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Marguerite in New Court

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The Master's Lodge

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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER



*The Master with
Dr Yusuf Hamied*

I feel very privileged to be asked to write this, my first 'Letter from the Master' for the 2017 *College Magazine*. Peter and I moved into the Master's Lodge at the beginning of September 2016 and, having released our belongings from storage, set about turning this beautiful historic house into our home. After many years of travelling between Australia, Oxford and Texas, I was amazed to have all my shoes in one place!

We have very much enjoyed settling in and being able to welcome some old friends to the Master's Lodge. We were delighted that Harold Koh (Sterling Professor of International Law at Yale Law School), a colleague of mine on the Council of the American Law Institute and an old friend of Peter's from their Oxford student days, was able to accept the College's invitation to give a Lady Margaret Lecture. Having had a ring-side seat within the Obama administration, his talk on "The Trump Administration and International Law" was highly topical, engaging and insightful. We welcomed George Gream (m. 1954) and his partner, Sue Moore, in late May. It

was truly wonderful to see George 42 years after we had known each other in the Organic Chemistry Department at the University of Adelaide. George is a great friend of Yusuf Hamied (m. 1954, Honorary Fellow), whom I have also had the pleasure of meeting, along with his wife, Farida. It was an honour to be able to thank Yusuf and Farida in person for having generously funded the acquisition of a splendid new graduate hostel, very close to the College, which will be called Hamied Hall.

One of my first, and most agreeable, duties as Master was to congratulate Duncan Haldane (m. 1970) upon being awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2016. It was the first time I 'commanded' the flag to be flown from the Great Gate, a great novelty. Duncan has since been to visit us in College and we hope very much that he will return often, especially as he has now been elected an Honorary Fellow.

We have had a series of significant birthdays and I have found it most heartening to see the College community come together with warm cheer to celebrate these milestones. Our former bursar, Graham Ballard, was 90 in February, and in March we also celebrated the 80ths of former Master, Dr Alan Munro and senior Fellow, Professor Peter Landshoff. Old member Sir Jeffrey Tate, (Honorary Fellow and m. 1961), made a special visit to College to celebrate Graham's 90th and we were very much looking forward to seeing him and his partner, Klaus, again soon only to hear the sad news of Jeffrey's death in Italy at the beginning of June. For both Peter and myself it was a great personal pleasure to meet Jeffrey and we are very sorry that we will not get the chance again.

One of the most enjoyable things about the College is the diverse make up of its community: from Fellows, some of whom who have had connections with Christ's for many decades, to the newest and greenest of the undergraduates. I have been particularly glad to have had the opportunity to meet many alumni, both at events here in College and also on visits to North America and Asia. One of the most recent events was the May Bumps Picnic, a wonderful occasion down by the river which gave us the chance to see the 1st women go up three places, and the 1st men win their oars. This, together with the fact that the new, extended and redeveloped boathouse will be completed for the Michaelmas term, means that the Boat Club is in very good health. I have seen and heard first-hand that the very strong sense of community which clearly exists between old members of the College more than bears out the adage that "once a member of Christ's, always a member of Christ's". And I have found alumni accounts of their life trajectories after their time at Christ's, a time often described to me as transformational, to be thoroughly absorbing.

Sadly, though, the College has had to deal in recent months with an extremely unpleasant incident of anti-Semitism which has shaken us and provoked a careful review of the College culture. I would like to reassure alumni firmly that the College is and will remain a thriving, diverse, and tolerant community, and that this appears to have been a completely isolated incident. We have apologised to the students concerned and are in the process of thoroughly overhauling our complaints and disciplinary processes. Very important lessons have been learned, not least that we must remain vigilant in promoting our core values of mutual respect and support.

Overall, though, I can say that I have found the College to be in very good health and spirits, with a wonderful and harmonious array of staff, students, and Fellows backed by a lively and loyal life-long community of alumni. I am greatly looking forward to my second year as Master.

Jane Stapleton

BURSAR'S UPDATE



David Ball

I wrote last year that it was “clearly too early to comment on the implications for the College of the recent referendum on EU membership”. That of course remains the case, and so the College has remained strongly focused on its normal priorities.

Our undergraduate numbers remain stable from year to year, and we are nearing the completion of our planned increase in graduate student numbers. To support this, we have again increased the amount of College housing available for graduate students, with the purchase and renovation of a large house nearby, which was made possible by the generosity of an Old Member.

Work is also nearing completion on the extension of the Boathouse to provide improved land training and changing facilities. On the main College site this summer, we are replacing the fibre network, which provides high speed fixed and wireless internet access for students and Fellows, refurbishing the fine heraldic work over the Gate and in First Court and extending the maintenance workshops. Our listed buildings and central location unavoidably create additional costs and complexity. There is also the usual planned maintenance programme for student accommodation. All of these projects are being completed without disrupting the busy programme of commercial activity over the summer, which makes a valuable financial contribution by using our spare capacity in the vacation period. This is only possible because of the strong commitment of the College's staff and the excellent cooperation between all the teams concerned.

The College continues to rely for a substantial part of its funding on its endowment. The investment environment was relatively stable during the year, with good returns seen from equities (the MSCI AC World Index was up over 22% in sterling terms for the year) and satisfactory returns again achieved from our property holdings. We continue to maintain a prudent level of diversification (across equities, credit, property and other types of investment) and a cautious policy for expendable distributions from the endowment (which were reduced by over 10% in comparison with the previous year). Our objective remains to preserve or grow the real value of the endowment after annual spending and taking account of inflation. We expect this objective to be challenging in the coming years.

The financial environment for the College was otherwise mixed during the year: for example, there was a slight fall in fee income from UK and EU undergraduates, for whom the regulated fees still do not cover the costs of education incurred by the University and the College. We saw an increase in general inflation (with very high food inflation in particular for a number of months). Pension scheme deficits also increased by over £1m at the scheduled revaluations, and will be reflected on the College balance sheet. Full audited accounts will be available as usual on the College website in October.

It remains the case that the College is not able to generate from its ‘current operations’ sufficient funds to provide the additional student bursaries and accommodation which are needed. The Campaign for Christ's therefore remains very important to ensure the most talented students continue to have access to the high quality of collegiate experience, including small group teaching, to which we remain committed.

David Ball

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

The appointment of a new Master for the College is, quite rightly, a careful and slow process: advertisement, long-listing, preliminary interviews with an appointments committee, short-listing, discussions with individual Fellows, presentations and discussions with the entire Fellowship, and eventually selection of the preferred candidate. The very final, traditional stage requires the Fellows, wearing academic dress in the College Chapel, to conduct a secret ballot to confirm the decision. So it was with some relief and great happiness that we were able to welcome our new Master into her post at the beginning of this academic year, and I have been working closely with her ever since. I was also able to welcome a new Director of Admissions, Dr Emily Tomlinson, to the College: her report appears on page 9.



*Robert Hunt with
the announcement
of prizes*

It is traditional for me to report here on our examination performance. In last year's magazine I stated that it had been "exceptional", and this year was if anything even more exceptional! The proportion of final-year students receiving a II.1 or higher (a "good degree" in the words of the media) was 92%, the same as in both of the last two years. The proportion of first-class final-year results was 35%, our second-best ever.

Our examination results have in fact been outstanding across the entire College, not just for final-year students, as evidenced by our placing in the intercollegiate Cambridge league table known as the Tompkins Table, which since 1997 has taken all years of the Tripos into account. This time we were placed second in the Table (up from third last year), the highest we have been since 2007 when we were also second. Christ's is one of only two Colleges that has *never* been in the bottom half of the Table since 1997, and for the majority of that time it has in fact been amongst the top five Colleges. I have mentioned before the problem of grade inflation across the whole of the UK's university sector; so while I am no fan of league tables, the fact that we are doing so well in intercollegiate comparisons reassures me that we really are doing well alongside the many other excellent Cambridge Colleges.

We are of course extremely proud of our students and the results they have achieved through their hard work, and we are also proud of our Directors of Studies and Tutors who helped them on the way. The key to our excellent results is, I am sure, that Christ's is a genuinely friendly, happy and supportive College, as our students can and do testify. We take great care over the entire student experience from admissions all the way through to graduation. We are lucky enough to attract a strong field of excellent candidates for admission, and we select carefully and fairly to create a truly diverse student body, with students from all backgrounds well represented. Once they are here we create a welcoming atmosphere so that they can take full advantage of our teaching, and in exam term we provide the best environment for healthy revision. I mention all this because alumni of a certain age will know that the College has in the past received (justified) criticism on some of these issues and used to have a reputation as a kind of academic "hothouse". I have worked hard during my time as Senior Tutor to learn from some of our mistakes of the past, and I believe that nowadays our students are able to obtain excellent academic results *without* being placed under undue pressure. Certainly, the College environment seems happier and healthier than it has ever been.

Of course, not all students find the experience of University easy, and mental health concerns are more prevalent than in the past. The main reasons behind this are not, in my estimation, to do with a significant increase in poor mental health, but are rather to do with better awareness, better self-reporting, and a more inclusive admissions process. Some people might claim that this is all a result of “Generation Snowflake”, the idea that the current generation of students has been so mollycoddled while growing up that they are unable to cope with any kind of stress or failure, any contrary viewpoints, or indeed life itself. I have certainly encountered students like this, but I have encountered many more students with very genuine problems, sometimes linked with difficult childhoods or family circumstances. I recall a tutorial student of mine from a few years ago: just before Christmas one year, her father broke up with her mother and decided to burn down the family home. My student and her mother had to move into emergency Council accommodation for Christmas, and the whole chain of events had an unsurprisingly serious impact upon the student’s mental health. Fortunately I was able to provide College support for her, both financial and practical. The tutorial system is vital in assisting students quickly when they most need it.

In recent years I have arranged for the College to invest in additional mental health support, and those students who need help now have free access to a variety of resources, including College counsellors and even a clinical psychiatrist when necessary. I have lost track of the number of students whose academic careers have been saved. A generous legacy from husband and wife alumni has also helped us to provide additional support for students with physical disabilities.

Moving from matters of the mind to the body, our students have had some sporting successes this year. The Pool Club improved even on last year and won Cuppers for the first time ever, in a closely-contested final against Robinson. Christ’s Chess Club won the College League. In more traditional sports, our 1st men’s VIII went up 4 places and won Blades in the May Bumps, while our 1st women went up three places. Several individual students excelled in Varsity matches earning Blues or half-Blues, and 8 won sporting awards from the Hawks’ Charitable Trust. Our many non-sporting student societies, which cover a vast range of interests, hobbies and activities, continue to be very active; in fact new societies are being formed regularly, the three most recent being the Visual Arts Society founded in 2012, the Board Games Society founded in 2015, and the very successful Davidson Nicol Politics Society founded only in November 2016, named after the first black African to be elected a Fellow of a Cambridge College (Christ’s, naturally).

To close, I should follow up on two matters from my report in last year’s magazine. A final vote was held amongst Senior Members of the University on a proposal to abolish public class lists (for example at the Senate House). The proposal was defeated, primarily because CUSU (the Cambridge University Students’ Union) changed its mind at the last minute and led a campaign against it. The Teaching Excellence Framework (“TEF”) has come into being since I reported on it last year. Cambridge received a gold award reflecting the high achievement of its students and outstanding feedback scores on student satisfaction, as well as its small-group supervision system and excellent course design. Some other institutions (including three research-intensive Russell Group universities that were awarded only bronze) are still licking their wounds. As I reported, there are a number of serious concerns about the validity and reliability of the TEF, but perhaps this is the start of a real process of improvement.

Robert Hunt

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate admissions at Cambridge were subject to many of the same uncertainties, in 2016–17, as many other areas of education and, indeed, of public life in general. What impact would the referendum result have on applications from other EU countries? Would students from outside the EU perceive us as more likely to accept them, whilst Britain sought to emphasize its global trading networks, or would they see us as more insular, more inward-looking, and less internationalist, *tout court*? How would students from low-income backgrounds respond to shifts in the financial climate? And how would the introduction of non-modularised ‘linear’ A-levels across England, together with new University admissions assessments, affect applications from schools with little, or no, tradition of progression to Oxbridge?



*Emily Tomlinson
with students at a
College Open Day*

We received preliminary answers to some of these questions fairly fast. EU applications to the University fell by 14%, despite last-minute reassurances from the government that there would be no changes in fee status for 2017 entrants. Overseas applications held up, but their distribution across countries altered, with a slump in the volume of candidates from Commonwealth allies such as Pakistan, and a welcome surge in interest from the USA, supported by a weak pound (and perhaps a different set of uncertainties emerging across the Atlantic). We continued to attract healthy numbers of applicants from low-income backgrounds, but many of these were clustered in vocational subjects such as Medicine and Law, challenging us to balance the drive to diversify our student body, against our commitment to sustaining a broad range of Arts and Sciences. The introduction of University admissions assessments skewed applications away from subjects in which students were asked to take a test, in school, in November and towards subjects in which they could sit the test on the same day as their interview, leaving us with a glut of excellent Computer Science candidates, and a surprising paucity of Human, Social and Political Scientists.

In the face of this turbulence, the response of the Admissions Office, and the Christ’s Fellowship, has been to work harder to ensure the quality and the heterogeneity of our incoming undergraduate cohort than (I suspect) either has ever had to do before. Directors of Studies gave up Saturdays to speak to prospective applicants, in September, and raced against the clock marking assessments in time for us to use the scores in shortlisting and decision-making, in November and December; many also cut short their Christmas vacation to benchmark our possible offer-holders against those placed in the annual Winter Pool by other colleges, and to “fish” for candidates for courses in which fluctuations in the pattern of applications left us undersubscribed.

As I write, the hard work appears to have paid off. Early indications are that the average attainment of our 2017 Science entrants is likely to match the impressive 3.4 A*s at A-level achieved by their 2016 counterparts, and our 2017 Arts and Social Science entrants may have a slightly stronger profile than their 2016 peers. Some 20% of our offers have gone to students from outside the EU, and a further 13% to students from other EU countries: broadly, the same proportions in which these groups were represented within our overall application field (a crude but reassuring

indicator that our admissions process is likely to be fair). We will probably exceed our government-agreed target of 62–64% of UK admissions from the state sector, but more importantly, we will have done so without compromising on calibre; our aim is to take the best and the brightest, irrespective of background, and that, I believe, is what we have done. We have also done our utmost to ensure that excellent applicants to this College, squeezed out by the weight of competition in their subject, found a place elsewhere: forty-two Christ's applicants were taken by other Colleges in the Winter Pool. And, pleasingly, we have managed to push last year's somewhat anaemic total of 37% of offers to female applicants up by a healthy 10%.

There is, however, little room for complacency in the increasingly competitive world of undergraduate recruitment and outreach, and the Admissions team's endeavours do not end with the Admissions Round. My two immediate predecessors, Mrs Paula Stirling and Dr Andrew Spencer, instigated a commendable variety of initiatives, and all of these carried on in 2016–17. We continued to work with the charity IntoUniversity to help young Londoners realize their academic ambitions, and with our consortium of school partners in Hereford to deliver the HE Plus curriculum enrichment programme. We ran "taster days" in English, Philosophy, and Natural Sciences, a cross-disciplinary residential for students from maintained schools in Worcester, and a cross-disciplinary residential for students from Low Participation Neighbourhoods across the country, supplementing the latter with evening "webinars" through the year. We offered an Essay Prize to aspiring Historians, and a GCSE Prize to high-achieving students on Free School Meals, and interacted with hundreds of prospective applicants, from all walks of life, via the social media platform *The Student Room*.

In addition, I benefitted hugely from the advice and expertise of a more distant predecessor, Dr Kelvin Bowkett, who was kind enough to collaborate with me on the itinerary for a tour of some of Christ's historic "feeder institutions" in South East Asia: a tour which enabled me to meet not only students and teachers, but also many Malaysian, Singaporean and Hong Kong alumni with valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that their local educational landscapes present. Nor was South-East Asia my only non-UK engagement this year. The University funded trips to the Nordic Study Abroad Community Conference, in Copenhagen, in September, to schools across Cyprus, in March, and to Project Access events across Denmark, in April, with Project Access in turn subsidising my attendance at a "boot-camp" for aspiring Polish applicants in Warsaw in June.

Both the Nordic Study Abroad Community and Project Access are student-run initiatives aiming to raise aspirations among teenagers outside Britain who might not previously have considered applying to a leading global university, and offering peer-to-peer support to such teenagers if they do decide that Oxbridge or the Ivy League might be for them. Their work speaks to two truths that can get lost from sight, in the endless debate over targets, biases and quotas: that "Widening Participation" has many forms, and many stakeholders, and that undergraduates are often better at breaking down barriers than any Admissions professional. These two truths that also became apparent in what was, unexpectedly, our biggest "hit" of the year with sixth-formers: a three day Trinity/Christ's residential for female mathematicians, featuring sessions on probability, topology and game theory!

I am grateful to all those who assisted us to deliver this residential, and our other outreach activities, including, as ever, our very generous donors.

Emily Tomlinson

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



*Chapel Officers'
Dinner with the
Chaplain*

The more things change, the more they stay the same. There's a curious quality to the start of a new academic year, as fresh faces arrive, familiar names are no longer around, and yet the reassuring rhythm of Chapel life continues on its merry way. More curious still, I've discovered that it doesn't take long at Christ's to establish traditions which, within a few terms, become observed as if hailing from time immemorial.

So, for instance, the Chaplain's Afternoon Teas around the Pool, which were started last summer as an opportunity for students to disengage their minds from revision, and to engage their mouths with scones, have now become a venerable fixture in the Easter Term calendar – even though the *bonhomie* remains far warmer than the swimming water. Similarly, the special Alumni Evensong services, also begun a year ago, have gone from strength to strength, a result no doubt of the winning combination of beautiful choral singing and delicious nibbles afterwards.

A delightful 'new tradition' for 2016–17 has been the singing of Compline in Chapel twice a term. Compline is a late-evening service of quietness and reflection, sung by candlelight. Its name derives from the Latin *completorium*, meaning 'completion', and it's really resonated with the student community this year. Although, given how things turned out, I now slightly regret advertising the service on the night of the US Presidential election with the tagline, 'Make Compline great again'!

Most sensible people retreat *from* battle, but this spring the Chapel held a retreat *to* Battle. At the end of Lent Term, a motley crew of undergraduate and graduate students enjoyed a long weekend of rest and reflection in the wilds of East Sussex. We retraced King Harold's fateful steps, had some splendid Bible studies looking at Mark's Gospel, and even composed a flag-waving College hymn in honour of Lady Margaret Beaufort (sung to the tune of Jerusalem, naturally).

At Sunday Evensongs this year, we've heard a range of interesting and thought-provoking preachers. These included Bishop Wallace Benn and Professor Robert White in Michaelmas Term; Professor Ian McFarland (the Regius Professor of Divinity), Dr Andrew Spencer, and Fr Mark Langham in Lent Term; and Bishop Stephen Cottrell and Rev'd Rupert Charkham (the Queen's Chaplain) in Easter Term. It was also a real pleasure to welcome back the Rev'd Dr Robert Mackley (m. 1996) to preach at the Commemoration of Benefactors Service. As one student commented to me at the end of Easter Term, what had struck her most was how all

the preachers, though coming from different perspectives and addressing different Biblical texts, had been united in their core message: that at the heart of Christianity is the person of Jesus Christ, the one who knows us truly, and who loves us fully. It was a wonderful experience, in this context, to be able to run weekly 'Life Explored' discussion groups across Michaelmas and Lent Terms, to give students a chance to raise questions, and to think more about the Christian faith.

Some of the most memorable Chapel services over the last twelve months have been the annual 'one-offs'. The Christmas Carol Service broke all records for attendance in Chapel (and, probably, a few health and safety regulations too), whilst at the Service of Music & Readings for Passiontide we were treated to a particularly fine feast of choral music – several of the congregation commented that it was the best they had ever heard. The Ascension Anthems, sung from the top of the Great Gate on Ascension Day morning, were, in every respect, another high point.

Chapel life is at heart about a group of people, not a building, and it's been a great blessing to have such a committed, reliable and good-humoured team of Chapel Officers. At our Chapel Officers' Dinner in March, we gave our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Officers (Tom Cowie, Matthew Priddin, Pia Rennert, and Ross Neill), welcomed new members to the team (Ruby Guyatt, Teresa Roeger, Rebekah Greenbank, Max Harrison, James Bertlin, Gareth Cornish, and Michael Dormandy), and rejoiced too in the continued service of Ceara Henry, Imogen Lemon, Jonathan Mortlock, Eric Tippin, and Sophie Miocevic. Indeed, it was a particularly important year for Sophie, as she was Confirmed at a special service of Choral Evensong on 16 October, in the presence of her friends and family.

This year, the Chapel has engaged in a number of ways with communities beyond the walls of the College. Our Chapel collections were given to support the work of Jimmy's Night Shelter (a homeless centre in Cambridge), Pink Week (a charity raising funds for breast cancer research), and the Katherine Low Settlement (a charity in London with long-standing links to Christ's). Indeed, Aaron Barbour, the Director of the KLS, spoke at Evensong during Easter Term, and encouraged students interested in exploring the charitable sector to consider getting involved in its work. In addition, I was able to spend a day visiting HMP Whitemoor, a maximum-security prison north of Cambridge, where Ruby Guyatt (one of our Chapel Officers) had been involved in an educational outreach scheme to prisoners.

A survey of Chapel life wouldn't be complete, of course, without acknowledging the outstanding contribution of the College Choir, under the strong and stable leadership of Professor David Rowland. Week in, week out, the Choir put in hours of rehearsal time, and adorns Chapel services with the beauty of their singing. At the end of Lent Term, they spent three days recording their new CD, which should be available to purchase in time for Christmas. I also discovered this year that Christ's Choir not only reign supreme in the pews, but on the sports field too – they are currently sitting proudly at the top of the inter-collegiate choir football league! This summer, the Choir are heading to the west coast of Canada and the United States for their annual tour, and we wish them all the very best in their travels. We also say goodbye to Emma Pauncefort, who has worked with tireless aplomb for several years as our Choir Administrator, and I want to thank Emma for her diligence, resourcefulness, and contagiously sunny optimism.

If I can conclude on a more personal note, the Chapel congregation was able to welcome its youngest member in late May, when my wife Phillipa and I had our

second child, Sophie. Sophie's first day in College was also my first day back from paternity leave, and, from the comfort of her pram, she seemed thoroughly to enjoy listening to the Choir sing their Ascension Anthems. So, if readers will permit an indulgent father to sign off with some slightly sentimental poetry, here are some lines from Coleridge's *Frost at Midnight*:

*Dear Babe, that sleepest cradled by my side,
Whose gentle breathings, heard in this deep calm,
Fill up the intersperséd vacancies
And momentary pauses of the thought!
My babe so beautiful! it thrills my heart
With tender gladness, thus to look at thee,
And think that thou shalt learn far other lore,
And in far other scenes! For I was reared
In the great city, pent 'mid cloisters dim,
And saw nought lovely but the sky and stars.
But thou, my babe! shalt wander like a breeze
By lakes and sandy shores, beneath the crags
Of ancient mountain, and beneath the clouds,
Which image in their bulk both lakes and shores
And mountain crags: so shalt thou see and hear
The lovely shapes and sounds intelligible
Of that eternal language, which thy God
Utters, who from eternity doth teach
Himself in all, and all things in himself.
Great universal Teacher! he shall mould
Thy spirit, and by giving make it ask.*

Mark Smith

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Catherine Twilley

We continue to make good progress in our fundraising campaign and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the College over the past year, both through donations and through advice and support. More than 2,000 people have supported us so far.

The boathouse redevelopment is progressing well and is the first of the capital projects from the Fundraising Campaign to be completed. We also have a new graduate hostel, Hamied Hall, which will open for the new academic year and is going to provide wonderful accommodation for students just across Christ's Pieces from the College. We are enormously grateful to Dr and Mrs Hamied for their continuing support.

We were delighted to elect a new Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow: Mr Tim Lintott (m. 1971). Tim is a long-standing member of the Development Board and a generous donor to the College, primarily through the George Spyrou Scholarship and to support our access and outreach programme.

We ran the tenth Telephone Campaign just after Easter with sixteen current students telephoning alumni to talk to them about the College, gain careers advice, and to seek financial support for our Student Support Appeal. Again we were delighted by the response from alumni, and more than £200,000 was raised towards our Student Support Fund. I hear first hand from many of the students supported through this Fund how great a difference it makes to them, taking away their worries about money, and enabling them to concentrate on their academic work and to enjoy their time at Christ's. Many of our student callers this year benefit from bursaries and were keen to give something back by helping raise funds for further support.

We are also looking at other ways alumni can interact with students, through mentoring and careers advice. We are at the early stages of planning an initiative so please do get in touch if you are able to help in any way – either with advice on setting up and running a scheme, or providing this kind of support to a student.

The Christ's College Fisher Society is well established and recognises those who have included a bequest to the College in their Will. There are tax advantages to UK taxpayers in leaving a bequest to charity, with the charitable bequest excluded from inheritance tax, and a reduction in the rate of inheritance tax from 40% to 36% for those leaving more than 10% of their estate to charities. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss a possible legacy.

It has been a pleasure to work with, and get to know, the new Master, Professor Jane Stapleton. One of her first commitments as Master was to speak at, and host, the first September Reunion, which did with aplomb. It was wonderful to see how warmly she was welcomed by alumni, and has continued to be at events in College, in London, and overseas.

The Master and I have made two overseas trips this past year, to meet alumni. In October 2016 we travelled to Boston and New York where we met with a number of alumni, and attended a dinner in New York, generously sponsored by Dr Peter Speicher (m. 1993) and his wife Ariel.

A trip to south east Asia in May saw us meeting alumni in Singapore and in Hong Kong. In Singapore we were delighted to be able to bring alumni together at the home of Dr Finian Tan (m. 1986) and his partner, Fiona Goh, once again and are very grateful to them both for their warm hospitality. In Hong Kong, Dr C. K. Lau (m. 1984) organised a dinner at the Craigenhower Cricket Club and we are very grateful to him too.

In Malaysia, Shahril Ridzuan (m. 1989) and Diana Abdullah (m. 1991) hosted a brunch for alumni to meet the Director of Admissions, Dr Emily Tomlinson, who left with a promise that the Master would visit soon!

In all of these places, the warmth towards the College and the desire to help us attract students with a great deal of potential is palpable, and we are grateful for the encouragement to look at setting up an initiative to provide financial support for international students.

You can read more about the alumni events of the past year in the report from the Alumni Relations Officer on pages 50 and 51, but the 'Alumni Evensong' is now an established part of the events calendar, as is the Women's Networking programme. We were privileged to have the Master at the event this year, talking about 'career crossroads'. It provided those attending with a wonderful insight into the new Master's career and how she came to be Master of Christ's.

The Development Board continues to guide us in an engaged and inspiring way, under the chairmanship of Mr Guy Whittaker (m. 1974), and we were delighted to welcome a new member, Mr Jim Warwick (m. 1983), in June.

The current external members of the Development Board are:

Mr Guy Whittaker (m. 1974) – Chair

Dr Alan Smith (m. 1964)

Mr Tim Lintott (m. 1971)

Mr Jim Warwick (m. 1983)

Mr Mark Davies (m. 1990)

Dr Susan Hill (m. 1992)

Mr Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)

Dr Peter Speicher (m. 1993)

Ms Caroline Carr (m. 1995)

Ex officio members are the Master, Development Director, Bursar and Professor Ian Leslie (who Chairs the College Development Committee).

All of us in the Development Office look forward very much to working with you in the coming years.

Catherine Twilley

Honorary Fellows

- 1978 Prof. Sir Peter Hirsch FRS (1960)
 1984 Prof. Barry Supple CBE FBA
 FRHISTSOC (1981)
 1984 Sir Robin Nicholson FRS (1961)
 1985 Sir John Lyons LittD FBA (1961)
 1988 Prof. Bernard Bailyn (1986)
 1990 Sir Rodric Braithwaite GCMG
 1991 Sir Dillwyn Williams
 1993 Prof. Sir Christopher Ricks FBA (1975)
 1995 Prof. Simon Schama CBE (1966)
 1996 Rt Hon Lord Irvine of Lairg PC QC
 1996 Mr Neil McKendrick (1958)
 1997 Prof. John Clarke FRS (1972)
 1998 Dr Adrian Ning-Hong Yeo (1970)
 2002 Prof. Phillip King CBE FRA
 2002 Dr Charles Saumarez Smith CBE FRA
 (1979)
 2002 Sir Nicholas Serota CH
 2002 Lord Williams of Oystermouth PC FBA
 2004 Prof. Sir Martin Evans FRS FMedSci
 2004 Rt Hon Lord Turnbull of Enfield KCB
 CVO
 2005 Prof. Sir Keith Peters FRCP
 FRSFMedSci (1987)
 2005 Sir David Cannadine LittD FBA
 FRSLFRHistS (1975)
 2005 Prof. Linda Colley CBE FRA (1978)
 2005 Rt Hon Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL
 2008 Prof. Quentin Skinner FBA (1962)
 2008 Dr Yusuf Hamied
 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
 2014 Prof. Margaret Stanley OBE (1991)
 2016 Prof. Tony Hunter
 2016 Dr Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein
 2016 Prof. Duncan Haldane FRS
 2017 Sir Martin Sorrell

Bye-Fellows

- 1999 Dr David Webster
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthams
 2005 Prof. David Rowland
 2011 Dr Michael Gonzalez (2008)
 2014 Dr Andrew Coburn
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday
 2014 Dr James Jones
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys
 2014 Dr Steven Murdoch (2008)
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown
 2015 Dr Jamie Gundry
 2015 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi
 2015 Dr Jason Varuhas (2010)
 2016 Dr Richard Bassett
 2016 Mr Paul Fannon
 2016 Dr Thomas Hopkins

- 2016 Dr Alexander Jones
 2016 Dr Carmen Olmedilla Herrero
 2017 Dr Jason Head
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall

Fellow-Commoners

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

Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellows

- 2001 Sir Simon Campbell CBE FRS
 2001 Lady Jill Campbell
 2004 Mr Cecil Hawkins
 2004 Mr Guy Whittaker
 2006 Mr Alfred Harrison
 2006 Dr Mike Lynch OBE
 2008 Mr Graham Clapp
 2009 Prof. Stephen Blyth
 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE
 2012 Mr Terry Cann
 2013 Mr Richard Gnodde
 2013 Mr Simon Palley
 2016 Mr Jim Warwick
 2016 Dr Jane Dominey
 2017 Mr Tim Lintott

Honorary Members

- 1999 Sir Li Ka-Shing KBE
 1999 Mrs Fiona Fattal
 1999 Mr Oscar Lewisohn
 1999 Mr Chia-Ming Sze
 2001 Mrs Beverly Sackler
 2004 Ms Solina Chau

Chaplain

Reverend Dr Mark Smith

Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Professor Charles Kennel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, Lent Term 2017

Professor Vladimir Voevodsky, School of Maths, Princeton University, April – August 2017

Professor Sushil Bikhchandani, Anderson School of Management, University of California, Easter Term 2017

New Senior Members



Peter Cane

PETER CANE elected a Senior Research Fellow. Being the life-partner of the first female Master of a College founded more than 500 years ago by one of the most significant women in English history is itself a privilege and an opportunity. Election to a Senior Research Fellowship of the College adds honour and recognition of a high order, and I am extremely grateful to the Fellowship for including me in their academic community in this way.

After qualifying as a lawyer in Sydney, Australia in the early 1970s, I went to Magdalen College, Oxford in 1974 to read for the (graduate) Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law. Entirely unexpected success in the BCL brought me back to Oxford in 1978 as Tutorial Fellow and University Lecturer in Law at Corpus Christi College. Jane and I met in the Bodleian Law Library (!?) when she was writing her DPhil in the early 1980s. Our children, Daniel and Lucy, were born in Oxford in 1986 and 1987 respectively. Lucy is currently finishing off a PhD in political theory at Northwestern University in Chicago, and Daniel is a free-lance journalist living in Sydney.

By 1997 I was suffering from a severe case of 'tutorial grind'. In a real act of indulgence and self-sacrifice, the family accompanied me back to Australia, where Jane and I took up Research Professorships at the Australian National University in Canberra – positions we held until 2016, when Jane took up her post as Master of Christ's.

Up until our return to Australia, my research and writing had followed a quite standard pattern of analytical, doctrinal work addressed to students, other legal scholars and, to a lesser extent, judges and legal practitioners. My main areas of interest were tort law and administrative law. The most adventurous project undertaken to that point was *The Anatomy of Tort Law* (1997), a recasting of tort law in terms of protected interests and wrongful conduct, since translated into Mandarin and Spanish. In Canberra, I came into closer and more regular contact with philosophers, and developed a strong interest in concepts of responsibility. *Responsibility in Law and Morality* was published in 2002 (and in Mandarin in 2009). It has been followed by various articles and book chapters on related topics. While in Canberra, Jane took up a part-time, tenured post at the University of Texas Law School in Austin. Eventually, this led to my teaching a course in comparative Australian/US administrative law in Texas. The first fruits of this adventure were published in *Administrative Tribunals and Adjudication* (2009), in which I added the UK to the comparative mix. Further work on administrative law in these three jurisdictions was published in *Controlling Administrative Power: An Historical Comparison* (2016). As the title implies, this book recklessly adds a significant historical element to the comparative analysis, as well as making significant use of political science literature about governance, which is particularly rich in the US. It explores the relationship between the way governmental power is distributed and allocated, and the way it is controlled.

Although I am now formally retired, my research life, especially in comparative administrative law, goes on more-or-less unabated. Current projects include the co-editing of several multi-authored volumes, one on comparative administrative law (for OUP), a second on the constitutional history of the UK, and a third on the

legal history of Australia (both for CUP). One aim of each is to contribute to and promote the development of scholarship in new areas and using new methods. Other interests include the cultural evolution of law and legal systems, and methodologies of historical and comparative legal research. I count myself fortunate, indeed, to be able to pursue these projects and enthusiasms in the peerless settings of Christ's and Cambridge.

EDWARD COGHILL elected a Junior Research Fellow I greatly look forward to joining the ranks of Christ's historians as a Junior Research Fellow, where I will add early Islamic history to the range of topics being studied at the College. Having grown up in rural County Durham, I took a BA in History from St Hugh's College, Oxford. A year later I somehow found myself in Damascus studying Arabic before returning to Oxford for a master's degree in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies. After a couple of years as a PhD student in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago, like a bad penny I came back to finish a DPhil in History at Worcester College, Oxford, whence I come to Christ's.



Edward Coghill

Broadly, my research uses Arabic texts to study middle eastern history in the pre-modern period. My dissertation is a study of the earliest surviving Arabic writing about Egypt's Islamic and pre-Islamic past, stemming from the eighth and ninth centuries. I use the extensive practices of quotation and citation in this literature, as well as the vast medieval Arabic biographical tradition, to excavate the earlier sources which underlie our extant texts, place the generation of historical knowledge in its political, social, and intellectual contexts, and analyse how and why this material was reinvested with significance when it was reconfigured into the works which today survive. I have also studied Greek and Syriac, and once spent a summer convincing Coptic monks to let me into their monastery libraries. This resulted in my editing and translating a previously unpublished Christian saint's life from c. 600 AD, which survives only in Arabic manuscripts. At Cambridge, I join a project in the Classics department on the 'Impact of the Ancient City', in which I will examine how pre-modern Arabic writers perceived and used the Greco-Roman city.

MAYA FEILE TOMES elected a Junior Research Fellow I am thrilled to be joining Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow for my third lot of four years in Cambridge, having already spent a very happy time just across the market square, first as an undergraduate and MPhil (2008–12) and subsequently doctoral student (2013–17), at King's College. These degrees were all taken in the Faculty of Classics, though for the past several years now my research has in fact been concerned with the literary culture of early modern Ibero-America. After a pivotal interlude – partly away from academia, and notably far from the market square – in Buenos Aires in 2012–13, my work has been developing in the direction of what would probably best be described as comparative literature and it is down this same path that I hope to continue to move. My main interest is in the intersection of Latin and Spanish – and, increasingly, also Portuguese – and in the patterns of interaction between different cultural traditions in the literature of the



Maya Feile Tomes

Iberian imperial world. A particular concern is with the emergence of so-called 'New World poetics', an area I began to investigate in my doctoral thesis and which I will be developing into a larger project during my time as a researcher at Christ's, folding out into a fully trilingual perspective. Throughout my time as a graduate student I taught across both the Classics and Modern and Medieval Languages faculties, and am happy to have the opportunity to continue to do so.

I am truly delighted at the prospect of being able to pursue these and other activities in such a warm and stimulating environment as Christ's; I look forward to joining its friendly Fellowship and becoming fully involved in College life.



Duncan Haldane

DUNCAN HALDANE elected Honorary Fellow

As a recent Physics Nobel Laureate, many new things have since happened to me, one of them being my election to an Honorary Fellowship at Christ's College. I was an undergraduate at Christ's in 1970–73, living in College during all three years, and stayed on as a graduate student in theoretical condensed matter physics, working with Professor P. W. ("Phil") Anderson, then in a part-time position at the Cavendish, who I was very impressed by when I took his third-year undergraduate part-II physics class. Phil was a great mentor, introducing me to his unconventional way of thinking about problems in physics, which involved stripping a problem down to its bare essentials as a "toy model", to isolate the ingredients that were essential to give rise to the physical properties one was trying to understand.

While I was a graduate student, Phil decided to move from Cambridge to Princeton, taking me with him, so I physically left Cambridge in June 1975. I remained enrolled at Christ's and received a Cambridge PhD in 1978, after submitting my thesis in 1977 (a few weeks before it was announced that Phil Anderson had won a Nobel Prize) and moving to a position at the Institut Laue-Langevin in Grenoble, France. While there, my thesis work on magnetic impurities in metals led me to become interested in the somewhat arcane problem of one-dimensional electron fluids, and then one-dimensional chains of magnetic atoms, where quantum "zero-point fluctuation" effects become important.

My lucky break was in 1981 when I realized that the then-widely-accepted conventional wisdom of how one-dimensional quantum versions of the class of magnetic systems called "antiferromagnets" behaved was simply entirely wrong. I initially had great difficulty in publishing my ideas, and they were referred to as "the Haldane conjecture". But in science, whether something is right or wrong can be determined by experiment, and neutron-scattering experiments had vindicated my predictions by 1984. This discovery is now viewed as the simplest form of "topological quantum matter", in which "quantum entanglement" plays a key role.

In 1988, while at University of California, San Diego, I found that another state of topological quantum matter, the "quantum anomalous Hall effect", could in principle occur in magnetic systems. This remained physically-unrealized for many years, during which time I moved to my current position at Princeton University, but in 2004 it was generalized in a way that led to the discovery of "time-reversal-invariant topological insulators", which has had a huge impact in the field. Very recently my original prediction was finally confirmed experimentally.

While I am still very active in the area of “topological quantum matter”, the Nobel committee honoured my early 1981 and 1988 work, as well as that of David Thouless and Mike Kosterlitz, for “opening the doors to the mysterious world of topological matter and topological phase transitions”. It is difficult to explain this work to a general audience. All I can say is that, while the laws of quantum mechanics have been known for about ninety years, the work I and others have done has shown that these laws allow some very “cool” things to happen, that we did not expect, and there is at present an ongoing “second quantum revolution” taking place that is driving the race to build a “quantum computer”. By devoting a prize to early work in this field, the Nobel committee have left open the door to future prize(s) for some of the subsequent work!

My own involvement in this exciting field was only made possible by my undergraduate and graduate student experience at Cambridge, which allowed me to meet and work with an outstanding mentor. I was happy to meet an exciting group of Christ’s undergraduates in May this year, on my first visit as a new Honorary Fellow.

HARRIET LYON elected AH Lloyd Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to be joining the Fellowship at Christ’s, having been fortunate enough to experience life as both an undergraduate and a graduate student in the College. I first came to Christ’s to read History in 2010 and went on to study for the MPhil in Early Modern History (2013–14), before beginning doctoral research in 2014. My interests lie primarily in the cultural and religious history of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Britain, and in the field of historical memory. My PhD re-examines Henry VIII’s dissolution of the monasteries (1536–40). If modern scholarship has neglected the importance of the dissolution, I think this can be explained in large part by the fact that Henry did everything he could to encourage us to forget it! My research aims to recover the significance of the dissolution by examining how it was remembered by those who witnessed it and how its long-term consequences were managed in subsequent generations.



Harriet Lyon

After submitting my PhD thesis in the autumn, I hope to use my Fellowship to develop a new project on changing attitudes towards religious vocation in the wake of the Reformation. I also greatly look forward to becoming more involved in College life and to working with such a vibrant community of Fellows, staff, and students. Having supervised Christ’s undergraduates during the course of my PhD, I am constantly reminded of how rewarding it is both to teach and to study History in the College. Passing through the looking glass, from JCR and MCR to SCR, is an exciting prospect and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to experience a different side of College life.

SIR MARTIN SORRELL elected an Honorary Fellow

As you might imagine, I was deeply honoured to receive the Fellowship from the College. Amazing what a 2:2 can achieve nowadays, although with grade inflation since 1966 it must be equivalent today to an upper second or a minor first! Knowing how proud my typically Jewish mother, and father, would have been, made it doubly special.

I have the fondest memories of undergraduate life at Christ’s. One is particularly vivid. I had come up from Haberdashers with my best friend Simon Schama (a far



Martin Sorrell

more accomplished academic than me, and now, as we say, a “fellow Fellow”) and we were among the first Jewish boys to be excused dining in formal halls so that we could attempt to keep kosher. We used to cook our meals together, and one night Simon – making his favourite risotto – almost burned down his room, and the college dorm, after he left a saucepan on the gas ring.

It was at Cambridge that both Simon and I developed an enthusiasm for journalism, which took us to the 1964 Democratic Party Convention in Atlantic City (with the help of Jack Plumb’s introduction to Daniel P Moynihan) while the United States was still reeling from the assassination of John F Kennedy. Simon and I were reporting for a pair of new Cambridge newspapers and journals: *New Cambridge* and *Cambridge Opinion*.

Somehow or other we managed to talk our way on to the convention platform in Atlantic City, despite having accreditation only for the DC platform hearings. It was an extraordinary experience that contributed hugely to my lifelong fascination with American politics and America in general.

After Christ’s, that’s where I headed, studying for my MBA at Harvard Business School and then (among other things) becoming a sports agent, working for entrepreneur James Gulliver, and carrying Jackie Stewart’s bag.

I joined advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi in the mid-Seventies before striking out on my own, investing in a small, listed manufacturer of wire baskets and teapots called *Wire & Plastic Products*, with the hope of building a marketing services business. 32 years later, I’m still at it.

These days I find myself kept busy not only by WPP, but also my new baby daughter, Bianca, and seven grandchildren. I am looking forward to showing them around this place that meant, and still means, so much to me.



Natasha Tanna

NATASHA TANNA elected a College Teaching Fellow I am delighted to be joining Christ’s as a College Lecturer, Fellow, and Director of Studies in Spanish. I completed my BA in Modern and Medieval Languages and MPhil in Latin American Studies at St John’s College, Cambridge, from 2005 to 2010. After the MPhil I taught English at a primary school just outside Barcelona for a year before spending a couple of years at Imperial College London working in various roles, including developing international partnerships with universities across the globe. Spending my days with students and researchers made me miss academia. I returned to St John’s to pursue a PhD in Spanish in October 2013, infinitely firmer in my conviction that I wanted to keep researching and teaching, and greatly appreciative of the opportunity to do so.

I work on gender, sexuality, and transnational identity in Spain and Latin America. My doctoral research explores queer desire in narrative works and poetry written in Spanish and Catalan in Barcelona, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires from the 1960s to the present. The initial plan for my next research project is to focus on literature by and about women involved in collective resistance to neocolonialism and neoliberalism in Spain and Latin America from the 20th century onwards.

It was a pleasure to teach on the MML Tripos throughout my PhD. I am very much looking forward to teaching MML students at Christ's and to getting involved with the College community more broadly.

H O - O N T O elected a Todd-Croucher Junior Research Fellow

After completing an undergraduate degree in Engineering at Trinity College, Cambridge, I stayed on to pursue a PhD at the Whittle Laboratory with Professor Rob Miller where my research focused on the aerodynamic design of compressors (particularly those found in jet engines). The highlight of my PhD was receiving the 2015 Gas Turbine Award, which is awarded annually to the best paper published anywhere in the world on gas turbine technology. This is the highest accolade any researcher working in power generation and aero-propulsion can achieve, so it is a real honour to have received this award at such an early stage of my career.



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After finishing my PhD in 2016, I was awarded an EPSRC Knowledge Transfer Fellowship. This has allowed me to spend time at Rolls-Royce transferring my knowledge directly into the company, hopefully enabling more efficient jet engines to be designed in the future. Furthermore, being immersed in industry has helped develop ideas for further research, some of which I aim to embark on over the next few years. It is a real privilege to be elected a Junior Research Fellow at Christ's and I look forward to getting involved in the College.

EMILY TOMLINSON elected Fellow and Director of Admissions

Joining Christ's has been a privilege and a pleasure. I began my Cambridge career as an undergraduate at St Catharine's, where I read Modern and Medieval Languages, before completing an MPhil in European Literature and a PhD on literary and cinematic responses to human rights abuse. I went on to become a Junior Research Fellow at Queens', and later a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in French at Royal Holloway, University of London, publishing on French, Latin American and North African literature and film, and critical theory. Subsequently, I spent three years working in the not-for-profit sector, initially as an emergency translator and consultant to French humanitarian aid agencies, and then as Senior Strategist for the educational charity Teach First. I returned to the University in 2013 to take up the post of Admissions Director at Lucy Cavendish, a role which enabled me to deepen my understanding of the school landscape both in Britain and beyond it.



Emily Tomlinson

I have continued to travel widely since coming to Christ's, and enjoyed meeting enthusiastic and engaged alumni, as well as enthusiastic and engaged sixth-formers, in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong this May. I work closely with student-run outreach initiatives in a number of European countries, alongside Britain, and am looking forward to consolidating and expanding the network of school relationships I have inherited from my predecessors, which are just as critical to the College's success as they have ever been.

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours

PROFESSOR SUSAN BAYLY (Fellow) was awarded a grant by the British Academy/ASEASUK in support of her research on Visuality and the Moral Citizen in Late-Socialist Vietnam. During her sabbatical leave in 2016–17 she conducted fieldwork in Vietnam and was a Visiting Fellow at the National University of Singapore. She delivered an Anniversary Public Lecture at the Royal Asiatic Society in London, timed to coincide with the launch of a prize in memory of her late husband Professor Sir Christopher Bayly, to be awarded annually for a distinguished dissertation on a topic in Asian studies.

PROFESSOR JOHN CLARKE (Honorary Fellow) was elected to the American Philosophical Society. The American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in the United States, was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of “promoting useful knowledge”. The current membership of the Society consists of 827 resident members and 161 international members. Only 5,573 members have been elected since 1743.

PROFESSOR ANDY CLIFF (Fellow) was awarded the prestigious Victoria Medal for research excellence in Spatial Epidemiology by The Royal Geographical Society.

PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY (Honorary Fellow) was awarded a Fellowship by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. She also won a Senior Fellowship at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in Uppsala.

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS (Honorary Fellow) gave a Grande Conférence Catholique in Brussels in February 2017 and in March he presented a Lent Lecture in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris. In December of last year, Michael published a book, *Dialogues singuliers sur la langue française*.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN HALDANE (Honorary Fellow) was awarded (jointly) the Nobel Prize for Physics “for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter”. Professor Haldane was also elected as a Foreign Associate of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in the US.

DR KATHRYN HOWLEY (Fellow) was awarded a grant from the Levy White Foundation to conduct archaeological fieldwork at the Taharqa Temple of Sanam, near the fourth cataract of the Nile in Sudan. She is currently planning for the project's first fieldwork season in January 2018.

PROFESSOR TONY HUNTER (Honorary Fellow) was awarded the inaugural Sjöberg Prize for Cancer Research by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for “groundbreaking studies of cellular processes that have led to the development of new and effective cancer drugs.”

PROFESSOR FRANK KELLY (Fellow) has been appointed Chair of the Royal Society's Advisory Council on Mathematics Education (ACME).

PROFESSOR DAVID KLENERMAN (Fellow) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in September 2016. David won the 2017 ABRF Award for Outstanding Contributions to Biomolecular Technologies with his colleague Professor Sir Shankar Balasubramanian for inventing a method of next-generation DNA sequencing which is commonly known today as “sequencing by synthesis”. He is also one of six world class scientists to have been awarded a Royal Society Research Professorship. This prestigious post provides long-term support for internationally recognised scientists of exceptional accomplishments from a range of diverse areas including biochemistry, genetics, chemistry, developmental biology and physics.



David Klenerman

PROFESSOR THERESA MARTEAU (Fellow) was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List 2017. Professor Marteau, alongside **PROFESSOR SIMON SCHAMA** (Honorary Fellow), took part in a session at this year’s Hay Festival on The Hay which was in addition to Professor Marteau’s main contribution, discussing her research into risk and its relation to leading a healthy life.



Theresa Marteau and Simon Schama at the Hay Festival (© paul@paulmusso.com)

DR DAVID NORMAN (Fellow) and Matthew Baron (PhD student) were the authors of new research which concluded that the current theory about the evolutionary history of dinosaurs and the family groups used to classify them is incorrect and needs to be re-examined. The discovery featured on the front cover of an issue of ‘Nature’.

DR CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH (Honorary Fellow) recently published a book with Thames & Hudson called *East London* which is based on his blog: www.charlessaumarezsmith.com/blog



Charles Saumarez Smith's new book, East London

PROFESSOR QUENTIN SKINNER (Honorary Fellow) delivered the Harry Camp Memorial Lecture at Stanford University in November 2016 and in April 2017 he served as Visiting Professor in the Global Fellowship Programme at Peking University. In May 2017 Professor Skinner delivered the Avineri Lecture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in July 2017 was awarded an Honorary Degree by the University of Kent at Canterbury.

PROFESSOR JIM SMITH (Fellow) was knighted in the 2017 New Year Honours for services to medical research and science education. Jim was appointed Director of Science at the Wellcome Trust in December 2016, and he is also a Group Leader at The Francis Crick Institute.

REVEREND DR MARK SMITH (College Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology) and his wife Phillippa, welcomed a new baby daughter. Sophie Maria Smith was born on 11 May, a younger sister to Phoebe.



Sophie Maria Smith

PROFESSOR BILL STEEN (Fellow Commoner) has been recognised by international publishers, Springer, as his book *Laser Material Processing (Fourth Edition)*, was one of the top 25% most popular eBooks in the relevant category in 2016 with 16,708 chapter downloads.

DR DAVID THOMAS (Fellow) was awarded a Stage 2 Wellcome Trust Clinical Career Development Research Fellowship (CRCDF), for *The Role of Eros in Innate and Adaptive Immunity*. This will give him five years funding to establish his own research group.

David is undertaking the work with Professors Ken Smith and Gordon Dougan (Department of Medicine, Cambridge) and Dr Simon Clare (Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute). This work has won a number of prizes including the Stewart Cameron award of the Royal Society of Medicine in 2016; Best Post-Doc Talk at the University of Cambridge Department of Medicine Research Day 2016; Prize for Top Scoring Oral Abstract at the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies Conference (held in Boston, Massachusetts) in 2016; and Runner-up in the Lancet Young Investigator of the Year competition 2016.

SIR JEFFREY TATE (Honorary Fellow) was knighted for services to British music overseas in the 2017 New Year Honours. Jeffrey died in June 2017 and his College obituary can be read on page 83.



David Trippett working on the Liszt manuscript

DR DAVID TRIPPETT (Fellow) discovered an Italian opera by Franz Liszt which was left incomplete and in a German archive for nearly two centuries and has spent the last two years working on it. 15 June saw a performance of a section from the opera *Sardanapalo*, with BBC broadcasts on 16 June. There will also be a German premiere of the full surviving act at the Weimarhalle, on 19–20 August 2018, with conductor Kirill Karabits, and the Staatskapelle Weimar. There will be premieres in the same season in Italy, Hungary, the UK and the USA to be confirmed.



Jason Varuhas receiving his award from the President of the Society of Legal Scholars, Professor Andrew Burrows and Baroness Hale, Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court

DR JASON VARUHAS (Bye-Fellow) was awarded the UK Society of Legal Scholars' Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship for 2016 for his book, *Damages and Human Rights*. The prestigious prize is for the best published book written by a scholar who is in the first fifteen years of their academic career. The prize was awarded at the Society of Legal Scholars' Annual Dinner held at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on 7 September.

DR ALESSIO CIULLI (former Fellow) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in September 2016.

STAFF NEWS

Chris Austin (Assistant Accountant) ran the Brighton Marathon in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity on 9 April 2017. He raised over £1000 for this very worthy cause and completed the race in 3:16:30 which is a great achievement. Chris reports that the weekend was very enjoyable, from riding on the BA i360 'vertical cable car' before collecting his race pack on the Friday through to the run on the Sunday. He assures us that the cotton wool on his arm (seen in the photo) is not from a random drugs test, but from a heart study being conducted by Brighton University looking at the effect of marathon running on troponin levels.



Chris Austin at the Brighton Marathon

Congratulations to **Maggie Ward** (Bedmaker) who celebrated her 65th birthday in February 2017.



Maggie Ward

Becca Pitcaithly (Senior Development Officer) and her husband Marcus became parents for the second time. Benjamin (Ben) Tristan James Pitcaithly was born on 11 June 2017 and is a little brother for John.



*Ben
Tristan
James
Pitcaithly*

The Development Office was delighted to welcome **Robert Smith** to the team at the end of June. Robert has taken over as Development Officer, having previously worked in a similar role at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

There have been a number of staff changes in the Admissions Office too. **Ella Rule** (Schools Liaison Officer) left at the end of August to return to the North of England. **Jan Marshall** is stepping down from her full-time role as Admissions Coordinator in Michaelmas, but will remain as part-time Admissions Officer. In August, **Kristy Guneratne**, formerly Schools Liaison Officer at King's College, joined us as Senior Admissions and Outreach Officer and **Mark King**, formerly a History Teacher at Stanground Academy, joined as Admissions and Outreach Officer.

Georgia Blakeman, daughter of **Beth Blakeman** (Alumni Relations Officer) competed in the British Junior Powerlifting Championships in 2016 taking the silver medal and breaking the British Bench Press record in the process. She then competed in the British Bench Press Championships taking the Gold medal and breaking her own British record. Georgia competes in the 52kg Sub-Junior weight class and her British bench press record is 58kg. Her efforts have gained her places on the GB Powerlifting and GB Bench Press squads, which puts her up for selection in National, International and World Competitions.



*Georgia Blakeman
with her training
partner and Dad,
Julian*

There were a number of staff changes in the Porters' Lodge over the course of the year. **Tim Boden** (Night Porter) started, alongside **David Cullum**, **Jeanette Jones** and **Lydia Woolston** who are all Relief Porters. **Peter Richardson** (Night Porter) sadly died, following a brief illness in January 2017. Peter started working at Christ's in January 2015 and will be greatly missed.



*The College Library
Team: From left to
right: John Wagstaff,
Beth Slater, Charlotte
Hoare, Katherine
Krick and Jane
Gregory (Rare
Books Cataloguer*

The College Library saw a number of staff changes during the year. **James Smith**, who had been Acting College Librarian prior to the arrival of **John Wagstaff** in June 2016, left the library in September to pursue a PhD in History at the University of York. James made a huge contribution to the library during his time there, and is much missed. **Charlotte Hoare**, the library's Senior Library Assistant, was appointed Assistant Librarian to succeed James, and her previous position was then filled by the appointment of **Katherine Krick**, who took up her duties in January 2017. Finally, the new Graduate Trainee, **Beth Slater**, was welcomed in September 2016. The highly successful Old Library exhibition *Off the beaten track* was replaced by an equally successful one curated by Charlotte, *The Theater of Plants: Herbs, honey and horticulture across five centuries*, in January 2017. Both exhibitions are now closed, but the library created online versions of each and these are accessible via our website at www.christs.cam.ac.uk/library. In addition to providing library services to current students, the team also welcomed several visiting researchers during the year, and relaunched an online and printed Newsletter for the *Friends of Christ's Library* group.

STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

Each report is composed by the President or Captain of the society concerned.

THE JCR

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Freeman-Jones, Greg Harker, Callum Jessop, Chaya Kupperman, Pao Maneepairoj, Mira
Tiwari, Jared Ndisang, Arthur Robijns, Eleanor Toal, Damian Walsh*

The year began with the spectacular work of Nancy Thorpe and Sam Perkins (then First Year Officers) who organised what proved to be an enjoyable and tightly run Freshers' Week. A variety of activities for differing interests were offered to provide a warm welcome to the new students of the College. No doubt Roslynn Ampomah and Ethan Dodds, the First Year Officers for the coming Michaelmas term, will have similar success, and I very much look forward to seeing their events come together.

Throughout the year, the College has maintained and built on its reputation as a friendly community in which to live and work, in large part thanks to the ceaseless optimism and creativity of the Welfare Officers, Callum Jessop and Mira Tiwari. Together they chaired a Welfare Sub-Committee addressing a wide range of issues in College life and were available to provide support and advice to students at every step of the way. Our Access Officer, Chaya Kupperman, has mobilised the new CREP (Christ's Representative) network to present the College to prospective students from across the country at Open Days and College tours. Her efforts in explaining the realities of Cambridge life and providing support in the application process is vital to promote inclusivity and diversity within the College and the University as a whole. Chaya has also taken the initiative to produce a brand new alternative prospectus, with up-to-date details on Christ's from a student perspective.

We have all been kept entertained each term by the regular and hugely enjoyable events fielded by Eleanor Toal, our Entertainments Officer. From bops to BBQs, "ents" have proved a real joy amidst the working weeks of Cambridge. I now look forward to the JCR Garden Party, taking place this May Week, which promises to be a great event, showcasing the best socialising Cambridge has to offer.

I am in the fortunate situation of having far more to write about our Green Officer than can possibly fit into one paragraph. Lily Freeman-Jones has, with genuine passion and remarkable aplomb, burst onto the College stage to bring environmental issues



*First Court and
the Master's Lodge*

to the forefront like never before. Her greatest triumph has been the achievement of a Gold Award for the Green Impact contest and a Silver Award for the Cambridge Student Switch Off – both for the first time in Christ's history.

This year we also rewrote our constitution and created a new body, the Christ's Student Union, to unify student representation across graduates and undergraduates. I'd like to thank Laura Scully and the rest of the Constitutional Sub-Committee for their support, enabling us to pass the new constitutions through Governing Body with a unanimous supporting vote.

Finally, I'd like to thank my Vice President, Nancy Thorpe, on whose boundless competence the College as a whole relies, and my Treasurer, Hamish Innes, for his astute handling of JCR finances. I'm only sorry to be unable to write further on each and every member of my committee, whose hard work I am extremely grateful for and of whose achievements I am deeply proud. It's been a great year for the JCR, and with the support of Christ's dedicated staff and Fellows, I look forward to one last term to come.

James Burn

THE MCR

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The MCR community at Christ's College has continued to flourish and offer its members an increasing number of opportunities, both social and academic, to complement their studies.

The 2016 Freshers' Week was a phenomenal success, beginning with an exceptional barbeque, and ending in a "Welcome to the Jungle" themed bop where, with the help of face painters, physicists and philosophers transformed into jungle cats and reptiles. Michaelmas term offered an abundance of events, including the Emerging Research Seminar Series where members heard about, not only the new Master, Jane Stapleton's, work in law, but also about cutting-edge research being done by their peers in the areas of cancer research and particle physics. The holidays also granted students the opportunity to feast on mulled wine and mince pies, as well as to enjoy a traditional English Christmas dinner.

Lent term arrived in the cold of January, but the MCR quickly livened up for Burns Night where we enjoyed haggis and danced at the Ceilidh late into the evening. Other opportunities continued to be promoted during Michaelmas term. For example, "swaps" were organised and members dined in other colleges' formal halls, the book club met to discuss a variety of topics, and the Chapel invited members to Evensong on a weekly basis. The term culminated in a "Las Vegas" themed Super Hall where the Function Room was transformed into a casino for the evening.

Now, with quiet period upon us, the MCR has provided more relaxed opportunities for the members to gather. For example, we streamed Eurovision and the French Elections. Our Welfare Officer arranged an art and crafts night and a "Sundaes on Sunday" event. This Easter Term, the MCR's Postdoctoral Affiliation Scheme began and five new postdoctoral students have joined our community.

We've been especially privileged to enjoy their Pre-Grad Hall talks this term over a glass of prosecco!

As the Easter Term nears a close, exams are being completed and dissertations are being submitted. Plans are being arranged for summer term, and before we know it, it will be Freshers' Week again!

Hayden Henderson

ATHLETICS AND CROSS-COUNTRY

Christ's have enjoyed another successful year over the winter cross-country and the summer track and field season. This year the arrival of talented freshers Rebecca Gilchrist and Emese Ratkai secured the women's team a highly impressive runner-up position in the Cross Country College League. They were joined by third-year Maura Morrison who completed the trio that achieved high positions in the College League races in Michaelmas term to secure second place overall. Rebecca's



Athletics and Cross Country Team

individual successes in that term (4th in the Freshers' Fun Run and 4th in the longer and muddier Fen Ditton Dash) saw her gain a place in the University women's second team that defeated Oxford at the II-IV Varsity Match at Priory Park in St Neots in late November. She excelled on this bigger stage with a runner-up individual position in the fourteen-strong race. Club Captain Henry McTernan also qualified for, and captained, the men's second team at this event after finishing highly among the Light Blue athletes that performed at the Metropolitan League in Stevenage in mid-November. The level of representation of Christ's students in the Men's IV and Women's III Varsity Mob Matches that day was perhaps the highlight of the season. Su-Min Lee (8th), Andreas Ioannou, Joseph Smith, Tomas Van Pottelbergh and Christian Holm on the men's side and Emese Ratkai (6th), Harriet Preedy and Maura Morrison for the women's, all contributed to the Cambridge victories in both events.

In the Athletics Varsity Match in May, many Christ's students featured. Second year Laura Cook, Captain of the Women's II (Alligators) this academic year, made the selection spots for the second team in both the 100m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively and also ran in the victorious Alligator's 4x400m team. Nadia Bates made the Alligator's 1500m race for the second year running and ran a personal best of 4:51 in windy conditions to finish second behind her Cambridge teammate. Laragh Harvey-Kelly also made a return to the women's seconds, throwing 29.85m in the Javelin to record a personal best and finished runner-up in the event. James Bartram's personal best of 9:42 in the open 3000m topped off a successful day for the Christ's students representing Cambridge that day.

With many of the athletes mentioned returning next year, Christ's Athletics and Cross-Country Club hopes to build on these successes.

Henry McTernan

BADMINTON

Team list: Mens I: Oliver Nelson-Dummett (C), Michael Cheah, Tristan Liu, James Ozel, Anup Patel, Malinga Ratwatte, Shreehari Suresh, Raghav Swaroop

Mens II: Gagan Shiralagi (C), Rory Durham, Binbin Jin, Pao Maneepairoj, Conor Murphy, Elvinas Ribinskas, Fazal Shah, Matthew Shin, Joseph Snowden, Tom Weatherly, Benny Wong

Womens I: Miho Sugiyama (C), Saakshi Bansal, Lucy Dai, Shraddha Kaur, Vilda Markevičiūtė, Raghd Rostom, Wenting Wang, Chuer Zhang, Yiyun Zhang

The College Badminton Club has had an excellent year, with multiple promotions across our three teams and a big growth in membership. The women's team held their highly competitive 2nd division spot, coming 4th place in the Michaelmas and Lent term inter-collegiate league. The men's II team just missed out on promotion in the first term, but pulled through in Lent term to beat Churchill I and earn a promotion to the 5th division. Men's I carried on their fantastic form from last year, managing their fourth promotion in a row to reach the top division. Despite a great start at the beginning of Lent term however, the competition proved too strong and they'll be going back down to 2nd division for next year. It was a difficult year for Cuppers, with the men narrowly losing in the 2nd round to a very strong St John's, and the women's and our first ever mixed teams getting knocked out in the 1st round. The less competitive side of the club has grown hugely since last year. Over 40 people turned up to the first taster session, many of whom were new to the sport, and the turnout was strong throughout the year. We also implemented a longer session for team training with coaching drills and tactics, with everyone improving greatly as a result.

We're looking to keep improving our league positions and Cuppers record next year, and hoping for some great new talent to come to the club with the incoming freshers.

Oliver Nelson-Dummett

BASKETBALL

Throughout the last academic year, the Christ's/LMB Joint Basketball Club performed well despite losing quite a few important players on the team. Having a fantastic season last academic year and managing to push ourselves into Division 1 for the start of this year, with important players gone, the team lacked the necessary physical talent and skill to compete in Division 1, dropping to Division 2 after Michaelmas term. We performed better in Lent term, with players getting more experience and having better chemistry. We lost narrowly by three points in a relegation game against Sidney Sussex, so the team will need to start out in Division 3 again just like in the 2014–2015 season.

Despite not getting as many wins as we did in the previous two academic years, players who normally don't get many minutes on the court had the opportunity of more playing time, and with this came large improvements in a few players' games. Daniel Adeyemi improved shooting-wise and in his dribbling skills, and Steve Foulkes has added a three-pointer to his game despite him already being a very good player. New members Paolo Lo Presti and Leo Lai have also shown potential to be good players for the team.

On the whole the team has performed well this year given the roster, but unfortunately due to the departure of talented players, staying in Division 1 was not possible; we look forward to improving on this.

Benny Wong

MEN'S BOAT CLUB

It was with some trepidation that we began the 2016–2017 season at CCBC. The boathouse re-build meant the year was to be spent boating out of a scaffolding structure and erging in portacabins. Happily our fears were unfounded; the year has been a resounding success, and hopefully the new boathouse will help us carry that success forwards for many years to come. Seven returning members of last year's M1 set out at the beginning of October to redeem themselves after a trying May term of 2016. Progress was slow at first; our first race of term did not go according to plan. However all was not lost, for we had also entered a coxed four into a later division of the race. This boat performed quite well, losing only to Lady Margaret Boat Club (LMBC), who currently hold headship station in the May Bumps. Spurred on by visions of glory, we set to work preparing this boat for the University Fours regatta in the last week of October. Alas, it was not to be. We soon discovered that we had drawn LMBC in the first round, the only crew with any chance of beating us. In the end LMBC were the faster crew by a mere six seconds. Our subsequent discovery that every single crew bar LMBC was at least thirty seconds slower than Christ's only amplified our frustration. Now that our best shot at silverware was firmly out of reach, the 8+ once again became our top priority. Our annual weekend excursion to Peterborough helped us recover our cohesion, and before long we were moving the boat as well as we ever have. The result of this was a 5th place finish at the Fairbairn Cup, equalling the Christ's record as best we know. This year saw a lull in novice recruitment to the club. In spite of this, the novice crews produced entirely respectable results at Fairbairns, and more importantly, a sizable proportion continued rowing into Lents. Our annual training camp to Lac D'Aiguebelette helped cement relations between seniors and novices, as well as improving the rowing skills of both. Lent term saw three full Christ's men's crews take to the river in anticipation of the first Bumps race of the year. Promising early race results filled M1 with confidence, while M2 and M3 consolidated their technique. In the end M3 were unlucky not to qualify for Lent Bumps; in any other year they would have been fast enough. M2 did well to only go down two places in what was a very difficult position to hold. M1 meanwhile went up three places, bumping Robinson, Queens' and Trinity to finish 7th on the river. In the May Bumps, the Men's First VIII remained mostly unaltered from the Lents, the exceptions being a change in cox, a brand new Filippi eight *John Milton*, and the addition of Goldie rower Tom Strudwick. Spring Head to Head was one of our first sessions of the term and it showed. We knew from Lents that we



M1 at the May Bumps

had the potential to be one of the fastest crews on the river. Training from then on focused on regaining fitness lost over the Easter vacation. A subsequent series of promising outings and successful sparring sessions against the top colleges reassured us that we were still on track for a successful Mays campaign. After a disappointing set of races one year ago, M1 began our Mays campaign head of Division 2. A superb performance from all saw us blade back into Division 1, where we finished 14th on the river. M2 put in some gutsy rowovers early in their bumps campaign, only to be dubiously bumped by St Catharine's, and again by Lady Margaret M3 on the Saturday. M3, or the Rugby boat, had a varied week as they alternated between bumping empty stations, being overbumped and rowing over to finish down one place overall. Many thanks are due to all our coaches, but especially our Boathouse Manager, Kate Hurst, and M1 Head Coach, Al Taylor. Further thanks go to all the alumni who continue to support us and without whom none of this would be possible. Finally, I'd like to wish the best of luck to next year's captains and hope they will make good use of the fantastic new facilities available to them.

Oisín Faust

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

Team list in both 1st and 2nd boat: Miriam Apsley (C), Saakshi Bansal, Sarah Benham, Sophie Bodanis, Marie Braithwaite, Phoebe Bright, Emma Cattermole, Rachel Cliffe, Jasmin Congreve, Grace Etheredge, Emily Gray, Rebecca Gilchrist, Alex Graves, Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd, Tiffany McConaghy, Katie MacVarish, Isobel Mifsud, Isabella Nappert-Rosales, Page Nyame-Satterthwaite, Sofia Pedersen, Anna-Marie Pipalova, Honor Pollard, Arianna Rabin, Lisa Ruff, Laura Scully, Manaka Shibuya, Ciara Simpson, Alina Stein, Rachel Tilley

It has been an exciting year with renovations to the boat house. Despite being in temporary accommodation for the year, the women's side has thrived. In Michaelmas term we managed to field a W1 crew as well as a casual W2 IV. We entered a strong crew into the University IVs and managed to finish 13th in Fairbairns at the end of the term. We also trained up a new batch of novice women in NW1 who competed in races, and came for a day in Peterborough with us. We renewed our annual trip to the Lac D'Aiguebelette in France for training camp, taking almost a full crew of senior women, as well as novices. This brought us back to Cambridge with renewed enthusiasm for training. A few of this year's novices took the challenge of moving directly up to W1, and did so brilliantly. We managed a strong term's training to meet the challenge of starting 4th on the river. W2 faced a tougher term due to a less fixed crew but fought valiantly in bumps and also avoided spoons. This commitment



W1 Boat

and dedication, despite a less experienced crew than in the past, prepared us well and we succeeded in only going down two places, and rowing over twice, proving that we can still compete at the top. At the end of Lent term we took a crew to Women's Eight's Head of the River race on the

tideway. Training continued this term for W1, W2 and W3 (made of members of the Hippolytans, some of whom had only started rowing a matter of weeks ago) in preparation for May Bumps.

In this term's (very sunny) May bumps, W1 outperformed expectations going up three places from 11th by bumping Churchill, First and Third Trinity (FaT) and Girton as well as rowing over on the first day. They were delighted with both the result and their rowing, and, as many of the crew will be around next year, we are optimistic for what next year will bring. W2 were less successful, going down four, but they fought hard every day to make each bumps outing as difficult and as long as possible showing the strength of their training. The Hippo's boat also went down four. Next year we look forward to expanding the club in a bigger and better boat house.

Many thanks, as ever are owed to Kate Hurst, who is our excellent Coach, skilled boatman and dedicated supporter of the captains, crews and club. Thank you to every rower, cox, sub, bank-party, coach, committee member and non-rowing friends who have made our club be the best we can be!

Miriam Apsley

C H E S S

Christ's, being such an academically strong College, has excellent chess players. The College Chess Club brings together different people ranging from freshers to PhD students. The academic year 2016–2017 was a big success for Christ's. We won all matches in the College League Division 1 and secured first place, thanks to those in the team. Winning the College League is not the only success for Christ's this year. Our new fresher Conor Murphy represented the University Chess Club very well. Not only did he win four games against the highest board opponents in the league, but he also beat the best Oxford student of his age and both the International and Fide Masters in the British University Chess Association (BUCA).



*Christ's College
Chess Club*

I hope that Christ's will continue being one of the best Colleges for chess in Cambridge and I am looking forward to seeing future wins in the same style.

Marius Latinis

C O L O U R S

The Christ's College Colours Presidents are pleased to announce that the College sports captains voted to award College Sports Colours 2016–2017 to the following students:

Emily Gray: Rowing
Simon Gallaher: Rowing
Hugh Turnbull: Hockey and Cricket
Sammy Love: Netball

Lucy Barrett: Netball
 Simcha Brownson: Rowing
 Oisín Faust: Rowing
 Jasmin Congreve: Rowing
 Ed Farrow: Football
 Benny Wong: Basketball and Badminton
 Matt Baron: Football



Netball team at the Sports Day with Wadham College

This year the Colours Presidents and Committee organised and hosted the third annual sports day with our sister college, Wadham College, Oxford. The day was a huge success with thirty-eight students from Wadham and forty-three students from Christ's participating. Students took part in matches in six sports: women's football, mixed hockey, squash, tennis, netball and hockey. The sports day was a resounding success and was followed by a dinner in formal hall accompanied by the Chaplain Rev'd Dr Mark Smith. We look forward to handing over to the new Co-Presidents who will be organising the College Colours Alumni Dinner during the next academic year.

Lucy Barrett and Henry McTernan

CRICKET

Team list: Alex Petrie (C), Rafi Bertolli-Mitchel, James Bertlin, Jonny Carr, Jonathan Davies, Alfred Dent, Ed Farrow, Shrav Gowrishankar, Will Matthews, Nick Morgan, Nick Partington, Parth Patel, Toby Fleming, Connor Powell, Tom Purkiss, Sam Turner, Jasper Wong

The Christ's Cricket team entered the 2017 season facing the daunting prospect of replacing many of its senior Cuppers winning players. It was exciting to welcome a fantastic turnout of new players at our early training sessions and we approached the season with high hopes. Unfortunately, we lost our first match against a strong Homerton side and faced a tough challenge to make it out of our group. We fought back strongly with wins against Jesus and Trinity, but narrowly missed out on the finals due to run-rate. Strong individual performances included Jonny Carr (48), Sam Turner (73, 95*) and Ed Farrow (4/12 and 2/21).

Aside from competitive matches, Christ's hosted our regular fixtures against the Racing Club and Simmons & Simmons, giving many of our beginner and lapsed cricketers the opportunity to play. Furthermore, the annual alumni match was revived thanks to the efforts of former Captain Mark Baldock, and it is exciting to see that the spirit lives on in our graduates.

Looking to the future, we appear to have a strong team developing over the next few years and I wish all the best to next year's Captain.

Alex Petrie

STAFF & STUDENTS CRICKET MATCH

I think it was *Reach for the Stars* that did it for us. As last year, a student party (complete with bouncy castle and amplified pop classics from the 80s and 90s) was going at full pelt in the neighbouring cricket field, seemingly indifferent to the high-stakes cricketing showdown that was unfolding on the Christ's College ground. Many of the Staff & Fellows team were returning veterans from last year's game – Terry Hayden (chirpy as ever), Ian Smith, Peter Pride, Matthew Woosnam, Kevin Cash, Henry Spelman, Darren Heneghan, and Wayne Bell; whilst others were new recruits for 2017 – John Dearden and Rupert Brown. Following a thirty minute warm-up session (carefully staged to strike fear into the hearts of our opponents), the Staff & Fellows XI bowled first, under the watchful (and studiously impartial) eye of seasoned Christ's umpire Dr Vis Navaratnam. The pace combination of Terry Hayden and Ian Smith asked questions of the two student openers (Shravan Gowrishankar and Sam Turner), but it was the advent of Rupert Brown to the attack that triggered the first fall of wickets. Running in to the feel-good beats of that venerable S Club 7 anthem, Rupert struck with his very first delivery, and, in his next over, added a second scalp for good measure. Henry Spelman (whose name my spell-checker wants to correct, not unreasonably, to 'Superman'), bowled exotically from the other end, and claimed his first career wicket. Matthew Woosnam and Kevin Cash also contributed some helpful overs, but meaty power-hitting from the undergraduate captain, Alex Petrie, ensured that, as last year, the Students XI posted a very healthy total: 142 off 20 overs. After a delicious tea (special thanks to Clare Kitcat for the splendid lemon drizzle cake), and under the watchful eye of the Master, the Staff & Fellows XI began their chase. After a shaky start (Dearden bowled, and Woosnam run out, both for ducks), the Head Porter steadied the ship with some mighty wallops, and was joined at the crease by the heroic Ian Smith. Ian once again showed why he is such an asset to the team, crunching five fours and two massive sixes. Halfway through the innings, we were up with the required rate, and a titanic upset looked on the cards. Sadly, though, it was not to be – Ian fell for 41, and when Darren Heneghan (9) and Terry Hayden (6) followed in quick succession, the target became insurmountable. The Staff & Fellows XI were all out in the final over for 106, a deficit of 36 runs. It was certainly a stronger performance than last year, and there is every possibility that 2018 will see victory finally achieved. The team may not be quite at that stage yet, but, be assured, we will continue to reach for the stars.



*Staff players
John Dearden and
Matthew Woosnam
at the Staff
& Student
Cricket Match*

Mark Smith, Chaplain (and Captain of the Staff & Fellows XI)

THE DARWIN SOCIETY

It has been an exciting year for the Darwin Society as we have seen a large increase in membership of students studying subjects other than Natural Sciences as part of our aim to be a College science society for anyone with an interest in science generally. We have had a wide range of talks on all aspects of science, from *The Search for Cosmic Dawn* to the *Co-evolution of Colouration and Colour Vision in Vertebrates*. The annual

*The Darwin Society
Annual Dinner*



dinner was a huge success and was enjoyed by students and fellows alike, and we were fortunate to welcome Dr Claudio Castelnovo, a renowned physicist, as our guest speaker. We have also increased our interactions with other College science societies and have organised a number of dinners at other colleges' formal halls, as well

as welcoming them to Christ's. Easter term is always a quiet one for the society but the Darwin garden party will be a highlight of May week: Pimm's and strawberries in the Fellows' Garden will see the end of another successful year for the society.

Caroline Clarke

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team list: Anna Westcott (C), Wafaa Adam, Lucy Rose Barrett, Sarah Benham, Caroline Clarke, Emma Gilbert, Laragh Harvey-Kelly, Ella Hearne, Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd, Nancy John, Phoebe Page, Chiara Sexton, Amalia Thomas, Anna Turmeau

*Women's
Hockey team*



The Christ's Women's Hockey team was a great mix of old and new players this year. With the departure of some of our key players last summer, it was wonderful to welcome some people who had never played before, who showed serious development over the course of the season. Ella Hearne, our most improved player of the 2016–17 season, stood out, particularly in her ability to take possession and push high for attacks. Our most valuable player was

Nancy John, both in her commitment to the club and her consistently outstanding play. After a rocky start in Michaelmas, the Christ's team managed to climb to second in their division by the end of Lent 2017, with a particularly good 5–2 victory over Emmanuel. Phoebe Page, who was another of our most crucial players, will be taking over as Captain next year, for what we hope will be another fun season.

Anna Westcott

MIXED LACROSSE

Team list: Laragh Harvey-Kelly and Florence Stansall-Seiler (C), Roslynn Ampomah, Benedict Aveyard, Rafi Bertolli-Mitchel, Victoria Bird, Charlotte Campbell, Jonny Carr, Emma Cattermole, Caroline Clarke, Jonathon Davies, Mark Devine, Dennis Famili, Barney Fidler, Emma Gilbert, Shrav Gowrishankar, Danyal Hasan, Ella Hearne, Henny Horsler, Connor Jennings, Jack Lawson, Mariane Lisboa de Paula, Will Matthews, Ellie McAleese, Phoebe Page, Caterina Quadrio Curzio, Hiral Radia, Isabella Rosales, Ciara Simpson, Hugh Turnbull, Jasper Wong

Lacrosse Cuppers squad: Laragh Harvey-Kelly and Florence Stansall-Seiler (C), Rafi Bertolli-Mitchel, Barney Fidler, Danyal Hasan, Jack Lawson, Will Matthews, Caterina Quadrio Curzio, Hiral Radia, Isabella Rosales, Ciara Simpson, Hugh Turnbull, Jasper Wong

This year has been a year of development and improvement for College lacrosse. The first match was a steep learning curve, with many of the players wielding a lacrosse stick for the first time, and an improvement was seen in just one game. The second match against Queens' saw twenty players turn up, enough to field two teams. After a tense and disorganised first half ended 1–0 down we were not to feel disheartened. We took to the pitch after half-time, following a tactical team-talk, with confidence and determination. The team started to gel and accurate passes were made, with real teamwork between the players. Rolling subs every few minutes kept us at an advantage as our fresh legs out-sprinted the tiring Queens' side. The spacing on the pitch, successfully drew out their defence, allowing several breaks from Danyal Hasan, supported by co-captain Florence Stansall-Seiler, Caterina Quadrio Curzio and Victoria Bird, to pop two goals in the net, winning us both the second half and the match.



*Mixed Lacrosse
Cuppers team*

Our next few matches secured us a consistent position near the top of Division 2, with improving performances from Freshers' Week onwards. Following the reshuffling of the divisions as we headed into Lent term, we were met with some serious competition from the Vets and Selwyn. We couldn't quite hold our own against these sides, to finish near the bottom of Division 2 at the end of the season.

Cuppers was the highlight of the season for the club. Decked out in our new kit with facepaint to match, the team spirits were up, and this was reflected in scoring our first goals of Lent term. We narrowly missed out on progression to the semi-finals, but our last match in the group stage was such a success that we ended on a high.

We are sad to say farewell to Danyal Hasan, Victoria Bird, Hugh Turnbull, Jonathon Davies and Caroline Clarke at the end of the season. Despite the loss of these talented players we will still be in a strong position next year, with many players who now have at least a year of experience under their belt, captained by the talented Caterina Quadrio Curzio.

Laragh Harvey-Kelly

CHRIST'S COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY

In the last year, Christ's College Medical Society hosted and was part of several successful events. In October, we welcomed fourteen new medical students to the society. In December, we held our annual Medical Society dinner, with Professor Geoffrey Smith as our guest speaker for the evening. In January, we held a joint meeting with the Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA), where students and alumni heard from some great speakers including Professor Paresh Vyas from Oxford, and engaged in a forum discussion about the medical careers of the future. The relationship with alumni is one that this committee hoped to build, and hopes to continue to foster in the coming years. In June, we will hold our annual Garden Party, where the next committee will be elected.

Ming Lai

CHRIST'S COLLEGE MUSICAL SOCIETY



CCMS
Squash O'Clock
piano recital

The year 2016–2017 has been a very full one for Christ's College Musical Society, with a wide variety of events, both staple to the society and some new additions. The annual Christmas Concert and Lent Term Concert were highlights of the year, featuring the society's main ensembles: Christ's

Orchestra, Christ's Voices, Christ's Jazz Band, and the recently formed Christ's A Cappella. Both concerts were well attended and very enjoyable, and the Lent Concert included a successful collaboration between Voices and Orchestra with selections from *Les Miserables*. January featured another staple of the CCMS calendar; the Charles Blackham Memorial Recital Competition, held in memory of our late Chairman, Charles Blackham, and generously supported by Charles' mother, Mrs Sally Blackham. The winner this year was Maisie Hulbert, who sang a selection of songs by Purcell, Schumann, Chausson and Holst. Meanwhile, the jazz band ran a Week Five Blues event in every term this year, providing a welcome break from the stress of the middle of term!

Besides these main events, the year has featured a plethora of recitals and concerts, both by students of the College and external performers, including pianist Julia Wallin and organist Francis Knight. CCMS has hosted fundraising concerts for Sing Inside and Sing2Sing, both of which are excellent charities which use music to make a difference, as well as a Pink Week Folk Night. Excitingly, this year CCMS also presented a recital of music by female composers, in conjunction with the Lady Margaret Society. The event included music by a range of female composers from the seventeenth century up to today, with performers from across Cambridge, and was a welcome opportunity for all of us to discover some excellent music which has often been sadly neglected.

Moving into Easter 2017, CCMS continues to be active, with a new series in conjunction with the library – the Squash O'Clock Recital Series – which provides short breaks by means of twenty minute recitals followed by squash and biscuits on Saturday afternoons. May Week will bring our annual CCMS Garden Party, for which we are hoping for good weather, to help bring to a close an excellent year.

Laura Dunkling

MIXED NETBALL



Mixed
netball team

Team list: Ben Beresford-Jones and James Jarvis (C), Wafaa Adam, Saakshi Bansal, Lucy Rose Barrett, Jonathan Davies, Calum Ferguson, Emma Gilbert, Sammy Love, Oliver Nelson-Dummett, Ellie McAleese, Caterina Quadrio Curzio

The Mixed Netball team had a great 2016–2017 season, with some good results and consistently high enthusiasm. The overall league results

broke down as played 16, won 8, drew 1, lost 7. In both Michaelmas and Lent we narrowly missed out on promotion, finishing 3rd in League 2 on both occasions. Cuppers in Lent was similarly close, finishing 3rd in the group after a single-goal defeat to Robinson.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly an 11–5 thrashing of local rivals Jesus in Lent, though the 4–1 win over St John's in Michaelmas was equally satisfying. Sammy Love was the top scorer across both terms, and we had some great newcomers to the team, notably Ellie McAleese and Emma Gilbert who will captain the team next year. Every game was always great fun and best of luck to the team next year!

James Jarvis

LADIES NETBALL

Team list: Laragh Harvey-Kelly and Nancy John (C), Saakshi Bansal, Lucy Barrett, Caroline Clarke, Emma Gilbert, Sammy Love, Ellie McAleese, Rhiannon McCaffray, Phoebe Page, Caterina Quadrio Curzio, Anna Westcott

After last year's strong performance, the Christ's Ladies' Netball Club were looking forward to a repeat. We were joined by many fresh faces from first year, whose commitment was commendable throughout the year. The line-up was looking strong, with last year's Captain Sammy Love selected for the University second's team and Saakshi Bansal for the thirds. Lucy Barrett was back from her year abroad to complete a very strong attacking line up.

The Division 1 standard was extremely high, and the girls fought hard throughout the season to secure a mixed bag of some great wins, draws, and some extremely close losses to very strong sides, unfortunately one of them being St John's. Our saving grace was our convincing victory against the darker side, Wadham College, Oxford. This saw excellent attacking play from shooters Lucy and Sammy, and defence from fresher Emma Gilbert who has proved an extremely versatile player both scoring goals and defending our side. Whilst our team was very much attack-heavy, Caterina Quadrio Curzio, Phoebe Page and Anna Westcott all stepped up to the plate of goal keeper, putting in impressive performances throughout the season.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the Cuppers competition. The hard work put in throughout the year was demonstrated in some confident wins with extremely fluid play, despite missing several key players, showing CCLNC's depth and breadth. Very narrowly missing out on progression to the next stage by goal difference was not the ending to the season we deserved, but the team should be extremely proud of their play throughout the year. As Co-Captains, it is not only the commitment of the girls this year that we are grateful for, but the great attitude and morale shown in every single match, making the team a pleasure to lead.

Nancy John and Laragh Harvey-Kelly

POOL

Having won the Division 1 league title last time, the team returned from the summer vacation brimming with confidence. The title-winning squad remained largely intact, so ambitions were set on retaining the league title and challenging for what would be the club's maiden Cuppers title. Playing for the first team this year were seasoned veterans Phil Durkin, Jack Fielding, Evan Lynch, Connor

Powell, Krishan Sareen and Ollie Smith, and new faces Loughlan O'Doherty and Blair Spowart.

Despite lacking panache, Christ's start to the league campaign was steady and we maintained a 100% record well into Lent term. It wasn't until early February that the team dropped its first points by suffering defeat to Queens' and Christ's' place at the top of Division 1 was relinquished to Robinson. Unfortunately, top of the table is where Robinson would stay as they remained unbeaten for the entire season.

Attention instead turned to the Cuppers knock-out competition where Christ's showed better form and breezed through the early rounds. This put us through to the Cuppers "finals day" where the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final would be played over an afternoon. Our side of the bracket offered a favourable route to the final and the team duly took advantage of this with some sub-par performances. Both the quarter and semi-final matches against Jesus and Emmanuel were narrowly won 5-4 with a deciding final frame in each. In fact, it was only thanks to the misfortune of the Emmanuel captain who went in-off on the final black that Christ's place in the final was secured.

The final was contested between Christ's and fierce rivals Robinson, who, with a roster full of regular University team players, were considered favourites. Honours were even after the singles frames and the score was level at 3-3 with only the three doubles frames to play. Despite grit and daring from Blair and Ollie, Robinson took the first of these and looked certain to win the second. But Jack and Krishan stayed resilient in this frame and suffocated their Robinson opponents with exquisite safety play, eventually fashioning a chance to clear and level the tie at 4-4. Whilst this drama unfolded the final doubles frame had progressed slowly until the Robinson pair attempted an ambitious clearance which ultimately failed. With the black hanging over the corner pocket, Connor and Phil rose above the pressure to clear the remaining yellows and clinch the deciding frame, claiming the club's first ever Cuppers title in the process.

Elsewhere the 2nd team avoided relegation from Division 2 with important victories over Fitzwilliam 1 and Wolfson 1. This year also saw Phil (Captain and President) finally get his name on the tournament trophy at the 10th time of trying. Tim Wilson won the Lent tournament three years on from his last success.

Philip Durkin



Pool Cuppers team

SEELEY SOCIETY

The Seeley Society has enjoyed a particularly active year. In total, we hosted eight talks, beginning with Professor David Reynolds and Dr Kristina Spohr, who discussed their recent publication and role-played the relationship between the personages of the closing decades of the Cold War. The next two talks exhorted humanities students to broaden their horizons, with Dr Piers Bursill-Hall, of the Faculty of Mathematics, and Mr Jonathan Davies, of the King Edward's Living History Group, talking about the significance of Islam and the Islamic world to European ideas about mathematics, and how the public can engage with history through re-enactment, respectively. The final talk of Michaelmas was delivered by Professor David Edgerton of King's College London, and was about nationalism and internationalism during

and after the Second World War.

Lent term began with Professor Evelyn Welch, also of King's College London, discussing the practicalities of artistic production in the Renaissance. Two dissertations evenings followed, in which the third-year historians talked about what they had been researching for the past two terms, and, with any luck, offered encouragement to those considering doing a dissertation for Part II. Dr Clare Jackson delivered the final talk of the year, on the European dimensions to the Glorious Revolution in Scotland. The society was honoured to host all of these brilliant speakers, and the audience appreciated the originality and insight of the talks.

The historians came together for the last time in the academic year at the Seeley Dinner, an annual black-tie event, where the achievements of the community were celebrated. The Secretaries for 2017–2018 were also announced: Anna-Marie Pipalova and Robin Franklin. Anna-Marie and Robin are wished all the best, and we have full confidence that they will organise an excellent year for the society.

Richard Miller and Kim Sørensen

VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY

The Christ's College Visual Art Society is coming up to a year and a half old now, and we could not have anticipated how much it has grown and spread in that time. Our weekly evening 'Art and Chill' sessions began as a way to give art-loving students a chance to take time out and keep up their passion, and equally as a means of removing some of the barriers felt



Visual Arts Society

by those who feel art is inaccessible or not for them. We have developed a diverse community of artists, in which our main principle is that there is no such thing as bad art, and everyone is encouraged to come and do whatever they please without rules or judgement. The Visual Art Studio has been an invaluable resource, and students from across the University have told us how much they enjoy the space. Our Easter term Grantchester trip last year was a big success, with students from Christ's and other colleges coming out to spend the day in the sun, sketching and unwinding after exams. We did a collaborative session with the Romanian Society, who approached us to organise an event commemorating the Romanian sculptor Brâncuși. Our Art Historian committee members blended history with artistic activities, and we hope to host more such collaborations. We also organised a College-wide painting, which is up in the JCR, and it was lovely to see students having fun splattering paint outdoors.

This year students in several colleges have contacted us, wanting to establish similar societies and art sessions, and activities like 'Art and Chill' are now common across the University. We have some regular attendees, and always new faces, different years, students from far away, friends, or those who discovered it by accident. We have had a medic – who had never done art but was persuaded to come by a friend – who drew a pelvis and turned it into a bat, and a Biochemistry finalist whose real passion is art, and is on his way to becoming a full-time illustrator. Art is for everyone, and we're looking forward to another year of creativity.

Mira Tiwari

Unfortunately, the College Football and Rugby clubs did not submit reports this year.

Prizes 2017

The College awarded the following prizes on the basis of results in the examinations of June 2017.

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize Mr A. S. Sidhu-Brar

Architecture

Levy-Plumb Prize Miss A. Russell

Classics

Rev'd E. T. S. Carr Prize Mr B. Caven-Roberts

Harrison Prize Miss I. E. J. Mifsud

Thompson Prize Mr S. A. Marshall

Computer Science

College Prize Mr T. P. Tiplea

Sir Robert Cox Prize Mr C. J. Cundy

Bob Diamond Prize Mr J. S. Cheah

Economics

College Prizes Miss C. Quadrio Curzio, Mr S. Shah
(Exhibition), Miss L. Sun, Mr K. L. Tham

James Meade Prize Mr V. G. Midha

Mabel Elizabeth Chapman Prize Mr J. J. H. Phoon

A. R. Prest Prize Mr A. W. Petrie

Education

Levy-Plumb Prizes Mr M. J. Harrison (Exhibition),
Miss C. Marsh

Engineering

M. R. Lynch Prizes Mr M. J. Hutchinson, Mr C. K. Lee, Mr C. W.
Lim, Mr N. Loo, Mr H. Radia, Mr E. Y. Tee,
Mr S. Thakur, Mr M. Sordo De Cock

Ivor Spencer-Thomas Prize Miss C. Sexton

T. C. Wyatt Prize Mr T. Wang

English

Levy-Plumb Prizes Miss R. E. A. Bradburn, Miss K. N. Dodhia,
Mr E. A. Farrow, Miss L. I. Freeman-
Jones, Miss C. Kupperman, Miss E. Toal
(Exhibition), Mr D. Walsh

Milton Prize Miss C.A. Hard

Skeat Prizes Miss E. Clancy, Miss B. Kang

Geography

College Prize Miss C. A. Newman (Exhibition)

Parker Prize Mr D. J. Ryan

History

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| Mrs Vincent Astor Prizes | Mr R. Miller, Miss A. H. Westcott |
| Levy-Plumb Prizes | Mr J. T. Burn, Mr R. J. L. Franklin, Mr J. Kimblin, Mr T. Sampson |
| Sir John Plumb Prize | Mr K. M. J. Sørensen |

Human, Social, and Political Sciences

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| College Prize | Miss P. Bright (Exhibition) |
| Dr Fred Eade Prize | Miss S. B. Bodanis |
| Haddon Prize | Miss C. Hogan-Lloyd |

Law

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| de Hart Prizes | Mr L. W. Cowdell, Miss R. Dhuga (Exhibition), Mr T. R. Neill, Mr Y. J. J. Ng, Miss L. N. C. Scully |
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Linguistics

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| Levy-Plumb Prizes | Mr S. J. Andersson |
| Walter Wren Prize | Mr O. H. B. Sayeed |

Management Studies

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| College Prize | Miss L. Barrett |
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Mathematics

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| College Prizes | Mr M. Chaffe (Exhibition), Mr A. Connolly, Miss E. M. Jolley, Mr A. Kalkauskas, Mr J. W. H. Li, Mr N. Patel, Mr B. H. Swannell |
| Kelly Prizes | Mr O. K. Smith, Mr D. R. Yates |
| Dr J. A. J. Whelan Prizes | Miss M. Apsley, Mr P. de Friend, Mr A. J. Graham, Mr B. Jin, Mr C. E. Murphy, Mr M. J. Priddin, Mr A. Yiu |

Medical and Veterinary Sciences

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| College Prizes | Miss J. Bawa, Mr J. A. C. Bertlin, Miss R. Flynn (Clinical), Miss C. Y. L. Goh, Mr B. R. B. Grodzinski, Miss G. M. Jones, Miss L. Li (Clinical), Mr C. M. Magrath, Mr S. D. Pinches, Miss R. E. Thompson, Mr R. R. Umeria |
| Rapaport Prizes | Mr R. A. Durham, Mr S. V. Gowrishankar |
| Staines Read Prize | Mr K. R. Toms |
| Szeming Sze Prizes | Mr Z. Lin, Miss A. C. S. Pierret |

Modern and Medieval Languages

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| Latimer Jackson Prize | Mr R. A. C. Ralston |
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W.B. Lauder Prize
Levy-Plumb Prizes

Miss J. E. Bowen
Mr L. O. Baines, Mr R. Bertoli-Mitchell,
Mr E. Dodds (Exhibition), Mr C. D. Jessop,
Mr R. Jordana (Exhibition), Miss P. M. Page
(Exhibition)

Music

Canon Greville Cooke Prizes
Levy-Plumb Prize

Miss L. M. Dunkling, Mr S. P. Fraser
Mr S. A. S. Harley (Exhibition)

Natural Sciences

College Prizes

Mr B. S. Beresford-Jones, Mr S. B. Brownson,
Mr S. C. Clark, Mr A. Collis, Mr S. H. Fazal,
Mr J. Fielding, Miss H. A. R. Giles, Miss C.
L. Griffiths (Exhibition), Mr A. Guyon, Mr
R. Hennell James, Mr J. Lawson, Mr C. Lunt,
Mr E. Markou, Mr K. Matsumoto, Mr J. M.
Mortlock, Miss R. Murray-Watson, Mr O.
Shah, Mr Y. M. Shin, Mr A. A. Smith, Miss P.
Smith, Mr C. E. P. Talbot (Exhibition)

Valerie Barker Prize
Darwin Prize
P. J. Fay Prize
Greig Prizes

Mr A. Anwar
Mr J. S. Snowden
Mr M. McGinley
Mr B. J. Akkrill, Mr H. F. Goodhew, Miss C.
Leonard-Booker, Mr R. H. P. Liang, Mr A. J.
McNab, Mr D. A. Payne, Mr K. Sareen, Miss
E. Silberbrandt, Mr T. Weatherley

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

Miss S. L. Pedersen
Mr H. I. Innes, Miss E. J. Woods
Mr S. A. Turner
Mr M. A. Zecca
Miss H. M. Goh, Mr T. Liu,
Miss L. M. Scriven
Miss K. S. Angell, Mr E. Ribinskas,
Mr I. Timofeev

Simon Wilson Prizes

Philosophy

Levy-Plumb Prize

Mr T. Cruickshank

Psychological and Behavioural Sciences

College Prizes

Miss S. C. M. Asbridge, Miss E. C. Ashcroft,
Miss N. Bazarova, Miss R. E. Chapman,
Miss R. M. B. Weiss



Sundial in the Fellows' Garden; Tulips in Third Court

Photographs by Sarah Proudfoot

ALUMNI NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Once again our events calendar has been very full over the past year. The sun shone on us for Family Day in the Fellows' Garden in July; many alumni and their families joined us to enjoy garden games, a bouncy castle and bouncy obstacle course along with afternoon tea and a magician.

We threw the new Master, Professor Jane Stapleton, 'in at the deep end' after only being in post a few days, when we asked her to give a talk to alumni who matriculated up to and including 1957 and in 1966 at their reunion event at the beginning of September. A good day and evening was had by all! The second September reunion, where we welcomed back those who matriculated in 1970–1974, was just as much of a success, filling the Hall, Gallery and Old Combination Room for dinner.

Our Young Alumni event (aimed at those who have graduated in the past decade) and held annually in October, saw us spend an evening at The Old Operating Theatre, the UK's oldest surviving operating theatre, located amongst the spiral stairways and arched beams of St Thomas' Church, London Bridge. We were taken back to become nineteenth-century medical students, seated above the operating table whilst the surgeon explored the world of Victorian surgery before the advent of anaesthesia, where we witnessed a demonstration of a (mock) amputation!

The Athenaeum Club in Pall Mall was once again the venue for our Winter Drinks and, as ever, we are grateful to alumnus David Ormrod (m. 1966) for helping us to secure the venue. We will be holding this year's Winter Drinks at the Athenaeum Club on Tuesday 5 December 2017. Booking is already open on our website.

Alumni met at the Varsity rugby matches in early December to cheer on the light blues – unfortunately the women's team lost their match but the men were victorious, beating Oxford and breaking the dark blues' six year winning streak. This year's Varsity matches are being held on Thursday 7 December – why not join us? We are allocated superb tickets overlooking the centre line. Tickets are on sale now – visit our website to book!

Over the past year we have helped organise events for the Choir Association, Mathematicians, Hippolytans, Economists, the CCMS/CCMAA and the Christ's Golf Society. As I write, we are helping with the organisation of a 2007 Year Group Reunion being held in August 2017 and the next Golf Society event to be held in September 2017. The Development Office is happy to help with the administration of alumni events you may want to organise – just get in touch.

April saw those who matriculated in 2010 return to Christ's for lunch and dinner after collecting their MAs at the Senate House. As in previous years the weather was very kind to us and a fantastic day of catching up with old friends and reminiscing was had by all.

Our Evensong Receptions held following Evensong on the last Thursday of Lent and Easter terms have now become regular events. Alumni and their guests are invited to join us at this informal drinks and canapés reception after attending Evensong and hearing the wonderful College choir sing.

The May Bumps picnic in May Week was once again an enjoyable afternoon by the riverside with great weather and good food, even those who are not rowers enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere of the day.

In June we welcomed back those who matriculated between 1985 and 1989 inclusive with a reunion garden party and buffet lunch. Many old friendships were re-forged.

This year's Association Dinner, held on 1 July, saw attendance numbers increase dramatically. Some members of the 1959 year group made a special effort to attend and tea was enjoyed in the Fellows' Garden, followed by a black tie dinner in Hall. All members of College are welcome to attend the Association Dinner and it is a good event to get together with your year group, in between the years when you are invited back for your official year group reunions.

With the organisation of the 2017 Family Day in full swing, with the hope of good weather, we look forward to welcoming back in early September those who matriculated up to and including 1958 and those who matriculated in 1967 to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Later in September we will see those who matriculated between 1980 and 1984 back in College for their reunion. The event sold out within weeks of booking opening, so the Hall, Gallery and Old Combination room will be bursting at the seams for dinner.

With Michaelmas term fast approaching we look forward to welcoming the new Freshers to College along with the current students returning after the summer break.

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us at one of our events in the future.

Beth Blakeman
Alumni Relations Officer





1950 Year Group Representative Peter White writes:

As the years pass and our number dwindles we are inevitably more history than news, a theme reinforced, as I write, by the publication of *The Times* obituary on 8 June of **Ronald Pickvance**, the controversial art historian and lately Richmond Professor of Fine Art at Glasgow University and, earlier in the year of another, that of **Colin Dexter**, the distinguished cruciverbalist and creator of Inspector Morse (the College obituaries for both can be read on on page 93). Of those who survive, it was good to hear from **Gordon Brocklehurst**, **Chris Barber**, **Michael Thistlewood** and **Rex Howe** (though with the sad news of the peaceful passing away of his wife Joan early in May). From **Peter Sheard**, too, came a letter with both news and some history relating to Christ's. Peter is a retired GP who practised in the Isle of Wight and who despairs of the present shortage of GPs in a 'lovely part of the UK to live'. He and his wife live now at Freshwater, but early in the year sailed on the newly refurbished Queen Mary to spend two sunny months in South Africa. Peter included a note on the historical connection between his first secondary school, Ermystead's Grammar School, Skipton, founded over five hundred years ago and still going strong, and Christ's. Two ex-pupils, William and Sylvester Petyt, born in a tiny hamlet in Wharfedale, both prospered as London lawyers. William, who died in 1707, left £200 to Christ's, and Sylvester, who died in 1719 left £30,000 to the Petyt Trust for Education which, among other charitable works, endowed a scholarship to the College for a Skipton Grammar School boy which Peter believes is still in existence.

1953 Year Group Representative Anthony Eastwood writes:

Anthony Bryceson got in touch and says, 'we have been commuting to Australia for nearly twenty years. Both our children are married and settled here. So we took the plunge and came out in December 2015, and are now in Cairns. New house, new culture, new language – Strine has its subtleties, but few more than three syllables – new fauna and flora, new climate. The marriage of Figaro comes to town next month. New challenges for a couple in their 70s and 80s. We are loving it, and it is such a joy to be ten minutes, or six hours, from the families. Look in if you are passing by'. **Arthur Bell** writes that he is still active in Holy Orders, in the villages of the benefice of Upper Weardale (connected by the A689 as it makes its way through the Pennines towards Alston), and enjoys village life. He continues, 'much of my time is at present engaged in working up experiences of life as a migrant, mostly among the Cree of the northern forests and lakes in Alberta, during the late 1960s, until 1982. Part of this is expressed in a kind of poetic saga. And this computer has enabled me to scan over six hundred transparencies, hoping to send them to a home in Alberta, to be accessible for the people of the North. Janet and I have a garden bordered by Stanhope Burn which rises and falls with the weather, and relates us with the environment, growing for food and beauty. We use public transport with a good bus up and down the dale, and an enterprising village Hub which works a minibus service especially over summer weekends. I am much interested in words, the use of words, and the music of sound, admiring **Rowan Williams'** (m. 1968) book, *The Edge of Words*. And I hope prayer is a potent force'.

1955 Year Group Representative Robin Loveday writes:

Richard Simmons and his wife live in rural France near Charolles in the Saône et Loire, famous for its white cattle and some well-known wine regions. Transport

links are good, with easy access to London, Paris and Lyon, and via Geneva to their daughter and family in New York. He is pursuing some historical research mainly on the family of Benjamin Franklin. Brexit had come as a shock and he was awaiting its outcome with some anxiety. He sends his best wishes to contemporaries, with the sobering thought that the 1950s are as remote from us today as the 1890s were to our year at Cambridge!

Sandy Laird keeps very busy with numerous Trusts, Rotary, Probus and the Anglican Church, but was caught out when the local Conservative party asked him to stand as Councillor in a traditional Labour ward, where he was guaranteed to lose 95:1. He was elected with more votes than all the other parties together. Although doubtful at first of the four-year term, he is now actually enjoying it. In December 2016, as an engineer, he was asked by the largest pump business in Athens, to help them with the designs for a range of Archimedean Screw pumps up to 3.4m diameter. It tickled him to be taking the technology of Archimedes back to Greece.

Following the example set by our late-lamented and respected Senior Tutor, Lucan Pratt, I (**Robin Loveday**), retired in 1989 to live, with my Girton alumna wife, in an ex-pub (deconsecrated in 1906!) in Norfolk. I continue to enjoy village life, with all its varied "duties". Having become churchwarden emeritus after seventeen years, I have taken on the chairmanship of the Norwich Diocese branch of the Prayer Book Society, but will still reach twenty-five years as PCC secretary this year. I gave up skiing this year, but find time to play golf twice a week in a threesome with contemporaries from Emma and Fitzbilly. I also maintain my interest in elderly cars.

1956 Year Group Representative Peter Downes writes:

Several members of the 1956 group responded to a request for 'news' by confirming that they were still alive, so that was an encouraging start. Some admit to leading a 'quiet life': **Roger Reynolds** tells us that his 'golf score continues to improve but from a very undistinguished starting level!' **James Holt** enjoys living in Yorkshire at Lingmoor Farm, **John Evans** is happy with an active life surrounded by sailors and yachtsmen in what even the local vicar refers to as the paradise of Lymington. Others are enjoying stays abroad or cruises on European rivers. **Geoffrey Stevens** has strong views on the outcome of the EU referendum viewed from his home in France: 'My wife and I were thoroughly upset by the result of the Brexit referendum, so much so that we went almost immediately to the Mairie to find out how to obtain French citizenship. Our principal aim was to vote against Le Pen and for a more forward-looking France. The process is too long to have allowed us to register in time for the Presidential election but we are very happy to see that Macron won. We hope to have acquired French citizenship by the end of year. It will be a relief to have a vote after thirty years of disenfranchisement after leaving the UK. Until last June I still felt very British but now I feel that my country has left me.' Geoffrey also added a tribute to **Guy Wolfenden** that many of us who attended chapel or sang in the choir would confirm: 'I was sad to see the news of Guy Wolfenden's death. The obituary in the College Magazine was fully merited. I had been able to observe his career at the RSC only from a distance, rather wishing I had been able to attend more of the performances for which Guy composed. I have clear and very happy memories of Guy entertaining the Chapel Choir with impromptu performances on a watering can that he found in the vestry. He was quite virtuosic.' **David Carr** found his past caught up with him in a rather unusual way: 'At a recent visit to the Hay on Wye

book festival I came across a blast from the past. After finishing at Christ's in 1959 I was invited to be part of the Cambridge Expedition to British Honduras, as it then was. **Paul Bregazzi**, also of Christ's, was part of that expedition too as a Zoologist. I went as Assistant Archaeologist investigating Maya pyramids and as writer/editor of the book which was part of the deal for sponsorship by Putnam's. We returned after a year and the book was duly published by them and re-published by the Times Travel Book Club. Browsing in one of the many shops at Hay I found a second hand copy of the book priced at £5. I took the book to the desk and introduced myself as its author/editor and offered to sign it. The offer was taken up and the book re-priced at £8. Such, perhaps, is the price of fame! I have heard that the book has also been seen on bookstalls in the markets of Montevideo and Lima for the equivalent of 20p.' Some, probably many, Christ's alumni, find ways of being of service to the community they have worked with. **Mike Payne**, for example, 'after twenty-nine years teaching at Cranleigh School, I have now been the School's Alumni Representative for the last twenty-one years.' **Dr Ian Milroy** has now fully retired from the University of South Australia. He retired from paid full-time employment some years ago, as Professor of Control Systems Engineering. After that he continued part-time research and consulting activity with the Scheduling and Control Group, which he had founded shortly after getting his PhD in 1980. During this latter period he led the transfer of optimal control technology (to produce energy-efficient and timely driving tactics for railway trains) to the German company Siemens; with Siemens, his University won the prestigious Australian Technology Award for this work. Before his retirement he received the Australian Government Award for outstanding individual achievement in Energy Research. Finally, I (**Peter Downes**) have been re-elected as a Cambridgeshire County Councillor (Liberal Democrat) for the fifth time and concentrate my efforts and energy, not surprisingly as a former secondary school headteacher, on education. I have serious reservations about the way government policy has evolved over recent years. I continue to argue the case for a more logical and equitable way of constructing and distributing government funding to schools. To keep in touch with my academic subject specialism, modern languages, I am directing a project for the Association of School and College Leaders on 'multi-lingual language awareness' in primary schools. I keep in touch with educational reality by being a governor at my village primary school.

1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

The story this year, rather like last year, seems to have consisted of 80th birthdays, Golden Weddings and overseas trips. **Donald Steel** (hitting 80 in August) writes to say that he is just about to produce a book on his life in golf, entitled *Thin End of the Wedge*. It contains a chapter on Cambridge with a picture of Christ's First Court and due praise and fond remembrance of the good Dr Pratt. **Tony George** writes to say that his brother **Christopher George** (m. 1958) died very suddenly and unexpectedly last year. Tony has had trips to a Harvard Business School Advanced Management Programme and to a conference (The World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine) in Toronto. He finished remodelling his house so they now have a very smart library which they are struggling to find time to use. **Michael Edwards** was the speaker at this year's Annual Dinner of the Cambridge Society in Paris. He is a member of the Honorary Committee for the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Paul Claudel next year and he has just completed

a book of poems in English. **Richard Waterfield** was at Christ's as a PhD student in Organic Chemistry, having done his first degree at Imperial College and sends his best wishes to all. Last October he celebrated his Golden Wedding with a SAGA Mystery Cruise which included several of the Canary Islands and Cape Verde Islands; ten ports of call in all. He still manages to care for his garden (slowly) and enjoys his memberships of Rotary, 41 Club and Freemasonry, but is now looking to declutter and downsize! **Alan Munro's** wife, Mary, sadly had a stroke a couple of years ago. Her mobility is still very restricted and Alan spends a great deal of time caring for her. However, they are always very pleased to see visitors. **Fred Cooke** has just returned from a trip to Canada, and is planning to move to Wymondham next year to retire. In 2000 Fred was awarded the Order of Canada, which is Canada's equivalent of the OBE. **Joe Connor** regrets that there is nothing noteworthy to report but is looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee of our going up to Christ's in September. **Jeremy Willings** is as active as ever with visits to Beaune and Bordeaux for *en primeur* wine tasting, to Trooping the Colour at the Queen's birthday parade, as well as his annual attendance at Le Mans 24 hour race where he received a diploma signed by Automobile Club de l'Ouest President, Pierre Fillon. Jeremy celebrated his 80th birthday and Golden Wedding in June where he was supported by **Brian Roberts** and me (**Hamish Donaldson**). I have had a busy year; I directed the musical *Singin' in the Rain* last October, which was supported by **John Nye**, **Jeremy Willings** and **Chris Lemar** (m. 1971). The production won a NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) Accolade of Excellence (lots of rain and silent films). I also ran the twenty day Haslemere Arts Festival in May of this year. **Sam Legerton** is another year older and 'deeper in debt'. His Anaerobic Digester (which you may remember from last year's news) is now complete. He writes that it is a very different neighbour, with whom it is not easy to live. The principle is right, but the practice... He is now 80 and celebrating his Golden Wedding in July. **Geoff Roberts** and **David Hargreaves** have no memorable news but send their best wishes to all.

1958 Year Group Representative David McGill writes:

Peter Doyle continues to write some history and visits the University Library from time to time. Touring recently in Ireland, **Bob Morris** caught up in Dublin with **Andrew Parkes** and his wife, Delyth. Bob continues to cycle and sing, and enjoy four still very young grandchildren. He also continues to contribute to the Constitution Unit at UCL where he blogs on royal matters and the politics of religion, and is currently participating in a study relating to the next reign. **David Boswell** teaches Architectural History at the Oxford External Studies department and lives in north Oxford. **Andrew Kerr** was made MBE in the 2017 New Year Honours for services to the Arts and Conservation in Edinburgh. **Michael Brufal** is very keen to hear if anyone has news of **Graham (Joe) Bateson**. He seems to have been off the radar for about three decades. If anyone from Christ's is visiting Gibraltar, Mike would like to offer hospitality. He can be contacted at lendinez@aol.com. **Roy Taylor** tells me he is still writing and self-publishes with Amazon. **Alan Quilley** reports, with much sadness, the death of his wife in 2016, a former Girtonian and nurse. **Peter Lincoln** continued to teach Company Law at Deakin University during his 'official' retirement. He has now fully retired and lives in a home for elderly retirees in Melbourne. **David Hill**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Calgary, has retired

to Vancouver. Sadly, his wife died in December 2016. **John Sefton** continues his sterling work organising the Christ's Alumni Golf Society. **Donald MacBean** has been an Official Prison Visitor at Highpoint Prison in Suffolk for some years now. He read in *Pieces* (Lent Term 2016) about a group of enthusiastic students who founded a University society called Sing Inside. Its president is a former Christ's choral scholar, **Maisie Hulbert** (m. 2014). Sing Inside aims to visit three prisons each term, at a cost of £300 per visit. They raise all the money themselves. Donald contacted Maisie and the outcome was a visit by twelve students to sing in the prison chapel. The prisoners were involved from the start and responded with enthusiasm. The inmates grasped the various harmonies, sang lustily and enjoyed themselves. In the gaps between the singing sessions, the students mingled and talked with them. The confident and natural way they related to the prisoners was impressive and Donald believes this aspect was as therapeutic as the singing. To find out more about Sing Inside, go to www.singinside.org.

1959 Year Group Representative Michael Gibbs writes:



Guy Goodman celebrating with his family in Stockholm

Guy Goodman reports that he and Christine celebrated fifty years of marital bliss and, simultaneously, fifty years of living in Canada this year. To mark the occasion he took the whole family to introduce them to Stockholm, where he spent many happy months with his Swedish mother's family during school holidays. They rented a lovely house for all eleven of them

and on the actual wedding date, they celebrated with a fantastic smörgåsbord at the Grand Hotel. **Rob Galbraith** now lives in Zimbabwe where he has been for forty five years. He visits the UK every year to see his married daughters who live in Aberdeen and Hindhead and he keeps in touch with College news through **David Masson** (m. 1958) and **Peter Dickins**. He is also now Chairman of the Board of Management of Royal Harare Golf Club. **Gareth Stainer** has been Artistic Director of the Thaxted Festival for the last twenty years, but the 2017 season will be his last in this role. He shall be 77 on 20 June and it's time to make way for a successor; he is very pleased to be able to say that he has found someone to succeed him whom he believes will do the job better than he could himself. Gareth also sings in the



Anthony Lewis, Ian Balding and Roger Dalzell on holiday in Portugal

Thaxted Church choir, where another Christ's alumnus, **Christopher Bayston** (m. 1958), is Musical Director. **Roger Dalzell** said that my email arrived as three Christ's men, who met on their first day at Cambridge at the College Rugby ground in 1959, were on holiday together in Portugal. They have kept in regular contact for the past fifty-eight years and meet up very often,

quite often on golf courses. They say that they all wish they had started golf earlier in their sporting lives, as it does not hurt much and you can play into your 80s or even 90s. They play some College golf which is so well organised by **David Harriss** (m. 1961) and **John Sefton** (m. 1958). **Peter Dickins** writes that he is looking forward to attending a dinner in College to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Original Christian Minstrels on 2 September.

1961 Year Group Representative Patrick Mannix writes: Peter Gee was Year Group representative for many years, so thank you, Peter, for all your hard work. The list shows that there were one hundred and three of us. Twenty are recorded as deceased, **Miles Rotherham** and **John Yerbury** last year and more recently **Sir Jeffrey Tate** (College obituaries for them can be read on pages 105, 106 and 83 respectively). Jeffrey had *spina bifida*, read medicine and ended up as an internationally renowned conductor. A remarkable person; I wish I had known him better when we were at Christ's. Many long-term friendships are not confined to the same year group, but formed through group activities and teams. When I recently circulated the names of the deceased, many were taken aback that there were so many on the list, as I was. As the interest is also not confined to the year group, I thought it useful to include the list here for the interest of adjacent Year Groups. Those unfortunately already departed are: **Frank Bickerstaff, Michael Brough, David Bruce, Andrew Crozier, Derek Guthrie, Marcus Heritage, Malcolm Hodgson, Peter Hogg, Ashok Jaitly, Roger Marshall, Alistair Pate, Anthony Payne, Miles Rotherham, Anthony Sell, Stephen Szemerényi, Jeffrey Tate, Michael Thorpe, Christopher Turnbull, John Woodmansey, John Yerbury.** I have confirmed email contact with sixty members. Any member, with whom I have failed to make contact, can get in touch via my personal email (pavm@globalnet.co.uk) or via the Alumni Office. 2021 is our big anniversary and the Alumni Office has advised that we will be invited to the September reunion in 2020. In view of our attrition rate, I have suggested that we target that date for a good turnout. On a more positive note, **Richard Hutton** is to be congratulated on being elected as the Yorkshire County Cricket Club's President for 2017, so some of us are still in there, batting! **David Skinner** reports that the six remaining of the nine Original Jacks met in Norfolk in May for a regular reunion, all with their original wives! (sadly **Mike Brough, Tony Payne** and **Alistair Pate** have passed away). **David Harriss**, of the Christ's 61 Golfers, reports that for their 10th annual fixture, they returned to Woking Golf Club in August 2016. A successful day, aided by a few younger members, in particular **Jerry Simmonds** (m. 1965). At the invitation of Jerry, the 2017 meeting is being held on 4 October at Luffenham Heath in Rutland.

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

Judith and I have been travelling again. We recently returned from twelve days touring the length of Jordan from Jerash in the north to Aqaba on the Red Sea. We found it to be a stable and friendly country amidst troubled neighbours and very well worth a visit. Last October we visited the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and over Christmas and New Year spent four weeks touring South Africa from Bushmans Kloof in the Western Cape to Fugitives' Drift in KwaZulu-Natal, finishing up in Johannesburg where we dined with **Peter Mrkusic** and Atsushi. Peter and Atsushi have reduced the size of their wine glasses on his cardiologist's advice following Peter's heart flutters and a hospital visit for an ablation, but he is still enjoying working with his son Paul on their antique jewellery business, visiting antique fairs and spending many hours putting descriptions and photographs of items on their website: bancroftantiques.co.za. Professor **Geoffrey Parker**, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, has been elected a Member of the American Association of Arts & Sciences. Yale has just published an 'abridged and updated' version of his prize-winning best seller *Global Crisis, Wars, Climate Change and Catastrophe in the*

Seventeenth Century. He has helped with my researches into the history of the Lott family who farmed at Flatford for 200 years, by pointing out the massive eruption of Mt Tambora in Indonesia in 1815, which caused global climate change and the harvest to fail in 1816 – “The year without a summer”. We remain at the mercy of such events! **Peter Brewin's** work as a supervising consultant for the European Commission is coming to an end with Brexit but he (as Lay Reader) and Adrienne (as Churchwarden) have been busy for several months during the inter-regnum in their parish of Shipbourne in Kent, where Dr Peter Hayler from Great St Mary's, Cambridge is now the new rector. Peter and Adrienne are off on a tour of ancient Greece in October and also spend time at their place in Portugal. Peter and I meet regularly with **Tim Callan** who still enjoys occasional hiking trips in the Alps. In March one of his walking group held a very agreeable reunion dinner in Christ's Mountbatten Room. Otherwise he is to be found enjoying the delights of retirement in Kensington with an eclectic group of international friends. **Oliver Everett** continues his busy programme of international lecture tours and, between times, he and Diana enjoy the peace of their country cottage in Essex. In March four Christ's men, **Robin Kerr, Tom Swallow, Gavin Suggett** and **Peter Nelson** flew to Sierra



*Crustaceans' crew
at the Tasso
Challenge Cup*

Leone to support and enliven the launch ceremony of a new Ecotourism site on Tasso Island, across the bay from Freetown; a project pioneered by Peter. They converted a traditional canoe, painted in Crustaceans' colours, to take a set of Christ's blades and competed in the inaugural Tasso Challenge Cup, an offshore race against a local crew using their traditional paddles.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Minister of Tourism, local chiefs and charities and was followed by cultural dancing during which the intrepid oarsmen performed a barely rehearsed Morris Dance to the delight of the crowds. Financed initially by private UK funds, through the Baobab Trust, the construction of the Tasso Island Ecotourism Camp has been undertaken by island tradesmen using local materials. **Ian Laing** and Helena attended the Christ's Winter Drinks Reception at the Athenaeum. Ian has taken up playing bridge again after a gap of fifty years and is heavily involved in politics in the interesting constituency of Richmond Park. He keeps in touch with **Tony Rogerson** and **John Ashworth, Godfrey Newham** and **Nick Everitt**, but reported the sad news that **Ian Parkinson** died last August of a heart attack. He had been fine in the morning, winning his croquet match, and was just quietly watching the cricket on TV (Ian's College obituary can be read on page 106). **Duncan MacRae** continues to be in good, if not perfect, health as does his wife Elizabeth who is also an economist. Since retiring in 2008 they have been enjoying living in the Seattle area and, when it is not raining (a big if this past year), they enjoy the outdoors. They continue to do research in economics and finance, and Duncan is revising a paper analysing employee stock options as an instalment option. This summer they will be attending a family reunion in Maine and in the autumn they hope to move to warmer climes in Florida. They had children later in life; one is deciding what he wants to do after graduating from college and the other is deciding what he wants to do after high school – ah, millennials! **Anson Allen** and his wife have moved to a tiny rural village in Carmarthenshire where he enjoys walking, tree-felling and logging in the lovely surrounding countryside. Anson has retired from the

community organic vegetable growing project but is still involved with the Sea & Flood Defences Ltd project working, together with the College of Engineering at Swansea University, on a new product which could have a large potential global market if they can overcome some of the challenges of moving the project forward. They have three family weddings this year, one for a son who is an Army doctor, another for a son who went to Oxford and the third for a nephew, the son of Anson's brother who is also a Christ's alumnus. **Stephen Bown** studied Natural Sciences at Christ's and Physics at Harvard before being attracted to the medical world by volunteer work at Boston City Hospital. After post-graduate distractions of an expedition in India, a year in Singapore and a spell as a flying doctor in Australia, Stephen specialised in the interaction of lasers with human tissue and their application for diagnostic and therapeutic treatments in medicine. His work at the National Medical Laser Centre (NMLC) in University College London was half laboratory research and half working with patients using lasers to deliver light to diseased tissues in a range of organs; a technique known as Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) with which he retains some involvement. **Robin Thompson** is now caring full-time for his wife Shoko who has Alzheimer's. Diagnosed five years ago, it was extremely mild until last November but she now needs care and support most of the day. **Donald Forsdyke** (Kingston, Ontario) continues to pursue his interest in George John Romanes (Gonville & Caius) whose extensive correspondence with Darwin was published by the American Philosophical Society in 2010. Romanes was also a poet and many of his poems are in J David Plein's book *In Praise of Darwin* (2014). Donald covered the scientific aspects of Romanes' work in *The Origin of Species, Revisited* (2001). Together with Samuel Butler and William Bateson (both of St John's), Romanes inspired Forsdyke's *Evolutionary Bioinformatics*, now in its third edition. **Charles Lysaght**, a long time contributor of obituaries to *The Times*, edited a collection of their obituaries entitled *Great Irish Lives* launched at the Irish Embassy in February 2017. It includes the obituary of Christ's alumnus Archbishop Gregg of Armagh (1873–1961) who was a contemporary of Smuts at the College and later became Honorary Fellow – his son is on the World War II memorial. Charles also presided in May at the annual Oxford Cambridge dinner in Dublin which was attended by **Andrew Parkes** (m. 1958) and addressed by the new Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University. **Granville Tunncliffe-Wilson's** project to bring broadband to his parish is almost complete and he has resumed his hobby of bee-keeping, having collected a swarm in the neighbourhood last year. After some excellent spring weather on the southern slopes of the Lake District he has extracted some 30lbs of honey to date. **John Murray's** marketing expertise has resulted in his sport fishing business, Bolo, in Florida going from strength to strength. Finally, I recently had lunch at the Hurlingham Club with **Mike Muir-Smith** whom I had not seen since leaving Christ's. He had just come from the gym below the flat overlooking the river in Putney where he lives and still rows competitively in a double scull with Amanda. He also maintains some property development interests and showed me his impressive plans for the Country Park and Rowing Lake project on the Cam at Milton for which he is trying to obtain funding.

1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

This is my first report as Year Group Rep and I must thank **Dick Clements** for his good work as our rep over many years. I am a semi-retired chartered accountant

having trained in London and then worked firstly in the profession in Leeds and New York. I then worked as a group accountant in North Yorkshire before returning to the profession as a partner, in Petersfield and then Portsmouth, for some thirty years. I have been in touch with many 1966-ers through the years and arranged a rugby boat re-row last year. I am now still in Petersfield with, luckily, two daughters and five grandchildren close by. In other news, **Barclay Jackson**, whose room was W3 in Third Court, tells me that he recently met up with **Phil Tepper** who lives in the other (northern) side of



*Josep Verges'
new book*

Manchester. **Peter Osborne** writes that he is in touch with **Robin Cole**. In the summer Peter's main activity is to support his wife Heather's charity garden openings. The garden is packed with a great variety of hardy plants flowering all year round. A specialism is a refined worm-compost system. **Josep Verges** tells me that he is publishing his twenty third book in June this year, this one on Franco censorship during his forty years, based on original research into private correspondence (1,000 letters).

1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

As is now customary, the 1969 report is a thing of shreds and fragments, drawn together from the few responses in answer to the call for news. Whether that means that no news is good news is a matter for conjecture. What news there is continues to chart a general trend into retirement, although where each of us individually are en route to Elysium, and what we do there, varies. (How seriously should we take the suggestion from one respondent – perhaps best left unidentified – that the name of a certain holiday company be read as an acronym for Sex And Games for the Aged?) Since leaving the Meteorological Office in 2010 at the end of a career working largely on air pollution and quality, **Douglas Middleton** has devoted himself to pottery and ceramics. After twenty years in Cuba, **Charles Strachan** has now returned to Canada. Cuba was 'an amazing chapter in my life' but 'it is wonderful to be back in a first-world country'. **Roger White** has escaped London for the delights of Sherborne, but (as is also the case for others) retirement is not complete relaxation: 'I continue to function as a freelance architectural historian.' His latest book, *Cottages Ornés: The Charms of the Simple Life* is due for publication



*John Lambert
rowing in the
Charles Regatta
(© Sport Graphics)*

later this year. Writing from Boston (USA), **John Lambert** reports that he has dropped back to half-time at ImmunoGen, but remains active both professionally and recreationally. Rowing remains important for him, with this year seeing his thirty-first consecutive appearance in the Head of the Charles Regatta (in a masters' coxed four suitably enough, for Cambridge Boat Club).

He was also one of the winning pair in the US Masters' Rowing Championships, 'F' lightweight double sculls ('F' = average age 60–64), and in the lightweight masters' double sculls at the Head of the Fish Regatta. This year it will be 'G' events (average age 65–69), but 'going half time gives me even more time for training!!!!' **Harley Nott**, meanwhile, carries on with life much as reported last year: ski-mountaineering, often with **Robert Bergerhoff Mulder** (m. 1968), in various European locations (although appalling weather curtailed 'Etna on skis' – something perhaps hard to imagine even in good weather); continuing in business; and enjoying life as a grandfather.

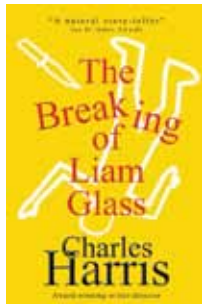
1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Duncan Haldane was one of the 2016 Laureates of the Nobel Prize for Physics, and was subsequently elected to the US National Academy of Sciences as a Foreign Associate. Duncan writes that 'just working hard doesn't lead to Nobel prizes. It's luck or good taste to work on something from which some unexpected discovery emerges.' **Hugh Williams** reports that he continues to row competitively, in a shrinking field of competitive rowers aged over sixty five. His club, Tideway Scullers School of Chiswick, remains one of the fastest VIII's at their age in the UK. At the Metropolitan Regatta held at Dorney Lake, they won the over-65 category and set a regatta record for the 2000 metre course. Hugh also competes in a double scull with his old Cambridge contemporary from Emmanuel College, David Sprague, who has probably still not quite come to terms with losing the 1974 Boat Race. **Michael Clarkson** has been working hard in the Bath area to promote a strong Conservative mandate. **Dave Berger's** email read: 'My Dad must now be one of the oldest Christ's alumni (**Kurt Gaston Berger**, m. 1942). He has just celebrated his 94th birthday and after a fall and suffering a stroke, he is back on his feet again and getting out to concerts and other events. No doubt those morning swims in the College garden's pool stiffened his sinews!' **Dewar Donnithorne-Tait** has retired from most of his international roles and was awarded a European Leadership Award in Vienna for his work on unmanned aircraft systems standards. He remains active in the field as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He has increased his activity in wildlife conservation and is a volunteer with the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Survival Commission working to conserve Asian deer species.

1971 Year Group Representative Tim Lintott writes:

Martin Lockett moved to China as Dean of Nottingham University Business School in Ningbo, China. He writes, 'while most people haven't heard of Ningbo, it is a pretty big city of seven million people and by some measures the biggest port in the world (growing 27% last year), as well as a centre of innovation and entrepreneurial businesses and an emerging centre for aerospace. Nottingham was the first Sino-foreign University and now has around seven thousand students, of which two and a half thousand are in business. Last week it won the 2017 Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Award for 'International Strategy of the Year'. Other projects I'm involved in include setting up an incubator for new local and foreign start-ups and executive education with companies such as CRRC which makes the rolling stock for China's high speed railways which go across the whole country (I'm on one now travelling at 305 km/hour). The scale and speed of China are impressive. This move at the start of June 2017 follows thirteen years at Ashridge Business School, most recently planning and executing the academic side of a merger with Hult International Business School to create the first higher education institution to award joint US-UK degrees, covering campuses in San Francisco, Boston, London, Dubai and Shanghai.' **Alan Brown** will always remember this year for the Grenfell Tower tragedy. He chairs the Westway Trust, the first social enterprise organisation in the UK. As compensation for the six lane flyover that cuts across North Kensington, the Trust was given twenty three acres of dubious real estate under and around the motorway. He continues, 'at the west end of our estate we have a large Sports and Fitness centre which is just a hundred yards or so from Grenfell Tower. We gave that over to Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and it was the main

refuge centre for those who did get out of the Tower and neighbouring properties. The utter devastation of the Tower is hard to comprehend. The only good to come out of this terrible tragedy is the extraordinary community response it has sparked. People from all walks of life have come together to help each other and, if that spirit can be maintained, while nothing can compensate for the dreadful loss of life, at least some good will have come out of it. The scars on the community are long and deep. Forty-one clients of the Westway Trust in our adult learning and supplemental schools



Charles Harris'
new book

programmes are believed to be amongst those lost.' **Charles Harris** writes, 'my personal birth is a novel which is already doing surprisingly well even though it's not published yet. A crime-satire; *The Breaking of Liam Glass* (published by Marble City). It is already #1 on Amazon Hot New Releases for Satire, in advance of its launch next Thursday, 29 June. Not so much a Whodunnit as a What-They-Did-After-It, the novel focuses on the twenty-four hours after the stabbing of a teenage footballer, while he lies in hospital in a coma, and the piranhas – journalists, politicians and police – who try to use his story to build their careers. I am an award-winning writer-director for film and TV. Awards include prizes for the feature film *Paradise Grove* starring Ron Moody and Rula Lenska and *Sex, Drugs and Dinner* a satirical BBC2 documentary with Alexei Sayle. I have also written best-selling books on screenwriting – most notably *Teach Yourself: Complete Screenwriting Course* (John Murray Learning) – which are recommended reading on MA courses and a book on Police Slang. I'm based in Hampstead, London – with my wife. We have two cats who live with us and two sons (and now a grandson) who don't.' **Simon Vivian** reports that he is retiring from Eton this summer after thirty five years. From October 2017 he will be tutoring first-year Psychologists at St Anne's College, Oxford for the statistics paper which they have to take in their Psychology, Philosophy & Linguistics Prelims at the end of their second term at Oxford.

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

It was very good to see a contingent from 1972 at the reunion dinner last September. I particularly enjoyed the Master's talk about our Founder. It was poignant that our first female Master eloquently explained the patriarchal legal system that Lady Margaret had to contend with. With adjacent years attending with us, it was a male dinner of nostalgia and anachronism, but without the traditional frozen potato croquettes much loved in the 70s. And, unimagined then, **Rob Scriven** can now write that he is looking forward to the graduation from Christ's this summer of his daughter **Lorel Scriven** (m. 2013) on completion of her MSc in Natural Sciences. Rob is now working as a consultant with Chinese publishing companies. He adds that finding himself again pulling trolleys around and getting belongings up to the top of staircases has been emotional and we can probably all remember the different emotions conjured the first time we did that! You may have learned in the 2016 magazine that **Brian Armstrong** has sadly died. **Francis Drasar** kindly tried to find out more information from his family, but Brian's partner also died shortly after so I cannot add to last year's insightful comments about Brian's horse racing expertise. When I was lost on a physics problem, Brian's commentaries about horse racing cheerfully kept me linked to the outside world! Popular feedback from you this

year is that nothing interesting has happened to you, but that you are pleased to report interesting things that have happened to others. So, it's been noted that **Tony Root** continues successfully in film production, as does **Geoff McGivern** in acting. **Richard Thomas** is in touch with **Dermot Main-Thompson** and tells us Dermot has retired from Law and taken up residence with a religious order in Berkshire. He tells Richard that he is joyous with the shift to a more reflective life and would encourage anybody who might be inclined to contact him. Several continue to shift to the more reflective opportunities afforded by so-called retirement where you are just as busy but doing other things. This includes grandparent duties for several and I think **Dave Pope** is the current record holder reporting the safe arrival of his seventh grandchild, Olivia, (that's six girls and one boy). He adds, 'we seem to be fully loaded with family and voluntary roles now', and indeed **Munir Haq** met Dave at the Gower Peninsular music festival, where David and Anne Pope appear heavily involved. Munir adds, 'I retired in 2002, and have been living quietly in Rutland since then', but the news that he managed to retire as long ago as 2002 is extremely impressive. Is this a typo I wonder? Even so, 2012 could still be the record for our year group to date, so congratulations to Munir. Several are involved in the public sector and there was a strong NHS medical contingent at the dinner. **Patrick Reade** says he has held back from reporting 'tales of NHS woe' and wonders in what way primary care in particular will survive the next five years of change. No doubt others can similarly do 'woe' and 'survival'. Last September **Bob Stevenson** sold copies of his CD at the dinner and is happy to report that he raised more than the target sum for Alzheimer's Research. Thanks to all who supported him. Bob says he is finding some more fiendish piano music to learn – 'the kind that is satisfying enough to play that it spurs me to practise!' This is not an exaggeration as evidenced by the sleeve note on the CD 'the piece is renowned for its notorious technical and musical difficulties'. Meanwhile Bob is off to Western Canada for a break. I have followed his exotic travels for some years, and suspect he is the most well-travelled from the class of 72! And then there are publications. **Nick Pole** says his book *Words That Touch* was published in February this year – a book for mind/body therapists on how to use language in mind/body work, and very relevant for anyone interested in mindfulness. He is also the co-ordinator of the London Mindful Practitioners Group, a non-profit network for health professionals who use mindfulness-based approaches in their work: www.lmpgblog.wordpress.com. **Richard Jewell**, whose memoir about his grandfather's time in East Africa was mentioned last year, is still in Brussels as is **Steve Barnes**. For my part, I have not written a book, but I have had a book dedicated to me. It's written by Joss Stirling, winner of the 2015 Romantic Novel of the Year. It's called *Scorched* and is another teenage romance. I believe this is the first teenage romantic fiction novel dedicated to a member of the College.

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

This year we are focusing on the natural scientists. It is a propitious time to do so as their work is starting to be recognised in the Honours Lists. Last year **Tim Jones** was awarded a CBE for his work in the set-up of the National Employment Savings Trust. It would be fair to say that Tim's focus in Cambridge was as much on running his rock band as on any particular experiment in the Chemistry labs, so there is a poetic justice in the fact that his later work may have bolstered the pension position of some ageing rock'n rollers. 2017 saw the first 1973-er advance to the

status of Knight of the Realm in the form of (Professor Sir) **Jim Smith**. Jim has been a leader in UK science across a breadth of disciplines and played a formative role in the development of the Francis Crick Institute. His work has transformed the understanding of embryonic development, given insights into genetic defects in children and promoted work on stem cells. Last August Jim was appointed Director of Science at the Wellcome Institute where he leads Wellcome's science division and science funding portfolio. He still runs his lab at the Crick Institute, so is set to continue to play a formative role in the remarkable developments in developmental biology. As an undergraduate Jim's collection of Bob Dylan records was thought by some of his contemporaries to be bordering on the obsessive, but it is pleasing to record that, unlike his musical hero, Jim did not cause problems in attending to receive his award. We hope that the Nobel Prize judges will have noticed this.

Chris Shea has helpfully pointed out that about thirty of the hundred in our year came up to read Natural Sciences. Chris is a qualified accountant so these numbers are of course not to be relied on. Unlike Jim, Chris considered that there was no future in genome sequencing, but his subsequent successful business career meant that he could indulge his interest in biology while cruising his yacht around various Caribbean archipelagos. **Jim Wendorf** has fond memories of one particular beach in Anguilla where he and Barbara were married last spring. Jim has just stepped down as executive director from the US National Centre for learning disabilities. He retains an advisory role with a large family foundation in New York and a growing number of non-profit organisations. **Karl Railton-Woodcock** read some Chemistry when his duties as captain of the cricket 1st XI allowed. After a stint in Zambia he has ended up in Australia, so is well positioned for the next Ashes series. Karl does mergers and acquisitions for Holbrook Advisory. On a recent deal to acquire a decent sized wine business he was advised by the former owner that the best way to deal with



George Yeo and his wife Jennifer with the Master in Hong Kong

a particular vineyard was with a flamethrower. I suspect the wine which **George Yeo** and his wife Jennifer served when they entertained the Master to dinner in their apartment in Hong Kong was of a considerably higher quality. The accompanying picture appears to show that George has hardly aged at all, which is unsurprising as he remains as active as ever. Having retired from active politics in Singapore he is now chairman of Kerry Logistics Network and on the board of the World Economic Forum. He is also a lay member of the Council for the Economy in the Vatican. In that capacity he occasionally shares a lunch tray with Pope Francis (he's that kind of Pope). Away from the achievements of the science and technology graduates, there was an interesting juxtaposition between a 1973-er and the existing College faculty when Belfast solicitor **Neil Faris** collaborated with Dr **Shona Stark**, the College fellow who is one of the leading academics on law reform in the UK. It resulted in Neil discoursing from the Supreme Court bench, which is not a position from which other Christ's 1973 lawyers have been accustomed to opine. Another man to get himself into unusual positions is **Edward Gildea**. He conquered two mountains in the Himalayas over 20,000 feet last year and this year he is sailing in a UNICEF boat in the clipper round the world race. There is a race website that will allow you to follow Edward's progress and he will be setting up a Just Giving page for UNICEF if you would like to support him. Back on terra firma, **Tony Smith** continues to chair the diocese of Salisbury multi academy trust

and has a couple of non-executive directorships, but his main focus in the summer was overseeing the marriage of his daughter Kirstin at the Smith country residence in Devon. That happy event was overshadowed by the sad news of Tony's retirement from cricket after a fifty year career of almost unblemished success, at least I think that's what he said. Coincidentally, your correspondent has also decided that the latest in a series of injuries has meant that his own cricket career must also be brought to a tragically early conclusion. This just leaves **Peter Osborne** (m. 1975) as the one remaining active cricketer from the golden generation of spin bowlers who toured Devon with the Christ's College Cricket Club in the long distant summer of 1976.

1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood writes:

Nick Tanner spent six months in Hamburg before starting at Christ's in 1974 and he recently went back to spend three months in the beautiful city. Whilst there, he had six visitors, of which four were friends he made whilst at Christ's: **Tony Parr**, Anita Diaz (Homerton) and **Richard Monks** and his wife Jane. **Edward Nodder** has recently been elected Senior Partner of City Law firm Bristows LLP, specialising in patent cases. In January he received a prestigious invitation to attend the US Association of Corporate Patent Counsel at their winter meeting in Florida and gave an address on Brexit and the new Unified Patent Court for Europe.



Richard and Jane Monks with Nick Tanner

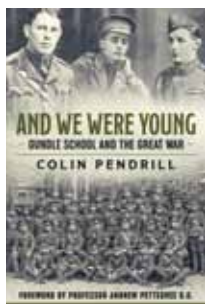
1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki writes:

Tony Price reports that he has been elected to the full Rugby Football Union Council as member for Surrey. He is also still playing the occasional game as well as refereeing. He has taken up rowing again, a mere thirty seven years after winning an oar in the Rugby Boat in the 1979 May Bumps, and slogging up and down the Thames out of Kingston Rowing Club. He says, 'it's a sport I can get a little better at, as opposed to the others I do at which I am getting decidedly worse'. **Mike Cullen**, having retired as Global Managing Partner of Ernst & Young, is now Visiting Professor, Practice of Management, Cass Business School, City University. In 2016, **Rory Field** moved from his eight year position as Director of Public Prosecutions of Bermuda to a new challenge as CEO of a start-up business called ViennEast Ltd based in Vienna, Austria. He is co-owner with Anthony Monckton (Magdalene 1979–1982). The business deals with corporate investigations, business intelligence and risk management, focused on Central and Eastern Europe. Rory has taken the opportunity, while in Vienna, to revisit his *pro bono* Human Rights past and as a sometimes Acting Chair of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, has put on events at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. He remains a Vice President of the International Association of Prosecutors. Your correspondent is in his 27th year as a professor at the University of New Hampshire, USA; currently chairing the History Department; and returning to Cambridge with a group of American students this summer. Last year, I published my fourth book, on the nineteenth-century chemist Sir Humphry Davy (*Experimental Self: Humphry Davy and the Making of a Man of Science*). **Brendan Gallaher** writes, 'since retiring from managing global distressed debt investment funds I have focused on investing

Brendan Gallaber
with his wife in Peru



in rare collectible cars (mainly Ferraris from the 1950s and 1960s). I was honoured to win the Art Design, Best in Marque and Best in Show awards at Concorso Italiano in Pebble Beach, California with my 1958 Ferrari Tour de France last August. My wife Rebecca and I just got back from a very enjoyable trip to Peru (though climbing up and down thousands of slippery stone steps at altitude at Machu Picchu proved quite challenging). Our daughter Caroline is thoroughly enjoying working for Cambridge in America in New York.' **Andrew Ingram** says that he is doing loads of music these days, and this will presumably not come as a surprise to anyone who remembers him from forty years ago. He plays in various combos (The Mick Stability Guitar Ensemble, Combo Lumbago) in pubs, and also in care homes, which, with an eye to the future he says, gives him a chance to find out which are the better-run ones.... **Nick Bartle** (Wellington, NZ) manages 'to keep some sort of contact with Cambridge through the local Wellington Cambridge Society. We meet every three or four months in a wine bar and have a speaker at each session. We have a winter dinner once a year and Christmas drinks at the British embassy. I'm the only person from Christ's.' **Jeremy Thomas** writes, 'I have recently moved back to my home town, Swansea, after a long time (too long) in the City as a corporate lawyer and then executive coach. Still doing some coaching but have time to play golf and join Swansea Little Theatre; appeared in their worldwide premiere of a play called *Shakeshaft* written by some bloke called **Rowan Williams** (m. 1968).' **Tim Jackson** was named as 2016 Hillary Laureate by the Hillary Institute for International Leadership in Sustainability, and received the award at a ceremony held at the University of Surrey in December 2016. The occasion also marked the publication of the 2nd edition of Tim's work *Prosperity without Growth*, a government report that became a surprise bestseller and has now been translated into nineteen foreign languages. **Jonathan Rathbone** has won the Christ's College Grace composition competition. He says, 'it was for Alumni to compose an a cappella setting for the Chapel Choir, of *Exhilarator Omnium*, the familiar Grace we've all heard so many times. There were nine entries in all, and shortlisted to three. The choir then rehearsed and performed these final three and mine won! It will be performed properly for the first time at a reunion in September.'



Colin Pendrill's
new book

Francis Salway, who was formerly Chief Executive of Land Securities, now counts among his current roles Visiting Professor in Practice at the London School of Economics. **Colin Pendrill's** book *And We Were Young – Oundle School and the Great War*, will be published by Helion & Co in November. The volume is illustrated with over three hundred pictures and includes music from wartime Speech Day concerts recreated by current pupils, streaming from Oundle School's website. Helion & Co last year published my (**Jan Chojeccki's**) book *We Are All Flourishing* containing the WW1 letters and diary of my great uncle, Capt Walter Coats MC, 1/9HLI. **Stuart Roberts** has promised to contribute to next year's magazine, but meanwhile **Jerry Clough** has been following him on Twitter and says Stuart, 'appeared on the One Show last summer. He's being doing stalwart work with BWARS (the Bee society) for donkey's years, finally relinquishing

the presidency a couple of years back. He makes great use of his educational skills in teaching and mentoring young naturalists.' **Will Sloan** has had an interesting couple of years as HR director for engineering services company Imtech. In 2015 Imtech's Dutch parent went bust, as Will says, 'leaving us in a pickle. We did a management buyout with investment from Endless LLP in September 2015. We have just completed the sale of the business to EDF.' Finally, **Mukesh Shah** was made MBE for charitable and community service in the UK and Abroad in the 2017 New Year Honours.

1979 Year Group Representative Fazal Hasan writes:

Our year group was very saddened by the passing away of **John Dodds**, whose College obituary can be read on page 110; he is the fourth member of our year to leave us. John died of progressive pulmonary fibrosis. He was a highly respected senior civil servant who had worked in a number of important positions. John was a most wonderful person and will always be remembered very fondly by all of us who knew him. Our thoughts go out to his wife Clare and his family. **Fiona Hume**, our previous year group rep, has decided to step down from her role. Fiona has been the anchor for our year group keeping us in touch with the College and with each other. She did a difficult job extremely well. On behalf of all our year I would like to very much thank Fiona for all her efforts and wish her the very best in her future commitments. A summer party organised by the College last year was very well attended by members of our year and resulted in a group photo being taken. **Angus Walker**, rather cleverly, managed to transpose faces from our matriculation picture next to the current ones and this caused much amusement. Angus won the prize for the least changed person with Fiona a close second. **Matt Robert** hosted a reunion event for our year at the Army and Navy Club in April. Twenty-four were able to attend although we also had many regrets from others who would have liked to attend but were otherwise engaged. It was an evening of great hilarity and amusement as we transported ourselves back to the fun times we had at Christ's. It was amazing that although some of us had not seen each other for over thirty-four years we were able to pick up exactly where we had left off. At the end no one really wanted to leave. The pictures for this event are on a Facebook page entitled 'Christ's College Cambridge 1979', please visit and ask to join. The idea is that we will make such events a regular occurrence. One issue though is that the college does not have emails for everyone in our year group and some contacts are out of date. So please do get in touch with the college to update your email addresses. On an inspirational note our multi-talented **Gill Harding** has reinvented herself as a long distance runner and stormed to an impressive finish in the Paris marathon.

1980 Year Group News:

Glyn Fullelove became Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation in May which should lead him to becoming Deputy President next year, and President in 2018.

1981 Year Group News:

Rob Eastaway won the Christopher Zeeman Medal for his work promoting mathematics in the UK.

1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox writes:

Nicholas Vineall has been appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge. **Martin Frost** is CEO of Cambridge Medical Robotics Ltd, and regularly appears in the press discussing the company's ground-breaking inventions. For example see *The Telegraph*: www.telegraph.co.uk/connect/small-business/surgical-robots-in-the-uk-set-to-challenge-google. **Mark Elgar**, Professor of Evolution, Behaviour and Ecology at the University of Melbourne, reports that he 'made several trips to China, which is perhaps no longer remarkable, but one was to Ji'an and the nearby Jinggangshan Mountains. The former is notable for its ceramics, while the latter is astonishingly beautiful and of great significance to modern China, as it is the 'birthplace' of the Chinese Red Army. The area is mountainous, forested, and relatively sparsely populated despite being a thriving local tourist destination. Surprisingly, it did not seem to be on the international tourist route as I didn't see any other foreigners while I was there.' **Laurence Reid** and his wife Caroline are now empty nesters and moved house to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Laurence is now a US citizen, which only took twenty seven years! Their elder son Adam is graduating from Johns Hopkins in May 2017 and their younger son Jack is off to China for the fall semester of 2017. They are all happy and healthy and hoping to see many of the class of '82 at College in September. **Lucy Woods** has returned to the world of essays and dissertation deadlines for a year, doing a Masters in Science Education at King's College London. She says, 'needless to say I am the oldest student on the campus!'

1986 Year Group News:

Charlotte Collins won the Helen and Kurt Wolff's Translator's Prize for her translation of Robert Seethaler's *A Whole Life*.

1987 Year Group Representative Fiona Stephenson writes:

Alison Bostock (née Williams) changed career in 2015, from consulting actuary to professional trustee. She is now a director and shareholder at PTL (Independent Trustees firm) following a management buy-out in April 2017. **Keara Thornton** (née Grace) is undergoing a career change and looking for a new job. She has a son George (19) and two daughters, Juliet (17) and Isobel (13). **Sarah Butler** (née Daniel), is a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She is Australia National Health Leader and Consulting Markets Leader, based in Sydney. She has four kids aged between 12 and 16. **Saul Hudson** works in the industry of the emerging technology Blockchain, based in Miami. He is married to Maria, from Venezuela, and has two boys, Christopher (16) and Thomas (11). **Sarah Banes** (née George) is practising out of chambers in Birmingham and this year was assigned to sit as a Fee-paid Immigration Judge (having been appointed Fee-paid Employment Judge in 2011). **Ian Banes** is running a product line for Electrolux's European arm. **Teresa Cowherd** is living and working in London. She is still at Bain after nearly twenty seven years. She is married to Tom and has two boys, Angus (11) and Scott (9). **Rachel Powell** teaches Chemistry A level, after teaching science in a comprehensive school in the Southampton area. She has two daughters, Emma and Sophie, who are currently sitting A levels and GCSEs respectively. She lives with her husband Chris on the edge of the New Forest. **Zoe Flint** lives in Liss, Hampshire with her eleven year old son, after twenty years in London. She works at The Hoffman Institute in Arundel, enrolling and supporting

people on a seven day course, the ‘Hoffman Process’. I (**Fiona Stephenson**) live in Auckland, New Zealand. I’m married to Richard and we have three kids (Isla, 14; Tom, 12; and Joe, 9). I am the communications manager for New Zealand’s largest sustainability organisation – the Sustainable Business Network.

1989 Year Group Representative Angela Merrick writes:

As one of our correspondents noted, 2017 represents twenty five years since graduation for the majority of the 1989 year group. News received this year helps demonstrate the diverse paths and global spread of our alumni group. **David Clinch** writes that he and his family are happily living in Singapore: ‘our two daughters are growing up far too fast. There’s lots of travelling for work which creates variety, although it can be very tiring too!’

Kingsley Selveraj and family have been living in Abu Dhabi for the past five years. Kingsley is married with two children: his son Jonathan (13) is a talented violin player and golfer, who travels to America each summer to attend the Meadowmount School of Music in Westport, USA, and whose golf handicap of 3.4 has attracted the attention of *Worldwide Golf Magazine*.



*Kingsley Selveraj
and family*

Meanwhile his daughter Radhika graduated from Birmingham University Dental School last year, and is now working in Northampton. Kingsley and family have maintained a UK home in Altrincham, Cheshire and return for summer holidays.

John Hayward stood in the General Election as the Conservative candidate for Cambridge. ‘In the face of huge re-election campaigns by the other two main parties, a massive student vote (12% of the city’s electorate registered after the election was announced) and a national swing of 2% to Labour, I secured over one thousand more votes in the city than the party managed in 2015 and increased its vote share by 0.7%. I will now continue my job in Westminster expanding participation in the Conservatives’ policy-making processes and promoting freedom and democracy with international politicians.’ After becoming a part-time investment banker and business school academic a few years ago, **Simon Wilde** was appointed a Research Fellow at Imperial College Business School’s new Centre for Climate Finance and Investment, which was launched at COP22 in Marrakech. **Barry Williams** remains in project finance, although this year has had to juggle work with coaching rugby and cricket with a broken foot and dealing with a pregnant dog!

Melanie Dias meanwhile, has launched a new supper club in Westminster. *The M Show* takes place on the last Friday of every month at M Victoria Street. The inaugural evening in June comprised ‘a welcome cocktail, three course fine dining, a superlative variety show featuring the cream of London’s entertainers’. Finally, several correspondents report renewed direct contact with Cambridge this year. **Jennifer Haywood** writes, ‘**Kate Garland** (née Wheater), **Jolie Powell** (née Carter), **Rebecca Devon** and I spent a weekend in Cambridge and finally exercised our dining privileges. We really enjoyed dining in College and meeting current fellows.’ **Sarah Tett** (née Dalzell) reports that visits to Cambridge have increased since Isabelle (18) matriculated at Gonville & Caius to read Mandarin: ‘Isabelle is off to Beijing next year, so visits will, no doubt, tail off. Happily Isabelle’s choral scholar singing lessons take place in Christ’s Chapel



*Melanie Dias
performing at a
supper club*

or the Plumb Auditorium, so she keeps an eye on things for me. Meantime I am becoming well versed in all things ecclesiastical, sitting on one of the committees to help choose the next Bishop of London.' I (**Angie**) and my husband **Simon Mettrick** have also re-established more regular contacts with Cambridge this year, and have enjoyed watching our daughter Adelaide discover the joys of undergraduate life as a first year PBS (Psychological and Behavioural Sciences) student at Jesus.

1990 Year Group Representatives James and Sarah Ellson writes:



*Geraint Lewis
giving a talk*

Geraint Lewis has published *A Fortunate Universe* with Cambridge University Press, and won the Australian Institute for Physics' Walter Boas Medal. Geraint writes, 'it's been another busy year at the University of Sydney. My book has been well received, and I have been giving a couple of talks on the topic, including to the Cambridge Society of New South Wales. In

October, we will be presenting on the topic of the book, the fine-tuning of the laws of nature for complexity and life in the universe, at the Royal Institution in London, plus several other cities, including Cambridge.' **Mark Davies** writes, 'I was keen to stand in the election but nobody wanted me. So I'm trying to work out what's next, having given up work eighteen months ago. I'm still volunteering: chairing Archery GB, a project in Hammersmith for a charity called Onside Youth Zones. My eldest, Emily, is keen on her acrobatic gymnastics and won an international competition in Las Vegas. She's targeting the World Championships next year. More worryingly, she has started her GCSE course. We are officially old. I was back at Christ's not long ago and I discovered that they have turned my first room in D staircase into a utility cupboard.' **Ben Sinnott** writes, 'another year here in the US. How you guys liking 'The Donald' over there? Exciting enough for you?! Megan just graduated and will be going to Trinity College Dublin, so my Christ's plan did not work, but Trinity will be great. I don't think any of us would get into Cambridge if we applied today, at least not based on the intellectual discussion in the Buttery when I was there. It revolved around the health of blue ticket books. With son Jake entering his last year of high school Vanessa and I are starting to ask 'what next?' Suggestions appreciated...!' **Lizzy Prescott** (née Taylor) writes, 'Another year marked by sheep-related and sporting seasons . . . the rugby (Morpeth U11, U13, and Newcastle Falcons) probably more notable than a rather poor lambing this spring! Selling the vet practice to a large corporate last summer has removed the stress of owning the business – although Sam continues to vet and I to provide some financial management. Further extensions to our house (the 3rd, and final, time) mean we are currently living in organised chaos/dust, but thankfully the end is in sight!' **Gareth Kane** writes, 'me and the family are good. I only electioneered as a foot soldier – I dodged the candidate bullet.' **Arabella Duffield** writes, 'I have moved into a non-burnt house which we all love (hurrah). I have a new hobby: going to younger peoples' parties (best so far last weekend). And I have a new job which I am very proud of: Trustee of Save The Children UK (I have worked for them on/off for twenty years so I'm delighted).' **Laura Marschall** (née Hicks) writes, 'I'm still cooking and collaborating with chefs across Asia to put on special menus. I'm just back from a research trip to Hunan, southern China. From the street food of

Changsha I travelled across to the west of the province, Xiang Xi, an area famous for its smoked meats and sour pork preserve (*suau rou*). My eldest is heading to senior school in September, a scarier prospect for me than him, and the youngest is becoming a rather nifty chef. We are coming up to seven years in Hong Kong, but thinking about where next. Spoiler alert, there may be a restaurant opening in a Canadian ski resort in the future.’ **Paul Fernandez** writes, ‘a year after graduating from Cambridge, I moved to Los Angeles for post-graduate studies in Electronics Engineering. I worked in New Jersey and Texas for thirteen years before moving to San Diego in 2013 where I now work as a Multimedia Systems Engineer at Qualcomm. I am married with two sons and a daughter. My wife and I spend most of our spare time with our children’s extra-curricular activities. We are quite active in our school’s Lego robotics program.’ **Yen-Yen Teh** writes, ‘as soon as I qualified as an architect in the late 1990s I set up on my own. I run an architecture practice called Emulsion, based in Clerkenwell, and we do a mix of commercial office, retail and residential development work. I also live in Clerkenwell with my partner Juergen and ten year old daughter Ellis, and we spend weekends and holidays down by the sea in wild and windy Dungeness.’ **Neale Upstone** writes, ‘I did not stand in the election this year.’ However, he has been an advisor to the Revolutionise Tax & Welfare Group and their upcoming book. ‘I’m currently working two software jobs and building an extension, while Su is applying the “science the s**t out of it” line to her Behcets Disease. Our daughter has already read more books in seven years than I’ve read in forty-six.’ **Sarah Ellson** (née Boardley) writes, ‘as a constitutional and regulatory lawyer, Brexit offers a lifetime of opportunity, first to discuss Article 50 and now to transpose endless bits of Brussels bureaucracy into a UK version – sometimes quite literally undoing drafting I was paid to do implementing Directives. I won’t be out of a job but as a citizen I worry for what we’ve done and how we’ve underestimated the catastrophe it will be. Sorry if that’s a bit serious – still happily chatting to the chickens and coaxing the courgettes with James in my spare time.’ **Stephen Neal** writes, ‘I’m still at the BBC, directing live studio and outside broadcast programmes. Day job is directing *The One Show* and *Film 2017*, but I occasionally get let out on good behaviour. Highlights in the last twelve months have been directing *Arctic Live* from Arctic Canada (I saw both the Northern Lights and a Polar Bear whilst doing so!), *The Queen’s 90th Birthday Weekend*, and most recently *The Richard Dimbleby Lecture*. I’m currently gearing up for my fifth year directing the London end of the BBC’s Eurovision Song Contest coverage. All good fun.’ **Richard Pollard** writes, ‘mixed results in 2016: an attempt with **Eamonn [Keane]** to visit **Ewan [McLellan]** ended prematurely at Gatwick when the flight took off whilst we were still in the bar. Sometimes you just have to count your blessings. Threshold performance objective for 2017 is to see **Dan [Gluckman]** for the first time in two years. Dan lives ten minutes away...’ Richard’s family have a cottage in rural France and he writes, ‘my brother and I have just been discussing its management – we can’t stop dad from cutting the grass before the wild flowers have had a chance to bloom.’ Finally, I (**James Ellson**) report that our broody hen that last year produced two chicks, has, this year, fallen into the pond (our old bath) and drowned. I couldn’t face eating her so I buried her in the orchard. Fruit trees have blossomed encouragingly including a pear that I grafted onto our hawthorn hedge. Still writing a lot, and have embarked on an MA in Creative Writing at Manchester Met. Amusing myself (and no-one else) by

writing short stories and flash fiction. Compiling these updates, two currents stand out. Firstly, how many people are thinking about *what next?* And secondly, that the older we get, the more time we spend discussing wild flowers.

1992 Year Group Representative Krishna Shanmuganathan writes:

A seemingly quiet year for most of the 1992 year group, it seems, judging by the silence to the appeal for news. I'm glad to say that a few, such as **Greg Walker**, have had an exciting year. Greg told his story thus: 'I've survived the big changes in the oil industry, and moved to Repsol's head office in Madrid, taking on the global role for managing people, technical expertise, and computational capacity. My PhD student in Calgary has graduated, which broadened my knowledge to include EnKF data assimilation techniques. Now that I'm in Madrid I'll see what other research I can get involved with, specifically machine learning and neural networks, in addition to research on adsorbed gas and unconventional reservoirs. On a more personal level, the last year has included some ocean voyages in an outrigger kayak, with a team that included some really good competitors, doing a 140km voyage around the Broughton Islands archipelago off the coast of Vancouver Island. A highlight was doing a 40km crossing in four hours. I've been white water rafting through the Grand Canyon, and am now checking where to go in the mountains near here for rafting and kayaking. Rock climbing has become a great hobby, and the target is to be ready for a trip in March 2018 for two weeks of canyoning and climbing in Utah. If there are people passing through Madrid, let me know.' Pretty impressive, Greg, an inspiration to us all to get off our backsides. By comparison, the Shanmuganathan household have had a much less energetic year. We've enjoyed catching up with friends from the 1992 year group and hearing all the wonderful stories of your great successes to date and summits still to be conquered. That has made settling back into the pattern of UK life much easier, though I can't quite remember voting so often when we lived here before. On which note, my fellow historian, **Kathryn Rix**, can remind us whether we've seen this all before. Kathryn writes, 'I'm continuing to work as Assistant Editor of the *House of Commons, 1832–1945* project at the History of Parliament. You can read more about this on the History of Parliament's *Victorian Commons* blog: www.victoriancommons.wordpress.com. My main piece of news is the publication in December 2016 of my book, *Parties, agents and electoral culture in England, 1880–1910*, by Boydell & Brewer in the Royal Historical Society's Studies in History series. Much of the research for this was done during my time as a PhD student and Junior Research Fellow at Christ's, and I was originally inspired to work on electoral history by Miles Taylor, my undergraduate supervisor and Director of Studies in History. So this book owes a great deal to Christ's, and I'm extremely grateful to the College for all its support. Had anyone told me when I arrived as a rather nervous undergraduate from my Oldham comprehensive school that one day I would write a history book, I really wouldn't have believed them!' Congratulations Kathryn, and hopefully your book can be found on Amazon... and all traditional book stores, of course.

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes:

Not a huge amount of news from the 1993 year group this year – I think we are all feeling rather old realising that next year is twenty-five years since we matriculated!

I had my third child, Benjamin, in April to add to Daniel (6) & Katie (4). I am Deputy Head at Epsom College, so juggling three children and running a boarding school is a challenge! **Natalie Haynes'** new novel, *The Children of Jocasta*, came out a few weeks ago – it's a retelling of the Oedipus story told from the perspectives of Jocasta and Ismene – and her third series of her radio show, *Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics*, will air on Radio 4 from 3 August. **James Groves** is now living in Sydney, married to an Australian with three children. He is a commercial pilot and volunteers for a children's charity, Little Wings (www.littlewings.org.au), flying children from remote locations into oncological care in Sydney. **Matthew Parish**, the Managing Partner of Gentium Law Group in Geneva, Switzerland, was proud to run the 2016 campaign of the Serbian candidate Vuk Jeremic to be the next UN Secretary General. Vuk, a graduate of Natural Sciences at Queens', and a contemporary of ours, ultimately came second in the race. Matthew has been appointed Honorary Chairman of the Caspian Development Forum and is the founder of the Eurasian Council, a not-for-profit foundation promoting commercial, political and cultural integration between east and west. He is also Honorary Professor of Comparative Civil Law and Litigation at the University of Leicester, and is shortly to open a new branch of his law firm in Dubai. **Irman Gulamhuseinwala** was made OBE in the 2017 New Year Honours for his contribution to the financial services sector.

1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:

My future in academia is hanging by a thread, pending news of my grant application to the German Research Foundation. My family and I (wife Martina and son Edgar) recently relocated along the train line to Aschaffenburg. I continue to work (for now) at the University of Würzburg. **Michael Bourke** has been a Senior Civil Servant since 2011. He and his wife Chloe have been married since 2014, and daughter Clementine arrived in 2016. **Tina Greve** (née Crudgington) is still working at BBC Worldwide and busy providing a taxi service for three sporty young boys. **Mark Hutt** studied Law but never ended up practising. He started a banking job instead, just in time to witness the aftermath of the dotcom bubble having burst. He has been working in the City ever since, first in banking and latterly regulating mergers and acquisitions in the UK. Poacher turned gamekeeper as some refer to it. His wife studied Natural Sciences at Churchill and they met at Cambridge. Being an expert on most things Cadbury, she likes to remark every Easter about the decline of the Creme Egg following the takeover by Kraft in 2010. They have three boys and live in Buckinghamshire. For **Baz Jones**, life is largely business as usual. He is still working as a teacher at Carlton le Willows Academy in Nottingham, and will be taking over as Head of Science in September 2017. He is also still listening to horrible music, watching horrible films, and drinking pitch-black beer, although marginally less coffee. **Jon Pendergast** has nothing dramatic to report. He is still in Toronto with no change of job, just in the weeds trying to raise a two year-old and a four year-old without losing his sanity (or his wife!).

1999 Year Group News

Tom Turmezei's wife had a baby girl in April 2017 called Margot ('Maggie'), who is a little sister for Evie.

2004 Year Group Representative Anjulie Rusius writes:

The Rev'd **Alexander Shannon** reports, 'I was ordained Deacon in Ely Cathedral on 3 July last year, and am now serving as Assistant Curate at All Saints church in St Ives. Helen and I also welcomed our first child, Thomas, in January this year.

Guido Dacie-Lombardo writes, 'I'm getting married on Saturday 10 June to Victoria Stansfield. We will be getting married just outside Florence in a villa set amongst the Tuscan hills!'

Finally, **Helen Mort** has been selected as a judge for this year's T S Eliot Prize.

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

Lottie and Harry Bagnall on their wedding day



Joy and Tian Chen, with baby Alexander



Temi Marcella Olatunde and Tayo Awogboro on their wedding day



Baby Raya Awogboro



Frederick Hector Huang-Faulkner

I married Harry Bagnall in St Peter's Church, Bedford on 13 August 2016. **James Robinson** and Hannah Joan Tildesley of Newnham College (m. 2006), have moved to Bermuda and, after a five year engagement, they have sworn oaths, in the Scottish way, that they are in a genuine and committed relationship. **Jessica Schewel** (née Nye), Kevin and Magdalena, who is now three, welcomed their baby boy Benedikt James Schewel to the world on 12 April 2017. **Joy Chen** and her husband Tian had a baby on 18 December 2016, named Alexander Tang. **Temi Marcella Olatunde** and Tayo Awogboro got married on 6 September 2017 in Westminster, London. A traditional wedding was held in Lagos, Nigeria, followed by a church wedding in Cape Town, South Africa on 26 November, 2016. Temi and Tayo also announced the birth of their baby daughter Raya Awogboro, on May 17 2017 at St Mary's Hospital, Lindo Wing, Westminster, London. **Matthew Faulkner** welcomed a son, Frederick Hector Huang-Faulkner who was born on 6 December 2016; a little brother for Charles Alexander who is now three.

2006 Year Group Representative Anna Horvai writes:

I've just completed my first year at the Department for Education, working with schools across South West England – which means lots of long (but very scenic!) train journeys. I'm still enjoying life in north London, spending as much time as possible in Islington's beautiful parks. **Imran Noorani** was awarded the Brainlab Community Neurosurgery Award by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Andrew Nanapragasam writes, 'In August 2016 I commenced an academic clinical fellowship in radiology. This unique job affords me time to spend on research and educational projects, in addition to my regular clinical training. The year has been a fruitful one; I have written papers, won awards, completed a part time degree, held positions on committees, and launched a website. Outside of work I have developed interests in poker, philology, and

night-time time-lapse photography. Website: www.radiologynation.com; Twitter: @radiologynation.’ **Richard Duncan** writes, ‘my wife, my black lab and I live on the outskirts of Northampton where I’m a Church of England clergyman in a parish called Moulton. Kate continues to travel to Oxford (the shame) for her work in the charity sector.’ **Frederick Simpson** writes, ‘since last summer I have enjoyed a fantastic ‘06 reunion back at Christ’s, and continued my preparation for leaving the Army. After a final exercise in Belize I moved back to London at the beginning of 2017 and will begin Bar school in the autumn.’ **Tyler Henry Hung** writes, ‘feel free to hit me up on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/tylerhung. Since July 2016, I’ve continued to build on entrepreneurial and *pro bono* efforts in Singapore, Hong Kong, and the UK and other parts of Europe. My team are, amongst other things, building a series of tech innovations that will aim to change how people learn certain disciplines, through using AI, algorithms and Augmented Reality. The non-commercial arm of my education and mentoring venture has been yet more active with the British Council, with voluntary workshops through the year to help demystify the Oxbridge application process for students, and to improve access. Please contact me if you’re in Singapore and want to be a part of the Oxbridge community out here! As for the other entrepreneurial projects, these remain much the same as last year – just steadily moving – and my consultancy and advisories continue to consume more and more of my time.’ **Alice Beckett** (née Bagnall) writes, ‘my main news from 2017 is the birth of my son Toby. Not very original news but big news for Allan and I nevertheless!’ **Ding Jian Wong** reports, ‘oh how fast time flies. Ten years since we matriculated! I have got married to a fellow Christ College mate, blessed with a baby boy of four years old as of 2017, and settled down in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Professionally, I am working as Senior Pipeline Engineer for PETRONAS, Malaysia’s National Oil Company which has the whole spectrum of the oil and gas value chain. It is my seventh year in this beloved Company and the challenges are as enriching as it is rewarding.’ **Emily Brown** writes, ‘following two years working as a doctor, I completed the Foundation Programme in Bristol in August 2016. I then chose to take a year out of NHS training to focus on global health work, as well as to consider whether I wished to pursue medical training in the UK due to the current catastrophe facing the NHS and the negative effects this is having on medical training. In late 2016, I enjoyed returning to Nepal working both as a doctor and on a research trip. In 2017, I achieved the Diploma in Conflict and Catastrophe medicine. Since March 2017 I have been working in Cambodia on an NHS global health and leadership fellowship. I am spending five months here working with the health department of the Maddox Jolie Pitt Foundation to write their health strategy for the coming five years. After I return to the UK at the end of July, I will spend a further year focusing on global health work, before likely returning to the NHS in August 2018 to train as a GP’. **Sofia Wallström** writes, ‘in March 2016 Shane Wallström (formerly Clifton) and I got married, and since September 2016 we are living in Taipei, Taiwan where I work as a postdoctoral researcher in astrophysics.’ **Clémentine Beauvais** writes, ‘I’m now a Lecturer in English in Education at the University of York, and I’m still publishing children’s books in French. I also started doing literary translation this year. I’m loving life in the north and get to travel a lot for work, or book-related reasons.’ **Andrew Maddox** writes, ‘I’m still working for Uber, having returned from Liverpool to London at the start of the year. I recently completed a charity cycle to Paris, with a team that raised over £4,000 to help the elderly.’

2007 Year Group Representative Anna Protasio writes:

Personally, I moved temporarily to Bangalore (India) as part of my current post-doctoral position. My husband and I moved here on 30 March and we will be around until December. If any of you are in Bangalore or planning to visit, don't hesitate in getting in touch. **Tom Tyldesley** has been in touch and reports that he is the creator of comedy drag act, Georgia Tasda, and last year was crowned Queen of Camden. After being host of Cambridge's club night, *Oh! Rama*, he was nominated for 'Best New Cabaret Act 2016' at the Boyz Awards. This summer he will be bringing a new one-person show, *Afternoon T with Georgia Tasda* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The show plays at 2pm on weekdays at Paradise Palms, and combines surreal stand-up comedy, politics, art, live vocal performances and burlesque. Outside of performing, Tom is currently studying a PhD at the University of Edinburgh looking at the impacts of land reform in Scotland on ecosystem services provision and natural capital.

2008 Year Group Representative Valerie Teh writes:

As befitting our generation, many of our year are living and working abroad, spanning several continents and time zones. We are very much looking forward to our ten year reunion since matriculation, which is coming up next year. While I spent June 2016 until May 2017 working in the tourism industry in Shanghai, China, **Amy Puttick** moved to Cairns, Australia in August 2016, with plans to return to the UK in 2018. **David Simpson** relocated to New York City, USA in September 2016, continuing to work for J. P. Morgan, while **Ruth Graham** continues to reside in Lahore, Pakistan as part of her work with the Department for International Development. **Maria Abdilla** and **Ashley Smith** (m. 2009) are delighted to announce their engagement. They plan to marry at the Chapel at Christ's College in July 2018.

2009 Year Group Representatives Stephen Morris writes:

Daniella Dunsmore reports that she completed her Teach First teacher training and MA in London and now leads Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics in a Grammar School. She says: 'I love teaching – the learning involved and working with young people in a role that intends to inspire a love of learning and of life's big questions!' She has also published a very well-received religious studies revision guide: www.edp24.co.uk/news/thetford-grammar-school-teacher-writes-revision-guide-1-4948058. She explained that the book writing came about as a result of working in publishing teachers' resources in the school holidays and she will be writing Part 2 this year, as well as more teachers' resources. She continues, 'I am currently juggling many different roles within school and outside, but am thriving on it. I feel very fortunate to be in a job where I learn something in each hour and feel personal growth each day, waking up and never knowing what the day will hold but excited to live through it. I have never laughed or at times, cried, so much – it is difficult to know where the next few years will lead but I'm sure they will be full of challenges and opportunities. My teacher-training tutor once said to see everything as an opportunity and never as a threat and that has stuck with me.' Meanwhile **Dylan Mac Lochlainn** writes that he had a recent meeting with Michael D. Higgins (the Irish President) as part of his work as a volunteer with Duolingo. He has also very recently published a paper on coeliac disease testing, which he describes as 'admittedly less glamorous but would

undoubtedly be more pleasing to my old supervisors and help raise awareness of the condition!' More information can be found here: www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/ar-fheabhas-president-praises-volunteer-duolingo-translators-1.288237.

2010 Year Group News:

Imogene Geh (née Fletcher) got married at Christ's in July 2016.

2012 Year Group Representative Pete Howarth writes:

Hattie Baker has been in touch and reports that she came first in both of her Associate Chartered Accountants (ACA) Professional Level exams for the March 2017 sitting in: Financial Accounting and Reporting – 1st place out of 792 candidates with 95% (she won the Spicer and Pegler prize), and Audit and Assurance – 1st place out of 739 candidates with 99% (she won the Watts prize). She also appeared on the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Order of Merits list. Well done Hattie!



Flowers in the Fellows' Garden

Photograph by Sarah Proudfoot

IN MEMORIAM



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Ian William Murison Smith (Fellow Commoner, m. 1957)



Ian came to Christ's from Giggleswick School in North Yorkshire in 1957 having completed two years National Service. His father was a GP and his brother was studying Medicine, while Ian's interests were more inclined to the physical sciences. The Natural Sciences Tripos was ideally suited for him and also the College had, and still has, a long standing relationship with Giggleswick, so fortunately Ian decided to come to Christ's. He entered fully into College life playing rugby in winter and cricket in the summer. He also worked hard and diligently, specialising in physical chemistry in his third year. He did extremely well in the Tripos exam and was offered a place in the Physical Chemistry department in Cambridge to do a PhD. This was a start of a long and distinguished career studying in detail the interaction between atoms and small molecules. Half-way through his PhD he married Sue Morrish, a physiotherapist whom he had met while doing his National Service and with whom he had two boys and two daughters. Ian continued to play rugby for a city team but had a greater love of cricket and for many years played for the local Travellers. These were family occasions with Sue helping with the teas and their two boys learning the niceties of cricket. For his research Ian had to build his own equipment to enable him to study simple chemical reactions at great detail at very low temperatures. He used one laser to activate one of the chemicals in the reaction and a second laser to recover the appropriate data. For a PhD, this was high risk research but it paid off as within two years his equipment worked and he started to collect useful and novel data. This led to his election to a Junior Research Fellowship at Christ's in 1963 and to his appointment as a University Lecturer in 1966. At the same time he was appointed to a Teaching Fellowship in College. He entered fully into the life of the College serving as a Tutor from 1969 to 1976, Director of Studies in Natural Sciences from 1972 to 1985, and Director of Studies in Chemistry between 1982 and 1985. At the same time he was steadily building up his own research group and his work was growing in international recognition. In 1985 he was offered a Professorship at Birmingham University which Ian accepted, as it would give him the opportunity to expand his group and apply his research techniques to a wide range of important questions. In many ways the move was a great success. Ian's work flourished and he had space and resources to follow many ideas. He was made Head of the School of Chemistry between 1989 and 1993, and appointed to the Mason Chair of Chemistry in 1991. Among his many awards, he became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1995. He also had the opportunity to travel and was a Visiting Professor at the University of Rennes

in 1999, and Visiting Fellow at the University of Colorado in 2000. Ian Smith made outstanding contributions to the understanding of molecular processes by his wide-ranging studies of gas-phase chemical kinetics, molecular reaction dynamics and energy transfer. He was among the first to exploit and develop new spectroscopic techniques and combinations of techniques to measure rate and state-to-state data for simple chemical reactions. His choice of systems for experimental study and the interpretation of the results displayed insights into the fundamental nature of molecular processes and what determines their dynamics. Other fields benefited from his work, particularly gas reactions in the upper atmosphere which could have an influence on climate change, but also gas reactions in deep space. His ability to measure the properties of chemical reaction at very low temperatures allowed a much greater understanding of the processes that could occur in dense interstellar clouds. This greater understanding of interstellar chemistry has been of importance to the space agencies and to the whole field of Astrochemistry and the evolution of the universe. On his retirement in 2002, Ian and Sue returned to Cambridge and renewed contact with their wide cycle of friends. Ian was a Senior Research Fellow in the department of Chemistry and a Fellow Commoner at Christ's. He continued his research in collaboration with his former colleagues, writing papers and editing books, but sadly his health was slowly declining. Nevertheless Ian and Sue travelled to France on a number of occasions to visit colleagues in Rennes and Bordeaux. The last major book he edited, and contributed to, was on Astrochemistry and Astrobiology and published in 2013. Ian died on Tuesday 8 November 2016. Sue died a few months later on 18 May 2017.

Alan Munro (Fellow)

Sir Jeffrey Tate (Honorary Fellow, m. 1961)

Jeffrey Tate died suddenly on 2 June 2017. He was born in 1943 in Salisbury with both spina bifida and kyphosis, and much of his childhood was spent in hospital where eventually he learnt to walk with a stick. Despite these cruelly disabling conditions he achieved a distinguished international career as a conductor.

When he was seven his family moved to Farnham, Surrey where he became a choirboy and eventually head chorister at the chapel of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne. He was a pupil at Farnham Grammar School where Alan Fluck, later founder of Youth and Music was his music teacher, fostering Jeffrey's musical ambitions.

In 1961 Jeffrey won a scholarship to Cambridge and matriculated at Christ's. At that time he was very conscious of his debt to medicine and curious to learn more about his disability and thus opted to read Medicine. As an undergraduate much of his recreational time was spent with the musical set where he got to know such inspirational performers as David Munrow and Christopher Hogwood. He was already a talented pianist and a well-trained singer and ended up directing plays, playing the piano for the Footlights and singing in the madrigal society under Raymond Leppard. He completed his medical training at St Thomas's Hospital, specialising in eye surgery.

By then his passion for music and performance had been reinforced so he decided to leave medicine and move to the London Opera Centre as a student and accompanist. From thence forward every move made by Tate consolidated his eventual career as a distinguished conductor. From the Opera Centre he went to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and blossomed as a répétiteur and voice coach under the guidance of Solti. In 1976 he became an assistant to Pierre Boulez at Bayreuth for

the prestigious centennial production of Wagner's Ring Cycle. From there he became John Pritchard's assistant at the Cologne Opera. In 1977 he made his opera conducting debut at Gothenburg performing Carmen. He was concerned that he might not have the stamina to conduct a full opera but in the event it was a success.

In the same year Jeffrey met Dr Klaus Kuhlemann, a geomorphologist, who became his partner and now survives him. This was a significant time in their lives together. Tate, who had been relatively underestimated in the British musical world, became more attracted to the scene in Europe and it was in Germany that they settled. There followed growing musical acclaim for Jeffrey and his international engagements, and travelling became more challenging especially for someone with his disabilities. Without the attentive care and support provided by Klaus his schedule would have been impossible.

In 1979 he made his debut in New York as a conductor with the Metropolitan Opera Company and was regularly invited back. In 1985 he was appointed first principal conductor of the English Chamber Orchestra where he made several notable recordings including a series of Mozart Piano concertos with Dame Mitsuko Uchida. In 1986 he became principal conductor of the Covent Garden Opera Company. From 1991 to 1995 he was conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and in 2005 he became the music director of the San Carlo Theatre in Naples. In 2009 he was appointed chief conductor of the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra and his contract was extended until 2019.

Despite his physical limitations Jeffrey, a courageous and handsome man, had great charisma, an essential quality in a conductor's life. He gave concerts throughout Europe, North America and Australia including over twenty complete performances of Wagner's Ring Cycle in Vienna, Paris and Adelaide. Among notable events in his life he performed Alban Berg's Lulu at the Met when James Levine withdrew. Tate was the only musician available at very short notice who knew this massively difficult score. Once in early days when a répétiteur at Covent Garden he was sent to Paris in an attempt to help Maria Callas to recover her lost vocal confidence but it was in vain.

Jeffrey was a deeply cultured man, a collector of early Meissen porcelain, widely read, an outstanding cook and like his partner, Klaus, a lover of fast cars. In the right company at the right time he would accompany himself in sparkling renditions of Noel Coward songs.

He last visited Christ's in February this year when his enthusiasm, verve and charm were undimmed. He received high honours in France and in the UK 2017 New Year Honours list he had been made a Knight Bachelor for services to British Music overseas, and College was looking for a date when Jeffrey could return to celebrate his knighthood with the Fellowship. He conducted his final concerts at the end of May in Northern Italy.

Graham Ballard (Fellow Commoner)

Richard Whitlock Davis (Former Fellow)

Richard passed away on 25 December, 2015, at the age of 80. A specialist in British history, he spent most of his career at Washington University in St Louis. Author or editor of eleven books, he was a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Richard's association with Christ's College was long and fruitful. A son of rural Connecticut, he was a graduate student at Columbia University when he encountered Sir John Plumb, already the doyen of Christ's historians. A visiting examiner on Richard's

graduate qualifying exam, Plumb was so impressed with the young American that he summoned Richard to Christ's. In Cambridge, he earned an MLitt (1962) and completed the dissertation that became his first book. As the College's resident American, Richard was, to his surprise, enlisted to offer tutorials in US history, a field in which he had scarce formal training. After Cambridge, Richard taught at the University of Rhode Island, the University of California, and Washington University, whose faculty he joined in 1969. From 1981 to 1982, he revisited Christ's as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. He brought to Cambridge a transatlantic family: his English-born wife, Elisabeth, whom he met in California; and his sons, Benjamin and Matthew. Richard retired from Washington University in 2003. A devoted teacher, he mentored over twenty graduate students to successful careers. His own scholarship, which focused on nineteenth-century politics, traced Great Britain's transformation from a cloistered, aristocratic realm into a relatively tolerant and liberal society. As colleagues and friends will attest, tolerance and liberalism were not only phenomena that Richard's work explored, but also values that he himself exemplified. A distinguished historian, Richard lived his life with abundant empathy, selfless generosity, and penetrating wit.

Daniel Sargent (m. 1998)

Dennis Sydney Buckland (m. 1940) *re-submission from 2016 Magazine

Dennis was born 28th April 1921 in Herne Hill, London, and attended St Olave's Grammar School, though life was difficult after his father died in 1935. Dennis won a Divinity Studentship at Christ's, intending to be ordained, and went up in 1940 to read Classics. He recalled that life was of necessity frugal and his fondest memories were of playing football and cricket. Dennis was already a convinced pacifist and in 1941 registered as a conscientious objector, valuing the opportunity to discuss his position with the Master, Canon Charles Raven, a well-known pacifist. Dennis worked in the Light Rescue Service of the Civil Defense, but in November 1943 he was directed to report to a Reserve Unit and at this point his conviction prevented him from complying. Arrested in January 1944, he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. The punishment received for refusing to co-operate with assigned work tasks led to a nervous breakdown, yet the rough treatment in a mental hospital proved even more trying. Having given up his intention to be ordained, he returned to Christ's in 1946 on a government grant for intending teachers. After graduation he spent fourteen years teaching Classics, Religious Education and Mathematics at a number of schools in the south-east. His life was to change radically when, in 1964, he met Jennifer Barnes, who was about to move to Japan with a missionary organisation; Dennis happily agreed to accompany her and a wedding was swiftly arranged! After four happy years in Kobe, they returned to the UK in 1969 and two years later moved to Cornwall, where they enjoyed family life with a son and daughter. Dennis took early retirement in 1980, but continued to teach part-time; he was a dedicated member of the Religious Society of Friends and served on the ecumenical group Churches Together in Cornwall. With an unwavering commitment to non-violence, he devoted much energy to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the Campaign Against Arms Trade, and Amnesty International; he wrote frequently to his MP on issues of concern until weakened by a stroke in 2003. Dennis and Jennifer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in January 2015, but after several months' illness Dennis died in his sleep on 20 October 2015. He was a dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and friend, who strove in all

he did to practice Christ's teachings of love, forgiveness and acceptance of God's will; his greatest pleasure was always in helping others.

Rosina Buckland (m. 1992)

Roger Gilbert (m. 1941)

Roger was born on 10 March 1923 and came up to Christ's in 1941 to read Natural Sciences. During his time at College he was a member of the Christian Union, the Squash Club and was a violinist in the Cambridge University Orchestra. Roger died on 13 February 2017, aged 93.

John Rees (m. 1941)

John was born on 1 January 1924. His father was a schoolmaster and John moved with his father's vocation, being educated at Clapham, London then at Llanelly, South Wales and finally at Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, before coming to Cambridge. He matriculated at Christ's College in 1941, coming up to read Economics, before being called up to the Royal Navy in 1942. He became an engineering cadet and trained to be an Engineer at Sunderland in 1945, carrying out further training as a Radio Engineer in Glasgow in 1946. During his time in Sunderland John was buried alive for two days in an air raid in 1943. Returning to Cambridge after the war, he completed his studies for a Master's Degree in Economics in 1950. He married in 1951 and his wife Joyce died in 2013. John joined the Three Peaks hiking club in 1947 and remained a member all his life. He worked as a Chartered Electrical Engineer, first for North West Electricity and then for Yorkshire Electricity until his retirement in 1986. John died on 1 June 2017, aged 93 and leaves two children, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and his brother Roger (m. 1948).

Stephen Rees

David James Chaloner Weston (m. 1941)

David was born in Sussex on 27 February 1923 and was brought up near St Leonards-on-Sea. He was educated at Charterhouse School and in 1941 he came up to Cambridge to read History. His studies were cut short however, when he left to join the Army and was commissioned into the King's Royal Rifle Corps (KRRC) in 1943. After the action, in which he was awarded his Military Cross for his role in the Battle of Anzio, he returned to England to recover and then joined 2KRRC in the 4th Independent Armoured Brigade. After leaving the Army he and his brother went into farming until 1950 when he was called up as a reservist and travelled to Japan to help to train National Servicemen for service in Korea. He returned to Cambridge for a short period as an assistant at the Department of Estate Management, and in 1954 he became Assistant Land Agent to the Earl of Feversham at Duncombe Park on the North Yorkshire moors. Six years later, he became Land Agent to Gerald, 6th Earl of Bradford, and managed his estates in Staffordshire, Shropshire, the West Country and Scotland. In retirement, he settled in Shropshire, where he was a fundraiser for many charities. He was a trustee of Tong Almshouses until he was in his 80s. David died on 26 June 2016, aged 93.

John William Allam (m. 1942)

John was born on 30 October 1924. He came up to Christ's in 1942 to read Maths and Physics but his studies were discontinued with the onset of the Second World

War. Although John's family had been in the farming business, his father had always been interested in aeroplanes and passed this onto John. At school he joined the Air Training Corps and later, while at Christ's, he was a member of the Cambridge University Air Squadron before joining the Royal Air Force (RAF). This led to almost a decade in the Royal Air Force (RAF) with postings in the UK, as well as Southern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. John retired from the RAF in 1954 and joined Handley Page's Flying Department as one of the test pilots. He was Chief Test Pilot from 1965 until 1970. Among his notable achievements were the first flight of the production model Victor B.1 in 1956, the first flight of the Victor B.2 in 1959, and the first flight of the Jetstream in 1967. In the 1966 New Year's Honours he received an OBE for services to aviation. John was latterly President of The Handley Page Association and was the last Chief Test Pilot employed at the company. John died on 9 May 2016, aged 91.

From information supplied by Jo Allam

Roy Stephen Alfred Cook (m. 1942)



My father, Roy Cook, was born on 3 November 1924 and studied at Harrow Weald Grammar School before joining the Cambridge Air Corps as a volunteer in 1942. Roy was offered a place at Christ's, which he took up in 1942. However, with the continuation of the war, Roy interrupted his studies after one year to train as an RAF pilot and, although a medical condition ended his flying career early, he received his commission as a meteorologist. Post-war, Roy forged a successful career in publishing before retiring to the Channel Island of Sark in 1988. It was here that he rediscovered his love for meteorology and became the official Met Office weather recorder for the island, eventually hanging up his equipment shortly after his ninetieth birthday. In addition to attending to the island's weather, Roy took a full and spirited part in the life of the island for 28 years, writing about many aspects of the community for the local magazine, and there was a tremendous and emotional turnout for his funeral last year. Despite living in such a remote part of the world, Roy never lost touch with his university colleagues and enjoyed regular and convivial reunions at Cambridge. He died on 29 August 2016 and is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eve, five children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James Cook

James Jagger (m. 1942)

James was born on 18 December 1923 and came up to Christ's to read Natural Sciences in 1942. He died on 10 November 2016, aged 92.

Jack Burfoot (m. 1943)

Jack was born on 1 April 1925 and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Natural Sciences. After his undergraduate degree, he went on to gain a PhD. Jack pursued a successful career as a lecturer and author, and latterly was Senior Lecturer of Physics at Queen Mary College, London. Jack died on 16 August 2016, aged 91 years.

Paul Elliott Jones (m. 1943)

Paul was born in Shantou, China, the son of a Missionary teacher, and he was evacuated to Taiwan and subsequently returned to England following a period in Belize. In 1943 he was accepted for an RAF University Short Course and went up to Christ's College to read History. From 1944–47 he joined the RAF, learning to fly from Smith's Lawn, Windsor before spending a further period of training in Africa. He returned to Christ's College in 1947 and was immensely proud that one of his supervisors was Sir John Plumb, who played a fundamental part in his future career by gaining him an introduction to N M Rothschild & Sons; where he believed he became their first graduate employee. He worked at their London office until 1963, when he moved to Manchester having been put in charge of opening their new office and subsequently their Leeds office. During this time he also served as a member of the Textile Council Import Commission, a governor of Cheadle Hulme School and a member of the council of University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST). He returned to London in 1977, becoming Personnel Director, Head of Administration and later Finance Director, before finally retiring in 1985. He kept himself busy serving on the Committee of the Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund, as Treasurer of his local Parochial Church Council and Chairman of the village school Board of Governors. He married his wife Jean in 1952, whom he had met whilst living in Stoke-upon-Trent. Jean sadly died in 2015 and Paul passed away unexpectedly just over a year later on 20 November 2016. They are survived by their three sons and eight grandchildren.

Chris Jones

David Donovan Patrick Lincoln Moody (m. 1944)

David was born on 13 December 1926 and came up to Christ's to read Archaeology, matriculating in 1944. He died on 28 July 2016, aged 89.

Robert George Francis de Stacpoole (m. 1945)

Robert was born in London on 30 March 1924, the son of Lt Col Hubert de Stacpoole MC, scion of an old recusant Catholic family, and Lavender (née Francis). As a baby, he was left with his grandmother and nanny in Ireland whilst his parents lived in Calcutta, due to his father serving with the Royal Scots at Fort William. His mother collected him two years later. He clearly remembered meeting his father for the first time, aged five, as the latter returned on leave, shaking his hand in Hyde Park, but despite this somewhat unpromising start, they remained devoted for the rest of their lives. Robert was sent first to a Catholic prep school, Welbury Park, before moving happily to Downside at thirteen, after which he took a vocation in the monastery. His mother, an heiress, was so enraged she tried, to Robert's understandable mortification, to sue the monks for influencing her son. It was actually ill-health, rather than litigation, that brought his vocation to an end, and in 1945 he went up to Christ's to read History. These were some

of his happiest days, during which he made lifelong friends with whom he could share his deep interest in history, religion, travel and politics. Among them were Malby Crofton, Humphrey Berkeley, Archie Dunn, Norman St John Stevas and Monsignor Alfred Gilbey at the Catholic Chaplaincy. After Cambridge he worked at Lloyds of London and in 1958 he married Susan Trouncer, daughter of the *White Russian* novelist Margaret Trouncer. They had one son and three daughters. Like his deep Catholic faith, and his devotion to his family, Robert's love of history, nurtured during his time at Christ's, never left him, and to the end he was to be found buried in his beloved books, a devoted and kindly figure from a bygone age. Robert passed away on 23 November 2016, aged 92.

Virginia Coates

Fredrick William Fox (m. 1946)

Freddy grew up in North London, and was educated at Oundle School from 1937 to 1942. He left school to join the Navy as an Ordinary Seaman on board the escort destroyer HMS Holderness. He was then selected for Officer training at the war-requisitioned Lancing College (HMS King Alfred), commissioned in October 1943 and volunteered for Coastal Forces. Freddy then became Navigating Officer for the 57th Motor Torpedo Boat (MTB) Flotilla in Motor Gun Boat (MGB) 662 from June 1944 to July 1945, and became involved in a considerable number of actions in the Adriatic. He went up to Christ's College in 1947, shortly after being demobbed, where he obtained an Honours Degree in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. He was also Captain of College rowing. Whilst competing at Henley Royal Regatta for the College in 1948, he met Hazel, his wife, and they got married on 2 June 1951 in Henley. After Cambridge, he joined consulting engineers Sir M. Macdonald & Partners, advising the Egyptian Government on the Nile hydraulic works, including the Aswan High Dam. He became a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers. He joined Sir Robert McAlpine where he was involved in the construction of The Economist Buildings in St James's, and the Cargo Handling building at London Airport. He leaves a widow, Hazel, and two daughters, Susan and Angela.

Simon Enoch

Michael Norman Bland (m. 1947)

Michael was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Kirkby Lonsdale. He came up to Christ's in 1947, having been awarded a Yorkshire County Scholarship. He graduated with a 2:1 in Natural Sciences and went on to work for the Medical Research Council in Cambridge for several years. He was fond of telling how he used to travel by train from Cambridge to Compton near Newbury to collect consignments of live guinea pigs for humane research. Mike said that the animals got better food than the research students. While at Christ's, Mike joined the University Railway Club and the University Guild of Bell Ringers. As a bell ringer he attained the distinction of being invited to join the Ancient Society of College Youths, which entitled him to ring the bells of St Paul's Cathedral amongst others. His National Service was deferred but eventually he joined the Royal Signals and was posted to Cyprus during the troubles there. Following National Service, Mike decided to make a change of career and joined British Railways as a management trainee. His knowledge of the UK railway system was extensive and most of Mike's professional life was spent working at the London termini on various aspects of railway management, from traffic costing to market research. He also had a large

collection of railway photographs taken over many years and spent much time travelling over the rail network. He was married to Christine for fifty years and had a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. His Cambridge days remained vivid in his memory. A few months before his death, aged 87, he asked if someone could find his copy of the Christ's College Grace, which as a scholar he had had to recite in Hall on occasions. The card with the Grace printed on it was found, but before it could be handed to him he had already begun reciting, '*Exhilarator, omnium Christe...*'

Christine Bland

David Brokensha (m. 1947)

David was born on 23 May 1923, in Durban, South Africa. He had an adventurous boyhood and in 1940, at the age of sixteen, he began his first year of BA in Humanities at Rhodes University. However, during the July vacation, he and his brother were recruited to become army dispatch riders on Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Despite not being the eligible age (David put his birth year as 1922), he was signed up and enrolled at Potchefstroom for training, and then sent on to North Africa in 1941. On 21 June 1942, they were fired on by the Germans, and then taken prisoner of war, initially in Italy, and then Germany. Studies at Rhodes University were resumed when he demobilised in 1945, and from there he was awarded a scholarship to Christ's, where he arrived in 1947 to read Social Anthropology. Post Graduate studies were furthered at Oxford before David was offered a position in the Colonial Service in Tanganyika (now Tanzania).

He spent almost five years in Tanganyika, and served in different districts and learnt to speak and write Swahili. The next years, until 1959, were spent in Zimbabwe, before becoming a Lecturer and Tutor in Social Administration at the University of Ghana. David's next destination was America at the University of California, latterly at Department of Anthropology on the Santa Barbara campus, from where he retired in 1989. During his time in California, he had many opportunities to travel, including field studies in Mexico and Kenya. Retirement for the next ten years was in Britain, again with many travels including South Africa, where, on visiting Cape Town, he decided that this would be where he would like to be for his final years. From 1999 to his death in 2017, David lived in Fish Hoek, overlooking False Bay, with its ever-changing scene of swimmers, fishermen, pelagic birds and whales. Amani (this means "peace" in Swahili).

Chris Moir

Gordon Jackson Crompton (m. 1948)

A student at Cambridge from 1948, Gordon came from Bolton, Lancashire. He attended Bolton School and at Christ's read French and German. On leaving Cambridge he taught Modern Languages at North Manchester Grammar School, and later at Blackburn Grammar School, leaving for a career in Education Administration in Doncaster. He became Deputy Director of Education, a post he retained under local government reorganisation and which he held until he retired twenty-nine years ago. He had a lifelong concern for education and for the quality of education being offered in the state system. He was a firm supporter of Bolton Wanderers (through the medium of television) but even more of Lancashire County Cricket Club. Gordon loved walking, especially in his beloved Lake District, and gardening (after all, he was a farmer's son). He was recruited to Amnesty International soon

after coming to Doncaster and became one of the longest serving local treasurers. He was still writing letters all over the world on behalf of Prisoners of Conscience when he died on 16 February 2017. Gordon is survived by his wife, Margaret, and two sons, Christopher and Stephen.

Margaret Crompton

Natale Antonio Diodato Mussolini Labia (m. 1948)

Natale, known as Luccio, was born on 28 September 1924 and was educated at Bishops School, an independent boys' school in Cape Town, before the family moved to London where he took a place at Westminster School. With the onset of the Blitz, the family moved back to South Africa. Luccio came up to Christ's to read Economics in 1948, after attending University in Cape Town. Upon graduating from Christ's, he took up a position with South Africa's diplomatic service, with hopes of becoming a diplomat like his father. However, he left with the dawn of apartheid. He returned to the UK and studied Economics at the London School of Economics before being appointed a lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. He returned to the University of Cape Town in 1980 where he taught until his retirement. Luccio owned one of the most valuable private collections of Old Master paintings in the world and had an interest in cars. He died on 13 November 2016, aged 92.

Neil Blair Pride (m. 1949)

Neil died on 12 November 2016, aged 85 years. He was born in Croydon in 1931 and was educated at Bryanston School, Dorset. He studied preclinical medicine at Christ's College and proceeded to clinical studies at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, qualifying in 1956. After clinical training posts in London and Cambridge, he went to work with the famous respiratory physiologist Sol Permutt in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA in 1962. This was followed by time spent with Julius Comroe at the Cardiovascular Research Institute in San Francisco. He returned to London in 1964 to work at King's College Hospital with Philip Hugh-Jones. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at King's in 1968. Later that year he moved to the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital as Senior Lecturer in Medicine, where he established his international reputation as a respiratory physiologist. He subsequently became Professor of Respiratory Medicine and Head of the Division of Respiratory Medicine, and remained until his retirement in 1996. During his time at Hammersmith he became a guru of respiratory physiology and fostered the careers of many academics in respiratory medicine in the UK and across the world. He was also a very gifted teacher and a doctor much loved by his patients. For all his brilliance, he was modest and generous, and an inspiring mentor to young researchers. His writing was as clear as his talks and he published many very influential papers, reviews, chapters and books. He was extraordinarily well-read and had an amazing memory, never seeming to forget anything that he had heard. He received many honours, including an honorary degree from Athens University in 1997, the British Thoracic Society (BTS) Medal in 2002 and the European Respiratory Society Presidential Award in 2003. He is survived by his wife Roma, his daughters, Fiona and Catherine, and his two grandchildren.

Roma Pride

Charles Purvis (m. 1949)

Charles Purvis was born in South Shields on 12 October 1926 and was the first pupil from his primary school to achieve a place at The South Shields High School for Boys. He went on to read Botany at King's College, Durham (1944–1947). This was followed by National Service as a Captain in the Education Corps of the Durham Light Infantry (1947–1949) where he taught at Dover College. He read Agricultural Science at Christ's College, from 1949 to 1951, specialising in crops. In 1951 he joined the Colonial Service and worked at WAIFOR, Benin, Nigeria specialising in Oil Palm genetics. He returned to England to take up a position with Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in the Agricultural Division, Teesside in 1956. After a successful career in publicity and advertising with ICI, spanning over twenty years, he moved to Surrey to work for The Chemicals Industry Association, and then to the Engelhard Corporation before retiring in 1988. In retirement Charles and his wife Margaret spent six months of every year living near Lagos, Portugal before returning to England permanently in 2002. In later years he and Margaret moved to Windsor to be closer to their family. Charles was an enthusiastic gardener, designing and creating beautiful gardens and he was particularly proud of his garden in Portugal. He was a very knowledgeable connoisseur of malt whiskies and a keen snooker player. Charles died on 5 November 2016 following a short illness and is survived by Margaret, his wife of sixty-four years, his two children, Jane and Martin, and five grandsons.

Rod Laws

Peter Nicholas Tarling (m. 1949)

Nicholas was born on 1 February 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1949 to read History. He went on to become a leading Asian Studies academic who held several high-profile positions over a three-decade career at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Nicholas spent twenty-nine years as Professor of History; eighteen years as Dean of Arts and seventeen as Assistant Vice-Chancellor. The New Zealand Government made him a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. After retirement he continued to write books, many on South East Asia, but also on subjects as diverse as the history of opera in Auckland, musical organisations and university reforms. He was also involved in a wide range of work outside the University, including as a radio presenter of classical music and a trustee of numerous arts organisations. Nicholas died in a swimming accident at Narrow Neck Beach on Auckland's North Shore on 14 May 2017, aged 86.

William Michael Antony Wright (m. 1949)

Tony died on 30 December 2016, aged 88. Born in Lancashire on 3 February 1928, he went to Repton School in Derbyshire before undertaking National Service in the Education Corps. He then went up to Christ's College to read Medicine, receiving the degrees of BA in 1951, BChir in 1956 and MB and MA in 1957, after studying at Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London. After marrying Dr Penny Pickering in 1958, he moved to the village of Westfield in East Sussex, where he lived and worked until his final years. His father had taken over the general practice in the nearby village of Sedlescombe in 1947; Tony became a



partner and was later joined by his wife. He was active in committees, both medical and in the community. After retirement, he spent much time in the Lake District. He continued his interests of collecting English Watercolours, eighteenth century glass, fine wine, and clocks. He died after suffering from Alzheimer's for a number of years. His wife survives him, as do his four children and seven grandchildren. He is remembered as a dutiful doctor, an active member of the local community, and as a genial host noted for his bonhomie and wit.

Robert Wright

Norman Colin Dexter (m. 1950)



Colin Dexter was born in Stamford, Lincolnshire on 29 September 1930. Both he and his brother gained scholarships to Stamford School, and Colin then came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Classics. During his time at College he played hockey and was a member of the Marguerites. After graduating he became a classics teacher and taught at various schools in Loughborough and Leicester. By his mid-30s he had progressed to being Head of Classics at a school in Corby, Northamptonshire and it was while there that he discovered that he was losing his

hearing. He therefore sought a second career in which his hearing impairment would not be a disadvantage, and he became a GCE examiner for the Oxford University Board. He moved to Oxford, and remained there from 1966 until 1987, by which time he had begun writing his *Inspector Morse* novels, the first of which was published in 1975, and for which he was well known. There were thirteen more in the Morse series, winning him a number of silver and gold Dagger Awards from the British Crime Writers' Association. In 1987 the first of thirty-three *Morse* episodes aired on television, the last being shown in 2000. After the death of John Thaw, who played Morse, in 2002, the story continued in a spin-off series called *Lewis* and a prequel series, called *Endeavour*. Colin was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2000 for services to literature and was granted the Freedom of the City of Oxford on 26 February 2006. He was married to Dorothy, with whom he had a son and a daughter. He died on 21 March 2017, aged 86.

Ronald Pickvance (m. 1950)

Ronald Pickvance came up from Bolton School to read History in 1950. After National Service he studied at the Courtauld Institute of Art, before joining the staff of the Arts Council in 1957. In 1965 he became a lecturer in Fine Art at the University of Glasgow, before moving in 1966 to the University of Nottingham as a lecturer in the History of Art. He returned to Glasgow in 1977 as Richmond Professor, leading the Department of Fine Art until 1984. For the rest of his scholarly career he was as an independent scholar, principally working on exhibitions and their catalogues in New York, Amsterdam, Switzerland, France, Germany, Australia and Japan. Ronald was internationally renowned for his scholarship on French and British art of the period 1848 to 1914, particularly his work on Sickert, Degas,

Manet, Gauguin and Van Gogh. His publications often opened up new directions in research. His wife Gina (Georgina) Pickersgill, whom he married in 1953, provided invaluable assistance and support by way of research and editorship to him in his work until her untimely death in 1997, shortly after they had moved to Gloucestershire. Ronald was an inspiring lecturer and many of his students went on to significant art historical careers. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Bolton Wanderers and Lancashire cricketers throughout his life, as well as a lover of French cuisine and an admirer of both classical music and jazz. Ronald passed away on 21 March 2017, aged 86.

Martin Hopkinson

Paul Alexander Samet (m. 1950)

Paul was born in Vienna, and came to the UK with his parents as refugees from Nazi oppression, just prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Paul discovered his metier in mathematics, a lifelong passion, and so studied pure maths at Manchester University and then at Christ's, where he excelled. Via the civil service, Paul came into university computing and helped establish the central computing services in at least three of the UK's leading universities – Durham, Southampton and University College London (UCL). In the last post he was given relatively free reign to build a team and create a computing facility that was second to none in the UK, and is the forerunner of today's Information Service Division at UCL. Paul retired in 1995. He was rather unhurried in his approach to life, was a stickler for detail and he was also a kind, gentle and rather self-effacing man. He should be remembered as someone who was an important voice in the development of computing in the UK: he helped found a community, he became president of the British Computer Society, and he maintained lifelong friendships with others who were instrumental in the development of the discipline and the tools that so many came to rely on in order to conduct their research. Paul passed away on 1 January 2017.

Stephen Hailes

Keith Wallace Thomson (m. 1950)

Keith Wallace Thomson was born on 11 October 1932, and came up to Christ's in 1950 as a choral scholar, reading Modern Languages. He was no stranger to Cambridge, having already been Senior Chorister at King's during Harold Darke's wartime spell as choirmaster (Darke's version of *In the Bleak Midwinter* always remained one of his favourite carols). After he graduated, Keith trained as a teacher, and following a spell of National Service in Libya, where he found himself teaching mathematics (much to his surprise), he spent some time as a teaching assistant in France, where he met another teaching assistant and his future wife, Mary Raphael. Once qualified he taught French and Spanish, rising to be Head of French in Gorleston Grammar School, then Head of Modern Languages at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. He retained his love of music, and for many years drove weekly from Gorleston to Aldeburgh, to sing with the Festival Chorus, under the direction of Imogen Holst, and Benjamin Britten himself (and had the doubtful distinction of having once stepped on the great man's toe). Britten remained one of his musical heroes, and he once sang the lead in a spectacular school production of *Noye's Fludde* (and had his ears enthusiastically boxed by Mrs Noye). In later years, Keith took great pleasure in his garden at home in south Norfolk, also enjoying many holidays in the

Mediterranean (while maintaining that the sea was never a patch on the Libyan Sea of his youth). He died on 16 January 2017, and is survived by Mary and their three children, James, Jeremy and Katharine, and two grandchildren.

Katharine Thomson

Jeremy Frank Collinge Fisher (m. 1951)



Jim was born in Middlesbrough and educated at Sedburgh School and Christ's College. On graduation, Jim headed out to Africa with his new wife Jill, to start a long metallurgical career working for Anglo American in Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Three sons followed – James, Jonathan and David. Jim's career in Zambia was notable for the innovative mining process developments he introduced, that substantially improved productivity, while his lasting contribution came as the driving force for, and first Dean of, the School of Mines at the University of Zambia in Lusaka. This was followed by years as the Chief Technical Director at Anglo HQ in Johannesburg. Sadly, Jill died as they were about to return to the UK in 1985 and Jim retired in 1986, returning to live in Milton, Cambridgeshire. Here Jim met and married Jean, who also had two grown-up sons. Jim was unlucky to suffer a serious stroke while on holiday in Malta that left him unable to speak. Through dogged determination he relearned speech and worked for many years as an ambassador for the Aphasics Society, fundraising for fellow less fortunate stroke victims. He and Jean moved to Conon Bridge in Scotland for ten years then returned to Gretton Court in Girton in 2012. Jean passed away in May 2015 and Jim moved to Howard Lodge in Brentwood, to be near his son Jonathan and his family. Jim passed away following a fall and stroke related complications in July 2016. He is survived by his sons, step-sons and grandchildren Michael, Nicole, Katy, Thomas and Keiran.

Jonathan Fisher

Daniel George Massey (m. 1951)

Daniel was born on 18 May 1930 and came up to Christ's in 1951 to read Natural Sciences. During his time at College he was a keen member of the rugby team, receiving a rugby Blue in 1952. Daniel married Jane at Christ's in 1955 and they had three children together: Daniel, Ruth and Rosemary. After retirement, Daniel moved to Australia. He died on 22 April 2017, aged 86.

Robert Cummins Congreve Sandys (m. 1951)

Robert was born on 7 October 1932 and came up to Christ's in 1951 to read History. During his time at College he took part in many sports including rowing, squash and tennis. He was also a member of the JCR committee. Robert went on to have a very successful career, setting up his own heating engineering company, retiring in 2000. Robert passed away on 10 June 2016, aged 83.

Jonathan Brian Sayce (m. 1951)

Jonathan was born in 11 October 1930 and came up to Christ's in 1951 to read Natural Sciences. During his time at College he was a keen musician and was a

member of Cambridge University Musical Society Chorus and the College Jazz Club. After graduating, Jonathan embarked on a successful career making dyestuffs and related chemicals with Imperial Chemical Industries until 1979. He then took an MSc in Systems Analysis at the City University, London, and worked on computer applications with British Gas in the North-West until he retired in 1995. In his retirement he volunteered for the Citizens Advice Bureau and played bridge. He died on 25 March 2017.

John Peter Arnold (m. 1952)

John came up to Christ's in 1952 and read Law. During his time at College he played bridge and was a member of the Boat Club. Later in life, his interests included wine, crosswords, walking, golf, music, art and gardening. John passed away on 26 May 2017, aged 85.

John Michael Barron (m. 1952)

John was born on 11 September 1933 and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read Mathematics. He died on 13 April 2017, aged 83.

Bernardo Ferran (m. 1952)

Bernardo was born in May 1914. He came up to Christ's in 1952, before moving to the Central University of Venezuela and gaining a PhD in Economics. He was Director of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Center and Consultant to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Cepal) in 1959. He then acted as Coordinator of Economic Studies at the Banco Central de Venezuela between 1965 and 1974 and later as the institution's Economic and Financial Adviser. Bernardo also held posts as Professor at the Central University of Venezuela, where he was head of the Quantitative Economics Department and as a Director of the Central Bank of Venezuela. He was also a Member of the National Academy of Economic Sciences. Bernardo died in March 2016, aged 101.

Michael Grosvenor Myer (m. 1952)

Michael was born on 12 May 1932 in Hampstead, London and attended school at Hendon Country Grammar. He came up to Christ's in 1952 to read English. After graduating, Michael worked variously as a teacher, folk singer and theatre critic. From 1968 to 1993 he was Cambridge and East Anglia's theatre critic for *The Guardian*, before five years as critic for *Plays & Players* publication. From 2001 until shortly before his death, Michael wrote for an online journal of sixteenth & seventeenth century English literature. He was a keen folklorist and folksinger and was a British Council lecturer in English Folksong at Beijing Language University and Guangxi Normal University, Guilin, China in 1989. He eventually took the post of Head of Upper School at Chesterton School, Cambridge, but retired from teaching in the late 1980s. Michael contributed to *The Guardian* and *The Times Educational Supplement* as the folk record, concert and festival critic throughout the 1970s and 1980s and was the regular folklore book critic for *The Times* during the 1980s and 1990s. He was also a regular columnist of *Folk Review* in the 1970s. He contributed to a number of publications throughout his

career such as *Folk Music In Schools*, (1978); *The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English*, (1988); and *The Continuum Encyclopaedia of British Literature*, (2003). As a singer, Michael recorded several broadcasts on BBC television and radio during the 1960s, 70s and 80s and his folk music videos appeared on his own *YouTube* channel. He was on *Mastermind* twice in 1988 with Magnus Magnusson, with the specialist subject 'British traditional folksong' and also on the radio version of the show with Robert Robinson. Michael passed away on 10 September 2016, aged 84.

Emma Grosvenor Myer

David James (m. 1952)

David James was born on 11 August 1929 and matriculated at Christ's in 1952. At College he read Agriculture and Land Economy.

James Eric White (m. 1952)

James was born on 25 November 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read History. During his time at College he was a member of the Beaufort Club and the Christian Minstrels. He died in 2016.

William Roderick Dunlop Evans (m. 1953)



Roddy Evans was born in Cardiff on 19 December 1934, and after a full and blessed life he passed away on 6 November 2016. Roddy graduated from Cowbridge Grammar School to read Law at Christ's College. He always remembered his Christ's College years with much fondness. He won his Cambridge Rugby Blue in 1955 and played his first game for Wales in 1957; he won thirteen Welsh caps. Roddy played for Cardiff, Wales and the Barbarians in three victories over the visiting 1957 Australians. He captained Bridgend RFC in 1960–61 after qualifying as a solicitor. Roddy played in the historic win by the Barbarians over the prior unbeaten 1960 Springboks. Roddy toured with the 1959 British Lions to Australia and New Zealand and played eighteen times, including four of the six Tests. "Power, pace, anticipation and, above all, fitness were the hallmarks of Roddy Evans' play in a honour-laden representative career. Roddy was regarded as one of the finest lineout forwards in Welsh & British rugby in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and he gained the respect of the All Blacks" (*British Lions*, author John Griffiths). In 1959 Roddy and Sue were married in Porthcawl. They shared the deepest of loves together, which richly overflowed to their two sons, daughters-in-law, four grandchildren, extended family and friends. Roddy became a Christian in 1984 when he made his own confession of faith in Jesus Christ during a Billy Graham mission at Liverpool FC's ground. He was faithfully dedicated to God and Grace Community Church in Porthcawl. He was a successful man in rugby, law, and property development, but his greatest successes in life were his exemplary roles as a loving husband, father, grandfather, loyal friend, and faithful man of God.

Neil Evans

Anthony Owen Langlois Hodgson (m. 1953)

Tony Hodgson died on 11 July 2016 in hospital at Eastbourne after a stroke. He had spent the weekend very happily in Sussex with his devoted wife Judith, daughter Susanna and family when taken ill. His other daughter Jessica drove down to Eastbourne, so his wife and daughters were with him when he died peacefully that evening. Tony came up to Christ's in 1953 with a Tancred Studentship, straight from Winchester College. He read Part 1 English Literature and Part 2 Theology, for four years in all. The high spot was living in rooms in the gatehouse. Tony made a point of getting to

know as many people as he could and made valued lifelong friendships with Christ's men. After National Service in the Navy and theological college at Ripon Hall, Oxford, Tony served as an ordained priest in parishes in Norfolk, London, Huntingdonshire and Staffordshire. His less mainstream roles included a period working as area secretary for Christian Aid. Whilst a vicar on the Staffordshire-Derbyshire border he was resident warden at the Lichfield Diocesan Youth Training Centre in Dovedale House. Perhaps his most notable achievement was founding The Little Gidding Community in 1972, a modern revival of a famous seventeenth-century experiment in communal living. Here he spent many years, and it became his spiritual home. In official retirement Tony continued to campaign for a variety of causes, sometimes social or political and often environmental. He supported and indeed created sundry pressure groups. He authored several books on religious and countryside issues and a collection of his "green" poems is in preparation. To quote his daughter Jessica, Tony touched many people's lives and people are glad they had known him. The evidence was in the packed attendance at his funeral service at Great Gidding, where he once had been the vicar. He was buried in the churchyard at Little Gidding.

Compiled by his family and friends at Christ's

David Howell Patterson (m. 1953)

David Patterson, centre as Captain

My father, David Howell Patterson passed away on 13 December 2016. David hails from Liverpool where he grew up immersed in football and his beloved Liverpool FC. His own father died in the Second World War when David was very young and so he was brought up lovingly and pretty strictly by all accounts, by his mother, Wilhelmina. David excelled at his studies and his sport. At

Christ's he was Captain of the football team that won the inter-college league, and he managed to get a double first while he was at it. David's lifelong friend, Walter Head (m. 1952) remembers David as "a rugged half back as tough as they come, and someone who had enormous ability to work through the night in pursuit of his studies, a result of which, amongst other things, was getting offered better College accommodation in the second year", whilst Walter got "booted out to live in digs". David spent most of his working life in the financial sector in the City of London.

David's family was the most important part of his life and with Sonya, his wife of fifty-eight years, he raised two children and was blessed with five grandchildren. He helped and supported us all throughout his life. In his so-called retirement, David established a business that engaged in a number of small building projects in and around Cambridge, the largest of which he named after his old College, Christ's Court on Victoria Road. Amongst many memories, I will treasure the evenings spent with my father discussing the trials, tribulations and successes of life and work, over dinner and a glass or two of wine.

Mark Patterson (m. 1979)

Victor Michael Whitehead (m. 1953)

Michael was born on 10 April 1934 in Canada and attended Selwyn House School, where he later would serve on the board, and Bishops' College, both in Quebec. He came up to Christ's in 1953 and read Natural Sciences, before returning to Canada to attend medical school at McGill University. His residency training was in Internal Medicine, followed by clinical and research training in Hematology as a Fellow at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Michael's first appointment in 1966 was at the Montreal General Hospital in Adult Hematology. He remained there until 1977, when he made the move to become Director of Hematology at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He served in that capacity with great distinction until 1999. In 1997, he was named the inaugural Jack Cole Professor in Pediatric Oncology in recognition of both his scientific accomplishments and his involvement in local, national and international research projects.



He was a transformational leader at the Montreal Children's Hospital, improving outcomes in children with cancer. In recognition of his work, Michael was made an Honorary Governor of the Inter-Service Clubs Council and was recognised by the Italian Community of Montreal with the *Lion d'Or Du Mérite*. Michael was also the inspiration for the fictional Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, of the *Sûreté du Québec*, a crime series written by his wife Louise Penny. Michael passed away on 18 September 2016, at the age of 82.

Michael Whitehead

Graham Charles Wood (m. 1953)

Graham was born in Farnborough, Kent on 6 February 1934. After attending the village school, he was educated at Bromley Grammar School excelling at cricket and football as well as academically. He obtained a state scholarship to attend Christ's College in 1953, the first of his family to attend university, where he read Natural Sciences. He then undertook a PhD with T. P. (Sam) Hoar, collaborated with Ulick Evans and continued as a postdoctoral researcher with Alan Cottrell. He met his wife Freda in Cambridge in 1958 while she was working as a teacher. In 1961 he moved to the then University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) as Lecturer in Corrosion Science



in the Department of Chemical Engineering run by Professor T. K. (Ken) Ross and, in 1972, was appointed Britain's first Professor of Corrosion Science with a remit to establish and grow an academic-based national Corrosion and Protection Centre. Graham collaborated widely internationally, mentoring and supporting the careers of innumerable people and was the first Chair from outside North America of the Gordon Research Conference on Corrosion. He received: the Beilby Medal and Prize from the Society of Chemical Industry; the U. R. Evans Award of the Institute of Corrosion; and the Carl Wagner Memorial Award of the Electrochemical Society. In 1990, he was elected to the Fellowship of Engineering (now the Royal Academy of Engineering). In 1997 the European Federation of Corrosion presented Graham with its premier prize, the Cavallaro Medal and he was elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society. In addition to establishing UMIST as an academic powerhouse of corrosion science, he set up CAPCIS (now part of Intertek), to provide consultancy services to industry. From 1982 he served as Vice Principal for Academic Development, then Deputy Principal and Vice Principal of UMIST. Graham's work was his passion. In the little down-time he allowed himself, he enjoyed travel, gardening, walking the fields of his childhood and fell-walking in the Lake District. He died on 4 November 2016, survived by his wife Freda and children, David and Louise.

Louise Wood

Noel Howard (m. 1954)

Noel was born on 24 December 1933 and came up to Christ's in 1954 to read Mechanical Sciences. Noel was Governor of Tavernspite Community Primary School in Pembrokeshire and Former Secretary of the Pembrokeshire branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales. He died on 1 January 2017, aged 83.

George Scanlon (m. 1954)



*George Scanlon,
right, with
Aleksandre Chivadze
who played for
Dinamo Tbilisi and
the Soviet Union*

George was one of the UK's leading linguists who combined a passion for language with his love of football. As well as enjoying a successful academic career, he led the England Football Association and top British football clubs on their expeditions behind the Iron Curtain. He was the official attaché to the Soviet Union 1966 World Cup squad and was widely respected in the football world. George graduated in French, Persian, Arabic and Russian after his talent for languages was first spotted during National Service. He was awarded a football blue in his first term in 1954 and played in four Varsity games at Wembley Stadium. His amateur football career reached new heights when he graced the illustrious Pegasus team to much acclaim. A passion for languages was marked by his determination to introduce Russian and Arabic to the school curriculum. He was also the British universities' representative of the Moscow based International Association of Teachers of Russian with the mission of promoting Russian language and culture across the world. His retirement in 1988, from Liverpool Polytechnic as Dean of Faculty, coincided with the fall of the Berlin Wall enabling Russian football stars to transfer to English clubs. He used his skills and contacts to settle the players and their families into British society. He took care

of Andrei Kanchelskis and Eric Cantona as Manchester United proceeded to win the first Premier League in 1993. George never forgot his Bootle roots and regularly gave talks across Merseyside and at UK universities, sharing his global vision of sport, language, culture and friendship. George passed away on 6 January 2017 at Southport General Hospital, aged 82. He leaves wife Enid and children Jane, Kay, David and Richard.

Jane Eckford and David Scanlon

Archibald Grahame Bain Young (m. 1954)

Grahame came up to Christ's to read Medicine in 1954, later changing to Natural Sciences. He became a stalwart on the rowing scene, and made many life-long friends. It was at Christ's that he met Peter Wallace, whose sister Mary he subsequently married and with whom he had two children, Patrick (Girton) and Anna Mary (Newnham). Following Mary's death in 1986, Grahame married Jane in October 1987. Working briefly for the Wallenberg family in Sweden, he was motivated to develop his interest in ethical finance and business, with an awareness of the value of providing commercial education to developing countries, to assist in their potential for future growth. Whilst his working life covered most continents, he developed specific knowledge of finance and international commerce in South-East Asia. Grahame was appointed Chairman of the Southeast Asia Trade Advisory Group of the Board of Trade, and set up the first North-South Joint Working Party between Britain and Indonesia. In Europe he held a similar role, and also worked with the Food and Agricultural Organisation, based in Rome. He was elected to the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) before being appointed in 1992 to the Board, where he was Deputy Chairman of the International Committee. His involvement with the Advisory Committee of the Examinations Board of the LCCI led to him being awarded a Fellowship, and he subsequently became Chairman of the LCCI Commercial Education Trust. Christ's, and rowing, had remained constants throughout his life, and he served variously on the College Investment Committee from the mid-1980s to 1995, and was Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee of the College Boat Club from 1993 to 2006. His embroidery skills were also called on by members of the Boat Club for the creation of blazer pockets! His last visit to Christ's was in 2014 for the 60th anniversary celebration of his year group and his interest in and commitment to the College remained with him until he died.

Jane Muir

David Every Konstant (m. 1955)

David Konstant was born in London in June 1930 and was educated at preparatory schools in Sussex, Wimbledon and Banbury in Oxfordshire. From 1943 he was a student at St Edmund's College in Ware, Hertfordshire and after leaving school he worked for a short time before entering the seminary at Allen Hall, Ware in 1948 to begin his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained for the Westminster diocese in June 1954 and then came up to Christ's to read Mathematics. He graduated in 1958 and the following year he qualified as a teacher following a postgraduate course at the London University Institute of Education. He then joined the staff of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School in Kensington, teaching Maths and Religious Studies, and he became an Assistant Priest in the parish of St John the Evangelist,

Islington. After a number of other teaching posts and assistant parish roles, David was promoted to Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Westminster in 1977. In 1984 he was made a Freeman of the City of London, and then in July of the following year it was announced that Pope John Paul II had appointed him to the Diocese of Leeds and he was installed as Bishop at St Anne's Cathedral on 25 September 1985. He retired in April 2004 and he was awarded honorary degrees by Leeds Metropolitan University in 2004 and by the University of Bradford in 2006, in recognition of his contributions to education and international relations. David decided to stay in Yorkshire after his retirement and he was able to spend more time on his own interests: music, sports, new technology and the more traditional pursuits of gardening and cooking. He died on 9 October 2016.

Adapted from obituary written by Diocese of Leeds

Frank Kelly (Fellow) writes:

I first met David Konstant when I was a pupil at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and he was in charge of discipline, an encounter we cheerfully remembered years later when he came to preach in the College Chapel. He was a born teacher who never lost his own love of learning and sharing his knowledge with others. He is remembered fondly by generations of his pupils and in his adopted county of Yorkshire.

Ronald Francis Tarling (m. 1955)

Francis was educated in St Albans and came up to Christ's in 1955 to read History. During his time at Christ's he was an avid tiddlywinks enthusiast and was involved with that epic battle between Prince Charles, represented by his Champions, the Goons, and the University crack team. After graduation at Cambridge, he studied Law and worked in a solicitors office. Later, he was employed with Plessey, working in their pensions department, moving to Enfield where he lived with his mother being unmarried. In 1984, after Francis had left Plessey, they moved to Shipley, in West Yorkshire. Francis found his occupation in the Citizens Advice Bureau in nearby Keighley and joined the Pentalpha Freemasons' Lodge in Bradford, but he found that it was not really to his liking and became an intermittent member. His interests were far and wide with a love of Opera, fine wines and holding parties with his many friends and fellow motorcycle enthusiasts. At one stage, he had four modern Ducati motorcycles, each with matching coloured leathers and helmets. He was always surrounded by his dogs, usually three of them, which he had obtained from the local rescue home. He managed to keep them separate from his wonderful collection of antique glass-ware which he continued to collect until just before his death. In the last two years of his life, he had to battle with a serious malignancy which he did with great courage and always kept a cheerful outlook on his limited remaining life.

John Follows (m. 1955)

Román De Vicente-Jordana (m. 1955)

Román was born on 6 September 1920 and came up to Christ's in 1955 to complete an MSc. After graduating, he went into a career in academia, becoming Head of the Department of Bacteriology at the Microbiology Institute, CSIC (Council for Scientific Research, Spain) and was an Honorary Fellow of the Royal National Academy of Pharmacy. He died on July 19 2016, aged 95.

Trevor Emerson Yelland (m. 1956)

Trevor was born on 26 June 1937 and he grew up near St Austell in Cornwall, where his father worked in the clay mining industry. He attended St Austell Grammar School and won a county scholarship to Cambridge in 1956. He came up to Christ's that year, where he read Natural Sciences. During his time at College, Trevor was a member of the football team. He was a school chemistry teacher for thirty-three years, latterly as Head of Science at Churston Ferrers Grammar School in Devon, until he retired from front-line teaching in 1993. He was then an A-level examiner in Chemistry for many years until illness prevented him from continuing in 2007. He always remembered his time at Cambridge with great affection. Trevor died on 29 May 2016 after a long illness.

Donald Reginald Brothwell (m. 1957)

Don was born on 3 June 1933 and came up to Christ's in 1957 to read Anthropology. He then began an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Archaeology (with Geology and Zoology) at University College London. Following graduation, he was employed as a Demonstrator at the Faculty of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Cambridge. In 1961 he went to work as a Scientific Officer at the Natural History Museum, where he eventually became Head of Anthropology. Don was Senior Lecturer, then Reader, in Zooarchaeology at the Institute of Archaeology from 1974 to 1993, before joining the University of York as Professor of Human Paleoecology. He officially retired in 1999. From 2006, Don was associated with the Department of Archaeology, Durham University as an Honorary Research Associate. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Stockholm for his contributions to Bioarchaeology. He died on 26 September 2016, aged 83.

Charles James Louis Booker (m. 1958)

The son of a shopkeeper from Surrey, Charles was the first in his family to go to university. In 1951 he attained a first class BSc in Chemistry (University of London) before completing two years of National Service in the RAF. On his return, he began research into what would become his specialist area of corrosion science. In 1958 he was awarded his first PhD in Physical Chemistry (University of London), followed in 1962 by a second in Metallurgy from Christ's College. Charles spent two years with the National Research Council in Canada and then with the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. In 1965 he became Principal Lecturer and later Course Director at Sir John Cass College, London. It was during this period that Charles made his signature contribution to corrosion science. In the 1970s the Thames Barrier was constructed and Charles was tasked to lead a team to ensure that it would remain free from corrosion and fully functional despite continual immersion in tidal waters. Charles retired from his position in 1988 but continued to contribute to his professional field, taking on consultancy work and also took on a voluntary Directorship at the Institute of Corrosion. He was Honorary Secretary for ten years (1992–2002), and was the first recipient of the Henry Cole Award for outstanding administrative service to the Institute. He also served the European Federation of Corrosion as Honorary Treasurer from 2001 to 2004. During his career Charles contributed towards many leading papers in prestigious journals (including *Nature*) on corrosion. By 2012 he

had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Although his memory loss shrunk the spectrum of his world, he still retained his characteristic wit and sense of enquiry. He died peacefully following a stroke in March 2017. He was widowed twice, and leaves three children from his first marriage and eight grandchildren.

Compiled by his family, colleagues and friends

Maurice Slater Elliott (m. 1958)

Maurice died in Toronto on 8 December 2016 after a long and debilitating battle with Multiple System Atrophy. After school at Tiffins, Maurice joined the RAF to complete his National Service, during which he completed the Russian translators course at The Joint Services School for Linguists. He read English at Christ's and played a full part in College activities. Despite a modest build, he was good enough with an oar to make the 1st boat. He was also a Marguerite and a Minstrel. After graduation, he and Carole, with whom he enjoyed fifty-four years of married life, emigrated to Canada. Their three children were born there. Maurice did his PhD at Toronto University in 1966, and joined York University as Professor of English. His primary teaching and research fields were the poetry of the Romantic period and Irish writing in English. He taught at the Yeats festival in Sligo for ten years.

During his long career at York, Maurice was Master at Winter's College, Chair of the Department of English 1993 to 1999 and Chair of the Senate, 1998 to 1999. He was additionally the University's longest serving Orator – an honorary position – from 1987 to 2004, during which time he gave more than one hundred and seventy citations. In 2009, his contributions to the University were acknowledged with the publication of a volume, *Citations: Maurice Slater Elliott*. It has been said that he elevated the delivery of citations to a memorable art form.

David McGill (m. 1958)

Alan Godson (m. 1958)

Alan was born on 1 July 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Theology. During his time at College he was a keen rugby player. After working in Manchester's Catacombs, Alan was Vicar of St Mary's Edge Hill, Liverpool from 1972. He died peacefully in his sleep on 20 May 2017, aged 86. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lesley, and his three sons Stephen, Jonathan and Andrew.

John Mercer (m. 1958)

John Mercer was born on 6 May 1938 and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Chemical Engineering. He died on 6 August 2016.

David Gordon Perry (m. 1958)



David Perry was born on 26 December 1937 and spent much of his early childhood in India. He attended Clifton College, Bristol, where his talent for playing rugby was first spotted. He was called up for National Service which he served in Jordan in the Parachute Regiment. David came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Economics and during his time at College he was a keen member of the Rugby club, gaining a blue in his first term. From 1958 to 1966, rugby was at the forefront of David's life. He played his first game for

England in 1963 against France, touring Australia and New Zealand with England later that year. He captained both Bedford and Surrey, and in January 1965 he was chosen to captain England for the Five Nations. By then he was regarded as one of the best No. 8 forwards in the world, but the 1966 game against France in Paris was his last, after a knee injury forced him to stop playing. During his sporting career he won fifteen caps for the England Rugby Union Team, four of which as Captain. After this, David went on to build a successful boardroom career. He was Chairman of the Anglian Group Plc and Non-Executive Director of Bellway Plc, Dewhirst Group Plc, Minorplanet Systems Plc and Euler Hermes Holdings UK Plc. Before these positions he also spent sixteen years with Waddington Plc as Managing Director, Chief Executive, then Chairman, and from 1966 to 1981 he worked for the British Printing Corporation leaving as Director. He was a Companion of the British Institute of Management and Vice-President of the Institute of Packaging. David died on 9 April 2017, aged 79 and is survived by his wife Dorne and their four daughters.

Dorne Perry

Stuart McDonald Archer (m. 1959) Stuart was born on 13 March 1940 and was educated at Batley Grammar School. He won a scholarship to Christ's, coming up in 1959, with the intention to read English Literature. However he ultimately chose History, which he never regretted, but always used literature as evidence in his studies and kept a vivid interest in past and present writing. Stuart was a member of the cricket team during his time at College and upon graduating he embarked on a successful teaching career in Yorkshire. Stuart died suddenly on 28 October 2016 after a short illness.

Christo Jooste (m. 1959)

Christo was born on 6 November 1939 and came up to Christ's in 1959 to read Law. During his time at College, Christo was a keen member of the Boat Club. After graduating, he went on to have a successful career, establishing new mines in South Africa. He died on 22 July 2016.

Christopher Moore (m. 1959)

Christopher was born on 24 June 1938 and came up to Christ's in 1959 to read Natural Sciences. While at College he was a keen sportsman, playing lacrosse and hockey and was also a member of the Boat Club.

Miles Edward Rotherham (m. 1961)



Miles was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire, on 23 November 1941. After a gap year in Grenoble, France, he came up to Christ's from Dulwich College to read Natural Sciences, choosing Metallurgy for his Part II. It was a natural choice for the son of the distinguished metallurgist Leonard Rotherham, CBE FRS. Miles was a diligent student, but always had interests that were wider than his studies. His abiding quality was a wit that punctured pomposity and aggrandisement, and a conscious choice of friends, who ranged from the great to the humble, from all over the world. They tended to be intelligent, clever in some way, but absolutely not chosen for status or background. At Christ's he expressed his view of serious sport

by opting for lacrosse, captaining the College team, and rowing in the College's 9th boat. The most significant outcome of the latter was a lifelong friendship with nine other men – eight other crew members and a camp follower – who took the name the Random Variables (see *College Magazine* 2015, p. 84). After Cambridge, Miles joined Imperial Metal Industries (IMI) in Birmingham, where he worked in the lab on low-expansion metals for fuel tanks. As IMI declined in the UK, Miles moved to London and went into metals trading. He eventually specialised in the uranium market with his own company, Miles Metals. Miles never forgot his year in Grenoble, and throughout his adult years owned at least one house in France, settling more recently for a large farmhouse in Frayssinet-le-Gélat, in the Lot. Similarly he acquired a love of India, which he visited regularly, and where he celebrated his 70th birthday. In 1972 he married Anne James, and together they lived in Battersea. Amongst his prize possessions was a 1950s Seeburg Select-O-Matic jukebox. After a long battle with cancer, borne with great fortitude and courage, Miles died at home in May 2016. He is survived by Anne and their two children, James and Joanna.

Barry Shurlock (m. 1961) & Tony Sleight (m. 1961)

See Chuen Chan (m. 1961)

See Cheun was born on 17 April 1942 and came up to Christ's in 1961 to read Mechanical Sciences. He died on 28 April 2017, aged 75.

John Patrick Yerbury (m. 1961)

John Patrick Yerbury was born on 31 December 1937 and educated at St Paul's School, London. He completed a law degree at University College, London and qualified as a solicitor before coming up to Christ's in 1961 to pursue post-graduate legal studies. He was a member of the Boat Club and he became Vice-President of the University Law Society in 1963. After Cambridge he joined Freshfields and later became a partner at Jacques and Lewis in Gray's Inn. He married Anne in 1968 and they, and their daughter Patricia, lived in Chiswick. His wife, Anne, died in 1988. John was a specialist in pension law, and at a later stage of his professional career he joined the National Coal Board to assist in the administration of their pension schemes. His favourite pastime was horse-racing, proudly boasting that he had visited all but two of the racetracks in England. He was a stalwart supporter of his local church, St Nicholas, Chiswick, being at various times church warden and chairman of the Trustees of Whittingham Court, a local alms house. He died on 23 June 2016, aged 78 years, following a fall at his home. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia.

Michael Harvey (m. 1961)

Ian Coulson Parkinson (m. 1962)

Ian graduated in Law from Christ's College in 1965 and joined Gray's Inn, preparing to become a barrister. However following a change of plan he took up a position with Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in 1966 at Head Office, Mill Bank, London, working on legal issues, and moved several times over the next 10 years between there and Manchester. After appointment as Company Registrar in 1984 he was heavily involved in administering the demerger of ICI and Zeneca. He was also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and on his retirement from AstraZeneca acted as a consultant and an expert witness. Ian was a sports fanatic and a lover of good food, drink and conversation. As a keen cricketer he played at club

level for Brentwood and Prestbury in the Cheshire and Lancashire League, and on moving back south, captained a side for Old Merchant Taylor's. In 1982 he ran the London Marathon, giving his all as he did in everything, in a very respectable time of 3hrs 34 mins. After full retirement Ian took up croquet, a sport that satisfied both his competitive instincts and intellectual capacity, rapidly becoming a scratch player. He also took a keen interest in coaching and analysing tactics. He married Judith in 1965 and they had two sons, Rupert and Simon. He lived the last years of his life in Flaunden, Hertfordshire and passed away on 3 August 2016, aged 73.

Rupert Parkinson (m. 1984)

Nigel Rushton Hall (m. 1964)



Nigel, born in 1945 in Kenya where his father was Provincial Commissioner for the Coast region, was an obvious leader early on and was Head Boy at Pembroke House, his prep school north of Nairobi, and Captain of School at The King's School, Canterbury. At Christ's, Nigel read Modern Languages but also gained much from extra-curricular activities. He joined the Footlights (co-organising two theatre tours in Europe) and the Original Christian Minstrels and was active in rowing, swimming and running, travelling extensively in the vacations. Nigel started his career at Ford as a management trainee – a natural move for a man with a life-long passion for cars. Then, after a period in the travel industry (Clarksons and American Express), he joined the wine and spirits trade. For the rest of his corporate career he held senior brand management and marketing roles with James Burrough, Campbell Distillers and Matthew Clark & Sons and achieved the Wine and Spirit Education Trust Diploma, one peg below Master of Wine. As well as being a very active school governor, Nigel did much for his local community. However, we are defined not by what job we do, but by who we are and the values we espouse. Nigel was interesting and interested; he was morale-boosting and brought warmth and humour to every encounter. His integrity, honesty and principled behaviour truly marked him out. He was a practical, organised man whom one could rely on totally and was infinitely kind. He valued his family hugely and went to all lengths to assure their well-being. He is survived by his wife Lorna and sons Jamie and Jonno.

Lorna Hopkinson-Hall

Charles Ian Ray Jones (m. 1964)



Charles was born in 1945 and attended Magdalen College School, Oxford between 1955 and 1964. He enjoyed sport, especially rugby and shooting. The RAF section of the cadet core was another enthusiasm. Achieving academic success in the sciences, he attended Christ's College from 1964 to 1967, where he graduated in Natural Sciences after a brief flirtation with Medicine. He was active on the sports field and represented the College at hockey where he is remembered as a solid but somewhat feisty fullback. After completing his Diploma in Education at St Peter's Hall Oxford, with a teaching practice at Phillips Exeter Academy in the USA, Charles

taught Chemistry at Cranleigh School in Surrey, before moving to Newmarket Upper School as Head of Chemistry. In 1974 he emigrated to Australia with his wife Ruth. He then taught in Melbourne, Adelaide and South Australia, where he enjoyed the strong sense of community to be found in the small country towns. Following several positions as School Principal, Charles retired in 1998 and was able to spend more time on his other interests. He loved travelling overseas, visiting friends and relatives and enjoying the sense of history and art to be found in the different locations. He was a passionate fisherman and proud boat owner who loved to spend time in the sheltered waters off the coast of South Australia. He loved gardening and in retirement was able to indulge this hobby on the five acre block he moved to at Victor Harbor. The trees and shrubs thrived and much time was spent watching the kangaroos and local bird population appreciate the new habitat. Charles was a dedicated family man, married to Ruth for forty six years, very proud of his two daughters, Megan and Rhiannon, and their partners, and devoted to his young grandson.

Ruth Jones

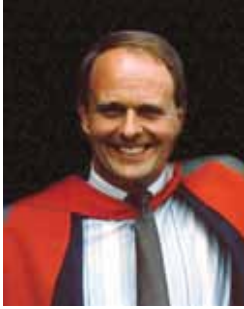
Michael John Grant (m. 1967)

Mike came up in 1967, from Hymers College, Hull, with a scholarship from the then Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), and a year's experience of local authority data processing under his belt. He emerged as a Wrangler, having excelled in both parts of the Mathematics Tripos. Life in College was quiet. Mike's long vacations included placements with CEGB, and on graduation he joined their Computing Branch. He would remain there until privatisation of the electricity industry, at the start of the 1990s. In preparation for the split of central functions, Mike was allocated to a computing function moving to Swindon. He preferred to remain in London so took early retirement. With his modest needs satisfied, he took his leisure for many years. He worked for some years in an early real-time control language, Coral-66, and it is reasonable to guess that he worked on CEGB's development of real-time control of individual power stations, with PDP-11 computers, and expansion of Coral-66 into a language, Cutlass. Outside of work, Mike was a considerable endurance runner. Over fifteen years, he participated in many one hundred mile challenge events of the Long Distance Walkers Association. His best result was 11th place in a field of two hundred and sixty, completing the distance in around twenty four hours. He had run the London Marathon (in about 2h 42m), and later assisted in marshalling the event. As befitted his Scottish heritage, he was also an enthusiastic hill-walker. He completed the rounds of the Munros (over 3000 ft.), the Corbetts (over 2500 ft.) and was most of the way through the Grahams (over 2000 ft.). His most extreme expedition is recalled as walking into the remote Fisherfield Forest on Boxing Day of 1987, traversing five Munros, bivouacking, (probably under a boulder shelter at 2500 ft), visiting the 6th Munro of the circuit the next day, and walking out. Mike was an only child, and never married. He died of a brain tumour in January 2017.

Chris Bradfield

Marek Siemiradzski (m. 1967)

Marek, often known as Mark, was born to Polish parents in York in 1948. He was proud both of his Polish heritage and of his Yorkshire birth. From Nunthorpe Grammar School in York he won a scholarship in 1967 to read English at Christ's.



His years at Christ's were happy. He made good friends who reckoned him brilliant, took part in College drama and other activities. His time at Christ's was followed by a year in Paris on a prestigious Harper-Wood Studentship. Meanwhile however clouds were gathering over his life, possibly ever since his father's death during his schooldays. Back in York he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. This, and a spinal problem, precluded what would no doubt have been an impressive professional career. He did temporary jobs and voluntary work and later, in better

health, he gained a doctorate from the University of York for a thesis on Sir Philip Sidney's *Arcadia*. More recently he volunteered over many years in the Witness Support Service, where he was much appreciated. In all these occupations he made lasting friendships. He bore his frustrating disabilities patiently, and they in no way affected his intellect, his encyclopaedic memory, or his fluency in several languages besides Polish and English. He enjoyed his considerable artistic talent, his large collection of classical music records, and his writing. Friends relished his calm and compassion, his wicked sense of humour, his deeply thought, elegantly worded and wholly unpredictable judgements on many topics – and his overwhelming laughter. They were shocked when he died unexpectedly in April 2017 from bronchial pneumonia. With no known relatives, he left his estate to the Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture. His funeral in York was attended by nearly a hundred friends and neighbours.

John Heawood

Ian Gilkison (m. 1970)

After studying Natural Sciences, Ian studied for a PGCE and taught for a year at Brooklands Further Education College. He then took the opportunity to do research at Kingston-on-Thames, investigating the reactions of fatty cyclopropenoids, developing skills in a wide range of analytical chemical procedures. He completed his PhD in 1980 and his work was subsequently published in the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society titled, "*The Rearrangement of fatty Cyclopropenoids in the presence of Boron Trifluoride*". The combination of teaching and analytical chemistry skills proved invaluable in his later work as a laboratory manager for the contract pharmaceutical industry, which involved recruiting and training new graduates. Health issues led to early retirement in 2006, and gave Ian the opportunity to pursue his love of photography and music. He was delighted that his two daughters followed him to Cambridge, both studying Natural Sciences. More recently, the arrival of two grandsons provided him with new photographic subjects. Ian died on 18 May 2017 and is survived by his wife Sue, and daughters Rachel and Ruth.

Sue Gilkinson

Geoffrey Michael Cotton (m. 1972)

Geoffrey was born on 10 November 1954 and came up to Christ's to read Modern and Medieval Languages in 1972. After a career in marketing, Geoffrey went on to become a freelance musician and entertainer, frequently appearing in shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

John Charles Dodds (m. 1979)

*John Dodds taking
part in University
Challenge*



Born on 15 February 1961, and proud of his Darlington heritage, John read Maths at Christ's. He represented Christ's on University Challenge, earned respect as a rowing cox, and helped run the 1982 May Ball. While at College, John also edited a postal board-gaming magazine – *Perspiring Dreams*, and co-founded MidCon, an annual games convention still running today, where he organised the National Diplomacy

Championships. Many of John's Cambridge friendships endured. During the 1990s, with three other alumni, John won the UK Board and Card Game Championships five times; also doing well in consequent European competitions. In 2008 he married Clare, his long-time flatmate, in the College Chapel. After Cambridge, John joined the Civil Service. They sponsored him to gain an MSc in Statistics at Manchester University, where he won the M.S. Bartlett Prize. The bulk of John's career – as he rose to Director – was then spent in HM Treasury, the Cabinet Office, and what is now the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). John negotiated the UK's contribution to the EU budget; managed UK Budgets for both Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown; and became the Chancellor's senior advisor on defence funding, where he was commended by the Chilcott Inquiry. Latterly John led the Better Regulation Executive to help fight red tape, and then held Directorates in Innovation and Vocational Education. His tributes consistently mention his sharp mind, integrity and objectivity, his passion, wry humour, and his gentlemanly qualities. Outside work, John was very widely read, and also enjoyed visiting UK heritage sites, classical music, and watching sport with a statistical scrutiny. Despite living in South London, he kept faith with Darlington FC, and became treasurer of Durham County Cricket Club's supporters club. John also joined the council of the John Buchan society, someone he'd long admired as a fellow polymath. John's death on 16 September 2016 was unexpectedly sudden, shortly after a diagnosis of Pulmonary Fibrosis. He is sadly missed by Clare and all his friends.

David Long (m. 1979) and Clare Dodds

Timothy Daniel Heymann (m. 1980)

Tim came up to Christ's to read Chemical Engineering in 1980 but quickly changed to Medical Science. With a combination of skill and some audacity, he persuaded me that he was capable of the switch. He turned out to be a brilliant student. Without seeming to try very much, he achieved triple First Class in his Tripos examinations. He spent plenty of time on a variety of social activities including arranging skiing trips and was elected President of the College Medical Society, organising a full programme of events, including very enjoyable light entertainment for the College medical community. After graduating in 1983, Tim went on to St Thomas' College Hospital in London for clinical training where he continued his career specialising in gastro-enterology and hepatology, proceeding

to Consultant Physician positions at Kingston Hospital and at Imperial College. He was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in 2002. Not content with a conventional career in clinical practice, Tim extended his talents and skills to health management, and delivered courses at Imperial College Business School and taught internationally. He qualified MBA from INSEAD (Business School) and collaborated with McKinsey & Co on recruitment and training programmes. He was an active figure in the NHS and other government initiatives as well as in the Royal College of Physicians. All this activity was trumped nonetheless by the pleasure he gained from spending time with his family. Tim was determined to return something to Christ's College and, in 2008, he was crucial in founding the Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA) to help students develop contacts with successful medical alumni. The CCMAA has become one of the most successful alumni groups in Cambridge Colleges. In accordance with his wishes, his family and friends have set up a CCMAA Travel Fund in his memory to further the careers of medical students at Christ's. Tim died peacefully at home on 18 October 2016, aged 55, after a brave struggle against a relentless glioblastoma. He is survived by his wife Amanda and children Theo, Jo and Nicholas.

Visvan Navaratnam (Fellow)

Miles John Whitworth (m. 1984)

Miles Whitworth was born on 23 April 1965 and came up to Christ's in 1984 to read the Electrical and Information Systems Tripos (EIST). During his time at College, Miles was a member of the Table Tennis club and he graduated with a First Class Degree in 1987. He died after a battle with cancer on 28 March 2017, aged 51.

Stanley Newman (m. 1985)

Stanley, who died at Addenbrooke's Hospital in March 2017 after a short illness, was a lifelong Cambridge resident. The Newman family have been residents of the Cambridge area for over four hundred years, and can trace back to 1604. Like his father, Stanley was educated at the Grammar School for Boys but left school at 14 to work for Coulson & Son as an apprentice. He took O levels at evening school, and after national service with the Royal Artillery, became a builder's surveyor, eventually qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor winning the national junior prize for the case study. Stanley worked for Coulson, Johnson & Bailey and William Sindall, all Cambridge-based building contractor businesses, up to 1973. He moved to Scotland for a year, but returned to start a new career as a lecturer in building studies at Cambridge Regional College, now Anglia Ruskin University. He stayed at the college until retirement aged 70. During his time there he took a year's sabbatical to study for a diploma in Computer Science at Christ's College and graduated in 1985. Stanley was a keen sportsman who was in the Head of the River eight for the 99 rowing club in the 1950s and also played rugby for Shelford Rugby Club. He continued to row and play rugby into his 50s. He rarely drove his car and cycled into town most days well into his 80s. He enjoyed theatre, reading and gardening, and enjoyed much time in Italy where he had a second home. Stanley married Metella Trentin in 1959. She survives him along with his three sons and daughter.

Tim Newman

Paul Gerard Ruane (m. 1986)

Paul came up to Christ's in 1986, where he was a popular and visible presence in College, reading Natural Sciences, captaining the 1988/89 College football team, playing in the College orchestra and as a stalwart of the College pool team. More widely, his love of music was strongly in evidence. An excellent fiddle player, Paul could often be found in Irish music sessions at The Geldart bar. He was also a member of the memorably-titled band "*Wild Bill Harzia and the Malarial Swamp Dogs*", which acquired something of a cult following for its eclectic fusion of Hillbilly, Bluegrass and student fun! As recently as 2013, he reprised his role as an uncompromising right-back, helping the Old Boys football team to unexpected victory over the current Cambridgeshire County Athletic Football Club (CCAFC) squad. Originally from Leeds, of Irish parents and having attended Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School in the city, Paul settled in Newcastle following graduation, quickly becoming a valued member of the community there. He spent all of his working life at St Cuthbert's High School, rising to become Head of Science and Deputy School Head. He was a strong advocate of the Reece Foundation, which supports Engineering and Science in the North East region through funding and education. In 1991, he met his wife Deirdre (Dee) through their shared love for Irish music and, in their early days, they enjoyed world tours together with their band "Cúig" (Irish for "five"). Paul was also an active member of the Irish Centre in Newcastle, where he ran regular music lessons for young people. Throughout his life, Paul combined his twin passions for science and music, dedicating himself tirelessly to passing on his skills and knowledge to future generations. Following a battle with cancer, Paul passed away in August 2016 at only 48. He is survived by Dee and their three daughters, Orla, Eva and Celia.

Conal Gallagher (m. 1986)

Matthew Neale (m. 1991)

Matthew was born on 4 September 1972 and came up to Christ's in 1991 to read Natural Sciences. He died on 8 March 2017, aged 44.



College Skyline; Blooms in front of the Fellows' Building

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Second Court Flowers

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COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

The College is open to members of the public from Monday to Sunday 9am to 4pm (except during the “Quiet Period” and during the Christmas closure period) and the Fellows’ Garden is open Monday to Friday only, 9am to 4pm.

In addition, members of Christ’s are welcome to visit at any time. Please check in at the Porters’ Lodge (St Andrew’s Street) on arrival and let the duty porter know that you are a member of College.

During full term, Choral Evensong is sung in the College Chapel at 6.45pm on Thursdays and at 6.00pm on Sundays. Members of College are very welcome at services. Information can be found on the College’s website: www.christs.cam.ac.uk

MEMBERS’ PRIVILEGES

Dining

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

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time and Monday to Friday out of term. Alumni are able to bring an adult guest at their own expense. Please note that a maximum of six alumni can exercise their dining privileges on any one night and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office on either (01223) 339556 or (01223) 334985 or by email to cateringoffice@christs.cam.ac.uk.

Bookings must be made before 1pm on the day on which you intend to dine, or by 1pm on the Friday if you wish to dine at the weekend, although we encourage you to book earlier than that if you can. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

Accommodation

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

The guest rooms are C.3 (1st floor level) and C.5 (2nd floor level) and you should note that each guest bathroom is also shared with one student occupant. Bookings may be made by contacting the Accommodation Office on either (01223) 334926 or (01223) 334969, or by email to accommodation@christs.cam.ac.uk.

The College welcomes enquiries about dinners, meeting and conferences. Please contact the Catering Office (catering@christs.cam.ac.uk) regarding dinners and the Conference Office (conference@christs.cam.ac.uk) regarding meetings and conferences. Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: www.christs.cam.ac.uk/alumni/accommodation

To receive the alumni promotional rate on single rooms, all you need to do is enter the code: **chalum17**. This is the code for 2017, which will change to **chalum18** in 2018 and so on.

Keeping in Touch Online

You can now use the online community (<http://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 so 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 (www.facebook.com/christscollegecambridge)
- Follow us on Twitter for real time news and 'tweets' from College (www.twitter.com/christs_college)
- 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
- We also have a fledgling Instagram account so come and have a look at our photos! (username: [christscollegecambridge](https://www.instagram.com/christscollegecambridge))



Dahlias in Second Court

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Online Giving

Christ's College website now carries online facilities for single and regular gifts. If you would like to make a gift online please visit <http://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk> and follow the appropriate links.

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I would like information about leaving a bequest to the College

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DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

The College's full data protection statement can be found on the website (www.christs.cam.ac.uk).

We use your data to keep in touch with you as alumni (and life-long members of the College) and supporters, in order to keep you apprised of our activities and developments, to provide services to you, and to identify ways in which you can support us, through donations and/or other forms of financial and non-financial support.

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