A uniquely American school activity, it combines instrumental performance with choreography. It is set to a wide genre of music from classical pieces by Bernstein to modern songs by Queen. My children play the saxophone, flute, tuba, and trumpet.



*Paul Fernandez
and his son*

Mark Davies writes: I'm still chairing British Rowing and a project for Onside to build a youth zone for underprivileged young people in west London. On the former, we have had quite a year: following six fourth-placed finishes at the Olympic Games, we've had a significant shake-up, including a new CEO and two new Olympic Head coaches to take us through to Paris 2024. On the latter, we have finally started to build, and should be ready to open early in 2024. I'm still chair of the Development Board at Christ's. Same old, as we get old. Don't feel any older, though. So that's something, I guess!

James Ellson writes: This year we walked 51km on my birthday; Sarah spent much of the hike worrying where this trend is going. We're also climbing the Munros (Scottish hills over 3,000 feet); we've now done 156 (out of 282). Both our bee colonies survived the winter, and the warm April has allowed their numbers to build quickly. Hoping for some honey this year! I'm still writing like a dervish but also delivering short story and creative writing classes online. My new book *Cold Dawn* will be out in August.

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes:

A quiet year for 1993 Year Group with many of us just re-setting following the pandemic.

A fascinating update from **Kate Davenport**, who is in the final year of a four-year posting to the British Embassy in Kyiv as head of the political section. Kate has been in and out of Ukraine since 24 February, returning to Kyiv with the British Ambassador in April. She writes: It's been constantly fascinating and a privilege to discover the rich culture and traditions, and the creativity and entrepreneurship across Ukraine, as I've travelled the breadth of the country for work and pleasure. I've made friends from all walks of Ukrainian society and if Ukraine was already under my skin before the invasion, it's become all-consuming since. The resilience and adaptability of the Ukrainians is plain to see and Kyiv is returning to its pre-war vibrancy. But it's a changed city. With airspace still shut, the long road trip in from the west takes you past the blackened shells of civilian buildings and shrapnel-ridden signs and advertising boards are a sobering testimony to the horror of the first weeks of the invasion in the Kyiv region; air raid sirens sounding several times a day in Kyiv serve as a reminder that Russia's full-blown onslaught on Ukraine continues and that Kyiv is not immune.

The pace of work has been intense, working with other international partners to respond not only to the humanitarian and military needs of Ukraine, but to support the government in investigating war crimes and preparing for recovery and reconstruction, and working through the elements for consideration in a future peace

process. Then there's the need to support Ukrainian friends and colleagues. Some are now abroad but deeply traumatised; some stayed in Ukraine and spent weeks taking shelter from missile strikes in basements; others devoted themselves to voluntary work, preparing meals for the territorial defence, supporting refugees, caring for abandoned pets, and clearing up the aftermath of the Russian retreat from around Kyiv. The relief and happiness of reunions is mixed with deep sadness and grief for individual tragedies – all of us know someone who has perished – but also for the loss of our past life in peaceful Kyiv, which felt carefree and like any other modern European capital, even in the eight years of war in Donbas. My posting ends this summer and I'll move on to the British Embassy in Prague as Deputy Ambassador. Czechia, like the UK, is at the forefront of support for the Ukrainians in their struggle to preserve their sovereignty and territorial integrity. So, as they say, you can take a girl out of Ukraine, but I'm unlikely to be disengaging from Ukraine anytime soon.

1994 Year Group Representative James Mobbs writes:

Bruce Perry and his wife Suleen have recently celebrated their daughter's first birthday. **Alice Wales (née Wrangham)** still lives in London with her family, working as a patent attorney and sitting part-time as a magistrate. Her proudest achievement of the last year, however, came in October 2021 when a mandatory UK guideline from the British Orthopaedic Association and others on the safe use of tourniquets during surgery came into effect as the result of campaigning on the part of Alice and others. Her own involvement came about after Alice's daughter very sadly suffered an injury to her arm during surgery and Alice's search for the cause led to her concluding that practice regarding tourniquets needed to be changed to try and avoid this in future. **Carine Silver (née Symonds)** lives in Devon with her family and is continuing to re-train as a doctor (having previously worked in the oil industry). She hopes to qualify as a GP in 2024. Her eldest daughter also turned 18 this year and Carine met up with **Helen Shaw (née Ebert)**, **Zoe Staughton (née Milton-Brown)** and **Dilum Manawadu** for lunch in the West End, a continuation of previous get-togethers.

Oliver Burkeman has returned from Brooklyn to North Yorkshire with his wife, Heather, and son, Rowan. His book *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals* was also published this year and he has plans to meet up with one or two other alumni as well.



Gayatri Desai
and fellow
alumni

James Mobbs is still living in South London and working as a lawyer at HM Land Registry. The gradual return to normality following the pandemic over the past year has allowed him to see more of his parents and other relatives and return to normal social activities, as well as return to regular office working, after almost two years of operating mostly from his living room.

Gayatri Desai was meeting and reminiscing with a group of other alumni when she got my e-mail and kindly sent a group photo!

1996 Year group Representative Rakhee Rajani writes:

Susan (née Berry) and **David Reed** are returning to the UK with their two girls, Emily and Charlotte, after ten enjoyable years abroad on successive diplomatic postings to France, Poland and (most recently) Canada. The highlights were a visit

to the Arctic to present a deed of gift of the wrecks of the Franklin expedition to local Inuit and working to increase Canadian climate ambition. They will be moving to Cambridge in August – please look them up if you are visiting College! **Kit Whitfield's** new novel *In the Heart of Hidden Things* from Jo Fletcher Books, Quercus, came out on 9 June 2022, with a sequel to follow next year. It's a dark folklore fantasy involving cold iron, special needs, fiery dogs, and bramble bushes with far too many opinions. Check out [facebook.com/kitwhitfieldbooks](https://www.facebook.com/kitwhitfieldbooks) or @KitWhitfield on Twitter to see more/say hi!



*Kit Whitfield
with her
new novel*

Rob Moffat's son Alex will be starting secondary school at Skinners. **Aleks Pluskowski** has a new book coming out called *The Archaeology of the Prussian Crusade: Holy War and Colonisation*. Some of the 1996 matriculation



*Alex and
Louisa Moffat*

year got together in November 2021 in a pub in central London to celebrate 25 years since matriculating. Thanks to **Dave Dale**, chief organiser for bringing people together; everyone enjoyed reminiscing and one of the best comments of the evening was 'it felt just like walking into the buttery again'.



*25-year reunion
in London*

1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:

Kieran Bush is still vicar of St John's Walthamstow. He's enjoying a sabbatical until September and recently got remarried, to Lydia Dyer. **Sarah Brown** welcomed a daughter, Isabelle, last summer and also has a son called Benjamin. Sarah still lives in Cambridge and works as an actuary advising clients on their pension schemes. **Caroline Cowe** is still enjoying working as a writer and editor at AXA Investment Managers. She is currently trying to work out how to eke out her and her husband Ian's annual leave across seemingly endless school holidays as their daughter Sophie starts in reception class this September. **Ian Cowley** left the private healthcare sector last year after 15 years and returned to the NHS – he's now Head of Radiotherapy Physics at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. He's now commuting up from Melbourn and hoping that his electric car (ordered in November 2021) arrives soon! He's settled fully into village middle-aged life, having been on the Parish Council for a number of years, is a church bellringer and now also a Scout Leader for the Beavers (age 6–8) in the village. Occasionally he gets to see his family too! **Jo Coombs** is living in Penrith with David, his three children, her eight year-old Craig and now also their daughter Katie who is a delightful and much loved 10 month-old. She's currently enjoying maternity leave, and will then be back to teaching physics in September. After fifteen years of working in schools in Cambridge, **Jodh Desi**, along with wife, son and daughter, emigrated to the Middle East and spent two glorious years in the UAE. However, the chance of an exciting new role back in the UK meant that the family all swapped Dubai for Birmingham at the beginning of 2021. Jodh is now Chief Executive Officer of King Edward VI Foundation, Birmingham, which is a unique mix of twelve independent, grammar and comprehensive schools (and which produced at least two fellow 1998ers). He is enjoying finding the flatter parts of

the city for cycling, sampling West Midlands beer and teaching his young children about gardening. **Tina Greve (née Crudgington)** is taking a sabbatical from the BBC and is spending her time trying to lower her golf handicap whilst building a new house. That's when she's not travelling the country for her boys' national tennis and European golf tournaments. **Wolfgang Grobecker** is still working as a lawyer in Munich, Germany at Martius attorneys-at-law (www.martius-partner.com). He's enjoying time in Bavaria and playing tennis on the weekends, with three sons aged 22, 20 and 5. **Jeffrey Bernard** is unwell. **Chris Mason** is still rattling around Westminster by day (and often night) as a reporter and rattling around south-east London with a wife and two children (daughter aged 6, son aged 3) the rest of the time. Any opportunity to return to Yorkshire is seized upon, and failing that talking about it incessantly continues uninterrupted. He was appointed the BBC's new political editor in May 2022 following the local elections. Chris has worked as a BBC journalist for many years and until recently hosted Radio 4's *Any Questions*. **Stewart Morris** lives in Eltham, London in a very lively house with three kids under 10 and two long-suffering cats. He works in audit, risk and controls for an investment manager near Trafalgar



*Brooke
Morriswood
and family*

Square. He enjoys running, and his occasional chances to meet up with friends from Christ's for drinks, dinners and cinema nights. It's been a difficult year for **Brooke Morriswood**, who had his salary and research funding discontinued by the German Research Foundation. Unwilling to relocate yet again for the sake of his family, he's now decided to transition out of academia and into science management/administration. The first step in this direction is coordinating a Germany-wide research network on the "Physics of Parasitism", while slowly winding down his research group in parallel. Outside of science, he and his wife Martina and their boys Edgar (7) and Oscar (3) continue to enjoy life in Aschaffenburg. **Jon Pendergast** and wife Jen continue to reside in Canada with their sons Sebastian (9) and Dominic (7). In the summer of 2022, they moved from the city of Toronto to a 2-acre plot amongst the rural hills of Northumberland, Ontario. Both Jon and Jen will be taking full advantage of the post-pandemic move towards working from home! Everything is currently fine for **Ellie Radburn** and returning



Hui Ling Siow

to pre-pandemic norms, although with more home working which is great. She is still living in Pinner and working at Linklaters. Unbelievably, she will have both children at secondary school age in September. Crazy. Based in Kuala Lumpur, **Hui Ling Siow** remains Founder and CEO of her international clutch label, The Chic Initiative. She is still in the fashion industry designing women's evening bags and loving the challenges that come with it. **Jon Scholefield** is still married to Lou, who many may remember as an occasional visitor to the Butts whilst she was studying at UCL. This year they celebrate having met for the first time 25 years ago on her 19th birthday. They got together as a couple soon after and have been inseparable ever since. They are still living in rural Sussex with their two boys (Freddie and Jack), both of whom are growing at an alarming rate, together with two basset hounds, three chickens, and a variety of other pets and

wildlife. Never a dull day. Jon made a valiant attempt at early retirement in recent years, having been fortunate enough to amass sufficient cash to do so, and having concluded that spending time with the family and maintaining a (very old) house was probably as good a purpose as any. Sadly, he fell off the wagon and was coaxed back into employment. He's now working for Mahana Therapeutics, a leader in the rapidly maturing space of digital therapeutics, sitting on the global executive team and leading work in the UK and wider markets. Having thought himself fairly "tech savvy" he now works with Silicon Valley masters and has concluded that he is, from a technology perspective, about as on-trend as your average fax machine. Much like his memorable fashion sense, which has not improved. Lou and Jon still connect with a variety of Christ's alumni and, every time they all get together, it always feels as if 20 minutes have passed, rather than 20 years. Happy memories of Christ's still abound. **Chris Yiu** is happily settled in Edinburgh with his wife and their two children. He is now working at Meta, where he is responsible for public policy across the UK, Ireland and Nordics markets.

2001 Year Group Representative Sarah Watson writes:

Huge congratulations to **Anna Finnegan (née Power)** who now has two children with her husband Rowan. Oliver James was born on 18 March 2020 and Sophie Rose was born on 18 October 2021.

On 6 February 2022 **Sarah Watson** and her partner James welcomed Robert James Watson Ash. As James is taking time out from the Army on shared parental leave, the family of four (dog included) are headed abroad for 6 weeks before Sarah heads back to work to add fee-paid Employment Tribunal Judge to her judicial portfolio. She's not sure which is going to be more stressful!

Michael Mann and his husband Joe have had another baby, Sebastian, who was born in November 2021. The family are doing well, if somewhat sleep-deprived. Also, Michael's book for 9–12 year olds, *Ghostcloud*, was one of Waterstone's best children's books of 2021 and was a *Guardian* pick as well. He has a story for 5–7 year olds out in October 2022 in Faber's Book of Bedtime Stories. He's busy doing promotional school author visits, so do get in touch if you know an interested school.

The next reunion will now be the 25-year reunion in 2026 (fingers crossed). More details to follow from Sarah Watson nearer the time.



Michael Mann's book

2000 Year Group News:

Harry Thomas writes: I moved to the US in 2008 and now practise gastroenterology in Austin, Texas, where I live with my wife and two sons. Outside of work, I serve on the boards of some non-profit organisations and enjoy watching our new Major League Soccer team, Austin FC.

2002 Year Group Representative Abteen Mostofi writes:

Believe it or not, by the time you receive your copy of the *Magazine* twenty years will have elapsed since matriculation. There has already been some discussion about marking this in some way with suggested events ranging from a College dinner or

family-friendly garden party to a London-based reunion. One of the more interesting suggestions was the collation of small written snippets summarising life over the past two decades complete with photos 'then' and 'now'. If you have any more thoughts then please do get in touch with me soon.

In other news, **Emma Butterworth** has been awarded an Arts Council grant to write the opera that she has been developing, set almost 300 years ago on the street on which she lives in Bristol. She now looks forward to writing the music to accompany the libretto she finished a few months ago. **Victoria Taylor** and **Luke Simpson** welcomed baby Cameron Alexander at the end of October 2021. They tell me that he's a really lovely baby – very sweet and smiley and is adored by his big brother William.



Cameron Alexander

2004 Year Group Representative Anjolie Rusius writes:



*November 2021
Christ's reunion*

There was a bit of a 2004 Christ's ladies reunion in November last year when **Camilla Tolley (née Farrant)**, **Victoria Grebe (née Corke)**, **Dorothy Turnbull (née Howard)**, **Laura Hadrill (née Skelly)**, **Anjolie Rusius (née Buggal)** and **Charlotte Williams** (all pictured, from left to right) gathered in a King's Cross pub to drink prosecco and to catch up on the last 14 years since we all graduated from Christ's. I'm hoping we won't leave it so long until the next one!

There are also a few new babies to announce this year. You may have noticed a little bundle of joy in the group photo: on 16 June 2021, Camilla and Andrew Tolley welcomed Georgina Sophie Tolley at St Thomas Hospital, London.

Melanie Shaw (née Gedge) and her husband, Peter, welcomed their second child, Francesca Jean Beatrice Shaw, on 27 December 2021 at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane.



*Raphael,
Clementina and
Charlotta Grebe*

Nola Betty Clark was born on 25 February 2022 to **Amy Barnes** and Edward Clark at Kingston Hospital, weighing a whopping 9lb 1oz. Apparently, she's already ruling the roost and giving her older sister Evie the run-around!

Victoria Grebe (née Corke), and **Matthias Grebe** (m. 2008) welcomed their daughter, Clementina Amaris Theodora (Clemmie) on the most satisfying date of 22.2.22 – a little sister for Charlotta and Raphael. They have just returned from a wonderful time in Rio de Janeiro – a bit of a recce before they set off on a longer trip to Ecuador, Colombia, Bolivia and Peru later in the year.



Cyrus Oakes

Amongst all the girls, we have a baby boy to announce too. In September 2021, **Amy Oakes (née Pope)**, Tim and Mirabel welcomed Cyrus William Lloyd Oakes to their family. Proving he hasn't inherited his mother's timekeeping, Cyrus arrived three weeks early, taking everyone by surprise. A darling, smiley boy, he loves cuddles, rolling over and waving, and is already growing up far too quickly for his

mother's liking. Miri (soon to have her first day at school) is being a wonderfully patient and enthusiastic big sister and Cyrus is proving himself to be an equally patient little brother!

Moving to social activities, **Danny Loss** informs me that after a long stretch of limiting contact (thanks, Covid!), he and his wife were delighted to meet up with **Phyllis Maloney Johnson** at the Bronx Zoo in New York City, along with their children. They did their best to catch up as they chased the children from the aviary to the reptile house and beyond. Danny also appeared on the 16 Aug 2021 episode of BBC Radio 4's *Beyond Belief* to discuss 'The Monarch as Defender of the Faith'.



*Danny Loss and
Phyllis Maloney
Johnson meet-up*

Having swam in the rivers and llyns of North Wales for the last few years, **Dorothy Turnbull (née Howard)** decided to make 2022 the start of a Caledonian adventure: attempting to swim on every inhabited island of the Western Isles. Since April she's completed swims on Vatersay, Barra, Harris and Lewis with dips on the Isle of Skye, Loch Ness and Loch Lomond for good measure too. Wishing Dorothy luck for the remaining 11 islands in the Outer Hebrides and attempting the Inner, Small and Northern Isles in the future!



*Dorothy
Turnbull*

Finally, I, **Anjulie Rusius**, have some professional news. For anyone familiar with the acronym 'ESG', I became Deputy Fund Manager for the M&G Sustainable Optimal Income Fund which launched in December of last year, which means I've finally managed to combine my Christ's background in Economics with my personal focus on do-gooding! Better late than never.

2005 Year Group Representative Lottie Bagnall writes:

At a little after midnight on the morning of Sunday 24 October 2021 **Dominic Benson** and his wife Kathryn welcomed their first child, Alexandra Jane Margaret, into the world. Dominic and his business partners also sold their company, Third Light, to Photoshelter near the end of 2021. **Ali Hepburn** was appointed to a Lectureship at the University of Brighton in September 2021. **Philip Antrobus** has married Kate Glen, and now resides in Brisbane, Australia – happy to host or get a beer with other Christ's alumni who are passing through QLD (+61-470571770, phila@cantab.net).



*Dominic Benson
with his
daughter
Alexandra Jane
Margaret*

For two years beginning in September 2022, **Ned Allen** will be leading a research team at the University of Padova. The project will centre on the subject of radio culture in the years following the Second World War and will attempt to apprehend the ways broadcasters sought to mediate existent and emerging conceptions of European identity.

Temí Awogboro has been featured in two articles for International Women's Day. She was featured as a Woman of Rubies by *The Guardian* in an article titled *As a woman, you can hold down a boardroom and still hold down your home*, 21 May 2022. Temí was also the subject of *Overcoming Bias Through Grit And Tenacity* published in *TheWill Downtown*, 13 March 2022.

2006 Year Group Representative Anna Horvai writes:

*Anna Horvai's
son Henry*

We were delighted to welcome baby Henry into the world in November 2021 and are loving seeing him grow so much every week. We're really enjoying life in Edinburgh and getting out to the beautiful beaches and mountains as much as possible on weekends. More baby news from **Sofia Wallström** who writes: in September 2021 my husband, Shane Wallström (formerly Clifton), and I had our first child, a boy named Björn.



*Sofia Wallström's
son Björn*

2011 Year Group Representative Sophie Barker writes: Congratulations to **Nick Parker** who married Laura Smith on 9 April at Wivelsfield Parish Church in Sussex, followed by an afternoon and evening reception at South Lodge Hotel. **Amelia Southgate** also got married to Paul Breen during the Easter weekend in Cork, Ireland; a belated celebration having delayed their wedding in 2020 and holding a micro-wedding in August 2021! Both celebrations were attended by lots of familiar faces from Christ's. **Sam and Rachel Prior (née Briggs)** report that they have welcomed their second daughter Rosalind to the world in May, big sister to Magdalene who was born during the pandemic. **Ling Li** updates that she has finished her four years of general medical training and has since moved from London to Oxford to start specialist training in dermatology at Oxford, after ranking seventh in the national selection process, scoring 100 percent at interview. She is continuing into her second year of specialist training at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading in August 2022. From overseas, **Megan Wilson** reports that she has moved to Stockholm to work for Northvolt, a company establishing a sustainable supply chain of lithium-ion batteries across Europe. While in Scandinavia Meg has taken up cross-country skiing and raced in the Vasaloppet. **Claire Mitchell** is in her fourth and final year of a diplomatic posting to South Africa, where amongst other issues, she has worked on the international response to the Ukraine conflict since February 2022. She recently met up with **Zara Reid** who is also working for the Foreign Office in Botswana, where she lives with her husband **Matt Brown** (m. 2010), working on combatting the illegal wildlife trade.



*Nick Parker
and Laura Smith
on their
wedding day*



*Amelia
Southgate
and Paul Breen
on their
wedding day*



Megan Wilson



*Zara Reid,
Claire Mitchell
and Matt Brown
in South Africa*

2011 Year Group News:

Peter Lunga married Hanyue Zhang, at Utstein Kloster outside Stavanger in Norway on 12 June 2021. **Katherine Olivia Cousins** and **Matthew Adam**



*Katherine Cousins
and Matthew
Bridge on their
wedding day*

*Peter Lunga
and Hanyue Zhang on
their wedding day*

Bridge tied the knot on 1 July 2022 in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Katherine and Matt met at Christ's College whilst reading Law and Economics respectively.

2012 Year Group Representative Hattie Baker writes:

A shorter list of updates this year as life has got significantly busier since the lifting of lockdown. I received a couple of updates from the 2012 year group:

Henley Leong and his wife Sylvia finally managed to hold their belated wedding banquet

on 24 December 2021, during which they announced her pregnancy. In light of the reduced quarantine requirements in Hong Kong, they managed to go to the Maldives for a hastily planned honeymoon/babymoon in April 2022. And finally, they welcomed their daughter Alea on 16 June 2022.

Josh Yu finished his PhD at LSE at the beginning of the pandemic and is now working in Paris as an Analyst in the Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD.

And a personal update from my side: I bought my first property in October 2021 – a flat in East Dulwich, south London, very close to the lovely parks Peckham Rye and Dulwich. I've been really enjoying exploring the local area, decorating my flat, sorting out the garden and returning to doing weekly park runs after a long hiatus since I cycled to the Cambridge one while I was at Christ's!

To round up, a big group of Christ's alumni celebrated New Year's together in Wales and had a brilliant time.

2013 Year Group Representative James Fox writes:

After a two-year delay, those (like me) who matriculated as undergrads in 2013 were delighted to be welcomed back to Christ's for our MA ceremony. Since we were joined by the 2014 matriculation year, it truly felt like we had stepped back in time. The day began in beautiful sunshine with everyone congregating in the Fellows' Garden swapping memories of Christ's and saying what they'd got up to since Christ's. In the evening, after an excellent formal, the Buttery was filled with familiar and friendly faces priming themselves for a night cutting shapes once again



*Henley Leong
and his wife
Sylvia at their
wedding banquet
and with their
daughter Alea*

on Life's dancefloor. In addition to catching up with those in my year or the year below, I especially enjoyed chatting again to the Porters and College staff who made my time at Christ's so special.



*Rory Hennell
James on his
graduation day*

A large fraction of my year continued in academia after completing their undergraduate degrees. **Simcha Brownson** stayed at Christ's for his PhD in astrophysics, which he completed this year. Whilst **Rory Hennell James** has just completed his DPhil in Structural Biology at Worcester College, Oxford, and is now working at the Centre for Structural Systems Biology in Hamburg, Germany, on an HFSP Fellowship to study protein and DNA secretion in mycobacteria.

Capitalising on what he learned during his PhD studies at Christ's, **Christian Boehm** has joined the Directorate General for the Environment at the European Commission this year as a National Expert to support negotiations towards multilateral environmental agreements, in particular within the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

2015 Year Group Representative Mariya Chepishева writes:

Asiya Islam has joined the University of Leeds as a permanent Lecturer in Work and Employment Relations, following a Junior Research Fellowship at Newnham College



Yana Lishkova

Yana Lishkova (MEng) has recently been awarded the 2022 Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship. This prestigious fellowship is presented annually to 30 women who have demonstrated excellent academic record and great commitment to pursuing a career in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Yana is currently a DPhil Student at the University of Oxford Control Group, where she works on optimization-based methods for simulation and control of multirate systems, with special focus on spacecraft control.



*Barney Fidler
and Pippa
Saunders
on their
wedding day*

Barney Fidler married his childhood sweetheart Pippa Saunders on 28 May 2022 in the Cotswolds surrounded by family and friends from Christ's. It was a beautiful day, with all the men recovered just in time from the flu they had caught on the stag do a week before.



*Mariya
Chepishева
and friends*

Mariya Chepishева is a PhD Candidate at Imperial College London. Recently, she won a highly competitive placement position at Yale University – School of Medicine, USA. This top-tier program allows Mariya to join an amazing scientific initiative studying early magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) biomarkers that improve prediction of short and long-term complications after traumatic brain injury (TBI). Such complications include post-traumatic

ischaemic or haemorrhagic stroke or post-traumatic epilepsy. Mariya is also a proud recipient of the Dean's Internship Award of the Department of Brain Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London.

2018 Year Group News:

Ebbaa Elfneh, who graduated with a First Class in geography at Part II (having completed History and Spanish previously), has been awarded a Choate Scholarship and will be going to Harvard University in the autumn.



Blossoms in Third Court

Photography by Katie Coakes

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORIAM

We are sorry to report the deaths of Douglas Barker (Emeritus Fellow) and Tim Lintott (Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow). Obituaries will be published in next year's Magazine.

David Eryl Corbet Yale (m. 1950, Fellow)



David Yale came to Christ's to read for the LLB in 1949, and was elected a Research Fellow the following year, going on to come Director of Studies and a Tutor. He was appointed a College Lecturer in 1952 and was promoted to a Readership in 1969, a role he held for 23 years. David's many roles in College included membership of the College Council, Vice-Master from 1973 to 1977, and Praelector from 1980 to 1982. He is known by generations of Law students as an excellent teacher, and he is remembered warmly by many alumni who have paid tribute to his role

in their lives at such a formative stage.

He and his wife, Ann, whom he married in 1959, retired to Wales in 1993, and he was made an Honorary QC in April 2000, having been elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1980. He very much enjoyed his position as Life Fellow and Senior Fellow of the College, delighting in news from Cambridge, and particularly of the Boat Club. From time to time he and Ann visited Christ's, most recently in 2018 when they were able to see their grandson, Maximilian (m. 2017), row in the May Bumps.

Once asked about what he felt was the most important achievement of his academic career he replied "*possibly for remembrance sake, it might be the writing and research, but I would rather prefer to claim tutorial teaching as the best memorial although the memory of that only lasts the lifetime of perhaps 50 years or less because it is a personal interplay*".

David Yale died on 26 June 2021, at the age of 93, and is survived by Ann, two sons, Mark and Andrew, and three grandsons, Alexander, Maximilian (m. 2017), and Nicholas.

David Yale's association with the Law Faculty and the University was a long and fruitful one. After pursuing his undergraduate studies at Queens', David became a Research Fellow at Christ's College in 1950 and remained there for the rest of his career. He was appointed Reader in English Legal History in 1969 and was an outstandingly generous contributor to the work of the Faculty, undertaking a variety of key roles that included serving as Faculty Chair between 1976 and 1979 and as editor of the Cambridge Law Journal between 1974 and 1981.

David was a scholar of immense distinction and an inspirational figure who will be remembered for his formidable contribution to the field of English Legal History

and for the extraordinary depth and quality of his research work, focused upon equity, the High Court of Admiralty (with Michael Prichard), and the writings of Sir Matthew Hale. His two-volume edition of the reports of Lord Nottingham C, in particular, formed a classic and seminal contribution to the historiography of equity. He was Literary Director of the Selden Society, first with Toby Milsom between 1976 and 1980, and then with John Baker between 1980 and 1990, becoming President of the Society in 1994. The David Yale Prize was instituted in 1998 by the Society in his honour and it is awarded biennially to early-career scholars for outstanding contributions to the history of the Law of England and Wales.

David will also be remembered by generations of former students for his unique warmth and dedication to them and for the excellence of his teaching.

Albertina Albers-Llorens (Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge)

Richard Patrick Axton (m. 1959, Fellow)



It is with great sadness that we learned in November 2021 that our much esteemed Fellow, Dr Richard Axton, died at his home in Sark.

Richard matriculated at Christ's in 1959 to read English, continuing at the College for his PhD. He was admitted to the Christ's Fellowship in 1964 and became a College Lecturer in 1966. He became a University Lecturer in English in October 1971, a position he held for 30 years until his retirement in 2001. Richard gave up his lectureship early to enable him to work for at least 3 years as though he were a Research Fellow in the College as he, and his late wife Marie, wanted to work on the cache of Anglo-Norman court records that they had unearthed in their archival work for the island of Sark. He felt that the work was of some interest to social, economic and legal historians, though was quite outside the domain of the English Faculty, and indeed it has had a practical worth too, being used in a court case to establish jurisdiction of a nearby island.

Richard was best known in academic circles for his work on drama of the medieval and early-modern periods. For a series on 'Tudor Interludes', he edited *Three Rastell Plays* (1979), and with Peter Happé took editorial responsibility for *The Plays of John Heywood* (1991). Very often his research and expertise carried him toward bodies of literature that lie (or once lay, thanks to the influence of Richard's work) beyond any strict conception of an English 'vernacular'. His translation work featured in an edition of *Medieval French Plays* (1971), and in 1974 he published to the warm appreciation of critics *European Drama of the Early Middle Ages*. Axton's 'perception that there are varying degrees of role-assumption in [these] early plays', according to one reviewer of this 'provocative and interesting' book, 'is a fine piece of literary criticism. His discussion of the iconographic, rather than storied mode of liturgical drama is also arresting'. Arresting, perhaps, is a word that applied to Richard more generally: he could stop you in your tracks with the very things – an observation, a gesture, an exclamation – with which his research into the practice of drama was concerned at every turn. He was actively involved in putting old plays on, and especially enjoyed working with the Medieval Players.

Most recently, in 2008, when the College celebrated the 400th anniversary of the birth of one of its most famous members, John Milton, Richard worked

tirelessly to help the College with the events that were arranged to commemorate this milestone. In particular, the production of *Comus* in the Fellows' Garden was a highlight and the culmination of many long hours spent by Richard and the team in bringing the project to fruition. I was an undergraduate at the time, and was tasked with directing the production's music in collaboration with one of Richard's former students, Annilese Miskimmon (now the Artistic Director at English National Opera). Richard was a dynamic, ambitious and inspiring presence during the rehearsals of *Comus*. He had high scholarly standards, and he held us to them. But he was also very thoughtful. I remember vividly one early morning workshop. Things were going a bit slowly, as they sometimes do in the Lloyd Room. We could have wept with joy when Richard turned up with four piping-hot coffees from Costa – unprompted, eyes twinkling. No less memorable was an encounter I had with Richard a few months later. He accosted me in First Court, first to say how happy he was still about the production, and then to express his surprise that we had been left with a stack of programmes. Who in their right mind would have left a performance without taking a souvenir copy? Richard's solution – a perfect example of his determination and optimism – was for me to go and flog the remaining copies outside Sainsbury's on Sidney Street.

In June 2021 Richard let us know that he had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Heritage and Environment in Sark and was inaugurated with the medal itself by the Lieutenant-Governor in Sark on 7 July.

Richard married Marie, who was also an academic at Cambridge, in 1962 and they had a son, John, and a daughter, Lucy. He nursed Marie through a long period of ill-health until her death in 2014. His last years in Sark were spent with his partner, Judy Smith, who survives him, along with his son, daughter, and grandchildren. He is remembered fondly by generations of students who appreciated the direction, kindness, and influence that he and Marie had during their student and subsequent lives.

Ned Allen (Fellow)

Phillip Kenneth King (m. 1954, Honorary Fellow)



It is an oddity in the history of Christ's that, during the 1950s, in spite of no teaching of art, nor even in those days of art history, the College produced two of the most distinguished post-war sculptors. Anthony Caro studied engineering at Christ's during the Second World War and then after National Service he went to study sculpture at the Royal Academy Schools. Phillip King, who died on 27 July 2021, was an undergraduate at Christ's from 1954 to 1957, studying modern languages, and did a small exhibition of his own art work, mainly clay pots, at Heffer's Gallery whilst still an undergraduate. He invited Anthony Caro to see it and after graduating, he went to study with Caro for a postgraduate year at St Martin's School of Art (he claimed that he only discovered the existence of St Martin's by being told about it by a shop assistant in Foyle's next door).

It was Caro who encouraged King to become a studio assistant to Henry Moore in 1959, as Caro himself had been. In 1960, they broke with the legacy of Moore's residual naturalism and redefined the nature of sculpture and its language, using new, industrial materials – metals, fibreglass and plastic in bright colours, instead of

bronze and stone – abandoning the plinth and thinking about sculpture as purely abstract form. It was a revolution.

Of the two, Phillip King was the more exotic and more cerebral, a quietly spoken, but impressive figure, tall and always with a sense of hidden depths. He was born in Tunis in 1934 in a house by the sea, and learned to make pots out of the clay on the beach. His father was an English merchant, his mother French. He seems to have had a somewhat haphazard education until his parents came back to north London, when he was sent to Mill Hill School across the road from the hotel where the family lived. He did National Service before going up to Cambridge, but he was sent to Paris and had few official duties, so was able to devote himself to drawing in the Louvre. Of the Louvre, he made the characteristically gnomic comment, ‘It made me think for the first time about sculpture being the art of the invisible: it was quite a discovery’.

Phillip’s contemporaries from St Martin’s School of Art in the early 1960s, including Tim Scott and William Tucker, very much remember the impact of the sculptures that he made at the time. He invited them to his studio in West Hampstead. As Tucker remembers it

In his attic studio were, as I remember, Window Pieve, Declaration, Drift and Rosebud (1962/5)... The strangeness of these names alone may give a sense of the shock I experienced at the sight of what had emerged from Phillip’s head; each complete, whole and distinct from each other, and unlike anything known as sculpture before... If these were not sculpture, they were not ethereal visions either. To the contrary, they were solidly realised in available, everyday materials: wood planks, a steel pipe, unfinished and polished concrete, coloured polyester resin.

Phillip’s talent and originality were immediately recognised. In 1964, he was taken on by the Rowan Gallery, his work was included in the second of the New Generation exhibitions at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1965, he became a trustee of the Tate Gallery in 1967 and represented Britain at the Venice Biennale in 1968. In 1972, he and his fellow sculptors took over the galleries of the Royal Academy, *British Sculptors ’72*, which they all remember as having been key to demonstrating their authority and success. In 1980, he became a Professor of Sculpture at the Royal College of Art and, in 1998, he was elected President of the Royal Academy.

I got to know Phillip when he became President of the Royal Academy because he was *ex officio* a trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, where I was then Director, and we were both made Honorary Fellows of Christ’s in 2002. Being President of the Royal Academy wasn’t a happy time for him. He was elected on a platform of giving back authority to the artists, but didn’t like chairing endless committees which the role involved (like being Master of an Oxbridge college), and was pacific by temperament in an environment of robust and often acrimonious institutional debate. He missed his natural *milieu*, the easy-going friendship of his fellow artists and working in the studio.

In Phillip’s later career, he was less internationally well-known than Caro, but he remains a key figure in the generation of sculptors who came to prominence in the early 1960s and was possibly the most original.

Charles Saumarez Smith (Honorary Fellow)

Geoffrey Almeric Thorndike Martin (Fellow Commoner)

Any self-respecting ancient Egyptian would no doubt confirm that a fine tomb autobiography, chronicling one's great deeds, really matters. Yet nowadays, such texts being out of fashion, it falls to one Egyptologist to chronicle the deeds of another. And when the deceased is a titan of academia, as Professor Martin undoubtedly was, this becomes a truly daunting prospect. So I can only hope that the Gods are not overly harsh in judging my efforts.

The contributions of Professor Martin to Egyptology are impossible to overestimate. Author of countless publications, including a quite incredible twenty books, Professor Martin's name has become synonymous with some of Egyptology's greatest breakthroughs, including perhaps most notably the discovery of the Memphite Tomb of the Pharaoh Horemheb and the remarkably ornate tomb of Maya and Meryt from the reign of Tutankhamun. While leading such pioneering excavation work as Field Director of the Cambridge Expedition to the Valley of the Kings, Professor Martin also held some of the most prestigious posts on the Egyptological scene in the UK: starting out as Budge Fellow in Egyptology at Christ's, he went on to hold the Edwards Chair of Egyptology at UCL and the Vice-Presidency of the Egypt Exploration Society. In his later years, he was also a Senior Fellow of the McDonald Institute of Archaeology at Cambridge, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and – of course – a Fellow-Commoner at Christ's, a community that he loved and that loved him no less.

No doubt many publications will discuss Professor Martin's accolades and formidable academic achievements in greater depth, but in this College obituary, I think it fitting to reflect in particular on his remarkable contribution to Christ's and our local area. Born in South Ockendon on 28 May 1934, Professor Martin was educated in Essex before graduating with a BA in Ancient History from University College London in 1963. He then moved to Cambridge, becoming Budge Fellow in 1966 and receiving his PhD in 1969, before moving back to London for a lectureship at UCL in 1970. In 1998, he retired and moved back to Cambridge, taking charge of the College Archives at Christ's and even becoming Praelector a decade later, in 2009. During this period, Professor Martin also served as Patron of the Thurrock Local History Society – a fact that some might consider trivial at first, but which in actual fact reflected his enduring commitment to the East of England and the richness of our local communities: be it in central Cambridge or in rural Essex. Here was a man who had scaled the very summit of international academia, but who was never loath to return to his roots. And Christ's was at the very forefront in this.

In Christ's, Professor Martin had a remarkable ability to make friends with people from all disciplines, academic and non-academic alike. In the words of the eminent historian Professor Geoffrey Parker, one of his contemporaries at Christ's in the late 1960s, Professor Martin was always 'delightful, charming and erudite'. To his successor as Budge Fellow, Professor John Tait, he was a model of 'extreme meticulousness' and a source of inspiration to pursue a long-term career in Egyptology. Beyond academia, the College maintenance manager Tony Weaver, who had many happy conversations with Professor Martin around the turn of the century, described

him as ‘such an interesting and pleasant gentleman’ who also happened to be a ‘fount of knowledge’. In short, wherever Professor Martin went, it is fair to say that he accumulated nothing but the highest praise.

I was lucky enough to experience Professor Martin’s characteristic warmth, collegiality and care first-hand when I joined the Fellowship at Christ’s in 2019. Not only did he show me around, despite not being in the best of health, but he also made himself available for weekly discussions over fish and chips in the lunch hall on Friday afternoons. I would spend three hours in the morning poring over hieroglyphs with my undergrads, before reporting on progress to Professor Martin and then returning to the teaching room, reinvigorated, for my afternoon shift. His was a remarkable teaching philosophy, one where the student always came first, where there was nothing wrong with a 1:1 ratio between students and teachers, and where modern attempts at academic cost-cutting were denounced as a ‘vale of tears’. Such comments, which more politically correct colleagues would probably not dare utter, were a testament to Professor Martin’s independent thinking until his last days.

When the Covid lockdown came, Professor Martin wrote to me to check how I was and how the students were coping. To me, that said everything that needed to be said: despite a global pandemic, his own worsening illness, and the enforced isolation of us all, here was a man who simply refused to give up caring for others. It is beyond sad that I was never able to share another fish and chips with him after Covid receded, but equally a remarkable privilege to have known him. Rest in peace, Professor Martin, True of Voice!

Alex Loktionov (Fellow)

James Noel Adams (Former Fellow)

Jim Adams was born in Australia and took his first degree there before moving to Brasenose College Oxford, as a Commonwealth Scholar for his PhD. He came to Christ’s in 1970 as the inaugural W H D Rouse Fellow and spent two years at the College before being appointed to a lectureship in Manchester. He left there, twenty-two years later, having been given a personal chair in 1993 and been elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy. He spent 1995 to 1998 as a Professor at Reading, and then moved to a Senior Research Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, becoming Emeritus in 2010.

His interest was in the linguistic history of all varieties of Latin, literary and non-literary, from about 200 BC to the early medieval period and his work on bilingualism in particular is considered seminal. His contributions were recognised more widely in 2015 when he was appointed CBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to Latin Scholarship. He published ten books and nearly 100 articles and other pieces, and edited with colleagues a further four collective volumes. He died on 11 October 2021, aged 78.

Henry Spelman (former Rouse Fellow) adds: Jim Adams was a towering giant in his field and one of the greatest ancient linguists of the last century. His massive and massively influential books will be read for a very, very long time. He was also an immensely kind and entertaining person. His death is a loss to Classics as a discipline and everyone who had the pleasure of encountering him.

John Bolton (Former Catering Manager)

Retired Catering Manager John Bolton was a stalwart of the Christ's community. John joined Christ's in 1950 as a catering apprentice and his career was only interrupted for National Service in 1955, where he graduated top of his intake as an army chef. He returned to College in 1957 as a pastry chef and, as a result of his talent and natural leadership skills, was eventually appointed Catering Manager in 1974. After 25 years as catering manager, John retired in 1999 after an exceptional 48 years of service overall. He is affectionately remembered by many members of the Christ's College community for his detailed knowledge of menus and for often going the extra mile. John died on 19 May 2022.

Robert George Everitt Murray (m. 1938)

Robert Murray came up to Christ's, where his father had been a Fellow, in 1938 to read Medical Sciences. He obtained his MD at McGill University, and, following a period of service as Captain RCAMC in 1944–45, he obtained a teaching appointment in Bacteriology and Immunology in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Western Ontario. He spent his entire career there, serving as Professor until his retirement in 1984. As Head of that Department from 1949 to 1974, he established electron microscopy in 1954 and built an international reputation for bacterial research. He was also, for many years, Chief of the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory in Victoria Hospital, London, and long into his retirement years continued to be active as Professor Emeritus. He was editor of the major scientific journals in his field, and was founder of the *Canadian Journal of Microbiology* and first President of the Canadian Society. His work was recognised by a number of honours, including Officer of the Order of Canada, Honorary DSc degrees from the Universities of Western Ontario, Guelph, Victoria and McGill, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He died on 18 February 2022, aged 102.

Alastair McKay (m. 1942)

Alastair came up to Christ's in 1942 to read Engineering on an accelerated two-year course during WW2. After graduating, he joined the Design Office at Supermarine's in Hursley Park, where he specialised in Stress Engineering. His career ranged from working on the Spitfire to Concorde and he had spells on hovercraft and also assisted the armed forces with portable folding bridges, and much more. Whilst at Christ's, Alastair was a member of the Boat Club and the Ridout Society. He was always proud to have the letters M.A. (Cantab) after his name, and was delighted when my sister Wendy followed him to Christ's (reading Natural Sciences) in the 1980s, and also when one of my sons, Fraser McKay, followed the family tradition, also recently graduating from Cambridge in Engineering. Alastair died on 28 October 2021, at the age of 97.

Malcolm McKay

Charles David Joscelyne (m. 1944)

Charles (known as David), came up to Christ's in 1944 to read Natural Sciences. After completing his National Service on leaving Cambridge, he pursued a career in teaching and was headmaster of Hellesdon High School in Norwich from 1973 until he retired in 1986. David passed away on 30 May 2021 in Norwich, where he had lived since 1973.

Carole Moore

Derek Muir Richards (m. 1944)

Derek, born in June 1926, came up to Christ's in 1944. After three years in the RAF he became a solicitor and was articled to a family firm in Nottingham where he stayed for the rest of his working life, retiring in 1990. Derek was a trustee of some of Nottingham Almshouses for over 35 years, and was also involved as a Director and Chairman of a private library for more than thirty years. He was also a JP for a number of years, and was a commercial and property lawyer holding a number of directorships. He was heavily involved in the Nottinghamshire Law Society, becoming Secretary and, in due course, President. In later years, and particularly after retirement, he was a part time Chairman of Industrial or Employment Tribunals, as well as Mental Health Tribunals. Derek was always keen on sport, including cricket, rugby, hockey and golf. He also played squash until he was 60. He was happily married for 69 years to Shirley, had three children and seven granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Derek died on 28 May 2021, aged 94.

Alexandra Eden

George Henry Lissant Cox (m. 1944)

Henry Cox came up to Christ's in 1944 and read Natural Sciences. He had ten terms as an undergraduate and took Part II Physical Chemistry. He also enjoyed the courses in electronics that were encouraged by the wartime government. He worked internationally, including in India on commissioning a digital data system, part of the supervisory control system of the Oil India Pipeline. In retirement, he was active in the green movement for over twenty years, growing fruit and vegetables as well as attending conferences and volunteering. He was a progressive thinker with an interest in feminism and green economics.

Laurence Woodward Martin (m. 1945)

Professor Sir Laurence Martin went up to Christ's College to read history in 1945. His father, a school teacher, suggested he try the entrance examination as practice for the next year. He remembered handing in eight pages for the general essay and worrying as others had handed in many more. A scholarship resulted, presumably because the markers appreciated his efforts to reduce their workload. Following that, he was conscripted into the RAF and spent a couple of happy years learning to sail (for he was in Air-Sea rescue, thankfully seeing few planes) and shoot a pistol with which he could hit *The Times* from a few paces (when it was a broadsheet). He married Betty Parnall in 1951. He went to America for a PhD at Yale and whilst there he developed what would be a career-long interest in International Relations, which

took him to MIT and Johns Hopkins. He returned as a Professor to the department of International Politics at Aberystwyth. From there he moved to Kings College London as Professor of War Studies. During that time he gave the Reith Lectures and was internationally regarded in his field. He became Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University and some years later the Director of Chatham House, during which period he received his Knighthood. He retired to Suffolk in 2001 with his wife Betty. He was predeceased by his wife and by his daughter, Jane, and is survived by his son Bill.

Bill Martin

John Beethom Benson (m. 1946)



John Benson died peacefully in his sleep on 15 May 2022, aged 97, having been contending with a long-term illness. Born on 17 September 1924, he was educated at the Collegiate Grammar School in Liverpool, interrupted by evacuation to Bangor in Wales with his brother Frank. He excelled at school and won a scholarship to read Classics at Christ's, but due to National Service he delayed his matriculation until 1946. Despite this interruption, he achieved a double first and in his latter years at College he had the good fortune to meet Muriel Sadler, one of T C Wyatt's secretaries, whom he married in July 1949. John's secret to the longevity of their partnership was always being able to laugh and be happy.

He initially looked for academic work after graduating but there was a dearth of opportunities so he became a Classics teacher in Redcar. He moved to Royal Grammar School around 1953 where his son, Ian, was born in 1954 and later his daughter, Elizabeth, in 1957. He finished his teaching career as Head of Classics at Peter Symonds College Winchester.

John had a strong intellect and curiosity; indeed when Ian chose to read Chemistry at Bristol, John embarked on an Open University degree in Chemistry with Maths, to keep up with him! Muriel and John got a taste for overseas travel in the 1970s, often travelling with Frank and his wife, Joyce. In latter years they lived next door to Ian and their grandchildren. Even when old age did start to encroach on their outings and holidays, they were happy, engaging and much loved by all who encountered them. John is survived by his wife and son. His zest for life and debate will be sadly missed.

Ian Benson

William Richmond Postle Bourne (m. 1948)



Bill Bourne was born in Bedford in 1930 and educated in Bermuda and Brighton before studying Zoology and Medicine at Christ's from 1948–1951, where he was secretary of the Cambridge Bird Club. He completed his medical training at St Bartholomew's Hospital and worked for a few years as a physician at Watford and Aberdeen, and as a ship's surgeon with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. His main interest, however, was ornithology: in Oxford he did research into bird migration as seen on radar, and in Aberdeen, researched the behaviour of seabirds at sea. He

was a world-renowned figure in seabird research and was the driving force behind the setting up of the Seabird Group, the first in the world. A pale form of Purple Heron was named after him: Bourne's Heron (*Ardea purpurea bournei*).

He campaigned passionately for the protection of many areas threatened with development, including Aldabra, the Chagos Archipelago, Foulness, amongst others. In 1994, he received the Stamford Raffles Award from the Zoological Society of London. He was presented with two lifetime achievement awards: from the Pacific Seabird Group in 1997 and from the Seabird Group in 2014. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his daughter, Mary, and grandchildren, Lizzie and Peter.

Sheila Bourne

James Duncan William Longden (m. 1948)

James Longden was born on 1 July 1930, coming up to Christ's in 1948 to read Mechanical Sciences. He was married to Audrey, and died on 5 August 2021, aged 91.

Ronald Louis Hersov (m. 1948)

Ronnie was born in Johannesburg on 16 October 1928. He attended The Ridge Preparatory School in Johannesburg and Michaelhouse in Natal before going to Christ's in 1948 to read Economics, following in the footsteps of his brother Basil (m. 1946), who read Natural Sciences. Although he was not enamoured of Economics, he was a good sportsman and participated in most, especially swimming. After he came down he spent a few years involved in businesses in the UK before returning home to South Africa. Here he joined the family firm Anglovaal on the industrial side. He then decided he was not cut out to be in corporate Business and wanted to do his own thing. He moved to Europe and eventually settled in Spain, Here although being an active partner in the family estates in Swaziland, such as Tambankulu, the largest privately owned sugar and citrus estate in Africa, he actively invested in other operations. He was widely known for his generosity and mischievous sense of humour and fun, and always looked on the brighter side of life. He died on 3 March 2022 after four years in bad health, never losing his sense of fun and humour. He is survived by his wife June and his son and two grandsons.

Basil Hersov (m. 1946)

John Blythe (m. 1950)



John was awarded a State Scholarship to attend Christ's in 1950. He read Part I Mathematics and Part II Physics, graduating in 1953. He played football for Christ's and for Cambridge University and was awarded a Blue in 1953, playing twice in Varsity matches at Wembley.

In 1953, John joined the radio astronomy group at the Cavendish Laboratory to read for a PhD in radio astronomy. He built the first substantial aperture synthesis radio telescope and was awarded his PhD in 1958. John joined the Marconi Research Laboratories (which later became part of GEC) in Chelmsford as a research physicist in 1956. He worked there, becoming Chief Engineer, Communications and Computing Laboratory, until his retirement in 1997. John wrote 150 research papers during his career and was

elected as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1986. While working at Marconi, John served as a member of the Electromagnetic Wave Propagation Panel (EPP) of the NATO Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development (AGARD) from 1973 to 1988. He was deputy chair of the EPP from 1981 to 1983, and chair from 1983 to 1985. John married Margaret in 1958, and they remained happily married until Margaret passed away in November 2021. John is survived by his two children, Sarah and James, and his four granddaughters Allison, Emily, Kate and Jane.

Sarah Routledge

Peter Richard Allan Cherrett (m. 1950)

Peter Cherrett was born on 4 January 1930 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Natural Sciences. He died on 21 August 2021, aged 91.

Michael Ashweek Evans (m. 1950)



Michael was born on 16 June 1931 in Mevagissey, Cornwall. After attending St Austell Grammar School he went up to Christ's to read History. After graduation, he joined the Northern Assurance Company in its Investment Department. The Northern became part of the Commercial Union group and Michael rose to become the Managing Director of Commercial Union Asset Management (CUAM) and eventually the General Manager (Investments) of the C.U. After a successful career in the City, he retired in 1992, but retained his links with the C.U. as Chairman of the Audit Committee of CUAM. He used his investment knowledge for the benefit of Christ's by serving on its Investment Committee. Throughout his life, he retained his love of history with a special interest in Cornish history. He assiduously researched his family genealogy, even finding one distant branch in Samoa. He was a passionate operagoer and a member of Glyndebourne. In retirement, he travelled the world extensively with his wife Wendy, who predeceased him in 2016. Although they lived most of their lives in Horsham, West Sussex, they retained a link with their roots in Cornwall with a holiday home in Mevagissey. He died on 11 September 2021 after a short illness and is survived by his daughter Jackie and son Robin.

Jackie Nye

Roger Hugh Ellis (m. 1951)

Roger Ellis was born in July 1932, coming up to Christ's in 1951 to read Medicine. Whilst here he played football for the College. After Christ's he spent sixteen years in the RAF Medical Branch and 22 years in General Practice. He died in March 2020, aged 87.

John Christopher Hicks (m. 1951)

John was born in Baildon, Yorkshire and attended Bradford Grammar School for Boys on a full scholarship, eventually becoming Head Boy. In 1951, he went up to Christ's College, studying Modern Languages. His time at Christ's had a profound influence on him and he was never happier than in his beloved Cambridge, often returning to listen



to Choral Evensong. On leaving Cambridge his career was varied – his first role was as a management trainee at a printing company; he was ahead of his time when he then worked for an essential oils company. In 1962 he found his place at OCM, where he became a successful and skilled importer of oriental carpets, rising to become a company Director. He oversaw the company's manufacturing operations in India as well as responsibility for sourcing and purchasing carpets from Iran, Afghanistan and Turkey. When this business folded, he joined Kuoni Travel in 1989 where he worked until his retirement in 1996. John was married twice, firstly to Shirley with whom he had four children, Jane, Simon, Sarah and Emma. His second marriage to Deirdre lasted over forty years and together they made a home in Reigate, Surrey. He was Chairman of Buckland Choral Society and the Business and Box Office manager of the Leith Hill Music Festival. John died on 9 October 2021 at home after a brave fight against bowel cancer.

Emma Lawrie

John Harold Molyneux (m. 1951)



From Liverpool Collegiate School John Molyneux won an Open Scholarship to read Classics at Christ's College. He graduated with a double first and won the Chancellor's Medal for Greek verse composition. His skill in Greek verse never deserted him; in retirement he could describe on a postcard in elegant classical verse a train trip in Greece. After National Service John took up a post at the University of Sheffield in 1957 and, after a year as Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Victoria, Canada, he eventually became Head of the Classical Studies Department, before moving on in 1987 to the University of Nottingham, from which he retired in 1996. As a staff candidate at Sheffield, John wrote a doctoral dissertation on the historical background of the works of the poet Simonides. This work, later adapted and published as a monograph (*Simonides, a historical study* 1992), was John's major contribution to classical scholarship. He also published a series of articles on Greek and Latin literature. John, fluent in modern Greek, took as much pleasure in modern Greek life and culture as in Classics. At Sheffield he supervised the PhD of Stelios Hadjistyllis, and the two became firm friends, which led to a joint publication, *A Companion for Students of Modern Greek* (2006). John died on 21 October 2021, aged 88, and his wife, Carole, died on 9 December 2021. John and Carole are survived by their sons Neil and Howard and their families.

James Roy (m. 1961)

John Alfred Nimmo (m. 1951)

Born in November 1931, John Nimmo came up to Christ's in 1951 having been awarded a Scholarship to read Modern and Medieval Languages. While at College he was a member of the Beaufort Club. John lived in Switzerland for fifty years, working for Rolex during his time there, before settling in Carnforth in Lancashire. He died on 12 June 2021, aged 89.

Robert Michael Slater (m. 1951)

I first met Rob in September 1944, when the new “foundation” scholars of Manchester Grammar School were waiting, somewhat nervously, to be welcomed to the school. I did not realise then that we would become best friends for life. We were both “fast tracked” through the “Modern” side of the school to complete A and S levels in French, German and English before sitting for Cambridge Scholarship exams in December 1950. Robert won a Minor Scholarship to Christ's, and I obtained an Exhibition to St John's. During the next three years we chose the same Modern Language classes, lectures, and supervisors (Peter Stern for example) and often met just for a chat. Rowing was Rob's favourite pastime. He never aspired to the College first crew, but committed himself completely to whichever crew he was in. On display, over the fireplace of each of the homes in which Rob lived, was the blade of the oar that he won as a member of the Christ's Gentlemen's Eight at the Bumps in 1954. After graduating with a II.1, Rob was called up for military service, and studied Russian for two years in preparation for possible hostilities. I was Best Man when Robert married Dorothy Knowles. He was appointed Overseas Sales Manager at Kenrick and Jefferson. The couple settled in the Birmingham area and had children Philip and Jennifer. Rob wanted more freedom to plan his time, so he joined Canada Life as an Insurance salesman. Finally, he reluctantly returned to office work as head of the Pensions Department until retirement. In 1995, I was again Best Man when Robert married Margaret Bytheway, now, sadly, his widow after 27 happy years. Rob was loyal, likeable and straightforward. Friendships and working relationships lasted for life. He gave honest opinions and took the view ‘live and let live’. Rob died on 29 May 2021, aged 87.

Geoff Morris (St John's m. 1951) with the help of Margaret Slater

John Keith Walker (m. 1952)

John Walker was born in 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read Land Economy and Agriculture. Whilst here, he played rugby and was a member of the boat club. During his career he served as HM Inspector of Prison Farms and Gardens, Director at Beautiful Wood Holdings, Chairman of Thames Valley Farmers and Director of Buckland Manor Farm. He died on 11 November 2020, and is survived by his wife, Lorna.

Anthony Peter Skyrme (m. 1953)

Anthony Skyrme was born on 23 July 1934 in Royston, Hertfordshire and was educated at Boxgrove Preparatory in Surrey and then Stowe School. His world view and humanity were shaped by his excellent classical education and the extensive travel taken with his parents around Europe in the years shortly after the war.

Anthony followed his grandfather and father to Christ's, matriculating in 1953 to read Medical Sciences. However, in 1957, having graduated with a BA, he decided to abandon his quest for a medical qualification and forge his own career in a rapidly changing London.

Anthony had a varied and interesting career. In the late 1950s, he worked in advertising with memorable roles at Nestle and a long spell in market research at the London Press Exchange. In the 1960s, Anthony retrained in phonetics and linguistics at the Central School Of Speech and Drama and worked as a teacher in London (as a much-loved teacher at International House) and also in Tenerife, The Canary Islands, where he lived and worked happily for over a decade. On returning to the UK in the 1980s, Anthony dedicated himself to charitable endeavours. Along with his life-partner, the eminent sociologist Michael Schofield, Anthony donated millions of pounds to deserving causes.

Anthony was widely read; he loved theatre, cinema and was a natural, skilled gardener. He will be remembered forever as a wonderful host and loyal friend to all who were fortunate to know him.

Anthony died on 12 March 2022 after a short illness, and is survived by his partner of eleven years, Rob McIndoe.

John Leslie Branch (m. 1953)

John Branch was born in 1934 in Peterborough, but spent his childhood in Bristol, before coming up to Christ's to read Classics, in 1953, after a stint in the Royal Navy. He became a journalist, writing for a magazine about boats and the sea. He met and married Jackie Clements, and together they bought their first boat and sailed away from England, through the canals and rivers of Europe. In 1968, they settled in Placerville, California, where John became a well-known figure as a reporter and then news editor of the local newspaper, *The Mountain Democrat*. He and Jackie were subsequently divorced, and in 1974 he met Donna Champion. Fifteen years later, they moved to Escalon, another small town in California, where John worked as a reporter and then editor of the *Escalon Times* and the *Riverbank News*. John died on 19 August 2021, aged 87, and is survived by his three sons and daughter.

Frank David Chaplin (m. 1953)

David Chaplin was born in 1935 and came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Engineering. He completed his National Service in the Royal Navy as a sub-lieutenant and went on to work as an Engineering Manager at Shell. He had a love of music and held various roles at the National Federation of Music Societies and enjoyed choral singing himself. He was also the Chairman of his local Arts Council and President of the Probus Club. David died in 2021; and is survived by his wife, Patricia, their two children and five grandchildren.

Michael St George Wilson (m. 1953)



Michael was born on 1 March 1934 in Liverpool. At the age of six he was sent to a preparatory school in North Wales which he ran away from on his first day. In 1948 his family moved to Cape Town, South Africa where he attended Bishop's School. On their return to England in 1951 he went to Millfield, coming up to Christ's in 1953 to read Natural Sciences. He continued his studies at the Westminster Hospital in London qualifying as a doctor in 1961. His first appointment was as assistant surgeon on passenger liners travelling to Australia and Japan. In 1964

he took a post as trainee General Practitioner in Cambridge where he met up with members of the Cambridge University expedition to Northern Japan to study the Hairy Ainu, a tribe who are taller and more hirsute than most Japanese. After the undergraduate members of the expedition returned to Cambridge he remained in Tokyo, where he managed to obtain a competitor's ticket to the Olympic Games. After some difficult discussions with the officials, he managed to achieve entry to a box adjacent to the Emperor. On returning from Japan he set up his own practice in London. He grew this practice quickly based on his skill as a diagnostic physician able to link his patient's needs with the appropriate consultant. There are a number of his Christ's contemporaries to whom he became their GP of choice. He retired in 2000 living in Battersea, London where he died on 7 January 2022 aged 87. Michael is survived by his wife Jane and son Oliver.

Stephen Hall (m. 1953)

John Charles Dalby (m. 1954)

John was born in 1934 and came up to Christ's in 1954 to read Law. He went on to become a Chartered Accountant and worked for Unilever, France, in their foreign operations office. This included dealings in property, tax and loss adjustment covering French and Spanish speaking territories. At the end of 1999, he retired as Executive Chairman of Davies, Laing and Dick, an organisation that included the largest group of independent sixth form colleges in the UK. John is survived by his wife, Mary.

John Richard Forster (m. 1954)



Born in North London, John's family moved to Skipton, Yorkshire, when he was one year old and for most of his life he lived and worked within that county. He very much considered himself a Yorkshireman. A pupil of Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton, he applied to Christ's in 1953, was awarded a Petyt Exhibition by the College and matriculated the following year to read English. One of his first acts as an undergraduate was, not surprisingly, to join the University Yorkshire Society. Graduating with an upper second, he remained for a fourth year to gain his Dip. Ed. before embarking on a teaching career. Teaching posts at Arnold School, Blackpool, Skinners in Tonbridge and then Batley Grammar School led to his being appointed Head of English at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield in 1967 followed by a deputy Headship at the newly opened Horsforth School in 1972. Three years later he was appointed head at Salt Grammar School, Shipley and then, in 1981, moved to Knaresborough as Head of King James School, a 1600 pupil comprehensive in the town. Throughout this steady career progression he took considerable interest in promoting theatre in schools as well as ensuring good sporting facilities. He notably encouraged the Yorkshire County to take school tennis more seriously. He had played tennis from childhood and the game continued to provide a relaxation from the classroom. While at Knaresborough he innovated a school farm which provided opportunities for the less academic to learn animal husbandry. This proved to be a self-financing asset. In 1999 and on the point of taking a well-earned retirement, John was asked to be acting head of two "failing" schools, in North

London and then Selby. Even after retirement John continued his association with education both as an OFSTED Inspector and as an advisor to governing bodies on Head teacher performance. He continued to teach the appreciation of English literature and poetry to adult classes well into his 80s. He is survived by his wife Beryl (née Clayton), whom he married in 1966, their children Sally and Michael and grandchildren Anna and James.

Alwyn Langsford (m. 1954)

Peter John Field (m. 1954)

Peter was born on 20 April 1934 and came up to Christ's in 1953 to read Natural Sciences. He went on to have careers at both Unilever and Clarks Shoes, before redundancy led him into twenty years of self-employment, which he described as the most satisfying phase of his working life. His most significant long-term connection with Christ's was his marriage, as while at Christ's he met, and later married, the daughter of another Christ's man. Peter and his wife went on to have four children. He died in 2021.

Luthfi Dennis O'Meagher (m. 1954)

Known as Dennis while in College, he took the name Luthfi after converting to Islam. He joined Christ's in 1954 having spent two years as an Officer in the Royal Marines, after his mother had become friendly with the daughter of S W Grose. It was Dr Grose who persuaded him that he should read Agriculture at Christ's. He took part in plays both at the ADC and for the College Revue, as well as being a member of the Original Christian Minstrels, and in his second year appeared in a Footlights Revue that had a run at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith. He discovered a talent for singing, and although he returned to farming for a year, he travelled to London to sing.

Luthfi ended up running a network of companies in London employing skilled craftsmen, mainly architectural metal workers. He had a large showroom in the Brompton Road which, his wife Lavinia being a pianist, doubled as a private concert hall. They closed down in 1984 and invested in an international conference centre, of which all the members were members of an international religious charity, open to all religions, and trouble within the organisation led to some serious struggles over many decades. He died on 21 January 2021, and is survived by his wife.

Richard Godfrey Seal (m. 1954)

Having been a Chorister at New College, Oxford, Richard Seal matriculated at Christ's as an Organ Scholar in 1954 to read Music. After leaving Christ's, he followed a profession in Church Music, as assistant organist at St Bartholomew-the-Great, London, and assistant organist at Chichester Cathedral before moving to Salisbury Cathedral in 1968 as Organist and Master of the Chorister. One of his most significant achievements while at Salisbury, was to found the Salisbury Cathedral Girls' Choir in 1991, a move considered highly controversial at the time.

In addition to his work in the cathedral, Richard for many years conducted both the Salisbury Musical Society and the Salisbury Orchestral Society. In 1992, Richard was awarded a Doctor of Music Lambeth Degree for his services to cathedral music. Following his retirement in 1997, Richard moved to Bishopstone and continued his passion for church music by regularly playing the organ for services in churches along

the Chalke Valley, to the west of Salisbury. Richard married Dr Sarah Hamilton in 1975 and they had two sons. Richard was born on 4 December 1935, and died on 19 July 2022, aged 86.

Peter Lawson Dell (m. 1955)

Peter Dell was born on 24 October 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Mechanical Sciences. Whilst here he was also a keen hockey and squash player. He led a varied life ranging from Sussex to encompass periods in Germany, Australia, South Africa, Cheshire, London and Essex, as a soldier, businessman and academic. He died peacefully on 21 December 2020, after a short hospitalisation following a long illness. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Marian, his three children and seven grandchildren.

David Sykes Preston (m. 1955)



David was an imposing figure yet he was a modest man, hiding a string of accomplishments including playing Rugby Union for England, appearing in operas with his fine baritone voice and fulfilling a successful career teaching Mathematics in England and at Melbourne Grammar. While teaching at the famous Eton College he had the privilege of preaching in the Eton College Chapel to the Queen Mother and Alexander Solzenhenitzen, among others. David had an enquiring mind and was a deep thinker, enjoying literature, poetry and music. He was always seeking self improvement; even with his acknowledged voice he took singing lessons at the age of 80. He was a master of cryptic crossword puzzles, his mind was always searching for answers. Each night, he and his wife Sheila played Scrabble, competing for the highest score. He was a committed Christian. David was a man who participated actively in his many interests ranging from mountaineering to classic cars. He was a member of the Savage Club from 1986 including Secretary of the Club for six years – they referred to him as the Sean Connery of the Club! As summed up by Byron Jones, a longtime colleague of David's from Scotland, "We who knew him are all richer for having done so". David died on 23 November 2021, aged 88, and is survived by Sheila, his wife of more than 30 years, and two sons from an earlier marriage.

Anita Roper

Antony George Humphries (m. 1955)

Antony, known as Tony, was born in 1934, and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read History. While here, he was also a member of the Christian Minstrels. Tony was a good rugby and cricket player, and golf came later – he scored his hole-in-one in 1991. He was a 60-year life member of the MCC, enjoyed amateur dramatics, jazz music and loved his garden. He was married to Anne for 61 years, and was a proud father of Christopher and Sally – who sadly died in 1996 – and grandpa to Bradley and Mia. Tony died on 20 March 2022, aged 87.

Richard John Skaer (m. 1955)

Richard Skaer was born in 1936 and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Natural Sciences. He graduated with Part II in Zoology and continued at Christ's as a postgraduate for his PhD. He was then awarded a Junior Research Fellowship at Peterhouse, where he remained as a Fellow and later as an Emeritus Fellow. He was Director of Studies for Biological Natural Sciences, much appreciated by generations of biology students. He served as Praelector and Senior Fellow, and for a short while as Acting Master. Richard held an assistant lectureship in the Department

of Physiology and then had a research position at the Department of Haematology before joining the Company of Biologists, an independent publisher of biological journals, as Company Secretary. He was integral to the evolution of the Company, initially in setting up the printing press in Cowley Road and later in guiding the company as printing was superseded by electronic publishing. Richard retired in October 2001 but continued to engage with research biology, subscribing to the paper copy of *Nature* until only a few years ago. He was an enthusiastic artist with considerable talent; he regularly attended life-drawing classes and was a keen sculptor, using flints from the Norfolk coast as his base of making figures. He amassed a considerable collection of paintings and pottery, was a knowledgeable gardener and took great pleasure in music. He was a devoted family man, with three children and three grandchildren. Richard died on 5 June 2021, aged 84.

Helen Skaer

Cedric Clayton (m. 1956)

Cedric was born in Surbiton, Surrey and attended Shrewsbury House Preparatory School, subsequently winning a scholarship to Westminster School. Following National Service in the Royal Navy, he went up to Christ's to read Law, matriculating in 1956. On graduating he undertook a Bar pupillage in London and subsequently practised as a Barrister at Guildhall Chambers in Bristol. In 1963 he met Brenda on a sailing holiday on the Norfolk Broads with College friends, and they were married in 1969. In 1974 Cedric was invited to be part of a new

set of Chambers established in Queen Elizabeth Building, Middle Temple, and he spent the next ten years commuting from the family home in Bath. During this time he also sat as a deputy Circuit Judge on the Western Circuit. In 1984 he left the Bar and joined HM Planning Inspectorate as a Planning Inspector. Following early retirement in 1994, he and Brenda were able to undertake the travelling which family and working life had made more difficult prior to then. Their travels took them to Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Bali, Japan and Cambodia amongst other places. One of their more notable trips was aboard the *Queen Mary II* on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, to visit their daughter Penny who was studying for an MBA at Columbia University. Cedric is remembered as a gentle and erudite man who was ever an interesting conversationalist on a wide range of topics. He was something of a modern-day renaissance man – outside

work (which he refused to ever let dominate his life) his pursuits included languages, creative writing and poetry, woodwork, choral singing, fencing and rowing (in his younger years), sailing, and the construction of various garden features engineered to military standards of robustness. Cedric died peacefully on 4 August 2021. He is survived by Brenda, Matthew (m. 1989), Penelope (Sidney Sussex m. 1993) and five grandchildren.

Matthew Clayton (m. 1989)

Peter Swaine Peel Dimsey (m. 1956)

Peter was born in 1937, in Yangon, Myanmar (formerly Rangoon, Burma). He spent his youth in England, attending Cheltenham College and coming up to Christ's in 1956 to read Natural Sciences. Following Christ's, Peter served as Lieutenant in the Army, training soldiers in Alpine skiing technique. In 1970, he visited New York, where he met Virginia. Business opportunities in the US convinced him to make his visit permanent, and he and Virginia were married in 1972, settling in New York City. Peter's distinguished business career began with senior marketing positions at General Foods, Avis and Seagram. He was president of MasterCard US and after a decade as Senior Executive Vice President of MBNA, he retired in 2005. He and Virginia then embarked on their biggest adventure: they circumnavigated the globe in their Oyster 62, S/Y Saildance II, departing from Southampton, England in 2005. They visited over 100 ports along their route, and completed their remarkable voyage in 2012. A member of The New York Yacht Club and The Royal Thames Yacht Club, Peter was a true yachtsman. Peter died on 29 June 2021 aged 83, and is survived by his wife of 48 years, Virginia, his son, and two grandchildren.

Frank Gordon Maunder (m. 1956)



Gordon Maunder was born in Hong Kong and between the ages of six and ten he was imprisoned in Camp Stanley by the Japanese, together with his mother and two younger brothers. Following their release, he went to St Paul's school as a boarder, became head boy, and won sporting scholarships by playing rugby and rowing. He came up to Christ's in 1956 after National Service, and read History. He slept in John Milton's room and discovered two great passions: rowing and writing poetry. He went straight into the Christ's 1st VIII and was Captain of Boats in 1958/59, the year the College won the Michell Cup for the best performing College on the river. He loved Christ's and participated in College life to the full also joining the Christian Minstrels. Later in life, he donated a boat to the College and had it named the John Milton.

After graduation, Gordon worked for Shell in Japan, learning fluent Japanese in a year. He also developed a great passion for climbing and skiing. He then studied at London Business School and started a successful career as a consultant with Urwick, Orr and Partners, opened the Milan office and developed a successful methodology for Overhead Cost Management based on the principles of Urwick's proprietary Job Evaluation. When Urwick's were bought out by Price Waterhouse, Gordon was made a Partner and his office eventually became the Mediterranean HQ for PW.

He travelled extensively and enjoyed skiing and climbing in the Lake District,

Scotland and Austria, then Zermatt, where he met Suzanne who was to become his wife in 1970. Following retirement, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease which didn't dim his sporting achievements. He died on 14 June 2022, aged 86, and is survived by his wife, two children, and a granddaughter.

Based on submissions by Gordon Feather and Hamish Donaldson (m. 1957)

John Sweeting (m. 1956)

John, known as Jake, was born in July 1937. He came up to Christ's in 1956 to read History. While here he was a talented sportsman, taking part in judo and javelin and being awarded College Colours. He spent his career as an RAF Officer for 55 years. He was married to Jan. Jake died on 9 September 2021, aged 84.

Douglas Watts (m. 1956)



Douglas was born on 5 January 1936 in Leicester. He went up to Christ's from Alderman Newton's Boys Grammar School after completing his National Service in the RAF. He read Modern Languages but switched to Part II Economics. He spent his career as a schoolmaster in state schools in Liverpool, becoming Head of French Studies at West Derby High School for Boys and later Head of Modern Languages at Stanley Park Comprehensive School for Girls. Whilst teaching in Liverpool, he met June Valerie Rosalie (née Pilling) whom he married in 1966.

Valerie died in 1984. Later, Douglas married Marion, who survives him, together with his three daughters, two stepchildren, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a walker, swimmer, lover of classical music and an active member of his local community in North East Wales. In retirement, he continued his love of languages by learning Welsh and by contributing to the local U3A French and German classes. Sadly, Douglas caught Covid-19 and, after a short illness, died on 16 September 2021, aged 85. His employers described him as a quiet, calm personality with high intelligence and integrity. To everyone who knew him he was warm, friendly and helpful. A true gentleman.

Marion Watts

Roger Elwin Harris (m. 1957)



Roger was born on 26 September 1936. He served in the Royal Engineers during his National Service, before coming up to Christ's to read Mechanical Sciences. He was also a member of the Boat Club. In 1966 he married Vivien Leonard, and they had three daughters. His career was spent in Engineering design and project management for major capital plant projects worldwide, and he specialised in the metals industries and railways. He worked for organisations such as British Steel and British Rail, and was involved in many important projects, such as

the introduction of Intercity 125 technology for railway projects in USA and Brazil. In 1989 he became Principal at Elwin Harris & Associates, Consulting Engineers and Technical Auditors, and in 2000 he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of

Mechanical Engineers. Roger held three British Patents and one US Patent, and was a contributor to the technical press, typically on railtrack design trends, tank manufacture, wavepower generation, large multi-hull yacht design, windmills, etc. Roger died on 20 July 2022, and is survived by his wife and their three daughters, Sophie, Gemma (m. 1993), and Lucinda.

Alexander John Alan Holmes (m. 1957)

Alan, his preferred name, was born in Glasgow in 1937. He continued to be a proud Scotsman all his life and generally suffered the English with good heart, except on Calcutta Match day, when he was impossibly partisan, so much so that we had to watch the match in separate rooms, because I dared to be English. He attended Oundle School where he excelled in rugby and went on to be a very useful member of Christ's first team. He also coxed the successful rugby boat in the May Bumps of 1960. During National Service in the Royal Tank Regiment he was involved in the Suez crisis and at nineteen, as a second lieutenant, was in charge of a platoon of tanks as they made their way into Cairo. He read Mechanical Engineering at Christ's and left with a third, having been told by his father – a successful businessman himself – that it wasn't important to aspire to a first-class degree, because if he worked too hard, he'd miss out on meeting people who would be important to him in later years and they might have gained firsts anyway! A strange philosophy that oddly worked. He worked all his life for The Metal Box Company, seemingly loving each and every moment. We married in 1961 having met at Cambridge, where I was at Homerton, and moved round the globe with the company, gathering three children and eight grandchildren as we journeyed. His stellar career ended in Singapore where he was CEO of the Asia Pacific region of the company. During retirement, he honed his non-existent golfing skills, and was a hands-on business mentor for start-up companies and charities. He loved travelling the world, particularly America. He died peacefully after a long illness on 16 September 2021. He was 84.

Pat Holmes

Brian Stanley Roberts (m. 1957)



Brian was born in Liverpool on 1 February 1936, and educated at Liverpool Collegiate, one of the great old grammar schools, sadly closed by the educational reforms of the 1960s. He came up to Christ's to read History in 1957, following two years National Service, which included a year at the Joint Services School for Linguists in Bodmin learning Russian, before being stationed in Kiel, West Germany, as part of the monitoring of Soviet ships in the Baltic. His career was wide-ranging, rather than linear. After Cambridge, he spent a few years working at Edinburgh University, then at Goldsmiths College, London, while studying for an MA in History of Art at the Courtauld Institute. In about 1970, he joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and was posted to South Africa, Hong Kong and Sweden. He retired early in 1989, to avoid further periods abroad in order to be near his widowed mother, who was suffering from Alzheimer's. He went back to teaching, taking up posts as head of Art History at Cheltenham Ladies College and later Putney High School. Brian continued working into his 80s, teaching English to foreign (mostly French) professionals, and hosting them at home. The great pleasure of his final two years was being able to spend

lockdown with his daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter. Brian died suddenly on 18 February 2022, after a fatal accident. He is survived by his wife, Jane, sons Haydn and Adam, daughter Jessica, and granddaughters, Hannah, Abigail and Lara.

Jane Roberts

John Gavin Cullen (m. 1957)



John was born in 1936 near Dundee, and as a teenager John regularly played the harmonium for hymns at the local church in Beechgrove. John studied organ at The Royal College of Music, London. Following a year of National Service as a bandsman with the Royal Corps of Signals in Yorkshire, John gained an organ scholarship at Christ's College. After a year of teacher training in Edinburgh, he became Assistant Director of Music at Aberdeen Grammar School. John was organist and choirmaster at St Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Aberdeen. In 1964, John became Director of Music at Abingdon School in Oxfordshire. Here, he met Mary, whose brother was on the Classics staff. They married soon after, on 9 April 1966. In 1967 John became Director of Music at Tonbridge School. He loved conducting the chapel choir and had a natural harmonic fluency as a composer. Between 1972 and 1993, John was conductor and director of the Tonbridge Philharmonic Society. He and Mary treasured friendships and a sense of community with TPS. For many years, John was an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and was President of the Music Masters' Association in 1977. John was very much a family man, devoted to Mary, and rejoiced that their three children, Christopher, Alison and Jonathan all went into school teaching. John and Mary's grandchildren, Nicklas and Daniel, brought them great joy. He retired from Tonbridge School in 1993 and they finally settled in Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Here, John was much in demand as an organist in local churches. For the last 10 years of his professional career, he was organist and choirmaster at St Martin's Church in Bladon. In retirement, John developed an interest in contemplative prayer and he and Mary held a contemplative prayer group at their home. In his later years, John's health was significantly affected by arthritis and dementia, but he continued to enjoy times with family and listening to music with Mary each evening. He died peacefully at home on 1 July 2022.

Jon Cullen

Michael William Meadows Rouse (m. 1957)



In the 1950s Dr Pratt would interview two or three times as many candidates as he required, with the question, "There are 24 hours in every day, you need to work for eight, that will be enough, and sleep for eight, no more is necessary; what will you do with the other eight hours?" Mike Rouse had played Hockey at Cranbrook School, and then, having gained a commission, served during the conflict in Cyprus. In 1958 he became Secretary of Christ's Hockey Club, Captain in 1959 and 12th man to the University side in 1960 and he was secretary of the Marguerites. Soon afterwards, he married Liz Bohane, with whom he had three

daughters. They travelled to Ireland and then to Australia. On becoming CEO of Philip Morris NZ, he moved to New Zealand, where divorced by Liz, he married Rosemary, the daughter of a prominent Cabinet Minister. They had two daughters, but the marriage failed and he spent the last 20 years with the ever-patient Jane in Masterton. He was the consummate entrepreneur, exploiting diverse opportunities, often as a result of his liaison with the latest girlfriend, from Waterbeds to Olive trees or sandwich bar; he once moved his house a mile down the road on a trolley to get a better view. He entertained many of his old Christ's friends and their back-packing children; our feet never touched the ground. We had such FUN. Did Mike make a unique contribution to Christ's and Cambridge? He certainly did.

Sam Legerton (m. 1957)

Bryan Richard Short (m. 1957)



Bryan was born in Kettering, Northamptonshire, in 1933 and attended Kettering Grammar School. Following National Service, he went to Wadham College, Oxford to study History. He came to Christ's in 1957 to study for a teaching qualification. While teaching at Winchester College he met Jeannine Labouriau, a French assistante, and they married in 1959 and went on to have three children. In 1968 he became headmaster of Borden Grammar School in Sittingbourne, Kent, remaining there for over thirty years, and seeing it grow from a boys' grammar school of fewer than 500 pupils with a small sixth form, to a school of 750 with a sixth form of more than 120. Following retirement in 1998, he remained living in Borden village and enjoyed a continuing connection with the school until his death on 19 May 2021, aged 87.

James Alfred Young (m. 1958)

James Young studied Natural Sciences at Christ's, matriculating in 1958. He spent his career in business, latterly as Chief Executive of HSA, Britain's largest healthcare cash plan. Following retirement in 2003, he enjoyed playing tennis as a member of the Wellington College Sports Club and travelling, including trips to family in Australia. He was married to Kim. James died on 24 February 2022.

Mohammed Khalid Abdul Halim (m. 1958)

Mohammed was born on 1 August 1935. He came up to Christ's in 1958 to read History. He died on 10 October 2020, aged 85.

Peter Bernard Holland (m. 1958)

Peter, a retired Civil Engineer, died on 2 December 2021, aged 83, at his home in France. He is survived by his wife, Anne, whom he met while he was at Christ's and she was at Girton, and by their children, Gordon, Bridget and Jane. Peter came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Mechanical Sciences, after which he went to work as an engineer and consultant, including working with the Department for Transport in highways and traffic management. He had a stint working for Scott Wilson, during which he spent time on a project in East Pakistan for a year. He retired in 1998 and moved to France with his wife.

Edward Peter Lincoln (m. 1958)

Edward, known as Peter, grew up in the country town of Woodend, the son of the local doctor. He attended Woodend Primary School and was sent to Geelong Grammar for his secondary education. He received a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne and then undertook a post-graduate course in colonial administration at Cambridge University. After this, he was posted to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) for two years. Peter loved Cambridge and had a life-long affection for it, saying that he valued the tolerance, understanding, ideas and friendships he experienced there. When he returned to Australia he held a variety of legal positions including 18 years as Corporate Legal Officer and Company Secretary with Philips Industries. He had three daughters, Emma, Sophie and Lucy. He was delighted when a grandson joined the family. Important gifts that he left them include a love of education, history and words; the ability to be satisfied with less than most; and an understanding that you can keep trying to connect with others which is important in this world.

Emma Lincoln

Louis Arthur Pickering (m. 1958)

Louis Pickering was born on 4 March 1938, and came up to Christ's to read Geography. After graduating, he qualified as a teacher, and taught at the same school from 1962 to his retirement in 1992. He died on 1 March 2021, aged 82.

Roger Charles Mettam (m. 1958)

Roger was born in Ealing, West London in May 1939 and spent some time in Belfast after the Second World War. In 1958 he came up to Christ's to read History, before moving to Peterhouse for a PhD. His thesis on Absolutism in Louis XIV's France rebelled against the idea that the high aristocracy was marginalised under Louis XIV and made his name as one the outstanding historians of seventeenth-century France. His first teaching post was at the new University of York where he was appointed as a Lecturer in 1964. In 1970 he applied for and was appointed to a

post at what was then Queen Mary College, University of London, where he was to spend the next 34 years, eventually becoming a Reader. After he retired, he was able to devote himself to his great passion, travel, to France, but also to other parts of Europe and the United Kingdom. His knowledge of European culture was vast, as was his enjoyment of the food and wine of any region he visited, often with friends. Roger died on 12 February 2022, aged 82.

Michael John Elliott (m. 1958)

Mike Elliott was born on 8 April 1938 and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Mechanical Sciences. While at College he played football and was a member of the Athletics Club. He met his wife, Ann, who was at Homerton College, in 1959, and they were married for over sixty years until his death on 26 September 2020, aged 82.

Vincent Malone (m. 1958)

Born on 11 September 1931, the Right Reverend Vincent Malone came to Christ's for the Certificate in Education, and then the Diploma, having been ordained into the priesthood in his home parish of St Oswald, Old Swan. His first appointment was Chaplain at Notre Dame Convent and College in Mount Pleasant, Liverpool (1955–1959) and while there he studied at Liverpool University and was awarded a BSc in 1959. He was a teacher at Cardinal Allen Grammar school for Boys from 1961 to 1971, becoming Head of the Department for Religious Studies. He served as Catholic Chaplain to the University of Liverpool, Administrator of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, and Honorary Prelate (Monsignor) and Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter. In 1980 he was elected Chairman of Convocation of Liverpool University, the first churchman to hold that post. He also served as Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests, Northern Regional Coordinator for the 1982 Papal Visit, Deputy Speaker of the Merseyside and Region Churches Ecumenical Assembly and Chairman of its Standing Committee. In 1981 he was appointed to be a member of Archbishop's Council and a Trustee of the Archdiocese, in which capacity he served until 2019. He was ordained as Titular Bishop of Abora and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool on 3 July 1989. He served as Chairman of the Bishops' Conference Committee for Higher Education and as Episcopal Liaison for the National Board of Catholic Women. His resignation as Auxiliary Bishop was accepted on 26 October 2006, but he continued in his roles as Vicar General and Trustee of the Archdiocese until 2019, and as Canon of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter until his death on 18 May 2020, aged 89.

Peter Woolsey Brown (m. 1959)



Born on 1 August 1938, Peter attended Oundle (1952–1957) and then completed his National Service with the Navy before coming to Christ's College (following his father Kenneth Binfield Brown and grandfather Reverend Malcolm William Brown) to study Engineering. He rowed for the College eight and was in the back row for the College rugby seconds. After graduation, Peter followed his father into the sugar refining industry with Tate and Lyle. His first position was in the Tate and Lyle factory in Love Lane, Liverpool, where Peter met his wife Gill,



whom he married in 1968. In 1973 he moved to Kenya to work at Mumias Sugar Company, where he rose to the position of factory manager before returning to Liverpool in 1977. Following the closure of the Liverpool factory in 1981 he moved to Tunbridge Wells where he took a position with Booker Tate, firstly in Bromley

and then Thame. This position saw him work across Africa and from Indonesia to the Caribbean. This included a return to the Mumias Sugar Company as General Manager for two and a half years in the 1990s. Peter and Gill then moved to Langton Green when he retired in 2003. When not sailing, playing bridge or tennis he threw himself into village life involving himself in neighbourhood watch, the village society and the parish council. Peter died on 31 May 2022, and is survived by his wife of 54 years, three children and seven grandchildren.

Matthew Brown

Charles Neville Carus Peters (m. 1959)

Charles Peters was born on 16 March 1939 and read Natural Sciences at Christ's. His career was spent as a Chemical Gas Engineer, and he worked for British Oxygen. He died on 6 June 2020, aged 81.

Eric Michael Curtis (m. 1960)



Eric was born and bred in Cambridge. An only child, his father was a Chartered Accountant, and his mother a seamstress. Eric and his father were both very interested in butterflies and moths and mounted them – the collection is now with Cambridge University. He also had a Hornby '0' Gauge model railway set and in later years spent many hours in his allotment in Arbury Road. Eric started school at Milton Road Primary School but moved to the Perse Preparatory School. From there he moved on to the Perse Boys School. After leaving school he spent a pre-

University year with AEI (Associated Electrical Industries Ltd) in Manchester. He won an Exhibition to Christ's, where he gained a First Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then stayed on for an extra year. His first job was with the CEGB (Central Electricity Generating Board) Research Laboratory, working with turbines. In 1991 he returned to Cambridge as a Senior Research Associate at the Engineering Department's Whittle Laboratory. He wrote several papers on turbine-related aerodynamics and was awarded Best Paper Award by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for a co-authored paper in 2007. He was honoured by the ASME by being awarded the Gas Turbine Award in May 2011 in New York. In 2017 after a period in Addenbrooke's Hospital, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's and Lewy Bodies syndrome, and was cared for in a nursing home in Cambridge until his death in May 2021.

Tish Hopkins

Adrian Michael Halliwell (m. 1960)

Adrian was born in St Helens but soon moved with his family to Gerrards Cross. He was educated at The Old Hall in Wellington, Malvern College in Worcestershire and then Christ's in 1960, where he followed in his father's footsteps and read Law. He belonged to the Marguerites and played on occasions for the Stymies.

He began practicing law in Reading before moving back to Cambridge in 1966 to join Wild, Hewitson and Shaw where he specialised in crime, licencing and planning, becoming a partner in 1970. In 1989 he joined the Crown Prosecution Service where he spent the rest of his career as an Advocate, prosecuting contested cases. A passionate golfer, he was a member of Royal Worlington, Hunstanton, Rye, and the Royal and Ancient. Through these and the Seniors Golfing Society he travelled widely, representing Worlington at various centenaries. In 1989 he became Captain and subsequently President of the "Sacred Nine". He loved meeting people, and made many friends through golf, travelling and in his local community. In 2020 he was diagnosed with terminal cancer, but his indomitable spirit carried him through treatment. Whilst ill he continued to live life with a positive spirit and outlook and was full of praise and respect for his local surgery, the staff at Addenbrooke's and the Arthur Rank Hospice nurses. He was husband to Gillian, father to Grant and Thomas, father-in-law to Sarah and grandfather to Oliver, Harry, Freddie and Jemima. He died peacefully at home with his family with him, as he would have wished.

Gillian Halliwell

David Hugh McErlean (m. 1960)

David came up to Christ's in 1960 to read Modern Languages, specialising in French and Italian. On leaving Christ's he joined the Inland Revenue as an Inspector of Taxes. In 1967 he married his wife Patricia whose uncle, Professor Uberto Limentani, was David's Italian tutor. In 1968 he joined Imperial Continental Gas who brought gas lighting to Brussels hence "Imperial". For the next 15 years he worked as an auditor in Dutch and French, travelling frequently to Brussels. In 1982 he joined the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the professional conduct department. In 1989 he trained to teach English as a foreign language, joining the Linguistic Department at the University of Bedfordshire. His work involved frequent travel to China and Cyprus until his retirement in 2002. He remained passionate about history and language acquiring a fluency in seven languages. With his wife he travelled worldwide and in 2003 retired to the South West of France, where their first few years were spent teaching the local villagers English and, with his wife, French to the English. He leaves his wife and three children, and was much loved for his sense of humour and kindness.

Patricia McErlean

Geoffrey James Lack (m. 1960)

Geoffrey Lack died peacefully at home on 3 February 2022, at the age of 81. Born on 13 June 1940, Geoffrey was educated at Framlingham College, Suffolk, where he became Head Boy. He left school in 1959 and entered Christ's College, Cambridge, where he obtained his degree in Mechanical Sciences. As the son and grandson of respected engineers, Geoff enrolled on a Graduate Training scheme at the Bedford engineering firm WH Allen, Sons & Co. Ltd. Geoff specialised in high-power, high-speed industrial gearing, and when the company formed a dedicated gearing division in Pershore, Worcestershire, Geoff transferred there and stayed for his entire career. This ensured the success of the development of highly technical epicyclic gears used in aircraft engines, Royal and merchant shipping, and nuclear power stations. Geoff was granted patent and inventor status and other awards for this work. He wrote and presented erudite papers on the subject, and was well-regarded worldwide as an expert in this highly specialised technology. Geoff was asked to stay on when Rolls-Royce bought the company. Geoff and his wife Di moved to a period cottage in the foothills of the Malvern Hills where they eventually enjoyed Geoff's retirement until his death. Geoff and Di had a large extended family and loyal friends, many (like myself) for over 60 years. Geoff will be greatly missed for his acute intelligence, his lightening wit, his ridiculous sense of humour, and his and Di's warm hospitality.

David Allen

Christopher John Richard Armstrong (m. 1961)

Christopher Armstrong was born in Cambridge in 1935. After a period living in Malta during the Second World War, he attended Downside school, subsequently becoming a member of the monastic community there. From 1960–63 he studied Modern Languages at Christ's, following this (1965–67) with a PhD on the method of philosophical discourse in France, during which time he spent a year studying at the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1967, he won the Norrisian Prize awarded by the divinity faculty. In the same year, Christopher married Meriel Moir and they moved to Scotland where he was a lecturer in French at Aberdeen University until 1974. In 1975, his biography of Evelyn Underhill was published. From 1974 onwards Christopher's career was in the Church of England, working in parishes in Herefordshire, Cambridgeshire, Worcestershire and North Wales, including a time as Director of Academic Studies at Westcott House, Cambridge in the 1980s. After retirement Christopher and Meriel had several years living in their watermill in rural Herefordshire before moving to West Yorkshire in 2006 to be near their daughter and grandchildren. Meriel died in 2018, and Christopher died in July 2021, aged 86.

Bridget Turner

Charles George Michie Allardyce (m. 1962)

Born on 26 November 1941, Chic came to Christ's to read Mechanical Sciences, and played Rugby and Lacrosse while at College. He left without a degree but was proud to have completed his degrees in his own time, including a Bachelor of Science at

the Open University, awarded in 1994. He became a Mathematics teacher. He was married to Christine, with whom he had two sons and a daughter. He died on 29 April 2021, aged 79.

Richard Edward Hugh Coghlan (m. 1962)

Richard Coghlan was born on 21 May 1942 and matriculated at Christ's in 1962 to read Mechanical Sciences. He was also a member of the Boat Club. After Christ's, he had a successful tenure as the third headmaster of St Richard's Preparatory School, from 1983 to 2005. He was married, first to Annie, and then to Benedicta, known as Dicky, who survives him. He died on 21 December 2021.

John Andrew Donald (m. 1962)

Andrew was born in a nursing home in Colne, Lancashire, on 11 November 1942 – not good for a Yorkshireman! He came up to Christ's in 1962 from Ermysted's Grammar School Skipton to read Modern Languages. After Christ's, Andrew joined Barclays and worked for a year or two in Barclays Lyon in the 1970s. He was promoted to the Reading District of Barclays and went on to become deputy manager at King Street, Reading, which was where he and his wife, Pat, met. They married in 1982.

Andrew was a huge fan of Burnley FC – their relegation would have upset him. He enjoyed watching cricket, rugby and boxing and did *The Times* crossword daily. His great friend from College was Mike Lidbetter, who died in 1997, and he and Pat stayed in touch with his widow. Andrew managed a number of health problems in the last 20 years of his life and was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2015. Pat was able to visit him before he died in Basildon Hospital on 2 February 2021.

Pat Mellin

John Douglas Barber (m. 1963)

John Barber read History at Christ's. He became a Fellow of King's College Cambridge in 1974 and, following a short stint at the University of Birmingham, returned to King's, where he became a Life Fellow. He specialised in the history, politics and society of modern Russia, and had a particular interest in the USSR during the Second World War and Leningrad in the Stalin and Khrushchev eras. He was a Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Cambridge and wrote a number of important books, including *Soviet Historians in Crisis, 1928–32*, *Life and Death in Besieged Leningrad*, and he was co-editor (with Mark Harrison) of *The Soviet Defence-Industry Complex from Stalin to Khrushchev*. He served King's as Director of Studies, Lay-Dean, Development Director, Vice-Provost, and Acting Provost. He died on 26 June 2021, aged 76.

Charles Nicolas Posnett (m. 1963)

Charles Posnett came up to Christ's in 1963 to read Natural Sciences. He died on 24 May 2022.

Brian Idris Rees (m. 1963)

Brian Rees was born in Neath, and learned rugby at Neath Grammar School. He studied first at University College, Aberystwyth, and then came to Cambridge, and Christ's, to pursue a medical career. His sporting talents earned him a place in the University Rugby XV, gaining Blues in each year from 1963 to 1966, and Captaining the side in his final season. In College he was President of the Marguerites and played for the College Rugby team.

Brian completed his medical studies at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, and won his three Welsh caps in the 1967 Five Nations Championship. He joined London Welsh during the 1966–67 season, and completed his medical training, specialising in surgery. He eventually returned to Wales and became a general surgeon at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. He was the lead cancer clinician there from 2000 to 2006 and established a unit for the teaching of skills and surgery and laparoscopic techniques. In 2000 he was awarded an OBE for services to medicine, and in 2008 he became High Sheriff of South Glamorgan.

He died on 29 December 2021, and is survived by his wife, Sara, and his daughters, Rachel and Bethan.

Gordon Ignatius Heald (m. 1963)

Gordon Heald was born on 14 January 1941 and read Economics at Christ's. He also obtained a degree in Physics from London University and a higher degree in Econometrics from the London School of Economics. He became a leading social and political researcher, running Gallup Poll in the UK from 1979 to 1994, and Opinion Research Business, the company he established, from 1994 to 2009. Gordon also became Chairman and founder of Russian Research in 1994. His extensive political polling experience included providing research to politicians such as Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, and Boris Yeltsin.

Gordon died peacefully at home on 28 October 2021 with his wife Christine by his side. He is survived by Christine, his three sons and eight grandchildren.

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Alan Stuart Lee (m. 1965)

Alan Lee was born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire in 1947. He came up to Christ's on a scholarship to study Maths, switching to Philosophy and Psychology after his first year. While at Christ's, he was a member of the hockey first XI and earned a half blue for ice hockey. Alan became an assistant probation officer in County Durham after graduation, and his experience at a local psychiatric hospital while in this role was influential in his decision to go on to study medicine at Newcastle University. He worked at hospitals in Newcastle and Southampton before beginning psychiatric training at the Maudsley Hospital in London, where he began his lifelong research into depression and its clinical treatment. He continued this work in Nottingham as a consultant in general psychiatry, retiring in 2007. He is survived by Helen, his wife.

Michael Edward Gibson (m. 1965)

Born on 4 November 1946, Michael read History at Christ's, matriculating in 1965, and spent 36 years teaching history, government & politics and sociology. His specialisms were twentieth-century British & European history, Nazi Germany and American politics. He was also an external examiner for OCR in Government & Politics, and had two books published: *A Level Essays in British Politics*, and *A level Exam Success*.

Michael was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1979, becoming a fulltime wheelchair user in 1993. However, this diagnosis did not prevent Michael living life to the full, never losing time from his beloved teaching, and continuing to make a significant impact on the lives of those he taught.

Michael married, firstly in 1965, which ended in divorce, and secondly in 1999 to Elaine. They remained happily married until his death from bladder cancer on 4 September 2021, peacefully, with his wife at his side. Outside teaching, his interests included singing, theatre, music, opera, Leeds United, and travel.

Elaine Gibson

Anthony Peace (m. 1965)

Tony Peace was born on 14 January 1946. He came to Christ's to study for the LLB and became a partner at Charles Hoile Solicitors. In retirement he and his wife moved to a flat in the Canonry House in the Cathedral Close in Salisbury. He was proud that former occupants included Thomas Bennett, the Secretary to Cardinal Wolsey. Tony died on 6 May 2022, aged 76.

Michael John Livingston Turner (m. 1965)

Mike Turner (born 27 August 1946) came up to Christ's from Cranleigh School. He read Economics. His principal extra-curricular activities were musical – he played the bass guitar and co-led the rhythm and blues band Hubie with Brian Cantor, and was a member of the college Spasm Band in which he played the jug. Mike was also instrumental in setting up and running the college Film Society. His professional career after he came down from Cambridge was founded on computers: first selling them for a major manufacturer, then alerting the public to the issues about

choosing one in his "First Computer Handbook" and as a consultant. He became a forensic expert in legal disputes about computers, and his evidence played a major role in the exoneration of Sgt Gurpal Viridi sacked by the Metropolitan Police for computer misuse in 1997. Mike wrote about the case in the journal *Computers and Law* (2002). He also gave a preliminary opinion in the sub-postmasters' case, that turned out to be the most widespread miscarriage of justice in British legal history.

In 1968 he married Katharina whom he met at Cambridge. They had lived for many years in the Golden Valley area of Herefordshire and he constructed a most intricate model railway in the grounds of their house at Dulas, much to the joy of family and friends. They had celebrated 53 years of married life when he died

suddenly of leukaemia on 27 November 2021. She survives him along with their three children Josie, Ben and Annie and five grandchildren.

Katharina Turner

Timothy John Marshall Caton (m. 1966)



Tim came up to Christ's as an Exhibitioner to read Mathematics. Having endured this to graduate, he worked for a year with AEI to fulfil the terms of a scholarship they awarded for his undergraduate years. Following this, he decided to pursue his real love with a highly successful career in the legal profession.

PD (Peter Doig) first met Tim in the early weeks of our first Michaelmas term in First Court TV room whilst watching "The Magic Roundabout". He introduced himself, asked if I drank beer and promptly took me to the Buttery; the rest is history. He was a great friend and positive influence on my life during and after Cambridge. He was a larger-than-life character of great charm, a ready wit and infectious laugh that was instantly recognisable by his many friends and acquaintances. Clearly he was also a man of great intellect that flourished when he found his true vocation in the law.

TKG (Terry Gibbons) first met Tim on a train from London to Cambridge also in the autumn of 1966. I think it is no exaggeration to say that that meeting changed my life forever. I was a shy and awkward boy, young for eighteen, lonely away from home for the first time and Tim drew me into a world of friendship, fun and laughter. Had it not been for that chance meeting, I might have taken mathematics more seriously and ended up a solitary old academic. My life has been all the better for it.

We last saw Tim face to face more than 20 years ago when he came to TKG's 50th birthday party. It was typical of him to show up unexpectedly in leathers, on a powerful motorcycle; typical also that his presence immediately raised the mood of the whole occasion by his cheerfulness, exuberance, irreverence and good humour. Those were the qualities that we will always remember of him and which made him such good company. We are just two of the many people on whom Tim left his mark and of the many who will remember him with great affection. Tim passed away on 21 January 2021. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Sandra, three children and twelve grandchildren.

Peter Doig and Terry Gibbons (m. 1966)

Mark Patrick Nicholls (m. 1968)



Mark Nicholls came to Christ's in 1968 to read History and then Law. He took articles at Linklaters before joining S G Warburg in 1976, becoming a Director in 1984, and Head of Investment Banking in 1994. In 1996 he joined Royal Bank of Scotland and became head of their private equity group, leaving in 2003 to pursue a portfolio career, including serving as Chairman of Rathbone Brothers Plc until March 2021, and as a special trustee of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington and as a council member of the Mental Aftercare Association. He gained an M.B.A. in

Finance at City University Business School. Mark was married to Cathy, with whom he had five children. He died in February 2022, aged 72.

Jonathan Peter Bacon (m. 1969)



Jonathan was born in Sheffield and attended grammar school in Cardiff, but very much considered himself a Yorkshireman. His loyalty to Yorkshire was later shared with Sussex where he was an avid supporter of the Seagulls – Brighton & Hove Albion F.C. He came up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences, and followed this with a PhD at Manchester before moving to the Max-Planck Institute in Seewiesen, Bavaria. There he met Marion Nicolai, and they married in July 1982. Jonathan took posts in Albany, New York and in Basel before settling in Lewes when he joined the University of Sussex, where they raised three sons. In Lewes, he helped revitalise the Southover Bonfire Society and was a Governor of Hurstpierpoint College. He was a fine sportsman, stroking the 3rd Lent Boat of 1971 to its oars. Once settled in Lewes, he took up sailing, circumnavigating Britain in 2018. He enjoyed family skiing holidays and ran marathons in the UK and abroad. In 2017, Jonathan was asked to step in as Head of the School of Engineering and Informatics, and in September 2020 he retired as Emeritus Professor of Neuroscience, and of Engineering, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Arizona. In the summer of 2020, Jonathan was diagnosed with the illness that was to prove incurable. He died on 5 November 2020 as the Lewes Bonfires were being lit, and is survived by Marion, his two sons and two grandchildren.

Colin Farrington (m. 1969)



Colin Farrington was born on 12 March 1951 and was educated at Ellesmere Port County Grammar School for Boys before coming up to Christ's to read English. He enjoyed his time at the College, and was President of the University English Club in 1970, and the University Labour Club in 1971. He went on to a career in the Civil Service, serving as Private Secretary to Home Secretaries Roy Jenkins and Merlyn Rees from 1974 to 1977. From 1988 to 1998 he was Secretary of the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation and he also served as an adviser to the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development, and was a member of the World Bank's Advisory Council on Fiscal Decentralisation before taking up his position as Director General at the then Institute of Public Relations. He oversaw the IPR's transformation to the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, through the granting of a Royal Charter in 2005. He died on 17 December 2021, aged 70.

John Alan Snowball (m. 1969)

Alan Snowball died from Covid on 2 March 2022. His death was unexpected, and profoundly shocking. Alan entered Christ's in 1969 from Lancaster Royal Grammar School, reading Japanese in the Oriental Studies Tripos. His strong College commitment was demonstrated primarily through his sportsmanship: badminton (College captain, and half-blue), golf (colours), athletics, rugby (Second Cuppers XV), occasionally soccer (Third XI), rowing (and coxing), and a 'filler-in' for tennis. Deservedly, he became a Marguerite. After graduation in 1972, career hopes using his Japanese faltered. The family business of Reeds Rains Estate Agencies was a natural fall-back, and future springboard. Subsequent directorial and managerial appointments at Prudential, and with Halifax Estate Agencies, culminated with fourteen years as Managing Director of Countrywide Principal Services Ltd., ended by retirement in 2012. Alongside his career, Alan became a talented and prolific amateur landscape artist. Golf was his main relaxation, and a passion shared with his wife Janet (they married in 1973). Together they made a strong and lasting partnership, on and off the course. Soon established, Alan retained his single-figure handicap until after his seventieth birthday. Naturally, his continuing Christ's links included membership of the alumni Golf Society. In 1998, Hindhead Golf Club became his golfing base; Janet was already a member. Alan was elected Vice-Captain in 2012, and Captain in 2013 – and Janet concurrently elected Lady Vice-Captain and Lady Captain. Together they achieved much through their commitment to charity and the Club, and Alan duly became a much-respected and appreciated Club Chairman. Janet survives him, as do their children Rebecca, Lucy, and Mark.

Submitted by a group of Alan's Christ's contemporaries

Stuart Pollitt (m. 1970)

Stuart was born in 1952 and won a full scholarship to read Natural Sciences at Christ's. On graduating, with a first-class degree, he completed a PhD in low temperature solid-state physics at the Cavendish Laboratory. His early work, in a move to the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), saw him contribute to our understanding of the ozone layer, launching balloons to measure concentrations of ozone, CFCs and Nitrogen Oxides in the stratosphere. This collected data was used to help understand the size and location of an area of depleted ozone over the Arctic, caused by the release of aerosol and refrigerant CFCs by humans and Nitrogen Oxides released by concord flight in the stratosphere. At NPL he was promoted to the role of Director of Enabling Metrology. A passion for communicating science to the public saw him publish letters in *The Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Independent*. In 1993 he was described as the 'time lord' by the BBC when he discussed the addition of a leap second. He went on to become Director of Operations at Serco and then, in a move that reflected his life-long passion for reducing human impact on the global environment, he took the role of Director of Operations at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change, Imperial College London, where he stayed until his retirement

in 2014. Even in retirement, Stuart continued to work at the interface of industry, government, and academia, contributing to The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers (WCSIMP) as a Professional Committee member and Steward, instigating several initiatives which will form part of his legacy at the Society. He worked with young Society members to showcase the work of the WCSIMP at the Science Museum's New Scientific Instruments Gallery. Stuart very much enjoyed an active retirement which saw him travel Europe with his wife Renée enjoying local cuisines, wines, and culture. Stuart died on 5 October 2021, aged 69, and is survived by his wife, his three children and three grandchildren.

Alice Pollitt

David Grant Tester (m. 1971)



David was born on 6 October 1951 in Bognor Regis, and spent his early life in Aden, Northern Ireland and South Africa. He came up to Christ's to read History in 1971, representing the College on University Challenge to the quarter-final stage. He taught History at Boston High School Lincolnshire, where he met his wife Mary. Before transferring to Boston College, he undertook a part time MA in American Studies at the University of Nottingham and wrote *Britain & The Modern World* (published 1987).

He moved on to Sir William Borlase Grammar School Buckinghamshire, where he was known as an original and well-respected teacher of History, later assuming the role of Head of Department. Throughout his career, he demonstrated innovative teaching methods which were appreciated by his students.

Upon his retirement to Somerset, David was a passionate and active member of the community, campaigning successfully against local library closures and lecturing on numerous topics from the paranormal, the caves at Lascaux to HG Wells. He had an international network of friends and travelled widely between them. He was also a keen supporter of the arts with a particular interest in the theatre – following his son's acting career at various venues across the United Kingdom.

David died suddenly, at home on 16 November 2021, after apparent recovery from intensive heart surgery. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mary Tester

Ian Anthony Hodkinson (m. 1971)

Ian Hodkinson was born on 26 August 1953 and read Natural Sciences at Christ's. He was a Quality Assurance Manager with both Castrol International Centre, and BP. He died on 6 October 2020.

Keshav Narasimham Desiraju (m. 1974)

Keshav was born on 11 May 1955 in Mylapore, Chennai in India. The youngest of four siblings, Keshav schooled in Chennai and the Cathedral and John Connon School in Mumbai before studying social sciences at Elphinstone College. In 1974 he came up to Christ's for a second BA in Economics. Keshav's memories of his time at Christ's were pleasantly intellectual. He enjoyed Economics, especially the development and policy-related aspects of it. He frequently recounted tales of the economics lectures and supervisions, which he attended, by illustrious Cambridge economists at Christ's and elsewhere. This education formed the basis of his understanding of inequality, a subject reflected in the work he went on to conduct in the civil service. As an officer in the Indian Administrative Service, Keshav joined the Uttar Pradesh cadre in 1978 and his work reflected the places he was posted to including Almora in the Himalayan foothills, for which he developed a lifelong passion. Another facet was to educate young officers at the civil service training academy in Mussoorie, being an excellent role model, much loved and respected. Later in his career, and following a Masters degree at Harvard, Keshav became interested in education, the environment, and mental health, pioneering the development of India's first Mental Healthcare Act in 2017. His signature on many open letters to government reflected the causes he believed in. A man of kindness, intelligence, wit and humanity, his numerous friends and family members remember the twinkle in his eye, and true passion for Carnatic music, reflected in his excellent biography of the singer M.S. Subbulakshmi *Of Gifted Voice*, published in December 2020.

Sriya Iyer and Apoorva Kapavarapu (m. 2007)

Michael Sugden (m. 1977)

Mike came up to Christ's from Kings Taunton in 1977 to read Modern Languages. In his gap year before joining Christ's, he gained a short term limited commission from the army and spent some enjoyable months in Hong Kong with his regiment. Mike achieved a lot at Christ's and made the most of his time there. He was in the College's rugby and tennis teams and he rowed for the First May boat. He also, in his second year, was the finishing coach to the Christ's rugby boat who won their "oars", something they had not done for quite some time previously. He was a proud member of the Marguerites Club (and coincidentally he had his Marguerites tie in his overnight bag (for a function) the day he died). He particularly enjoyed the literature side of his modern languages course and in that regard, had a strong rapport with his languages tutor, Terry Llewellyn. Mike's great sense of fun, his charisma, easy charm and warm intelligence allowed him to generate a wide circle of friends whilst he was at Christ's. He was as comfortable in the College bar as he was at a fine College dining event (albeit his dress sense in the College bar was sometimes a bit minimalist).

After Cambridge, he had a very successful career in teaching. After ten years at Sherborne he moved (in 1991) to Felsted to take up a position as Head of Modern

Languages, and subsequently became a housemaster there. He left Felsted in 2013 to finish his career at Westminster, before retiring in 2018. Mike's daughter Poppy has an offer to read Modern Languages at Cambridge. He was delighted that she had secured that offer. Mike died suddenly of a pulmonary thrombosis on 5 April 2022, aged 63.

John Nelmes (m. 1977)

Charles Graham Shelton (m. 1978)

Charlie Shelton came up to Christ's in 1978 to read Natural Sciences, specifically Metallurgy and Materials Science. He went on to gain a PhD in the microstructure of 2-phase titanium alloy forgings. He worked for over twenty years as a senior consultant for Shell and went on to own his own consultancy firm called Delaware. Charles died in 2020 and is survived by his wife Anne.

John Hugh George Macdonald (m. 1987)



John arrived at Christ's from Rugby in October 1987 and quickly established himself as an engineer and a rower, with an infectious excitement for both. As an engineer he was a natural, achieving 1st class grades each year, though could not have been more modest and was always ready to help others.

John left Cambridge in 1990 to work for the civil engineering consultancy Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick in Telford, where he met his future wife Jane. He soon moved to take a Research Associate position at Bristol University, during which he gained his PhD (his thesis was on the dynamic behaviour of the Second Severn Crossing), was rapidly promoted to Lecturer and more recently to Professor of Structural Dynamics. He published widely, and appeared on TV explaining the oscillatory behaviour of the Millennium Bridge in London. He also spent time in Malawi supporting local communities in the design of earthquake-resistant buildings.

John was a lifelong Christian and active member of local churches in Cambridge, Telford and Bristol. His other passion was for the outdoors, and during the college years he and his friends enjoyed (sometimes endured) many mountain walks in Scotland and Wales in all manner of conditions. He was also a keen white water kayaker, and leader of mountain walks for the Scouts. John suffered a fatal heart attack whilst walking in the Brecon Beacons on 5 March 2022, leaving behind his wife Jane, son Jake and daughter Holly.

Gary Davies (m. 1987)

KEEPING IN TOUCH



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COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

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

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

Dining

Alumni are invited to dine with Fellows seven years from matriculation (for those who joined as undergraduates) or three years from matriculation for those who joined as postgraduates, exchange students or on other non-degree programmes). Alumni can dine 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. The first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring one adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement and at your own expense. The Catering Office can advise on the current cost. 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 2pm on the day before you wish to dine, or by 2pm on the Thursday if you wish to dine on a Sunday. Whilst we encourage you to book in at your earliest convenience, please note that bookings cannot be taken more than two weeks in advance. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

Accommodation

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

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





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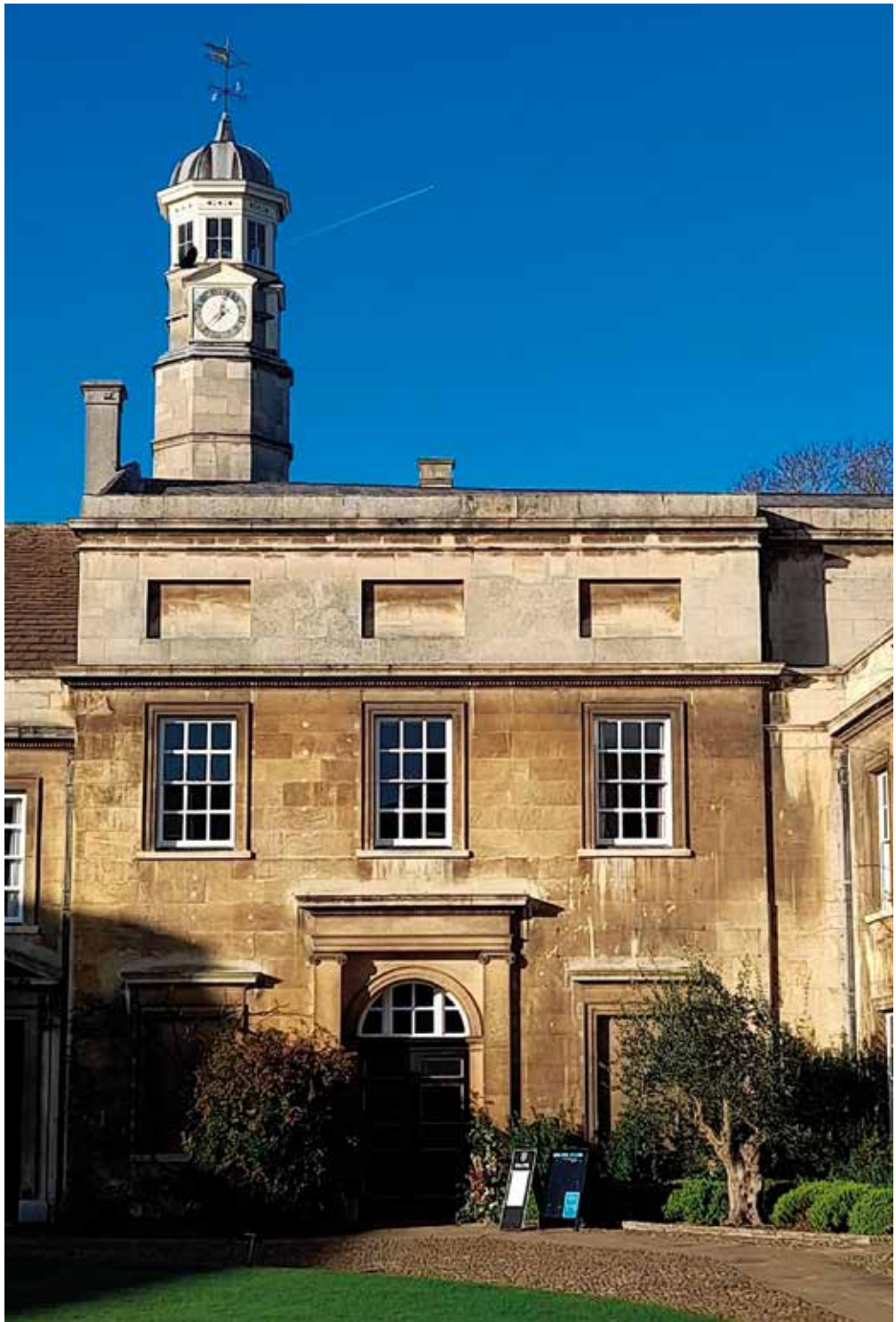
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To receive the alumni promotional rate enter the code **alumni1505** into the 'Promo Code' box when selecting the dates of your stay.

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>)
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-  Become a member of the Christ's College, University of Cambridge Alumni group on LinkedIn – a great way to make useful professional connections or to join other alumni in discussions about College (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2351765/>)
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