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The Great Gate

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Spring flowers in Second Court



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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

This academic year began much as any other. As always, I much enjoyed meeting the new Fellows and students at the start of the Michaelmas term. Christ's was its usual hive of activity. Then, in March, we found ourselves having to move very quickly to lock down the College, as the University moved on-line as the pandemic hit. Our admirable IT Department moved promptly to set up administrative staff to be able to work from home, we were able to access the Government's scheme to furlough a number of staff who could not carry out their jobs from home (mainly catering and housekeeping staff), and we closed the Great Gate to keep safe those remaining on site. We encouraged students to return home if they could, and supported those who needed help in returning, or who needed to remain in College, and our supervisors provided supervisions on-line during the Easter term. All of this presented everyone with steep learning curves which were scaled with calm efficiency, tolerance, and understanding. Governance of the processes relating to Covid, has been handled on a day to day level by our Covid-19 Planning Group consisting of the Master, Bursar, Senior Tutor, President, Director of College Services, Development Director and Director of Admissions. The College Council exercised oversight of the Planning Group. I want to express, on behalf of the entire College, our thanks to each member of the Planning Group and Council for their diligence, commitment and resilience.

Like many of us, I found myself having to rapidly get to grips with Zoom, running many in-house meetings through this platform, including the Easter term Governing Body and Council meetings. One bonus was that a number of Fellows who are not normally able to attend meetings in person, were able to be present and engage with decision-making of the College, and it was wonderful to see them.

The Christ's community is something that we all hold dear, and finding ways of continuing this sense of community, even when we couldn't be together, was important. I introduced Virtual Combination so that Fellows could come together early in the evening, and the conversations were fascinating, especially when we had our Medics on-line. Professor Reynolds and I kept in touch with some of the older Fellows who might have felt isolated without the regular camaraderie of Fellows' lunch. The MCR and JCR found inventive ways of supporting their fellow students, and we were delighted that one of our students was a content-lead for the Mega May

Week Event, which replaced the various May Balls and parties that the students would normally be able to enjoy.

One of the great sadnesses this Easter term was that we were not able to celebrate the General Admission of our undergraduates in person to their degrees this year. While we hope to be able to invite them back next year for a ceremony at the Senate House and a celebratory meal in College, this year we organised a Virtual Celebration which was streamed by Zoom so that the students, their families and friends, could see how proud we were of them, and could celebrate their



*The Master in
Third Court*

achievements. Our celebration included a lockdown recording by the Choir, some specially commissioned Latin from the Praelector, a wonderful rendition of “We’ll meet again” by our talented Senior Tutor, a personal message from Honorary Fellow, Sir Simon Schama, plus messages from Tutors and Porters. The Praelector, Senior Tutor and I, standing in Hall, dressed in our robes, read out the names of each graduating undergraduate student.

We are certainly finding that the gradual re-opening of College is even more complex than the process we underwent in the rapid hard lockdown. Over the summer we were able to open up limited lunchtime dining, with perspex screens on the tables to increase capacity while remaining Covid-secure, and, as Government guidelines allowed, opened the gym and other facilities. We were delighted to be able to hold alumni weddings in the Chapel. The Library will open mid-September, and we are busy preparing for the new academic year.

In August, we faced probably the most difficult admissions period in living memory, with the Government’s decision to honour Centre Assessed Grades coming very late on, and after admissions decisions had been made. The Director of Admissions and her team, and the Senior Tutor and his team, worked tirelessly to support our offer-holders, and to ensure none of them were disadvantaged. By the end of August, we had succeeded in confirming places at Cambridge for 98% of our A level and SQA offer-holders, and the remainder will have their places confirmed if they meet their offer requirements in the Autumn exam sitting.

I want to record here my deep and sincerest thanks to all those members of College community who have worked so tirelessly during the past months to ensure that the College continued successfully to pursue its mission of education, learning and research. There have been countless examples of extraordinary perseverance and resilience, dedication and endurance, patience and understanding. It is remarkable how harmoniously the College community has pulled together to create cooperative support systems which are seeing us securely through these historically troubled times. Such striking achievements should be a source of great pride for us all.

Jane Stapleton

BURSAR'S UPDATE



David Ball

As I write at the end of July, the 'feel' of the main College site remains very different to previous years, because of the pandemic response. Construction activity continues: the first phase of the First Court renovation is almost completed and demolition is well advanced in preparation for the new build project on King Street. Maintenance activity such as exterior painting also continues. The gardens remain immaculate. But there are relatively few people around, with many staff still working from home or furloughed and no conference or summer school guests. The site is of course also closed to the public.

We are however steadily moving forward now with a return to more normal working in preparation for the Michaelmas Term, when we hope to welcome our students back to Cambridge. Our already good IT systems for remote working and the accelerated use of remote meetings have made a major contribution to this planning. Safe working methods and risk assessments have been agreed for each operational department, after extensive consultation with the staff members concerned. Limited catering provision resumed in July. There have been very few students on the main site since March, although some graduate students have remained in Cambridge in College hostels or private accommodation. University laboratories and other buildings have been reopening progressively.

There has been very extensive work across the Colleges and with the University over the last five months to ensure a consistent and well coordinated approach first to the 'lockdown' phase, then to the management of Easter Term teaching and assessment and subsequently to the planning for the coming academic year. The College's own planning has built on this and on the authorities' evolving guidance, but we are well aware that the situation may continue to change unpredictably. Across the University various scenarios have been considered.

Not surprisingly, the financial impact of the pandemic on the College has been serious. We estimate the net loss of income between April and September at about £2m, with the main elements being the loss of our normal commercial business in the Easter and Long Vacations and the waiving of rents during the Easter Term for most of our students. All of our permanent staff and our regular casual staff have remained on full pay since March, whether working or furloughed, although we have received some limited benefit from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. The impact of this major loss of income will be reflected partly in the last financial year to the end of June 2020 and partly in the current year. The Annual Report for 2019–20 will be published as usual on the College website in October. Clearly, however, if the pandemic disrupts the next academic year significantly there is the potential for substantial further losses.

The College's investments have performed relatively well in the difficult circumstances of the last year, although complete figures for the financial year end are not yet to hand. Stock markets fell very sharply in mid March, but had begun to recover by the end of that month and with further strong recoveries since we have seen key market indices at the end of June little below the corresponding June 2019 levels. Several of our managers have performed particularly well in the face of these

challenges. Investment grade credit also recovered rapidly. Our most immediate concern is the directly held UK properties. Capital values have fallen significantly. A number of our commercial tenants (particularly in retail businesses) were unable to trade from mid-March until July, and others have seen much reduced levels of business. Working with our professional advisers, we have therefore provided significant selective support to our tenants through rent waivers and deferrals. The outlook for future UK retail trading clearly remains very uncertain, with the pandemic accelerating trends which were already evident. More generally, we also remain cautious about markets and the wider global economic outlook, despite the very high levels of stimulus which have been deployed. We remain extremely grateful in these uncertain times to the experienced alumni of the College who serve as members of the Investments Committee.

I hope it will be evident even from this brief review that every part of the College's operations has faced novel challenges during the last year. Staff in every department have made exceptional efforts to keep our key activities running as smoothly as possible. They have also risen to the challenge of planning the safe and efficient reopening of the College in a structured way. It may well be that, as in other organisations, we will not revert entirely to our previous ways of working – we have demonstrated that some level of working from home is entirely feasible in the administration areas – but we aim to continue delivering the high standards of College services and maintaining the close cooperation between teams which are at the heart of the College's operational culture. The College is enormously indebted to its management team and to every member of staff.

David Ball

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR



Robert Hunt

I have never known a year like this.

The pandemic has, of course, caused untold hardship and adversity around the world. In Cambridge it plunged us into complete chaos. But I'm pleased to say that we have found our way through the chaos – albeit with a struggle at times – and the College community is as strong as ever.

Lockdown in the UK arrived just as Lent Term was finishing. Right from the very start, I decided to take an entirely student-centred approach to all the issues that arose. So while I encouraged students to leave Cambridge straight away if they were able to – and many were later glad that they took my advice, because otherwise they might have become stuck here for months away from their families – I equally allowed any student who wanted to stay in Cambridge, or who needed to, to do so during the lockdown. Some other Colleges took a less student-friendly approach and ejected all their students unceremoniously, providing them with no real support; that is not the Christ's way, and we gained praise for the way we responded. We found that there were a few students for whom Christ's was their only real lifeline: some couldn't get home (because flights had been stopped to their own countries), some had no home to go to, and others felt they couldn't go home.

Each student had different needs so we had to take an approach that was very much personalised. Once again I adopted a student-centred approach. Many needed financial assistance, perhaps with travel expenses or unexpected accommodation costs, and we were extremely grateful to those alumni who donated funds to assist. Other students needed medical support, and yet others needed personal or emotional support. We provided it all. Even our counsellors continued to deliver support using videoconferencing to students who requested counselling sessions during the lockdown; unsurprisingly we saw demand rise considerably.

While most students did indeed return home for the lockdown, some had to stay in College for a while until they were able to leave, and a few stayed throughout: two dozen undergraduates and rather more postgraduates. The vacation is normally when staff at the College have a little extra time to catch up with all their work – I usually even manage a week's holiday! – but this year the vacation was even harder work than term had been.

Easter Term arrived, and we attempted to carry on as usual, so far as we could with almost all of our Fellows, staff and students working from home. With practically no time to prepare for the change, supervisors moved all their supervisions online, using various videoconferencing software packages (such as Zoom) that have now become ubiquitous. I'm pleased to say that our supervisors rose to the challenge admirably, but importantly *so did our students*. Engaging with an online supervision is really rather a different experience to a traditional supervision, from both sides! In fact, there were even some students for whom the online experience was superior to the traditional experience, and that is something from which the College must learn.

Holding supervisions online did throw up some unexpected issues. Differences between students' personal circumstances quickly became apparent. While the

College was able, using hardship funds, to give financial support to students whose facilities at home (computing equipment, internet connection, access to books, etc.) were below par, there was nothing that we could easily do to remove the social differences that were revealed by the visual differences between their homes. I recall supervising two students together by videoconference, one of whom was calling in from a beautiful, large wood-panelled room with splendid decoration, the other of whom was calling in using the camera on his smartphone from a small back yard to get away from the noise and disruption of his siblings in his terraced, crowded house. To be fair, the same differences existed between Fellows, and students were soon able to tell which Fellows are well off and which are not.

University examinations did go ahead, online, for finalists. The University put in place a “safety net” which guaranteed that every final-year student would graduate with a degree class no worse than they got in Tripos the previous year. Christ’s put together an hour-long online *Virtual Celebration* for all those who would have graduated in June, with nostalgic views of the College and its personalities, in which all the students’ names were read with due ceremony. But we also intend to hold an in-person, traditional graduation ceremony for all of them and their families in 2021, pandemic permitting.

Other year groups were mostly given merely “formative” exams (i.e., ones that were designed to let students see how well they had learnt the material, but which didn’t “count” in any official way) and were allowed to progress to the next year automatically.

The Tompkins Table was cancelled, of course, as were all sporting fixtures. Even the Lent Term Bop had to be aborted. But in Easter Term the JCR and MCR did manage to arrange some social activities online; the MCR was particularly inventive in its approach, with novel events held for the many postgraduate students scattered around the world and also the dozens who had either stayed in Cambridge or who had since returned here.

Worst of all, our May Ball had to be cancelled, though many students took part instead in the *May Week Mega Event* which was organised by an intercollegiate coalition and involved musicians, performers and entertainers streaming live.

Now we look ahead to Michaelmas Term. We hope to welcome all of our continuing students back to Cambridge in October – alongside a normal intake of new students – and we have spent months preparing. We are working to make the entire site Covid-secure and we have developed ways to serve food safely, with staggered dining times and screens for the staff and also between students. Supervisions will be delivered as a blend of in-person and online teaching, and we will continue to experiment to deliver excellence in teaching. We are working with the JCR and MCR to welcome new students into residence and to provide imaginative social and extra-curricular activities during the year ahead. I am sure that all our students will rise to the challenge.

During the past year students have (as always) been engaged on many fronts: some of their interests included activism in fossil fuel divestment, Music Society performance masterclasses, a discussion panel on Brexit run by the Davidson Nicol Society (with representatives from both sides of the argument), and new student societies (notably poetry, crafts and volleyball). No doubt they will continue to be engaged next year – our students will adjust with vigour to the new situation and will enjoy unexpected new experiences!

Robert Hunt

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach has been very much a “game of two halves” in 2019–20. The year got off to a flying start: once the dust of A-level results had settled, we were delighted to note that the 2019 cohort was more diverse than many that had preceded it, with 72% of our UK intake educated in the state sector, women well represented even in subjects such as Mathematics, and numbers of Black British students finally starting to inch up.

In October, we received a record 814 applications, of which a pleasing 48% were from women. Of our UK applications, 80% (another record) came from students at state schools, and the proportion of applicants from Low Participation Neighbourhoods (LPN) passed the 20% mark: a testament to the success of our ongoing LPN Summer Schools, which most of these applicants had attended. We also saw increased numbers of candidates with other markers of socio-economic disadvantage, many of whom had come through one of Christ's growing range of spring taster days and Easter residential events. Our non-UK applications, similarly, reflected the College's efforts in outreach and recruitment; both in terms of direct visits to schools in South-East Asia and the European Union, and the initiatives that we work on in partnership with charitable foundations and student societies (notably the St Joseph's International Foundation, the Nordic Study Abroad Community, Maths Beyond Limits, and Project Access International).

The high volume of applications did create logistical challenges: while we interview a lower proportion of our applicants than was the case prior to the introduction of pre-interview assessments in large subjects, we still see some two thirds of them in person (with others interviewed on our behalf in Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, and Singapore). Almost every member of the College Fellowship participates in the interviewing process, and a small army of student helpers give up their time, at the end of Michaelmas Term, to escort candidates to interview and test venues, answer questions, and settle nerves. The work doesn't end in December: Christ's is an active user of January's inter-collegiate Winter Pool, which enables us to “norm” the offers that we plan to make against those proposed by other colleges, and boost the number of offer-holders in subjects where our own applicant field was not as substantial, or as varied, as we might have wished.

This year, the fruit of our labour through the winter months was 166 offers for 2020 entry, almost half of them to women, with over three-quarters of the UK offers going to students at state schools. As soon as the offer letters had gone out, we set the wheels in motion for various offer-holder support schemes: the mentoring programme for students from underrepresented groups that we run in conjunction with Project Access UK; STEP tuition for students at schools that cannot aid them with preparation for the exams (more on which later); and, finally, the Christ's/King's September Bridging Course, an intensive three-week programme designed to help students with a background of educational disadvantage transition effectively from A-levels to university. We also re-embarked on our usual schedule of school visits, open days, and Christ's themed subject events (which now commemorate the achievements of James Meade and Lady Margaret Beaufort, as well as Charles Darwin and John Milton).

When the UK went into lockdown in March, that schedule came to an abrupt halt. The entire Admissions Office team – including Rocket the cat –



*Rocket and the
Admissions team*

began working from home. Two bi-college residential events, the Christ's-Trinity Women in Mathematics Residential and the Christ's-King's Teach First Partner Schools Residential, moved online. Our inaugural teachers residential was postponed until 2021, and our Herefordshire and Worcestershire HE+ Consortia enrichment programmes were temporarily suspended. Webinars replaced in-person visits to and from schools around the UK, and Zoom presentations took the place of planned events in Cyprus, Poland, Austria, and Denmark. Our Admissions and Outreach Officer, Mark King, left us to take up a post at Lucy Cavendish College, and was replaced by Ellie Wood, formerly Schools Liaison Officer at Trinity College, who has had the odd experience of getting to know her new colleagues primarily in two dimensions.

We have had a steep learning curve this spring. Some things have gone better than expected: prospective applicants from schools without a history of progression to Oxbridge are often too shy to ask questions face-to-face, but our online events have generated so much interaction and so many queries that sessions routinely overrun. We have been able to engage with more schools, and deliver presentations to students across a wider range of geographical locations (and time zones) than would ever have been feasible the old-fashioned way. We have put a great deal of thought and energy into the Christ's "stop" on the University's soon-to-be-launched Virtual Tour, and are hopeful that both the Tour, and the upcoming Virtual Open Days, will bring the College to the attention of students who might otherwise never have considered us. However, we are still struggling in other areas. We know that many of the UK students we most want to reach are falling behind on their schoolwork and their planning for university, and though we are doing what we can – sending out postal packs to those unable to participate in online events, connecting students to the academic support offered by the Coronavirus Tutoring Initiative – there are some barriers to access that remain very high. We await the 2020–21 Admissions Round with trepidation.

In the meantime, however, we still have our incoming 2020 cohort to consider. The Coronavirus Tutoring Initiative team was kind enough to prioritize Christ's offer-holders when the Initiative was launched in March, and is working with over

*Emily Tomlinson
with two of the
Blyth Bursary
holders, who both
hold International
Science/Maths
Olympiad medals:
Alicja Maksymiuk
(left) and Julija
Paliulionyte
(right)*



forty A-level students whom our enquiries indicated were not benefitting from regular schooling. Alumnus Jan Wiejak, who was already preparing a number of Mathematics and Engineering offer-holders for STEP, heroically took on five more. Bye-Fellow Paul Fannon began adapting plans for the September Bridging Course – on which he is the Science Lead – to allow for the possibility of a blended online/in-person format, and potentially more participants. The cancellation of A-level and equivalent examinations around the world has generated huge anxiety and huge uncertainty, and August results this year may look very different to 2019. One thing I am certain of, however, is that I am the most fortunate Admissions Tutor in Cambridge – in terms of Christ's Admissions team, its Fellowship, its student volunteers, and its many interested and committed alumni, to whom I remain, as always, profoundly grateful.

Emily Tomlinson

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN



On moving into the Chaplain's office (A2) in second court last September, I thought I had a month or so to settle in quietly before the undergraduates arrived. It shows both the vibrancy of the Christ's community and the importance of the Chapel that I was badly (and pleasingly!) mistaken. Within days, I found a steady stream of staff and graduate students knocking on my door, and various alumni services to organise. I owe this heartening demand for the Chaplain to the splendid work of two very able predecessors, the Reverend Dr Mark Smith (2015–2018), and the soon-to-be Dr Michael Dormandy (Acting Chaplain, 2019), to whom I am very grateful. And, of course, Christ's has proved itself a wonderfully warm and welcoming College.

*The Chaplain
with the Reverend
Sophie Bannister
(m. 2001)*

Once the students were back, services began in earnest. I have been especially kept on the straight and narrow by a dedicated and growing cadre of Chapel officers, and our most excellent Director of Music, Professor David Rowland. Choral evensongs continue to attract College members and visitors, in large part thanks to the Choir, who have grown in confidence over the year. We have also benefited from stimulating sermons from guest preachers each Sunday evening. In Michaelmas, our preachers dug into John's Gospel to introduce us to the Christ after whom our College is named. In Lent, our preachers entered more challenging, exegetical territory, the Book of Genesis, and how it answers the big questions about life, the universe, and everything. A highlight was Jeremy Begbie, who also holds the lengthiest title of any preacher yet invited (the Thomas A. Langford Distinguished Professor of Theology at Duke Divinity School). Preaching is not just confined to eminent guests: the morning services have seen some of our students honing their homiletic skills too.

Each term also sees various special services. For example, we welcomed back numerous alumni for special communion services in September, and an alumni evensong in March, not to mention Remembrance Sunday. The end of Michaelmas also saw the usual flurry of carol services. As is customary, the Christmas carol service commenced in total darkness, with light spreading from a single candle as the choir began singing, a marvellous sight (and I am pleased to say that the only fire-related injury was to the Chaplain's thumb while attempting the light the Advent wreath). For our Commemoration of Benefactors' service, we welcomed back the Reverend Sophie Bannister (m. 2001), who preached very engagingly from her memories of Christ's, and her later experience working in London. Lent term culminated in the poignant Passiontide service with poetry, and the choir singing Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater*.

As well as special services, there are also opportunities for College members to engage with matters of faith at a slower pace. There have been various discussion

groups in A2, always supplemented with excellent cake. Compline also remains popular with students seeking a more reflective service (and the chance to unwind with hot chocolate afterwards). While Cambridge is set in beautiful East Anglian countryside, undergraduates rarely get much beyond the city centre (except possibly in a rowing eight). It therefore felt truly adventurous to attempt a hiking retreat all the way to the nearby village of Coton at the end of Lent term. We combined getting lost in various fields and woods, with reflections on the nature of the Christian journey, and enjoyed a sumptuous picnic before heading home.

Chaplaincy also has its sadder moments, and I should like to mention the tragic loss of Manaka Shibuya and Mikey King. Such tragedies inevitably and rightly shake a college community to the core. It was a sad privilege to support the families and friends of these two bright and lively students, and I am glad that the Chapel has been able provide a place for reflection and mourning. I shall certainly never forget the memorial service held for Manaka in a packed Chapel in Michaelmas, and I doubt that any who were present will either.

For much of Lent, our prayers had increasingly mentioned a strange new virus and its spread. At the end of term, as lockdown hit, the Chapel was closed for the first time in generations as the College community dispersed. For Christians, of course, Church is not a matter of bricks-and-mortar, but of *people* and their relationship with God. As with many other aspects of College life, therefore, the task was not capitulation, but adaptation. Pastoral meetings with students have proceeded over Zoom and phone calls. From Good Friday, Chapel services resumed...on YouTube. Students and staff have recorded themselves doing the readings, I have offered short reflections, and it wasn't long before our organ scholars were able to provide music for listeners to sing along to. Do search for 'Christ's College Chapel' and see for yourself!

Looking back on an extraordinary year, I have constantly been reminded of Christ's unfailing faithfulness, well captured in a favourite hymn:

*The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.*

Bob Evans

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

In line with so many people in the country, and indeed around the world, at the moment, I am writing this from my (hopefully) temporary desk in my kitchen. Like many, I have had to get used to supervising home schooling, working at home, and managing the team remotely. Certainly a challenge, but we have all been making the best of the situation, and have been getting to know Zoom well. Now that we are starting to be able to meet in person, and return to the office, I am enjoying the interaction with colleagues even more than usual.



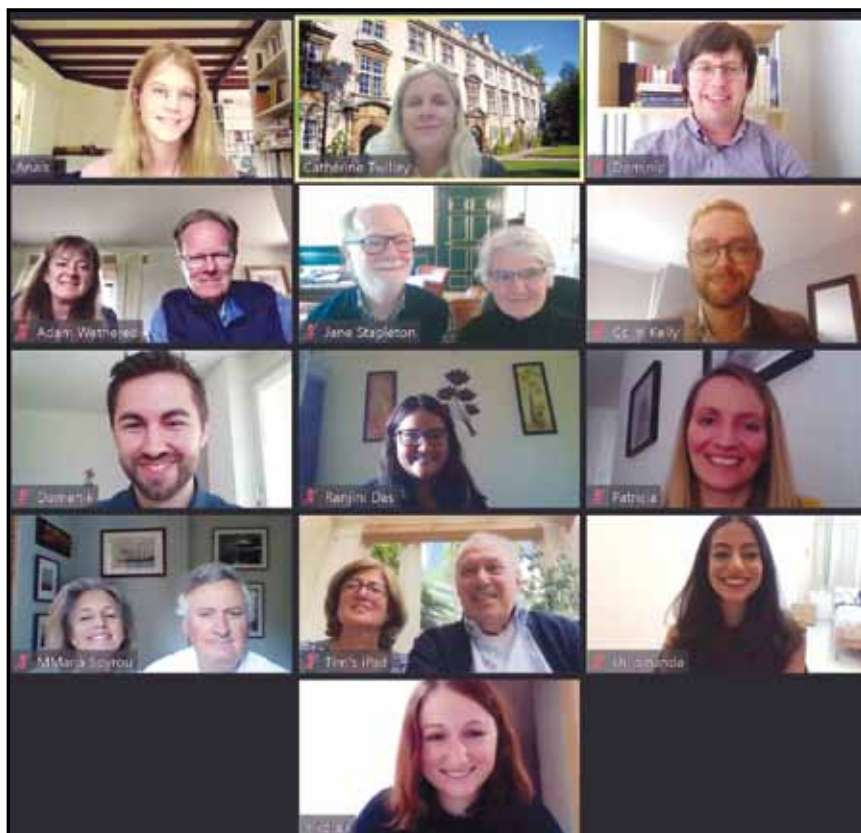
Catherine Twilley

Until March, though, our work had been continuing as usual, with the usual array of events, and our annual trip to New York where, once again, thanks to the generosity of Peter (m. 1993) and Ariel Speicher, we were able to hold an alumni dinner at the Cornell Club in New York. The Master and I very much enjoy these opportunities to engage with alumni. This year we took the opportunity stop in Toronto on the way, where we were very pleased to meet up in particular with Cecil Hawkins (m. 1974), Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow, and Amanda Hawkins, our newest Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow.

In February I was pleased to have the opportunity to travel to Singapore to join the interview panel for the SJI Foundation – Christ's College Cambridge Scholarship. We have made an award to an exceptional Economics student who had secured a place at the College in this year's admissions round. While there, I met with a number of Honorary Fellows and alumni, and I attended an alumni event, generously hosted by Krishna Ramachandra (m. 1996) and his wife Priya Selvam. I was pleased to be able to share news from College, and announce the creation of the Christ's College Singapore Foundation, an initiative led by Krishna and Leon Yee (m. 1997) with the aim of encouraging financial support from alumni in Singapore.

Thanks to support from alumni and supporters of the College, we now have a number of awards available to students from particular countries. With the Government's announcement that from 2021 students from Europe will no longer be able to access UK Government loans for tuition fees, and will be liable for overseas fees, we are actively seeking support to enable us to provide bursaries and other awards to students from European countries. Do please contact me if you are able to help in any way.

Back in the UK, our annual Telephone Campaign was due to take place in March, and we had recruited an excellent team of student callers, some of whom had participated in previous years. Training went well, and we were looking forward to starting to talk to alumni, when we had to take the decision to cancel the Campaign so that the students could return home in the face of the pandemic and impending lockdown. We were all disappointed to miss out on this opportunity to engage with alumni and to seek donations towards the Student Support Fund, but we are already planning for 2021's Campaign. A number of alumni made gifts even though they were not able to speak to a student, and we are very grateful to them for this support.



*Spyrou
Scholarship
Zoom*

We held our annual George Spyrou LLM Scholarship Dinner as a Zoom meeting, which was not quite what we had planned. Nonetheless all six former Scholars joined the get-together, along with the current Scholar, the Law Fellows and friends and family of George Spyrou, and everyone enjoyed catching up.

Each year the Development Board and Development Committee hold a joint meeting in College, followed by dinner, and it provides an opportunity for Fellows and alumni to meet and discuss strategy and plans for the College's alumni relations and fundraising programme. While we had an excellent meeting via Zoom, we all missed the lively conversation we would usually have over dinner. We are looking forward to next year!

During the year, Brian Lott (m. 1962) stepped down from the Board, and we are grateful to him for his commitment and support over the years. This means that the current external members of the Development Board are:

Mark Davies (m. 1990) – Chair

Jim Warwick (m. 1983)

Jennifer Haywood (m. 1989)

Susan Hill (m. 1992)

Bindesh Shah (m. 1992)

Peter Speicher (m. 1993)

Soumen Das (m. 1995)

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

Finally, I would like to thank the team for adapting so positively to the changes brought about by the pandemic. I would also particularly like to thank Sarah Proudfoot, who has undertaken a number of roles in the Development Office, most recently Alumni Communications Officer, and who is leaving to move with her family to her native Scotland.

Catherine Twilley

SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as expected at October 2020 in order of election in the various categories, and records only higher doctorates and external honours. The date in brackets indicates the date of original election.

Master

Prof. Jane Stapleton DCL FBA HonQC

Fellows

1950 Mr David Yale FBA HonQC

1961 Dr John Rathmell

1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD

1969 Prof. Martin Johnson FRS FRCOG FSB
FMedSci

1969 Prof. John Wilson ScD

1971 Dr David Jones

1972 Dr Geoffrey Ingham

1976 Prof. Frank Kelly CBE FRS

1976 Dr William Peterson

1976 Prof. David Sedley FBA

1978 Dr Kelvin Bowkett (1966)

1983 Prof. David Reynolds FBA

1983 Dr Gareth Rees

1985 Prof. Ian Leslie FREng

1986 Prof. Christopher Abell FRS FMedSci

1986 Prof. Susan Bayly

1987 Prof. Nicholas Gay

1990 Dr Richard Batley

1994 Prof. Sir David Klenerman FRS FRSC FMedSci

1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)

1998 Dr Robert Hunt

2001 Prof. Marcelo Fiore

2002 Dr David Norman

2002 Prof. Jonathan Gillard MD

2003 Prof. Michael Edwardson

2006 Prof. Caroline Vout FSA

2006 Dr Sophie Read

2007 Dr Julia Shvets

2008 Dr Elena Punskeya

2008 Prof. Sanjeev Goyal FBA

2008 Ms Catherine Twilley

2009 Dr Helena Browne

2010 Prof. Duncan Bell (2004)

2010 Dr Tom Monie (2006)

2010 Prof. Gerard Evan FRS

2011 Mr David Ball

2011 Prof. Ash Amin CBE FBA

2011 Prof. Sarah Radcliffe FBA

2012 Prof. Sarah Franklin (2011)

2013 Dr Richard Williams

2014 Prof. Gábor Betegh

2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer

2014 Dr Dominic de Cogan

2015 Prof. Dame Theresa Marteau
FMedSci (2013)

2015 Dr Christopher Thomas

2015 Dr David Trippett (2009)

2016 Dr Anthony Coyne

2016 Prof. Richard Mortier

2016 Dr Felix Waldmann

2016 Dr Edward Allen

2016 Dr Andrew Stewart

2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson

2016 Prof. Peter Cane DCL FBA

2017 Dr Harriet Lyon

2017 Dr Maya Feile Tomes

2017 Dr Ho-On To

2017 Dr Mike Housden

2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran

2018 Dr Sean Fleming

2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla

2018 Dr Sam Stanier

2018 Dr Daniel Field

2018 Dr Mary Franklin-Brown

2019 Dr Olivier Biner

2019 Dr James Jones

2019 Dr Alexandre Loktionov

2019 Dr Rosalie Jones McVey

2019 Mr Daniel Wales

2019 Dr Henry Bradford

2019 Prof. Mark Girolami

2020 Dr Chris Townsend

2020 Dr Matthew Tyler

2020 Dr Rhiannon McGlade

2020 Dr Ksenia Zanon (2019)

2020 Dr Chuck Witt

2020 Dr Katie Dunkley

2020 Dr Nazmul Sultan

2021 Dr Anna Protasio

Emeritus Fellows

1962 Dr Alan Munro

1963 Prof. Peter Landshoff

1964 Dr Richard Axton

1966 Dr Robert Diamond

1969 Dr Visvan Navaratnam

1969 Prof. Peter Rayner

1974 Prof. Andrew Cliff FBA

1975 Dr Douglas Barker

1976 Sir Peter Lachmann ScD FRS
FMedSci (1962)

Honorary Fellows

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

Bye-Fellows

- 1999 Dr David Webster
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthews
 2005 Prof. David Rowland
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipouros
 2014 Dr Andrew Coburn
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys
 2014 Dr Steven Murdoch (2008)
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi
 2016 Dr Richard Bassett
 2016 Mr Paul Fannon
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones
 2016 Dr Carmen Olmedilla Herrero
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynall
 2018 Prof. Richard Turner (2016)
 2019 Dr Lucy Foster
 2019 Dr Rob Foster
 2019 Dr Camilla Nord
 2020 Mr Mark Lewisohn
 2020 Dr Peter Hedges
 2020 Professor James Secord FBA (2008)
 2020 Dr Nuno Miguel Oliveira
 2020 Dr Lisa Susanna Stephan
 2020 Mr George Charlson
 2020 Mr Il-Kweon Sir
 2020 Dr Irit Katz
 2020 Ms Hend Hanafy
 2020 Dr Radka Šustrová

Fellow-Commoners

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

Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellows

- 2001 Sir Simon Campbell CBE DSc FRS
- 2001 Lady Jill Campbell
- 2004 Mr Cecil Hawkins
- 2004 Mr Guy Whittaker
- 2006 Mr Alfred Harrison
- 2006 Dr Mike Lynch OBE FRS FREng
- 2008 Mr Graham Clapp
- 2009 Prof. Stephen Blyth
- 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE FRS
- 2013 Mr Richard Gnodde
- 2013 Mr Simon Palley
- 2016 Mr Jim Warwick
- 2016 Dr Jane Dominey
- 2017 Mr Tim Lintott
- 2018 Mr Roger Rees
- 2018 Ms Amanda Hawkins

Honorary Members

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

Chaplain

Reverend Dr Robert Evans

Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Professor Charles Kennel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography,
University of California San Diego, Lent term 2020

New Senior Members

KATIE DUNKLEY elected *Charles Darwin and Galápagos Islands Junior Research Fellow*

I am delighted and humbled to be awarded this Junior Research Fellowship, and to have become part of Christ's College's community. I am a marine behavioural ecologist, who aims to understand the dynamics of animal interactions, particularly on coral reefs. In keeping with Charles Darwin's observation that within an ecosystem, all organisms are "bound together by a web of complex relations", my Fellowship will question how different species are linked across different interaction types (e.g. cooperation, competition and predation) and how these multiple relationships contribute to the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems.



Katie Dunkley

Prior to joining the Fellowship at Christ's, I completed my PhD on the 'Dynamics of cleaner-client interactions in the Caribbean' at Cardiff University. Cleaning involves a species removing parasites and debris from the body of another species (termed a client), and this interaction indirectly connects a large proportion of the reef fish community together. During my PhD, I used field-based methods and an extensive long-term eight-year dataset to identify the environmental factors that consistently influenced the activities, decisions, and interactive behaviours of cleaner fish and their clients at an individual and community level. This research was supported by my Marine Biology BSc (University of Plymouth) and MSc in Animal Behaviour (University of Exeter). The majority of my PhD research was undertaken on the coral reefs of Tobago, and it was during these fieldwork visits that I began to question how different species are intertwined across different interaction types.

Having grown up in Cambridge, with regular visits to the University of Cambridge's museums and annual science festival events inspiring my scientific interest from a young age, I am extremely excited to continue my research with this Fellowship opportunity at Christ's. I will use the latest methods in machine learning, an artificial intelligence (AI) method, to construct a reef-based ecological network, which will provide a conservation tool to study the structure and resilience of coral reef ecosystems. Following in Darwin's footsteps, this work will be focussed on the interactions that occur on the reefs of the Galápagos. By characterising and quantifying the ecological network of Galápagos coral reefs, which host an unbelievable diversity and abundance of reef species, we can substantially enhance our knowledge of coral reef ecology while informing local, regional, and global conservation practices. Working at this iconic location is a marine ecologist's dream, and I am thrilled to partner with the Charles Darwin Foundation and the Galápagos Conservation Trust for this Fellowship.

MARK GIROLAMI elected a Fellow

I am absolutely delighted and tremendously honoured to have been elected a Fellow of Christ's College. In 2019 I was recruited to the Sir Kirby Laing Professorship of Civil Engineering (1965) at Cambridge, where I also hold the Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair in Data Centric Engineering.



Mark Girolami

Prior to joining the University of Cambridge, I held the Chair of Statistics in the Department of Mathematics at Imperial College London. I was one of the original founding Executive Directors of the Alan Turing Institute, the UK's national institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, after which I was appointed as Strategic Programme Director at Turing, where I established and continue to lead the Lloyd's Register Foundation Programme on Data Centric Engineering.

My own research lies at the intersection of the Statistical, Mathematical, and Computing Sciences, where I have contributed to the development of Computational Statistics, Machine Learning, and various applications in the Engineering and Natural Sciences.

Since 2007, I have been extremely fortunate to have been awarded a number of research fellowships from the EPSRC, the Royal Society, and the current Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair. These fellowships enabled me to focus on my research almost exclusively for the last thirteen years, which took me away from teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. On my arrival at Cambridge, I wanted the opportunity to reconnect with students and start to teach, interact, and hopefully inspire undergraduates. A college with a strong academic profile was high on my list, and it had not escaped my notice that a fellow Glaswegian and graduate from the University of Glasgow, the Lord Todd, had been Master of Christ's. The choice of college I wanted to be a part of was made.

I am looking forward to throwing myself into the life and work of the College, and reconnecting with the many new friends I have been making at Christ's. It has been a delight to give supervisions at the College. After a discussion with some of my tutees, I casually suggested that they think about establishing a Christ's Engineering Society. A couple of months later, I was delighted to receive an invitation to be the inaugural speaker for the newly established Christ's College Engineering Society. During the current Covid-19 crisis, two of my tutees joined the team at the Turing who have been working with Greater London Authority and Public Health England in monitoring and forecasting activity in the city, assessing levels of lockdown compliance using data from traffic cameras and other city-wide sensing systems.

It is an enormous privilege to be a Fellow at Christ's.



Rhiannon McGlade

RHIANNON MCGLADE elected a Fellow

I am delighted to join the Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics team for Spanish at Christ's this year. I moved to Cambridge in 2016, having previously held research and teaching positions at the Universities of Birmingham, Sheffield, UCL, and Queen Mary University of London – where I was also Director of the Centre for Catalan Studies. At Cambridge, I was Postdoctoral Research Associate of the AHRC-OWRI funded project, *Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies* (MEITS) based in the MMLL Faculty, and was also a Research Associate at Queens' College.

I have always been fascinated by the subject of humour in culture and art, and have been fortunate enough to be able to combine this curiosity with my passion

for the Hispanic context, within which I predominantly focus on twentieth-century Peninsular Spain. I look at humour as a social barometer, as well as a cultural intervention in its own right in order to understand the way in which it reflects and affects its setting. From ‘dad joke’ puns, to the more intellectually savvy satirical skits, I have to admit that my research is often guilty of ruining jokes by deconstructing and explaining them! Generally, I work across a whole range of media, including: comics, graphic novels, and editorial cartoons; literature; film; theatre; television; and the press. I have published and presented broadly on these themes, including my book, *Catalan Cartoons: A cultural and political history*, (2016, University of Wales Press). Some current collaborative projects at Cambridge include: the co-edited special issues, *Out of the Gutter: The Politics of Dissent in Spain’s Visual Print Media since 1975* with Dr Bryan Cameron (MMLL, Selwyn), and *(Dis)articulating Identities: Multilingual Cultures in the Catalan Countries* with Professor Brad Epps (MMLL, King’s).

As well as continuing my involvement in teaching across the Spanish papers at undergraduate and postgraduate level, during my time at Christ’s, you will also find me working on my current book-length project, *In Visible Ink: Gender, Sexual Dissidence and Visual Print Media in Spain’s Transition*. This work, which involves a first-look at the undervalued and understudied contribution of women to the Spanish underground comics scene, explores the significant cultural work performed by visual print media as part of the evolution of gender and sexual-identity politics, during the period surrounding Spain’s so-called democratic transition (1968–1990).

Outside of work, I have always been a keen traveler, and love to get out into the mountains as well as exploring new cities. Closer to home, I enjoy playing team sports, as well as singing and tickling the ivories from time to time. I look forward to joining the community at Christ’s, and, despite the strange year to come, meeting as many new faces as possible and having vibrant exchanges across the disciplines.

ANNA PROTASIO elected a Fellow (from January 2021)

Fifteen years ago, I was back in Uruguay making preparations to travel to Cambridge for the first time. I had won the 2005 Wellcome Sanger Institute Prize Competition, organised by Nobel laureate Sir John Sulston. The prize: to join one of the labs at ‘the Sanger’, the world-leading genome sequencing centre, for a three-month internship experience... no one could predict where things would go from there. Today, I find myself at the very start of my career as an independent researcher and I am delighted to have been appointed Research Fellow in Animal Parasitology at Christ’s College.



Anna Protasio

This is my formal return to the College after graduating with a PhD in Molecular Biology and Parasitology in 2012. Following completion of the internship in 2005, I was encouraged to apply for PhD funding at the Sanger and after being accepted (the second time around) I matriculated at Christ’s College in 2007 to pursue my PhD studies, pioneering the use of next generation sequencing applied to the investigation of changes in gene expression in parasites. During two postdoctoral appointments, I turned my attention to the largely unknown non-coding regions of the genomes of these fascinating animals. At the same time, I was evolving to become a “dry lab” scientist, almost without knowing it.

After a short stint in Bangalore, India, I returned to Cambridge and took a research associate position in bioinformatics. I was the sole bioinformatician in the group and this new experience 'sealed the deal' for me and I decided to focus on computational biology. In January 2019 I started my own group at the Department of Pathology, under the title of Research Group Leader in Computational Biology. I am now delighted to return to Christ's College with this Research Fellowship in Animal Parasitology.

My current research interests focus on the role of transposable elements in genome dynamics and parasite biology. I use a combination of experimental and computational tools to address questions that will lead us to new understanding of the genome's 'dark matter'. Outside work I am a keen cyclist and walker, I love cooking and trying new recipes. I live with my husband Jeffrey and our cat Toni. I look forward to meeting you all and to building long-lasting friendships.



Nazmul Sultan

NAZMUL SULTAN elected the George Kingsley Roth Research Fellow

I am delighted to join Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a historian of political thought, with a special focus on Empire and modern South Asian political thought. I received my undergraduate degree in philosophy and politics from the City University of New York, prior to joining the University of Chicago for a PhD in political theory. Before moving to the United States, I also studied briefly at the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, where I was born and raised.

My PhD offers an intellectual history of popular sovereignty in modern Indian political thought. Recovering the imperially inflected formation of the problem of peoplehood in colonial India, it studies how Indian political thinkers in the nineteenth and twentieth century critically examined the fraught relationship between practices of self-rule and the abstract ideal of popular sovereignty.

At Christ's, I will be converting my dissertation into a monograph for publication, while also working on a second project. My next book-length project will explore how the imperial unification of the globe in the nineteenth century profoundly transformed the scope and orientation of political thought, both European and non-European.

Christ's College has an illustrious tradition of scholarship in the history of political thought, Empire and colonialism, and modern South Asian history. I am thus especially proud to have been elected to a Fellowship at Christ's College.



Simon Tavaré

SIMON TAVARÉ elected an Honorary Fellow

After a memorable sabbatical from the University of Southern California as a G. C. Steward Visiting Fellow in Mathematics at Gonville and Caius College, Sir Keith Peters, then Regius Professor of Physic and Head of the Clinical School, persuaded me to move back to England as a Professor in both Oncology and DAMTP in 2003. I was extraordinarily lucky to be made a Professorial Fellow in Christ's the same year, and have enjoyed close friendships and wonderful hospitality in the College ever since. My interests in the quantitative underpinnings of cancer research and its technology

led to many fruitful collaborations, as well as the mentoring of many tremendous research students and postdocs, in both DAMTP and the Clinical School.

I was one of the early recruits to the (then) Cambridge Research Institute, one of Cancer Research UK's core-funded institutes, that opened in 2006 under the inspired leadership of Professor Sir Bruce Ponder. In 2013 the CRI became part of the University, renamed the CRUK Cambridge Institute, and I succeeded Bruce as its second director. My five-year term ended in 2018, leaving me with 18 months before retirement, but still really motivated by research opportunities in the cancer field.

Children and grandchildren based in the US made it an easy decision to return there, leaving open the question of where. A number of opportunities emerged, and (remembering the fun of being in on the start of the CRI), I decided to move to Columbia University in the City of New York, to become the first director of the Irving Institute for Cancer Dynamics (IICD), a research institute supported by a founding gift from Herbert and Florence Irving. The IICD's mission is to entice STEM researchers into the cancer field, so it is based on the Morningside Heights campus rather than in the medical school. The IICD is attracting professors, research scientists, postdocs, and research students to the cause, some of them captured on the IICD website at <http://cancerdynamics.columbia.edu>.

As might be expected in the pandemic, life in New York is not what it used to be – restaurants, theatre, symphony, ballet, museums, and galleries closed for now – but we lead isolated, yet somehow productive, scientific lives. After three months pinned 75 feet above Broadway I am looking forward to some return to normality, and the opportunity to return to Christ's as an Honorary Fellow. I am deeply appreciative of this singular honour, and thank the Fellows for their support.

CHRIS TOWNSEND elected a Fellow

It is a real pleasure to be joining Christ's as a Fellow. I will be teaching English Literature across a broad historical range, though my particular specialisms lie in eighteenth-century and Romantic-period poetry. I work on the absorption of philosophical ideas by major Romantic poets, and I have published work on Blake, Coleridge, Wordsworth, Keats, and others. I'm currently embarking on a research project concerning philosophical semblance in Romanticism: how things 'seem to be' versus how they really are in poetry, and the idea of poems themselves as special kinds of appearances. I've written a book on the philosopher George Berkeley's influence on the Romantics, and that's currently under review at a university press.

I first moved to Cambridge in 2011 to study for a Master's degree at King's College, where I also obtained my doctorate. I have moved around a fair bit since completing my PhD, and I've been a visiting researcher at the University of St Andrews and Durham University. I returned to Cambridge in 2019 to teach at Christ's as a Bye-Fellow. Christ's is the college in which the young Wordsworth, as a student, drank to the memory of his poetic hero Milton, until – in Wordsworth's words in *The Prelude* – his brain was left reeling: 'Never so clouded by the fumes of wine / Before that hour, or since'. Though I'm yet to indulge to the extent that Wordsworth did, I am very glad to be otherwise able to contribute to the longstanding literary culture of the College.

I have broad interests in literature beyond Romanticism, and have published, amongst other things, an essay on Virginia Woolf's prose rhythm, in which I have



Chris Townsend

tried to account for what look and sound like lines of poetry within her prose. I've written reviews and essays for a number of literary magazines and websites, including the *Times Literary Supplement*, the *Paris Review*, and *Cabinet*, and I regularly contribute to academic blogs, including the Romanticism Blog run by the Wordsworth Trust. I am entirely delighted to be able to continue pursuing my interests in literature as a Fellow at Christ's.



Matthew Tyler

MATTHEW TYLER elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am thrilled and honoured to be joining Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow. I came to Cambridge in 2010, to read linguistics at Clare College, and be a part of the first ever year to go through the Linguistics Tripos. I graduated in 2013, and was awarded the Clare College Mellon Fellowship to study at Yale University, as a non-degree student. In 2015, I began a PhD in linguistics at Yale.

For my PhD, I specialized in fieldwork and syntactic theory, and my dissertation is an attempt at marrying these interests. In particular, I focussed on how verbs are constructed and interpreted in Choctaw, an endangered indigenous American language spoken in Mississippi and Oklahoma. Speakers of this language deploy case-marking, agreement, and a series of polyfunctional verbal affixes to communicate different relations between individuals, events, and times, often in fairly subtle shades.

At Christ's, I intend to investigate how these different relations, and their formal marking, affect *switch-reference*. Switch-reference is a flavour of reference-tracking system, widespread in the Americas and the Pacific, in which clauses are tagged for having the same subject vs. a different subject from a neighbouring clause. They are fascinating, but under-studied, windows into the linguistic packaging of event structure.

One of the things I find so rewarding about linguistics, and syntax in particular, is that you uncover not only the differences between languages, but also the commonalities. After studying the grammatical complexities of two unrelated languages, which developed entirely separately for tens of thousands of years, you can't help but be struck by what they share. You find recognisable patterns and structures, recycled and folded together in ways that are familiar yet surprising. I am very excited to continue exploring human language alongside my new colleagues at Christ's.



Chuck Witt

CHUCK WITT elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am thrilled to begin at Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. I completed my PhD at Princeton last year, and my wife and I moved to Cambridge a few months later. Broadly, I am interested in material physics and engineering, with emphasis on theory and computation, and I am based in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy.

A driving force behind my research is to understand how nanoscale phenomena in materials, governed by the laws of quantum mechanics, accumulate into the properties we observe at the length scales of everyday experience. My dissertation work involved simulating the behavior of electron clouds in metals

and semiconductors, and my current work applies the same techniques to explore unusual properties of materials at high pressures.

I was recently awarded a Schmidt Science Fellowship, which will begin later this year. During that period, I will remain in Cambridge, but will turn to polymer research, aiming to address sustainability challenges associated with consumer plastics.

Away from the office, I enjoy cycling, and other outdoor adventures. I look forward very much to joining the community at Christ's.

KSENIA ZANON elected a Fellow

I am excited to be joining Christ's as a new teaching Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics. My PhD in Theoretical Linguistics and Eastern European Languages and Cultures from Indiana University enables me to teach in three distinct areas: general linguistics, Slavonic languages, and Russian culture.

My research agenda tracks the gamut of areas in which I regularly teach. As a theoretical linguist subscribing to the generative tradition, I investigate a broad range of topics in syntax, using the Slavonic group as my main implement for establishing the rules and constraints operable in human language. More specifically, I am working on the nature of questions, coordination dependencies, quantification, focus, modality, and reflexivization in Slavic. There are two larger projects that I am currently pursuing: the first one, of the theoretical flavour, investigates Yes/No questions in Slavonic; the second, of a more practical kind, is a Primer of East Slavic texts from the 11th to 17th centuries with cultural and grammatical notes, designed for students of history of East Slavic.

Developing interdisciplinary courses on Russian culture spurred my interest in the intersection of language, popular culture and national identity. What I am attempting to ascertain concerns the ways in which semiotics of contemporary media and society, the idiom of online communications, and the official discourse of government propaganda converge to form a particular (self-)perception of Russians.

Outside of my academic pursuits I travel, run, and procrastinate on learning Turkish. I am very much looking forward to joining the community of Christ's College.



Ksenia Zanon

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours



Professor
Christopher Abell

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER ABELL (Fellow) is currently leading the University part of the AZ-GSK-UoC collaboration to establish and run a national Covid-19 testing centre. It was an enormous logistical and practical issue, but the centre is a state of the art, highly automated facility, staffed by over 150 volunteers, and operates from 6 am until midnight. Professor Abell also won the 2020 Royal Society of Chemistry Interdisciplinary Prize.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN BELL'S (Fellow) edited volume, *Empire, Race, and Global Justice* (Cambridge, 2019), won the prize for Best Edited Collection from the Theory section of the International Studies Association. Another of his books, *Political Theory and Architecture* (Bloomsbury), which is co-edited with a former Christ's Junior Research Fellow, Bernardo Zacka, came out in early 2020.

PROFESSOR SIR DAVID CANNADINE (Honorary Fellow) has just begun his final year as President of the British Academy. Last summer he was awarded an honorary degree by the University of Leicester.

DR DOMINIC DE COGAN (Fellow) was involved in a number of publications this year: Dominic de Cogan and Peter Harris (eds), *Tax Justice and Tax Law* (Oxford, Hart, 2020); Dominic de Cogan, *Tax Law, State-Building and the Constitution* (Oxford, Hart, 2020); Peter Harris and Dominic de Cogan (eds), *Studies in the History of Tax Law, Vol 9* (Oxford, Hart, 2019); John Snape and Dominic de Cogan (eds), *Landmark Cases in Revenue Law* (Oxford, Hart, 2019)



The Gun, the
Ship, and the Pen
by Linda Colley

PROFESSOR LINDA COLLEY (Honorary Fellow) was due to receive her Oxford University Honorary Doctorate of Letters in June, but the ceremony will not take place now until July 2021. Later this year, she will be delivering the Prothero Lecture for the Royal Historical Society, and she has just finished a new book, which will be published at the end of February 2021.

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS (Honorary Fellow) gave a Lady Margaret Lecture in February with the title *On Not Writing Poetry at the Brasserie Lipp*. He published another book, *Pour un christianisme intempêtif*, for which he was awarded the La Boétie Prize.

THE REVEREND DR ROBERT EVANS (Chaplain) was awarded the President's Prize of the Ecclesiastical History Society for the best paper submitted by an early career researcher to their journal last summer. The article is entitled 'God's Judgement in Carolingian Law and History Writing', and features in *Studies in Church History, volume 56: The Church and the Law*, ed. Rosamond McKitterick, Charlotte Methuen, and Andrew Spicer (June, 2020). He and his wife Alice also welcomed their daughter Florence into the world on Sunday 22 March (just as Lockdown began!).

Last September DR DANIEL FIELD (Fellow) was named a UK Research and Innovation Future Leaders Fellow, which will provide his lab with funding for at least the next four years. In March, his research group revealed the discovery of ‘The Wonderchicken’, *Asteriornis maastrichtensis*, the oldest modern bird ever discovered, dating to the end of the Age of Dinosaurs. The paper was published in *Nature*, and received global media coverage. During the Covid-19 lockdown, he has been involved in developing educational tools for homeschooling, including a *New York Times* ‘Lesson of the Day’ activity about The Wonderchicken. With Cambridge’s Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences (www.sedgwickmuseum.org), he has also developed an ‘online museum exhibit’.



Daniel Field's
‘Wonderchicken’

The winner of the European International Studies Association Best Dissertation Award 2020 was DR SEAN FLEMING (Fellow), with his dissertation *Leviathan on a Leash: A Political Theory of State Responsibility*.

PROFESSOR SANJEEV GOYAL (Fellow) held the Wesley Clair Mitchell Visiting Professorship at Columbia University in New York during Spring 2020.

PROFESSOR MARK GIROLAMI (Fellow) is heading up a Data Centric Engineering team at the Turing Institute, supporting the London response to Covid-19. Project Odysseus involves two Christ’s Engineering students, Andrew Wang (m. 2018) and Mihai Ilas (m. 2018), and is providing mathematical modelling and statistical analysis for data to be used in the fight against Covid-19: particularly in relation to transport and air quality.

In July 2019 DR YUSUF HAMIED (Honorary Fellow) was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society. In August he was then awarded Fellowship of the Indian National Science Academy, which is the Indian equivalent to the Royal Society.

DR TOM HAWKER-DAWSON (Fellow) has been elected Brenda Hale Fellow in Law at Girton College from October 2020.

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY INGHAM (Fellow) published *MONEY. What is Political Economy*, Polity, (Cambridge, 2020).



MONEY. What
is Political
Economy by
Geoffrey Ingham

DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA (Fellow) has published *Contestation before Compliance: History, Politics, and Power in International Humanitarian Law*, (Kinsella, Helen M., and Giovanni Mantilla, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2020).

DR ROSALIE JONES MCVEY (Fellow) has an article coming out soon in *Social Anthropology* journal, as a contribution to their urgent forum on Covid-19. She invited her undergraduate students to contribute their own auto-ethnographic reflections of the pandemic, and then collated them into a shared article, which they edited and submitted as a co-authored piece. It is entitled *Youth in a Viral Age: A collated auto-ethnographic response by young people (dis)orientated in strange times*, and is co-authored with Anna Curzon-Price, Izzy Clancy, Stella Hall Dixon, Jaiyu Qiu, and Mingwei Song.

PROFESSOR PETER LACHMANN (Fellow) published a book entitled *Why Mankind Has Needed Religion Whereas Bees Have Not: Religious prescriptions provide the building blocks for the cultural evolution of distinct human moral communities* (Grosvenor, 2019).

PROFESSOR PETER LANDSHOFF (Fellow) is the founder of a forum that is part of 'Natural Cambridgeshire', bringing experts in the natural environment together with the local authorities in the County. He wrote an article, which was published by the University of Cambridge, on *The State of the Fenland Peat: Why peatland loss is a serious challenge and what we can do about it*.

DR RICHARD MORTIER (Fellow) has been promoted to Professor at the Department of Computer Science and Technology from 1 October 2020.

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

PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS (Fellow) and his Russian colleague Professor Vladimir Pechatnov have been awarded the Link-Kuehl Prize by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations for their book *The Kremlin Letters: Stalin's Wartime Correspondence with Churchill and Roosevelt* (Yale University Press, 2018). Also now available in a revised paperback edition is David's book about British history and the Brexit debate, *Island Stories: An Unconventional History of Britain* (HarperCollins).

PROFESSOR JIM SECORD (Bye-Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

PROFESSOR QUENTIN SKINNER (Honorary Fellow) served as Visiting Professor attached to the Law School at the University of California at Berkeley, and delivered The Royal Danish Academy's Annual Lecture in the Humanities. Oxford University also published a revised and updated version of his book on Machiavelli.

PROFESSOR JANE STAPLETON (Master) was appointed an Honorary Queen's Counsel in January 2020, and The Lord Chancellor presided over the appointment ceremony at Westminster Hall on 16 March 2020.

DR CHRISTOPHER THOMAS (Fellow) has been promoted to Reader at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics from 1 October 2020.

DR DAVID TRIPPETT (Fellow) has been promoted to Reader at the Faculty of Music from 1 October 2020.

DR RICHARD TURNER (Bye-Fellow) has been promoted to Professor at the Department of Engineering from 1 October 2020.

MS CATHERINE TWILLEY (Fellow) has been appointed a Governor of Hills Road Sixth Form College. She is also a Trustee of the Cambridge Sports Lake Trust.

STAFF NEWS

As usual, there have been some farewells to say over the last year. In the Porters' Lodge, we have said good bye to **David Elliot** and **Tod Ticehurst**. David joined Christ's in 2008 as a Night Porter and has joined his wife in America. Tod joined Christ's in 2004 and after many years as a Porter, has spent the last 5 years as a Relief Porter.

Kevin Keohane retired in December 2019 after more than 20 years as Catering Manager. **Sue O'Donnell**, has now taken over responsibility for all conference and events, including catering.



Ellie Wood

The College welcomed a number of new faces this year. **Ellie Wood** joined as Admissions and Outreach Officer. She moved here from Trinity College, where she had been working as Schools Liaison Officer since graduating from Newnham in 2018, having read Modern and Medieval Languages. **Vicky Wallace** has joined us as Conference and Events Co-ordinator. Vicky previously worked as part of the Magdalene College conference team, where she was conference and events co-ordinator for nine years.

Ann Farrell (Alumni Relations Officer) has been volunteering as a bereavement counsellor for the national helpline for Cruse Bereavement Care during lockdown. This is in addition to her individual counselling for bereaved people. Cruse is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, offering support, advice, and information to children, young people, and adults when someone dies, and works to enhance societies' care of bereaved people.

After working for the College for eight years, **Sarah Proudfoot** (Alumni Communications Officer) is leaving to relocate to St Andrews in Scotland to be closer to family. She will miss Christ's and its people very much and wishes everyone a fond farewell!

Finally, **John Wagstaff**, College Librarian, writes:

You will not be surprised to learn that, in common with the rest of College, the Library has been forced to make many changes to its operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. Library staff began working from home from late March 2020, with several team members furloughed from the beginning of April. Like many others, we had to adapt quickly to collaborative software packages such as Microsoft Teams, and Zoom; and perhaps surprised even ourselves at how quickly we were able to change our working practices to suit this "new normal". As I write these lines (July 2020), staff are back from furlough and we are making tentative plans to re-open the library to readers again, probably sometime in September. Throughout the pandemic we have continued to offer reference and enquiry services, and we have continued to buy new print books in anticipation of future demand for our physical collections.

Despite all the restrictions, and the general air of gloom and doom across Britain, the Library can still point to some successes this past year. Our new Assistant Librarian, **Dr Amy Bowles**, began work with us on 1 April, in succession to **Sam Hughes**, who left us in December 2019 for a position elsewhere in Cambridge. Other new arrivals were Senior Library Assistant **Celia Vartholomeou**, in October 2019; and our Graduate Trainee, **Finn Longman** in August last year. Finn leaves us this August for further study in Cork, Ireland.

Working from home has also enabled the library staff to work in a more concentrated way on some projects that usually have to be fitted in between our day-to-day work; and we have also managed to stay in touch with our library users via social media. Several issues of our *Friends of Christ's Library* newsletter helped us maintain contact with our group of Library friends both inside and outside Cambridge. We hope for more normal times in 2021!



Keeping safe

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STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

THE JCR

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Committee: Male Welfare Officer: Barney Crawford, Female Welfare Officer: Hemma Jari, Access Officer: Olivia Togher, Green Officer: Jojo Compton, BME Officer: Eebbaa Elfneh, Catering and Facilities Officer: Ardon Pillay, Publicity and Charities Officer: Millie Yule, Women's Officer: Giulia Armiero. Female Freshers' Rep: Grace Beckett, Male Freshers' Rep: Radek Rochowiak, International Officer: Alexandra Tsylnitska, LGBT Officer: Ieva Wade, Fourth Year Officer: Tara Tahseen, Webmaster: Becca Tyson*

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This year could not have had a better start; the Freshers' Reps (Will De Vivo and Charissa Cheong) and our International Officer (Omar Kidwai) organised Freshers' Week; from friend speed dating, to Capture the Flag, and even good old fashioned clubbing, they thought of everything. I know our new Freshers' Reps will be equally inventive in rising to the unique challenge of Freshers' Week in the era of Coronavirus.

With the election of a new committee later in Michaelmas, we all got to work on fulfilling our grand visions – starting with our first, and arguably most popular, achievement of returning Heinz ketchup to Upper Hall. We also continued all the JCR Bridgemas traditions with Bridgemas in the Buttery, Bridgemas Dinners, Bridgemas Bop, and Clover Week. On a more serious note, our Welfare and Women's Officers took the lead in working to update the College's Sexual and Racial Harassment Policy, alongside the Senior Tutor and the MCR. I'd also like to thank the College for working with our Welfare Officers to improve our counselling system; now all students can self-refer for unlimited free counselling.

Lent term brought my favourite JCR initiative of the year: 'Lent Ents' (an Ent every week of Lent term) all organised by the brand new Ents Committee, and headed by our Ents Officer! We started with a Silent Disco Bop, followed by Jazz in the Buttery, bowling, and a ceilidh, to name but a few. Furthermore, the Welfare Officers continued to run events, with Welfare Smoothies proving to be a crowd pleaser yet again. To celebrate LGBT+ History Month, our LGBT+ Officer organised film nights, a talk, and a flag raising ceremony (complete with an upgraded larger flag courtesy of the Master). Additionally, this year saw an unprecedented number of talks, workshops, and film nights organised by our Women's Officer.

Although the JCR has been separated this term, we haven't let that dull our sense of community, which has been kept alive by online events from Pub Quizzes to Brunch-Offs on our brand new Facebook Page "The Christ's ENTranet". We have also been in close conversation with the Senior Tutor about arrangements relating to coronavirus, both for this term and in Michaelmas. Finally, I would like to thank my Vice-President, Clara Tuffrey, without whom so much of what we have

accomplished would have been impossible, and Nick Carson, for being a far better Treasurer than I ever was. In fact, I would like to thank each and every member of the Committee for making this year a brilliant one for the JCR.

THE MCR

President: Lieske Huits Secretary: Savannah Pine Treasurer: Dan Zhao

Committee: Tim Birkle, Callum Fairbairn, Felix Opolka, Tyler Rhinesmith, Petra Sikic, Sandra Strahlendorf, Louise Wells

Website: www.christsmcr.co.uk



*MCR
Lockdown
Quiz*

To say that this academic year has been different from all others might be a platitude at this point. The year, as always, started with a wonderful Freshers' Week, organized by last year's committee. Starting off with a picnic on Jesus Green on the Saturday before the start of term, the old and new members of the MCR were given the chance to meet. The barbecue on Sunday was unfortunately plagued by bad weather,

but with the help of kitchen staff, everyone was able to enjoy a dry supper in the Buttery. After a week of events, everyone was treated to a fantastic *Back to the Future* Bop, where our time travelers danced until late. Michaelmas brought a variety of social and academic events, including a trip to Apple Day in the Botanical Gardens, pumpkin carving for Halloween, an international movie night, and an installment of the Emerging Research Seminar, featuring papers by Dr Daniel Field, Yasmina El Chami, and Louise Wells. Additionally, MCR member Hannah Hassani generously offered salsa-dancing classes to the MCR and taught some great moves. We closed out term with a James Bond-themed Superhall and a traditional Christmas dinner to celebrate 'Bridgemas'. Lent kicked off with a Panel on Sexism at the University, organized by Women's Officer, Emma Pandian. It also saw the inception of the Wednesday Welfare Cuppa, where students can drop in with Welfare Officer, Callum Fairbairn, for a tea and chat. Other events included the celebrations of Chinese New Year and Burns Night (with traditional ceilidh-dancing), and several Green Events, as well as an Emerging Research Seminar featuring contributions from Dr Alexandre Loktionov, Dr Charlotte Houldcroft, and Max McGinley. The end of term was less joyful; the newly appointed MCR committee was thrown headfirst into difficult decisions as the reality of Covid-19 forced us to reorient our operations. Choosing to prioritize student wellbeing above social and academic events, we moved online, and throughout the vacation and Easter term we have been hosting a variety of events, including continuing the Welfare Cuppa, as well as introducing Movie and Theatre Nights, and MCR Lockdown Quizzes, which have proven very popular. As always, the Christ's College MCR will continue to be a warm and welcoming community, and, together with the College, we are looking at how to offer next year's students a full College experience; abiding by the realities of the new normal.

Lieske Huits

CHRIST'S AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)

President: Isobel Griffiths Vice-President: Katie Mountford Treasurer: Tom Baarda Secretary: Olivia Sutherland Publicist: Nikhil Scott Tech Rep: Dylan Phelps Monologue Clash Rep: Oliver Jones General Member: Ryan Morgan General Member: Maria Calinescu

CADS had a fantastic year of theatre both inside and outside College. We kicked off Michaelmas with a Freshers' trip to the ADC theatre to see the CAST 2020 version of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, and the Footlights International Tour Show 2020: *Look Alive*. Both shows involved Christ's students, and allowed Freshers to see some of the best that Cambridge theatre has to offer, whilst getting to know current CADS members.

The Christ's panto was performed at the end of Michaelmas, bringing some fun festive cheer to packed audiences from Christ's and beyond. Entitled *When Harry Met Sue*, written by Christ's student Olivia Railton, it told the story of a hapless man, whose life is dictated by random outbursts of song, trying to win back his love.

CADS has been fortunate to be able to fund several shows at the ADC and Corpus Playroom this year, giving students the opportunity to put on innovative, moving, and entertaining theatre alongside their studies. In Michaelmas, we funded Dennis Kelly's *Debris*. The CADS Monologue Clash, created by Oliver Jones, also brought in talent and audiences to the ADC bar.

In Lent, we funded several shows: a daring version of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*; *Angels in America: Part II: Perestroika*, a hugely important piece set in New York during the AIDS crisis, which followed last year's production of Part I; and Richard Greenberg's *The Dazzle*, which had a Christ's student in the directorial role.

For those who are aware of CADS's usual Easter Term activity, they may have been expecting a May Week Shakespeare set in the Fellows' Garden. While the Fellows' Garden is out of reach, the show must go on! Two first year students, Jojo Compton and Millie Yule, are producing *Comedies of Errors*, five short interpretations of Shakespeare plays that will be recorded and streamed to audiences.

Isobel Griffiths

CHRIST'S ART SOCIETY

In 2019/20, Christ's Art Society has built on the strong foundations and progress made last year. Starting brightly with a stall at the Freshers' Fair, CAS was able to foster the beginnings of a regular and dedicated attendance, on top of the frequent drop-in visitors who try their hand at exciting new materials. Reflecting on



Banner-making workshop

our workshops from last year, we changed the format of our weekly sessions to have more of a material focus, exploring and introducing different mediums each week. Some highlights include our linocut print and pipette dripping workshops.

As ever, CAS was on hand to help support fellow students. In particular, CAS was delighted to team up with Christ's Climate Justice Society, and host a banner-making workshop to show solidarity and support for the members of the University and Colleges Union who took strike action in November.

As a result of the unfortunate and unprecedented cancellation of Easter term due to the Covid-19 pandemic, CAS was unable to host exciting future plans, such as a collaborative workshop with the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts, and events for students during exam term to alleviate stress, such as action painting. However, we look forward to organising similar events in the future when College is able to resume.

We welcome any workshop ideas that you have and might be interested in collaborating with us. You can reach us at our email: christsartsociety@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristsArtSociety>, where CAS is proud to finally have its own dedicated logo theme! We look forward to hearing from you and hope in the meantime that you stay safe and well.

Chater Paul Jordan

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CHOIR

The Choir has had another eventful year, having returned from the Summer Vacation refreshed and with a large contingent of new singers to welcome to the group. Our regular pattern of weekly services and rehearsals was soon in full swing, with the additions of the candlelit compline service, held twice per term, providing some welcome calm within hectic academic schedules. The Christmas season is always a busy period for the Choir, and, alongside College Advent and Carol services, we performed our regular season of Christmas concerts in London and Bedfordshire. A particular highlight was performing in a charity concert for the Oracle Cancer Trust at St John's Smith Square with renowned author Michael Morpurgo, who performed a short story with accompaniment from the Choir. In the Lent term, those who attended our previous tour to Singapore and New Zealand reconvened for a reunion dinner in the OCR, at which we enjoyed reminiscing about the amazing locations that we visited and the concerts that we performed. We had very much enjoyed meeting some College alumni in Singapore, and especially Choir alumnus Vincent Lam who helped organise this portion of the trip. During the term, the Choir also dedicated an evensong to the University-wide Minerva Festival, with all service music written by female composers. This service featured music by Christ's alumna Annabel Rooney, and we have enjoyed performing many of her works over the course of the year, including several newly written pieces. As with all other aspects of life, the Choir's activities have naturally been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. Sadly, our planned summer tour to the East Coast of America has had to be postponed until 2021, but we are looking forward to the trip immensely and we are incredibly grateful to our tour organisers for their fantastic efforts. At the time of writing we are thinking about ways in which Choir members can get together to perform via various virtual mediums, and singing lessons have been continuing virtually so voices are kept in shape! Everyone is very much looking forward to what we hope will be a return to some form of normal practice in Michaelmas, and we are planning with College how to go about running services in accordance with any public health measures that may be in place. In more positive news, we are excited to announce our next CD recording, which will take place in Spring 2021. This will

be a first for the Choir as we are recording with both our current singers and alumni to produce a very special recording of some favourite works by Parry, including the 'Songs of Farewell', which are a staple of the Choir's repertoire.

Simon Fraser

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

Team list: Hannah Covell, Lucy Dai, Chisom Ifeobu, Alice Jin, Neringa Levinskaite, Belinda Ng, Emma Parker, Wenting Wang and Katherine Wong

Christ's Women's Badminton team topped the Cambridge University Women's Badminton League! After spending years of getting relegated to the second division and then promoted to the top division, this year the team has stepped up our game to become the best College team in the league. In Michaelmas, we managed to gain an impressive second place in the top division.



*Women's
Badminton*

Building on this momentum, the team won EVERY SINGLE one of their league matches in Lent, putting us at the very top of the University! Equally exciting, our team came second in the annual Badminton Tournament (Cuppers). After some intense matches, we lost marginally against Murray Edwards in the finals. This was the first time that Christ's Badminton Team had managed to make it to the Cuppers semi-finals and finals in at least three years. It was amazing that our team made it this far without any current University Team players! Coincidentally, the day of the semi-finals and finals was also International Women's Day. What a great way to celebrate this important day, and, indeed, the 40th Anniversary of Women at Christ's. Many ladies contributed to this phenomenal success and our achievement was a testament to the team spirit, hard work, and determination that everyone brought to every match.

Katherine Wong

MEN'S BOAT CLUB

On 2 February, CCBC named a single scull after Manaka, a much-valued member of the Club, who sadly passed away in Michaelmas term. Manaka rowed for the Club in all three of her undergraduate years, starting with NW1 and continuing into W2 and W1. In her second year she became a Lower Boats Captain and learned to cox. During summer 2019, she coxed a Fellows' boat and took part in town bumps.

Lent term kicked off with a Winter Head to Head race hosted by City of Cambridge Rowing Club, which was 4km in length. Here we saw both M1 and M2 finishing 11th out of 12 in their respective divisions, with an impressive result for M3 coming 3rd out of 8 in the M3 division, and W1 finishing 7th in the W1 division. Up next was Robinson Head, only M1 entered this race, finishing 3rd out of 7 other M1 crews, an improvement from the last race. As we ploughed into the middle of Lent term, Newnham Head was the next big race. All 5 crews from CCBC entered. Here we saw



Men's Boat Club

the Club is also important. 32 attendees at our annual CCBC Cocktail night made the OCR rather cosy. Later in the evening, during photo time, M1 lifted their cox as a show of strength M2 tried to copy M1. Unfortunately, they weren't as successful, almost dropping their cox, Mary, whilst she was in mid-air. Mary grabbed onto a painting and snapped the strings holding the painting in place! Luckily, no one was hurt, and the painting was not damaged, phew! 2020 has also seen CCBC's first ever swap in the last three years! The swap was with Homerton boat club; destination Nanna Mexico. CCBC also hosted a pizza and games evening with our proud sponsor Featurespace. Just over 25 people attended. It was great to see rowers carb load on pizza. Finishing off Lent term with Lent Bumps, the results are below:

Crew	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Overall
W1	Bumped by Churchill W1	Bumped by Caius W1	Rowed over	Bumped by Fitzwilliam W1	-3
W2	Bumped by Caius W2	Bumped by Jesus W2	Bumped Jesus W2	Rowed over	-1
M1	Bumped by Tit Hall M1	Bumped by Kings M1	Bumped by Magdalene M1	Bumped by Clare M1	-4
M2	Bumped by Magdalene M2	Rowed over	Bumped by Robinson M2	Bumped by St Catharine's M2	-3

This was a slightly disappointing result for M1, we were significantly faster than the crew in front of us over 2km. However, for a lighter and shorter crew like us, we were just a bit slow off the start. M3 did not qualify, but they entered the Talbot Cup and reached the semi-final, but were knocked out by First and Third M3. Great work from W1 not getting spoons despite the majority of the crew being freshers! Finally, M1 entered the Head of the River Race 2020. Due to the pandemic, this was cancelled, and May term rowing, and May Bumps, did not take place. We have been keeping fit, and having crew virtual events, while planning for what we hope will be a return to the river in Michaelmas.

ShenZhen Newman

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

For the women's side of the Boat Club, it has been a year for recruitment. We started the year only able to make a IV, but ended Lent term with a W1, 2 and 3. Praise is due to the multitude of freshers who have stepped up to fill the Club, and who I am confident will bring us success in the next few years. Michaelmas term was dominated by novice recruitment. This was very successful, with many new faces being drawn in by the annual barbeque, training in the Downing tank, and plenty of quality time with the boathouse dog. Three novice women's boats were soon trained up to racing standard, taking on events such as Queens' Ergs, Emma Sprints and, most successfully, Clare Novices, where NW1 finished 3rd out of 32 crews. It is testament to both the hard work of the LBCs and the Boat Club community that so many novices chose to keep rowing into Lent term and hopefully far beyond. A shortage of numbers meant that W1 spent most of Michaelmas rowing in a IV, a challenge to which they more than rose. They used the time to improve their technique, as well as providing NW1 and NW2 with invaluable coaching, doing mixed novice/senior outings throughout term. Racing as a IV also brought considerable success, most notably in the form of a 2nd place finish in Winter Head.

Prior to the beginning of Lent term, the Boat Club returned to the Lac d'Aiguebelette in France for the annual training camp. Here, novice technique came on in leaps and bounds as full days on the water and some vigorous erg testing allowed them to make the jump up to senior level. With the club bonding as well as I have ever seen it, the Boat Club returned to Cambridge excited for the term ahead. Spurred on by their time in France, the women's side began the term with an impressive three crews, all training hard in preparation for Lent Bumps. With 6 ex-novices being welcomed into W1, the girls worked hard both on the water and in the gym to get up to Division One standard. Thanks to the strength and commitment of the young girls, W1 avoided spoons, fighting to the end in a nail-biting row over on the 3rd day. An entirely ex-novice crew, W2 were by far the most successful CCBC boat in Bumps: after 'getting on', thanks in part to the odd super-sub from W3 and beyond, they ended their campaign with a very respectable -1, having achieved our only bump this year. The hard work and experience gained by all crews will pay dividends in the years to come, and this is clearly a women's side with great future potential!



W1 Lent 2020

The social side of the Boat Club has returned in full force this year, with swaps being successfully arranged for the first time in 3 years. The women's side enjoyed socialising with members from Downing College Boat Club, Homerton College Boat Club, and Churchill College Boat Club, as well as attending the annual Boat Club cocktail event. As always, Michaelmas and Lent term Boat Club Dinners proved to be a huge success.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, Easter term has been severely disrupted with teaching taking place online and most students remaining at home. The cancellation of May Bumps and lack of outings hasn't stopped the Boat Club however, as members continue to train in various ways at home. Milosz Wrobel has been running full body circuit sessions via Zoom twice weekly, and these have been frequently attended by the women's side. The women have been training individually, using a CCBC spreadsheet and Strava to record their runs, cycles, ergs, and yoga sessions. We have also been meeting once a week to chat, share training tips, and support each other in a highly unprecedented situation. Although the entire rowing community is disappointed about the lack of Easter term, the women's side will come back next year stronger than ever!

Many thanks to our Boathouse Manager, Kate Hurst, for her excellent coaching, advice, and care of the boathouse, also to Stephen Matthew and Milosz Wrobel for their coaching of the women. Further thanks to the whole committee this year, for their continued hard work running the club. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the alumni and College, whose financial support allows us to create such a wonderful community.

Elizabeth Guest

COLOURS

The Christ's College Colours Presidents are pleased to announce that the College sports captains voted to award College Sports Colours 2019–2020 to the following students:

Liam Baines, Rugby
 Esme Cavendish, Lacrosse and Netball
 Lucy Gardner, Netball
 Ian Holdroyd, Cricket
 Antanas Kalkauskas, Football
 Tristan Liu, Badminton
 Will Matthews, Hockey and Lacrosse
 Shenzhen Newman, Rowing
 Ghislaine Odell, Football
 James Shemilt, Tennis
 Jake Simms, Football
 Florence Wiggins, Lacrosse and Athletics
 Katherine Wong, Badminton

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our annual sports day against Wadham, our sister college in Oxford, was cancelled. In its place, 47 Christ's students undertook a continuous 24-hour relay, which involved students from all over the UK – spanning from Cambridge to Yorkshire, Plymouth, and Oxford

– and even from further afield around the world including Singapore, Adelaide, Dubai, and Karachi. We ran, walked, cycled and roller-skated 285km, which is, coincidentally, the driving distance from Cambridge to Oxford and back.

Rebecca Tyson and Patrick Moran

CRICKET

The 2020 Christ's College Cricket Club season was off to a promising start before being tragically cut short by the coronavirus pandemic. With the bulk of play usually taking place in Easter term, which was moved online, cricket was perhaps the sport most affected by the pandemic.

Our preparations for the season began with great vigour, as we had weekly indoor nets sessions throughout Lent term. The sessions displayed a high quality of cricket. Wicketkeeper batsman, Patrick Moran, medium pacer, James Bertlin, mystery spinner, James Patchett, all-rounder, Shrav Gowrishankar, and Captain, Omar Kidwai, exhibited prowess across all aspects of the game. The return of ex-captain and searing pacer, Simon Fraser, along with swashbuckling all-rounder, Ian Holdroyd, gave the squad some serious firepower. It also meant that our batsmen practiced against a barrage of aggressive fast bowling. This was boosted by our star fresher find, Mikeshe Patel, being another intimidating fast bowler. The team seemed poised for a tremendous Cuppers campaign, bolstered further by Blues star all-rounder, James Vitali.

As fate would have it, the pandemic shattered all hopes of a successful Cuppers campaign as the tournament was naturally cancelled. We also had several friendly matches planned against visiting corporate teams, an alumni team, and the infamous Staff vs Students match, all of which were also cancelled. Vice-captain, Patrick Moran, and social secretary, Charlie Newton, had ambitious plans for social events in the British cricket summer, which also fell victim to the pandemic. While this season may have come to an abrupt end, the Club is ready for a successful (possibly socially distanced) cricket campaign next year.

Omar Kidwai

CHRIST'S COLLEGE DARWIN SOCIETY

This year, Darwin Society has successfully continued to connect students with an interest in science with the College. In Lent term, we kept tradition with our annual black-tie dinner. Christ's students from all academic levels, as well as Fellows, were treated to an excellent talk by Professor Malcolm Longair. Professor Longair has held many highly respected positions within physics, including being appointed the ninth Astronomer Royal of Scotland, and spoke about his fascinating and amusing work writing the biographical memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society. There has also been a focus on promoting mingling with science students from other colleges; in particular, we have jointly hosted well-attended formal dinners with St Catharine's College. Due to the disruption of Easter term, the popular Darwin Garden Party sadly could not take place. Despite this, the Society looks forward optimistically to the coming year, and to welcoming the incoming science students.

George Haskell

THE DAVIDSON NICOL POLITICS SOCIETY

After a slow start (with the snap election making several events hard to organise), the Davidson Nicol Society has had a productive year, including hosting a fantastic panel debating Brexit and its possible ramifications for the UK. Chaired by Professor Duncan Bell, the panel featured: George Freeman, MP for Mid Norfolk; Claire Fox, formerly a Brexit Party MEP; Lucy Nethsingha, formerly a Liberal Democrat MEP; and Sean O'Grady, the Associate Editor of the Independent. It was followed by a very successful dinner in formal hall. We also organised an engaging event with the Cambridge University Labour Club, hosting Lord Stewart Wood, a former senior advisor to Gordon Brown and Ed Miliband, to discuss the future of the Labour Party with students. We have also continued our campaign to get the College to display a portrait of Davidson Nicol, who was the first black African to graduate with First Class Honours from the University and the first to be elected a Fellow of a Cambridge College.

Sam Crawley

MEN'S FOOTBALL



*Men's Football
Team*

The 2019/20 season was a year of firsts for the CCAFC. It saw the first time a player had ripped up his match shirt out of sheer passion for the game, the first time a current member had popped back for one game from his year abroad to score, and also the first time in over two years that the Is and IIs had won on the same weekend. Unfortunately, the only first we didn't clinch was the league.

After a slow start to the Division II campaign, we began to see a turn in fortune as the dynamic strike duo of Lucas Renshaw and Aditya Jain started to gel. Our first taste of victory came in the Shield, with a 2–1 win over Trinity Hall that was consolidated by a 25-yard drive from left winger, Jordan Smith, who to this day swears that his screamer was not a mishit cross. Our journey in the Shield was cruelly brought to an end in the semi-final against Girton Is, who clearly couldn't let go of our Cuppers victory over them the season before.

Some of the Club's league success owed much to talismanic displays in CDM from Billy Howard and James Vitali, including in a particularly deserved 2–1 victory over league rivals Emmanuel Is. However, despite some hard-fought clashes, plucky wins, and an impressive cup campaign, the CCAFC Is ultimately fell in battle and will next year compete in Division III. Though we sadly say goodbye to two of the Club's stalwarts, Jake Simms and Kenki Matsumoto, as they graduate, the future looks bright. Newly voted-in Captain, Lawrence Howard, and his vice, Matthew Van Schalkwyk, are ready to steer the ship back towards Division II where we belong.

I would like to give a special mention to Miles Mason, our final-year debutant in right back, whose fierce slide tackles and thumping headers earned him the worthy accolade of Player of the Season. Thank you also to another alliteratively named (and equally impressive) defender, Stephan Stephanides, vice-captain, for his passion and insight on and off the pitch.

Barney Crawford

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The Christ's, Churchill, Lucy Cavendish Women's Football team have had a great season. This year we've welcomed a number of new faces, some being completely new to the sport. By the end of Michaelmas, we had played several league and cup matches, which placed us at the top of Division 1, and a tense match against the Gonville & Caius/ Hughes Hall team saw us through to the quarter finals of the cup. Highlights included a team debut ending in a 3–1 victory against Trinity, and a 5–0 win in a 7-a-side against Trinity Hall. The enthusiasm continued into Lent term with a notable 4–2 against Jesus. With some league matches left unplayed, we have finished second in the Division's leaderboard. Throughout the year, there has been substantial development in both the skill and confidence of our new players, as well as improvements in the way we play as a team. It has been a successful season and we hope to continue in this vein next year.



*Women's
Football Team*

Lauren Somers and Rebecca Tyson

CHRIST'S COLLEGE GEZELLIG SOCIETY

This year, a brand new crafts society has formed. Named after the Dutch word meaning 'being cozy with good company', the society has grown into a small community that meets to craft and chat over tea. We have tried a range of new crafts including Japanese stab binding, bead lizards, and macramé hanging planters. We have also dedicated sessions to knitting, clothing repair, patching, and making intricate paper snowflakes! We have continued to run sessions virtually during lockdown, enjoying origami, calligraphy, and bracelet making over video call.

Clara Tuffrey



*Gezellig at the
Freshers' Fair*

HIPPOLYTANS

The Hippolytans this year have engaged both in socials, many organised alongside the Marguerites, as well as society specific events. We have had a successful year of promoting sport in College and have begun to re-establish a strong community among sportswomen at Christ's. Near the end of Lent term, the baton of President was passed from Lucy Gardner to Hannah Covell and, despite distance, Easter term has seen the applications of 11 new members accepted. Whilst we are having to adapt to the current situation, and the disappointments over the lack of an annual garden party, plans for social events still stand (albeit currently virtual), and the greatly expanding Hippolytans community is looking forward to another successful academic year when reunited come October.

Lucy Gardner

MIXED LACROSSE

Team list: Thomas Adkins, Alex Blake, Emma Cattermole, Esme Cavendish, Eebbaa Elfneh, Simon Fraser, Matt Lee, Will Matthews, Alice Maynard, Patrick Moran, Olivia Togher, Anna Whitehead, Florence Wiggins, Adam Yardley

It has been a most enjoyable year for College Mixed Lacrosse with several keen first-year students joining the team and a number of students participating in our weekly fixtures, come rain or shine! It has also been encouraging to see students who aren't involved in other sports pick up a stick, and the vast majority of our team this year had not played lacrosse previously. We had an excellent start to the season in Michaelmas, winning against King's and Trinity Hall, as well as Robinson, which resulted in considerable progress in the intercollegiate league. Several matches, as well as the Cuppers tournament, in Lent term were sadly cancelled due to poor weather, but we enjoyed what turned out to be our final match of the year against Selwyn. Despite the sudden downpour, the Christ's team displayed great determination (and aggression) to end the season on a win. We'd like to recognise and thank Esme Cavendish, Flo Wiggins, and Will Matthews for all the time and energy they've given to the team over their time at Christ's, and wish them all the best as they graduate this year.

Anna Whitehead and Adam Yardley



Mixed Lacrosse

CHRIST'S COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY

The College Law Society kicked off the year with a talk from Christ's own Professor Peter Cane on the constitutional implications of the Miller II decision, where the Supreme Court held that it was unlawful for the executive to use the royal prerogative to prorogue Parliament. The talk was well attended by members of the College and University legal community alike, and it was wonderful to hear Professor Cane's take on how the decision will impact the relationship between Parliament, the executive, and the courts.



Lady Margaret Moot

Christ's has also continued its strong mooting tradition. In addition to the two annual intra-College moots for first years, the final of which was kindly adjudicated by Christ's alumnus His Honour Judge Anthony Bate, second years, Jake Gibbins and Mark Hangchi, also participated in the Lady Margaret Beaufort Moot against St John's College. Held this year at St John's, the problem concerned judicial review, and was adjudicated by The Rt Hon Lord Justice Singh, a specialist in public and administrative law. Despite a strong opposing team, Christ's emerged victorious, and are looking forward to hosting the Lady Margaret Beaufort Moot next year.

Esmé Cairns

MARGUERITES

Over the past year, the Marguerites Club has continued to play a central role in Christ's sport and, in spite of the cancellation of the Margs and Hippos Garden Party and our Sports Day with Wadham, Oxford, College sport has gone from strength to strength. Socially, the Club has held a number of cocktail parties jointly with the Hippolytans, and our Alumni Dinner in November was a great success. This was a great opportunity to see old faces, and we look forward to more of these in the future. Our annual dinner and AGM saw us celebrate the tenures of Ian Holdroyd (President) and Miles Mason (Secretary), who have handed over the reins to Patrick Moran (President), Herbie Lambden (Secretary), and Alex Blake (Treasurer). We've since endeavoured to make the most of Lockdown, having co-organised the Christ's 24-hour Round-the-World relay race and held a couple of socials via video call. We hope that the next 12 months can build on from this, and we can resume our sports and events where we left off from in Michaelmas.

Patrick Moran

CHRIST'S MAY BALL 2020

As with many other events scheduled for the summer of 2020, the Christ's College May Ball was unable to take place in June. This was a great shame since the sold-out event had been in the planning for 18 months, under the innovative theme of Paradise Lost.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the 26 person committee who were so dedicated in planning the event to near completion. Thanks must also be given to the Senior Treasurer, Dr Helena Browne, who was a calming presence

in tumultuous times, and whose advice was greatly valued. We must also thank the College, who provided the funds necessary for all ticket-holders to receive full refunds. The Committee is proud to have swiftly refunded every ticket holder, and was delighted to have raised over £10,000 for charitable causes. The lion's share of these donations were from guests who chose to donate portions of their ticket refund to the Big MAC Covid-19 Appeal. Christ's contributed the highest total donation of any May Ball to the Big MAC Appeal – a testament to the generosity of Christ's students, staff, alumni, and their guests.

Planning is already underway for the 2022 Ball, and we hope much of the efforts for the 2020 event can be put towards this.

Matt Lee and Patrick Moran

CHRIST'S COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

This has been another eventful year for CCMS. In addition to the regular recital series and Week 5 Blues gigs, there were a number of exciting masterclasses and events. In Michaelmas, we held a vocal masterclass with Australian opera tenor Samuel Sakker, and at the end of term we had our annual Christmas concert, with performances from the orchestra, jazz, and voices ensembles. Lent continued the masterclass series with visits from Gwilym Simcock – Professor of Jazz Piano at the Royal Academy of Music – Counter-tenor Ron Morris, and Ronan O'Hora – Head of Keyboard at Guildhall, who also performed Beethoven's last three piano sonatas to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth. The annual Charles Blackham competition, judged by Claire Watters, David Rowland, and David Trippett, was deservedly won by Sebastian Gorgon on piano, who had given a recital in Michaelmas term entitled *Modernist kaleidoscope*, which explored works by early twentieth-century composers such as Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Messiaen. In Easter term, whilst our usual 'squash o'clock' recital series and garden party had to be put on hold, CCMS continued its activities online: in collaboration with Christ's Ents, each week a student submitted a video of themselves singing/playing an instrument to be posted for all members of College to enjoy. We look forward to next year, when we can carry on the thriving College music scene, providing an excellent array of events and performances for everyone to enjoy and get involved in.

Nick Edwards



CCMS Dinner

LADIES AND MIXED NETBALL

Our two netball teams have seen another strong year of play. The Ladies' team have played consistently throughout the season and came 3rd in our division in Michaelmas, missing out on promotion by only a place. Notable was a 10–8 win, without any regular shooters present. We ended the term with Cuppers, where the team fought extremely well and spirits were high. However, a nail-biting game against Division 1 team, Emma, ended at a narrow 9–10 loss, meaning missing out on quarter finals by only a point. After last year's promotion to Division 1, the mixed team has put up a fight to maintain their spot; playing against some challenging teams throughout the year, and with a lot of enthusiasm, even in losses. These efforts paid off at the end of Michaelmas, which saw a 20–11 victory over Trinity, which was cheered on by supporters.



Ladies Netball team

Lucy Gardner and Rebecca Tyson

CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Team list: Amritz Ansara, Felix Asare, Benedict Aveyard, Liam Baines, Michael Collingwood, Rory Durham, Simon Fraser, Harry Goodhew, Ian Holdroyd, Chater Paul Jordan, Jean-Michael Mauge, Hiral Radia, Adam Yardley

Following a disappointing 2018/19 season, in which no games were played, Christ's took the decision to merge with a similarly depleted Trinity outfit, with the aim of getting some solid rugby going. In this regard, the year has been an immense success. There have been several excellent performances, and whilst these were often on the wrong side of tight score lines, the



Christ's/Trinity Rugby Team

team came through when it mattered in the Boot Final of Cuppers vs Catz, securing Christ's first piece of rugby "silverware" in many years. Although the trophy was not immediately available, the Club has instead been gifted former South African international and current Cambridge EMBA Flip van der Merwe's rugby boots! The future of the Club looks promising, with a couple of strong fresher showings, and the side also welcoming some older members of College into the fold. Special mention should go to University players, Jean-Michael Mauge and Amritz Ansara (rugby league), and Harry Goodhew (touch rugby). The Club also bids farewell to Liam Baines, who graduates this year with a long and chequered history of service. All eyes are now on a September tour and hopeful resumption of service come Michaelmas. Up the Brown Rings!

Rory Durham



Getting ready...

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SPECIAL FEATURES

The Memorial to John Finch and Thomas Baines in the Chapel of Christ's College, Cambridge

The monument to Sir John Finch and Sir Thomas Baines on the North Wall of the College Chapel was paid for by Daniel Finch, the 2nd Earl of Nottingham, and erected in 1684. Daniel was John's nephew, the eldest son of the first Earl, Heneage Finch, a lawyer who rose to be Charles II's Lord Chancellor in 1675. John was Heneage's brother. The structure, of black and white marble with wood framing (added early in the eighteenth century), was made by a London sculptor called Joseph Catterns. As John wanted, he and Thomas are buried together under the floor of the chapel in front of the memorial. Finch and Baines are also commemorated in portraits belonging to the College by the famous Dutch painter Sir Peter Lely (currently hung in the Lloyd Room), and in two sections of the nineteenth-century oriel window of 'worthies' next to High Table in Hall.

Thomas Baines came from a less exalted family than Finch. John and Thomas both arrived at Christ's in the mid-1640s, occupying a set in the recently completed Fellows' Building: according to the rent book, the upper second chamber of the southernmost staircase, in which Finch's arms can be seen in the oak panelling. Thomas apparently acted as John's 'sizar', or personal servant. On the rock of this initial association, Finch and Baines founded a life-long friendship.

At the top of the memorial is a single funerary urn. Below the urn are individual portrait busts of the men, based on paintings now in the Fitzwilliam Museum, surrounded by garlands and angels. At the bottom is an elaborate epitaph composed by Henry More, a Fellow from 1639 till 1687 and, for a period, both John's and Thomas's tutor. More was a member of the group called the Cambridge Platonists. In the College history published in 2004, Roy Porter tells us that the Platonists sought to reconcile Christianity with new intellectual movements in science. They rejected mystical, Aristotelian explanations of the world, in terms of essences, in favour of the empirical study of natural, material processes; but they also believed that the study of nature would confirm the existence of God rather than propel people to atheism. More was a Fellow of the Royal Society (founded in 1660), and associated with the scientific elite of the day. Heneage's daughter and John's cousin Anne, who later married Viscount Conway, was taught privately by More. Anne became an important Platonist philosopher in her own right. Her *Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy* was published in 1692. She and More maintained a life-long correspondence.



The Finch and Baines memorial

This was the intellectual context in which Finch and Baines were educated. The big issue of the day was how to think about religion in a world of scientific investigation. After leaving Christ's, Finch and Baines travelled to Italy to study medicine at the University of Padua, where both are commemorated by monuments in the Great Hall. Little is known of their life there. But Thomas, a poet, wrote five long stanzas (in Latin) about a dissection class, in which he said of the Professor of Anatomy at Padua, Antoni Molinetti: 'You do not, Molinetti, dissect bodies, you adorn them. You bring them into the theatre cleansed from all dirt, perfect in limb, and the obedient muscles are freed at your touch; thus you show yourself not an anatomist but, what is far greater, a god'. In 1659, Finch was appointed Professor of Anatomy at Pisa – certainly the first, and probably the only, Englishman ever to have held the post. There he came to the notice of the local ruler, the Grand Duke of Tuscany.



Sir John Finch

Finch and Baines returned to England after the Restoration, late in 1660 or in 1661, but soon set out again for Italy where John resumed his work at the University and, in 1665, was appointed Charles II's Resident at the Ducal Court. After another brief return to England in 1670, they departed again in 1673, this time for Constantinople, where Finch took up the post of English Ambassador to the Ottoman Court.

Lest you get the impression that Baines was merely a manservant to genius, it is worth knowing that he, like Finch, was made a Fellow Extraordinary of the Royal College of Physicians, and that both were active in the foundation of the Royal Society. Additionally, both were knighted by Charles II: Finch in 1661, and Baines some time later. It is said of their time in Turkey that their favourite occupation was discourse on theological subjects with 'patriarchs of the Greek church, Jesuits and so on'.

In 1661, Baines was appointed Professor of Music at Gresham College, which had been founded in 1597 in the mansion of Sir Thomas Gresham, a wealthy merchant, on the site of what is now Tower 42 in Bishopsgate. It was effectively the third university in England, after Oxford and Cambridge, and the first home of the Royal Society. The first Professor of Music at Gresham's was John Bull, who is sometimes credited with having written the National Anthem. Gresham College still exists, and occupies premises in Barnard's Inn near Holborn Tube Station. The main role of its Professors today is to give public lectures to all comers.

Thomas Baines died in Turkey in 1682. His viscera were interred in Constantinople, whilst the rest of his body was embalmed and brought back to England, so that John and Thomas could be buried together. John himself died soon after, in England, in 1682.

The memorial was not meant as any sort of public statement. It is located in a remote corner of the chapel of a private institution, into which few members of the



Sir Thomas Baines

public would have strayed until recent years; and I imagine that the significance, and perhaps even the existence, of the memorial are unknown to many of today's members of the College. The Latin epitaph hid its meaning from all but the highly educated of the day. But it was neither the first, nor the last, memorial in a place of Christian worship to a same-sex couple, whether male or female. Nor are Finch and Baines alone in being a same-sex couple buried together.

Finch and Baines were clearly both pillars of the English establishment, despite having spent so much of their professional lives abroad. John was a member of one of the leading aristocratic dynasties of the day, and Thomas must rank as one of the most highly qualified and accomplished PAs of all time! The Finches were a close and affectionate family, as we can see particularly from John's correspondence over the years with his niece, Anne Conway, and from the fact that the memorial was funded by Daniel, his nephew. The celebration of their lives could not be more intimately related to their religion and their education.

In the inscription he wrote for the interment of Thomas's viscera in Constantinople, John described their relationship as 'a sweet and unbroken marriage of souls and a fellowship undivided for thirty-six entire years'. 'Throughout their lives', he continued (in the third person), 'they banished 'mine' and 'thine' as terms hateful and hostile to friendship'. Of Baines, John says that 'to him alone amongst mortals (as I know) were known the movements of universal reason...he was so furnished with such unimpaired virtue and seriousness of disposition, that no-one dared wound his ears with speech that was unchaste'.

Henry More's epitaph on the tomb speaks of 'two most devoted friends who had but one heart and one soul', and of 'their immortal friendship'. Baines, he said, was a 'man above all praise, for more or less thirty years the constant participant in Finch's fortunes and his counsels, the inseparable companion of his

long journeys among foreign nations'. When Baines died, More continues, John 'grieved, sighed, wept abundantly and would have melted away altogether in tears if it were not that some remains of their common soul restrained him.' More went on to celebrate the fact that Finch left the College £4,000 (roughly £300,000 today) 'to support two fellows and two scholars, and to augment the Master's annual stipend by fifty pounds'.

The lives of John and Thomas, and their memorial, were made known to a somewhat wider audience in 1917 by one Archibald Malloch, a Canadian army doctor posted during WWI to a small hospital for officers at Burley-on-the-Hill in Rutland, set up in what had formerly been the Finch family seat. His biography of the pair was editorialised in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, which said: 'Finch and Baines were a kind of David and Jonathan [they have also been compared to Christ and St John, the "disciple whom Jesus loved"]'. Neither of them was married; and each gave the other the sort of friendship, the sort of whole-hearted affection, that in our hurried, hustling age seems almost to have disappeared from the earth'.

In 1995, Jean Wilson, writing in the journal *Church Monuments*, stressed the echoes in the memorial of the traditional double 'marriage monument' typically dedicated to husband and wife. In her view, the epitaph implicitly equates John's and Thomas's friendship with a marriage. On the other hand, the monument also carries symbols of virginity – perhaps, Wilson says, 'a deliberate indication that the relationship between Baines and Finch was asexual'. She continues: 'That such an assurance was necessary is shown by the perplexity with which some of those who met them tried to describe their relationship'. In Wilson's view, depiction of female same-sex relationships has never been found as problematic as depiction of male relationships. The monument, she says, represents an attempt to give the relationship a due commemoration, and to express it in terms which would be both morally acceptable and comprehensible to contemporaries.

In his 2003 book, *The Friend*, one chapter of which is devoted to Finch and Baines, historian Alan Bray's topic is social relations not based on kinship – 'voluntary relationships', as he calls them. Monuments such as that to Finch and Baines commemorate non-kin, voluntary social relationships. Bray's argument is that, certainly until the eighteenth century, a greater variety of voluntary relationships were considered legitimate, and that such relationships performed important social, political, and religious functions that kin relationships did not. He acknowledges that this argument poses some very difficult historical questions: why, for instance, is there so much more evidence for male voluntary relationships than female? And what can memorials of the elite tell us about the lives of the common people?

Despite, or perhaps because of, the air of mystery that surrounds it, the extraordinary memorial to John Finch and Thomas Baines is worthy of the attention of the Christ's community.

Peter Cane

Oblique Motion: the odd, obscure, and fascinating career of John Brande Trend (1887–1958)

One of the great Cambridge polymaths, its first Professor of Spanish, J B Trend read Natural Sciences at Christ's College, graduating in 1909 with a third class degree, having spent his time learning languages and music. After serving in the Great War, he wrote for a number of excellent contemporary journals besides publishing books on a wide range of subjects, from music to cultural history. His work opened up contemporary Spain to the British public; his personal links with Spanish institutions provided a haven for intellectuals fleeing its Civil War, while his pacifist internationalism influenced generations of his students.

The popular image of a hero these days usually involves a superabundance of muscle and loud music, but what about a man who quietly helped to rescue a civilisation? Few have heard of John Brande Trend, first Professor of Spanish here at Cambridge (1933) and Fellow of Christ's; his name often appears in footnotes of serious books on Spain,¹ however his own excellent books on Spanish music and intellectual history are otherwise mostly forgotten. But Trend ('JB' to



J B Trend's name recorded on G Staircase

his friends) was a most unusual academic, his route to the professorship anything but straightforward as, in the decade after the Great War, he travelled indefatigably around Spain, enchanted with what he was finding, and absorbing at a phenomenal rate its complicated culture and history. And his scholarship was remarkably eclectic, especially since he had come to it so late, having learnt his Spanish on the train when he was first sent to Spain in July 1919 by the editor of the revived *Athenaeum* magazine, John Middleton Murry. Nevertheless, his writing on music for the most respected journals² was as solid as that on Spanish history and culture; the select bibliography he gives in his first book, *A Picture of Modern Spain* (London, 1921) alone demonstrates the range and depth of his reading on music, and how quickly he had absorbed the culture enough to appreciate what was important. Beside the excellent musical ear which helped him to learn languages, Trend's gift was a natural empathy; the capacity not simply to observe, but to become a part of new surroundings, and to recognise excellence in all its forms, and, like any truly great teacher, he instilled his enthusiasm as much as his knowledge into his many pupils.³ Eventually, Trend's real legacy was hidden in plain sight, a cultural refuge for those fleeing Spain's hideous Civil War; he helped its musicians and intellectuals to find new places for themselves and their ideas until they could safely return to Spain itself. They turned to Cambridge and Oxford, some en route to the USA and Mexico, while the two remarkable institutions he had become so closely involved with, the Institución Libre de Enseñanza (ILE/Free School), and the Residencia de Estudiantes in Madrid, where Luis Buñuel, Federico Garcia Lorca and Salvador Dalí, *inter alia*, had studied, are again flourishing. For a time, Trend was the only

British Professor of Spanish *not* to support Franco's Nationalists, his own faculty being sharply divided on the subject.

How did he do it? When he was first sent to Spain just over a hundred years ago, Murry gave Trend only the vague brief to write about the music and culture there, for a readership hungry for things that had nothing to do with war. At the time it had seemed an odd choice, Spain and Trend. Spain had just been on the cultural catwalk in London, with concerts of Spanish music and the revived Ballets Russes returning with Spanish themed productions, but, otherwise, Britain had little connection with the country at that time. And although he spoke French, Italian, and German, Trend spoke no Spanish; he had read Natural Sciences, and would have much preferred to go to Italy, which he knew and loved. But, at 32, Trend was more than ready for such a new experience. Like many of his generation, his wartime experiences had stolen his youth, but his fundamental optimism remained untouched, his curiosity miraculously upbeat, thanks to a naturally gregarious and bubbly disposition. He loved being thrown in at the deep end – war had given him that, at least- and by the time he stepped off the train at Burgos, he had enough Spanish to chat with anyone he met.

You must forgive me for not having written all the letters which you would have written. But I find Spain excessively agreeable, as you can imagine... you are always coming across things which you've known before, only in delightful & surprising forms. The most delightful thing ...is the openness & friendliness of everybody...

Trend quickly discovered that he possessed the curiosity and keen observation of the natural writer; his letters to his partner, Edward J Dent,⁴ perhaps the best illustrations.⁵ Trend had been part of Dent's musical and theatrical circles at Cambridge, playing in the CUMS orchestra, at CUMC and for the various prewar Marlowe Dramatic Society productions beside Dent's landmark productions of *Comus* in 1908 and *The Magic Flute* in 1911.⁶ Music as a profession was still frowned upon by the previous generation, which was why Trend had chosen Natural Sciences, but Dent was actively changing that attitude, training up a new generation of artists and musicians, until stopped by the war, which killed off so many: Denis Browne, Rupert Brooke, George Butterworth, Kennard Bliss, to name but a few of Trend's friends. Now Spain presented relief and opportunity, and Trend was ready, open to every aspect of its different culture.

'I think you'd like Burgos...', he wrote to Dent, a week after his arrival:

I was so struck with the lightness of the houses – not only of colour (pale blues, pinks, & yellows) but of weight, as well. They really do look like a very charming scene. The Calle de la Puebla, in shadow, with rows & rows of miradores and bright sun on a house facing the end of it, seemed made for "Don Giovanni", especially when the three ladies, in their smartest black, with fans & mantillas, came out of a house & walked past me. The best thing in the Cathedral is the baroque "Golden Staircase", perfect in balance of design & exquisitely decorated. On the left of it is an old iron parrot-cage, probably connected with the feast of Pentecost...⁷



J B Trend and Edward Dent in 1951

He goes on to describe a number of encounters, at the same time showing exactly how he was making a place for himself in this new culture, his friendliness and knowledgeable enthusiasm:

(NB in Valladolid) I arrived while they were singing; they were rather good, and had no need of a bassoon to keep them in tune. Afterwards I got the sacristan to show me their books, – the new “Graduale Romanum”. Then an unshaven individual appeared, talked for a little, & suddenly lifted up his voice & sang an alleluja. He sang other things out of the Graduale; and as he stopped near the end of one, I couldn't help humming it to the end for him, which made a great impression. After a little more conversation, they made me shout certain Spanish words & phrases at the top of my voice, & shook their heads; especially over my R's. Eventually I went for a long walk (2 1/2 hours) with the unshaven individual copying his pronunciation as well as I could.

Trend's passion for music and his excellent ear helped his easy assimilation of local dialects, and keen appreciation of the extraordinary variety of music he heard in those first months. But Music was his main brief, and some extraordinary and characteristic encounters in Valladolid prefaced his gradual discoveries of important MSS and early printed music.⁸

Another thing you'd like in Burgos (& in Valladolid too) is the exquisite beauty of people's diction. Begging (there's less in Burgos than in parts of Italy) when it's done by children, is almost irresistible, they do it so clearly & musically “Deme usted una perrita...; Es muy bueno usted!” I was most struck by this at the Hospital del Rey just outside Burgos, on the Valladolid road. It's one of the best things in Burgos for exquisite design. On the corners of the tower were stork's (*sic*) nests; and I couldn't help asking people who came to draw water, what storks were called, for the sheer beau (*del*) joy of hearing them pronounce “cigüenza”.

He listened keenly to Valencian bands, to theatre bands, to Aragonese bands, and even to an Asturian band, watched with delight the dances in the cathedrals, the ‘Elches’, writing it all down for Dent and for his series of articles in *The Athenaeum*, ‘Letters from Spain’. Carried on his boundless enthusiasm, Trend chatted everywhere he went, from Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, until, one evening a month after his arrival, at the Villa Carmona Alhambra, Granada, he bumped into Mañuel de Falla. Immediately, he wrote to Dent:

Really the most extraordinary things happen. Falla has turned up at this identical pension with his sister, & the painter Vasquez-Diaz, who has a wife & a small boy, and a relation of hers who is partly or entirely German. Falla was a little the disappointed great man at first: but melted completely, when I talked about you, and Domenico Scarlatti, & the “Three Cornered Hat”: and “La Vida Breve”. He is coming to London again in November for the “Three Cornered Hat”: & Adrian Boult is apparently conducting his “Nocturne” for orchestra, with p.f. You must meet him.

Trend had already been furnished with an introduction to Falla from Pedro Morales in London, but in the event, it was redundant: they quickly became friends. In a kind of rapture, Trend described their outings up the Sierra Nevada on asses, laden with tortillas. 'Falla has a great affection for Paella Valenciana: & an enormous one has been ordered for us when we get back on the Thursday night.' Then he wrote of moonlit evenings listening to a young poet called Lorca read to them, while Angel Barrios played his guitar. Trend's was an expansive, inclusive enthusiasm. Falla gave him introductions to the most cutting-edge Spanish institutions in that astonishing period after the war, when the conservative stranglehold on Spanish arts was being challenged in the ILE and the Residencia de Estudiantes and others. Immediately, Trend began his own campaign of greater cultural exchange, asking Dent to stir up more interesting speakers and visiting scholars for the Residencia than GK Chesterton or Hilaire Belloc. Dent suggested Maynard Keynes.

In what was by any definition an incredible leap of scholarship, by 1921 the *Athenaeum* articles ('Letters from Spain') had been turned into *A Picture of Modern Spain*, one of the most lucid and vivid contemporary accounts of a country that few British knew (then). By 1923, Trend was collaborating with Dent to bring contemporary Spanish music into the international scene through the new International Society for Contemporary Music (ISCM), of which Dent was founder and first President. Back in Britain, Trend's reputation was assured as the go-to expert on Spain: when in 1923 Vanessa Bell, Roger Fry, and Duncan Grant visited Spain, it was Trend they asked to show them around.⁹ However, not everyone agreed with this assessment. Already, his radical views were being contested:

However, everyone else except Woolf¹⁰ seems to think that nothing Spanish can be done without me. Routledge want me to do a "Foreign Man of letters" on Calderon; (what a chance!) besides editing Broadway translations of Spanish classics, while Leonard Parsons have asked me to edit a series of translations of modern Spanish novels. Meanwhile the E.V. Lucasy book for Methuen hangs over me, with no immediate prospect of being begun.¹¹

Back in London, he quickly became caught up in the extraordinary artistic party scene, writing to Dent:

I went to a Suggia party at Hudson's...Suggia has a marvellous, good-humoured-lady frock, designed by Aug. John, who is painting her in it. The place was full of Polish "Countesses" and attendant musicians – all very decorative & friendly...The attendant musicians included Schuman-(or Szymon-)-ofsky...According to the same "phonetic" the others should have been Chopanska & Brahmsky! Szymon. & son & a violinist did some things for pf & vn where it was always (as you say) "apris midi" or a fete galante. ...Nocturne and more debussysime; but suddenly in the middle there was an unmistakable rhythm in the bass, and the nymphs & satyrs began to dance a jota! The only people who noticed it seem to have been Suggia, Rubenstein & Gandarillas....all very fin de siecle...when Hudson presented me to Szumann...& I found myself saying but backwards, all the things I'd just been saying – that he was modern & not fin de siecle, that he had discovered a new technique for the fiddle, & so on. He made it play 7ths

& 9ths: but his harmonics & pizzicato with the left hand are all in Paganini, I think.- a short pizzicato cadenza sounded horribly tame after the guitar!¹²

His social life notwithstanding, more books followed; all are still worth reading for Trend's lively, personal style, quite apart from the vivid picture he presents. Taken together they present an incomparable contemporary exposition of twentieth-century Spain and its culture. One of the best single works on twentieth-century Spanish intellectual history remains Trend's *The Origins of Modern Spain*, (CUP, 1934), which makes light work of an extremely complex and tangled subject, the influence of 'Kraussismo' on the philosophy behind Spain's radical educational institutions. *Alfonso the Sage* (London, 1926) is a collection of essays on subjects ranging from the 'Seises', the cathedral dancers at Seville, to a wide range of poets, playwrights, and philosophers: Raymond Lull, Lope de Vega, Unamuno, Azorín, and more.

In 1936, a cultural high never equalled, Trend and Dent managed between them to quell the warring conservative and radical factions long enough to put on a joint festival at Barcelona, of the two international musical societies, at the same time furnishing the chance for the rest of Europe to hear what local musicians could do. It was breathtaking in its scope, bringing together composers of the Second Viennese School – Berg, von Webern, Schönberg, et al. – with locals like cellist Pau Casals, and the excellent local choirs; a platform of working internationalism in an increasing atmosphere of the most poisonous nationalism/fascism. The strain nearly killed Dent – Trend had to take his place at the Congress – and after only another few months, nearly everyone involved was on the run from the Civil War. Many came to Cambridge: the Catalan Minister of Music, composer Roberto Gerhard and his wife; the head of the Residencia, Alberto Jiménez Fraud and his wife; Jesús Bal y Gay and his wife, and many more. Cambridge mostly rose to the occasion, putting up dozens of Basque children as well, who formed a choir, singing to raise money for refugees.¹³ Trend's connections at Chatham House – particularly his pupil, Helen Grant – went out to Spain to report on how people were bearing up, especially that schools were still functioning.¹⁴

Many of the refugees moved on, especially to Mexico, where Trend visited the growing colony there of ex-pats several times, but also to the US and to South America. Trend himself never made it back to Spain, vowing never to return while Franco was in power. He was about to make his first trip to South America when he suddenly died in 1958.

Trend was vividly remembered by former students with great affection and some awe: massive integrity beside a joyous embrace of what each day had to offer. He was an internationalist and a pacifist when these traits were not simply unfashionable, but dangerous; as he said to Dent, he had arrived at his pacifism *through* the war. His letters are full of his ebullient personality, his sharp, appreciative observation.

Karen Arrandale

The letters are quoted by kind permission of Mrs Paula Willis

Notes

- ¹ e.g. Raymond Carr's monumental *Spain: 1808–1975* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1966, 1982), pp. 301–4 N. There is also a delightful cameo in CP Snow's Cambridge novel, *The Masters*.
- ² Beside his excellent *Mañuel de Falla and Spanish Music* (London, 1926), he was writing for Alfred Einstein's *Zeitschrift der Musikwissenschaft*, *Music & Letters*, and T.S. Eliot's *Criterion*.
- ³ Ahead of his time, these included many women like Dame Margaret Anstee, Under-Secretary-General of the UN, or Helen Grant, Lecturer in Spanish at Cambridge, beside professors such as Nigel Glendinning and Nigel Dennis.
- ⁴ Edward J Dent (1876–1957) Fellow of King's, Professor of Music from 1926, President of both International musical societies, author of seminal books on Mozart, Alessandro Scarlatti, Ferruccio Busoni, early opera, innumerable articles on music; a founder of the Old Vic/Sadler's Wells opera, *et al.* He and Trend had known each other since Trend's undergraduate days, and shared a flat in London since 1916.
- ⁵ These are mostly in the King's College, Cambridge, archives, with a few in the University Library, Add MS 7973/T, all still unpublished.
- ⁶ Cambridge University Musical Society, Cambridge University Musical Club (chamber music).
- ⁷ Cambridge University Library Add MS 7973/T/59. Hotel de España, Barcelona, 1 August, 1919. Most of the quotes here are taken from Trend's unpublished correspondence with Edward J Dent, either from the collection Dent gave to the UL in 1938 (Add MS 7973), or in the Dent collection in the King's College archive.
- ⁸ Digging in dusty church archives and the like, Trend managed to discover a number of important MSS and early printed music, especially operas of Scarlatti and Morales, the Medinaceli MSS, 'probably the most important compilation of Spanish secular polyphony of the Renaissance' (Wikipedia) and more.
- ⁹ Trend to Dent 14/6/1923 KCA 'Roger Fry, Duncan Grant & Mrs Clive Bell turned up at the Lino at Toledo. Roger had a bad cold, so I had to be cicerone....my personally conducted moonlight walks were rather a success...The party also turned up at Escorial-sur-mer; Mrs Clive Bell losing everything, or leaving things behind, & falling into the hands of "interpreters" who were quite useless. She got all her things back, fortunately; for these people are almost grotesquely honest. But I had to explain to her (& it was difficult to so emancipated a person) that the only way to get a hold-all from Madrid was to go & fetch it. I offered to go; but she wouldn't hear of it; so eventually I persuaded her to face the officials alone, as a distressed damsel! (It would have been no use going with two men who couldn't speak Spanish; the officials wouldn't have bothered. But one lady, & one not without a certain attractiveness, can always get anything. I must say that the party looked rather Quartier-Latin; & Quartier-Latin has no meaning in Spain. Painters dress like ordinary people; at Toledo they thought Roger & Co. not artists, but artistes. I explained that it was a case of painters. Roger carried the thing off by his dignity, & real charm; & he can speak Spanish quite nicely.' JB thrilled that he was recognized by lots of ordinary folk who had seen him before – went down well.
- ¹⁰ Leonard Woolf (husband of Virginia) was now Editor of *The Nation & Athenaeum*, and markedly less keen on Trend for a number of reasons.
- ¹¹ Trend to Dent 29/3/1924 KCA
- ¹² 22 November, 1922 Suggia is the cellist, her 'frock' the same one Augustus John used in the famous portrait. The others are the Polish composer Karol Szymanowski, pianist Arthur Rubenstein, and Chilean diplomat Antonio de Gandarillas, friend of Picasso and lover of Christopher Wood. 'Hudson' was Trend's editor, Hudson Street.
- ¹³ There is a plaque to them at 1 Salisbury Villas. The efforts were mostly co-ordinated by the amazing Camille Prior.
- ¹⁴ Her reports to Chatham House are in her archive in the CUL.



View to Second Court

ALUMNI NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

We had a busy but enjoyable year despite it being shortened due to the Coronavirus.

We began with the commemoration to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Admission of Women to Christ's on 6 July 2019. This prestigious event marked the admission of the first female post-graduate students to Christ's in 1978 and the admission of the first co-educational undergraduate matriculants in 1979. It is a landmark in College history and the daylong celebration included an art tour, a College garden tour and a panel discussion followed by drinks and dinner in the Hall.

September saw the traditional Reunion Dinners for specific year groups. In 2019, the main College reunions were for everyone who matriculated up to and including 1960 and the 50th reunion for those from 1969. Later in the month, we welcomed those who came up in 2000 through to 2005. Both dinners were well attended and all had enjoyable evenings.

October kicked off with the return of our annual Keynes Economics Supper held in Franco's in London. This salon-style supper club has become a regular feature in the Christ's calendar and is always a popular evening. The College Choir held their Alumni Evensong and reunion in October with many former choristers returning to the Chapel to reminisce and raise their voices once again.

October also had an international flair to our events. The Master and the Development Director were delighted to meet alumni at a gathering in Toronto at the home of Cecil Hawkins (m. 1974, Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow) and his wife, Susan. This was followed by the now traditional annual dinner in New York, generously sponsored by Peter Speicher (m. 1993, member of the Development Board), and his wife Ariel. The events were enthusiastically received and we look forward to being able to catch up with our overseas alumni once again in the future.

Back in the UK, Christ's ended the month of October with the inaugural meeting of the Christ's College Lifescience Network. Many thanks to Tom Leonard (m. 2001) and Duncan Bull (m. 2005) of Kilburn & Strode for hosting us, and to Susan Hill (m. 1992) for creating this Network, which aims to connect alumni, undergraduates and postgraduate students (of any subject) and the broader College community who are interested in the field, an area of huge activity and tremendous breakthroughs over the last decade.

The Marguerites Alumni Dinner was held on Saturday 23 November 2019. The evening was a chance to return to Christ's to catch up with other Marguerites from

years past and meet some of the current members of the Club. We were very pleased that Dr Vis Navaratnam (Fellow), a staunch supporter of the Club over many years was able to attend the dinner this year.

Once again in December we returned to the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge Club in London for our Winter Drinks reception. Everyone who attended commented on what a festive night it was for all. A few days later a hardy bunch of rugby fanatics met up at Twickenham for a beer in the Blues Village before braving the cold to watch the Varsity Rugby match where many old acquaintances were re-forged and new acquaintances made. Cambridge won both matches, which added to the celebratory atmosphere.

In February the Development Director, Catherine Twilley, visited Singapore and was delighted to meet alumni at an event generously hosted by Krishna Ramachandra (m. 1996) and his wife Priya. Catherine safely returned to the UK before traveling became an issue.

On 12 March one of the most popular College events took place in Chapel – Alumni Evensong. The Lent term's reception following the Chapel service had such interest that the venue had to be changed to accommodate the numbers attending.

Due to government guidelines determined by the onset of Covid-19, all of the College events intended for 2020 have been cancelled. We are hoping that the gatherings we have planned for 2021 will take place as usual. In the meantime, we are in the process of establishing possible virtual events for you to enjoy. Please see our website for updates.

*Ann Farrell
Alumni Relations Officer*





Year Group News

1952 Year Group Representative Graham Galer writes:

As I have been doing annually for some years, I have sent a message to everyone on the updated list of email addresses which the College gives me. This year, most of my usual correspondents have not replied and, consequently, I have little to communicate. **Colin Clay** speaks for many affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. He says: 'Like many of us who live in retirement homes, we are restricted to our buildings and cannot entertain visitors. But I am fortunate inasmuch as I am free to wander around the building and go outside on the grounds and, living in Saskatchewan, we have not had the same severe problems experienced in the more heavily populated Provinces. I have been able to catch up on quite a bit of reading as well as finishing another book, this one focusing on the years I have lived and worked in Saskatoon from 1977 to 1994. Since Saskatoon has one of the coldest cities, not only in Canada but in the world, it is entitled *It's a dry cold*'. **Bill Pentelow** and his wife have had an adventurous time: 'We have, though, had to live through a total lockdown when visiting New Zealand to see our daughter and granddaughter, who live in the Hawkes Bay region. When the New Zealand government decide to go down the lockdown path, they go, in the words of their PM Jacinda Ardern, 'early and hard'. Certainly, their determined action got the virus thing under control very quickly, helped by the almost unanimous support of the nation. It was really quite an experience to be involved in it; we felt totally safe in New Zealand with the New Zealanders really taking care to be safe themselves and to help others be safe.' Bill and his wife eventually left New Zealand on May 7, flying to Heathrow, where on arrival they found 'scant attention to the health situation with absolutely no guidance for arriving passengers on isolating etc'.

My own situation is dominated by that of my wife, who is in a nursing home for respite care following a period in hospital. She is safe and well cared for, but we cannot visit her, which makes for a stressful time. Technology (Facetime, Zoom, Skype ...) has come to the rescue for many of us!

1954 Year Group Representative Lawford Howells writes:

Although it was too late for inclusion in our last *College Magazine*, 2019 was of great significance to those who joined the College in 1954. It was the 65th anniversary of our matriculation, and to celebrate this milestone **Yusuf Hamied** and his wife Farida invited all 54s and their wives/partners to a Reunion Dinner in Hall last July. It was particularly gratifying that 31 of the 54s attended (out of 73 with whom I maintain contact). Special guests invited by Yusuf and Farida included: the Master, Jane Stapleton and her husband Peter; the former Master, Frank Kelly and his wife Jackie; Alison Finch, wife of the late Master Malcolm Bowie; the Vice Chancellor, Stephen Toope and his wife Paula; as well as Sandy Todd (son of Lord Todd) and his wife Patsy. After a happy reception with drinks in the Master's Garden, followed by group photographs, we retired to Hall for a delectable buffet dinner. Throughout the evening the decibel rating never subsided, clearly indicating that there was a lot to catch-up on, in a few cases covering some 60 years! A feature of the '54s previous reunion dinners (in 2004 and 2014), was the rendering of an appropriate lyric written by **Bob White** and sung to a well-known tune. Unfortunately Bob could not be with us this year, but he again wrote a suitable lyric which I felt had

to be performed during the evening – not in Bob’s dulcet tones but in my dubious ones. The following words were “sung” to the tune of *John Brown’s Body* after the dessert course:

*“The Lady Margaret Beaufort was the founder of this place,
But Henry claimed it earlier – that to me was a disgrace.
So let’s agree the founding day was on the 1st of May.
And the year 1505.*

*Alumni followed afterwards with elegance and grace,
John Milton and Charles Darwin having somewhat pride of place,
But last year’s students won the Cambridge academic race,
With 1sts, 2:1s and All.*

*The buildings of the College stayed the same since years ago,
Then suddenly in 3rd Court we were galvanized to grow,
And if you add the Lasdun block – in concrete do you know,
Domestics were complete.*

*An era that was notable for Todd and Plumb and Snow,
The two of them were Leicester boys; the other one not so.
They mixed the cultures evenly – the world then got to know
How Christ’s men worked it out.*

*The ladies first matriculated 40 years ago.
Some men had found it difficult, or so the records show,
But now a female Master – she’s the Jane we got to know.
At last e-qual-i-ty.”*

Yusuf particularly enjoys these reunion dinners and, as he reiterated in his after dinner words, they always give him much pleasure to meet and chat with old friends once again, and relive the great and happy times we spent in the College so many years ago.

Artist **Bryan Senior** held his third successful London Solo Exhibition in March at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square. It was entitled *People, Places and Things*, and was a major retrospective featuring over 100 of his works and, covering his full range of paintings from the 1980s to the present. Sadly, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the three-week exhibition had to be cut short by a few days. More information can be found on www.courtgallery.com.

1956 Year Group Representative Peter Downes writes:

Many of those invited to report on their achievements in the last twelve months responded that ‘staying alive’ was probably top of the list. Several others said that their full-time activity is looking after close relatives suffering from serious illness. Perhaps not very newsworthy, but an essential part of life and inter-personal responsibility. However, a few had some more specific ‘achievements’ to report: **John Evans** continued his travels with a month in some of the more remote parts of Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, ending up relaxing in Kampot, once a rest

station for the French during the summer heat. He continues to race single-handed in a Scow and crews an XOD regularly during the summer – energised by many vegetables from his garden. Next November's planned trip to Uzbekistan looks doubtful given likely travel restrictions. **Peter Thompson** was impresario for a VE Day event: 'Everyone in our year will remember the original VE day celebrations and street parties, but I am the only one in our street to. Therefore, it fell to me to arrange a 'promenade concert' to celebrate the anniversary, ending with *We'll Meet Again* and *Land of Hope and Glory*. In order to keep within the lockdown restrictions, the hour-long concert was made up of individual musical contributions from our talented artistes, performing in turn on their doorsteps while the audience promenaded from one venue to the next. Social distancing was of course observed. It was a great success.'

Tony Thompson writes: 'Apart from still being able to reply, the only thing of note I have to add is a book published in October 2019 by the Universidad de Valladolid: I.A.A.Thompson, *A Buddenbrooks Effect in 17th-Century Spain. The Secretary Juan Delgado and his Successors: An Inter-generational Biography, c.1515–1658*.

John Cropp reports on a narrow escape: 'Perhaps the only matter of any interest is that at the end of a 7 day relaxation in Tenerife, my wife, Liz, and I vacated our hotel one day before the first visitor infected with the Coronavirus arrived at the hotel next door. Being shut down does not give much chance for adventure!'

Mike Payne and wife Veronica keep up their Christ's connections by joining Christ's friends for a 'Light Blue Lunch' at the home of Pat and **Sam Legerton**. Friends include Sheila and **Peter Colville** (m. 1957), Caroline and **Tom Burton** (m. 1957), and Peta and **Steve Benson** (m. 1959). **Michael Bush** attended the Bicentenary Commemoration of Peterloo, held in Manchester on 16 August, a moving, if bedraggled, occasion. In connection with this occasion, he has had published, in the last year, a revised edition of his book *The Casualties of Peterloo* (2005). Otherwise, he has been working on a study of Thomas Paine's rejection of the hereditary principle in government, to be entitled *Thomas Paine and the Polity of the Blood*. **David Carr** has been teaching Latin (*O tempora o mores – Cicero*) to his 8-year-old granddaughter who lives in Thailand. David comments: 'She already speaks Chinese, English, and Thai so this is yet another challenge. She is now acquainted with Caecilius and Vesuvius, thieves, robbers, and werewolves. She humours me by saying she's enjoying it. My son, her father, is sharing her pleasure! He was not such a good Latin pupil in his youth. I have also taken up the ukulele.' *You are my sunshine* is the most I have almost achieved, but I am aspiring to George Formby and *When I'm cleaning windows*, but that is a very long way off. My wife prefers to take a walk when I practise. But then lockdown does present challenges. (*dulce est desipere in loco – Horace*). **David Quinn** lives in Paris and emerged from confinement before the UK but, given his age, stays in most of the time. David is a committed advocate of the European Union. Having lost the Brexit battle, he continues to support the European Movement, in particular the London4Europe branch. His new aim is to try to prevent a 'no deal exit' from the EU by writing blogs etc. His worry is that the understandable distraction of Covid-19 may have increased the chances of 'no deal' which, says David, would be catastrophic for the UK. He pins his long-term hopes on the younger generations 'who are not naturally nationalists and xenophobes'. **Peter Downes'** main activity in the last twelve months has been as a member of Cambridgeshire County Council,

where he is the Liberal Democrat spokesman on Children and Young People. Peter's area of special expertise is school funding and this year he has been particularly concerned by the shortfall in resources for children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) who are increasing as a proportion of the school population.

1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

We were so sorry to hear that **Alan Munro's** wife Mary died peacefully on 5 May, following a bacterial infection on her kidney.

Michael Edwards was privileged to give a Lady Margaret Lecture in College in February. In November, he received the La Paulée de Meursault Literary Prize, the substantial part of which turned out to be 100 bottles of Burgundy! He also finished another volume of poetry in English, and a book on art, *Magie de la ressemblance*. **Brian Cleobury** reports that living north of Kendal, surrounded by sheep-covered hills, having worked all his life as a farm vet, he is greatly enjoying Fell Running (individually, not competitively). Last year's holiday took him north from Edinburgh to Thurso, then west and down the wonderful north-west coast and islands, which he hopes to repeat for years to come.

Here is a picture of **Canon Edward Stewart** blowing out the candles on his 85th birthday. **Tony George** now has three great grandchildren, up from one a year ago, and spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law in the United States, as well a week's cruise on the Douro. His former TA Squadron in the Midlands has some twenty soldiers mobilised to assist the regular army on Covid-19 duties, which gives him a certain amount of pride!



*Edward Stewart
on his birthday*

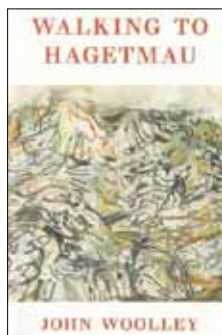
Zoom and Facebook enable them to keep in touch with the family. He has had a pacemaker fitted and now can emulate the Duracell bunny. He also has two electric chairs (wheelchairs) which helps him get around despite spinal stenosis. **John Rudolph** took a decision about 7 or 8 years ago not to buy any more wine that needed keeping for more than 5 years before drinking. By January he had reduced his stock to about 100 bottles or so.... and along came self-isolation, and reality struck home. He would run out of stock in a few weeks as his favoured supplier ceased to deliver. Fortunately, the supplier is now back on stream. He adds that last year he had a bumper crop of tomatoes in the greenhouse, the best ever, and his two vines produced more bunches than before.

Jeremy Willings again attended the Le Mans 24 hours race in June 2019. As Chairman of Milland Conservatives he hosted a dinner for over 100 members in July 2019 with Sir Nicholas Soames MP and Gillian Keegan MP as guest speakers. He exhibited three landscape paintings at Midhurst Art Society's Annual Exhibition in late July last year. **Norman Thomson's** main interests focus on footpaths. He is on a Scottish



*Cowdray Park by
Jeremy Willings*

National Heritage Committee which is gradually establishing a paths network throughout the whole of Scotland and includes a 24-mile former railway which runs from Forres to Grantown-on-Spey. Norman reports that life is never boring, even under lockdown. The Moray Outdoor and Walking Festival would have been in its ninth year – he never expected it to run for three! He had two letters published in *The Times* within a month, one in the prized bottom right hand corner position! **Donald Steel** sent in a copy of the College Alumni Golf Programme. The season went well as the College retained the Lady Margaret Beaufort Trophy against St John's and beat Fitzwilliam for the first time in a few years, with most matches coming up the 18th hole.



*John Woolley's
Autobiography*

John Woolley sent me a copy of his autobiography, *Walking to Hagetmau*. Hagetmau (pronounced haa-jet-mo) is in SW France, about 100km from Biarritz. John now lives in Whitby not far from where he was born. **Roger Cass** lives on Salt Spring Island in British Columbia, Canada, where he and his wife have been for the past eighteen years. He was very sorry to hear that two of his friends and fellow teammates on the Christ's track team – **Tony Cope** and **Richard Blaxill** (m. 1958) – had passed on. Having retired seven years ago, Roger is spending his time looking after his 6-acre property overlooking the Pacific and writing the

history of his family, which extends back to an ancestor listed in the Domesday Book, with family wills and documents dating back to the late 1500s; he finds it interesting doing the research into mediaeval documents.

David Hargreaves published his latest book, *Beyond Schooling* (Routledge, 2019), just in time for his 80th birthday. Curiously, it deals with a number of themes that have suddenly, because of the Coronavirus, become topical – home



Basil Maddox

schooling, the decline in paid employment, the need for a universal basic income, and the importance of mutual aid in a society enjoying the good life. **Basil Maddox** celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary this year. His wife, Jennifer, partnered him at Christ's May Ball in June 1958. They now have three children and seven grandchildren. They moved to the USA in 1973, and still live in the home they bought in 1976 – with an acre of land, which he maintains with the aid of a tractor for the yard and a robot for the house (he holds a patent for one of those). His hobby was always English sports cars (he built his first before he left College and his last three have been sports Jaguars). His hobby in retirement has been history – writing novels based on his Maddox family tree. The central character is Thomas Maddox, born around the year 1595 AD. Basil has just completed the chapter in book three where he arrives at Christ's College Cambridge in the year 1622. Christ's gateway graces the cover of his first book, which you can buy on Amazon. The title is *The Phoenician Symbol*, and hopefully someone bought a copy for the College Library.

I, **Hamish Donaldson**, have had a quieter year. My wife and I visited daughter **Fiona Stephenson** (m. 1987) and her family in Auckland. It is such a long way that we try to do something on the way – this time it was to fly to Tahiti and then cruise

the islands of French Polynesia. I was busy organising Haslemere's VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations (including full size Spitfire replica) – but they all had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. I was also due to direct a revival of *Salad Days* in June, but that has had to be cancelled as well. I was very sorry to hear that **Ian MacIntyre** (m. 1960) has died. Ian was a great supporter of the Original Christian Minstrels. Greetings and best wishes received from **John Nye**, **Richard Gregory**, **Ben Sladen**, and **Brian Wilson** (now in a pleasant retirement home). They all claim they have nothing of interest to report.

I am also pleased to report that Brill University Press will be publishing in July, *Semantics and Cultural Change in the British Enlightenment: New Words and Old* by **Carey McIntosh**.

1958 Year Group Representative David McGill writes:

Sadly 2020 has seen the death of **Tony Shaw** and **Professor David Marsland**.

The year group as a whole have little news to report, and seem content with retirement. **John Crowley**, **David Simpson**, and **Tom Epton** keep in touch with one another and no doubt enjoy lawyerly reminiscences. Another lawyer, **Alan Lakin**, reports that he retired as a Social Security Appeals Chairman in 2007 having previously advised on Sex Discrimination and Human Rights Law for over 30 years. He and his wife moved from South Manchester to High Barnet in North London in 2017 to be closer to their son and daughter (also a Christ's law graduate). They have enjoyed the change, endeavouring to make the most of what living on the Northern Line brings – and their Freedom Passes!

1959 Year Group Representative Michael Gibbs writes:

Last year was a very special one for us. We celebrated 60 years after entering College with a mammoth gathering at the official Reunion meeting and dinner at College on 7 September. No fewer than 26 of our year attended the festivities, representing over 30% of our surviving alumni! Amazing! It was really wonderful to see all those familiar faces again, after so long. Many of you will remember **Sir David John**, who chaired our small committee formed to co-ordinate the 60th anniversary of our matriculation. When the time came, David was unable to be with us at the Reunion. He was not strong enough at that time, and he passed away shortly afterwards in October, with his funeral at his home in Gloucestershire. We will miss him greatly. **Guy Goodman** writes: 'I and my wife of almost 54 years, Christine, have lived in Canada for all those 54 years: the first 38 in Montreal and the rest in Ottawa. We have two sons and five grandchildren (one graduated from Carleton University, three others are still at university, and one is just starting high school). I have been a member of the Cambridge Society of Ottawa for several years and go to the monthly lunches on occasion. Since 2008 we have been active members of our local Probus club. In 2009, I was (willingly) tasked with creating and managing their website (www.probusorv.org if anyone's interested) and passed that task on to younger and more experienced blood 4 years ago. The monthly meetings (now on hold due to Covid-19) consist of a talk on an interesting subject, usually by a guest but sometimes by a club member. I have been the speaker twice, most recently explaining the Bumps. At a CSO lunch I happened to mention I was doing this and **Dick Peacocke** (m. 1964) kindly provided pictures of his well-earned oar to illustrate the point. Dick also came along as my guest, and helped out answering some of the trickier questions'.

For my part, my wife Michèle and I have lived in East Horsley for nearly 58 years, all of which in the same house, though much altered and extended. I hope that if any of you are passing by East Horsley that you will call in to see us. It would be great to catch up with you again here. I have been a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers for just as long, finally becoming Master in 2000–2001. Locally, I am involved with our parish church, sitting on the PCC and looking after gift-aid and tax recovery from HMRC. I am also still playing golf when permitted to do so. We have two sons and a daughter, and five grandchildren. Our eldest grandson has just graduated with an excellent degree in engineering from Oxford! Enough said about that! At the time of writing, nearly all events planned by College have been cancelled because of Covid-19. If the Reunion does eventually take place, I do hope that at least some of you will be able to make it. Until then, keep safe!

1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford writes:

I have little of my own news this year, and it is the same for **John Bellamy**, **Adrian Halliwell**, **Dick Paden**, and **John Ridyard**. However, just a “nothing of significance” response to the annual news request is always welcome, and this year, in the lead-up to our 60th anniversary of matriculation, it is wonderful to have bumper crop of responses. Who else looks at our matriculation photo and bemoans the fact that without a key to the faces, the names get ever harder to assign each year? **John Harry** is in touch with **David Heaton** who visited him in Dorset for a few days last year. After a singularly uneventful 2019, the Covid-19 outbreak found **Glen Every-Clayton** and his wife in Brazil, launching her latest book. They



Michael James

returned to UK a week earlier than planned, straight into lockdown. **Michael James** lives by the sea in Devon. Since retiring as a Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, he has drawn on his time in the City of Spies to write a series of espionage thrillers and some drama for radio and TV, under the pen name Michael Hartland. But, with mobility problems, the big event of 2019 was the delivery of an electric NHS wheelchair – hugely popular with his two young grandsons. **David Black** continues to research and attend international conferences: in July 2019 it was the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry in Paris, and in September an international conference on Heterocyclic Chemistry in Kyoto. In both cases, he and Anda added some holiday period respectively in Metz and Nancy, and in Kanazawa and Takayama. He helped organise a small regional conference on Natural and Unnatural Materials at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad, and also spent a week in Solo (Surakarta) in Indonesia as part of a mentoring program at Universitas Sebelas Maret. Earlier in the year, again with his wife, there was a holiday in Germany (Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin), the highlight of which was an Easter performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion in the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. In January this year they enjoyed a very brief visit and dinner with his old friend **Chris Eyles** (m. 1957) and his wife, Win. There was much conversation about how much better Christ's is academically these days than in ours! There was also a reunion with **George Gream** (m. 1958) at an Alexander von Humboldt meeting in New South Wales in November. Now the Coronavirus has hit, there has been no travel this year and a

trip to Russia was cancelled. Last September **Andrew Barker** and his partner Sylvia visited her brother in Texas and went on to Santa Barbara, as it was a good location both to see relatives in LA and as a jumping off point to visit the Rockies. They spent six days at Grant Village (6000 ft. above sea level) exploring Kings Canyon and Sequoia Forest in splendid weather. Everywhere they were surrounded by spectacular scenery and many panoramic views;



*Andrew Barker
and Sylvia*

they even saw a black bear. **Martin Evans** describes his news as rather downhill. While okay in health himself, his dear wife of 53 years died at the end of last July leaving him bereft and now living entirely alone apart from a very attentive Norfolk terrier. He says, 'This lockdown is certainly becoming an unfortunate issue. I am lucky to have my daughter living 100 yards away and although both she and her family and I have been rigorously self-isolating, we have been in touch a lot. I am in regular Whatsapp video contact with my two sons. I've been filling my time with setting up a virtual gallery for our local art group using Google photos and 3D printing face visor frames for a local group who have swung into action. I have ordered a greenhouse and aim to grow edible crops, but I am a novice gardener. A group of colleagues in Cardiff University have organised 300 well-qualified volunteers to set up and carry out Coronavirus testing by PCR. I was pleased to hear that the huge emergency hospital being set up in Cardiff in the millennium rugby stadium is planned to be a recovery hospital. This makes much more sense than the fully functional Nightingale hospitals in London and elsewhere because you can keep the patients who really need intensive care with full facilities in the main hospital and make room for them by moving convalescent patients to the new facility. There is also little understanding by the government of the distributed facilities which they have in our universities. There is no investigative scientific approach.'

John Lea also is finding it not much fun in solitary isolation (apart from his dog) and is missing his wife more than ever, especially when thinking of all those good meals being missed! **Michael Heslop** worked in the oil industry for the first part of his career, becoming Chief Financial Officer of Gulf Oil's International Exploration and Production Division and then, successively, CEO of three smaller oil companies. He spent the last 20



Michael Heslop

years as an Executive Search consultant in the energy field. His main activity now centres on medieval Greece; a collection of his articles, entitled *Medieval Greece: Encounters between Latins, Greeks and Others in the Dodecanese and the Mani*, are about to be published by Routledge. In 2019 he was made Honorary Fellow at Royal Holloway in recognition of his work on medieval history and support of the Hellenic Institute there. He would like to think that Jack Plumb would be pleased. He asks, 'I don't know if you ever went to Les Fleurs du Mal, a nightclub I established in 1962/3, and then sold on. Shame on you if you didn't! My two co-founders were also at Christ's, namely **Robin Marsh** and **Jim McClare** (m. 1961). Both have sadly died.' **Roger Mason** returned to Wuhan City a few days after attending a College dinner with **Steve Ashcroft**. He is used to being asked, 'I've



CUG Wuhan

of CUG a collection of 300 rock specimens donated by the Earth Sciences at UCL, where he worked from 1966 to 1989. He helped the Chinese enter them into a digital catalogue. Deciphering the names of localities where they were collected, sometimes with labels over a century old, was a major task because Chinese students have mostly learned only English and have scant knowledge of British and European geography. Some place names were in Welsh, Scots Gaelic, Norwegian, French, German, and other unfamiliar languages. Technicians photographed every specimen and sorted them into drawers to provide a valuable addition to CUG's rock collection, which previously contained only Chinese rocks. Returning to

Roger
Grenville-Jones

London at the beginning of October, he escaped the Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan where lockdown was imposed in January 2020 and trapped many of his friends away from the city who were visiting relatives for the Chinese New Year celebrations. **Roger Grenville-Jones** continues to work as an actuary. But it is not all work – as a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Actuaries, he is entitled to drive sheep across London Bridge without charge, so last summer he had a go. There was also an opportunity to visit and support the wine industry in Cape Town (having lived and worked there some twenty years in the past). **Richard Rastall** reports the completion of several pieces of work – a large book, an edition of music, and journal articles on aspects of performance-practice in early music. He finds that, like many of us, he works more slowly than he used to! Last year he asked for help in reconstructing his setting of Dr Peck's *Cur ego semper rejecta?*, and is grateful to those who replied; however, in the end he found the original, and hopes that one day it may perhaps be revived at a reunion of the Original Christian Minstrels when Covid-19 has run its course. **Anthony Armistead** recalls that over 50 years ago he and Laleh met while he was teaching

Anthony and
Laleh Armistead

nearby and living opposite the Crystal Palace Park, near the famous dinosaurs that had been set within Joseph Paxton's landscaping in 1854. This January, after celebrating the milestone together, they returned for a nostalgic visit. The park and its original terraces have become shabby over the years, but the monsters have been renovated. Geologists should take a look – they met one from Wyoming who had come all the way to see these historic icons.

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

As a member of the Committee, I attended the College Association Annual Dinner on Saturday 29 June last year; **Don Pilgrim** and Marianne, and **Chris Cheney** and Judith were the only other members of our year present. At the Winter Drinks Reception in the Oxford & Cambridge Club on 3 December there were no others from our year, but **Patrick Mannix** (m. 1961) and **Terence Kyle** (m. 1965) were there.

In September, **John Murray** sent a review of his Bolo Sport Fishing business, which he runs from Pompano Beach, Florida. He was then operating 3 boats and averaging 33 trips per week, and was anxiously awaiting hurricane Dorian. However, the pelicans were still there grooming themselves indicating that they thought the hurricane would pass by, but the bottom fish were going very deep to make up for the low atmospheric pressure. John's Californian TV producer son had just got married and he had attended the Hollywood style wedding in the hills behind Malibu. He said, 'With my arthritis, it took a lot of effort and psychic preparation to fly to the Left Coast and endure the Socialist Republic of Crazy California for 5 days!' John had also just had melanoma number 6 chopped off at the Cleveland Clinic nearby. He has finally sold his convertible and bought an old man's huge Cadillac truck, and is enjoying the comfortable driving.

Peter Mrkusic spent Christmas in Kew with his son **Greg** (m. 1994) and his family. The third Christ's person present was **Olivia Magennis** (m. 2000), a barrister specialising in family law and one of the youngest persons to be appointed a judge in the UK. Greg, Sarah, and their family had visited him in Joburg in October and they all spent a week at Plett in a house on Robberg Beach. Peter then went to Australia in January to visit his granddaughter in Melbourne and friends in Perth. Despite some muscular pains and diabetes, Peter continued to play tennis and maintain a full workload, helping Paul run the jewellery business until lockdown shut it down. At least the stock should hold its value, being linked to the gold and silver price. The lockdown in Joburg was particularly severe, with no-one being allowed out of their house, even for exercise, and purchase of alcohol and cigarettes was banned.



*Peter Mrkusic
and family*

Donald Forsdyke thought that Kingston, Ontario, (population about 100k) was an oasis away from Covid-19 troubles, however, for the elderly who live close to Queen's University campus, the students posed some risk. The total number of cases plateaued at about 60 and all recovered, but while the streets were bare the wild animals moved in. Foxes were seen displaying their offspring on the Lake waterfront and some neighbours found that a deer had nuzzled its way in and was trapped in their basement.

Shortly before publication of last year's Magazine, **Dick Kelly**, our boatman for 42 years, died. **Robin Kerr** (Captain of Boats 64/65) attended the wonderful funeral at Barton and the wake near Girton; he has written an obituary, which you will find elsewhere in this *Magazine*. Robin lodged with Dick and Pat for two of his three years at Christ's. As usual, Robin sculled with a Christ's crew for two days in July 2019, this time on the Upper Severn, from Worcester to Stourport and back; the other members being **David Walden** (m. 1965), **Dan Davidson** (m. 1967), **Gavin Suggett** (m. 1966), and **Terry Gibbons** (m. 1966), shown sunbathing in



Rowers

the photo. As for lockdown, Robin was skiing in Colorado before it started, but was robbed of his second trip with the grandchildren in March.

After the death of his wife, Shoko, last year, **Robin Thompson** wrote an account of their experiences in a book which has been published, entitled: *Living with Alzheimer's – A Love Story*. The book is aimed at others in similar situations, and also reflects on their experience of the health and social care systems, particularly relevant at the moment. Robin has had a lot of support from family and friends and has been helping others struggling with Alzheimer's. He has visited his son, Jonathan, and Shoko's family in Japan and his daughter in Barcelona a few times, and he made another trip to India before lockdown, where the virus has driven many to extreme devastation. Robin keeps in touch with Deborah, widow of **John Barff**, who died in 2011, and Anne, widow of **John Fawcner-Corbett**, who died in 2014, and has also met **Alan Storkey** (m. 1963) and **Jay Battacharjee** (m. 1964).

From time to time, Robin sees Adrienne and **Peter Brewin**, whose project this year has been Meteorology. During lockdown, along with half the country it seems, Peter decided to read *War and Peace*. He says he has never talked at such length with his children, has found out how to use Facetime and Zoom, and has enjoyed the wonderful spring weather tending to his 360 'children' in his vegetable patch. Until lockdown, Peter used to come up to London every three months or so for lunch with me and **Tim Callan**, starting with a drink on our roof-terrace (weather permitting) before we went on to one of the many eateries in our corner of Chelsea.

Tim Callan's most remarkable event of the year was his cruise in a luxury yacht with some friends. They went from the San Blas Islands in the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal, and up the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica. On the way, he met a kinkajou in the rain forest and saw the wreck of one of the first submarines built in America in the 1860's which was abandoned on an atoll off the coast of Panama. During lockdown, Tim and I have met for a walk and chat in Brompton Cemetery – one of the gems of London in springtime.

Granville Tunncliffe-Wilson and Jean enjoyed the wonderful weather during lockdown, living in a lovely area, and having a garden opening directly onto extensive woodland where they went for walks when taking a break from gardening. They had a major celebration last year of their Golden Wedding and stayed with all their family for a weekend in Gisburn in September, walking to the summit of Pendle and enjoying its magnificent views on the Saturday. Granville has been in touch with **Douglas Brear**, whose plans to return to Fleetwood in the summer from his home in Finland must have been postponed.

Anson Allen recently managed to save up to visit four of his seven children who have gone back to live in Australia. The trip in January/February was very fortunately timed, as the bush fires and smoke had disappeared where they were in New South Wales, and the Covid-19 pandemic had hardly started. Anson loves living in SW Wales (UK), but does miss Australia: its sheer emptiness, beautiful coastal vegetation, clean white sandy beaches, and clear blue skies and seas. Anson was sorry to have missed the Oxbridge gathering in Perth, where he had lived for many years, and recalled **Peter Jooste** and his other Christ's friends who had died of cancer, **Mike Brough** (m. 1961), **Tony Payne** (m. 1961) and **Jamie Moore** (m. 1960). During lockdown Anson has been busy with a chainsaw and axe on an enormous fallen tree from which he has built two large Norwegian log-piles.

Oliver Everett continues to travel the world giving his excellent lectures on a variety of topics related to the Royal Collection. He hosted a visit to the Queen's Gallery in June 2019 for the Old Felstedian Society to see the Leonardo exhibition 'A Life in Drawings'. I (**Brian Lott**) completed my three years as President of the OF Society at a dinner for 110 people on 13 March at the Grand Connaught Rooms in Covent Garden. It was an anxious time a few days before lockdown and we only decided to go ahead with the dinner after the COBRA meeting the day before had decided to postpone the closure of schools; fortunately, none of the guests were affected.

1963 Year Group Representative Graham Tite writes:

Subsequent to the *Magazine's* publication in 2019 (number 244, pp. 90–93) where a lengthy backlog of news about our group appeared, further responses have been received. Some of us had met informally at a pub, then a restaurant in St Marylebone High Street, for an enjoyable get together just before Christmas 2019. Little did we know what awaited us when the New Year came. In a crowded bookshop there, I had been surprised to rub shoulders with a senior member of the Cabinet, an event that now seems incredible. Neither pub, restaurant, nor the busy shops near Baker Street are open as I write (May 2020).

Richard Arthur has kindly emailed again from his home near Hampstead Heath, where the weeds have finally succumbed due to the time he spends in the garden. Londoners who can get outside like this are truly fortunate. With family members based in five continents, he is widely in contact and feels that the UK has not done well in dealing with the results of the virus compared with most countries, except Spain. **Tony Backhouse** (aka 'Jim') has emailed again from Japan, where he settled many years ago. He reports that life there goes on much as before, although travel restrictions mean that plans for family visits via long flights are on hold. His part-time university teaching goes on, but, like so many of us, it means using Zoom, or trying to use it. He is grateful for the way the College has now put him into contact through the medium of the 1963 pages with one long lost, but valued, friend.

Among others who have emailed are **Christopher Brooker**, who continues his charitable work for St Martin in the Fields where he tries to manage meetings on Zoom. He practises, much to the annoyance of the neighbours, the baritone saxophone for his group 'The Elephant Horns', but they cannot perform in public. As he lives in Kennington with Nicola in a flat, exercise is taken in the park, and Chris states that he has also learned to bake. Through his music he is in touch with **Peter Noyce**, **Chris**

Underwood and **Philip Tyack**. With recent meetings too with **Graham Knox** and **Tim Barnes**, Chris does more than any of us to keep up these links.

Chris Darwin writes from Hove, where the seafront provides plenty of fresh air for walks. He comments: 'not bad for an open prison.' Chris is much involved with classical music and laments that live concerts, 'where 70 per cent of the audiences are over seventy', have been placed indefinitely on hold. Worse is the plight of the professional performers, as their livings have all but disappeared in the circumstances. **Richard Furuholmen** wrote in 2019, but has now responded again and in full to the call for details of our lives under the threats posed by the virus. Although a strong Anglophile and Europhile, Richard is also devoted to the lifestyle of his native Norway. After two months of restrictions from mid-March to mid-May, access is being permitted to the *hytta*, the beloved out-of-town huts or cabins. Although the country sits on top of a huge national pension fund accumulated during 50 years of oil wealth, the crisis has meant a rise to 14% unemployment, with the government now drawing on the reserves to ease individual distress. Richard's extensive and thorough account is being saved as he has provided something unique from a Norwegian point-of-view. It is a piece of history you will not easily match elsewhere.

Last year, **Tim Hill** sent us a brief summary of his career in the oil business. A copy of his superb history of British lubricants is now a highly prized item in the London Library. With plans to travel with Christine scrapped, he writes of 'the common pursuit of life under lockdown. Life under it is somewhat too comfortable for us...(with) feelings of guilt for lack of sharing the distress with the less fortunate. The diary is largely empty, tempting us not to get on with things but to eke out tasks and pleasures alike. Thus we tend to sprinkle our days with activities, not load them with action...' The couple now reside near Chester and I dread to think how desolate the centre of the normally lively city must currently be. Writing from the retirement location on the Dorset coast that he shares with Kim, **Jeremy Hilton** does not lament self-isolation. The celebrated walks and westerly views of the area at sunset are on hand and many of us would travel miles to enjoy these stunning sights if we could. He managed to complete a journey in Northern Australia last year and is busy writing it up, along with continuing his poetry career.

Malcolm Hollick (about whom you can read in some detail on a *Questioning the Truth* website that seems easy to find on Google) is based in Tasmania, as I reported in last year's *Magazine*. Due to medical problems, Christine, his partner, is under lockdown in a residential facility and both of them therefore suffer from being somewhat cut-off from the outside world. Malcolm has written and published a great deal and we look forward to hearing more about this in future. **Stephen Morris** reports how he retired from working 'for a long time as a town planner, and latterly as an academic computer scientist' to become a trustee and chair of an arts charity; a role which came to an end in December. His wife, Barbara, has been most aware of the effects of the current restrictions because, as a writer on dance, there are no performances about which to comment.

Arriving on Scotland's east coast, **Trevor Palmer** and wife Jan, after retirement in 2006, tell us of their new life. The location was chosen due to their son, James, and his wife, Justine, holding full-time posts at the University of St Andrews and to share daily school trips for young Hayden. This routine has naturally been put on hold during the pandemic, as have contacts with 'our artist daughter Caroline and her husband Dave who live nearby. For the same reason, I've lost my normal

summer duty of giving guided tours around Kellie Castle.’ Trevor spent many years at Nottingham Trent University and rose to become Pro Vice-Chancellor. The University’s website is easy to consult for details of Trevor’s marvellous academic career as a biochemist. When I asked **Michael Somorjay** for something about what happened in Hungary this year, I was not disappointed to receive a report that came in at the eleventh hour. From his home in Bristol he visits and is constantly in touch with parts of his family who remain in East Europe. A visit there was in progress just as the virus struck. ‘Budapest turned from its normal bustling hurly burly to a ghost town almost overnight.’ The border with Slovakia was abruptly closed and Mike had to fly back via Reykjavik into a pre-lockdown Heathrow without a medic in sight. The famed sense of humour of the Hungarians gave rise to this topical anti-corruption joke: ‘if only the virus behaved like government contracts! Then at least you would know who was going to get it.’ Thanks for the sausage too, Mike. **Tony Thirlwall**, who came to Christ’s as a post-grad in 1963, has been in touch, much to my delight. Writing under his ‘A. P. Thirlwall’ name, he provided the definitive biography of Lord Nicholas Kaldor, published in New York. Like the celebrated economist, Tony has spent many years in academia where he is a professor at the University of Kent. Although Kaldor, who was also devoted to Cambridge, died in 1986, his thinking about economic depressions is without doubt being consulted again with renewed urgency. Tony provided much information (including his interests in long-distance running as a student) and I am pleased to note that he appears to welcome contact. Tony’s reply is a perfect example of how useful this medium is for those of us who perhaps do not attend formal reunions.

My (**Graham Tite**) circumstances have somewhat changed since 2019. Work opportunities as a stand-in Conservation Officer for the UK historic built environment have fallen away and this is aggravated by the crisis in local government as well as in national affairs. What I cannot do either is continue to drive around much in UK or get across the Channel and over the Alps. My hope was also to get as far as Bulgaria this year for a visit to good friends, but this is also “off”. I am indirectly involved in publicity for the tourist business in Sardinia, and this has naturally been plunged into deep uncertainty. Hotels are reluctant to advertise. Our garden in Sussex is a great consolation and it stands next to a lane where the conversations of passers-by can be overheard through a thick hedge: Dad to six-year-old daughter “....no, my dear, you CANNOT keep a Polar Bear as a pet.”

Brian Turner has written from Faversham in Kent, the home he shares with his wife of fifty years, following a career in teaching that led to senior positions at The King’s School, Canterbury. Bramley apples, cherries, and blackcurrants grow nearby, and Brian writes of the natural beauty of their part of the Garden of England that is enhanced by the architecture of the nearby twelfth-century church. His plans to attend a reunion in College have been put aside, but he adds that the situation ‘has provided the opportunity to do those things that one ought to have done, but have not done; one of which being to reconnect with those who, half a century ago, played an important part in my life at Christ’s.’ At home in Sussex we use Bramleys every single day and I will now think of Brian and Kentish orchards each time I peel the giant fruits for cooking. It was great to hear from **Andrew Westlake** via email and learn how he lives in France following retirement from a career in the advanced study of computing that culminated at Imperial College. About ten years ago the move to a small town in South Western France was achieved and Andrew writes of

how, in an idyllic spot, there are few complaints about the current effect of rules on self-isolation. As well as sharing country walks with fellow ex-patriots, Andrew has thoroughly adapted to the local way of life, including daily shopping trips to the nearby *boulangerie*, and, of course, gardening. French citizenship is an option being considered. From this retreat, it seems likely that Andrew will be yet another of us to benefit from the forms of contact this medium so conveniently provides as an alternative to formal gatherings.

Last year we reported on **Robert Grimley's** distinguished career in the Church of England and the many activities he has pursued since leaving the full-time ministry. Now he has sent from Headington, his home near Oxford, an account of life during and after the pandemic, that has been added to my folder. He writes of a new appreciation of the 'simpler things of life', as well as discoveries made during enhanced leisure. This includes 'the newly composed setting by our contemporary, **John Wilson**, of a prayer written by John Milton and sung by our own Chapel Choir.' Robert has also echoed the growing and widely felt sense that life will return to a new 'normal' when this 'strange interlude' has closed.

Robert Fryer (or always Bob to his many friends in College) has been in touch for the first time in this channel. His full CV is on the Leicester University website, but he reports how he now lives in the Chilterns after a most successful career in university education that also led to a CBE. Married for 53 years to his Oxford school girlfriend, the couple have three children and four grandchildren. Bob is eager to renew old contacts and I am delighted to hear from him.

Lawrence Stephen Oliver got in touch to say: 'at the end of 2002, Chantal and I took early retirement and found a house with a garden and a paddock in a village not far from Neufchâtel-en-Bray in Normandy where the heart-shaped cheese comes from. Both the house and the garden gave us plenty to do, and the air was (mostly) better than what we had been used to! Facebook, for all its faults, has helped us keep in touch with some of our friends, and during the Covid-19 lockdown has been part of the therapy! The French have suffered not quite so much as the British with the virus, but their approach has been at least much more systematic, so easier to comply with. Wishing you all well, and a "test, test, test" outcome to this *dure épreuve*.'

Having completed a PhD in geophysics (having spent one year at Princeton), **Chris Chapman** left Cambridge and Christ's in 1969 and emigrated to Canada where he took up a position of Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta. In 1974 he married Lillian and moved to the University of Toronto. His two children, Timothy and Heather, were born in Toronto. In 1984 he returned to Cambridge as Professor of Geophysics. In 1990 he left academia and joined Schlumberger Cambridge Research as a Scientific Advisor and more recently after his retirement as a consultant. He now has a desk back in the Department of Earth Sciences where he was a student 50+ years ago! Notable events in his life were escaping from his house in Toronto when it was destroyed by an arsonist in 1983, surviving the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Sri Lanka, and winning the Royal Astronomical Society's gold medal in geophysics in 2013! His main non-work activities are sailing in New England each summer, wintering in St Lucia and spending time in Venice, pleasures that have been curtailed by the coronavirus.

1964 Year Group Representatives Roy Nettleship and Mike Jenner write:
Jay Bhattacharjee reports that the Cambridge Vice-Chancellor finally made

his first visit to India in the third week of February. The Oxford and Cambridge Society of India (now back under the administration of the Light Blues) hosted a delightful reception for Professor Toope and his gracious wife at Jay's Club (the Delhi Gymkhana). There was a large turn-out of Cambridge (and Christ's) alumni from various parts of the globe. On the professional front, Jay appeared for a number of programmes on the national public broadcasting channel during the general elections in May 2019 and thereafter. Corporate advisory work carried on, and so did contributions in the electronic media. **Paul Calvert** is now living in Belen, New Mexico, about 30 miles south of Albuquerque. Once the lockdown is over he will return to his part-time job/play at Robocasting Enterprises, developing 3D printable ceramic slurries, mostly to make obscure parts for satellites.

Richard Fenhalls continues to advise some woefully loyal clients (who have promised to tell him when he's lost his marbles) on major international transactions. He also continues with his classic car rallying in far flung regions of the world. This year took him to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Prior to the current Covid-19 problem, **Ian Harvey** has been a frequent visitor to China, *inter alia* teaching on the course he'd been running for the past ten years at Tsinghua University Business School on 'Innovation – Intellectual Property – Business Strategy'. Ian has been writing a briefing note on *Intellectual Property: China – Myths and Reality*, for the past ten years to try and help correct this. Aside from that, and prior to the lockdown, DeAnne has now stepped down as Chair of UCL's Council, and they have been travelling a lot both for business, and because children and their families are currently living in both Singapore and Denmark. Grandchildren, of course, are a delight; but remind us that being working parents today seems much more demanding than it used to be 30–40 years ago!

David Huntley is enjoying living in Devon, where he retired a short ten years ago after a career as a university academic, trying to understand the physics of coastal seas and beaches. He started in Canada (his two children are Canadian by birth), before returning to the UK in the late 1980s. Now, he just about manages to continue to justify the cumbersome title of Emeritus Professor of Physical Oceanography, mainly by writing review articles. He is active in his local church as a Reader (Lay Minister), and has been a part time chaplain at the University. Some may remember him as a flute player, but his flute eventually died, so five years ago he took up the bassoon, and he now plays in various groups; even in lockdown, clever software allows for continuing lessons and jamming in a wind trio. In normal times, his six grandchildren keep him and his wife busy, but they are now reduced to remote interaction, which is hard. Gardening fills the gaps. **David Jackson** writes: 'lockdown continues to be both negative (obviously), but also positive: more time for the garden (we might open as a show garden as soon as permitted!), meditation, and reading – this third benefit brings me to a piece of personal Christ's related news. In 2018, I returned to Cambridge and wondered round the College with my wife and our youngest son and his family, as part of a year to celebrate my 80th birthday. In the CUP bookshop, I picked up and bought a copy of my old tutor at Christ's Quentin Skinner's latest volume: *From Humanism to Hobbes*. Fast forward to lockdown, when I duly fished it down off the shelf and finished it, writing to Quentin a note of thanks for his tolerant kindness to me all those years ago. I was delighted to receive a very warm and gracious reply, which just underlined for me the qualities he brought to the process, and the importance not so much of the

tutoring (I remembered none of its content of course) but of the manner in which he conducted it all. Quentin served the University and Christ's for 50 years before taking up a post at Queen Mary's University, London.'

The last year has been something of a roller coaster for **Ken James**. He was told in December 2019 that the scan showed no sign of cancer, so he celebrated with mulled cider etc. at the Bath Xmas market. However, he had some chest problems while staying with friends over New Year in Suffolk, and in early January ended up in Leicester A & E; but, following many tests/biopsies etc., Ken heard in April that no treatment was required, which is great news and worth a few drinks in his sunny garden. One benefit of being 'vulnerable' to the virus is that he gets to progress all those jobs around the house, garden, and allotment that he has been putting off for years. However, the roundabout continues, and the discovery of further nodules on his lungs has put Ken back in hospital where those nodules have been removed for assessment. He still very much hopes that by the time this is published, we will be back to some level of normality and he can get back to the golf course. **Mike Jenner** enjoys the tranquillity of his Maryland suburb 30 minutes from the White House. Zoom has brought his two grandsons in Ireland and Dubai seemingly closer, but a real time family gathering in Delaware had to be cancelled as a result of Covid-19. After 39 years in the same home, **Andy Lister** and Kate bit the downsizing bullet, a challenging experience which many will be familiar with. They are now self-isolating in a sixth-floor apartment above the precarious world below, emerging only for daily walks or bike rides by the Brisbane River. He wishes all fellow matriculants well in these troubled times.

Roy Nettleship has enjoyed another quiet year. A highlight was meeting with **Michael Jones, Ken Carpenter**, and their wives on their tour of English Cathedrals to share a service at Southwell, where he enjoyed a choral scholarship. Also, at last visiting Avignon to learn the fascinating story of *Le Pont d'Avignon*, which as youngsters we all sung about with such enthusiasm. **Alan Oldfield** enjoyed a consulting career in central government, defence, the public sector, and commerce, specialising in IT and engineering projects. He travelled frequently from 1965 to 2019, to some 90 countries, and took his wife Sandra, who he met while working in Canada, on a world tour. During the current crisis he has had to stay in their picturesque village by the Thames near Oxford, and has been re-organising his photos, letters, and project files from the last 50 years. The first highlight of 2020 for **John Parker** has been the award of honorary membership from the *Deutsche Glastechnische Gesellschaft* (the German Glass Society, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2022); very few are given this outside of Germany. The second has been membership of a committee to promote 2022 as an International Year of Glass, and to gain UN sponsorship for this proposal

Philip Parker and Patricia will be celebrating 49 years of marriage this October (surely all virus quelled) as a dress rehearsal to the big 50 next year. Home remains Windsor, with summers in France. However, the latter is now short lived since they have sold their home there, and will be completing the sale in July...though their ability to get down and oversee removals is, of course, at time of writing, dependent on significant reductions of our lockdowns by then. Five grandchildren split between Sydney and Gloucestershire, all thriving.

Richard (Dick) Peacocke has not yet been deposed, so is still president of the Cambridge Society of Ottawa. At the regular monthly lunches he sees **Bishop John**

Baycroft (m. 1951). Everyone missed the Boat Race Dinner this year, an enjoyable black tie event held annually with the Oxford Society of Ottawa. **Guy Goodman** (m. 1959) gave an excellent presentation to a local, non-Cambridge audience on the history and technicalities of the May Bumps. This let Dick show off his oar from the 1966 Christ's VI boat (coached by **Mike Jenner**), and answer some of the audience questions. Workwise, factory testing on search and rescue satellite communications took him to Toulouse. Meanwhile, tracking and communications for helicopters to rendezvous safely with coast-guard Arctic icebreakers had him on Vancouver Island for harbour and site acceptance tests.

In these changed times, **Paul Ramsay's** usual Reader ministry came to an abrupt end in mid-March, but he has learnt new skills with Zoom and Facebook so that he is taking part in virtual church services from his bedroom. He keeps in touch with friends and parishioners by telephone and email, and meets them at a safe distance on local walks. As with all who are over 70, he is staying at home, completing much shed and fence painting which would otherwise not have been done for several years! A chance to sort and throw out papers and other paraphernalia. No visits to Sweden yet this year. His younger son is stuck in London. But they are grateful to be safe. Just before self-isolation, he visited Auckland Castle, now magnificently restored, where there is a room dedicated to Paul's father, **Ian Ramsey** (m. 1934). Paul has contributed several family memorabilia, including a print of the Fellows' Building at Christ's. Well worth a visit when the pandemic is over. **Peter Reynolds** and his wife, Sue, are both well, and consider themselves lucky to live a short walk from a lovely beach where they can take their daily exercise during the Covid-19 lockdown. Many DIY jobs around the house which had been waiting awhile have been completed.

Howard Rose was fortunately able to do some travelling before the virus hit. Friends invited him to join them on a National Geographic trip to Antarctica, followed by two weeks trekking and bird watching in Patagonia. Quite simply a holiday of a lifetime, with spectacular scenery and incredible bird life. He gets excited seeing one penguin in the wild, let alone a colony of 100,000 breeding pairs! He reports that Australia has managed the Covid-19 pandemic well to date, and after a period of strict self-isolation he is hoping to get back on the golf course. Antarctica was a popular destination this year, see **Nik Wilkinson's** report further on. **Richard Saw** still lives in rural west Cambridgeshire, having tried last year to down-size but failing; and he says he finally got the sack from Cranfield School of Management! Parish Council and Church matters occupy much of his time these days; the latest project is re-ordering their church as a village hub. He travelled the Silk Road in Central Asia last year, as far as all the conflicts allowed, and keeps in touch with **John Clements**, **Howard Rose** (Australia), and **Ronnie Richards** (NZ).

David Smith has been out of England most of the time since leaving Leicester to go to the intellectual powerhouse of Cambridge in 1964. He is now an Emeritus Professor in Mineralogy at the *Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle* in Paris, continuing there occasionally as a volunteer researcher *collectionneur*, although he moved to the Alps to buy a house with a view of Mont Blanc. He still publishes some of his research, so along with gardening, DIY and mountains, he has zero spare time, as usual.

Mike Smith is in his last year of Tribunal Service. Appeals have virtually dried up, as the Department of Work and Pensions is more occupied with processing the multitude of claims for Universal Credit than responding to those who disagree with

not getting their benefits. With some speed, the format of hearings was changed to teleconferencing, and full-time judges being allowed to make decisions if it seemed success was likely in the appeal. Mike has one day lined up for May, a remote hearing of course. Covid-19, is he immune? A short break was held in Salzburg in late January, where there were huge numbers of Chinese visitors, away for the Chinese New Year. By the first week of February Mike had the worst cough he'd ever had. No fever, nor joint ache associated with a flu-like illness, therefore not considered a victim of the virus. Forward a couple of months and his licence to practice was temporarily renewed by the GMC. Four questionnaires later, Mike, and some of his year, wait to find out if there is any job for them working from home – with no clinical experience for nine years, not having kept up to date, but obeying the two government (UK and Scottish) instructions for 'vulnerable' people to stay at home unless exercising.

Trevor Stent is still serenely ensconced in the Breton countryside. He moved there with his family nearly 30 years ago (before it was fashionable), and for 15 years really enjoyed teaching in a *lycée* in Quimper. His wife, Jane, still teaches there, and their children, Kate and Simon, have established themselves in France as a journalist and air traffic controller respectively. Since 2005, he has organised a jazz festival in the local village, which, although not yet of Glastonbury proportions, has grown to the extent that it is now almost a full-time job. It also means Trevor has become involved in the *Clochemerle* world of local French village politics, which involves many meetings...and many glasses of wine. At the time of writing, **Ian Tattersall** was still 'locked down' with his wife Jeanne in his Greenwich Village apartment, his appreciation of the world outside reduced to a tiny glimpse of an empty street that contrasts oddly with all of the horrible virus-related news that is flooding in. Fortunately, he has started work on a new book on *The Natural History of Spirits* (the non-ghostly kind), for which a lot of the research can be done without leaving the house (or even getting up from the couch, for that matter). He hopes that everyone reading this will get through the current dreadful episode unscathed, but fears that we will not very much like the world into which we will eventually re-emerge.

Philip Tyack has now lived in the south of France for 16 years, and has long since gone native...which is useful, because one daughter divides her time between Nice and Paris, and the other is married to a doctor in Italy. Their son, **Nico Tyack** (m. 1999), lives in Edinburgh. Philip still does some music round and about in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, composes a lot, and tries not to think about the potential for disaster which is Brexit. **David Waczadze** is alive and well, even though he is in Alsace, one of the most Covid-19 contaminated regions of France. He returned from his skiing holiday in Austria in mid March to be confronted with a double quarantine; on the one hand requested by the Austrian authorities, and on the other hand by the French lockdown which started on March 17. Last year's highlight for David was the family's trip to Georgia, the land of his forefathers. They had a great welcome, and David would recommend the country for any future travel if and when possible. It is a small country, but has a vast amount of attractions from the Caucasus Mountains (Kazbek 5000m), to its national parks, and even the Black Sea. Additionally, it has many cultural attractions, including old monasteries and churches dating back to the 4th century when Georgia was Christianised. There is beautiful polyphonic singing, and other traditional singing and dancing, as well as great food and local wine. The Georgians claim the oldest wine production in the world. They are very hospitable.

Earlier this year, **Nik Wilkinson** and his wife Judy went on a very memorable trip to Antarctica. They were part of a group of 25 Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute making the voyage as part of a programme of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the SPRI. They joined their ship, the *Ortelius*, on 16 February in Bluff, New Zealand, and sailed south via the Auckland Islands, Campbell Island, and the Balleney group, making landfall on continental Antarctica at Cape Adare. Then, they travelled further south to McMurdo Sound, where the highlights of the trip were a helicopter flight to Taylor Valley, one of the spectacular and curious dry valleys, and a visit to Scott's hut at Cape Evans. The hut is sensitively maintained by the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust just as it was abandoned at the end of the 'Heroic Age', and is an amazing time capsule containing thousands of artefacts preserved as if Scott and his men had just vacated it. One of their travelling companions was Daffa Scott, and this was only the second time she had visited this wonderful *de facto* memorial to her grandfather and his men. Then the long trip home, sailing from their furthest south of 78 degrees eastward round the west coast of Antarctica. Held up for a couple of days negotiating their way round sea ice, they had no time to visit the peninsula, and, after an early morning sighting of Peter 1st Island, made their way directly back to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego. In their isolated bubble on board the ship they were only scantily aware of the developing Coronavirus crisis in the wider world. The impact certainly became very apparent when the Argentines refused disembarkation. So they sailed on up the east coast of South America, and were extremely fortunate to be able to dock at Montevideo, and from there fly back to the UK, only one week delayed. If you have never been to the Scott Polar Research Institute in Lensfield Road, Cambridge, a visit is highly recommended (when things return to normal). The huge range of exhibits there is really wonderful.

Mike Williams writes as a novice contributor, but the eloquence of **Roy Nettleship's** plea for input, and the strictures of the lockdown, have induced him to put pen to paper; well more accurately digit to keyboard. Cambridge (where he has lived for the last 40 years) remains as it always was, although the outlying areas are perpetual building sites. Mike continues to undertake a certain amount of work for the Law Society in London, and to sit on disciplinary tribunals for a professional Institute. So far as play is concerned, his wife, who still puts up with him since their Cambridge days, and two of his four daughters accompanied him on a return trip to East Africa, where the couple worked before coming back to Cambridge all those years ago. They all went on safari to Serengeti, Ngorogoro, and the like, and had a wonderful time. Why hadn't they been back before? Others should try it before the wheels fall off.

1965 Year Group Representative Terence Kyle writes:

It has been clear that more people have had time to respond this year as a result of the worldwide lockdown. **Anthony Peace** has moved with his wife from the West Midlands to a flat in the Canonry House in the Cathedral Close in Salisbury. Former occupants include Thomas Bennett, the Secretary to Cardinal Wolsey. **Martin Rappart** is hunkered down in his apartment in New York, his law practice severely curtailed, with his family scattered for the most part in dwellings outside the City, and his nephew, **Elliott** (m. 2019), carrying on his education at Christ's by digital means. **Mark Nash** is currently working in the Arts Division of University California, Santa Cruz. He was formerly the Head of Department (Curating

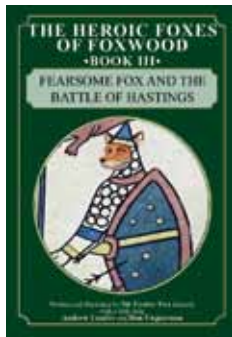
Contemporary Art) at the Royal College of Art in London until 2013. He has also held various other positions at universities and colleges in London and Singapore. He has written extensively on publications in relation to exhibitions around the world, and collaborated extensively with the artist Isaac Julien in London, Bayreuth, Lisbon, and Budapest.



*The Christ's
Spasm Band*

the Christ's Spasm Band from 1966 featuring (left to right): **Richard Fleming**, **Brian Cantor**, **Joe Foweraker**, **David Lindsell**, **Ray Flude**, **Mike Turner**, **Alan Lee**, and **Al Simkin** (crouching centre with washboard).

Phil Cribb writes from Sunbury on Thames that he is still active at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and recently co-authored *A Field Guide to the Orchids of Europe and the Mediterranean*. He is also a trustee of the Ditchling Beacon and Commons charity, set up in 2019, which manages the Sussex Wildlife Trust. He was also involved in reintroducing the “lady’s slipper” in the 1980s in the UK, when it was Britain’s rarest plant. **Andrew Lauder** writes from Cyprus, where he has lived for several years. He has resigned as Chairman of his local Hospice Charity, after helping increase contributions to their local shops by over 50% in the last three years. He has also published his fourth children’s book on Amazon, *Fearsome Fox and the Battle of Hastings*. **Wynne Aveling** writes from East London that, after retiring from the NHS three years ago, he is being recruited back as a contact tracer. He also this year bought a cottage near Glyndebourne, the achievement of a lifetime’s



*Andrew Lauder's
book*

ambition, only to see the whole season cancelled! **Vaughan Southgate** has recently been appointed Chairman of the Trustees of the Bedford Hospital and Friends. He sees **Richard Greenhalgh** (m. 1963) regularly at Henley Royal Regatta, and at events at Bedford Modern School where Richard was, until recently, the President of the Old Boys’ Association. He and his wife saw **Brian Rees** (m. 1963) and his wife, who had come from Cardiff with a party from the National Museum of Wales, at an Exhibition at the V & A. He also had a long chat at a dinner of the East Anglian Agricultural Society with **Ian Robertson** (m. 1967), the former BBC Rugby commentator, about their days at Christ’s. **Michael Balston** writes from Devizes, where he is still working as a landscape garden designer, and is also a Vice President of the Royal Horticultural Society. He has in the past been involved in a fair bit of activity in China, but his activities are now restricted to England.

1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

I was having the usual busy year till the dreaded virus and lockdown came along. But it did mean that I could finally finish a one metre 1700 wooden model galleon my daughters bought me on my sixtieth many years ago. The rigging and the sails are the hardest parts, if anyone wants to try building one. And there has been the inevitable jigsaw, and I am surprised that only the lawyers **Mike Harris** and **Mike King**, and **Philip Tepper**, have confessed to this strenuous activity in lockdown.

In September 2019, I and twelve others of 1966 vintage had our annual two nights outing with the Satchel Club; a name and outing created over forty-six years ago through the vision of **David Banford** and others. The 2019 secretary **Mike Harris** arranged two nights for us in Wadham, our twin college in Oxford, and we were well wined and dined. Our final lunch together was at The White Hart in Wytham, which we were delighted to find was owned and run well by **Mark Butcher** – a 1976 Christ’s alumnus. I went yet again to the Varsity match with **Terence Kyle** and **David Banford**. An excellent catch up over a pie and a pint with other Christ’s former players including **John James** (m. 1961), a rugby blue of earlier vintage than us.



*Mark Butcher
(m. 1976) with
some of the
Satchel Club*

Earlier this year I was contacted by **Rob Smith** (m. 1968) and **Stephen Hardman** (m. 1968), asking to see the DVD of the College 1969 Spanish Rugby tour they were on. Rob lives in Hampshire, so we were able to meet again after too many years, have lunch, and reminisce over the tour. I have had problems with the DVD, so Stephen has yet to have it sent to him! **David Banford** writes: ‘I am writing this to you following the April lockdown in South Africa – a difficult time, as everywhere, but the fine wines are helping. I got back on the last flight, prior to the closing of all airports to South Africa, and did my self-isolation and lockdown in Stellenbosch, from where 30,000 students and 2,000 faculty have been sent home. Made for a unique experience of a deserted university town. Now, on 1 May, the first day after the relaxation of one of the strictest lockdowns anywhere, we are allowed to go out for our morning constitutionals, but only from 6–9am, and then a curfew from 8pm. Police state rules forbidding any alcohol and tobacco sales are enforced by the South African National Defence Force, who don’t take prisoners! I am now pressing on full steam with the establishment of a Wine Investment Fund focusing on the wines of St Emilion, an appellation which is going to be reclassified in 2022, especially since HMRC has accepted that Capital Gains on wines are tax exempt – a wasting asset apparently!’

Professor Phillip Kitcher (John Dewey Professor at Columbia and Honorary Fellow at Christ’s) wrote to tell me he been awarded the Rescher Medal for contributions to systematic philosophy. The medal is awarded every other year by the University of Pittsburgh. In June 2019, he also gave the inaugural series of Munich Lectures in Ethics at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich; a book – *Moral Progress* – based on the lectures is forthcoming from Oxford University Press. **Josep Verges** writes: ‘I have just finished my 17,000 word study on Alzheimer’s in Iris Murdoch’s 26 novels, titled *The Other Side of Love. The Darkness in Iris Murdoch*. I would be happy to send the text to anyone who would

like to read my take, or rather Iris Murdoch's.' **Philip Tepper** writes: 'Not up to a lot really in the lockdown, but have just finished the mandatory 1000 piece jigsaw with one piece missing. Our local choir rehearsals are via Zoom meetings, and my secretarial tasks for the Greater Manchester Transport Society can be done from home. The only new thing is learning Danish to entertain the locals in Copenhagen, where our middle daughter lives with her Danish partner. I meet up with fellow 1966er **Barclay Jackson** for lunch from time to time (meetings currently suspended), we reminisce, compare family notes, and generally fail to solve the world's problems.'

Peter Osborne writes: 'Wildlife in our garden is getting more intensive study this year than ever before. Currently (May) bluetits are in a nestbox, mason bees are laying eggs in the bamboo tubes, and red damselflies are egg-laying in the pond. All this happens even though the garden is highly cultivated for the National Garden Scheme. Unfortunately we can't open this year because of the virus, but are having a "distancing" plant sale to raise a bit of money for the charity.'

1967 Year Group Representative Barry Carter writes:

Glyn Dale-Jones and his wife still live in Italy half the year, and stayed there when Italian lockdown was imminent: the house and garden in Piemonte are much bigger, and are in the middle of vineyards. Glyn is still skiing and working full time, doing corporate/commercial legal work for his virtual firm (Excello Law), and a few others. Using Whatsapp and Zoom video calls (drinks with friends around the world!). **Owen Davies** (now retired for 5 years) continues to pursue studies with Rose Bruford College, working towards an online degree in Opera Studies. Working to deepen his understanding of German opera, he visited Berlin (saw the celebrated Barrie Kosky version of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*), and did a bike ride down the Rhine from source (near Andermatt in Switzerland) to the sea near Rotterdam.

William Allberry again did his 3 to 4 months teaching as a volunteer at Tamilnadu Theological Seminary in South India for the -11th, and last, time (it's the heat!) He continues to look after KMH(UK), the charity set up to support the great community work done in Sivaganga District. **Chris Eaglen** and Sandy joined the Alumni events in 2019 at the Biotechnical and Chemistry Departments and the Cambridge Rowing Training Centre, which were enlightening. Chris was impressed by how technically complex some of the research topics have become, and how essential to address the widespread threat of Coronavirus. He comments on examining in 2020 where the NHS Estates and Care Homes need to improve their bio-burden controls, and how to address these issues in the future, and the need to appraise the innovations of vaccines which, like the treatments, seem to be more focussed on repurposing. **Peter Foster** is semi-retired from journalism, and has now put together a collection of his *National Post* newspaper columns, which should get published in summer 2020. His working title is not for publication (he says), but it is promising and very broad! Peter met up with **Dave Williams** in Toronto. He is catching up on old rugby games during the lockdown, while his new rowing machine lies unused.

Gordon Robinson is now retired. He and Sue live in California, and are still ballroom dancing, as they were in Cambridge days, and saw their grandsons every couple of months before the lockdown. **Fred Frith** began his Covid-19 isolation in

Basel, Switzerland, where he was teaching his final semester at the Musik Akademie via Skype, not quite the way he imagined going out! He should be back home in California by now, however, with all his concerts and other activities cancelled for the rest of the year, including a rare UK appearance playing his guitar quartets at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. He says retirement doesn't really apply to musicians—you actually get some composing and recording done. **Richard Tebboth** concluded his term of office as Chair of Cardiff Council's Standards and Ethics Committee (these committees are still compulsory for local authorities in Wales, though not in England), and is now fully retired, but still enjoying music and languages. **Richard Green** and his wife, Judy, still enjoy cycling, painting, gardening, and each other after more than 50 years.

Jim Webber met the Master in Fall 2019, at a reception hosted in Toronto by **Cecil Hawkins** (m. 1974), who is a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow of the College. Jim and his wife, Anna, took a cruise to mark his 70th birthday, and returned home in early February 2020! He says the Panama Canal belongs on everyone's bucket list!

Richard Dickson and his wife Joan live in Fareham, only 3 miles from where he (mostly) grew up; one of their sons still lives in the town. Work is now a dim memory, but he remains a keen entomologist, which includes working in the county museum on insects one day a week. His usually busy calendar is now clear, except for Zoom calls and virtual Sunday worship. **Ray Langford** has stayed in touch with **Adrian Lowe** and **Conway Harries** during the lockdown (Conway's daughter is a Christ's alumna). Back on a rare visit to Cambridge in late 2019, he enjoyed his first full evensong in King's, and first trip up inside the Lantern and out onto the roof of Ely Cathedral. He appreciated the Head Porter getting him access to the Fellows' Garden, but was disappointed to see the state of Milton's Pool. 2021 will see a Golden event for Ray and Lucie. **John Wright** wrote from his bubble (New Zealand). The lockdown delayed his plans for semi-retirement, sending him home to deliver the country's Fetal Cardiology service remotely from home 24/7. Mastering that, giving lectures, and presenting cases at meetings via Zoom earned him the distinguished title from his millennial colleagues of the department's "Telehealth Pin-up". Plans to see children, grandchildren, and UK friends were put on hold for at least a year, until borders open up and a vaccine becomes available – until then it's Zoom!

Clive Butchins – in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, the British Hollywood (he says) – has been busier than ever under lockdown, with Council work and Museum work (as Chair of Trustees), but is missing his tennis and grandchildren. **David Colville** and his wife are well in London, and visited Singapore and thereabouts early in 2020. David returned to Christ's for the Fisher Society lunch in November 2019, and joined a few contemporaries at the London alumni drinks before Christmas. **George O'Sullivan** is enjoying retirement in Birmingham, and was going out weekly for longish walks into the surrounding region, but now measures the distance around his lawn, à la Captain Tom (it's 44 yards). **Michael Kyle** lives near Port Fairy, a holiday resort not far from Melbourne, Australia. He was staying with his daughter and her Australian husband, who have a 40-acre farm and plenty to do with gathering firewood (fires only, no central heating) and looking after sheep and beef, and grandchildren. Rather a change from a life in Her Britannic Majesty's Foreign Service he says. **Colin Chipperfield** also writes from Australia, even closer to Melbourne, remembering 2019 holidays in the UK and Australia. In

the UK, Colin and wife Linda met up with fellow Christ's alumni (and now USA residents) **Barry Carter** and **Pete Adriaenssens**, and their wives Bryony and Liz respectively: memorable reunions, as we all met our respective spouses for the first time in Cambridge in c.1968. Colin and UK-based brother, John, also managed to do the magnificent, two week, Australian cruise from Darwin to Broome, at a time when cruising was fashionable!

Grahame Solway, retired for some years, and partner Jilly, live in a fairly isolated semi-rural spot with a lovely garden (Jilly's work), and have found the lockdown very little different from normal; but bridge, parties, golf, tennis, and sailing are temporarily on hold. Now retired, **Pete Adriaenssens** and his wife Liz enjoy the great outdoors, and visiting kids and granddaughter in the UK as often as possible. While awaiting a fix for Covid-19, and a global return to more normal circumstances, they potter with veggies, fruit, and flowers, and hike the many and diverse trails that surround the San Francisco Bay Area, while toting appropriate PPE. For **Jeremy Tafler**, life rolls on pleasantly enough in lockdown. More gardening, less AmDram; more photographing birds in the garden, less in more exotic locales. Good to lunch with **Dave Perry** and **John Beech**. What's happened to all those other Minstrels...?

Peter Tymms now has a grandchild, and **Lloyd Zokay** says he is quietly retired. **Dave Perry** continues his Podcasting work with the Woolf Institute in Cambridge, recording remotely for the time being, and hoping to get back into his lovely studio before too long. He's in touch with **Clive Bell** (m. 1969) and **Brian Edwards** (m. 1967). Brian is skulking in Malta. He met **John Beech** and **Jeremy Tafler** (both 1967) for lunch in London **Mick Shepherd** took early retirement in 2005, after being Head of three London Primary schools – Bermondsey, Lewisham, and Bromley – and then did 10 years of private tutoring. He lives in South Norwood, London SE25, near to Crystal Palace, and now leads all the music at his church every Sunday (in Greenwich, where the parish priest was formerly the Chair of Governors at Mick's Lewisham school). He also does weekly volunteering at the British Home & Hospital For Incurables, which he says is a *vast* (and *wonderful*) care home for the (very, very) severely neurologically and physically disabled residents. Mick has three grown-up children, and five wonderful grandchildren.

Dave Williams turned 70 last July, and Margie arranged for a big Columbus celebration in style. His youngest son, Steve, married Alana in Toronto (after a 13 year courtship beginning in college—Dave says he is a cautious man). Dave's eldest son, Matt, and Sarah, had a second child, Asa James, Dave's first grandson. As part of his mid(?)—life crisis (he plans to set a record), he climbed Kilimanjaro in February 2020, making it to 16,000 feet and raising \$30,000 for drilling water wells in Tanzania. He and **Barry Carter** (who met in Albert Kempton's physics tutorials in Michaelmas term 1967, and have co-authored transmission electron microscopy texts together over the last 30 years) were both elected Honorary Fellows of the Royal Microscopical Society in late 2019 (a recognition given to fewer than 300 microscopists over the last 180 years). Colleagues at the Microscopy Society of America organized a 2-day symposium in 2019 on TMBA, which was a thinly disguised and much appreciated celebration of two careers in microscopy. Barry continues his work as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Materials Science, and as an Affiliate Scientist at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico when travel is possible, but otherwise he's a Research Professor and Emeritus at the University in Connecticut.

1968 Year Group Representative Andy Symonds writes:

Bill Reed has won a Personal Achievement Award for “extensive and long-standing work in local history” from the British Association for Local History. His submission was for a five-year project on local oral history for Athelstan Museum, Malmesbury, North Wiltshire, where he lives, which has resulted in an archive of over 250 audio recordings, available to the public in the Museum, three books, a series of audio-visual presentations, broadcasts on BBC Wiltshire Radio and Malmesbury Community Radio, and – currently in preparation – a series of online talks. The books, published by Athelstan Museum, are: *You're One of Us Now*, the story of Malmesbury's secret WW2 radar factory (2017). *The True Story of the Murder of Harry Neal* (2018), and *Linolite – The Inside Story*, a lighting factory in Malmesbury 1943 – 1992 (2019). For **Paul Roper**, 2019 was the year of the building extension after a couple of years in the planning- it's a listed property so nothing was easy. The building work took much longer than expected and there were a number of complications on the way. It became more complicated when Paul unexpectedly had to go into hospital for surgery and the recovery time was many weeks. Happily all is well now with Paul fit, and the proud owner of a fabulous new kitchen and garden room. **Paul Ormerod** reports: 'I am currently a Visiting Professor in the Computer Science department at UCL. This might seem a bit odd given that I am an economist, but machine learning algorithms can be seen as an extension of econometrics. I write a weekly column in City AM newspaper, which can be accessed online. In December, I was made a Freeman of the Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale, my home town, at a special meeting of the Council. The award is only conferred every few years, and there are only 8 others still alive. I am not sure if this is a good or a bad thing. I live in both Richmond, London, and Rochdale.'

David Smith sends his best wishes to everyone in the year group and hopes they are all managing the keep safe and sane through the lockdown.

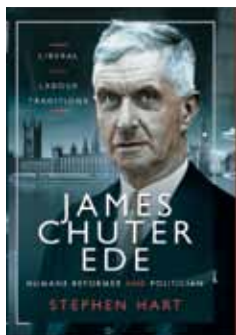
Stewart Fergusson writes: 'before the travel ban, Jenny and I enjoyed a trip to Jordan from Wadi Rum of T E Lawrence fame then along the ancient King's Highway to Petra, the



Stewart Fergusson and friends at the 1975 MA ceremony

Crusader Castle of Shobak and the remarkably preserved Roman town of Jerash. In November I met up with **Arnold Fertig**, **Howard Ford** and **Bill Noblett** for a pub lunch in Cambridge. This is becoming a welcome annual event. We had hoped to be joined by Cambridge based **Mike Lewis**, but he sadly died last year. He was one of a group of disreputable Christ's drinking friends (shown in the photo from the 1975 MA ceremony). Another colleague from my history group, **Mike Neve**, also died. We kept in touch off and on over the years and I fondly remember a long liquid lunch in London where we reminisced about the group of high powered historians at Christ's nurtured by **Jack Plumb**, two of whom, **Simon Schama** and **Roy Porter**, taught both of us. On a brighter note I have a new grandson, although at the moment Jenny and I have to watch him grow up on WhatsApp.'

Gordon House reports: 'Little did I think that fifty years after being tortured by **Jerry Thomas**' Dionysus in a College production of *The Bacchae* (I was naked and rather fetchingly painted in luminous green paint) I would be sitting watching a production of my pantomime *Rumpelstiltskin & The Sleeping Beauty*, directed by Jerry, in Writtle Church Hall, in Essex. Less difficult to imagine was being taken to a very convivial lunch by **Duncan Kenworthy** and discussing his glittering career as a film producer. Alas lunches and theatre are off limits at the moment, but I'm (so far) surviving lockdown writing radio plays and pantomimes in my shed.' **Stephen Hart** reports that, as they married while they were still at Cambridge, he and



Stephen Hart's
new book

Valerie are celebrating their golden anniversary this year, although the restrictions on movement limited the extent of those celebrations. He has continued working on the life of **James Chuter Ede** (m. 1903), the Christ's alumnus who became Attlee's Home Secretary, and has written an article on his religious activities for the *Transactions of the Unitarian Historical Society*. It is just possible that journal is not read by everyone, so Stephen is happy to email a copy to any College member who contacts him (on sjshart@hotmail.com). His biography of Chuter Ede is due to be published this coming winter.

After a fairly inactive second half of 2019 and a very successful hip replacement operation at the start of the year, **Tim Palmer** is raring to restart his barn conversion in the Ardèche as soon as travel restrictions are lifted. **Nigel Collin** writes: 'Having recently completed my first year as a local Councillor in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell, Covid-19 has resulted in some strange results in the last 3 months. All Councillors were locked out of the Town Hall to protect the emergency staff working therein and Zoom conferences, open to the public, have taken over. By law we have to have a full Council meeting under the 6 months rule; failure to do so disbars all Councillors; watch this space.' The US Bureau of Economic Analysis now has access to **Chris Farrell**'s economic research. In 'Innovation in Economics: Missing Pieces' the missing pieces turn out to bear an uncanny resemblance to heterocyclic organic molecules. A stack of them produces a disordered crystalline model of the economy. And that leaves him wondering if his Natural Sciences Part II Crystallography played a cryptic role in the conception of what is now called Smart Growth.

Kevin Richardson writes: 'We are well and in good spirits here. All four of us are at home. The Cambridge company that our son, Joe, works for has sent all staff to work from home and he decided to join us in sunny Lewisham. Our daughter, Anna, has recently completed an MSc in computer science from Imperial College and just got a job working for a software company in London specialising in resources for medicine. She starts in June and will initially be working from home. My wife, Diana, has a couple of part-time jobs related to social work and is working from home. I am still enjoying retirement and bumbling along as usual.' **Robert Bergerhoff-Mulder** send his regards to all, and refers you to the report from **Harley Nott** (m. 1969) relating their recent skiing adventures in Crete. **Sumanjit Chaudhry** writes: 'I have spent most of last year lecturing on the Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh, and building a house in the hills. I have been quite surprised at the number of people in Delhi and Mumbai (where I delivered most of

my lectures) and even in a small town such as Dehra Dun, who have turned up in very large numbers to the lectures. Van Gogh has quite a lively following in India. I started constructing a house in the hills about a year and a half ago so as to have a retreat away from over-crowded and polluted Delhi. It is about six hours away by car or train from Delhi in the unspoilt Himalayan foothills and about an hour from Nainital (for those who know India). India is changing so rapidly – ten years ago such a venture would have meant living in harsh conditions in isolation but today, even though we are on the top of a hill with little civilisation surrounding us, we are able to have all our creature comforts with piped water, round the clock electricity and 4G! So, now, like Europe, one can consider living comfortably, away from the larger cities, in the country in India. We had almost finished the house and had about three weeks work left when the lockdown was announced, so will have to wait before we can start using it. My wife, Anu, and I were looking forward to attending the Christ's May Ball this year (my first repeat since I left) and I have been terribly disappointed at its cancellation. Maybe next year.'

Stephen Owens is currently missing the opportunity to play in some local string orchestras. He has enjoyed hearing news of fellow members through our WhatsApp group. **Bill Noblett** has continued his volunteering work at the University Library where he is sorting and listing the papers of **Sir John Plumb**, a former Master of our College. He has also spent a great deal of time helping **Neil McKendrick** (Honorary Fellow) with his recently published biographical memoir of Plumb. To celebrate his 70th birthday he took a fabulous bird-watching trip, largely on public transport, to the Scottish Highlands and the Inner Hebrides. **Robert Rawlings** reports: 'many of you will remember my wife Pat from my final year at Christ's. We were married in September 1970 so in a few months all being well we shall be celebrating our golden wedding anniversary. For the past few years we have been travelling as much as possible whilst we can still afford the travel insurance. In September 2017 we sailed across to New York and then drove up to New England and we managed to call in on **Pete Carroll** and his lovely wife Deborah at their house at the northern tip of Long Island. They treated us to a delightful evening with a tour round the area, a meal, and a visit to their vineyard, much of which they had planted themselves. Last year I managed to fulfil a couple of ambitions and visited the battlefields of Waterloo, Gettysburg and Antietam and also visited the site of the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kittyhawk, North Carolina. Sadly any further globetrotting is probably going to have to wait until next year. I was sad to hear the news of the loss of **Mick Lewis**. He was always a cheerful chap with never a bad word to say about anybody. I remember him from our first year when he found out that I dabbled in some electronics and asked me to make a wow-wow pedal for his electric guitar. I was a bit underwhelmed by the results but Mick seemed pleased and that was all that mattered. Personally I am still involved with my electronic business in Hamble even though I am not spending a lot of time there these days and even less now that I have furloughed myself. We supply captioning and surtitling screens for theatres and conference centres so consequently that side of the business is very quiet at the moment.'



*Robert Rawlings
and Pete Carroll*

Roger Tansley writes: 'the lockdown (*confinement* here in France) has not seriously affected me, as we are privileged to live in a house with garden. The exceptional early spring weather enabled me to undertake various sorting and tidying jobs and to advance in the garden, which is paying off as fruit and vegetables are now coming on stream. Trips to see the tulip fields in Holland and to visit the Baltic countries were cancelled. Like many, I have discovered Zoom to continue my fortnightly adult English conversation classes. How would we all have coped with lockdown without the Internet and related technology?' **Peter Wilkinson** reports: 'As there is a limit as to how many home projects can be created and fences need repair in lockdown, a desperate need for further projects became evident. These emerged: the creation of some kind of garden sculpture, preferably of the "naughty Humphrey" variety (see Monty Python). I have made some progress, but the second stage which requires considerable glass fibre fabrication, will be started shortly. It has been named however – The Chrysalid. I will count the final project a success if my sister-in-law is suitably confused and annoyed at the result ... The second project was to grow (is that what you do) some muscle, and to this end a microcosmic gym was fabricated in the little space not taken up by cars in the garage. This is a more ambitious project, and has resulted in large doses of Michael being extracted. These relate to me being old (relatively), and skinny (indisputable), and along the lines of "show us your biceps" and "good morning Arnold". There is also a suspicion that even anabolic steroids would be a waste of time on me. So far the (gym) equipment is functioning well, but the Schwarzenegger part is work in progress... I have also been in constant touch with fellow Christ's mathematician **Geoff Wilson**,



*Andy Symonds
and family in
the Maldives*

who after recent illness is now bouncing back.' **Andy Symonds** reports that both he and his wife Geneviève celebrated their 70th birthdays last year, and after thinking long and hard how to celebrate, weighing up the pros and cons of large family gatherings, decided to take their four grandchildren on holiday to the Maldives. A great time was had by all, mostly in the water.

1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

How does one write an annual report in this newly surreal world? The request for information was met with the usual reticence and modesty in the usual limited number of replies, but we have all had other things to think about. It must be hoped that the silences can be read positively. (Apologies to all of you who didn't receive the call for news; the challenge of distribution during lockdown meant that it only went out by email. If you didn't get it, that means that College doesn't have an active email address for you. If you can rectify that, please do.)

Several replies were name-checks from 'retirement', which is clearly a flexible term. Among others: **Frank Knight** reported in 'from the SE London Bunker', where he continues to 'improve his capability for making stained glass objects'; **Brian Langham** is golfing and running in Bolton, 'although his Marathon years are a distant memory'; while **Tom Cassidy** battles against overgrown hydrangeas in Porthcawl. The messages frequently mentioned contacts with other alumni over the past year, often extending over several year-groups, so there is liveliness behind the silences.

A shared highlight of the past year, at least for the twenty-six of us who registered for it, was the Reunion Dinner in September (2019). It is impractical to name everyone here: the alphabetical listing in the programme notes starts with **Jonathan Bacon** and runs through to **Gordon Woo**. Appropriately for the 50th anniversary of our matriculation, John Lambert proposed the toast to Christ's. A splinter-group (**Graham Beesley, Stewart Buckingham, John Colyer, Bill Hollingworth, Paul Taylor, and Geoff Wilson**, with their wives) jumped the gun with a separate dinner the preceding evening. Some of them then attended the Saturday celebrations as well.



Graham Beesley, Stewart Buckingham, John Colyer, Bill Hollingworth, Paul Taylor, Geoff Wilson, and their wives, in the Mountbatten Room on 6 September 2019

Individual messages offered vignettes of the normality now brutally suspended. When will a restoration of air travel allow **Frank Knight** to re-enact his meeting with the long-time transatlantic resident **Mike Dickenson** at the M25 Clackett's Lane services? Alongside determined mountain-climbing, **John Lambert** fulfilled a decades-long quest for a 1st place medal at the 'Head of the Charles' regatta, rowing in the Cambridge [Massachusetts!] Boat Club coxed four which won the Grand Master. A repeat performance is unavoidably on hold. Before anyone had to think of social distancing, **Clive Bell** broke



Awards Ceremony for the Grand Master Four at the Head of the Charles regatta (John Lambert at far right)

into his 'drift into semi-retirement' to play his Japanese flute among the musicians for 'an intimate opera ... based on a racy book by Japanese novelist Tanizaki. ... The audience followed the singers and musicians from room to room, even into the garden at one point, eavesdropping on the story of a marriage breakup.' **Harley Nott** noted life on the brink of change in March, with himself, his son James, and **Robert Bergerhoff Mulder** (m. 1968), among a small group ski touring in Crete, 'the highlight of which was a rarely done ski traverse of Lefka Ori' (The White Mountains), 'possibly a first for a party containing two over 70'. For myself (**Robert Swanson**), the first year of revived academic visits to China may also have been the last, if circumstances preclude return. An autumn term of teaching medieval European history (*sic!*) at Shaanxi Normal University in Xi'an was at times almost as surreal and testing as the experience of life in lockdown.



Robert Swanson using a document from Christ's College Archives as a visual aid in a lecture to postgraduate students at Shaanxi Normal University

Replies to the request for news were few, but the silence is perhaps deceptive. Even amid the surrealism, we seem to be soldiering on. Writing in May, **Martin Milmo** expressed a sentiment perhaps widely shared: 'activities have been put on hold ... but ... I have been able to enjoy the emergence of Spring as never before'.

Despite shielding, **Robert Taylor** is 'quite enjoying this opportunity to have a respite, although the need to Clear Things Up is always a background pressure'. There are still futures to anticipate, for him the awareness that 'no doubt this period of retreat will be rudely shattered when I become a grandfather for the first time in August'. Meanwhile, across the pond, **John Lambert** maintains the horticultural standards expected of An Englishman Abroad: 'the garden keeps me busy, not a weed in sight, nor a leaf out of place'. His rowing may be on hold, 'But the mountains are still there!' We will all be doing a lot of our own real and metaphorical mountain-climbing over the next twelve months.

1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Professor Monojit Chatterji, Fellow, Director of Studies and College Lecturer in Economics, Trinity Hall, wrote: 'I gave special lectures as a Visiting Professor at Heriot Watt University in February 2020. I am now a Trustee of Refugee Survival Trust, which is a charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers based in Glasgow. I continue as a Fellow and DoS at Trinity Hall, and an appointed member of the Police Remuneration Review Body which reports to the Home Secretary.' **Mono** later wrote: 'Some sad news. My friend **Hari Vasudevan**, who matriculated with us in 1970 at Christ's, has fallen a victim to Covid-19. He passed away in a Kolkata hospital yesterday (9 May 2020). He read History, and was taught by Simon Schama and Roy Porter, I think.' We all join in expressing our condolences to Hari Vasudevan's family and friends.

John Watson wrote: 'retired from a partnership at solicitors Ashurst LLP, where I had previously headed the tax department, I am now joint Editor of the weekly online magazine, The Shaw Sheet – www.shawsheet.com.'

Dan Smith wrote: 'I continue living and working in Sweden as the Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. As the world situation has deteriorated, the demand for our work has increased. This year, in February and again in April, I briefed the United Nations Security Council. The February briefing was on the impact of climate change on peace operations in Somalia; the second more broadly on the relationship between climate change and insecurity.'

Hugh Williams wrote: "P.U.D.D.L.E.", a club based around the CCBC from 1970/1971 vintage, has recently been (Zoom) meeting, courtesy of Covid-19. The history of P.U.D.D.L.E. is too arcane to recount; in fact I struggle to remember, but it involved a fair amount of lavish dining and a fleeting fascination with tontines developed after College dinners where large amounts of alcohol had (I believe) been consumed. Sadly, only six members of the tontine are now still alive (RIP **John Harvey-Smith** and **Alistair Duncan** (m. 1970)) and the holder of the tontine funds is now obscure, though he will hopefully be found and held to account in due course. Those meeting virtually recently were **Peter Howard**, **David Kenning**, **Jonathan Knight**, **John Lambert** (now resident in Boston, Mass.), **Charles Stubbs**, plus our contemporary Neil Dunlop from Queens' College. We were going to organise a picnic for Henley Regatta in July this year, after some years of not meeting, and when Henley was canceled we decided upon a Zoom session as a substitute. We decided to continue them for the time being on a weekly basis. So, it's an ill virus etc..., and we may even also meet up at Henley one of these years for a picnic, virus permitting.

I (**Dewar Donnithorne-Tait**) continue with my *pro bono* work on technical standards as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, to enable safe use of

unmanned aircraft systems, and with the Wildlife Conservation Fund in Kashmir to conserve the Kashmir Stag (Hangul). Despite recent tensions in Kashmir, the Hangul population appears to be stable at just less than 200 individuals. Alison and I continued to travel in the last year, with two wildlife safaris to Africa, a wonderful exploration of the ancient civilizations of northern Peru (with visits to observe Condors in the high mountains, to the Inca heartlands, and to the Amazon Basin), and recently an odyssey from the hill tribes of northern Laos all the way South into Cambodia by river and road.

David Hall wrote: ‘This is the 50th anniversary of our matriculation. Whether Coronavirus precautions will allow us to be physically present at a reunion remains to be seen. Even without seeing the effects of time on our cohorts, thoughts of mortality arise just from the fact that it is 50 years. We now live in Cambridge, and life during lockdown is very strange here. No boats, not a punt, moving on the river. All the college gates shut, even Christ’s, normally one of the most welcoming colleges. I feel sorry for this year’s students, losing a year of what it really feels like to be at university. Lockdown hasn’t been too difficult for us, and the preceding year was full of highlights. A quick trip to France to see an old friend of my wife’s. A week in St Ives, Cornwall, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the solar eclipse there. We went to St Ives 20 years ago with two very good friends, and during the eclipse (which we didn’t see from St Ives owing to rainclouds) I proposed to Janet. They say that eclipses have strange effects on animal behaviour. We went back last year with the same two friends, who are now also a married couple. Our last holiday was a week in Norway at the end of December/beginning of the New Year. Again with two friends, this time Australians, who came straight from an Australian summer, and were relieved to get a message from their neighbours that their house had just been saved from the fires by the “firies”. We travelled some way North of the Arctic Circle, where we did not see the sun all day – a bit like St Ives 20 years ago but colder...’

1971 Year Group Representative Tim Lintott writes:

I heard the sad news of **Paul White’s** death on 25 April 2020 (see *In Memoriam*, pg. 174), with a possible Covid connection.

Other news – **William Peskett** (in Thailand) says that, inspired by William Blake’s 1794 book with a similar name, he has just published *Sonnets of Innocence and Experience*. He says “Blake’s insight was that we are born in a state of innocence and suffer ‘the Fall of Man’ through experience. I reimagined this concept for our own age and our own ‘fall’ through industrialisation, mismanaging our own societies, and despoiling the resources of our planet. OK, it’s not a jolly topic, but the book finds space for some laughs – smiles anyway. There’s even a poem in there about Covid-19. Is that a first?” The book can be found through www.williampeskett.com.” **Chris Southgate** reports that his work on what happens to Christian congregations when tragedy strikes has been in hot demand, and his CUP book *Theology in a Suffering World* will at last be published in paperback. **Simon Vivian** has been appointed as one of the four University Pro-Proctors at Oxford University, and his duties include representing the University at memorial services, degree ceremonies, University sermons, inaugural lectures of the statutory professors, etc. etc. – when they are allowed to happen. **Andrew Murday** stood as a Lib Dem candidate in Skipton and Ripon, his home constituency (the second largest constituency in England and Wales), in the 2019 general election. He found

it an amazing experience – and succeeded in doubling the vote share compared with 2015 – and he learnt all about quarrying and the lengths they have to go through to preserve the natural habitats of newts *et al.* **Alan Brown** writes that one of his sons got married to a lovely Jordanian lady last August in Amman. He says it was spectacular, and Alan complied with the local the custom that the groom's parents pay for the wedding! He also had a pre-Covid-19 holiday in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Galapagos, and Chile.

Linda Abbott (in Greece) continues her scientific work on Greek lichens, most recently on Alonisos in the Sporades Islands, but currently is dealing with an influx of wild pigs in her rural setting. Scaring them off by shouting *brizoles* (Greek for pork chops) seems not to be working anymore, so an electric fence is now half built, and more drastic action (bullets!) is being considered. **Tim Lintott** says he has now retired from his position as General Counsel and a Board member of a Norwegian high-tech company (Norsk Titanium), which has developed technology to create titanium aircraft parts by means of additive manufacturing (3-D printing in common parlance), for customers such as Boeing and Airbus. Now he's a devotee of e-biking in the Surrey Hills. His eldest daughter was married last year, and is now expecting twins! Grandfather duties beckon. **Dr Roger Brown** reports that since retiring from Staffordshire University in 2010, and being awarded a PhD for a thesis on the hermeneutics of the French philosopher Paul Ricoeur applied to social documentary photography, he has been saddened by the death of his wife from cancer in 2016, and overjoyed by the birth of two granddaughters. He is a member of the U3A Madeley branch, a committee member of the Stone Recorded Music Society, and currently taking WEA classes in the music of Vaughan-Williams and Gustav Holst. **Charles Stubbs** says he was "supposed to have been in Greece and Costa Rica during the lockdown period, indulging my hobby of birdwatching" but has been Zooming (haven't we all?) for the benefit of his bird club members as well as family, friends, and ex-Christ's Boat Club colleagues. **Alan Borland** reports that he has a daughter in Japan, and another just had her Viva for her Dissertation on 'the role of women in computer science and how their expectations are affected by their sex and the prejudice suffered at the hands of men'. She is captain of the Lancaster University Equestrian team, and they were having a particularly successful season before it was cut short by the lockdown. **Sandy Pratt** writes: "I am enjoying a quiet retirement in West Sussex after a long career as a Partner in a City of London law firm. Thereafter, I started a corporate entertainment business for 5 years, involving clay pigeon shooting and fly fishing for rainbow trout on two lakes, and driving my very own tractor (boyhood dream). I continue sending ridiculous letters to national newspapers on a variety of topics; 14 published this year to June 2020. More than 250 over the last few years. There may be a *Collected Letters* book coming out sometime. Discount for Christ's alumni of course!" **Adam Wethered** writes that he retired from his consulting business, Owl Private Office LLP, and escaped London two days before Covid-19 lockdown for his home in Avebury, near Marlborough, with his wife and Theo (26) – the youngest of their five children. He is a non-exec of a reputation management business, Project Associates, on the Development Board of the British Academy, chairs the Garrick Club investment committee, and serves on a tiny charity in Avebury. His first grandchild is due in November, and next year his daughter will marry a fine Dutchman. Finally, **David Foxman** was in lockdown in South Africa when all the

SA airports were closed. He returned to London on a charter flight organised by the British High Commission in Pretoria – so about ten weeks in total confined to an apartment in Johannesburg. His company Developed Africa Limited was appointed in November by the newly-elected government in Kinshasa to identify and encourage European companies who can help the DRC achieve its technology objectives. He is currently working on a congestion charge initiative in Kinshasa, and putting up partner companies to bid for some of “CAB5” – the DRC element in an international fibre optic project.

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

Allan McDougall, a GP in New Zealand, writes: ‘here we are, using telephone consultation and some video, which is NOT comparable to the real thing. I may be a Luddite, but there is so much to be gleaned, and usually enjoyed, by seeing the patient face to face. I miss this in lockdown, and will be happy to retire if virtual consulting is what the future holds for a family doctor. The corporate I presently work for thinks it is wonderful because it will be cheap. The young and fit love it because it is convenient to ring from their places of employment. But those of us edging towards Cape Reinga – where the spirits of Maori jump off to find the ancient kingdom of Hawaiki – much appreciate being side by side with a known and trusted doctor of the Dr Findlay/Dr Cameron mould.’ **Patrick Reade** may have an “antidote” in drawing: ‘medicine remains the principle activity in my life and I have been trying to capture some of the images in figurative drawing of the pandemic – a touch of Cezanne in my dreams – that is where the colours come from all that PPE – scrubs have never looked so artistic and the restricted palate can diminish the images but there are more colours than at first you might think.

Tim Tyler is chair of Royal Star and Garter, a charity which provides care for military veterans and their partners with complex care needs and dementia. He was pleased finally to open its third care home, and celebrate the award of Outstanding by the CQC in another, only then to have to face the extraordinary challenges of managing through the Covid-19 crisis. **Neil Marshall** illustrates how the whole work environment has changed: ‘I have been wrestling with how to credential school leavers in a digital environment so that they can progress smoothly to tertiary study or into the workplace. It is not unusual for subjects which essentially require students to deliver a text response. It is a greater challenge in my area, mathematics and statistics. So this has been my work this year and it has been exciting to work with mathematical software developers across the world to address these issues. I suspect the pesky Covid-19 has accelerated progress in an exciting and stimulating way.’

For some, lockdown was time to catch up on reading, sorting, and ubiquitous TV box sets. The popularity of Tudor history means there are several portrayals of Lady Margaret! I recall one series where she was the only leading character with the presence of mind to stay clothed, but **Jim Whelan** adds “just finished watching *The Spanish Princess* TV series — it sure makes Christ’s founder, Lady Margaret Beaufort, look bad!” There are fewer publications to report, though the range of things we publish as a group is illustrated by noting **Judge Tommy Teague** has published a complex inquiry report for the Home Secretary. **Bob Stevenson** has a better sense of how to stay fit and healthy in your 60s than I do. **David Pope** is encouraging his grandchildren to write down their thoughts and feelings about the pandemic so they will be able to tell their grandchildren what this time was like.

Alan Cottenden wonders what the “normal” we return to will be. And **Tim Tyler** has 11 grandchildren, the current Year Group record, I expect.

But the biggest theme in responses this year was one of reflection about undergraduate years at Christ's, and some regrets that we didn't always make the most of our opportunities. I expect every generation says that as they look back on their youth, so we should not be too hard on ourselves. Two of you, in particular, had stories that encapsulate this theme. **Allan McDougall** writes “I entered medicine mainly at the hope and behest of my parents: it would be a big plus for the family to have a son go through university. I honestly did not have a vocation during my time at Christ's, while enjoying the learning *per se*. Indeed, I felt like going down after the first year, or changing faculty. The course was being reformed, but was antiquated, and as overstuffed as an old sofa. Life tenure had a lot to answer for. But I lacked the courage to change. Clinical training at Oxford was greatly enjoyed, but then came house-jobs. Consultants who had been respectful and even jovial with students overnight became arch and often bullying. Massive overwork and little or no support led to disillusion and cynicism for many, including myself. I fled to NZ some years later, and I love the country dearly. I bought a solo practice with my wife Helen (also a doctor), and we had to work hard to make it pay. Broken sleep was routine because of emergencies and intranatal cares. Holidays were few and also risky, as the medical environment in general practice was quite competitive! I struggled on, probably not being a very approachable GP. Overtired and self pitying much of the time. Only much later did I suddenly begin to enjoy my work. I think this came about with the mellowing effect of age, and with greater empathy due to experiencing some “lows” for myself. It took a long time for it to dawn on me that the more interested I became in my patients' lives and thoughts, the more I would enjoy my job. “Firsts” aside, I have been a slow learner without realising it. I reached the “Golden” age last year, but did not want to retire. I realised that I would miss the patient contact. Not having children, I would come adrift from the lives of anyone much younger. And with whom would I share a laugh? To whom would I feel I was being useful?”

Like many contributors **Maddie James** begins “You probably won't remember me... While at Christ's, I specialised in English and keeping a low profile in the College. I see now that was foolish and a great missed opportunity. I focused on university dramatics and my girl-friend at New Hall – not that **that** was a mistake. Jane has been my constant partner ever since. But I cut myself off from getting to know many interesting people and potential friends. My loss.

“There are just two things I'd like to share from my personal history – both focused on events in the last four to five years. After graduating and a fourth year at Christ's gaining a teaching qualification, I have taught English all my life, with over thirty years in a senior role in an 11–18 school in Wiltshire. By 2015, I was as established as any Mr Chips; but still, I hope, learning. If only about myself. Because it was then that I was finally able to fully recognise I was transgender, and to share that truth with others – first with close family and friends, and then publicly. Awareness of, and attitudes to, transgender people have improved greatly in this country over the last decade, but there is still a great deal of prejudice and ignorance. The pressures and fears many of us experience when transitioning contribute to frighteningly high suicide/attempted suicide rates. And not even all parts of the education sector are models of understanding, tolerance and support.

“But, especially in these anxiety-ridden times, I would like to celebrate my experience as the first of two examples of evolution in education. I transitioned publicly at my school from Mr Mark James to Ms Madeleine James over the Christmas holidays of 2016/17. The announcement to staff and students was carefully planned so that the (totally supportive) Headteacher and I could explain my transition in person through meetings and assemblies. In all cases, the students listened carefully and sympathetically to my explanation of my transgender nature and my wish to continue to work at the school in the same way as before – if not better. In some cases, they applauded at the end. A number of students, especially in the classes I taught, subsequently expressed support as individuals. In particular, I remember the strong-minded sixteen-year old boy in my lowest-band English class stating, before his peers and immediately on hearing the news, that, if that was what I felt was right for me, then it was okay by him and he respected what I was doing. Ex-students contacted me on hearing the news to express their support. Returning in January, we all just continued to get on with lessons and, throughout the year, I experienced no incidents of transphobia. While many transgender people still suffer prejudice and abuse, even in the education sector, I hope my enlightened experience may be a happy augury.

“And, so to the second example, which is quickly told, no doubt to be expected, but still worth being applauded. In the last year or so I have, in fact, had much closer contact with Christ’s than ever; not through my subject or peer links, but through the college’s women. I finally found the courage last April to ask if I could attend a Christ’s women’s networking event in London. The organisers were immediately positive and helpful. The alumnae I met at the event were surprised initially about my age/matriculation date, but quickly appreciated the situation and my nervousness, and warmly welcomed me into their groups; the Master was particularly thoughtful and understanding. I found myself making friends. It was a delightful – and new – experience for me to enjoy the discussion and companionship of other women from so many walks of life, but with a common bond. So that, from having been the recluse, shunning college events as an undergraduate, I have become a keen follower of Christ’s events and activities, joining the Women’s 40th Anniversary celebrations and the London Christmas drinks.

“It appears, then, that I am a slow learner. A late starter. But I am, I hope, now widening my horizons and am open to chances to pick up on the acquaintances and friendships I did not make in College in the 70s. It is strange to remember how little contact I had with anyone, even with senior members of the College. Though there was the memorable situation when I was called to see the Chaplain because of concerns that I had had a woman, nay, women in my room at inappropriate times. They had, in fact, been there for morning practices of a play I was directing. (Truly; I could rise early for rehearsals, if not for lectures). But ironically, of course the Chaplain was correct; there was always a woman in my room whenever I was there.

Steve Bagnall concludes: ‘as we begin to acquire the wisdom of age and experience, those stories remind me of how I needed and got support as an undergraduate. So, I was sad to hear that **Archie Campbell**, my 1972 tutor, had died. For me, he made Cambridge academics seem normal when he and his wife Anne invited new students to Sunday lunch at their home. By Michaelmas 1974, **John Rathmell** was the tutor to whom I confessed “I am studying the wrong subject”, and he metaphorically told me to “lie down in a darkened room for a while”, and,

if I still felt the same, he'd support me. **Geoff Ingham** agreed to take me on as an SPS student, and told me to write an essay entitled "Was Marx a Materialist?", a far cry from my work in the lab as a Materialist. I have wistfully held on to a couple of my electron microscope photos of metallic structures, but it was the right decision, and I have used that SPS potpourri of sociology, psychology, and politics my whole career in social work and family therapy. I am grateful to all of them.'

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

12 minutes 35 seconds. That is the rather impressive personal best time that **Keith Woodward** has recorded for completion of *The Times* crossword. His daughter, naturally looking to guard against any possible diminution in the sharpness of the razor-like Woodward cranium, secured his entry into the annual *Times* crossword competition as a birthday present. As could be expected, Keith acquitted his old College well. Like a good Christ's boat he ended up not quite head of the river, but creditably up the first division. In order to keep Keith's attention for the rest of the article we offer the following cryptic clue: "Nearly classical poet to end current distress? (5.7)." We would like to say that the answer will be given next year but that might be to tempt fate, so instead the answer will be found at the foot of this entry.

Last year we asked for contributions from alumni who had been active in their places of worship. **Jeff Newlin** has been in touch from his home in Augusta, Georgia. Jeff began his College career as one of the two photogenic Americans in the back row of our matriculation photograph. He graduated, along with his fellow American **Jim Wendorf**, to the 1st Novice VIII, a boat which in the opinion of **John Lambert** (m. 1969), the man whose passionate enthusiasm almost single-handedly kept CCBC alive during the early 70s, "would have certainly won the Clare regatta" had not the river frozen over on the day of the race. A few years ago, your correspondent asserted that the **Reverend Peter Hatton** was the only member of our year who had taken holy orders. Like a number of things in this column over the years this turned out to be no more than 50% correct, as Jeff tells me he was also a Presbyterian minister for 27 years in various states of the US. He has been married to Ginger Tonnessen for 43 years. They have three children, and have just become grandparents. Jeff's current vocation is assisting churches across the US in their fundraising. His website is well worth a visit if any of you are confronted with the problems of fundraising for an organisation, whether religious or secular. So Jeff can be added to the ever lengthening list of our year who are active in their religious faith. Alongside **John Hosker** and **Mike Emery**, who have become readers in the Church of England, we can mention: **Raj Ramasamy**, **Selvan Anketell**, and **George Yeo**, whose work we have covered in previous articles; **Andrew Bruckland**, who supports his wife's Ministry in Cheltenham; your correspondent, who has the honour to be Churchwarden at Chelsea Old Church; and another member of the first novice eight from 1973, **David Roberts** who, after his career at Sainsbury's where he became Finance Director, served on the Competition and Markets Authority. David is now a director of a charitable foundation and a non-exec Director of an NHS trust that serves a quarter of London's population, as well as being part of his local Church's leadership team. Not bad, as Huw Edwards of the BBC is fond of saying, for a boy from Llanelli Grammar. Thanks to the ever prescient **Tony Smith** we can also report that **Iain Cleaver**, whom we have been in search of for a number of years has also found God. Iain is part of the leadership

team at his church in Chamonix which is now his home. Speaking of homes, as we are all rather bombarded by statistics these days, I thought I would share with you my rudimentary analysis of where everybody is living at the moment. Out of the 120 of us for whom the College has records, it would appear that 89 of us live in the UK (of whom 38% live in London and the Home Counties), 8 in the rest of Europe, 17 in North America, and 6 elsewhere in the world.

Bill Golush is one of the US-based members of the year, and he is still active in his work in the energy sector. He is also active in the organisation of Bridge in the United States and told me of the difficulties of having to go online during the lockdown. By coincidence, **Douglas Wright** had set up a website called 3countiesBridge in the UK. Douglas was spending 16 hours a day, seven days a week, enabling people to connect with each other during the height of the Coronacrisis. Thinking there may be some sort of theme here, I asked Bill who else was a dab hand at Bridge. He pointed me to **Paul Redstone**. Paul told me that in fact he only played a little Bridge at College, as he was too busy working and coxing College boats, but he had taught someone at school who went on to become a grandmaster. It sounds to me like Paul may have a fruitful pastime to enjoy if he ever gets round to retiring.

As it is rather a long time till our next official get-together in College, we took matters into our own hands, and organised a few small dinners in the Carlton Club (more out of respect for its food than its politics). At the first, **Andy Bruckland** and Diane, **Chris Shea** and Susan, and **John King** and Jacqueline joined Mari and me to toast our latest CBE **Adrian Crellin**, and his wife Sarah. That proved successful, and a number of medics said they wanted to meet up with Adrian again, so at the second gathering we had **Simon Gibbs**, **Rick Nelson** and Lisa, **Kevin Walsh**, **John Hosker** and Jenny, and the ubiquitous Commander of the British Empire and his charming wife. We should have realised the danger of getting so much medical know-how into one place, as a few weeks later London became the UK's epicentre for the pandemic.

Further afield, two members of the year had narrow escapes from lockdowns. **John Entress** was on a business trip in India, and was given 24 hours to leave or take his chance of riding out the storm on the sub-continent. **Stephen Gibbs** was continuing to live his active retirement by following up trips to Tanzania and Zanzibar (why not) by taking a well-earned three week vacation in Barbados during March. Stephen must have done some especially good things in his previous lives, as he and his wife flew home safely on the last BA flight to leave the island.

This column has usually adopted a tone of amused detachment, but the times seem to require a more serious note to finish on, so I turned to **Peter Hatton** for some guidance. After an initial foray into banking, Peter has spent the last 35 years in Christian ministry, the last eight as a biblical tutor and director of studies at Bristol Baptist College (At College, when he was appointed Sacristan, he was told he was the first non-Anglican to be appointed to this role since the Reformation. Who said that the College does not move with the times?). Peter reports that it was through earnest conversations with members of the Christian union at Christ's, almost all of whom were scientists, that he came to his own understanding of faith. He now actively encourages a dialogue between the insights of faith and science, along with his friend Professor Tom McLeish (Emmanuel, 1980) who holds the chair of Natural Philosophy at York. In this respect he is carrying on the noble tradition

of the Cambridge Platonists who were either Christ's or Emma men. As we have all come to see the difficulties of trying to deal with the present health crisis, the government might be well advised to adapt its mantra to take account of this sort of thinking. Peter's suggested approach would be "Led by science, informed by faith". Come to think of it, this might even be an appropriate new motto for the College.

And finally, assuming we have retained Mr Woodward's attention this far we can reveal that the answer to the clue is "Covid vaccine". That's what they call a happy ending.

1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood writes:



1974 Year
Group lunch

A group of 15 alumni from the 1974 year group (including a number of partners and honorary member Anita Diaz) got together for a reunion lunch at a London pub arranged by **Nick Tanner** on 5 October of last year. From left to right on the photo: **Gary McCulloch** and Sarah; **Richard Monks**; Anita Diaz; **Nick Rennison**; **Nick Tanner**; **John Magrath**; **Ron Blagden**; Jane Monks; Tricia Blagden. Just out of the frame are **Ian Wyatt** and Alex, and **Nick Wallace**. **Tony Parr** was the photographer (with apologies to the headless Anita).

Edward Nodder has retired from the partnership at London technology law firm Bristows, but will continue as a consultant to the firm with special responsibility for Japanese clients. He also sits on Law Society and international committees, developing intellectual property laws and patent litigation in particular.



Richard Baker

Richard Baker continues to paint and draw in his studio and at outdoor locations, showing his work at the Cambridge Drawing Society and elsewhere. He is pictured working on a watercolour in the beautiful garden of the Old Vicarage, Grantchester. The painting was included in the 2019 Autumn CDS exhibition at the Leys School, and found a buyer later in the year.

Tony Parr made a 'Good Move' a few years ago when, troubled by an uncooperative knee, he was forced to give up squash and road-running. The doctor at the hospital diagnosed osteo-arthritis, and suggested he try either swimming or rowing. Rowing has brought loads of benefits: proper exercise in the open air, and the company of a pleasant bunch of people during the *après-aviron*, to name but two, and his knee actually seems to have benefited from the experience. As a fourth plus, he has had the opportunity to join rowing tours to places including Amsterdam, Ghent, Switzerland, and (last June and September respectively) both Venice and Paris. In Venice, his crew rowed the *Vogalonga* ('long row', when the canals are closed to

motorised traffic as part of a now-traditional protest against mega-tourism and the big cruise liners), taking him round the main island and a number of the smaller islands in the lagoon. Unfortunately, the cox slipped and fell just as the crew were lowering the boat into the water at the beginning of the day, but she soldiered on bravely, only finding out when she got home



The Vogalonga

that she had in fact broken her wrist. In Paris, the crew started out at dawn from the west of the city, passing the Eiffel Tower bathed in the golden rising sun, and on to the remains of the Notre Dame, which they rounded before turning back towards the starting point. They had been hoping to visit Cambridge this year, but the dreaded Coronavirus has dashed their hopes.

Hugh Ashton continues to write Sherlock Holmes adventures and other fiction, having weathered the loss of his US publisher at the end of 2017. He was recently described in an article on *The Scotsman's* site as "the UK's leading Sherlock Holmes writer", and his two Sherlock Holmes stories set in the South Staffordshire region, where he lives in the city of Lichfield with his wife Yoshiko, have been featured in the local press. He recently stood as a Liberal Democrat candidate in the City (parish) Council elections for Lichfield, and was elected to serve the Garrick Road ward. **Jonathan McCafferty** is keeping himself busy in retirement as President of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, and writing about the true identities of the people AC Doyle modelled into Holmesian villains.

1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki writes:

This year's contributions inevitably are peppered with lockdown reflections. First and foremost though, our thoughts and thanks are with all the country's key workers, including those in our Year Group. Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon **Paul Ridley** found time to tell that (in mid-May) there were 162 Coronavirus patients in his Staffordshire hospital, and the virus was dominating hospital activity. He says: 'We cannot do routine operations, events change weekly as we continue to observe the incoming epidemiological data. It is difficult to predict how this is going to play out.' Another of our medics, **Hil Brunner**, reports: 'I retired in 2019 as Consultant in Anaesthetics and Critical Care at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, and find myself back on the specialist register in 2020! I am very pleased not to be required yet.' And **Phil Chan** writes: 'I spent a career as a consultant vascular surgeon in Sheffield, after training in Oxford and London (Royal Free and St Mary's & Hammersmith). In the last few years, despite being director of the vascular service, I found myself increasingly drawn to the education of our young doctors, and took on more work and development in medical education, gaining a doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) and becoming director of undergraduate medical education in Sheffield. In 2019, I moved south to help found the new medical school in Kent and Medway. I am now Reader and a member of the senior leadership team, and have responsibility for selection and admissions. The school is on track to open in September 2020, if circumstances allow. However, like many doctors of our age, I have re-joined

the NHS, and am ready to step in as and when needed in the Covid-19 outbreak. My clinical area is not a front line speciality, and, at the time of writing, I am still waiting to be deployed.'

Meanwhile, **Mike Collinson** has survived a bout of Covid-19, and as for other reportable achievements says: 'Well, no ocean going yacht yet. I am now CIO of Ticketebo, an Australian events ticketing company – which, as you can imagine, very suddenly became not-an-industry-to-be-in. However, I cannot complain; we've battened down the hatches, and I have free rein to develop that next generation technology which, in the normal course of events, keeps getting put off. I have been in touch with **Bob Dearden** and **Chaz Kiddle**, who are both well. Mostly I am in Sweden and Australia, but the virus caught me while on a shortish stay in Otley, my home town, in Yorkshire, so I elected to stay on. **Ian Archibald** lives quite close, so last week we were involved in a Checkpoint Charlie-type operation to hand over an old bicycle of mine to Ian's wife Linda, which she could go out and about on. Both also well. On other fronts, I have been involved with OpenStreetMap – an open data initiative to create a world map data set – since almost the beginning. Around 2010, I headed a hair-tearing initiative to get the IP licensing into a coherent form so that the data remains perpetually usable and open. In the last couple of months we have now hit 4 million registered contributors world wide. I am guessing that makes us the largest open data/knowledge initiative in the world by far.'

Elwyn Wong, in New York City, reflected in April: 'This is my 41st year here, but I am hard pressed to think of anything that can remotely be described as an achievement. Decades of being a trader has turned me into a man of few words, except to tell people who watch BBC here that I used to live a few doors away from **Simon Schama** in the Denys Lasdun building. I did feel a "Cambridge pang" though, when by chance looking up at the Empire State Building, all lit up in Cambridge Blue on the night of the University's 800th anniversary. Having had a ring-side seat for crises past in this city, this time round, as a US Treasury regulator embedded in a large bank, it is more like watching a horror double bill every day, as financial markets swoon and central banks print money during the day, and the grim statistics get tallied every night. I remember running along the Hudson at the tip of Manhattan one year after 9/11, and already you couldn't tell much of the devastation that had happened if you didn't know where to look. I do hope that we will be able to do this one more time very soon. Nevertheless, it is hard to ignore that societies have become more intolerant, political leaders more divisive, wealth and health care more unequal, and Truth no longer matters. I wish we had vaccines for these too.'

Kevin Loader writes: 'I was in preparation for the second season of Armando Iannucci's space comedy AVENUE 5 when the virus hit. Suddenly the whole of our industry, much of which is self-employed, was sitting at home with no income and nothing to do but develop projects that might – just might – happen one day. Luckily, I got a call a week into the lockdown that transformed the next few weeks. Nicholas Hytner, with whom I have made two films of Alan Bennett plays, called to say that the BBC had asked whether there was any way we could re-make Alan's classic set of television monologues, TALKING HEADS, observing all Covid-19 protocols and using the standing sets at EastEnders, as well as finding a dozen actors game enough to take on these challenging pieces at three weeks' notice? To our surprise, a cohort of the nation's finest performers said yes over a weekend,

including Killing Eve's Jodie Comer. Rehearsals were done on Zoom between actor and director, whilst actors had to do their own make-up and costume, guided via Zoom. For the first time in my career I wasn't allowed on set. Somehow, over the next four weeks, twelve episodes – 8 hours – of powerful television was made while the country was in solitary or household confinement – like many of Bennett's characters. And instead of taking fees, we donated over £1m to NHS charities.'

Shu Kee Wai writes from Hong Kong: 'Since writing over two years ago, lots of things happened. I am still in my temporary post-retirement housing job, helping humbly build eight domestic blocks for over 6000 families in Hong Kong, and I am happy to see my part of the works will be completing in the next few months. It is inspiring to see the world is so close and connected in these difficult times. Hope all these sacrifices and losses will bring us all a better tomorrow. Take good care, with best regards to everyone, particularly with great respect to our old medical friends (remember the parties you had in the room just next to mine when we first arrived over forty years ago, in what used to be the poor-sound-insulated New Court, and now you are doing a very important job). Hope everyone is safe and well, and will meet again for years to come.'

Jon Edmondson has lived and worked in Toronto for nearly 33 years, teaching Roman History and Classics at York University. 'My main research has been on Roman Spain, and I make quite frequent trips to Madrid and Mérida (the latter a wonderful Roman city,



Jon Edmondson

with lots to see), as well as elsewhere in Spain and Portugal, the rest of Europe, and across Canada and the US. I have had the privilege of being a visiting professor at the *Institut Ausonius* at the University of Bordeaux-Montaigne, and I maintain my links there as the co-director of a Digital Humanities project to develop a digital atlas of personal names from Roman Spain, ADOPIA (<http://adopia.huma-num.fr/>). In 2017, I was named a Distinguished Research Professor at my home university, and last November was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada along with (among others) the current Canadian-born Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Stephen Toope. My wife Kathryn and I have lived in the same house in Toronto since 1989, and five years ago we bought a small property 300 km to the north on a tranquil lake, called, appropriately for a Roman historian, Eagle Lake.'

Alastair Reid and his wife, Rosalyn (Girton, 1976–80), are now living in Redditch, where he has met up with fellow Christ's man **Richard Clark** (m. 1977), who is Team Rector there. They are to be seen on the local golf course, regularly appealing to the Lord to help them find their wayward golf balls! Having retired from school-mastering in 2018, Alastair now works part-time with TISCA, The Independent Schools Christian Alliance, as its General Secretary. A lot of time in the current crisis is spent supporting Heads, Chaplains, and Governors of schools, especially those with boarders, which have been hit particularly hard by the Coronavirus restrictions. Before the pandemic hit, however, Alastair and Rosalyn spent three weeks in India, carrying out a school inspection. On a half day off, Alastair managed a game of golf at the Ooty Gymkhana GC, in the Nilgiri Hills. As he was playing the 15th hole, a large tiger appeared down the side of the fairway. It was



*Tiger on the
golf course!*

beach running scene to the Vangelis soundtrack at the beginning of *Chariots of Fire* – well that was St Andrews). Golf on some of the most famous courses in the world can prove a distraction.’ Rory visits London for at least a week a month due to his position as ‘Senior Adviser: Criminal Cartels’ at the Competitions and Markets Authority. Any spare time is applied in building an international commercial arbitration practice. Rory visited Cambridge in September 2019, where he was speaking at the *International Symposium on Economic Crime*. He took the opportunity to join up with **Roy MacLean**, with whom he had shared a house in second year, and they both enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the Christ’s Fellows Dining Room.

Simon Sandberg in London writes: ‘Nothing major to report, though as lockdown has just started easing I played tennis this morning (singles as per Government guidance), and was disconcertedly knackered by the time we reached one game all (lots of deuces). I’m making significant inroads into the flour mountain (just cracked open the second 16kg bag), made three different versions of lime pickle, and I am just coming down from the excitement of the week, which is veg boxes being delivered on Friday morning. I think this means that we have given up on our 60s, and perhaps 70s, and are living the life we envisaged we’d be living in our young 80s. I’ve subscribed to *The New York Times*, which I’m finding informative, and thus deeply depressing. I remember Martyn Lewis, the old BBC newscaster, talking years ago about starting a “good news” channel, and thinking this was pathetically lame. But now, provided there are no ‘cute’ or ‘amusing’ videos about cats, I think I might be persuaded.’ **Andrew Pinhorn** reports from France: ‘During lockdown I have been staying at home, here in the Gers region. The weather has been mostly fantastic, and the lockdown conditions manageable. In the beginning we could go out for food and exercise, but you had to carry a signed, timed, and dated *attestation de placement* (movement permit) with seven reasons for being outside (tick one). There is plenty to do here, not least watching hoopoes in our garden, who arrived last week from Africa.



*Andrew Pinhorn
and friends*

seen twice more during the remainder of the round. Alastair afterwards said ‘Club rules did not specify how many club lengths were allowed from such a lateral hazard, but at least I can say I have played a round with Tiger.’ **Rory Field** has moved back to St Andrews, Scotland, after twenty years overseas. ‘The beauty of the seaside town, with two magnificent beaches (remember the

Other wildlife abounds: a nightingale was singing this morning, cuckoos too, we stumbled across a family of wild boar truffle hunting under the oak trees, deer wander through, there are red squirrels, a couple of hares, grass snakes are everywhere, and toads need rescuing from the pool. I have become a Zoomer, particularly for taking yoga lessons via the internet; fellow Zooming Year Group yogis include **Simon Sandberg**,

Stephen Morris, and **Tim Davies**. Meanwhile, here in the countryside, the French seem well behaved; there have been no shortages, plenty of fresh food, and our very local farmers are supplying us direct with chickens, beef and lamb.

And finally many thanks to **Mike Cullen** for these images recording two pre-lockdown events: a golf day in September 2019 at Windlesham Golf Club organised by **John Phillips** (m. 1975) featuring **Ian Simpkin** (St Catharine's m. 1977), **Mike Cullen**, **Maurice Cox** (m. 1977), **John Thornton** (m. 1977), **John Phillips**, **Mick McGuire**, **Tony Overs**, **Andrew Pinhorn**, **Chris Garden** (m.1975), **David Holliday** (m. 1978), and **Richard Morrogh**; and the November 2019 Christ's Marguerites Alumni dinner – standing are **Mark Davies** (m.1977), **Maurice Cox**, **John Thornton**, **Huw Charles-Jones** (m. 1978), **Tony Smith** (m. 1974), with (seated) **Chris Garden**, **Mike Cullen**, and **Alan Gregory** (m. 1978). Several of whom also appear in this photo of the 1978–1979 football Cuppers Champions, taken by the Year Group rep, along with the accompanying image of their vociferous band of supporters including: **Stuart Roberts**, **David Holliday**, **Andy Johnson** (m.1978), **Richard de la Hoyde**, **Richard Morrogh**, **Brian Edwards**, **Mike Sewell** (m.1977), **Stephen Morris** in “turban”, **Tim Davies**, **Greg Campbell** (injured leg) (m.1977), **Harry Hyman** (m.1975), and **Mike Shipley** (m.1977). Happy Days!



*September
2019 golfers*



Margs Alumni



*CCAFC Cuppers
Champions 1978–9*



*1979 Cuppers
support*

1977 Year Group Representative Roger Newenham writes:

A group of eleven 1977 alumni congregated last summer in the Cotswolds, chez Attfield, as **Hugh Smith**, long-term resident in San Jose, California, visited these shores. Over the weekend we enjoyed great rustic fare, a manic skittle competition in a local hostelry, a reunion luncheon on the lawns of Little Brockhampton Farm, and a private tour of Snowhill Manor. Reassuringly, though, little had changed; the hair may have been thinner, greyer or even in abeyance, some of the waists a little thicker, but the memories of those halcyon days of over forty summers ago were as strong, although perhaps a little more exaggerated, as ever. Many thanks to **Pete Attfield** and Alison for hosting a superb weekend.

L to R: Rear:
Al Darlington, Gary
Brown, Dave
Lockwood, Roger
Newenham, Michel
Jones, Tim Goldstone,
Alex Chiang, Adam
Dawson: Front: Pete
Attfield, Hugh Smith,
Nick Kirkwood
& Jasper



Anthony Agius has been working normally during the Coronavirus lockdown, as a carer for a private agency, looking after elderly people in their own homes in West London. **Peter Cheshire** has interrupted his retirement to work part time as a German teacher at a City of London School, and continues as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England. **Bernard Disken** celebrated his 60th birthday with a trip to Ripon Races, where, after a bad start, he backed the last winner. He had a chance encounter with **Andrew Taylor** (m. 1979) at Dewsbury Market, to add to a previous chance encounter at the Dewsbury tip! Bernard is still senior partner of the family firm of solicitors, which, having survived the credit crunch, is now battling the pandemic. **Nick Low** was a Counsellor at the British Embassy in Beijing until last August. He is now Head of Mission in Kolkata, responsible for East and Northeast India, and Bhutan. Nick is also a visiting fellow at the China & Emerging Economies Centre at the University of Northampton.



Richard Bennett

Sean McEvoy has been elected a Bye Fellow at Murray Edwards College, teaching English. He has a book on the playwright Jez Butterworth coming out next spring. **Richard Bennett** enjoyed the unlooked-for experience of having to be repatriated by a circuitous route through several ghostly deserted European airports, having been caught in Cape Verde the week when the world shut down. **Peter Ransome** is in regular contact with **Steve Rawnsley**, who is alive and kicking in mid-West USA. Peter has just retired from ITU (International Telecommunication Union, the specialised agency of the UN in Information and Communication Technology) in Geneva, and is a frequent attendee of the Oxford & Cambridge dining club of Geneva. After 35 years as a translator in various German companies, **Martin Dawson** entered early retirement in June 2019, and is amazed how full his post-professional life is (e.g. genealogy). Two children are married, and a third grandchild is due in June. Helpfully, Martin recently wrote his own obituary for the *College Magazine*, although we hope it is many years until we see it in print.

1978 Year Group Representative Tim Podesta writes:

Thank you so much for the responses the call for news from the year of 1978. Many of us do not have major news in the current times, as we celebrate 60th birthdays,

and are either settling into retirement or moving steadily towards full retirement. There are a wide range of achievements to note – here is a precis. **Edmund Hewson** at Leeds was appointed a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy; **Martin Tuley** took up rowing again in Aberdeen, as well as becoming a father; **Richard Bacon** like many of us, had travel plans postponed, but has taken the opportunity to explore the local Surrey woods and reconnect with friends and family; and **Simon Jones** is now managing a coniferous plantation in Gwynedd, Wales, on what was once ancient woodland – over the last year, he has planted a thousand hardwoods, mostly Oak. Please look out for the call for news next year and keep in touch and keep safe.

1979 Year Group Representative Fazal Hasan writes:

We held a reunion dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in October last year to celebrate our 40th matriculation anniversary. Over forty attended the dinner, with some coming from as far away as Australia and the USA. It was a wonderful occasion, enjoyed by all; many had not seen each other for several years, but everyone picked up where they had left off. At the end we



1979 Reunion

had many entertaining speeches, and **John MacNamara** regaled us with his jokes. We missed our many friends who, for various reasons, could not attend, but it was proposed we should meet more frequently. The pictures from the occasion are on our Facebook page, Christ's College Cambridge 1979. It is a closed group, so please ask to join and you will be added. During the year we also got the sad news that our friend **Richard Austin** had a stroke, and is being cared for at home by his sister. I am sure he would enjoy friends getting in touch with him, and please do. The College has his details.

Finally, **Andrew Bud** was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours 2020, for services to export.

1981 Year Group Representative Jasmine Birtles writes:

Rob Eastaway's latest book, *Maths On The Back of An Envelope*, was published by HarperCollins in September 2019, and his talks linked to the book included a sold-out Friday evening lecture at the Royal Institution. **Mark Lewisohn** is now Deputy Chair of Council for the University, and, earlier this year, was appointed a Bye-Fellow of Christ's.

Simon Goldstein, who has a part-time job with the Army Reserve and is now a Brigadier, has been busy on Covid-19 activity since the outbreak earlier this year.

In August 2019 a few of the Class of 1981 met for a picnic in Hyde Park arranged by **Jill Goldsmith** and **Graham Oxborrow**, and attended by **Mark Corbett**, **Dave Howarth**, **Alastair Jackson**, **Graham Ives**, **Phil Rouse**, **Hugh Jones**, **Adam Gordon**, **David Popper**, **Glenn Vinnicombe**, and **Sue Gay**.

1982 Year Group Representative Cathy Wilcox writes:

At the time of our submissions, Coronavirus was understandably at the forefront of our

minds. **Nick Brasier** says: 'I am now a trustee of the UK's National Rifle Association, and have recently been appointed a director of the National Shooting Centre at Bisley in Surrey. I'll be helping lead an NRA target rifle team on tour to the Channel Islands in Spring 2022, and am looking forward to getting back competing on the ranges soon (hopefully) as the current restrictions are slowly lifted.' **Jai Chitnavis** writes: 'I remain in independent orthopaedic surgical practice in Cambridge, albeit furloughed at present, and facing eventual penury! So far unwanted by NHS, despite volunteering to help. My day might yet come. My other life as a Staff Fellow in Medicine at Trinity Hall has also been stifled by the contagion. Tripos for my first year Medics, whom I supervise in Anatomy, has been cancelled.' But, Jai believes that the rebound will be faster than imagined in the dreary news reports...

Emma Douglas-Hamilton has been enjoying weekly Virtual Buttery chats (set up by **Martin Nye** for a group of 'eight old-timers from Christ's) and submits the 'rather exciting news that I became a grandmother on Monday 18 May! My son Charlie's girlfriend, Anni, gave birth to Ezra at St George's, Tooting. Sadly Covid-19 is preventing any of us going to meet him, but we are keeping closely in touch, and fervently looking forward to the day we can hold him. In traditional Granny-style, I have knitted a blue blanket to welcome him: it was the perfect lockdown project!'

The Virtual Buttery has also prompted **Matt Glossop** to contribute. 'After 12 years of professional sailing, I have been running Sensory International for 16 years, fitting entertainment, security, and smart home systems to prime residences and superyachts. I live in the Peak District with my wife Emma and twin daughters, who are spending gap years split between their bedrooms and post office sorting office jobs after curtailed trips to Australia and South America. When not working I spend my time surfing, doing yoga, walking, and sailing when I can.' **Jane Graham-Maw** has been running the non-fiction literary agency Graham Maw Christie for 15 years now, with recent notable successes being Raynor Winn's *The Salt Path*, and Vex King's *Good Vibes, Good Life*. She lives in London with her husband and three daughters, two of whom are still students, and the third an NHS nurse. She is also a Trustee of her local Abbeyfield sheltered home, which has been something of a challenge to run in recent months. During lockdown she took up running, knitting, vegetable cultivation, and Matt Glossop's meditation programme.

From **John Hall**: 'Those looking for some diversion in these straitened times might look to Google 'Ozzy the Cat'; our case, settled at the court door, and nearly a new precedent in the law of conversion as applied to cats as chattels. We were stunned when court reporters unearthed the story and unleashed it on world media. As all litigation, it was stressful, and the maxim that one only goes to law if there is no other way was borne out by our experience.' **Marina Hardwick** writes: 'This is the twentieth year since I qualified and started working as a Supervisory Analyst for a series of investment banks; not bad for something I fell into a few weeks after deciding to retire from the City into full-time motherhood in the late 1990s. As this will be the "What did you do in the lockdown?" edition, I can add that I have discovered cycling (slowly, no Lycra) around pretty villages, towns, and coastlines. I shared lockdown with my daughter and her boyfriend, both of whom are training as opera singers, so have enjoyed live music in a way most people have only been able to dream of. My other child is finishing a DPhil in Classics, and has kept me amused with a stream of Greek-derived jokes from seclusion in Oxford.'

Frank Knowles has been getting involved in start-up companies and helping

entrepreneurs, including acting as a mentor at The Judge Business School. He is also part of a Cambridge-based team trying to address the climate crisis, by setting up programmes to help entrepreneurs found businesses with a mission to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide and methane. He'd be interested in hearing from any alumni that might want to get involved in these projects. **Jeremy Levy** (@jeremyblevy) still spends lots of time cooking, cycling, supporting his wife's community regeneration, art, and gardening work (<https://abundancelondon.com/>), 'when not working as a consultant nephrologist and Professor of Medicine at Imperial College, and increasingly nationally developing research training for NHS clinicians from all professions. Oh yes, and currently rather a lot of time looking after patients with Covid-19, and the minor re-organisation of healthcare currently in hand (May 2020)!'



Jeremy Levy

Clare Melhuish is still directing the UCL Urban Laboratory, and involved in the development of the new UCL East campus in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including two new Master's programmes in Urbanism to be based there.

Steve Mills discovered that offspring of 1982 matrics have won places at Clare, Christ's, Emma, Newnham, Queens', John's, and Trinity, and asks if there are any more to add to the collection. He's too modest to mention that his son, **Alex**, is one of at least three of the next generation who have started at Cambridge this academic year alone. Steve has also been busy again this year: 'on the artwork side, I've been getting into portrait drawing, mainly with marker pens. Finding chess players and physicists make good subjects: <https://artisticactuary.blogspot.com/search/label/Artwork>. Here's something (left) I did while learning to draw in the autumn.' Maybe someone from our year will recognise themselves...



*Portrait by
Steve Mills*

Martin Nye has been living in north Wiltshire for the last twenty years, and has recently become chair of trustees of the Wiltshire Museum and the Soil Association.

Jacoby Patterson writes: 'As well as my normal freelance research consultancy work, and supporting bereaved people as a volunteer with Cruse Bereavement Care, I have been volunteering at the local hospice most days for the last eight weeks, and I am now going to be involved in the Covid-19 contact tracing work with Public Health England.' I (**Cathy Stone (née Wilcox)**) report: 'the Chramblers have got together a couple of times over the past year, with other halves and dogs, and enjoyed a hearty Sunday morning walk before sharing a well-deserved pub lunch. Our next outing would have been around the Devil's Punchbowl in Sussex, but we'll try again in the autumn, all being well.'

Neil Wright comments: 'I seem to be bereft of news this year. Professionally everything (including 20+ emails a day) is Covid-19, Covid-19, Covid-19. That will be old news by the time that the *Magazine* goes to print, I sincerely hope. 'All three girls are away from home now (or were until the younger two

returned because of the lockdown). Emily, the oldest, is now qualified and working in Birmingham on an infectious diseases ward – so very much frontline. She has spent weeks in various forms of PPE. I'm very much less frontline as the incidence in children is, fortunately, much lower. As a family we are not having much luck with holidays – last year the trip to Cuba was off as the company went bust a week before we were due to fly. This year Coronavirus has torpedoed the holiday. The allotment remains my pride and joy – most importantly it's on the list of things you're allowed out for! So far this year, manure and compost have dominated the agenda. We had 2 tons of horse manure dropped at the end of the lane a few weeks ago to be barrowed up to the various allotments. Maintaining social distancing and staying upwind whilst shovelling the stuff made for an entertaining morning's choreography! If any alumni have any spare manure – horse, chicken, etc – we'll have it. Happy to barter courgettes, kale, and cabbages in exchange! Otherwise little has changed.'

1983 Year Group Representative Julian Critchlow writes:

Christopher Barry writes: 'I've now returned to Kent after a career spent overseas, but I travel for several months of each year working as a global consultant in the energy industry, still with Shell International. The virus has of course put a block to several of these projects for the time being. Away from work, my time is spent caring for elderly relatives, seeing family, and, now **Melinda** (m. 1985) and I are in the UK, developing local friendships and being more in face-to-face contact with Christ's friends who'd got used to us always being away.' **Shaney Boga (née Polad)** has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for about 8 years, where she is working at the American Civil Liberties Union. She says they would love to see anyone from College who visits the Bay Area, so do get in touch!

Clare Burnett is President of the Royal Society of Sculptors, and visited China to complete a sculpture commission in Hengshui, Hebei Province. She also spent a month in Mexico City on an artist residency, and has now cleared out her shed to make a home studio and mini-foundry during lockdown.

Nick Candler works as Chair for family companies and charities – Cook (frozen food), CPJ Field (Funeral Director's since 1690) and Project Artworks (helping neurologically diverse people and their families through art). He plays tennis in his spare time – 'poorly but much cussing'. **Karen Chapman** writes: '2019 gave me the first taste of family freedom for over 20 years as my younger son flew the nest, via a gap year trip to South America, to take up a place to study engineering at Jesus. Husband Richard and I packed our bags and set off for a long-deserved, 20 year overdue 'honeymoon' – a month of travelling round Northern India and Nepal to visit places of interest in the life of the Buddha. Back in the UK, we spent a good portion of the year on 10-day Vipassana meditation retreats, as both students and volunteers, fitting these in around family and work commitments as best we could. A brief respite from family life, now back in full flow with the lockdown and both boys back home.'

Nicola Chumas (née Dummett) writes: 'After I left Christ's, I completed medical training, did paediatrics in busy units in London before "seeing the light" and moving into a much more fascinating branch of medicine – psychiatry. I also trained as a cognitive-behavioural psychotherapist and have loved teaching and training in both disciplines. I slogged it out as an NHS CAMHS consultant

psychiatrist from 2001 to this year and loved my team and am about to offer psychotherapy for free to do my bit for the Covid crisis. Along the way, I've picked up a husband and lived in UK, Paris and Toronto, had three kids and taken on board a cat, dog, warmblood mare and thoroughbred gelding'

Helen Clayton is in her 12th year of living in Belgium, where she works on environmental policy (water pollution and related issues) for the European Commission. In her spare time she plays badminton with a local club, and a couple of weeks of her annual leave is usually spent as a volunteer walks leader for HF Holidays. As of January 2020, **Julia Cooper** has been living in Dublin for 3 years, having moved there after 3 years in Shanghai. The job is the same as before (head of Medical Writing, for a clinical research organization), just a different location and more favourable time zone for working with a global team. Last year, they travelled to Galápagos, to dive with hammerheads and whale sharks, to the Red Sea for a wreck diving trip, as well as various diving and hiking trips around Ireland. I (**Julian Critchlow**) report: 'After 31 years in my first job, I left Bain & Company and the world of business for the civil service and the role of Director General, Energy Transformation & Clean Growth at the Department of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy... a very long title which essentially means I am responsible for action on climate change, both domestically and internationally via the UNFCCC. It was perhaps an "interesting" time to join the civil service: three Brexit No Deal mobilisations; two reshuffles; a general election; and a pandemic... a turbulent two years. But we have also legislated for Net Zero by 2050, doubled our International Climate Finance to £11.6 billion and been selected to host the Conference of Parties, five years on from the Paris Agreement...so quite a lot of progress too! In my spare time, I train and swim long distance in cold open water, completing my 4th crossing of the English Channel last year. I had hoped to complete the Triple Crown this year by swimming Catalina and around New York – but Covid-19 put pay to that. More details at www.coldwaterswimming.wordpress.com'.

Andrew Davies writes: 'After years of working in the international charity sector, mainly in emergency responses, over the last year I worked at a Medical Research Unit on the Thai/Myanmar border, run by the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health of Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Medicine. As you might imagine, now all their resources have been turned to research on the Coronavirus! So I am now back at home in Winchester.' **Jamie Davies** is working as a professor in Edinburgh University Medical School, where his group is hosting the main Covid-19 pharmacology database for IUPHAR (the pharmacology umbrella body constituted under WHO): <https://www.guidetopharmacology.org/coronavirus.jsp>.' **Ian de Snoo** is married: one daughter, one wife, one friendly dog and one cat with "anger management issues". He has been in management consulting since the early 1990s, joining Project One, a boutique consultancy, in 2018. In his spare time he tried to get out on the golf course, and reports that as a family they have started sailing on their recent holidays.

Rebecca Duckworth (née Bright) writes: 'A freelance musician, I used to raz around training choristers, delivering singing projects, coaching and performing. Now... Zooming! There's a PhD in the offing together with additional training. **Samantha Fabbro (née Cummins)** teaches languages at Luton Sixth Form College and is a Principal Examiner in Spanish for Pearson Edexcel. In the last 12 months she has celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary and was selected, along with her

daughter, as part of the UK contingent to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. The Jamboree happens every 4 years in different countries round the world and in 2019, 45,000 people camped together for 12 days. She comments: To be honest, for us leaders there was more washing up than abseiling, but even so, we visited New York, Washington and Niagara Falls during our 3 week trip and had an absolute ball! **David Gent** writes that he 'continues to be true to his engineering roots leading engineering best practice across AB Sugar's 25 sugar mills in Europe, Africa and China. In the past year he has been particularly involved in developing the performance of the Nchalo Mill in Malawi. He is now a grandfather to Nathan and continues to be involved in his local church. He and his other Christ's/Cambridge friends continue to meet up to see the new year in – for the 35th time this year.

Judith Hawley is Professor of Eighteenth-Century Literature at Royal Holloway, University of London. Her recent publications include a co-edited edition of the journal *Performance Research* in which she has an article, 'Dilettante Theatricals: The elite amateur in the Georgian period', and a jointly authored 'The Amateur: An Introduction and Manifesto', co-written with David Gilbert, Helen Nicholson and Libby Worth in *On Amateurs*, an issue of *Performance Research* 25:1 (2020). She also published a chapter, 'Corporate Acts of Satire', in *The Oxford Handbook of Eighteenth-Century Satire*, ed. Paddy Bullard (Oxford University Press, 2019) and is writing a book on satire. As a Trustee of Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust, she is working to preserve and interpret for the public this significant literary and historical site – the sole remaining element of the villa constructed on the banks of the Thames at Twickenham by the eighteenth-century poet and satirist, Alexander Pope. In 2019 she was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, London, partly in recognition of her work with the Trust.

Peter Hanney writes: 'I have spent recent years working on a freelance basis, mostly consulting or managing projects in the City of London. My latest project with Pacific Life Reinsurance started with on-line interviews and a laptop arriving by courier. Has worked remarkably well – and I can't say that I have missed the commuting! My wife Kay and I have just celebrated our silver wedding. I recently completed an on-line course with Harvard Business School called Sustainable Business Strategy. I am very interested in how we create the businesses of the future, that achieve genuine sustainability and positive social impact with commercial success.' **Graham Howard** is living in Birmingham with his wife Stacey and children James, Isabel and Thomas, and works for Grant Thornton as a corporate tax adviser. **Nicholas Jeffreys** has been living in Paris since late 2018, working at UNESCO as Assistant Director General for Management and Administration. He writes: 'given several difficult years in its recent past, including its then biggest contributor, the US, deciding to stop its payments, plus some other challenges, this is proving an interesting assignment – a mix of politics, United Nations bureaucracy, and a smattering of culture (a Geography degree is useful for working in a multilateral organization).' **Jenny** (m. 1984) has been enjoying Paris culture, particularly to develop her latent artistic skills, while our children Sam and Laura come and go, in between their various university, and vocational experiences.'

Angeline Kanagasooriam writes: 'I am currently recovering from bereavement. I was married for 34 years to Dr Lakshman Kanagasooriam (Imperial), who died suddenly on 19 December 2018. He was Senior GP Partner at Whitstable Medical

Practice, Estuary View and 800 people attended his Canterbury Cathedral Service. I am still living in Kent. We have three children: Jonny, James, and Evie, all of whom were at Cambridge. I ran and am still running my own Company. Before that I was a full-time University academic and I am still teaching (postgraduate level) and doing some EBM research on behalf of others. I founded and am still directing the Medics and Scientists Music Ensemble (MSME) (see www.angelinekanagasooriam.co.uk for more information). For several years I was a full-time mother and supported Lakshman (David) in his profession and I guess my real work was to be part of Team Kanagasooriam.'

Michael Kenny writes: 'A couple of years ago I came back to work in Cambridge, having been appointed Professor of Public Policy at the University. As well as doing the various things that Cambridge academics do, I have set up a new centre – the Bennett Institute for Public Policy – and work with academics across the University on the implications of their research for some of the major challenges of our times – climate change, regional inequality, the future of the state and – of course – Coronavirus, among others. We live in a village just outside the town – we'd actually moved here some years ago – and my three kids are all in schools here, coping with life under lockdown with varying degrees of equanimity. If you'd told me all those years ago that I'd end up living and working here, cycling up and down all the same streets, and occasionally running into some of the folk who taught me way back then, I'd have been more than a little sceptical. Funny how life turns out. **Andrew Loader** writes: 'I am still working at Royal Mail (reliving those student days by going out delivering mail six days a week during the worst of the pandemic), I was probably the one person in the world who paused to remember the 600th anniversary of the murder of John the Fearless, Duke of Burgundy last year and, as it is important to dream of life beyond lockdown, I am looking forward to finishing off my first coastal path (Northumberland – just one section to go), September's 30th wedding anniversary and my upcoming lecture on taxation in early renaissance Florence for which I am dusting off the old history notes (tickets available at all prices!).'

Chris and **Jo Munday** write that they met at Christ's and have been married over thirty years now. Jo is still teaching sixth form Maths at the local grammar school and Chris is CEO of a mental health charity in Kent (having ceased being a lawyer five years ago). **Laura Parker** writes: 'having run my own Consumer Market Research/ Insight agency for a few years, working with various food/drink manufacturers and retailers, I took the plunge back into permanent employment and away from food and drink into the world of toilet paper and tissues, working for Kimberly Clark as EMEA Head of Consumer Insight. Our products, normally not the subject of dinner party conversations, have been much more topical recently, and my stocks of test product have come in very useful since we have been housebound. I continue to be happily married to **Andrew** (m. 1979), with two grown up children. Having always done a fair amount of voluntary work in the community I have recently stopped being a prison volunteer and Chair of a small charity for eating disorders, but continue to have a church leadership role. I am looking for my next challenge, hopefully a bit closer to home in Dorking, Surrey than some of my others.'

Mark Sanford-Wood writes: 'the last year has been another fun-packed agenda of major life events that have left no time to draw breath. Professionally, I have

taken on the challenge of joining a GP partnership in Plymouth where I now work two days a week. It is a constant struggle to fit those clinical commitments in with the task of leading GPs nationally and a source of some irony that the Health Secretary with whom we ultimately do our business is also a Christ's man. If anyone had predicted that we would redesign general practice from the ground up in 6 weeks, and on the phone, then they would have had us reaching for the clozapine. In other news, Shelagh and I moved house, had 6 of our 7 daughters for Christmas and have renovated a holiday home in beautiful North Devon.' **Andrew Stewart** says that he and his wife Valerie are now empty-nesters, after their son, Callum moved to London in January. He works for Arm, which usually brings him back to Cambridge quite frequently. **Guy Tear** runs a research group and is Head of the Genetics Department at King's College, London, where he is responsible for all their genetics degree programmes. He has been elected to serve on the Council for King's College, London (the board of governors) and became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology. **Martyn Unsworth** continues to work as a professor at the University of Alberta in Canada where he teaches and carries out research in geology and geophysics. Having spent 2019 carrying out field projects in the Peruvian Andes and British Columbia, he spent Winter term 2020 rapidly learning about online teaching as the university campus was closed as the pandemic took hold. He notes that this summer will likely be spent working in his basement at home since fieldwork is not possible, and is hoping that he will finish a textbook on geophysics for Cambridge University Press.

Jim Warwick has "retired" from full time work at Abcam, and is now involved with investing in, and encouraging, start-up companies in and around Cambridge (mainly through the "Cambridge Angels" group). He is also Chair of a local Multi-academy trust which runs some secondary schools. **Jonathan Wide** remains an NHS Consultant Radiologist in the North West, where he has been the last 21 years, living in Lymm and working in St Helens, bastion of rugby league and glass making. They took their first holiday without children – "a pleasant time walking in the hills around Chamonix". **Richard Young** writes: 'Still enjoying living in Oregon after 25 years – working out ways to use electron and ion microscopes to help semiconductor companies make their chips smaller and smaller. With children (2 boys) now in high school and college I've taken up running. Last year completed first 100k (62.1mile) trail running race – in fact did two.

1986 Year Group Representatives **Simon Edwards** writes:

Nishan Canagarajah has been appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester. Also at Leicester, **Julian Tang** is now Honorary Associate Professor in the Department of Respiratory Sciences, as well as Consultant Virologist at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. Julian's latest research includes working on surgical masks that can detect SARS-CoV-2 in suspected Covid-19 patients before, and as, their symptoms develop. Additionally, a member of his team has published a study on minimising the airborne transmission of Covid-19 in enclosed spaces.

Helen Lachmann has been promoted to Professor of Medicine at UCL. She is clinical lead of the National Amyloidosis centre, but since March she has gone back to general medicine at the Royal Free to assist. **Angus Nightingale** is also heavily involved in the Covid-19 response as a cardiologist in the NHS. Last year,

he was able to develop some research and teaching links with Mbarara University Hospital in Uganda. The picture is from last November, when he was teaching cardiology, and training a group of doctors in echocardiography in Mbarara, and Kisiizi in south west Uganda.



*Angus Nightingale
with colleagues in
Uganda*

Sarah Priggen is now pioneering the use of a laser to perform acupuncture on animals.

Chris Tuckfield is interested in sustainable and green living, in addition to his part-time medical work in Sydney. He has developed a keen interest in birding and snorkelling in remote Indonesia. He's hoping the current crisis will stimulate positive changes.

Matthew Wells is now working at BT as a software engineer, and, with **Steve Palmer**, has pursued an interest in triathlon and endurance events – last year they competed in the Outlaw – Holkham Half 2019 Triathlon.



*Matthew Wells
and Steve Palmer*

Penny Pullan had the unexpected pleasure of bumping into **Conal Gallagher** when she gave a talk on 'Virtual Leadership' in Belfast in the autumn of 2019. She was delighted to see a familiar face in the audience. With so many teams working remotely, Penny is experiencing increased interest in virtual leadership, and is working on her next book, *Making Workshops Work: Creative Collaboration for Our Time*, which will include some lockdown learnings about virtual and hybrid sessions, as well as in-person workshops. **Charlotte Collins** is coming to the end of her three-year term as co-chair of the UK Translators Association. Her co-translation, with Ruth Martin, of Nino Haratischvili's novel *The Eighth Life: for Brilka* was long-listed for the 2020 International Booker Prize.

1987 Year Group Representative Fiona Stephenson writes:

Cliff Wyatt is running his family business with his brother, making scientific instruments to develop vaccines and therapeutics to fight Covid-19 and other diseases. He's married with two kids and two dogs, and lives in Santa Barbara, California. **Zoe Flint** has started working with Joy Provision, offering group workshops and individual therapy for people overcoming addiction, or people working on their relationships, whether at home or work. **Saul Hudson** (based in Florida) hosted **Dave Rowlands** (m. 1989) on a visit, as well as hosting the coach and captain of the football Blues for a couple of nights on their Florida tour. **Russell Jones** is based in Denmark, and is connected with several people from our year group via Zoom (**Jo** and **Ben Hill**, **Emma Littlewood**, **Richard Harrison**, **Russell Barnes**, and **Martin Stoddart**). He has become a semi professional football referee in England, officiating matches at the top of the non-league pyramid. **Chris Whitely** lives in Hong Kong and is a partner at Ashurst (international law firm), with two children at university. Last summer, I (**Fiona Stephenson, née Donaldson**) enjoyed a great weekend away in Wales, and a London night out with several people from our year group (**Kate Watkins**, **Clare Tyley (née Boundy)**, **Rowena Armstrong**, **Anke Barrett (née Ludtke)**, **Jane Martinson**, and **Andrea Ward**), reminiscing 30 years after graduation!

1989 Year Group Representative Angie Mettrick writes:

Andrew Allen

Public service has been a strong strand in the news of the 1989 alumni this year. **Andrew Allen** was (alongside the Master of Christ's) appointed as Queen's Counsel in March this year, in a ceremony a few days before lockdown, which he describes as 'a bit like a wedding in a war zone.' The photo shows 'my son utterly unimpressed with me all dressed up and looking very foolish.' **Nick Cartmell** meanwhile experienced a year of change: 'In August 2019 I resigned from a 10 year GP Partnership in Devon,

Nick Cartmell
and family

which had been very successful, but I had grown to realise that I was less and less suited to the role as demand and financial pressures on the NHS piled upon each other. The ensuing career break allowed me to spend a lot more time with my family, while Pip (my wife) built up her career again after being the stay at home parent since Charlie (now aged 6) was born. I also took the time to volunteer for the National Trust, managing

local woodland and meeting some really salt-of-the-earth people in the process. We also moved house, again, to a little cottage much nearer to school, which fitted our family size and reduced income much better, and we love it and the village life it is part of. Last year I had also progressed my sailing exposure with an amazing family sailing holiday in Falmouth, where I passed the DaySkipper RYA course, and in January this year Pip and I were treated to a tall ship sailing experience in the Canaries, which was amazing. Then we were all hit by the most effective virus in living memory, and things changed again! Being still able to practise as a GP I felt the need to return and help the effort, so began working for the Devon out-of-hours GP service in early April. I've also taken on the home schooling role while Pip continues to work, also for the NHS, and decided to try and keep my brain working during lockdown through a combination of an online RYA Yachtmaster navigation course, and reading a handpicked pile of classic books. The first one is Homer's *Iliad*, and then perhaps something lighter!

David Clinch and family continue to live in Singapore. 'I'm still on road and off road cycling, travelling, and trying to improve my tennis. We have been living in different parts of Asia (Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo, and Singapore) for over 22 years since early 1995 (with enjoyable stints in London between 1996–1998 and 2011–2012). I visited Cambridge in summer 2019 with my wife, and we stayed in College for a night, which was a really nice experience; thanks to the great team of staff there.'

Sarah and
James Tett

Barry Williams has enjoyed dividing time between London and the New Forest, and **Sarah Tett (née Dalzell)** has enjoyed closer links with the College since her son **James**

matriculated in Michaelmas 2019, and serves as a junior organ scholar in Chapel. She has taken up the College provision of parents' formal hall across three dates in Lent term, and was also interested to discover a further family link: 'We discovered that the Master's Assistant, Clare Kitcat, is actually my third cousin. Her great grandfather Percy was my great grandfather Arthur's younger brother! James' room O3 was above her office. She was very chuffed to discover her third cousin once removed living above her!'

1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson writes:

Mark Davies: 'My main focus these days is with British Rowing; the postponement of the Olympics due to Covid-19 has raised all sorts of issues for us. I'm also chairing the Christ's Development Board. The College is doing some brilliant things and it's fantastic to be able to see it close up. The current focus

is on developing Library Court to make the area relevant for modern working. It's really important to provide places where students can get out of their rooms and work collaboratively. Otherwise, just pootling around at home, and thankful to have a garden to enjoy this sunshine while we can't go anywhere.'

Clare Teachman (née Moore) has been living just outside Detroit for 20 years. She writes: 'I'm lucky enough to be a stay at home mum and have two teenage boys, 16 and 14. One plays soccer, and the other plays ice hockey, so I'm usually busy ferrying them around to games and practices – or I was before Covid-19. A highlight of 2019 was a visit home, which included taking the boys to Christ's for the first time. They were especially excited to see where **Sacha Baron Cohen** lived, as they are big fans of Talladega Nights and Borat! So nostalgic to be back in Cambridge.' They will be pleased to know that **Arabella Duffield** reports that she has been in touch with **Sacha Baron Cohen** ("you have to go through his assistant!"). **Joseph Tong** recorded an album of Schumann piano music for the Quartz label, which had a good write-up in the *Sunday Times* – 'Tong's sensitive playing of the *Op 18 Arabesque* and the dozen short pieces of *Papillons, Op 2* works beautifully'. He had some concerts in Finland last summer, including taking part in a special performance of the complete piano works of Sibelius (there are over 150 pieces) at the Korpo Sibelius Festival in western Finland. **Divi Perera** reports that he 'had to become a junior doctor on Intensive Care again (after more than 20 years) to look after very sick Covid-19 patients.' **Ben Sinnott** (who lives in New Orleans) comments: 'last few months have been surreal. Last October I bought a big furniture store to turn into a hotel. One week later, the 18 story building across the street collapsed – you may have seen the footage on CNN. Then, a month later, the city was cyber-attacked, and all municipal services were knocked back into the stone age of paper and pen for three months. Then half the building department was arrested (following the collapse). And now we've had two months of virus. What next? Locusts?'



*Clare Teachman
and sons*



Paul Fernandez

Laura Marschall
and sons

Paul Fernandez took part in a lawn bowling match organised by the Oxford & Cambridge Society of San Diego. **Laura Marschall (née Hicks)** has been stranded with her sons at their house in the Lake District, and, as they cannot yet return to Hong Kong (where her husband is), they have been enjoying the beautiful weather and spectacular scenery. With no car, and the shelves at the local Spar bare, 'I've discovered lots of online artisan food suppliers and have been cooking up a storm for the boys and various neighbours. Biggest revelation has been a goat box, now the boys' favourite meat.' **Dave Hughes:** 'Both our girls are maturing at a rate of knots (now thirteen and eight years old), and have introduced me to a whole new world, including make-up, irritating YouTube personalities, and Tik-Toking.

My work as a paramedic in south-east London has always kept me pretty busy, but then came Covid-19. The first month was torrid and unforgiving – not just for us, but also for our loved ones. I'm not sure how much longer we would have been able to carry on the way things were, but thankfully (as I write) the last three weeks have been remarkably quiet.'

Sarah Walker: 'I've been sucked majorly into Covid-19 response work, and am jointly leading the new national infection and immunity survey with ONS (if anyone gets a letter from ONS asking them to join, PLEASE think about it). I've been on Radio 4 and Channel 4. It is taking all my waking hours, as well as a fair few that I should be asleep in, but I believe it's one of the most important studies to be doing now to manage the pandemic moving forwards, so am giving it everything I've got.' **Sarah Ellson:** 'In pre-lockdown times we celebrated our 20th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Paris on the days it broke all temperature records. It was of course nothing like the boat club trip to Paris (sitting in a van, not even a minibus! And towing two eights), but the first time we'd been back together since 1993! We also continued to climb Munros in summer and winter, and now have 128 done and 154 to go – with 50th birthdays looming, I already feel the pressure is on to do 10+ every year. Still being a busy lawyer, and now tasked with trying to lead the firm into a new post-Covid-19 era.'

Geraint Lewis is still a Professor of Astrophysics at Sydney University. His second book *The Cosmic Revolutionary's Handbook: (Or: How to beat the Big Bang)* was published, but Covid-19 has slammed the UK book tour for the time being. He was recently elected to the Learned Society of Wales. **Richard Tateson** reports that teaching in an international boarding school has been extra interesting this year. Fortunately they had no cases arising in the school, but they closed, along with mainstream schools, on 20 March, and since then he has been delivering all his lessons from home via Zoom to students in widely spread time zones, from Japan to Mexico. Me (**James Ellson**): 'My debut novel, a crime thriller called *The*

Trail, was published by Unbound. I launched at Waterstones in Manchester, and afterwards there was a queue of nine people waiting for me to sign their copy. I featured in the Manchester Evening News, and was interviewed by Richard Coles on Saturday Live. All a bit surreal. Covid-19 has put my book tour on hold. The smallholding keeps my boots on the ground, recently wiping the bums of our four chicks to prevent pasty-butt, and digging out the compost heaps. Before lockdown, five people (equalling last year) attended this year's whip 'n' tongue grafting course for fruit trees. Roll on unlock!

1992 Year Group Representative Krishna Shanmuganathan writes:

Good news stories abound, I'm glad to say. Our congratulations to **Rosina Buckland** on her new role. She writes: 'On 1 April 2020 I started as Curator, Japanese Collections, at the British Museum, with responsibility for the collection of 40,000 items, overseeing research, acquisitions, and exhibitions. I am currently writing a book which will be a survey of Japanese art of the Meiji era (1868–1912).'

And it was also wonderful to hear about the return of **Shalini Grover** to the UK. She writes: 'I returned to the UK with my husband and two children in 2019. I was away from the UK for twelve years. Living in India, I was a full-time academic in the field of Anthropology at the University of Delhi. I am delighted to announce my position at the International Inequalities Institute (III), London School of Economics (LSE). I will be working on a new research theme on 'Globalized Care and Social Reproduction' – fitting for the times we currently find ourselves in i.e. the global pandemic. I am keen to bring my international experience to British Academia and the London School of Economics. In addition, I am keen to shed light on the inequalities of Care Work, that remains highly undervalued and gendered.'

Angela Jones swapped the UK for Australia some years ago now, and is enjoying life to the full. She writes: 'I'm living with my family in Australia, enjoying all the south coast of New South Wales has to offer. I live with my Australian partner and our two boys, who are 5 and 9. Aside from family life, I work as an environmental scientist: I travel around the local region testing soils and designing sewage management systems for houses not connected to the sewer. It's very glamorous – making mud pies in the sunshine! As for recent times, the region where we live was very badly affected by the Black Summer bushfires. We had some real moments of fear and anxiety, clearing gutters and packing our bags. Luckily though, our town was not directly affected in the end. Then we had floods, after which the might of nature showed its true resilience, and the local landscape is now a verdant green – quite incredible. And of course next came Covid-19, which luckily Australia has controlled well...sofar. We were also fortunate to enjoy a trip to Europe last year which included catching up with some Christ's friends, but who knows when our next trip might be. In the meantime we will have to watch on from afar as our world evolves post-Covid-19.'



*Angela Jones
and sons*

As for me (**Krish Shanmuganathan**), this year's rather extended Covid-19 lockdown spring clean did indeed unearth the large wooden rudder (2019 entry refers) for the 1993 Lent blades crew. Now, where to put a rudder? Answers on a fully sanitised postcard please.

Stay safe everyone.

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes:

Rob Chaplin has had another child, Florence, born last August. She was born quite early, and is now doing well; her brother Reggie is a very busy toddler. Rob is still at the law firm Slaughter and May, and will celebrate the completion of his 23rd year there in September, and is coming up for nearly 15 years as partner. His major intellectual project at the firm has been the creation of a legal research project regarding aspects of the prudential capital requirements and supervision of insurers; they have this year migrated their principal publication into app form, which has proven to be remarkably timely in the current circumstances. News from **Stuart Edwards**: 'Zoe (our eldest) finished her treatment for leukaemia a few weeks ago, after 2 and a bit years of chemo, and so far everything is looking good. I still catch up with **James Groves** from time to time – less so at the moment, as internal borders are closed, but we went to Kalgoorlie (gold mining town in Western Australia) via light aircraft (flown by James and a friend) last August to attend a gold-mining conference.'

Pete Speicher is still living in New York with his wife, Ariel, and daughter, Clio, who is 7. In these challenging times, he is very grateful for good health and well-being. **Matt Parish** is re-joining the University of Cambridge as a Visiting Scholar, in Geopolitics of Pandemic Disease, with effect from 20 September 2020. He is engaged to be married to Elena. Matt has formed a new law firm, called the Paladins (www.the-paladins.com), and a development consultancy



Kate Davenport

called the Foundation for Development (www.development-foundation.org), and his children, Mia and Leya, 9 and 6, are doing just fine. **Kate Davenport** still works for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and is nearing the middle of a four-year posting to the British Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine, where she is head of the Chancery/Political Section. When not fulfilling the formalities of the role, Kate has been getting into the Ukrainian culture, playing Ukrainian dances with a local group. International travel is going to be difficult for the foreseeable future, but in the unlikely event that you're passing through Kyiv, do get in touch – visitors always welcome!

Sapna Tombolis (née Garg) has left Clyde & Co and joined gunnercooke LLP as legal counsel, with a focus on helping businesses spot risks and avoid potentially costly litigation; she has also founded her own legal knowledge sharing consultancy, SimplyPSL Ltd, which aims to keep businesses and law firms up to date with (and help them to promote to their clients) cutting edge legal developments. As a new business, any and all support very gratefully received! On the family front: Lakshmi, her daughter, is now 14, and Krishnan, her son, is 12, with husband Glafkos still a corporate lawyer, and they all live in the Brook Green area of West London.

Sam Musoke (née Lancaster) is in her 19th year in Uganda. Her work developing an international accounting standard for non-profits was already fully online and home based, so not so much change to her day to day this year, apart from having the kids home!

1997 Year Group News:

Anastasia Dakouri-Hild is an associate professor in Aegean Art and Archaeology at the University of Virginia, while **Matthias** (former Fellow) retired from his post in the Business School to run his data analytics company. Anastasia won the 2020 Award for Outstanding Work in Digital Archaeology from the Archaeological Institute of America.

1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:

Michael Bourke completed his studies at the Royal College of Defence Studies, and then took an MA in International Security and Strategy from King's College London. He has now moved to the Cabinet Office to work on international issues.

Paul Fannon is still hanging around Christ's, trying to inspire the next generation. He recently won the CUSU Student-Led Teaching Award for best undergraduate supervisor, and is involved in setting up a bridging course to try to help students from all backgrounds succeed at Cambridge. **Liz Fenner** is currently living in Sydney.

Laura Fry is currently living and teaching in Kent with her husband and their two boys, and a rescue dog. **Nick Jones** and his wife Rachel were delighted by the birth of Zachary William Jones. **Simon Little** has moved to San Francisco, and is now working at the University of California, doing neurology and researching brain waves for movement problems. He's enjoying the California life. **Rox Lowley** is still living and working as a vet in Cambridge, and got married last

July to Louise (who works for the BBC). The wedding was at Great St Mary's, followed by reception in the Fellows' Garden, and dinner in Hall. **Rebecca MacPhail** is married to David (Clare College), and blessed with two daughters, Hannah and Zara, who are keeping her rather busy balancing work at Deloitte with homeschooling! **Chris Mason** wrote this contribution while his one year old Stanley emptied a kitchen cupboard. Again. 'Ivy, who is four, starts school in September, and is watching telly in the front room. Fireman Sam deserves a knighthood after this pandemic. And 40, eh?! Bloody hellfire, how did that happen?' **Stewart Morris'** daughter Erin was



*Rebecca
MacPhail's
daughters*

born in February, a sister for Scott (7) and Oscar (4). **Brooke Morriswood** has had another year spent juggling the demands of parenting and academia. Highlights of the last 12 months include a summer holiday in the Bayerische Wald with breweries galore, and a first Christmas in the UK for the whole family (himself, wife Martina, and sons Edgar and Oscar). A notable achievement was passing both his driving theory test (no joke – in Germany the failure rate is 30%) and practical test on the first attempt, and all before his 40th birthday. No accidents since then either, to the surprise of many. Birthday celebrations for him in April and the boys (in April and May respectively) were disrupted by the lockdown, but life is now slowly beginning to return to something approaching normality. **Simon Newbold** has lived in Richmond for over thirteen years with his wife Gabriela, who some might remember from our Christ's days (Newnham, 1998), and more recently their

three children. After Christ's, Simon had a brief stint at Arthur Andersen just as the Enron scandal hit, before training as a chartered accountant with EY. Simon currently works at Bank of America, just near St Paul's Cathedral. **Wasim Rehman** completed a part-time Masters in Applied Maths at Imperial College London between 2017 and 2019, having been inspired by his wife's 2016 decision to study for a Masters in Psychology after a career break whilst raising their children. In 2020 he started a part-time PhD, which he is due to complete in the same year his oldest is due to graduate from university! **Matthew Rose** can't believe it is 2020, so long now since matriculation. He sends best wishes to all from Beijing. **Hui Ling Siow** is still based in Kuala Lumpur, and running her fashion label of ladies' evening bags which she designs, called 'The Chic Initiative'. Turning 40 turned out to be quite a milestone, and she's glad it happened before the global lockdown so celebrations could be had with loved ones in Malaysia and abroad. She can't believe it's been more than 20 years since our time at Christ's – she recently looked at her matriculation photo, barely recognising herself in the picture! **Robert Webb** teaches violin and viola, and directs string ensembles, at St Olave's School in York. He also teaches at Wetherby Music Centre, and privately at home. Recent freelance performances have included playing with the Orchestra of Opera North, Mowbray Orchestra, Nero Quartet, and Trio Rosalba. During 2019, he and his wife Helen gave performances of Debussy's Violin Sonata at Ripon Cathedral, and at the Elgar Birthplace in Worcestershire. In their spare time they enjoy cycling (Rob rode the 2019 "York 100"), gardening, and (when possible!) visiting France and Scotland. **Will Whalley** ended up in creative advertising after a false start in academia, and now works for Google. He lives in East London with his girlfriend and young son. **Rebecca Goldsworthy (née Wilson)** stayed on at Christ's for an extra year to do a PGCE after graduating, which also enabled her to continue in the Chapel Choir a while longer. She enjoyed a glorious few years balancing teaching classroom music at Haileybury, alongside a busy semi-pro performing schedule, both singing and playing double bass as well as touring and recording a few albums and film score tracks too. After one of her gigs, she met her husband (on a night bus!) in London, and has been enjoying a slightly less wild time since their children came along (albeit equally nocturnal...) as a Boarding Housemistress at two different schools. Perhaps the campus lifestyle suits her a little too much!? She has a son (8) and a daughter (4), who hugely enjoy having 50 teenage "siblings," and the music department at Epsom College is outstanding, so all is well! **Chris Yiu** is Executive Director at the Tony Blair Institute, a non-profit that equips leaders around the world to build more open, prosperous, and sustainable societies. He is living in beautiful Edinburgh.

2002 Year Group Representative Abteen Mostofi writes:

There was an exceptionally strong turnout from our year at the 2000–2005 matriculants' reunion dinner in College on 21 September 2019. With twenty-six alumni in attendance we formed the largest single year group contingent, with some even flying in from Germany for the occasion (honourable mentions to **Carl Crowder** and **Ed Green**). After a splendid meal in Hall, formal proceedings were closed with addresses by the Master and, on behalf of the alumni, **Harry Adamson** whose humorous reflections on matriculation seventeen (!) years ago were enjoyed by all. In somewhat predictable fashion, the action moved on to the newly revamped

Buttery followed by Cindies (where nobody lasted more than 30 minutes) and then Ta Bouche. A special mention to the hard core of survivors who made it to Gardies for a 3am banquet to round off the night. I extend a big thank-you to those who came and made it an evening to remember.

In other news, congratulations to **Jamie Brown** who was recently appointed Professor of Behavioural Science and Health at University College London. **Alastair Moss** is an academic cardiologist and was awarded his PhD from the University of Edinburgh for his thesis on the detection of vulnerable plaques in human coronary atherosclerosis. Having spent three years in Auld Reekie, he continues to pursue his research interests as a British Heart Foundation clinical lecturer at the University of Leicester. **Chris Turnbull** has been appointed a consultant anaesthetist at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford and lives in Oxfordshire with wife Laura (m. 2002, Emmanuel), also an anaesthetist, and daughters Emma and Ellie. **Abteen Mostofi** returned to London in February as clinical lecturer in neurosurgery at St George's, University of London after an itinerant few years passing through East Anglia, Devon, London and the North West.

Emma Butterworth celebrated the arrival of her first child Corin Henry Butterworth, born at home during the lockdown on 25 March 2020. Emma is living in Bristol with husband Henry and has recently gained an MA in composition for film and TV. She continues to build up her work in this area and is part of the BAFTA Crew 2019/20 scheme supporting early career creatives. **Sarah Ferguson (née Ballantyne)** and husband David welcomed their third child Benjamin Andrew Robert Ferguson on 3 April 2020. Sarah began her new job as Legal Director at DLA Piper in January. **Ben Ravenscroft's** wife Michelle gave birth to their first child William Ravenscroft in March. They continue to live in Chicago.



*Corin
Butterworth*



*Benjamin
Ferguson*



*William
Ravenscroft*

2004 Year Group Representative Anjolie Devi Rusius writes:

William Allan writes: 'After finishing Theological College in June, we moved up to Aberdeen for me to take on the position of Assistant Minister in a church there. When we arrived we discovered we were expecting twins, who were safely delivered in February 2020 – Jacob and Thomas (brothers to Joel, Simeon and Elizabeth). However, a week or so later, I was diagnosed with bowel cancer. I started chemo in March, and hope to have surgery in a few months time. Suffice to say, it has been



The Allan family



Evelyn Clark



William Baxter



*Joe Marwood and
Lydia (photo by
Damien Milan)*



*McMahon
wedding*



*Amy Oakes
and family*

an up-and-down few months! We are thankful for the love and prayers of our church family and to our saviour whose Easter resurrection we celebrated even in the midst of lockdown.'

Amy Barnes and husband Ed welcomed Evelyn Ruby ('Evie Roo') Clark in January. Evie has taken to reading high-brow literature, in preparation for her Cambridge admissions. **Annabel Baxter (née Lloyd)** and husband Mike welcomed William, born at the Royal Surrey, in March. William currently enjoys not giving his parents any sleep!

Joseph Marwood married the love of his life, Lydia Tong (St John's, 2003) on 21 December 2019 in Queenstown, New Zealand. Joe informs me that it was a 'bloody lovely day!' **Peter McMahon** married Rachel Ellis on 12 October 2019 at All Souls, Langham Place, narrowly avoiding the Extinction Rebellion protest taking place around the Church. They were married by Christ's alumnus **Reverend Stephen Nichol** (m. 1993) and a number of other Christ's alumni were present, including Ming Da Wang, Alex Pavlaki, Andrew Condon, and Shreyas Mukund.

After a number of years working between the UK and the Netherlands, **Amy Oakes (née Pope)** and her husband Tim returned home to Wales in 2018, and welcomed their first daughter, Mirabel, in June 2019. A steeper learning curve than the Geographical Tripos, Mirabel's first year has passed in a slightly fuzzy, largely sleepless, but incredibly joyful flash. **Reverend Alexander Shannon** and his wife Helen celebrated the birth of their second child, Beatrice Elizabeth, in October. Alex has also been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Finchingfield and Cornish Hall End and Wethersfield with Shalford in the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Shannon family will be moving to take up the appointment as soon as the current situation allows.

Finally, I (**Anjolie**) and **James Rusius** would like to inform you that in March 2020, our baby girl Summer Devi was born extremely prematurely and died at Barnet Hospital in London. She was just 19 weeks and 5 days old (a neonatal death). Summer was with us, heart

beating, for just over an hour. In doing so, showing us that she had the sporting stamina of her daddy and the stubbornness of her mummy. She weighed 195g, squeaked at us three times, and was just perfect in so many ways. Summer is our third loss and it just felt right including her alongside these announcements.

2005 Year Group Representative Lottie Bagnall writes:

In January **Joe Walmswell** married Jennifer Wilson, of Cape Town, South Africa. They live in Cambridge. On 30 May, they had their first child, a boy, whom they named Jude Adam Walmswell. Thanks to Abcam, his generous employer, he had six weeks of paternity leave to look after them! **Max Schloté's** second daughter Lottie (Charlotte Rose) was born on 2 February 2020. **Tom Haslam's** son, Jasper, was born in July 2019 and is enjoying the lockdown life of both Tom and Linda on hand 24/7.



Tom and Jasper Haslam

I (**Lottie Bagnall née Greenhow**) graduated top of my cohort with an MMus with Distinction in Choral Studies (Vocal Pathway) from Jesus College, Cambridge in January. As foreshadowed last year, **Dom Benson** got married in August to Kathryn Rogerson. **Mark Higgins** moved on to Canada in February. **Tom Hamilton** and his fiancé Gerardo Santiago Toledo formed a civil partnership on 1 February 2020. **Lexy Livingston-Docwra** and Ewan Livingston-Docwra got married in Hawaii on Hogmanay of last year. Ewan is a fellow Geographer from Girton College. The couple met during Freshers' Week 2005, went out for a short period in their second year, and reconnected in their 30s. They have both moved to Edinburgh, Ewan's hometown, and are enjoying married life in Scotland. **Luke Norman** has found his green fingers, taking full advantage of the recent relaxation in horticultural restrictions in Canada. **Matthew Faulkner** and his wife Geri Huang-Faulkner (Newnham) have added a third to their collection of sons: Sebastian Henry, born on 26 October 2019, younger brother to Alexander and Freddie. **Ruth Ellul, Tom Hamilton,** and **Gabriel Roberts** are godparents to Sebastian.



Lottie Bagnall at her degree ceremony



Lexy and Ewan's wedding in Hawaii



Sebastian Faulkner

2006 Year Group Representative Anna Horvai writes:

I married Matt Ison on 7 September 2019 in beautiful Devon. We had a great adventure exploring Chile on our honeymoon in January, and are now having much less of an adventure in London lockdown.



Anna Horvai and Matt Ison

Imran Noorani reports that he is a neurosurgery academic clinical fellow at Addenbrooke's Hospital and University of Cambridge. He has been awarded the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies 2020 Prize for Best Laboratory Paper. This is from research, soon to be published, that he conducted during his PhD at Christ's, on a type of brain cancer called glioblastoma.

Miles Coverdale was appointed OBE in the New Year Honours 2020 for public service.

2007 Year Group News:

Grégory Saulmé writes: 'I was an Erasmus student in Cambridge, and now work in a law firm in Paris, as a *Juriste* (equivalent to a paralegal or a solicitor), specialising in corporate immigration. I now plan to pass the equivalence (*passerelle avocat*) to become an *Avocat*.'

2013 Year Group Representative James Fox writes:

When my year group matriculated at Christ's College in 2013, none of us could have predicted how much the world would change over the next six and a half years. Even after several years filled with remarkable world events, this year's pandemic has been exceptional. Amongst those needing to show resilience and adaptability to these circumstances are the medics in our year group. After finally completing their degrees last year, graduating from Cambridge, and beginning their junior doctor placements, they didn't expect their six years of medical training to be tested to such an extent so immediately in their careers. We thank them for their work now, but we will also remember to keep appreciating them, after this pandemic, for keeping us all healthy and saving lives.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a differential impact on different people because of situation or circumstance. **Franca Hoffman** moved to the US to take up a named instructor position at Caltech after finishing her PhD at Christ's in 2017. Franca found herself halfway along her journey to a conference in Kenya when countries started to close their borders. Consequentially, at time of writing, Franca had been stranded in Lyon for seven weeks, as she has been unable to return to the US! **Tricia Smith**, who stayed on at Christ's to pursue a PhD in Materials Science, had been selected for her 3rd Blue Boat crew before the UK lockdown cancelled the boat race. Nevertheless, Tricia was recognised for her tremendous commitment to Cambridge University rowing with the 2020 Award for "Outstanding Contribution to Cambridge University Sport"; I'm sure we'll see her on the water racing again soon. I wish everyone else acutely affected by the pandemic the strength to get through this exceptional time.

Several members of our matriculation year have stayed at Christ's for further study, others returned to be welcomed by the freshly-painted front gate, and some are returning later this year to add to their memories of Christ's. **Emily Marr** stayed at Christ's to pursue a PhD in wheat genetics, which she expects to complete soon. She was also Captain of Boats 2018–2019. **Alasdair McNab** will return to Cambridge in September to start a PGCE at the Education Faculty, to train to become a secondary school Physics teacher. Finally, I'm delighted to report that **Henry Farmery** returned to Christ's on Saturday 13 July 2019 to marry Alexandra. I'm sure everyone in my matriculation year has fond memories of College, and many credit their subsequent success to the teaching of the tutors, the helpful staff, and

the welcoming community found at Christ's. As an example, I have included the words of Forbes selected **Paul Monroe**, as part of their "30 under 30" because of his work as co-founder of SMAP Energy, which provides a SaaS platform for utilities that analyses consumption data using AI. Paul thanks Christ's, as he met his co-founders, and found his passion for his field, while studying there. The lockdown sadly resulted in the postponement of our year group's MA ceremony, a reunion which would have enabled all of us to celebrate what our time at Christ's gave us; we look forward to its rescheduling!



Summer in the Fellows' Garden

Photograph by Catherine Twilley

Photograph opposite by Matthew Tsim

IN MEMORIAM



IN MEMORIAM

Hans Kornberg (former Master)



Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, who has died at the age of 91, was an eminent metabolic biochemist and Master of Christ's for thirteen years from 1983 until 1995. As well as his sharp intellect Hans had a warm, charming and kind nature that made everyone who met him feel at ease.

Hans was sent to England at the age of 11 from the tyranny and anti-Semitism of Nazi Germany, to be cared for by his uncle. His parents, who he never saw again, were victims of the Holocaust and this tragedy cast an enduring shadow over his life. Hans was educated successively at Haslemere, Surrey, Milborn Park and the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield. He then took a job at Sheffield University as a Junior Technician to the great biochemist, Sir Hans Krebs, at a rate of 30 shillings a week, rising to 35 shillings. Krebs encouraged him to attend university classes, and entered him for the University Open Scholarship. Success in this examination allowed Hans to study first for a BSc in chemistry, and subsequently for the PhD degree. He went on to make many important contributions to metabolic biochemistry, and at the age of 32 was appointed Professor at the University of Leicester. In 1975, the Sir William Dunn Chair of Biochemistry fell vacant in Cambridge on the retirement of F. G. Young, and impressed by Hans's substantial achievements at Leicester, the Professor of Chemistry, Lord Todd, sought to persuade him to accept election. Initially Hans expressed reservations, but Lord Todd insisted. "Laddie", he said, "it's not a question of what you like, you've got to come", and no such imperative from the great man could be disobeyed. He was at that time elected a Professorial Fellow of Christ's, and in that capacity began to take an active and influential part in the life of the College. In the years between 1976–1981, Hans was Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, and in recognition of this work was knighted in 1978.

Before a Master-elect takes up office he must be presented to the Vice-Chancellor and make the following declaration: "I solemnly promise that I will diligently administer the affairs of the College to the best of my power and ability; that I will guard all its property and possessions of every description and all its rights, liberties and privileges". This oath has changed little since Lady Margaret Beaufort and Bishop John Fisher set out the founding Statutes of the College in 1506, and the 34th Master discharged his obligations with vision and determination. During his term of office the development of the Domus

site continued, with the acquisition and refurbishment of County Hall and the building of Staircase 4. These projects enabled many more students to be accommodated close to the axis of College life. The core activities of the College also prospered under Hans's leadership, purposes summarised in the declaration made by Fellows during the election of the Master: "I will choose as Master-elect that man or woman who is in my judgement best qualified to preside over the College as a place of education, religion, learning and research". In these regards, too, the College flourished under Hans's leadership. He laid the foundations upon which the College's continuing reputation for the highest of academic standards are built.

Perhaps the most remembered aspect of Hans Kornberg's Mastership was the hospitality he extended to all members of the College. He had a memory so good he could recall the names of everyone in the College, staff and students alike, and a fathomless sense of humour. Hans was assisted in this important work by his first wife, Monica, until her untimely death in 1989. The respect and affection in which Monica was held is evident from the Lady Monica Kornberg Memorial Fund. The substantial income generated by this Fund is still used annually for grants to graduate students with special or unusual needs. For the last few years of his term, Hans was joined in the Lodge by his second wife, Lady Donna Haber Kornberg. Donna, too, contributed greatly to the life of the College, not only as hostess but also by her fresh and distinctive outlook on the world.

At the end of his tenure as Master, Hans moved from Cambridge to Boston University as Professor of Biochemistry and also as Professor concerned with interdisciplinary studies, so that he could continue his teaching and research activities. Indeed for the last 25 years until shortly before his death, Hans would be found in the laboratory with his assistant or in the lecture room teaching. In 2003 Hans published a reflection in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* describing some of his many contributions to metabolic science such as the glyoxylate shunt and the concept of anaplerotic sequences. In typically self-deprecating style he entitled this paper 'Memoirs of a Biochemical Hod Carrier'. I am sure he has been delighted in recent years that research in metabolism has undergone a renaissance. It has come to be appreciated that the regulation of the metabolic pathways he helped to elucidate plays critical roles in many other fundamental biological processes including in immunology and cancer.

Hans and Donna divided their time between Brookline, Boston and their country house in Falmouth, Cape Cod where I and many other Christ's Fellows and alumni were fortunate to enjoy their hospitality. The household included a somewhat delinquent Labrador who was in the habit of jumping up and biting unwary visitors. Hans's efforts to reform the recidivistic canine consisted of gentle chastisement when something a little more authoritarian may have been more effective. I think this illustrates Hans's nature perfectly, he abhorred violence and always sought to resolve disputes with gentle persuasion and kindness.

Hans is survived by his widow Donna, his children Julia, Rachel, Jonathan and Simon, and grandchildren, one of whom, Daniel Fisher, is an alumnus of Christ's.

Nick Gay (Fellow)

Archibald MacRobert Campbell (Fellow)

My life-long colleague and fellow engineer Archie Campbell died after a short illness on 21 November 2019. Archie read Natural Sciences (Part II in Physics) at Corpus, did a PhD in the Metallurgy Department, and came to Christ's as a Fellow when he was awarded the Amourers' and Brasiers' Research Fellowship. He stayed here for the rest of his life.

As a doctoral student in the same department, I remember him inhabiting the "Superconductivity Lab", where he worked with Jan Evetts. This was pioneering and challenging work at the time (it still is), and they felt somewhat "out on a limb" in a department where research into the microstructures and mechanical properties of metals still dominated.

Archie would often remark to me that the Cambridge University Engineering Department (invariably referred to by its staff as CUED) was peopled largely by former Physicists, Mathematicians and Materials Scientists (giving reasons why). So when Mike Ashby was recruited from Harvard to head up the Materials Group in CUED, it came as no surprise when Archie was appointed a University Lecturer in CUED (I followed him there a few years later).

In due course Archie became one of the founder members of an Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC) in Superconductivity, in which members of the departments of Physics, Materials Science and Engineering co-ordinated their research. This was a sensible strategic move in response to the growing range and applications of the field. In recognition of his work, in due course Archie was awarded a personal chair. He characteristically chose the title of his professorship not as "Superconductivity" but as "Electromagnetism", reflecting breadth of vision rather than narrow specialism. Others far better qualified than me have written at length about Archie's research work, but suffice it to say that he was universally regarded as a world leader.

Alongside all this, Archie was a University Teaching Officer (UTO) in CUED, with the full panoply of duties including lecturing to large audiences, demonstrating practical experiments, supervising undergraduate research projects, and examining. UTOs in CUED were expected to be able to teach and examine outside their specific subject expertise (and lest it be thought that examining on these terms might be risky, quite the opposite was the case, in that it was often the non-specialists who spotted the mistakes during the question-checking process). This is where Archie really showed his immense breadth of knowledge, where he was equally at home in Materials Science, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, Electrical Engineering, and Mathematics (even to the point where he claimed that the standard explanations of Electromagnetism as used in teaching Electrical Engineering were wrong).

In College, Archie made major long-term contributions in a number of key roles: Supervisor, Director of Studies, Tutor, Vice-Master. He was a brilliant, entertaining, wide-ranging and thought-provoking supervisor; an empathetic, supportive and resourceful Tutor; and as Vice-Master it fell to him to deputise when Malcolm Bowie was unwell.

Archie was one of that holistic breed of Cambridge academics to whom teaching was as important as research, College was as important as Department. But his life was not "all about work". He was a devoted family man who took delight in his children, grandchildren, and dog; with his beloved Anne he made many visits to

their cottage in Brittany; he made beer and played the Highland pipes; and he re-wired and re-plumbed their home.

When asked to sum up what a Cambridge education best represented, Archie's standard comment was "it teaches you to spot ***** a mile away" [unrepeatable word meaning a spurious argument]. He had that unusual combination of razor-sharp intellect and gentle nature. We would often discuss science after lunch, usually in agreement. I felt flattered that both he and I agreed that Brian Pippard's book on thermodynamics was the best short text ever written. We would check one another's examination questions. After he retired, he started work on an engineering textbook which explained things that had not been adequately explained before, and I checked some of his chapters. In turn, he checked some new chapters for the latest edition of my textbook. When I returned from a lengthy visit to Sydney, he was not there. He leaves a great void.

David R Jones (Fellow)

Douglas Ferguson (Fellow)



13 April 1936 – 25 January 2020

Douglas Ferguson joined the Fellowship in 1975 shortly after being appointed to a Lectureship in the Department of Pharmacology. Previously, Doug had trained in medicine at the University of Bristol and had worked in general practice in South Wales before joining the Department of Pharmacology in Bristol.

Doug was interested in the actions of drugs and hormones on the urinary tract. He never had a large research group, but throughout his career he maintained a steady stream of publications on quite varied topics. In his early work, begun while he was in Bristol, he investigated the mechanisms of action of drugs, in particular the widely used diuretic furosemide, and of hormones such as antidiuretic hormone, which acts to reduce sodium and water excretion by the kidney. A favourite experimental tissue was the toad bladder epithelium, which is a good model for part of the mammalian kidney tubule. Doug also studied the mammalian (pig) kidney tubule itself, focusing on the mechanism underlying the reabsorption of glucose in the proximal part of the tubule. In a paper published in 1977 in the prestigious journal *Nature*, he showed that the glucose transport machinery could be removed from the tubule and then reassembled in functional form in an artificial membrane environment, thereby allowing biochemical dissection of the behaviour of the transporter. At around the same time, he published two influential back-to-back papers describing the development of a mechanism to reabsorb sodium in the colons of new-born pigs.

Later in his career, Doug studied the behaviour of the mammalian urinary bladder, and published several papers on the control of sodium transport across the bladder epithelium. Of particular interest, he found that the chemical mediator ATP was released from the bladder in response to distension, and provided evidence that abnormalities in the action of this mediator might play a role in bladder disorders such as cystitis.

Doug was the acknowledged expert on renal pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacology, and he lectured on this topic for many years. He was also one of the few (and sometimes the only) medically qualified member of the academic

staff. He was known for his fondness for directing questions at individual students during his lectures and seminars. This tactic was not universally popular, but was remarkably effective in keeping students on their toes.

At Christ's, Doug supervised medical and veterinary students in Pharmacology. He also played a major role in admissions interviews. Despite his genial manner, he could be a tough interviewer, and few students forgot the experience. One favourite ploy was to produce an enormous ostrich egg and ask the hapless candidate how many cells it had once contained (answer: one). In the mid-1990s he stood in as Director of Medical Studies while Vis Navaratnam (Fellow) was Acting Head of the Department of Anatomy, and was Director of Studies himself between 2000 and 2003. This period saw Christ's medical and veterinary students rise towards the top of the Baxter Table. Doug also served the College as a Graduate Tutor, from 1982 until 2000, as well as Fellow Librarian. Most recently, he chaired the JRF Scrutiny Committee along with Archie Campbell (Fellow). Fittingly, there was an excellent turnout when the College celebrated his 80th birthday with a special lunch in 2016.

Doug retired from the Department of Pharmacology in 2003 and at the same time stepped down as Director of Studies at Christ's, handing over an outstanding group of medical and veterinary students. He continued to come to lunch at College for a number of years until his final illness kept him away. He was a friendly and knowledgeable colleague. He was also a great railway enthusiast and would occasionally disappear with Dai Jones (Fellow) and his friend Mike Gavin for a trip on a heritage railway. These jaunts were usually in East Anglia: on the North Norfolk Steam Railway, or the Bure Valley Railway in the Norfolk Broads. Their biggest adventure was a three-day trip to North Wales, to ride on the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland railways. Dai has remarked that he will never forget their trip over the mountains and down to the Menai Strait and Caernarfon Castle.

As will be apparent, Doug made a major contribution to College life, and generations of medical and veterinary students owe him a great debt.

Mike Edwardson (Fellow)

John Lyons (m. 1950, Honorary Fellow)

John Lyons matriculated at Christ's in 1950 to read Classics, and obtained a Half-Blue for Athletics. Following national service in the navy, he returned to Christ's in 1956 as a PhD student in Linguistics, before moving to a lectureship at SOAS. This was a start of a distinguished career in the field of General Linguistics, which saw him return to Cambridge, and to Christ's, where he taught from 1961 to 1964.

John was appointed Professor of General Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh in 1964, subsequently holding the Chair of Linguistics at Sussex University from 1976 to 1984 (serving as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1981–1984). From 1984 to 2000 he was Master of Trinity Hall, where he and his wife, Danielle, played an active part in College life. On retirement they settled in France.

His achievements were recognised by a number of honorary degrees. In 1973 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy, and Christ's elected him an Honorary Fellow in 1985. He was knighted in 1987 for services to the study of linguistics, and he published widely on the field of semantics and pragmatics. In 2016, he was awarded the Neil and Sara Smith Medal for Linguistics by the British Academy 'for his outstanding lifetime contribution to the field of linguistics'.

Sir John Lyons died on 12 March 2020.

Terry James Cann (m. 1954, Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow)

Terry Cann matriculated at Christ's in 1954 and was elected a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow in 2012. Terry read Economics before becoming a trainee with a large firm of London stockbrokers. After two years training he joined Phillips & Drew, which included actuaries and accountants as well as stockbrokers. He became a member of the London Stock Exchange in the early 1960s, and subsequently became a managing partner in Phillips & Drew, where he remained for the rest of his working life. For health reasons, Terry resigned his partnership at

Phillips & Drew in the early 1980s, remaining as a consultant until finally leaving in 1985. By that time Phillips & Drew was one of the largest, if not the largest, broker on the London Stock Exchange.

Having retired early Terry engaged himself in the work of the Barbican Association, which represents the interests of residents of the Barbican estate, where he lived while in London. This led to him being elected to the City's governing body, the Common Council, for the ward of Cripplegate, keeping this position until 1992 when he decided to fully retire and leave the Barbican, moving to North Norfolk with his long-term partner, Angela Rice. Terry was committed to providing to others the educational opportunities he had in coming to Christ's, and established a Bursary Fund. It was typically thoughtful and generous of him to insist on providing the funds to make bursary awards immediately, while at the same time building up an endowed fund that would provide support in the future. The Governing Body elected him a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow in recognition of his support, and we were delighted that he and Angela were able to enjoy the opportunities for engagement with the College that this gave them. Terry died on 15 September 2019.

Catherine Twilley (Fellow)

Raymond Keith Hinkley (Former Bursar)

Reg Hinkley arrived at Christ's early in 2008 to take up the Bursarship, a post he held until 2011, following a distinguished career in the civil service and in business. His arrival was in the midst of the most serious global financial crisis since the 1930s, which happened to coincide with the expenditure of £12m on the refurbishment of New Court and of the kitchens. Not a happy coincidence, but Reg enjoyed a challenge. With his calm manner and willingness to see the lighter aspects of our deliberations, he steered the College through a potentially very difficult period.

His full name was Raymond Keith Hinkley, but he was known from a young age as simply Reg. After completing his DPhil in Theoretical Chemistry at Oxford University, he joined HM Treasury in 1972. His career in Whitehall included a post as private secretary to the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Denis Healey, and a number of posts overseeing public expenditure. He joined BP in 1981 and worked for the company in both the UK and Australia, holding increasingly senior financial roles, including Head of Corporate Finance, Vice-President and General Auditor, and finally Chief Executive Officer of BP's UK pension fund.

His unrivalled experience of trusteeship of pension funds was invaluable in inter-College and University discussions of pension provision. In College, he revised the arrangements for staff pensions and restructured our financial planning, amongst other reforms. He was especially keen for the Fellowship to explicitly consider the College's longer-term strategic objectives; one experiment in this area involved small groups of Fellows and students brainstorming alternative ways to use buildings. Sadly the students' innovative ideas for an underground heated swimming pool have so far not come to fruition, but it was a very stimulating discussion.

Reg took seriously the governance of higher education and served on the Advisory Board for the Centre for Business Research here in Cambridge, as a trustee of the Old Members' Trust at University College, Oxford, and as a member of the Efficiency and Reform Board for the then Department for Education and Skills. He also contributed to the governance of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Diabetes UK, and the Charity for Civil Servants. He was a member of the Council of Lloyd's, and had held positions as Deputy Chair of the Market Supervision and Review Committee, and Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee.

Very recently Reg had stepped down as Chair of Trustees for the Lloyd's of London Pension Scheme and was looking forward to taking a position as lay member of the Council of Cardiff University. His sudden and untimely death in September 2019 was a shock to us all, and especially to his wife Gwyneth and their two sons.

Frank Kelly (Fellow)

Dick Kelly (former Boatman)



Richard Kelly (always known as 'Dick') was boatman at Christ's for 42 years, joining in 1954. Born in 1931, Dick went to Coleridge Boys' School, leaving at 14 to take up an apprenticeship at Banham's Boatyard under the renowned Don Eagling. According to Roger Silk (Dick's great friend and Lady Margaret boatman), Don never actually taught the skills of boatbuilding; "You just had to watch what he did!" Nobody apprenticed to Don would ever compromise his high standards; thus, in the declining years of the wooden boat era, Dick ensured that Christ's always had the best maintained, best looking, and cleanest boats on the Cam.

Dick and Pat married a year after he joined Christ's, moving into a College house in Montague Road, where many an oarsman lodged. Two children followed, Tracy and Simon. Holidays were often spent on his uncle's houseboat, *The Duchess*, moored at Baitbite. On his uncle's death, Dick refurbished *The Duchess*, with him and Pat forming their own company, Cam Tours, to run trips. Many Christ's undergraduates remember parties in her until she was sold in 1985.

On first acquaintance, Dick could appear to see his role more as protecting his beloved boats from the students than cooperating with them. One of Dick's favourite expressions was, "There's always the danger", without explicitly stating what that danger was. In the 1970s the College eights were robust clinker boats, with the exception of two shells: a fine eight (the May Shell), and one with a ribbed

keel (the Lent Shell). In 1978, the first Lent VIII had good prospects for Bumps, so the Captain decided to use the slightly faster May Shell. Dick was not enthusiastic, sucking his teeth and warning about “the danger”. Anyway, use it they did and duly won blades, which pleased Dick mightily.

Dick could out-gun all the bluster and pomposity of the Old Blues/Blazers with real insights into what made a boat move, and could do so with only a few strokes to go on. Moreover, though taciturn, he was a great stalwart in supporting the Club and pushed out countless bumps crews with the quiet words, “Good luck Christ’s; have a good row.”

When women’s rowing at Christ’s started in the 1980s, Dick was one of their greatest supporters, building them their first shell for the May Bumps of 1983: *Lady Todd*. He was proud of her, and they duly returned the honour by winning the first Christ’s women’s blades in her. In 1982, the women’s Captain had persuaded Dick to start coaching, as “The women are better at listening than the men!” He went on to become a truly motivating coach for men’s crews as well.

Dick’s great skill was not confined to boats, though he built plenty, including the shell for the women, a sculling boat *Tracy*, and a family motor launch. He also branched out into beautiful furniture: his famous bookends ‘pierced’ by a racing boat bow and stern; lamp standards incorporating a blade; and cocktail cabinets made out of the centre section of an old boat.

When Dick retired in 1996, they sold Montague Road and moved to Oakington; but, even in old age, Dick was helpful in the recent rebuilding of our boathouse, by remembering Selwyn’s next door, and our shared access to Chesterton Road for boat trailers. He died in July 2019.

Robin Kerr (m. 1962)

Paul Robert Swyer (m. 1938)



Paul was born on 21 May 1921, in London. After attending Bedford School, he came up to Christ’s to read Medicine in 1938. He enrolled in the Royal Army Medical Corp after graduating, and landed in France in June 1944. Paul was a medical officer in the front-line field ambulance, clearing stations with the advancing Allied troops in the 49th (West Riding) Infantry Division, known as the Polar Bear Division. His division became part of the First Canadian Army towards the end of 1944. Paul met Fernande at a liberation ball in Belgium in 1944 and they married in June 1947. After the war, Paul specialised in paediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, and then emigrated to Canada in 1952. He joined the Hospital for Sick Children (HSC) in Toronto in 1953 and set up the first intensive care unit for sick newborns in 1961. Paul became a full Professor at the University of Toronto in 1975. During the 1970s, the 7G unit at HSC became a model upon which worldwide Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) were developed. Paul retired from HSC in 1987, but continued to play an active role as one of the founders of the International Perinatal Collegium, and in committee work for the World Health Organisation and for the Provincial Ministry of Health (Ontario). Paul died on 8 July 2019, aged 98.

Philip Lloyd Cecil Smith (m. 1940)

Philip was born on 20 May 1922 and was schooled at St Phillip's Infant School in Cambridge, and then Romsey Elementary School. During these years he developed a love for reading. Philip then attended the Cambridge County High School for Boys before being awarded a Tancred Scholarship to Christ's. He came up to College to read Theology in 1940. He was very proud of his 'Town and Gown' background in Cambridge and of the firm family links he had with the College, where both his parents worked: together from 1944–1954, and later his mother alone in the Buttery in the 1960s and early 1970s. His mother also ran a Licensed Lodging House at Fern House, Prospect Row, and regularly had two Christ's students staying there. Philip's fondness for the happy years spent attending Christ's College is reflected in all the paperwork he retained in connection to his time there. World War II interrupted his studies, and Philip joined the Royal Corps of Signals in September 1941, then the 13th Infantry Brigade, and finally the 5th Infantry Division at Anzio; but, to his great credit, he returned to complete his course and was duly awarded an MA. After he graduated, Philip was accepted for ministerial training and spent two years at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, before being ordained at Liverpool Cathedral in 1949. His first curacy was in St Helens, Lancashire, where he met and married Norah in 1952. They went on to have two children: Martyn and Catherine. Philip's career took him to Brookwood, near Woking, and then St John's in Burslem, staying in the parish for 30 years. In retirement, Philip and Norah lived in Corsspool, Sheffield, before moving to a clergy retirement flat in Bromley, with Norah sadly passing in 2008. Philip was a remarkable, highly intelligent and humble man who enriched family, friends, and congregations alike. He died on 11 December 2019, aged 97.

Martyn Smith

John Raymond Smythies (m. 1940)

John was born in 1922 in Nainital, British India, but he was sent to school in England. He came up to Christ's in 1940 to read Medicine, and went on to have a distinguished career as a psychiatrist, neuroscientist, and psychedelic pioneer. Although John spent much of his professional life in the US, he started with clinical years spent in London, then, after two years as a Royal Navy surgeon aboard HMS Porlock Bay in Bermuda, he returned to London to train as a psychiatrist at St George's Hospital. During this period he became aware both of the literature on the hallucinogenic effects of the peyote cactus derivative mescaline, and also the striking structural similarities between it and a metabolite of adrenalin called adrenochrome. He introduced these ideas to his then senior registrar, Humphrey Osmond, and together they developed and proposed what was the first biochemical theory of schizophrenia: the transmethylaton hypothesis. Although ultimately not substantiated, their theory was a paradigm shift in thinking about psychiatric disease and heralded the modern era of biochemical psychiatry. After more than a decade at the University of Edinburgh's psychiatry department, he took up a personal chair in psychiatry at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, in the US. He retired from clinical practice to become a project scientist at the Center for

Brain and Cognition, at the University of California, San Diego. John died on 28 January 2019, aged 96.

Adapted from an obituary from the British Medical Journal

Richard Allan Burberry (m. 1941)

Allan Burberry matriculated at Christ's in 1941 to read Natural Sciences and Radio, and spent two years at the College. While an undergraduate, he joined the Home Guard and joined a cycle platoon. From Christ's, he was redirected to the Telecommunications Research Establishment, which was the home of radar development for the RAF, and there embarked on a career in antenna designing which lasted over 60 years. He gained international recognition in his specialty and was commissioned to write a text book on antennas. Allan died on 16 March 2020, at the age of 97, and is survived by his two children and seven grandchildren

James Reginald Pugh (m. 1942)



Jim was born in 1923 and came up to Christ's in 1942 to read Mechanical Sciences. After a wartime role flying in search of enemy submarines, he graduated in 1950 and joined BICC (British Insulated Callender's Cables). Here, he developed PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) sheeting, which became a critical component for the overhead electrification of Britain's high-speed railway lines. Jim then went on to become Director of Research and Development at Reed International, where he invented many new technologies for the coating of paper products,

followed by a position as Managing Director of Reed Polyfilms Ltd. In 1971, he was appointed Technical & Development Director LinPac.

He stayed with the company until he formally retired in 1990. It was whilst at LinPac that, in 1985, Jim became Chairman of the UK Packaging and Industrial Films Association (PIFA), where he forged strong links with other EU plastics producers leading to the formation of the Europe-wide trade association PlastEurofilm, of which he served as founding member and President. Jim conceived the PACT (Plastics for a Cleaner Tomorrow) campaign to provide honest and accountable information on the environmental impacts and value of plastic film. Jim finally retired from PIFA in 2005, and was awarded honorary lifetime presidency of the association. He is survived by his wife, Pat, three sons, and a daughter. He died in November 2019, aged 96.

Adapted from an obituary featured in British Plastics and Rubber Magazine

Philip Harold Anns (m. 1943)

Philip was born in London on 24 June 1925 and came up to Christ's to read Economics in 1943. However, after his first year, he joined the Fleet Air Arm and gained his wings with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ontario, Canada. He returned to England to complete flight training in 1944, and then joined a carrier group flying *Wildcat* and *Hellcat* fighters in the Far East. After the war, Philip returned to College, graduating in 1948, and then began his long and distinguished career within the pharmaceutical industry. In 1951, he emigrated to the United States and became a US citizen in 1958. He held many executive positions with several

pharmaceutical companies, including spending five years in Australia as Managing Director of Squibb, Australia. He retired from A.H. Robins in Richmond, VA, as Vice-President of International Operations. Moreover, he acted as Chairman of the Virginia District Export Council from 1982 to 1991. He and his wife Arlene, who predeceased him in 2016, owned and managed Barnahill Farm in Greene County, which received the 2013 Forestry Award for Exceptional Forestry Management. Philip and Arlene will be remembered for their engagement with the College, and particularly for the wonderful Christmas cards, hand designed by Arlene each year. Philip died on 7 October 2019, aged 94.

Peter William Robert Blake (m. 1943)

Peter was born in Chikrata, North India, in August 1924 into an army family. He was schooled at Charterhouse and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Mechanical Sciences. His father, in the army out in India, had achieved the rank of Brigadier General during his service, and two of his most notable achievements were being Governor of Alexandria for a year, and also being asked to act as Aide de Camp to King George VI. Upon joining the army himself, Peter was too late for the war in Europe, so he was posted to India to join the Royal Indian Engineers based in Lahore (now Pakistan). Peter married Gill Downing in Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants in 1951 after meeting her at a May Ball in Cambridge in 1950. He was a role model for his children and for those who met him because of his gentleness, but also because of his gentlemanly behaviour. He was also into several sporting activities – golf, sailing, cycling – and took part in numerous voluntary activities, groups, and societies. Peter was very much a family man and he spent many hours putting together a very comprehensive family tree, managing to trace the family roots back to Captain John Blake, born in 1713. Peter was also a man of sincere faith and was inducted into lay readership ministry at Norwich Cathedral. He died in July 2014, aged 89.

Simon Blake

Vivian Henry Crellin (m. 1943)



Vivian died on 6 January 2020, aged 94. In a funeral tribute, a former colleague commented: 'to call him idiosyncratic would be an understatement'. Vivian was born on 26 May 1925 in Shanghai, where his father was a photographer and cinematographer at the Kodak Professional School. They returned to England in 1928 and he followed his brother, Cecil (m. 1942), to Christ's via a University Air Squadron Short Course submission. From 1944 he was in Rhodesia, where he won the top operational fighter pilot award. When hostilities ceased, an RAF Commission did not appeal, so he returned to Christ's and graduated in history in 1949.

As a teacher determined to lead, in 1960 he became headmaster in Baldock, Hertfordshire, where he transformed the school into an extremely successful comprehensive, The Knights Templar School. Vivian's passion for education and developing each child's talents also led to his own scholarly pursuits, with an MPhil on the history of teaching handwriting. His publications include an anthology

for school assemblies and books on English Samplers and local history. He and his beloved wife Eileen (*d.* 2011), were very active in Baldock, and in retirement Vivian served a term as County Councillor as well as antique dealing and collecting, furniture making and writing. His unpublished memoir of the Empire Flying Training Scheme is lodged at the RAF Museum. He donated his collections of school reward medals and certificates to the National Schools Museum. Vivian loved mountains, family and conviviality, holidays in Scotland and France, and a seriously dry martini. He flew a vintage Harvard plane on his 90th Birthday and completed his last (unpublished) substantial piece of writing – a discourse on morality, love and monogamy – shortly before his death. He leaves his son, 2 grandchildren and the promise of a great-grandson.

Adrian Crellin (m. 1973)

Arthur Roy Cruttenden (m. 1943)



Arthur Cruttenden was born on 18 February 1925 and came up to Christ's in April 1943 to participate in the Short Course for Candidates for Commissions, in his case the 6 Royal Engineers Short Course. While at Cambridge, he played cricket for the Army undergraduates, and ran the quarter mile for the Army, coming first in the Army v Cambridge University competition. When he was released from military service in 1947, he converted to the Long Jump, and found great success, coming eighth in the Melbourne Olympics of 1958. This was the days of amateurs, and he conducted his training in lunch breaks and in the evenings while undertaking his day job as a civil engineer working for the Admiralty. He died on 3 June 2019, aged 94.

Gerald Gould (m. 1943)



Gerald matriculated in 1943. He was born on 9 September 1925, and died on 23 February 2019. He won an open scholarship to Christ's to read Physics from Wilson's Grammar School – an event celebrated by the school with a day off. On graduating, he served his military service by working for Tube Alloys, the code name for the secret, top security research and development programme to develop nuclear weapons. The conflict this engendered with his pacifist views led him to leave physics and study Pure Mathematics at Birkbeck, University of London, followed by a PhD there under the supervision of Lionel Cooper. Gerald spent most of his academic career as reader in Pure Mathematics at Cardiff University, alongside a professorship at Syracuse University between 1959 and 1965. His early work was on integration spaces, and later work was on test – function spaces and various aspects of spectral theory. During a long spell in an isolation hospital with TB, apart from becoming a master of Meccano, he learned Russian, which had a big part to play in his contribution to the mathematical community; he went on to act for the London Mathematical Society as English Edition Editor of *Sbornik*, and translated various Russian mathematical books into English. He was an accomplished musician,

bridge player, linguist, and all round enthusiast. He is survived by his wife Enid, children, Nina and Ben, and his three grandchildren.

Nina Gold (m. 1982)

Derek Michael Melliush (m. 1943)

Derek was born on 18 February 1925, and came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Natural Sciences. He was latterly Head of Computing Services at North Staffordshire Polytechnic, and was awarded an OBE in the 1986 New Year Honours. Derek died on 13 April 2020, aged 95.

Philip Audley Mucklow (m. 1943)



Philip was born on 14 January 1926 in Lincoln, and, following study at Lincoln City School, he came up to Christ's in 1943 to read Mechanical Sciences. He went to Rolls Royce in 1945 and retired in 1988, having worked in the Service Department as a specialist in engine condition monitoring. At Cambridge, he discovered his love for bridge; he also played chess for the College, and coxed an eight. Philip continued with bridge with local success in Derbyshire, and enjoyed sailing, both in his dinghy on the North Norfolk coast, and on cruises. He became secretary, and later Chairman, of the Cambridge Society in Derbyshire. Developing an ardent interest in conservation, Philip was Vice-President of the National Conservation Society, as well as Chairman of the Derbyshire branch, and latterly Chairman of all Environmental Societies. He worked as a steward at Kedleston Hall, then, with his wife, became involved in the South Derbyshire National Trust Centre. On retirement, he took up golf and had 20 odd years of enjoyment, if not proficiency. Philip was diagnosed with Myeloid Leukaemia in early 2012, and was told he would not live to see that Christmas, but coped with the condition for another six and a half years. Philip was an avid crossworder and puzzler, and loved to create quizzes for the family and the local village magazine. He loved projects: tracing his father's family, and working with his sister to install a stained glass window in Friesthorpe church, Lincolnshire, in commemoration of their five uncles who perished in WWI. Philip died on 12 July 2019, and will be much missed and remembered fondly as having the manners of a gentleman with a rather school-boy look and sense of humour.

Jane Markwell

Richard Humphrey Simon Lesser (m. 1944)

Richard was born in February 1927 and came up to Christ's in 1944 to read Natural Sciences. After graduating, he went into the electronics industry and continued his studies as a part-time student at London University, gaining a BSc in 1947 and a BSc (Econ) in 1952. He worked for three years as a lab assistant at the Cossor Research Labs, before joining the Philips Organisation in 1948. He stayed with Philips for the rest of his career, until his retirement in 1989. Over a period of 41 years, he had a variety of jobs: initially as an engineer at the Radio & TV plant in Mitcham, but subsequently as a member of the corporate staff, working on organisation, strategic planning, and improvement projects. After retirement, Richard became involved

with the local Residents Association and was elected on their behalf to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council in 1996. He was also Deputy Mayor of the Borough. Richard died on 29 August 2019, aged 92.

Peter Hildred Smith (m. 1944)

My father, Peter Smith, who has died at 93, loved teaching; at Bexhill Grammar school, later College, from the days of cap & gown to the 1990s, never seeking roles away from the classroom. I vividly remember his drawings of the circulatory system of rabbits, as clear and simple as the Underground map, and his polystyrene models, precisely glued onto overhead projector film. Peter loved Christ's and Cambridge too, reading Natural Sciences after wartime RAF service, and never relinquished that love. My sisters and I have been more than frequent visitors (Emma's first steps were in the shade of Milton's Mulberry Tree), and he really enjoyed Association Dinners. Born in India, his family returned to the UK as war loomed, coincidentally letting him listen to the famous final test of the 1938 Ashes on the radio, thus immediately cementing his lifelong love of cricket. He was excellent at hockey too, College First XI at both sports, greatly enjoyed his garden, (a chair amongst the vegetables provided rest in later years), a capable photographer and had a real talent for woodwork, crafting some beautiful furniture. Eagerly adapting to technology, he responded with patience, pleasure and unerring accuracy to plaintive messages of "what's this plant Dad?" right up until the last couple of weeks. A seemingly permanent presence in very many lives, Peter was entirely content in person, yet quietly angry at inequality everywhere. Proud of his family and overjoyed at becoming a grandfather at 90, he calmly refused to let his illness stop him doing what he wanted. He never lost his real appreciation of the natural world nor his dismay at overbearing authority; (he was once escorted from Eastbourne Pier for jiving). Peter is survived by his second wife Margaret, children, John, Emma and Sarah, and grandchildren Hazel and Pippa.

John Smith

John Jarvis Chapman (m. 1945)

John was born in March 1928 and came up to Christ's in 1945 to read Law. He died in November 2019, aged 91.

Richard Haddon (m. 1945)



Richard was born in March 1927 and was schooled at Rutland House Prep School in Hanwell, and then at Radley. He excelled in his academic studies and went on to become Senior Prefect. He came up to Christ's in 1945 to read a course in the Arts for candidates for the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. While at Cambridge, he joined the Mummings and was cast in a variety of plays. The war interrupted his studies and he was called up to the Royal Marines; after this he joined Wessex Films, with the responsibility of writing the script for *The Wooden Horse*, produced at Pinewood Studios. Later Richard moved into the world of publishing, before joining the family firm Haddons, an advertising agency. From there he moved to BAT Industries, where he worked his way up to the position

of Head of Group Public Affairs. Richard retired in 1982 to enjoy his garden, his family, and foreign holidays. He died in April 2020, aged 93.

Nicholas Haddon

Thurston Haddon Banister (m 1946)



Thurston, always known as Haddon, lived in Mill Hill as a child: the son of a doctor, and grandson of a vicar. His father, Thurston Edmund, studied at Cambridge in the early 1900s. Haddon was a member of the Fleet Air Arm, where he learned to fly two years before going to Cambridge. He read Engineering at Christ's, from 1946 to 1948, and was a member of the Boat Club. Later, he moved to Bristol, where he worked in the aircraft industry, and thence to Weston Super Mare and the helicopter industry. In the 1960s he moved to Shell-Mex and BP Ltd, where he was a technical advisor in domestic heating for many years, subsequently becoming a consultant heating engineer (he was the consultant employed to advise on the installation of central heating at Dunster Castle). In his retirement years he enjoyed his two acre garden, and made many happy visits to Christ's for Boat Club dinners and strawberry teas. He said many times that his Cambridge years were the best in his life.

Diane Green

Ernest Augustus Paul Bircher (m. 1947)

Paul was born on 11 December 1928 and came up to Christ's in 1947 to read Engineering. Whilst at College, he was Captain of the Christ's Men's Boat Club, and was President of the Cambridge University Boat Club (CUBC) in 1949. Paul also rowed in the Boat Race in 1948, 1949, and 1950. His crew won in all three years, and in the 1949 race they created a new record time, which stood unbroken for 25 years. He rowed in the Great Britain VIII in the 1948 London Olympics, winning a Silver medal, and was subsequently a torch bearer for the London Olympics in 2012. He was also a member of the Leander VIII which won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1953. He was married to Catharina, with whom he had four children. Paul died in October 2019, aged 90.

Mervyn Stewart Menzies Weedon (m. 1947)

Mervyn (known as Rob) was born in London in 1925. During the War, he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, and later assigned to the Royal West African Frontier Force. He came up to Christ's in 1947 to read English. Rob had a passion for the humanities, especially Shakespeare and Milton, and was set on becoming a teacher. First he went to Bermuda, where he married Joan, with whom he had two sons and a daughter, teaching at both Warwick Academy and Saltus Grammar School from 1954 to 1961. He was fond of scuba diving, served as Captain of Shearwater for Harry Cox, and discovered the wreck of *L'Herminie*. The family eventually moved to the US, into what was to become Rob's thirty two-year teaching career (1961–1993) at Saint Mark's School in Southborough, MA.

On retirement, Rob settled in Cary, NC, writing poetry and verses, which he had done throughout his life. He died on 31 May 2020, aged 95.

Adapted from an obituary on www.legacy.com

Hugh Sommerville Forrest (m. 1948)

Hugh was born in 1924 in Glasgow and, after Shawlands Academy and then Hutchesons Grammar School, he went to Glasgow University, where he was awarded a BSc with First Class honours in 1944. He then moved to London to study therapeutic chemical compounds at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIRM). His work there led to a PhD from the University of London in 1947. His research in London had given him an interest in a group of organic compounds called pteridines, and he provided evidence that these might be involved as natural inhibitors of bacterial growth, and thus possibly of medical importance. From NIRM he moved to Christ's in 1948, studying for a second PhD at the Department of Chemistry, working under Alexander (later Lord) Todd. The focus of his work was pteridine biosynthesis, and he was awarded his PhD in 1951. He then left for the USA, having been awarded a US Public Health Service fellowship to continue his studies at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech). He was to spend the rest of his scientific career in the US. In 1955 he moved to the University of Texas at Austin as a Post-Doctoral Fellow, becoming a Professor in 1962, and an Emeritus Professor in 1993. He was awarded a DSc by the University of London in 1970, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1979. Hugh died in November 2018, aged 94.

Adapted from an obituary in the Scottish Herald

John Nicolas Rea (m. 1948)

Nic Rea was born on 6 June 1928 and came up to Christ's in 1948 to read Medicine, continuing his medical training at University College Hospital, London. He spent his medical career as a GP in Kentish Town. He took his seat in the House of Lords in 1982 having succeeded as 3rd Baron Rea on the death of his uncle, and was one of ninety hereditary Lords to keep their seats in the reforms of 1999. He joined John Smith's Labour opposition front bench, was a keen promoter of public health, championed non-traditional families, and founded the Parliamentary Food and Health Forum for Coronary Heart Disease. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, and former Lecturer in Social Medicine at St Thomas's Hospital, London. He married, firstly, Elizabeth Robinson, and, secondly, Judith Powell. Lord Rea died in June 2020, aged 91.

Gordon Cook (m. 1949)

We are informed by Alistair Cook (m. 1975) that his father passed away peacefully at a care home in north London in April this year. Gordon was born in Campbeltown, Argyll in 1929. His journey to Cambridge began in his early years and routed him via Pitlochry, to where The Leys School had been evacuated during the war. The Leys re-located to Cambridge in 1946 and Gordon remained there, until entering Christ's College in 1949 to read Economics and Law. He was a keen and gifted sportsman who excelled on both the rugby pitch and the golf course. He captained the College Rugby Team during his second year and in his final year he was a member of the victorious College Cuppers Team.

After leaving Cambridge, Gordon completed his National Service in the RAF in Malta and went on to pursue a career in sales management, living in his family home

in Hertfordshire. He was married to Patricia for over sixty-five years and is survived by her as well as his three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grand-daughter. His final contribution to Cambridge will be that one of his grand-daughters is currently winding up her PhD at King's College, so there has been a long, generation-stretching association with this fine establishment, for which we are all very grateful.

Alistair Cook (m. 1975)

Peter Lake (m. 1949)



Peter was born in 1928 and, after gaining a degree in Zoology from Birmingham University, came up to Christ's in 1949 to read Land Economy. After leaving Cambridge, he went on to undertake a PhD in avian reproductive physiology at Edinburgh University, before taking a post in 1951 as a Scientific Officer in the Reproductive Physiology Department at the Poultry Research Centre in Edinburgh. He was based there all his working life, ultimately being appointed Acting Head of Station. In 1989, he was elected a Fellow of the Poultry Science Association of America.

On retirement in 1988, he was appointed OBE in recognition of his lifetime's work, having previously been recognised with a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1982, and a Fellowship of the Institute of Biology in 1984. Post-retirement, he took up a Nicholas Memorial Fellowship at Cuddy Farms in Ontario, Canada, and in December 1989 he accepted a United Nations FAO commission to assist the poultry breeding industry in Albania. Peter married Mary Bennett in 1954 and they had four sons. He died on 13 June 2018, aged 89.

Adapted from an obituary featured on World's Poultry Science Association website

John Derek Manton (m. 1949)

John was born in Leicester in 1930 and attended what was then called the City Boys' School. He came up the Christ's to read Modern Languages (French and German) in 1949 and was actively involved in the Christian Union. Having graduated and completed a one-year post-graduate teacher training course, he taught English for a year in a German school and then held several posts in Modern Languages at grammar schools in various parts of England. In 1966 he was appointed to a Lectureship at Loughborough University of Technology, where he concentrated on German, and became a Senior Lecturer. He married Norma in 1958 and they had three children: David, Ruth, and Hilary. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren have since been added to the family. The modern German language, and also the translation of German works into English, were his particular fields of interest. He was a member of the translation panel which produced *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (1972–1979), and he shared in the translation of *Austria: a Study in Modern Achievement* (1988). His *Introduction to Theological German* (1971) is still in print. He and Norma were among the founding members of Holywell Free Church (in Loughborough), established in 1968, and he served as an Elder there for around forty years. During his retirement he continued to live in Loughborough, looking back with pleasure at the four years he had spent at Christ's so long ago! John died suddenly at home on 2 December 2018, aged 88.

Norma Manton

David Arthur Simonson (m. 1949)

David was born in 1929 and came up to Christ's in 1949 to read Classics. David died on 31 May 2019, aged 90. He spent his career as a Classics teacher.

Ronald Francis Smith (m. 1949)

When you read another Headmaster's retirement tribute and it contains the words 'succeeding the legendary Ron Smith' you know one's father was rather well respected in his field. To see notable public figures including top QCs, actors, journalists, RAF veterans and the Club Ambassador of his beloved Manchester City all paying heartfelt public tribute to your Dad one realises he was a special man.

Academically brilliant, Ron won a scholarship to attend St Bede's College in Manchester where he was moved up a year, whilst captaining the football and cricket teams. He was encouraged to think about teaching with the promise of a job at St Bede's on his return from Christ's College, Cambridge. Dad loved his life in this beautiful city from 1949, studying Classics, and he again excelled as Hon Secretary of the football team in 1951 before taking the captaincy in 1952 and turning out for the cricket team. He could really strike a ball sweetly and having graduated BA he moved on to the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant, where he was tasked with helping RAF Weeton win some competitions. He read a couple of instruction books on diving and boxing, and soon the silverware started to flood in. One of his divers went on to represent England in the Olympics and his star boxer beat Henry Cooper!

Having qualified as an FA Coach, he married Sheila, with whom he went on to have five children, and the same year started his 36 year career as a St Bede's 'legend'. Ron died on 10 January 2020, having enjoyed 30 years of retirement.

Mike Smith

Stuart George Whitehall (m. 1949)

Stuart attended Christ's from 1949 to 1952. Coming from Handsworth Grammar School in Birmingham, he was the first boy from the school to attend Oxbridge on a State Scholarship (10 shillings a year!). Stuart represented the University in first team football, athletics, and table tennis, the latter of which he captained in two varsity matches, and was awarded a Half Blue for. He graduated in 1952 with an MA in Mathematics, and, after completing his two years statutory National Service in the RAF, settled in Birmingham, got married, and had two children. He spent his entire working career in the computer-programming department of Fort Dunlop designing tyre tread patterns. He also co-authored a book, following inventing with his colleague the "Universal Tyre Rig" principles of which are still used in the Automotive and Film industry. Stuart had a long, fulfilled life and leaves behind his wife of 63 years Kathleen, two children, and three grandchildren. He kept every magazine sent annually from Christ's College, and was always very humble, but proud of his association with Cambridge University.

Sue Armstrong

John Richard Hartree (m. 1950)

Richard was born on 13 February 1931 in Didsbury, Manchester. He was evacuated to Canada in 1940, and this began a long relationship with the country. In 1944 he went to Bedales School and upon leaving as head boy, he came up to Christ's in 1950, where his father was a Fellow, to read Natural Sciences. In 1954, attracted by the possibility of returning to Canada, Richard joined Northern Aluminium (part of Alcan) as a metallurgist and management trainee. His first job was as an engineer in a depot at Rogerstone, near Newport, Monmouthshire. Richard spent time at the International Business School in Geneva from 1961 to 62, and was posted to Montreal from 1968 to 1972, returning to the UK when he became Alcan's Banbury works manager. Richard returned to Montreal in 1979, then, in 1980, he moved to be Area Technical Officer for Alcan Allatina in Rio de Janeiro, where his role was to ensure that South American company interests were making the best use of their technology. He moved to Vancouver when he became Alcan's Vice-President of Technology for the Pacific Region, which involved further travel, including to China. In 1992 he returned to England and enjoyed spending time with his family. He died on 16 March 2020, aged 89.

Pieter van der Merwe

Ian Edward Higgens (m. 1950)

Ian was born in 1930 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read History and Law. Ian died in February 2019, aged 88.

Robert Patrick Hooley (m. 1950)

Pat was educated at the Leas Hoylake, and then School Field, Rugby, where he finished his schooling as Head of House. He loved the comradery, and was a natural sportsman, playing many sports at first team level. After school, he carried out his National Service, joining the Royal Artillery 12th Anti-tank Regiment, spending much of his career out in Tripoli and Trieste.

He went to Christ's College having won a State Scholarship Exhibition in Classics. Following graduation, in 1953 he joined Malvern College to teach Latin, Greek, and Ancient History. Pat was a popular, kind, and generous man, who took pleasure in helping staff and pupils to flourish. As a very keen sportsman, he encouraged serious rugby, and also introduced hockey, and later polo, which resulted in Malvern winning the Independent School Championship. During this time, he became a keen skier, taking the school trip for many years. He became Housemaster of No. 4, where he made many lifelong friendships, and, in 1971, Pat met Anne and their long and happy married life began. In 1984, Pat stopped teaching and took over as Registrar at Malvern. He was the creator of "Young Malvern", which ran for many years. He made many trips abroad advertising the school, and creating strong links with Germany, China, Russia, and the Middle East. Two of his greatest achievements during the later period as Registrar were the successful implementation of the Assisted Places Scheme, which remains key to the College's recruitment, and supporting Roy Chapman (Headmaster, 1983–96) with the move to co-education, with the amalgamation of Ellerslie. In 1998, Pat retired after 45 years of service, and although he continued his support of Malvern College as a governor, he came home to his family, horses, and dogs. Anne, their three children, and seven grandchildren survive him.

Anne Hooley

Brian Thomas Houghton (m. 1950)

Brian was born on 22 August 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Modern and Medieval Languages. He worked for the Ministry of Labour from 1953 until 1957, before moving to a position at the Inland Revenue until 1966. Brian eventually became Director of the International Division, and retired in 1991. He took on the role of Consultant to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris from 1991 to 1993, and also became a Visiting Professorial Fellow at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, from 1992 until 1997. Brian married Joyce in 1953 and they had one daughter and three sons. He died in November 2019, aged 88.

John MacQueen (m. 1950)

Born on 13 February 1929 and brought up in Glasgow, Jack MacQueen was the first in his family to go to university. Following his Glasgow graduation in 1950 (first-class honours in English Language and Literature), he came to Christ's to read Archaeology and Anthropology from which he again graduated with first-class honours in 1952, as well as gaining half-colours in badminton. Awarded a Bachelor Research Studentship, he undertook research under the guidance of Nora Chadwick, Bruce Dickins, and Rachel Bromwich, but National Service in the RAF interrupted progress, and in the end the doctorate was not completed; the work instead becoming his first book, *St Nynia* (1961; 3rd edition 2005). Married in 1953 to Winifred McWalter (Girton 1950–1952), upon leaving the RAF he embarked on an academic career, first at Washington University, St Louis, USA (1956–1959), and then as a lecturer in Medieval English and Scottish Literature at Edinburgh University. There he was appointed to the Masson Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature in 1963, later becoming Director of the School of Scottish Studies (1969), and then receiving a Personal Chair of Scottish Literature and Oral Tradition (1971). He also held visiting appointments in the USA, Canada, and Australia. He published widely and across a variety of subjects and periods. He retired in 1992 and spent the remainder of his life in Wigtownshire (with which he had deep ancestral connections on his mother's side). He continued to be very active in writing publications across all his subjects; a last book on the place-names of south-west Scotland lay not quite finished on his laptop on his death. A widower from 2016, latterly he had suffered increasing physical ill-health, and died on 15 September 2019 in hospital in Dumfries. He is survived by three sons, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, and knew at the end that a ninth was on the way.

Hector MacQueen

Omar Victor Inam Majid (m. 1950)

Born in Streatham, London, on 28 January 1931, the son of Inam-ul, an Indian Civil Service Diplomat, and Hilda Majid (née Watford), Omar spent his early years travelling as per his father's postings in England, Egypt, India, and the Andaman Islands. He graduated from St Edmund's School in Shillong, Assam, India and then attended Christ's College Cambridge University in the early 1950s, studying law in the footsteps of his father Inam-ul Majid, and his grandfather:



Abdul Majid. Following Cambridge, Omar worked for Shell Oil in Pakistan before returning to the UK where he joined Olivetti Underwood with which he emigrated to Canada where he married Bodil Jensen. In Toronto, Omar returned to studies part-time, at the University of Toronto, in tandem with a career change. At Centennial College, he taught English and Social Studies for more than 25 years before retiring in 1994. He and his second wife Cheryl Thrasher spent many happy years together and eventually moved to Crystal Beach, Ontario, in 2009.

Omar was pre-deceased by his son, Khan in 2011 and is survived by his wife, his step-son and three children, and five grandchildren. He died on 10 June 2019.

Yasmeen Majid

Frederick Anthony Miles (m. 1950)

Frederick was born on 13 December 1925 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read History. Prior to that, he was ordained priest at Allen Hall Seminary by Cardinal Bernard Griffin. In 1953, Frederick joined St Edmund's College and Prep School in Hertfordshire as a member of staff, enthusiastically coaching the School's 1st XV and junior cricket, before turning his attention to tennis. In 1960, Frederick took over Challoner House, and in December 1966 he was appointed Secretary to His Eminence the Cardinal (Heenan). He served as a Governor of St Edmund's between 1984 and 1989. Frederick died on 6 April 2020, aged 94.

Adapted from an obituary on the St Edmund's College & Prep School website

Colin Conyngham Turpin (m. 1951)

Colin was born in Middelburg, South Africa, in 1928. He attended St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, and then took up a teaching position at St Mark's School, Swaziland, before commencing his degree at the University of Cape Town in 1946. Following a short period of employment as an advocate in South Africa after graduating, he came up to Christ's in 1951 to read Law. Colin met and married Monique, and in November 1953 they moved to South Africa, where he was appointed a lecturer in Law at the University of Natal. After six years they left South Africa; Colin having been awarded an Oppenheimer Trust scholarship. Following a period of research in Holland and France, he took a position as a University of Cambridge lecturer, joining Clare College as a Fellow in 1961 and later becoming Emeritus Professor. Colin's *Government Procurement and Contracts* was published in 1972 in the Penguin *Law in Society* series. He then turned his scholarship to the British constitution and his second book, *British Government and the Constitution: Text and Materials* was first published in 1985 in the *Law in Context* series. It ran to seven additions over twenty-four years (latterly together with Professor Adam Tomkins) and was widely acclaimed as a leading textbook on constitutional law. Colin died on 18 July 2019, aged 91.

Adapted from an obituary from Clare College, Cambridge

Howell Bowen Griffiths (m. 1952)

Howell was born on 20 December 1930 and, after school at Llandoverly College, South Wales, he went to the University College of Swansea from 1951 to 1952. In



1952, he came up to Christ's to read Law, and took part in athletics, swimming, and rugby (in which he won a Blue). After graduation, Howell eventually went into teaching; firstly at Uppingham School, Rutland, where he became Head of the Economics Department, and also taught Law, English, and French. He left the school in 1968 and worked as the Assistant Education Officer at Somerset County Council for two years, before going back to teaching in 1970 as Headmaster of Backwell School in Bristol. In 1978, Howell moved once more, becoming Headmaster at Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich. He was a firm believer in family and he and Margaret married in 1956, going on to have three children together. He was, until his later years, a man of action, and sport played a huge part of his life. He achieved outstanding success in rugby, both as a player and a talented analyst and coach. When he was no longer able to play, Howell took up golf, and became Captain of the Prince's Golf Club in 2000. Despite reaching it himself, he was not readily accepting of old age and its consequent limitations. He remained determined to do as much of what he had in earlier years as possible, and he railed against such things like sensible but boring shoes and walking aids. He returned from one cruise taken in his eighties, and complained that it was full of old people. Howell died on 13 September 2019, aged 88.

Margaret Griffiths

Colin Gordon MacGregor (m. 1952)



Colin was born on 18 January 1933 and came up to Christ's in 1952 to read History. When he left Cambridge he went into marketing for various aluminum companies. Then, in 1977, he and his wife, Jenie, bought a bookshop of 'out of print' books in Marlborough. Seven years later, they bought a bookshop in Devizes, which they ran until about seven years ago. Colin died on 23 February 2020, aged 87.

George Nicholas Taylor (m. 1952)

George Nicholas Taylor, 16 June 1932 to 29 May 2019, George to officials, and Nick to everyone else. Armed with impressive school certificates from Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, his National Service in the RAF left him fascinated by radar. After graduating in Physics in 1955, he completed a DIC thesis, *Perturbation measurements on the Interdigital Line*, in 1958. At Jodrell Bank he wrote *Measurements of the Electron Content of the Ionosphere by the Faraday Effect in Moon Echoes*. He was awarded a DPhil from the University of Manchester in 1962. From 1925, many physicists had contributed to EISCAT (European Incoherent Scatter Project), which Nick summarised in *Nature* in 1976. Henry Rishbeth (m. 1951) wrote to Nick to thank him for his efforts in getting EISCAT off the ground. Thereafter, Nick joined RSRE Malvern, working with Colin Watkins. Nick had two goddaughters: Nicola Watkins and Tessa Garrett (née Rishbeth). Nick loved movement: gliding over Old Sarum, skiing in Austria and Italy, walking across rural Spain, then in the Lake District, where he recognised different bird songs. He

played piano from childhood, and passed ASM exams to Grade VIII. He leafleted for the Lib Dems until he could walk no further, at which point his excellent neighbours, Barbara Cox and Claire Tine, prevailed on him to enter Mowbray Nursing Home, Malvern. This is expertly managed by Julie Barraclough and her gentle and skilful care workers. He enjoyed listening to BBC Radio Three and telling composers apart, eg. not mature Brahms, but later Dvorak. He was totally immobile, but *The Times*, and *The Economist* kept him in touch. His intellectual curiosity was boundless.

Richard Taylor

John Richard Payne (m. 1953)



John was born in Liverpool in 1933. He won a scholarship to Holt High School and then a state scholarship to Cambridge. Following National Service as a radio engineer in Germany, John went up to Christ's in 1953 to read Natural Sciences. After graduation in 1956, John worked briefly as a Patent Agent in London. He also learned rock climbing with fellow alumnus John Davies, scaling various alpine peaks including the Matterhorn. John married Rosemary in 1961 and they moved to the Cambridgeshire village of Harlton; their home for the next 58 years. John subsequently worked at Pye Telecommunications and then as a technical officer in Cambridge University, helping with the development of the Lords Bridge radio telescopes. From 1965 he was based in central Cambridge at the old Cavendish Laboratory, and in the early 1970s became Secretary of the Buildings Committee for the move of the Cavendish to a new site west of the city. In recognition of John's contribution, Payne's Pond, at the new site, was named after him. John became Secretary of the School of the Physical Sciences for the University in 1979. John had many interests: he gained a first in Pure Maths from the Open University; built a model railway that ran the length of his house; and learned to drive full size steam trains. He had a lifelong love of Wales, developed during wartime evacuation to Newtown, and he learned to speak Welsh, and enjoyed holidays in the mountains. He ran a local portrait painting group, was a stalwart member of the Ramblers, and contributed to a village campaign against a new cement works. He died in October 2019, and is survived by his wife Rosemary, his three children, and four grandchildren.

Jackie Taylor

Derek Sculthorpe (m. 1953)

Derek came up to Christ's in 1953 and he died on 1 January 2019, aged 86.

Swaranjit Singh (m. 1953)

Swaranjit Singh read Economics and Law at Christ's, but made his name as a first class cricketer. He earned his Blue while at Cambridge, and played for Warwickshire County, and the MCC. As a student, he went with E W Swanton's England team to tour the West Indies in 1956. He said that his biggest achievement was to clean bowl Everton Weekes of the West Indies for a duck. He was honoured with life membership by the MCC, Warwickshire County, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India. On his return to India, he was selected to be considered for the



Indian Test Team, but was compelled to retire from cricket for personal reasons. His career was spent in a number of companies, and then in independent business.

Swaranjit met his wife, Irmengard, who was from Germany, thanks to an intervention by his close friend Yusuf Hamied (m. 1954) at the International Club in Cambridge. Her career in the Cultural Affairs Department of the Government of Germany meant that they travelled regularly, but they eventually settled in Amritsar. When they visited Cambridge in 1975, he was delighted to find that the groundsman had placed in a glass cupboard the half-broken cricket bat, with which he had hit a six, which had crossed the pavilion. He died in May 2019.

John Rex Bottomley (m. 1954)



John was born in December 1935 and came up from Batley Grammar School in 1954 to read History at Christ's under the distinguished tutelage of J. H. Plumb and J. P. Kenyan. A keen sportsman, John represented the College at rugby and athletics at a time when Christ's led the way in university sport. After leaving Christ's, he went on to Captain Morley Rugby Club, one of the leading Yorkshire sides. In 1957, having achieved a good degree, John joined Yorkshire Copper Works (later Yorkshire Imperial Metals) as a metal buyer, and committed his whole working career to the same company. John is survived by his wife and three children. He died on 9 April 2020, aged 84.

Shirley Bottomley

David Herbert George Crout (m. 1955)



David was born on 28 June 1936, and grew up in Totnes, Devon. He was delighted to be accepted to Christ's College to read Chemistry. He had a scholarship to attend Ridley Hall to be ordained, but decided to stay with Chemistry. He completed his PhD at Swansea University under Cedric Hassall, and from there went to the University of California at Los Angeles, first as a Post Doc under Ted Geismann, and then as a lecturer in Organic Chemistry. David and I met while he was at UCLA and we were married for fifty-seven years. We decided to return to England and David worked at the University of Swansea, then took up a lecturing post at the University of Exeter where he stayed until 1984, serving as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer. David was offered a Professorship at the University of Warwick where he was instrumental in the progress of the Chemistry Department in this University. He retired in 2003 and took up running six websites voluntarily, including that of his old Grammar School, King Edward VI, and Coventry City Mission. David died on 17 July 2019, aged 83. He leaves many dear friends, five children, and nine grandchildren, one of whom is doing a DPhil in Chemistry at Oxford.

Christine Crout

John Hargreaves Horsman (m. 1955)

John was born on 22 November 1934. After attending Uppingham School and completing military service as an Officer in the Royal Air Force, he came up to Christ's in 1955 to read Engineering. In 1958 he was offered a graduate apprenticeship with Aston Martin Lagonda by managing director, John Wyer. Initially, John worked at David Brown Industries, which made tractors and gearboxes for Aston Martin, before proceeding to Aston Martin's Design and Experimental Department, as a project engineer. In 1961 he became assistant to John Wyer, and, having undertaken an MBA at the London School of Economics in 1963 to 1964, he moved to Ford Advanced Vehicles Ltd., where he was responsible for the construction and preparation of the program that produced Ford's GT40. After two Le Mans wins in 1966 and 1967, the Ford factory GT40 race program ended, but it spawned J. W. Automotive Engineering, and John became executive director and chief engineer of the company, which then went on to win Le Mans in 1968 and 1969. The team also won the coveted World Sports Car Championships in 1968, 1970, and 1971. He moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1976, joining the GTC company, and then in 1983 he moved to Tucson to work at Learjet with the amateur racing team in historic racing events. Aside from his love of motorsport, John was an accomplished hiker, skier, and photographer. He died in April 2020, aged 85.

Adapted from an obituary on www.dailysportscar.com

Derek Hugh Powell Jones (m. 1955)

Derek was born in Pinner in 1934. At the start of WWII he was evacuated to British Columbia. There, children slept on the porch in the summer, and Derek discovered a love for the stars made visible by the dark skies. Returning to England, Derek attended the Royal Masonic School, Bushey. Before starting at Christ's, he did his national service in the Royal Air Force (RAF), and as a student continued with the RAF reserves and the University Air Squadron. After graduation, Derek took a job at the Royal Greenwich Observatory (RGO). With a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship, he conducted research on red dwarf stars at the Mount Wilson Observatory in California, which earned him a PhD from the University of London. From 1965 to 1969 he moved to the Observatory run by the Radcliffe Foundation in Pretoria, South Africa, and then to the Australian National University Mount Stromlo Observatory from 1969 to 1972. He returned to the RGO in 1972 and during



the 1980s he focused on the construction and operation of the Jacobus Kapetyn Telescope on La Palma in the Canary Islands. He moved with the RGO to Cambridge just before retirement in 1994. Derek was active in the Royal Astronomical Society: as editor of *The Observatory* magazine from 1973 to 1977, a Council member

from 1979 to 1982, and Vice-President in 1981. In retirement, he encouraged amateur astronomy and delivered a course entitled “Astronomy is looking up” at the University of the Third Age. Derek met Thelma Gray when she was a student at an RGO summer school. They married in Herstmonceux in 1960, and went on to have five children: Timothy (m. 1981), Elizabeth, Penelope, Thomas, and Naomi. His career in Astronomy gave him children born on four different continents! Derek died on 3 January 2020, aged 85.

Tim Jones (m. 1981)

John Whitley Vint (m. 1955)



Born on 27 August 1934 in Baildon, West Yorkshire, John attended Crow Trees Preparatory School and Bradford Grammar School before moving to Mill Hill School in London. He served his National Service with the Royal Artillery before matriculating at Christ’s College where he obtained his MA in Mechanical Sciences. He went on to become a Fellow of both the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

John spent the early 1960s working in Africa, commissioning and testing locomotives in Sudan and Kenya. In the early 1970s, with his College friend Richard Parker he built water-jet propelled motor boats, including early ski-jet prototypes, precursors to the now popular Jet-skis. In the late 1970s, John moved his young family to Hong Kong so that he could take on the role of Design Manager for the first fleet of trains on the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway. After a short spell in the UK, they returned to the Far East, where John was Railway Systems Construction Manager for the Mass Rapid Transit Railway of Singapore.

At the end of the 1980s, he joined London Underground and was ultimately appointed to the role of The Rolling Stock Engineer, accountable for the safety and technical standards for nearly 600 passenger trains and engineering vehicles. Amongst many accomplishments, John sponsored the development of the Space Train concept, an innovative solution to improve the capacity and safe operation of tube trains. However, John considered his greatest success to be his family, especially his long and happy marriage to Mary who died unexpectedly in September 2015. John died on 27 January 2020, and is survived by his three children and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth Hunt

Paul Antony Bedford (m. 1956)

Paul Bedford read Mechanical Sciences (Civil Engineering) at Christ’s, where he was a member of the Boat Club and Rugby Club, and was elected to the Marguerites. His career was spent as a Partner at Consulting Engineers, Thomas Bedford Partners. He died on 26 January 2020, aged 83, and is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and his 5 children and 16 grandchildren.

David Green (m. 1956)

David was born in December 1935. He was always a distinguished sportsman and had been named Most Promising Cricketer of the Year in 1952 by *The Sunday People* newspaper. He made his debut for Derbyshire in 1953, aged only 17, and

continued to play for the county for a number of years. He came up to Christ's in 1956 to read History, and won Blues in 1957 and 1958, and in 1959 he was elected Captain of the University side. David said that leading the team out at Lord's against Oxford was one of his proudest moments. His first teaching post was at Denstone College near Uttoxeter. In 1962 he joined Marlborough College to teach History and to be Master-in-Charge of cricket, which he was to do for 14 years, whilst also playing for Wiltshire until 1968, Captaining the side in 1967 and 1968. Whilst at Marlborough, David successfully ran the Summer School for 13 years, and was a tutor in Cotton House for 16 years. He died on 12 May 2020, aged 84.

Adapted from an obituary by Martin Evans on www.marlburianclub.org

Michael Schneider (m. 1956)

Michael was born in Hobart, Australia, in 1935, but grew up in Adelaide. He studied History, Political Science and Economics at the University of Adelaide, before coming up to Christ's in 1956, where he was first awarded a postgraduate degree in Economics, and then a research degree with a dissertation on the economic ideas of J. A. Hobson. Returning to Australia, he worked at the University of Adelaide (1960–62), Monash University (1962–68), and La Trobe University (1968–2004), where after his retirement he continued to teach part-time for another nine years. Michael was a meticulous and deeply committed teacher, and he published extensively on the history of economic thought. Michael always took a strong interest in the history of heterodox economic ideas, in particular underconsumptionist theories of economic crisis. This led him to write the definitive intellectual biography of Hobson. He continued writing until the very end. At the time of his death he had almost completed revisions to a paper on the origins of the Gini coefficient, and hopefully this will be published posthumously. Michael was a very cultured man who directed many amateur dramatic productions and enjoyed the visual arts and cinema. Until his health began to fade, he was also a keen bushwalker, for example, in the Stirling Range in Western Australia and on Fraser Island. In this, as in his intellectual activities, he always took great care. He was the only person I have ever walked with who was as slow going downhill as he was when going uphill. Michael is survived by Margaret, his wife of twenty-one years, his children Kirstin and Philip from an earlier marriage, and by his grandchildren Caitlin and Liam. Michael died on 17 May 2019, aged 84.

John King (La Trobe University, Australia)

John Thomas Ball (m. 1957)

John Ball was born in 1931. In 1949, after completing secondary school, he went for two years to Roosendaal to study philosophy. From 1951 to 1955 he studied theology in Mill Hill, London, and took the Perpetual Oath there in 1954, and in 1955 he was ordained priest. John's first appointment was to teach in Freshfield, Merseyside. After a year there, he was appointed to further studies, and came up to Christ's in 1957, and obtained a Master's degree in Natural Sciences. During those years, John was also an enthusiastic member of the Boat Club. He returned to Freshfield after graduating, and, in 1965, he became headmaster there. Three years

later he also became rector. In 1972 he was appointed to the Philippines, where he served in Pandan and San José for four years. In 1976, he went to Louvain, Belgium, to study Missiology and Anthropology. After obtaining a licentiate degree, he went on to study for a doctorate which he completed in 1982. John was then appointed to teach at the Missionary Institute London. In 1982 he also became a member of the formation staff in St Joseph's College, Mill Hill, becoming vice-rector there in 1984. During the years he lived in Mill Hill, John was also chaplain to the students at St Michael's Grammar School in North Finchley. When St Joseph's College was sold, John went to live in Arkley, where he became chaplain to the Poor Clare Sisters. He died on 10 June 2019, aged 86.

David Nicol Donaldson (m. 1957)

David Donaldson read History at Christ's, matriculating in 1957. His career was spent in planning, and in public service, latterly serving as Assistant Secretary in the Department of the Environment from 1977 to 1996. Following this, he was a Consultant Planning Inspector. He died on 25 April 2019 and is survived by his wife, Grace, and their two children, and two grandchildren.

Nicolas John Bick Crocker (m. 1958)

John was born on 29 January 1938 and came up to Christ's in 1958 to read Modern and Medieval Languages. He died on 6 June 2019, aged 81.

John Fishley (m. 1958)



Despite a naval scholarship to Cambridge and national service aboard a frigate, John decided not to pursue a career at sea, nor follow his father into the Church. With a First in Mechanical Sciences, in 1961 John joined Repton School later becoming Head of Physics aged 27. He was a popular, extrovert character, who ran the CCF Commando Section and Climbing Club for many years, commanding the CCF for three.

After a sabbatical at Sydney Grammar School (gaining a beard and an Aussie accent!), he married in 1975 and moved to Oundle School, before returning to Repton in 1979. A stickler for rules, he was well suited to Second Master, combining firmness with a warm heart and understanding.

In 1985, he took up the headship of Churcher's College in Hampshire, but ill health resulted in a move to Yorkshire as Physics teacher at Read School, Drax. Like all the best teachers, he was happiest in the classroom passing on his enthusiasm of the subject he loved, but from this point on family became his focus. His five children were a source of pride and fulfilment; they were his rock, and he theirs. In retirement John travelled and volunteered as Project Manager with GAP. Sadly, in 2012 a near-fatal accident while out cycling impaired his memory and activities. Gregarious by nature, he had many friends locally in Cawood, and made a point of keeping up with friends from his past, plus tabs on his seven grandchildren!

Rebecca Fishley

David Marsland (m. 1958)

David Marsland read Classics at Christ's, matriculating in 1958, and was an open Classics Scholar. His postgraduate work, at the LSE, was in sociology, a subject he had stumbled into through his wide reading, and this was going to be the area in which he spent the rest of his career. He was known as Margaret Thatcher's favourite sociologist, and was particularly proud of being presented with the Thatcher Award in 1991.

David was, for many years, Professor of Health Studies at Brunel University, and Director of the Centre for Epidemiological Research. Prior to this he had been Professor in Sociology at Brunel, Assistant Director of the Social Affairs Unit (a libertarian think tank), and a consultant researcher in the business sector. His research focused, first, on youth work services, and second, on the power of the free market to grant people prosperity and a sense of meaning, and the power of the welfare state to sap them of both.

He was married firstly to Sheila Mann, and secondly to Athena Leoussi, who survives him, along with his four daughters. David Marsland died on 26 April 2020, aged 81.

Peter Bernard Rudman (m. 1958)

Peter was born on 10 June 1933, the eldest of seven siblings, and trained to be a Roman Catholic priest at Ushaw near Durham, followed by Christ's in 1958 to read English. He went on to teach A Level English at St Bede's College, Manchester, during which time he was involved with the Catholic Youth Association and was Chaplain at Manchester Polytechnic. He was the Chief Executive of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council in London for several years and then Parish Priest in Bury. Sadly, frustrated by the restrictions of the Church, he left the priesthood after 26 years. He became the co-ordinator of Bexley Voluntary Services and he married Sally. They moved to Pembrokeshire where he was the co-ordinator for Victim Support. He continued counselling and helped many people turn their lives around. He created a beautiful garden and grew wonderful vegetables. He died on 5 June 2019, aged 85.

Sally Rudman

Charles Anthony Shaw (m. 1958)

As one of four siblings, Tony was educated at Sedburgh, and served in the Royal Marines and the Jamaica Regiment for his National Service. Our friendship began on the first day of our Coming Up, as we waited for our Induction Interviews with Dr Pratt. Over 62 years our friendship ripened. A highlight was our ten-week tour of Europe in the 1960 Long Vacation on scooters. In College, Tony gained his Half-Blue as Captain of the University Lacrosse team. He read Economics, whilst also learning Spanish at Cambridge Tech. in his third Year. His first job was with Duncan Fox, based in Lima, Peru, where he married, and fathered a son, Mark. He then joined BP for the rest of his career. When living in England, Tony

lived in Harpenden, and became much involved with the Liberal Party, standing three times as their Candidate for St Albans. In 1982 he was appointed as BP's first General Manager for its new Iberian ventures. Based in Madrid with Carmen and his new family, having re-married in 1987, Tony thrived in his leadership role, for which he later received his OBE. His pleasures lay in his strong and loving family, alongside an outdoors life of tennis, golf, mountain walking, and ornithology. At home, music was a passion, with the violin of his youth replaced by his piano. Summers were built around their fine Villa at Rascafria, North-West of Madrid, where I stayed for my farewell visit in order for us to celebrate our friendship before the shadows lengthened. Tony died on the 6 April 2020 from Parkinson's disease, aged 82, at home with Carmen and their two children, Alex and Jessica. Carmen would want me to include this Poetic reference to our 62 years of friendship, namely *Heraclitus* by Callimachus – (William Johnson Cory).

Tom Epton (m. 1958)

Richard Cowen (m. 1959)

Richard was born in January 1940 and came up to Christ's in 1959 to read Natural Sciences. He completed his PhD on brachiopod paleobiology in 1966, and he spent the next 36 years at the University of California, Davis, from 1967 to 2003. As well as his innovative paleontological research, Richard excelled at teaching, receiving a Distinguished Teaching Award at Davis in 1993. 1976 marked the publication of the first *History of Life* – a textbook Richard wrote based on his hugely popular course of the same name. It is still widely used today and is in its sixth edition under the title *Cowen's History of Life*. In addition to his diverse professional research and teaching activities, Richard served terms as Co-Editor of *Paleobiology*, the premier journal of the Paleontological Society (1988–90), and as Chair of the Department of Geology, as well as of the Department of Geography. After retirement, Richard continued to read voraciously and he commented on paleontological literature regularly; his webpages on Geology in the News, Paleontology in the News, and Oceanography in the News were kept up to date at all times. He died in January 2020, aged 79.

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Donald Frederick Ashmore Ellis (m. 1959)*



Born in Liverpool in 1938, Donald spent his early years with his grandparents in the Isle of Man, attending Murrays Road School and acquiring a love for that island that would never leave him. At the end of the war the family returned to Liverpool, where his father resumed his career as a schoolmaster and Donald attended Liverpool Collegiate School. Following two years national service in the RAF as a Russian interpreter, Donald went up to Christ's in 1959 as a major scholar in Classics. His interests there lay in the Greek language and in the deciphering of papyrae.

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

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

Elinor Ellis

* Resubmission from 2019

David Glyndwr John (m. 1959)

David was born in July 1938. He attended Llandovery College, and completed his National Service in the Royal Artillery before coming up to Christ's in 1959 to read Natural Sciences. After graduating, he joined United Steels in Sheffield as a trainee manager, and in 1964 he won a NATO scholarship to take an MBA at Columbia University in New York. On his return, he joined Rio Tinto Zinc, moving in 1973 to the building materials group, Redland. His senior executive career was spent with the international trading, shipping, and motor distribution group Inchcape & Co, for which he was a main board director from 1988 to 1995, as well as head of marketing and chair of its Middle East interests. After leaving Inchcape, he was chairman successively of BOC and Balfour Beatty. In parallel, he was chairman from 1998 to 2009 of Premier Oil. David focussed on the human aspect of business, and he was a mentor to many younger colleagues. Throughout his corporate career, he retained the accent of his Welsh upbringing, and the bearing of his military service. His final major appointment, from 2002 to 2012, was as chairman (and for some time acting chief executive) of BSI Group, the trading name of the British Standards Institution. David was also a director of the Welsh Development Agency, vice chairman of British Trade International, Vice President of the Prince of Wales' Business Leaders Forum, a governor of SOAS, and a member of the board of overseers of Columbia Business School. He was appointed KCMG in 1999 for services to British business overseas. From 2009 to 2017 he was chairman of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs. He was also involved in charitable projects to build sheltered homes, and provide sailing opportunities for the disabled, and was latterly Chairman of the Cotswold Water Park. A passionate Welsh rugby supporter, and opera-goer, he also loved good wine, good company, and family life. He married, in 1964, Gillian Edwards, who survives him with their two children, a son and a daughter. Sir David John died on 27 October 2019, aged 81.

David Johnson Wright (m. 1959)



Dr David Wright was born and bred in Barnsley, South Yorkshire and was always proud of his working-class background. His family home overlooked a railway line climbing up out of Barnsley, so he became a life-long lover of steam engines and railways. He attended Christ's College between 1959 and 1962, graduating in Natural Sciences. David was a gifted footballer and gained 17 international caps for England Youth, playing alongside and captaining future stars such as Bobby Moore and Jimmy Greaves. He also played for the College's 1st eleven throughout his time

at Cambridge, including winning the inter-college Cuppers in 1959/60 and leading the team to the Cuppers and League double in 1961/2.

After University, David married Jean and moved to Manchester, where they remained. He started his teaching career in 1962 at a local school prior to joining Salford Technical College (now University College Salford) to do an MSc in Science, and then teaching Chemistry. Whilst there, he also completed his part-time Doctorate, before finally retiring in 1997. David was a strong and passionate advocate of 'lifelong education' and spent all his life learning/studying something – this continued into retirement with several Open University courses including *The Cosmos*, Latin and Greek Translations. Unfortunately, David was diagnosed and treated for bowel cancer in 2012 but it re-occurred in 2019 and no further treatment was possible. He passed away on 29 January 2020, and is survived by his wife, Jean and his three children, Andrew, Ian, and Wendy.

Jean Wright

Robin Patrick Parsons Burkitt (m. 1960)

Robin was born on 27 September 1941 and came up to Christ's in 1960 to read Mechanical Sciences. Whilst at College, Robin played hockey, and was President of the Marguerites from 1962–1963. He went on to become a Commander in the Royal Navy and was appointed OBE in the 1994 New Year Honours. Later he moved to work in the voluntary sector, as Business Support Manager of the Prince's Trust, and Branch Secretary of the Ex-Serviceman's Welfare Charity. Robin died on 29 September 2019, aged 78.

Ian Malcolm Grant MacIntyre (m. 1960)

Ian was born in July 1940 and came up to Christ's in 1960 to read Modern and Medieval Languages. At College, Ian was a member of CADS, the Christian Minstrels, and the Footlights. He began in the wine business, and subsequently worked with Morlands and Acquascutum, before joining the Department of Trade and Industry to advise on export. He was 17th Chief of the MacIntyres of Camus-na-h-Erie. He died on 26 September 2019, aged 80.

Patrick John O'Neill (m. 1960)

John O'Neill was born on 19 September 1926. He was a teacher at St Patrick's College in Wellington, New Zealand, from 1953 to 1960 and from 1962 until 1981, coming up to Christ's in 1960 to read Mathematics. At College he was also a member of the Football team. He returned to New Zealand at the end of 1962. From 1964 until 1980 he was involved with the Education Department in Mathematics Curriculum Development, and was instrumental in introducing "New Maths" into the curriculum of New Zealand secondary schools. During that time, he was one of a group of authors who published a series of textbooks entitled *Shape of Mathematics*. In the 1970s, he was a member of the Integration working Party, which sought to integrate Catholic schools into the State education system. From 1987 until 1994, John served as executive director of the New Zealand Education office, and then as the Vicar for Education in the Archdiocese of Wellington until 2001. In 1990, he received a medal for services to education and later in that year the Queen's Service Order. John died on 28 August 2019, aged 92.

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John Bernard Carolus Wilkinson (m. 1960)

John Wilkinson was born on 21 January 1933, and completed his undergraduate degree in English at Durham University, before coming up to Christ's in 1960 to study for a PGCE. Also in 1960 he was ordained into the priesthood and in September of that year joined St Mary's Roman Catholic Grammar & Secondary School, Darlington, as a teacher of English. In 1975 he studied for a Master's degree in Education in Southampton, and that same year, having earlier met his first wife, Anne, left the priesthood. Between 1976 and 1980, he was Deputy Head at Riley High School in Hull, before moving, in 1980, to become Principal of George Green School in London. John retired from full-time teaching in 1986. He died on 1 October 2019, and is survived by his second wife, Brenda.

James McLaren (m. 1961)

James McLaren read Modern and Medieval Languages at Christ's, where he was a stalwart of the Football team and was elected a Marguerite. On leaving Christ's he worked for some years for Vicks International and then Wilkinson Sword Ltd. in Africa and in Europe in various marketing capacities. He then had a change of career and got a job at Repton School in Derbyshire teaching Modern Languages, until retirement. He coached the 1st XI for many years, had a stint as Housemaster, was Head of the Careers Department and ended up as Director of Admissions. He was married with three children, and died on 28 March 2020.

Christian Eberhard von Stieglitz (m. 1961)

Christian, Chris to friends, died in Athens on 24 July 2019 from complications after cancer, surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Berlin in 1943, brought to live in Brentwood near London by his half-English mother after the war, and educated at St Joseph's Ipswich, then Cambridge. At College he was a good student, played rugby for Christ's in four cup-winning teams, and was active on the party scene. He loved his time at Cambridge and made friends from all over the world while there, giving him the taste for international living that dominated his career. He was immensely proud when his eldest daughter, Sabine, followed him to Christ's (m. 1990). He joined Ogilvie & Mather, the advertising agency, moving on to Proctor & Gamble after two years, where he spent the rest of his career. Chris spoke six European languages and worked all over the world. He married twice; his first wife was Linda, a Greek Cypriot who he met in London in 1967 and with whom he had two children. He met his second wife, Pilar, who was from Andalucia, in Geneva, and had another daughter and son. After retirement, Chris and Pilar settled near Marbella, her home town, but his travelling continued with consultancy work in Turkey, Japan, and USA, plus a holiday home in Thailand. Good looking, popular, full of energy and enthusiasm, generous and fun, Chris never lacked for friends or company, as the stream of visitors to his daughter's house in Athens in his final weeks testifies. He is survived by his four children, Sabine, Alexi, Sofia, Felipe, and two grandchildren.

Written by Christian's family

Robert Allen Ploc (m. 1962)

Bob Ploc was born on 2 June 1939 and came up to Christ's in 1962. He died on 30 August 2019, aged 80, in Canada.

Christopher James Seaton Clarke (m. 1963)

Christopher was born on 22 February 1946 and came up to Christ's in 1963 to read Mathematics. After College, he went into academia, working mainly on Einstein's theory of gravitation at the Universities of Cambridge, York, and Southampton, at the last of which he was professor of Applied Mathematics. Christopher left that post in 1999 and then worked freelance on the connections between science and spirituality, producing four books and a variety of essays, while helping with charitable foundations related to this area. This interdisciplinary work had been a passion throughout his life, taking shape at Cambridge where he was a member of the "Epiphany Philosophers" (an informal group that combined Christian practice with a scientific/philosophical approach to religion and spirituality). Christopher died on 16 April 2019, aged 73.

Anthony Kenneth Stapleton (m. 1963)

Anthony Stapleton's career was interesting and varied. His first job took him to Washington DC, working for the World Bank. Two sons were born there, and a third son in Tehran, Iran, where Tony was part of a resident mission for the World Bank. A career change, saw him joining ICI in Fernhurst, West Sussex, as part of the Crop Protection Division, and his daughter was born in Haslemere, before Tony persuaded his wife, Gillie, to help him to realise a life-long dream to farm, and Gillie ran the livestock farm for eight years. Tony then became a course writer and

Associate Lecturer for the Open University Business School, writing courses for the MBA programme. Another life-long dream led to a move to Norfolk, and a house on the River Bure in Wroxham, his own sailing boat, and a Canadian canoe in the boathouse. However, as a great family man, a desire to be closer to his UK-based grandchildren led to a move in 2012 to Alnwick in Northumberland.

Tony was a Magistrate both in Norfolk and in Northumberland and was a trustee of HospiceCare North Northumberland, and an adviser for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

While at Christ's, reading Geography, Tony was part of a team collecting plants for Kew Gardens in the Altiplano in Peru, and another trip to Peru during his research for his thesis led to his meeting his wife Gillie, who was working for the British Embassy in Lima. She followed him 3,000 miles after three meetings, and they were married in Great St Mary's in Cambridge six months later. They had celebrated 50 years of marriage before his death on New Year's Day, 2020, aged 74.

Gillie Stapleton

Christopher Brown (m. 1964)

Chris was born on 26 June 1945 and grew up in Southern England. He came up to Christ's in 1964 to read Natural Sciences and then went on to study at both Lancaster and Sussex Universities. He started his career at a merchant bank in



London, then emigrated to Canada in the 1970s. He worked for Alcan for over 20 years in Kingston, Toronto, Calgary, and the UK. In later life he worked as a business consultant, primarily in Russia. He was enthusiastic about many activities including: The Scouts, camping, chess, flying, sailing, skiing, rugby, squash, tennis, and golf. He travelled widely and visited all corners of the world. Chris died in October 2019, aged 64.

Adapted from an obituary written by Chris's family

Christopher Anthony Rosevear (m. 1966)

Christopher Rosevear came up to Christ's from Bedford School in 1966. He had an Exhibition to read Mediaeval and Modern Languages and was the son of a former Christ's man.

College friends remember an ebullient young man who loved photography and good stories and was a talented musician and keen Wagner fan, playing in the East Anglian Youth Orchestra while up at Christ's. After graduating, Chris went into international banking and travelled widely.

Much more recently some of the 1966 MML group established a regular Autumn lunch at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where Chris would regale us with tales of his travels, especially in Moldova, where he had a vineyard and helped to develop beauty and modelling ventures.

Peter Osborne and David Bradley (both m. 1966)

Michael John Timmons (m. 1967)



On 4 October 2019, Michael, loving husband and father of one daughter, passed away at the age of 70. Michael received his degrees in Medicine from Christ's College, Cambridge, writing his thesis on the forearm flap. During his time at Christ's he was Secretary for the Modern Pentathlon, Swimming, and Water Polo teams. Michael was a highly respected plastic and reconstructive surgeon. His special interests were cleft lip and palate surgery, and surgeries on other complex congenital problems, including hypospadias. During his tenure at the Bradford Royal Infirmary and St Luke's Hospital, he personally saw every child in Bradford, Airedale, Halifax, and Huddersfield born with a cleft lip or palate. He was an unsung hero of the 1985 Bradford City fire, operating on and caring for many victims. In 1994, he led a team of colleagues to Sarajevo to assist emergency surgical services in the Yugoslav War. In the 1990s and 2000s, Mike travelled to Rwanda and Kenya on assessment missions for DFID, UKMed, and the FCO. Michael was editor of the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons journal from 1994 to 1997, and a Council Member from 2010 to 2012, where he was immensely respected as a wise colleague and great teacher. Michael retired from the NHS in 2016, after which he worked as an expert witness in medical legal cases. He was a frequent speaker at the Doctors Updates meetings in Val d'Isère, where he was an accomplished and personable ski companion.

Gemma Timmons

Michael John Lewis (m. 1968)

Mike was born on 1 January 1950 into an RAF family. Because of the frequent moves service life involved, it was decided that Mike should board at Pocklington School in Yorkshire. He also had strong family links with Yorkshire and these associations were very close to his heart. At school, Mike became an enthusiastic sportsman, developing a lifelong love for cricket. He took full advantage too of all the artistic and social opportunities offered. As a teenager, the influence of pop culture and music were very important to Mike. This set his musical bearings for years

to come, and he played bass guitar in many bands on the Cambridge music scene.

Mike came to Christ's in 1968 to study Natural Sciences, taking Part 2 in Biochemistry. After graduating, he worked at the University Genetics Department. He then joined the Laboratory of Molecular Biology at the MRC in 1982 and spent the next 32 years there working closely with Hugh Pelham. Mike made significant contributions to his chosen fields of research as well as being involved in the wider life of the laboratory. He was greatly respected as a scientist as well as being recognised as a person of considerable personal integrity. Mike's last years were coloured by illness. His late diagnosis of prostate cancer meant that, unfortunately, the disease had already taken a hold. He bore the considerable challenges that ensued without complaint. Mike died on 21 July 2019.

David Ayres (m.1968)

Michael Raymond Neve (m. 1968)

Mike was one of the Christ's historians who matriculated in 1968. I remember him well as a rangy, red haired man with a liking for Bob Dylan, Jefferson Airplane, and the Doors. In his chapter in *Christ's: A Cambridge College Over Five Centuries*, Simon Schama writes of teaching '...pupils of rich and original talent – among them Michael Neve...' He graduated with a first in 1971 and went onto do a PhD on eighteenth-century history and society at Bristol. We met up in 1976/7 at Oxford University, where he went to finish

his thesis, and in his own words contacted me for tips on '...accommodation, lectures, places to eat: and HOW TO MAKE MONEY!!!' He subsequently took up a post at University College London at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, where he mainly worked on the history of biology. Here, he joined his friend the late Roy Porter, who supervised both of us at Cambridge and who was a leading light of the Wellcome Institute. Mike then spent his academic career at UCL, where he taught and was a contributor and editor, often with Roy Porter, for a variety of key books on the history of science and evolution. These included: the Penguin *Charles Darwin: Autobiographies* and *The Voyage of the Beagle*; the two volume *The Western Medical Tradition, European Psychiatry on the Eve of War*; and *1900: A Fin-De-Siecle Reader*. He was on the editorial board of the London Review of Books for over 20 years, contributing reviews on a wide variety of books, from the history of medicine, to Thomas De Quincey and Bob Dylan. Michael died in October 2019, aged 70.

Stewart Fergusson (m. 1968)

Peter Anthony Randell (m. 1968)

Peter was born on 3 May 1950 and came up to Christ's in 1968 to read Natural Sciences. After graduating, he gained an MSc from Durham University and an MBA from the London Business School. He worked as a Geotechnical Engineer with Ove Arup, as an Investment Manager with Jardine Matheson, as a City Regulator with the Securities and Investments Board, and as a Management Consultant with Greenly's. Latterly, Peter was Principal at TRC in Dorking. He was also a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. He married Stephanie in 1978, and had two children. Peter died on 23 January 2019, aged 68.

Hari Shankar Vasudevan (m. 1970)

Hari died of Covid-19 in Kolkata on 10 May 2020. Matriculating in 1970, and after completing a PhD in Russian History at Christ's, he returned to the sub-continent and became one of its most eminent historians. Very well-liked by his contemporaries in College, he was a gem of a bloke and a marvelous companion, with a generous heart, a considerate manner, a sympathetic ear, and an inadequate defensive technique at table football. For many years he taught at Kolkata University, where he was appointed professor, and made a lasting impact on his students as the many testimonials since his death attest. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, he redirected his research efforts to the successor Central Asian republics and developed an expertise which transcended academia, providing advice to departments of the Indian Government on international relations in particular. As so often, administration played an increasing role in his maturing career, and as committee chairman he was the prime mover in the development of a new history textbook for schools in India, a task which required him to draw on the skills of a diplomat. His death at the age of sixty eight is as unexpected as it was untimely. He leaves a wife and a daughter.

Tom Cassidy (m. 1969)

Stephen Gerald Barnfield (m. 1971)

Steve was born on 12 July 1953 and attended Manchester Grammar School before coming up to Christ's to read Mathematics in 1971. He was a keen Bridge player and was Secretary for the College team. On leaving Cambridge, Steve obtained a post with the Inland Revenue and served as a Tax Inspector in Bury St Edmunds. After this he worked for Arthur Andersen, and, having qualified as a Chartered Accountant, he spent eight years at Price Waterhouse from 1990–1998. He later moved back to Arthur Andersen, where he spent the rest of his long career. Steve's career took him to Manchester and then to London, where Steve met Frances Connell and they married in the early 1990s. In recent years, Steve's main hobby was running, mainly on roads, but also cross-country; indeed, in 2018 he ran his tenth marathon. He died in August 2019, aged 66.

Adapted from an obituary by Richard Fleet

Paul Murray White (m. 1971)

Paul was born on 11 May 1953. On leaving Gordonstoun, Paul came to Christ's to read Law. We were good friends and we shared B2 in 2nd Court in our second year. On leaving Christ's, Paul qualified as a barrister on the Northern circuit. He lived near York in Long Marston Manor, a spectacular house. Life was good. His career was taking off. He was married, with one son and another nearly due. Then tragedy



struck. In 1984 Paul had a severe stroke. He was suffering from polycythemia, the over production of red blood cells. A simple blood test would have revealed this and he could have been treated. Instead his life changed dramatically. His career as a barrister was over. His family was breaking up. As part of Paul's rehabilitation, he "apprenticed" with a specialist restorer of old buildings, a firm that had worked on York Minster. This opened a new chapter in Paul's life. He learnt how to restore and build furniture and went on to make many fine pieces in his workshop, which truly was his sanctuary. In 1992 Paul married Linda, and together they created wonderful homes in beautiful old houses, latterly in Harden near Bingley. They both had a passion for dogs, most recently Toby and Doodle. Many will remember Paul as being highly mischievous and someone who loved a good argument. That never changed! Sadly, Linda caught Covid-19 and was very seriously ill. Thankfully she has recovered. Paul also caught the disease. It is likely that this ultimately caused his death by throwing off blood clots. Very sadly Paul died on 25 April, shortly before his 67th birthday, far, far too soon. His many friends will greatly miss him.

Alan Brown (m. 1971)

Richard Arthur Leonard Williams (m. 1975)



Richard, known as Bill, was born in October 1956 in Havant, Hampshire. My family visited often and it was a lovely place, close to the seaside. When Bill was around seven years old, the family moved from Havant to Chelmsford, Essex, for his father's work. There, I remember his room being full of electronics: TVs and radios in various stages of deconstruction. He was also a fan of superhero comics and there was a huge collection which my sister and I remembered reading when visiting. Bill attended Brentwood School, winning a prize in Applied Science, and he then went up to Christ's College in 1975 to read Electrical and Information Science (EIST). While at College he was involved with the Wireless Society and the Guinness Appreciation Society. Bill's entire working life was with Marconi Electronic Systems, following his father, which in 1999 became BAE Systems. This company was engaged with Government research and defence projects, so Bill never really talked about his work. When a company reorganisation took place in 2017, he took an early retirement package, intending to study Greek and Latin and move to his parent's former home in the Lincolnshire countryside. Sadly, the latter never happened. His health was deteriorating and in February 2019, he died at his home in Chelmsford aged 62. He had no direct family and lived alone. He was a gentle kind man who preferred a quiet life and is remembered fondly by his neighbours and his relatives.

Elizabeth Moon

John Martin France (m. 1979)

John was born on 20 September 1957, and came up to Christ's in 1979 to study for a PhD on the history of the Conservative Party. He went on to work in valuating and regulating monopolies, and eventually became Regulations Director with the CE Electric UK Funding Company. John died on 17 March 2019, aged 61.

Jason Wilcox (m. 1986)

Many first encounters with Jason at Christ's were disconcerting: a self-possessed figure in a tweed jacket with an impressive five o'clock shadow. This must surely be a Fellow? And Jason would play along before admitting, with a chuckle, that he too had just arrived as a Fresher. That enjoyment of playing a role, of weaving a story, was central to Jason's life. At Christ's he co-founded the All Souls' Night Society, which aimed to revive the telling of ghost stories, and he was passionate about film. Each summer, he wrote and directed films, such as a feature-length Cold War spy caper, which he screened in the basement of the Todd Building. After graduating with a First in English, Jason worked for the literary agency, Artellus, representing authors such as Anthony Burgess. And the film-making continued. Jason recruited out-of-work actors hoping to get their break; the results were described, even by friends, as 'a challenging watch', which he would acknowledge with wry delight. His films dealt with themes such as obsession and living on the fringes – topics to which, undoubtedly, he brought his own perspective. Jason was fascinated by 'radical anthropology', and was a regular correspondent to the *Fortean Times*. If you mentioned any obscure conspiracy theory, Jason would already be better informed, and though he would expound the ideas with urgency, you could never quite tell to what extent he was being serious. But despite his oddball ideas and habitual obliqueness, people still happily threw themselves behind Jason's projects. Everyone recognised his innate decency, and the grandeur of his ambitions was balanced by a self-deprecating lack of pretension. And those dreams and crazy ideas were always accompanied by his chuckle, and a gnomic utterance that let you know that he was the one who knew what was *really* going on.

Martin Clayton (m. 1986)

Thomas Finbarr Livesey (m. 1994)

Finbarr Livesey was born on 16 February 1972 and came up to Christ's in 1994 for the Diploma in Computer Science, having completed his undergraduate degree in physics at University College Cork in Ireland. After leaving Christ's, he stayed on in Cambridge for four more years, working with Cambridge Consultants and Arthur D Little, before moving to the Kennedy School at Harvard where he completed a Masters in public policy. He returned to Cambridge to complete a PhD on value chains at the Institute for Manufacturing, before joining the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS). There he was instrumental in the development of the MPhil in Public Policy programme, becoming its director. Finbarr was a Fellow of Magdalene College and a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy. He died on 2 September 2019, aged 47, and is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and three young children.

Manaka Shibuya (m. 2016)

Manaka joined Christ's in October 2016 to read Natural Sciences, specialising in Chemistry after the first year, and continuing all the way to Part III. She loved her academic work, and had spoken of her plans to proceed to a PhD. Her project title for Part III was *Controlling interactions between novel ruthenium piano-stool complexes and proteins for artificial metallo-enzymes*; her aim was to find ways of binding the



element ruthenium, which is usually only harnessed in large-scale industrial chemical production, to complex molecules from nature, to engineer composites and discover their properties.

In addition to her academic studies, Manaka played a full part in College life. She enjoyed singing, particularly as a member of Christ's Voices, and she was committed to access work, encouraging young people from diverse backgrounds to aspire to a Cambridge education. She was a stalwart of the Boat Club, rowing in the 1st boat at Stroke, and remarkably coaching the Fellows' boat. It was therefore fitting that Manaka's friends in the Boat Club chose to dedicate a boat in her memory following her untimely death on 28 October 2019.

Mikey Benjamin Taylor King (m. 2017)

Mikey King matriculated at Christ's in 2017 to read Modern Languages, specifically French and Spanish, having studied Languages for A Level at Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge. At the time of his death in February 2020, he was spending his year abroad at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris.



Wayfinder

KEEPING IN TOUCH



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

COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

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

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

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

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

Dining

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

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time and Monday to Friday out of term and the first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring an adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement. The current guest cost is £53.50 inclusive of wine (2020–21 academic year) and an invoice will be sent via email after the dinner. Please note that a maximum of 6 alumni can exercise their dining privileges on any one night and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office on either (01223) 339556 or (01223) 334985 or by email to mealbookings@christs.cam.ac.uk and must be made before 1pm on the day on which you intend to dine, or by 1pm on the Thursday if you wish to dine on a Sunday. Whilst we encourage you to book in at your earliest convenience, please note that bookings cannot be taken more than two weeks in advance. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

Accommodation





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

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

Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: <http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/alumni/accommodation>. To receive the alumni promotional rate on single rooms, all you need to do is enter the code: **ALUMNI2020** where it asks for 'promo code' once you have clicked on 'bed and breakfast' and entered your required dates. This is the code for 2020, which will change to **ALUMNI2021** in 2021 and so on.

Keeping in Touch Online

You can now use the online community (<https://alumni.christs.cam.ac.uk>) to keep in touch with College friends, update your details, write a personal profile, book online for events and much more. The interactive parts of the site are password protected; if you need a reminder of your username or password, please contact alumni@christs.ac.uk. The Development Office has set up a number of social media channels so you can keep up-to-date with College and alumni news online:

-  Join us on Facebook to see photographs of College, hear the latest news and learn about events (<https://www.facebook.com/christscollegecambridge>)
-  Follow us on Twitter for real time news and 'tweets' from College (https://twitter.com/christs_college)
-  Become a member of the Christ's College, University of Cambridge Alumni group on LinkedIn – a great way to make useful professional connections or to join other alumni in discussions about College (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2351765/>)
-  We also have an Instagram account so come and have a look at our photos! (<https://www.instagram.com/christscollegecambridge>)



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