

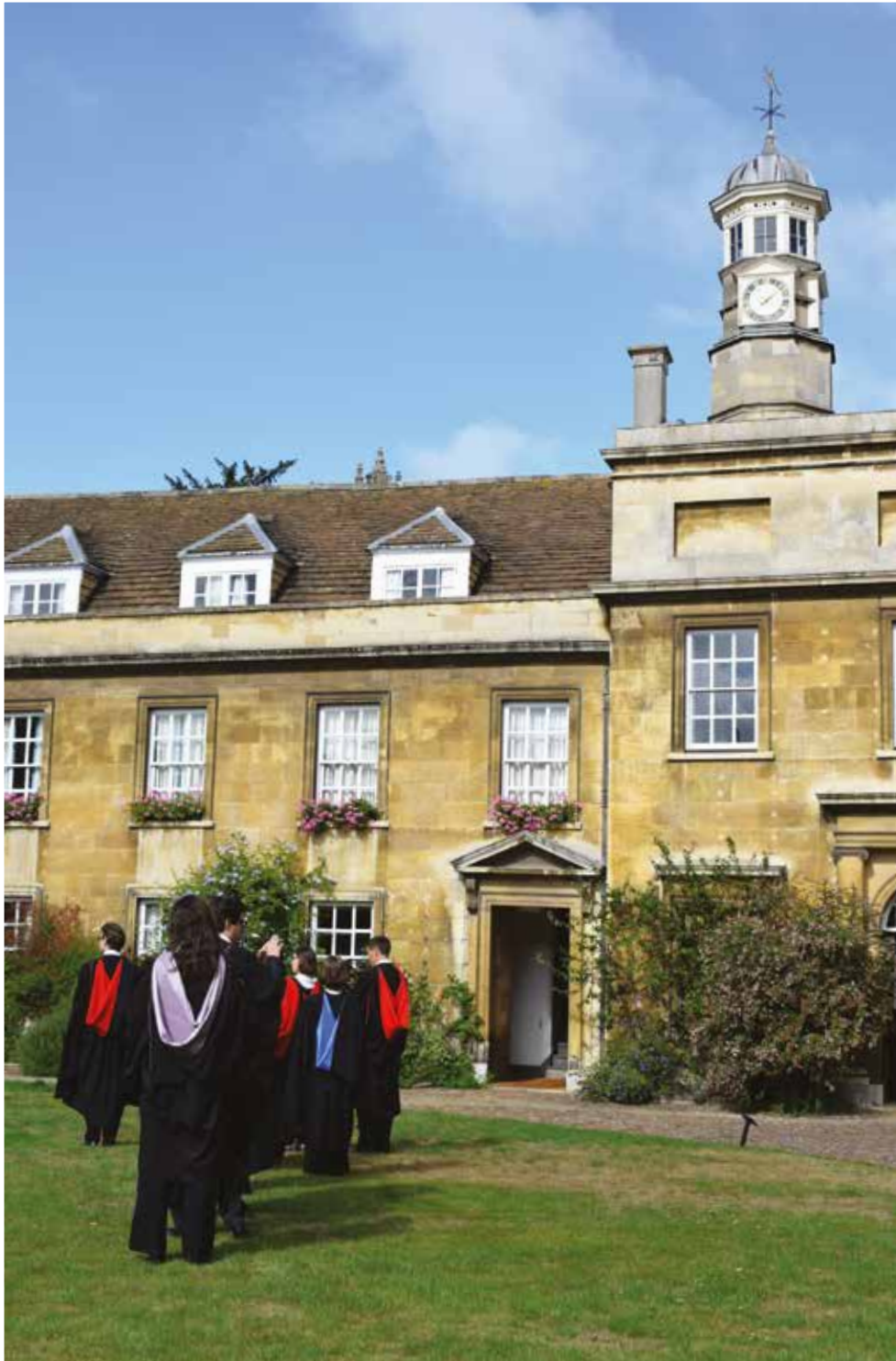
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COLLEGE NEWS

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

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*Lord McDonald
of Salford*

I have been Master for just over one year. When I spoke to Freshers at their Matriculation dinner last year, I said Christ's felt like an easy place to love. So it has proved for me. This year, Cambridge's most beautiful College became that little bit more beautiful with the completion of Yusuf Hamied Court. An assortment of tumbledown sheds has become the College's first accommodation block for postgraduate students. From my personal, unscientific observations of student accommodation across the city, I reckon Yusuf Hamied Court boasts the best kitchens in the university. All the rooms have ensuite

bathrooms. Everyone who lives there loves the place.

With that major project finished, our attention swivels to one of the few underused and unlovely corners of the domus site, Bath Court and the library. It shocked me to learn that the building most recently completed before Yusuf Hamied Court is also the one most likely to fall down first: the library was built in the 1970s; the space is cramped and unwelcoming. Governing Body has decided to replace it before inferior building materials and gravity do their worst. We will also refurbish the whole of that corner of the site, from Upper Hall, through the kitchens, library, Bodley Library, and Porters' Lodge. I expect this project to be a dominant theme of my time as Master. I hope it will be finished before I stand down in 2029.

We will begin the project with a competition to choose an architect. We hope to seek planning permission by this time next year. Watch this space.

For the rest, College is as open, friendly and familiar to its alumni as ever. The gardens are glorious. The porters are the best in the business. Music remains strong. The new Steinway in the Bill Fitzgerald Music Room in the basement of Yusuf Hamied Court is the finest piano in Cambridge. The choir starts the new academic year rejuvenated by its tour to Canada and by an influx of new members. In the Lodge, I sit back and revel in the beauty of their rehearsals in the Chapel next door. I cannot pretend that our rowers are competitive in the Bumps or the Blues boat

but they enjoy themselves immensely; they learn the importance of teamwork and mutual reliance. Although none of them will get to the Olympics, they embody the Olympic spirit, rejoicing in the taking part.

Remember that “once a Christ’s person, always a Christ’s person” which means among other things that all alumni have dining rights. Come back and see us sometime. We would very much like to see you!

Simon

McDonald of Salford



BURSAR'S UPDATE



Michael Parsons

Income (excluding donations) for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 was £14.1m (2022: £12.4m) and expenditure was £14.8m (2022: £12.5m).

Although commercial activity was mostly back to pre-COVID levels, the unequal impact of inflation on our overall income and expenditure resulted in the increased deficit on continuing operations (excluding donations) of £0.7m (2022: £0.05m deficit).

Despite difficult market conditions, the College's widely diversified investments performed reasonably well in 2022–23 with an overall return of 3.8% (2022: 5.1%) and total returns from the College's investments of £6.1m (2022: £6.7m) exceeded the amount distributed to fund current spending of £5.6m (2022: £5.1m).

Donations income was £5.4m (2022: £3.6m plus £14.5m for Yusuf Hamied Court). With donations, total income for the year was therefore £19.5m.

The current level of UK tuition fees falls well short of the cost of educating our undergraduates: our education account was in deficit by £2.9m last year (2022: £2.5m deficit) and as a result the College's reliance on philanthropic support continues to increase.

The consolidated balance sheet remained strong, with total reserves of £244m (2022: £239m). Within this total, Unrestricted reserves are £108m which, after taking into account £95m of operational fixed assets (including the domus site), implies "free reserves" of £13m (equivalent to approximately 11 months of operational expenditure). The College continued to hold sufficient liquid funds to meet all normal contingencies. The significant switch from Restricted to Unrestricted reserves in the chart below reflects the application of donations for Yusuf Hamied Court on completion of the building.

Capital Programme

Yusuf Hamied Court is now operational providing over 60 postgraduate study bedrooms on the main College site, five teaching rooms for Fellows, a new music practice and performance space (the Bill Fitzgerald Music Room), and several seminar / meeting rooms – as well as some commercial properties facing King Street.

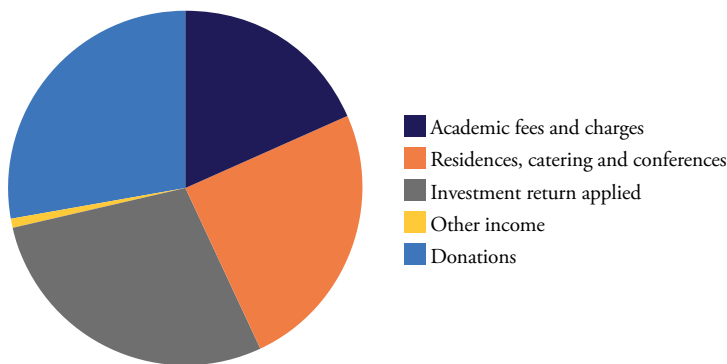
Doors have been fitted on the open staircases in the Stevenson Building and the first phase of installing solar panels on New Court (Lasdun Building) is complete.

After the interruption of COVID, the major project in First Court has recommenced: replacing the roof with new Collyweston tiles, improving insulation, renewing mechanical and electrical installations, and preparing for lower-pressure heating systems to accommodate future ground-source heat pump plans for the domus site.

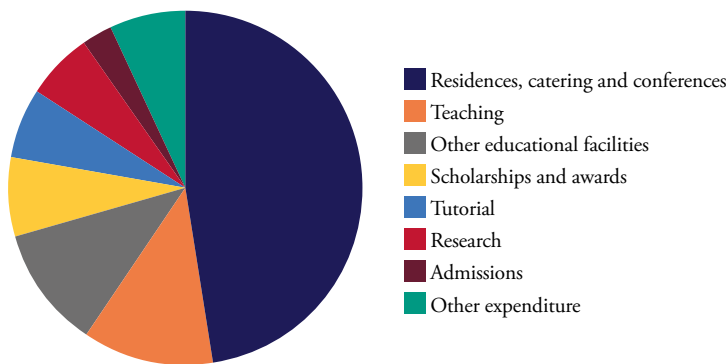
A rolling programme of refurbishment work in the College's hostels, including improving insulation and replacing gas boilers with air-source heat pumps, continues with work on three further hostels in Jesus Lane and Emmanuel Road underway.

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

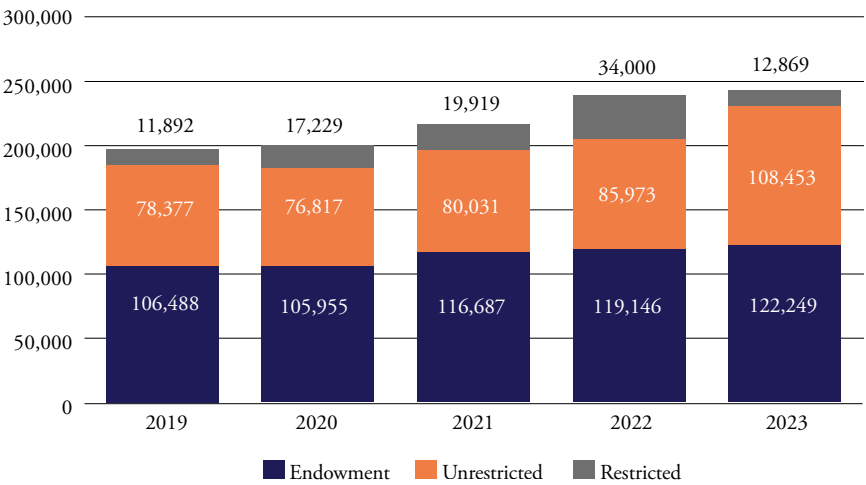
Income from all Sources 2023 – £19.5m



Principal sources of expenditure 2023 – £14.8m



Reserves £'000



Future Plans

The College has undertaken a major space planning (master plan) exercise this year “Mapping Christ’s Future”, supported by MICA Architects. This has involved extensive consultation with the wider College community and has identified many opportunities to improve space utilisation, enhance access, and progress our Net Zero ambitions across the domus site. Fundraising for these various projects will be a priority for the next decade (or two!).

However, the immediate priority project remains the replacement of the library, with continuing demand from our students for a significant expansion of flexible study space.

Michael Parsons

LETTER FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

Regular readers will remember that in 2022 Dr Robert Hunt wrote his last entry as Senior Tutor for the College before stepping down from the role in January of this year. I have been fortunate enough to take over the role of Senior Tutor and now have the pleasure of writing my first piece for the magazine. So, I am going to take this opportunity to provide you with an introduction, to give some thanks, to reflect, and to look forward to the future.

Christ's College has been a central part of my life for a long time. I was fortunate enough to become a member of Christ's in 1996 when I matriculated to study Natural Sciences. Expecting to specialise in Chemistry, the flexibility of the Tripos opened my eyes to the Biological Sciences and under the guidance of Professor Margaret Stanley as my Director of Studies I switched allegiance and took Pathology in my final year. I stayed at Christ's for my PhD in Molecular Virology before taking a postdoctoral position at Imperial College. In 2006 I returned to Christ's to work in the laboratory of College Fellow Professor Nick Gay who nominated me for a Bye-Fellowship and in 2010 I became a Teaching Fellow in Biological Sciences. Since then, I have taught and supported many students as a supervisor, Director of Studies, and a pastoral Tutor. Most important of all, it was whilst a student at Christ's that I met my wife, Marianne (m.1997). Having seen Christ's evolve and develop over the last 27 years puts me, I hope, in a position to understand and support the needs of the students, the Fellows, and the staff, all of whom combine to make Christ's the fantastic place it is.

In taking on the mantle of Senior Tutor, I want to give special thanks to Dr Robert Hunt who held the role for a little over fourteen years and played a central part in making Christ's the community it is today. I am particularly grateful for him asking me to become a pastoral Tutor in 2016, for his unwavering support, for his proactive approach to support student wellbeing, and for the pragmatic, humane, and practical leadership he showed through the pandemic and more broadly as Senior Tutor. In recent years, Christ's has been commonly cited as a College that understands the needs of its students, as individuals and as a community. Thank you, Robert.

Within all walks of life, the last few years have been tumultuous, disconcerting, and challenging. This is no different in Higher Education. This academic year has seen our students able to engage in the normal academic and social activities once again. Some traditional activities are only just restarting, and we are having to remember what was done before and why. However, this year has not been without significant disruption. Once again teaching in the University has been interrupted by strike action. Whilst College teaching continued many students had lectures, seminars, and practical classes cancelled. In addition, as many of you will have seen in the press, there has been a marking and assessment boycott. At the time of writing this is still ongoing and means that we have some students that have received results as normal, some who have received provisional results, some who have partial results, and some who currently have no results at all.

Consequently, the third years who have just completed their degrees experienced, not a graduation, but a celebration of their studies. Fortunately, except for some changes to the Latin used in the Senate House this looked the same as a graduation and we were able to hold the usual events in College to allow them to celebrate with



*Tom Monie
with students*

family and friends. Best of luck to all of you in the future and we look forward to welcoming you back to College in the future.

So, what is important to me as Senior Tutor? We have academically talented students, but it is also clear that the pressures of being a student nowadays are different to those of the past. Being a student at Christ's should be enjoyable, a time for learning, and a time for trying new things. My aim as Senior Tutor is to focus on two things – opportunity and wellbeing. In doing so I hope to create an environment that will allow our students to excel in both academic and non-academic activities. This year I have piloted a new scheme to support students in any academic discipline to undertake research opportunities in the summer. We have been fortunate to be able to support fourteen students this summer and hope to be able to grow the scheme next year. We have also recruited a new College Nurse and Wellbeing Advisor and are working on expanding the support we provide to all students to help them make the most of their time at Christ's. Working closely with the JCR and MCR I hope to roll out a series of events next year to diversify their learning, to provide skills and awareness relevant for life post-Christ's and to encourage stronger integration across distinct parts of the College.

I am going to finish with one last observation. In a recent set of interviews for a teaching post one of the applicants asked the panel "How is Christ's so successful academically and yet also described as a friendly and welcoming community?" In my view, the diversity of the College community, our openness to all, and our genuine interest in student wellbeing provide the answer to this. Creating an environment that allows people to feel valued, to not be judged, and to be able to explore their interests fosters excellence in all areas and I hope to continue this in the future.

Tom Monie

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate admissions to Cambridge have come under intense scrutiny over the past decade from journalists, from politicians, and from our own students. The Collegiate University receives at least one Freedom of Information request relating to admissions every working day, together with dozens of press enquiries. Five years ago, I devoted my annual letter to answering the most common questions posed by alumni. What follows is an updated version of that “FAQ”. Much has changed since 2018; happily, the interest and engagement of Christ’s members have not, and I am always delighted to talk to alumni about our access and outreach activities, and to hear any ideas that they have for new initiatives.

What percentage of the Christ’s undergraduate intake comes from state schools?

The percentage of incoming British students from the state sector varies from year to year, depending on the calibre of applications and their distribution across subjects, but broadly, it reflects our applicant field, as the table below indicates.

	Applications	Offers	Admissions
2019	72.2%	75.7%	73.7%
2020	80.4%	75.4%	75.7%
2021	78.3%	77%	78%
2022	76.5%	75.0%	74.7%
2023	75.7%	75.9%	Pending

These figures put us slightly above the mean for all Cambridge Colleges, and admissions in particular are significantly higher than they were five years ago: testament to the hard work that Christ’s has put into attracting outstanding candidates from a range of backgrounds and supporting them through the post-offer phase.

What percentage of Christ’s undergraduates are women?

When I answered the same question in 2018, the percentage of female entrants to Christ’s was relatively low, compared with other mixed colleges and with the University as a whole, hovering around 42%, against an average of 48% elsewhere. Pleasingly, these figures too have shifted: in both 2021 and 2022, exactly half of our entrants were women, and the undergraduate body as a whole is now close to 50/50.

What percentage of Christ’s undergraduates come from ethnic backgrounds, other than white?

Again, this is an area where we have seen marked changes over the past five years. In 2018, the percentage of British entrants to Christ’s from ethnic backgrounds other than white was 20.5 and the percentage of all entrants to Christ’s from ethnic backgrounds other than white was 30.5. In 2022, those figures were 35.8 and 47.6, respectively.



*Christ's-King's
Residential*

What percentage of Christ's undergraduates come from disadvantaged backgrounds?

The amount of data available on UK applicants has been slowly increasing over time. We can now access a range of information about our candidates including average GCSE and A-level attainment at their school. We have indications of whether they come from a neighbourhood with (a) low rates of progression to Higher Education (b) a high proportion of residents from demographic groups known to be under-represented at Cambridge and/or (c) a high score on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. We also know whether they have spent time in care and, if they come from a state school, whether they are eligible for Free School Meals.

Categories (a) (b) and (c) above are the focus of government-agreed targets for entry to Cambridge. The percentage of entrants to Christ's from each of these categories fluctuates significantly from year to year, since the number of students involved is quite small. In the last three years, however, an average of 14.8% of incoming British students came from a Low Participation Neighbourhood, 16.9% came from an area with a high proportion of residents from groups known to be under-represented at Cambridge, and 20% came from an area scoring highly on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. In each case, this figure is much higher than it was when I wrote on the same topic, five years ago.

What has been slower to grow is the number of entrants who are eligible for Free School Meals: we take on average fewer than ten a year, and those we do take have come to us, historically, only from England and Wales. There are many barriers to access for FSM-eligible students beyond the purely financial. However, we are hoping that the introduction of the College's new Devolved Nations Bursaries will help ease the monetary worries of students from Scotland and especially Northern Ireland, where governmental support is less generous than it is elsewhere, and the need for top-up funding commensurately more acute.

What percentage of the Christ's undergraduate intake comes from outside the UK?

The percentage of students admitted from outside the UK over the past three years

was 34.2%: a not-dissimilar figure to the 32% I reported in 2018, and one that includes many students who do not pay international fees (often because they are British nationals temporarily resident elsewhere). While the numbers of entrants from the EU has fallen since Brexit, European entrants continue to account for some 40% of our non-UK intake, and first-year undergraduates come from around twenty different countries each year. Christ's makes a serious effort to ensure that our international student body is as diverse as our UK student body, and is the only Cambridge College actively engaged in outreach outside the British Isles: you can read more about our work with one student-led initiative, Project Access, in the Lent edition of *Pieces*.

What do you look for in undergraduate applicants?

Our primary criteria in choosing undergraduates remain academic ability and potential: we are looking for the brightest and best students, irrespective of background. Our assessment processes have changed since the pandemic, but those processes are still designed to help us gauge whether candidates have the core knowledge and skills required to thrive on our degree courses – as well as the capacity to apply their knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

We do not take account of extra-curricular achievements that are not relevant to the course for which a student is applying and their participation (or otherwise) in activities such as sport will not affect their chances of receiving an offer. However, many applicants who excel in one area also excel in others and work/life balance is, of course, critical once they arrive at the College.

What are you doing to increase the intake of undergraduates from under-represented groups?

In addition to our outreach activity in and for the Christ's "Link Areas" of Harrow, Lincolnshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, we run a number of events intended to boost applications from groups of students known to be under-represented at Cambridge. These include a Women in Maths residential for talented female mathematicians from state schools, a Low Participation Neighbourhood Summer School for students from areas with low rates of progression to Higher Education, an Easter residential for students from schools with low rates of entry to Oxford and Cambridge, and a rotating menu of themed "taster days" in specific subjects. We hope that the new outreach travel fund will enable more students to reach Cambridge and take advantage of these opportunities.

Boosting applications, however, is only half the battle. We are acutely conscious of the need to ensure that more students from disadvantaged backgrounds who succeed in securing an offer go on to meet the conditions of that offer and take up a place at Cambridge. When I wrote the 2018 FAQ, we were piloting an offer-holder mentoring scheme for students who had experienced educational disruption; that scheme now runs across half the Colleges. We top up the mentoring scheme with a two-week Bridging Course in September, in partnership with King's. Christ's was a founder member of the pioneering STEM SMART programme, which assists talented scientists throughout their last two years at school, and two alumni – Jan Wiek and Ben Clare – kindly provide online tutoring to students whose schools cannot support them in preparing for the STEP examinations in Mathematics.

You can read more about this work in the annual Access and Outreach News for alumni. None of it would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Admissions Team, Directors of Studies, and other Fellows, or the support of a number of generous donors, to whom I am as ever extremely grateful. A special mention, in 2023, goes to all our student ambassadors, the ever-willing, ever-enthusiastic C'reps, to Romany Whittall, our undergraduate intern, and above all to Jan Marshall, who is retiring after eighteen years working across Tutorial and Admissions – she will be sorely missed.

Emily Tomlinson



*C'reps at the
September open day*

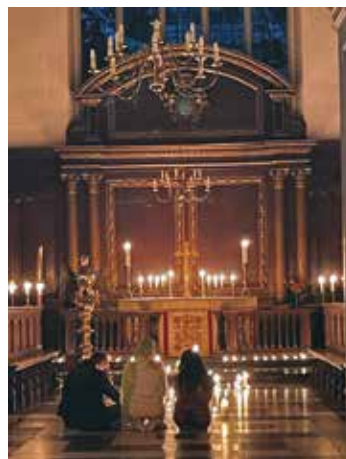
LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This year has seen a considerable change in the chapel community. Revd Dr Robert Evans moved on from his role as Chaplain at the end of Michaelmas term to take up the position of Senior Chaplain at Radley School in Oxfordshire. Having had the difficult task of being Chaplain at Christ's during the Covid years, with all the pastoral challenges that presented, we wish him calmer seas at Radley!

We were extremely lucky to have suitably gifted postgraduates able to step into the breach for Lent term, meaning that there was no need to appoint an interim chaplain. Doctoral students Alan Mitchell and Shady Anis shared the role, organising and overseeing services for the term, aided administratively by student Carrie Day. Being a licensed lay minister, Alan already had significant experience of leading worship; and combined with Shady's theological expertise, they made an excellent team of Lay Chaplains. Together with the student community, I am extremely grateful to them for keeping the chapel life running during the interregnum, and for putting on what looked to be a fascinating series of sermons on the Gospel parables.

Everyone told me I was mad to arrive at Christ's at the beginning of Easter term. I knew it would be a stretch to bring things to a close in the London parish I'd served for over a decade, downsize from a four bedroomed vicarage, and move into the chaplain's set in a matter of weeks, but I'm glad I did it. It felt important to begin by providing a pastoral presence for exam term, and I was keen to get to know the community, and dive into some delicious choral music. It has to be said, I was also keen to avoid being new with everyone else at Michaelmas! The welcome I received really was warm beyond my expectations. Fellows were quick to invite me to join in the excellent dining culture we have at Christ's; staff were friendly and helpful, ensuring A1 was made ready in record time; and in the first few weeks of term I was visited by a steady stream of students who dropped by simply to say, 'we're so glad you're here'. I felt incredibly lucky to have landed in such a congenial community; and all the more so, being the first Chaplain to be elected as a Fellow: what a privilege.

Our chapel theme for Easter Term was 'Abundant Life', which aimed to explore how the decisions we make in terms of career and vocation, identity and relationships, cultural and consumer choices can help us enjoy the fullness of life we have been promised. One of my aims is to ensure that the chapel is an open and affirming space for everyone, not just confessing Christians, so it was good to see a group of new students trying out chapel to come and hear Canon Sarah Jones, the first transgender priest in the Church of England, speak about her experiences. Choral Evensong is a delight, but not necessarily the best 'entry level' service for those unfamiliar with church, so I've also introduced Soulscape, a contemplative candlelit service of music, silence and reflection, which asks nothing of those who attend other than simply to be themselves. It proved a popular partner to Compline, though I suspect the offer of port and hot chocolate in the Chaplain's rooms after the service may have helped.



The first Soulscape

Being a fan of the English choral tradition, one of the things I was looking forward to most at Christ's was engaging with the choir. Their reputation had preceded them, and I was not disappointed when I arrived. The experienced hand of Professor David Rowland on the tiller, coupled with the gifts and enthusiasm of organ scholars Davon Halim and Clare Pryor, continues to deliver excellent music for services, great tours (Canada this year), and high-quality CDs. Amusingly, the scheduling of a recording of Christmas music for the last day of term meant that those walking across First Court in the midst of a summer heatwave were treated to melodic strains of 'In the Bleak Midwinter' emitting from the chapel. Do remember this when you buy your copy! Also invaluable in all matters choir-related was the input of Tom Baarda, Choir Administrator, who ensured that I was up to speed on important traditions: 'the Chaplain always has a pizza and prosecco party at the beginning of term...'. I've also enjoyed experiencing other Christ's traditions: singing from the roof of the Great Gate on Ascension morning (happily in fair weather) and organising the Bishop Porteus Scripture Reading Prize. The latter, a competition for the most 'distinct and graceful' reader from our medieval lectern (prize £100 – hotly contested!), was won by Robyn Russell-Jones with an eloquent and expressive declamation of Luke 7.1-10, a passage in keeping with Bishop Porteus' abolitionist concerns.

The end of the academic year is, as I have now learned, a good time for connecting with alumni. A number of occasions make this possible: Evensongs and Bumps; garden parties, lunches and dinners; all accompanied by more Pimms than is wise for a Chaplain to imbibe. I have really enjoyed speaking to old members and hearing their stories about Christ's. I hope to meet many more readers of the Magazine in the coming year and, in the spirit of our motto *Souvent me Souvient*, would encourage any who can to join us at Evensong and dinner on a Sunday in term, where they may be assured of a warm welcome.

Revd Dr Helen Orchard



*Singing from
the roof of the
Great Gate on
Ascension Day*

LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Having been a recipient and reader of the Magazine for the last 17 years, little did I think, when I received the 2022 edition, that I would be writing the 2023 letter from the Development Director myself! Marking 20 years since my matriculation, I started my new role at Christ's in September and I begin my letter by thanking everyone in College and amongst the alumni, who has welcomed me so warmly, at the September reunions or by contacting me during my first few weeks in post. I offer my particular thanks to our Development Board (Mark Davies (Chair), Soumen Das, Jennifer Haywood,

Susan Hill, Bindesh Shah and Jim Warwick) who commit so much of their time and energy to support this department's work.

The 2022/23 academic year has been one of huge change for the Development & Alumni Relations department. In March Catherine Twilley left Christ's after 14 years for St Catharine's College, and her departure was followed by several members of the wider team over the summer period. Despite so much change, our alumni enjoyed a year of enjoyable events and interesting publications, keeping them connected and engaged with the Christ's community. You will see from the Alumni Relations report later in the magazine that we welcomed over 1,300 alumni to events including the September reunions, Winter Drinks, Fisher Society annual lunch, Family Day and a wonderful celebration on 1st July when we marked the completion of the £50m Campaign for Christ's and thanked the many hundreds of alumni who contributed to that inspirational achievement. I know you will join me in thanking Catherine and her team for their dedication and commitment throughout the Campaign and wishing them well in their new endeavours.

Returning to College, many people ask me what has changed since my time here as a student. There are of course some obvious and significant changes to the fabric of the College. With the ever-generous support of the Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation, Yusuf Hamied Court was opened on 1st May this year. It offers dedicated accommodation to our growing postgraduate community for the first time, as well as a much-needed recital space in the Bill Fitzgerald Music Room, so generously supported by a group of alumni in memory of Professor Fitzgerald.

There is change under the surface too – alongside boundless academic ambition for our students I find an absolute commitment to ensuring that their time at Christ's is rounded and happy, through participation in sport, the arts and wider College life. I was delighted to discover that earlier this year the College's first wellbeing advisor was appointed, and as we explore the capital projects which will shape the future of the domus site, the wellbeing and mental health of students and staff is rightly a key priority. It has also been a joy to understand from the Admissions team just how much we put in to ensuring that we are able to attract a representative cohort of excellent and committed students from across the UK and internationally. This is only possible with the support of alumni who make gifts for outreach (in the UK and, uniquely to Christ's, internationally as well) and for the bursaries needed to ensure that students are not deterred from taking up a place

at Christ's for financial reasons. Last year alone, support of over £800,000 was awarded by the College to ensure our students can engage fully in their academic and extracurricular activities.

Of course, there is so much which, from the moment you set foot in First Court, feels absolutely as it ever was, whether you studied at Christ's 10, 20 or 60 years ago. The beauty and individual character of each court, the tranquility of the Fellows' Garden, the sound of the Chapel bells; as the students arrive in October and an autumnal nip tinges the air, I often find myself back in 2003 and remembering that sense of excitement and trepidation that arriving in Cambridge for the first time brings.

Also unchanged is the importance of the alumni community, whose achievements are so frequently celebrated in our publications and events, and who so willingly engage with students as they look to future careers. And now, more than ever, the generous support of our alumni makes possible so many of the wonderful and vital things we are able to achieve in College, from bursaries to new buildings. Last year over 1,600 alumni pledged support of £5.4m to support the College. Against a backdrop of steeply rising costs, static tuition fees, and a determination to keep accommodation and food prices affordable for students, fundraised income must play an ever-increasing role in the long-term financial sustainability of the College. So I close, as I opened, with thanks. The future landscape is uncertain, but our ambitions for excellence and inclusivity are undimmed. They will only be achievable with help and support from those who hold Christ's dear. Thank you to you all.

Alexandra Rowlands

SENIOR MEMBERS

Each list includes the current Senior Members as of October 2023 in order of election in the various categories, and records only higher doctorates and external honours. The date in brackets indicates the date of original election.

Master

Lord McDonald of Salford GCMG KCVO

Fellows

1961 Dr John Rathmell
 1962 Dr Cecil Courtney LittD
 1969 Prof Martin Johnson FRS, FRCOG, FMedSci, FRSB
 1969 Prof John Wilson ScD
 1971 Dr David Jones
 1972 Prof Geoffrey Ingham
 1976 Prof Frank Kelly CBE FRS
 1976 Dr William Peterson
 1978 Dr Kelvin Bowkett (1966)
 1983 Prof David Reynolds FBA
 1983 Prof Gareth Rees
 1985 Prof Ian Leslie FREng
 1986 Prof Susan Bayly
 1987 Prof Nicholas Gay
 1994 Prof Sir David Klenerman FRS FRSC FMedSci
 1996 Dr Alan Winter (1975)
 1998 Dr Robert Hunt
 2001 Prof Marcelo Fiore
 2006 Prof Caroline Vout FSA
 2006 Dr Sophie Read
 2007 Dr Julia Shvets
 2008 Dr Elena Punskeya
 2008 Prof Sanjeev Goyal FBA
 2010 Prof Duncan Bell (2004)
 2010 Prof Tom Monie (2006)
 2011 Prof Sarah Radcliffe FBA
 2012 Prof Sarah Franklin (2011)
 2013 Dr Richard Williams
 2014 Prof Gábor Betegh
 2014 Dr Helen Pfeifer
 2015 Prof Christopher Thomas
 2015 Prof David Trippett (2009)
 2016 Prof Richard Mortier
 2016 Dr Edward Allen
 2016 Dr Andrew Stewart
 2016 Dr Emily Tomlinson
 2017 Dr Harriet Lyon
 2017 Dr Mike Housden
 2018 Dr Isabel Huang-Doran
 2018 Dr Giovanni Mantilla
 2018 Dr Sam Stanier
 2018 Prof Daniel Field
 2018 Dr Mary Franklin-Brown
 2019 Dr James Jones

2019 Dr Alexandre Loktionov
 2019 Dr Henry Bradford
 2019 Prof Mark Girolami
 2020 Dr Matthew Tyler
 2020 Dr Ksenia Zanon (2019)
 2020 Dr Chuck Witt
 2020 Dr Katie Dunkley
 2020 Dr Chiara Giorgio
 2020 Prof Hrvoje Jasak
 2021 Dr Anna Protasio
 2021 Mr Paul Fannon
 2021 Mr Michael Parsons
 2021 Dr Farbod Akhlaghi
 2021 Mr Alex Savu
 2021 Dr Camilla Nord
 2021 Dr Stephanie Rohner
 2021 Dr Matthew Ward
 2022 Dr Miguel Beneitez
 2022 Prof Chris Pickard
 2022 Dr Irit Katz (2020)
 2022 Dr Henry Spelman (2015)
 2022 Dr Ori Mautner
 2022 Dr Purba Hossain
 2022 Dr Kareem Estefan
 2022 Prof Jane Stapleton FBA Hon KC
 2023 Dr Paul Barker
 2023 Rev'd Dr Helen Orchard
 2023 Dr Damon Wischik
 2023 Dr Joanna Bellis
 2023 Mrs Alexandra Rowlands
 2023 Dr Marcella Montagnese
 2023 Dr Katherine Mennis
 2023 Dr Luca Sapienza
 2023 Dr Arianne Urus
 2023 Dr Richard Tse

Emeritus Fellows

1962 Dr Alan Munro
 1963 Prof Peter Landshoff
 1966 Dr Robert Diamond
 1969 Dr Visvanathan Navaratnam
 1969 Prof Peter Rayner
 1974 Prof Andrew Cliff FBA
 1976 Prof David Sedley FBA
 1990 Dr Richard Batley

Honorary Fellows

1978 Prof Sir Peter Hirsch FRS (1960)
 1984 Prof Barry Supple CBE LittD
 FBA FRHISTSOC (1981)
 1984 Sir Robin Nicholson FRS (1961)
 1990 Sir Rodric Braithwaite GCMG
 1991 Sir Dillwyn Williams MD
 1993 Prof Sir Christopher Ricks FBA (1975)
 1995 Prof Sir Simon Schama Hon LittD
 CBE FBA (1966)
 1996 Rt Hon Lord Irvine of Lairg PC KC
 1996 Mr Neil McKendrick (1958)
 1997 Prof John Clarke ScD FRS (1972)
 1998 Dr Adrian Ning-Hong Yeo (1970)
 2002 Sir Charles Saumarez Smith CBE FSA (1979)
 2002 Sir Nicholas Serota CH Hon LittD
 2002 Lord Williams of Oystermouth DD PC FBA
 2004 Prof Sir Martin Evans DSC Hon LLD
 FRS FMedSci
 2004 Rt Hon Lord Turnbull of Enfield KCB CVO
 2005 Prof Sir Keith Peters GBE Hon MD FRCP FRS
 FMedSci (1987)
 2005 Sir David Cannadine LittD FBA FRSL
 FSA FRHistS (1975)
 2005 Prof Dame Linda Colley CBE FBA FRSL
 FRHistS (1978)
 2005 Rt Hon Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL
 2008 Prof Quentin Skinner FBA (1962)
 2008 Dr Yusuf Hamied Hon ScD FRS (2004)
 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 Prof Philip Kitcher
 2018 Sir Richard Treisman FRS
 2019 Prof Tanya Luhrmann (1985)
 2019 Mr Swee Keat Heng
 2020 Prof Simon Tavaré FRS (2004)
 2022 Prof Dame Theresa Marteau (2013)
 2023 Sir Peter Mathieson FRCP FMedSci FRSE
 2023 Ms Annilese Miskimmon

Bye-Fellows

1999 Dr David Webster
 2001 Dr Thomas Matthams
 2005 Prof David Rowland
 2013 Dr Timoleon Kipourou
 2014 Dr Rob Doubleday
 2014 Dr Tomasz Matys
 2014 Prof Steven Murdoch (2008)
 2015 Mr Rupert Brown
 2015 Dr Kayvan Sadeghi
 2016 Mr Richard Bassett
 2016 Dr Alexander Jones
 2016 Dr Graham Spelman
 2017 Dr Mary-Ellen Lynam
 2018 Prof Richard Turner
 2020 Mr Mark Lewisohn
 2020 Dr Peter Hedges
 2020 Dr Nuno Miguel Oliveira
 2020 Dr Il-Kweon Sir
 2020 Prof Jenny Gibson
 2020 Dr David Wallis
 2021 Dr Tony Jewell
 2021 Dr Ho-On To (2017)
 2022 Mr Alan Brown
 2022 Dr Matthew Cheetham
 2022 Prof Dominic de Cogan (2014)
 2022 Prof David Norman (2002)
 2022 Prof Jonathan Gillard MD (2002)
 2022 Dr Charlotte Houldcroft
 2022 Dr Anthony Ng
 2022 Dr Nick Pyper
 2022 Dr Stanley Strawbridge
 2023 Dr Anthony Coyne (2016)
 2023 Dr Fran Eastwood
 2023 Dr Ash Ferro
 2023 Dr Holly Giles
 2023 Prof Boris Kashnikov
 2023 Dr Sharon Lee
 2023 Ms Sandi Toksvig OBE

Fellow-Commoners

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

Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellows

2001 Sir Simon Campbell CBE DSc FRS
 2001 Lady Jill Campbell
 2004 Mr Guy Whittaker
 2004 Mr Cecil Hawkins
 2006 Mr Alfred Harrison
 2006 Dr Mike Lynch OBE FRS FREng
 2008 Mr Graham Clapp
 2009 Prof Stephen Blyth
 2012 Dr Alan Smith CBE FRS
 2013 Mr Richard Gnodde
 2013 Mr Simon Palley
 2016 Mr Jim Warwick
 2016 Dr Jane Dominey
 2018 Ms Amanda Hawkins
 2023 Mrs Leda Nelis
 2023 Mr Hendrik Nelis
 2023 Hon James Suenson-Taylor
 2023 Ms Sukanya Rajaratnam

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

Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Prof Vegard Nergård, Professor in Aviation
 Science at UiT, The Arctic University of
 Norway, 2023
 Prof David Fox, Department of Earth and
 Environmental Sciences, University of
 Minnesota, for the academic year 2023-24
 Dr Thant Myint-U, Chairman of U Thant
 House, a leading education centre in Yangon,
 Myanmar; Founder / Chairman of the Yangon
 Heritage Trust; former senior UN Secretariat
 official and UN spokesman in Sarajevo during
 the Bosnian war, for academic year 2023-24
 Prof Daniel Wakelin, Professor of Medieval
 English Palaeography, University of Oxford,
 Michaelmas Term 2023

New Senior Members



Katie Mennis

KATIE MENNIS elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Junior Research Fellow. My research interests lie in early modern literature in English and Latin. I read Classics and English at Magdalen College, Oxford, before coming to Christ's for an MPhil in Renaissance literature, focusing on 'bad' love poetry. I then returned to Oxford to read for a DPhil in English, during which time I held lectureships at Oxford Colleges and a visiting studentship at the Université Paris Nanterre. Before returning to Christ's in October, I am completing a fellowship at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Neo-Latin Studies at the Universität Innsbruck in Austria.

My doctoral research examined the trend of 'Latinizing' English literature in the period 1580 to 1750. It is not widely known that, while classical literature was rapidly translated and absorbed into English in early modernity, the opposite phenomenon also took place: English literary texts from Chaucer's *Troilus* and *Criseyde* to Pope's *Essay on Criticism* were translated into Latin. English poetry was Latinized both for posterity – on the assumption that the English language would continue to evolve beyond recognition – and for international readers who had little access to the emergent English literary culture.

I am excited to return to Christ's as a JRF to work on a new project, tentatively titled 'The Second Text'. Early modern literary culture was full of texts that presented themselves as other, secondary, or supplementary to a primary 'sense' – outside-texts, or 'second texts' (for example, allegories, translations, and glosses). I propose that the 'second text' was a highly generative space for the early modern imagination, in which major shifts in poetics occurred from the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries. I will also be working on my first monograph, on English literature in Latin translation, and on chapters and articles on 'bad' neo-Latin poetry, Alice Oswald, and Christopher Smart.

I am very excited to return to Christ's, to learn from the other fellows and the wider community, and, most importantly, to get back to the pool, which is the perfect marriage of my interests in the seventeenth century, John Milton, and outdoor swimming.



Marcella Montagnese

MARCELLA MONTAGNESE elected a Junior Research Fellow

I am thrilled and honoured to be joining Christ's as a Junior Research Fellow. I am a multidisciplinary researcher in the field of neuroscience, specialising in neuroimaging and computational psychiatry. Before coming to Christ's, I completed my undergraduate studies and MPhil in Medical Sciences at Cambridge (King's College). I then moved to King's College London to complete my PhD, conducting research on psychosis in Parkinson's Disease. During my doctoral work, I specialized in graph theory and employed advanced neuroimaging techniques to investigate brain networks associated with visual hallucinations.

In Cambridge, my research broadly focuses on two projects. The first involves using real-world memory clinic data from the NHS in combination with machine

learning methods to develop early markers for dementia detection and prognosis. Linked to this research, I have also conducted pilot work in collaboration with UCL on implementing federated learning for dementia. This is a cutting-edge approach that enables collaborative analysis of distributed data without sharing sensitive patient information.

Alongside this work, my second project focuses on studying hallucinations across psychiatric and neurodegenerative diseases. Utilising state-of-the-art methods, I analyse large, trans-diagnostic datasets to identify shared brain networks and biomarkers linked to psychosis. By employing graph theory, neuroimaging, and machine learning, I aim to develop reliable biomarkers and predictive prognostic models, ultimately enhancing our understanding of psychosis and paving the way for new treatments for patients with psychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders.

Beyond my research, I am passionate about promoting open access to coding and AI resources. Recently, I was selected as an ambassador for the Women Techmakers Initiative, a program supported by Google, through which I actively advocate for diversity and inclusion in STEM. Outside of work, I am an avid photographer and a cinephile, and I have recently embarked on the captivating journey of astrophotography. I am really looking forward to joining and contributing to Christ's wonderful academic and social community.

SUKANAYA RAJARATNAM elected a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow

I am humbled and honored to be admitted as a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow of Christ's College.

I am an art dealer based in New York City and recently took on the position of Global Director at White Cube. I had been a Partner of Mnuchin Gallery for fifteen years prior to that. It is a testament to the College and to the education that I received at Cambridge that I was able to pursue my passion and turn it into my vocation without any formal training in it. I read Economics at Christ's (m. 1993) and went to New York to become an investment banker only to realize five years later that art was my calling. It is that insatiable curiosity, critical thinking and sense of possibility that I absorbed during my years at Cambridge that enabled this unlikely trajectory.

As an art dealer, I have become a voice for underrepresented artists of color and women of the postwar era, including Ed Clark, Lynne Drexler, Sam Gilliam, Mary Lovelace O'Neal and Alma Thomas, giving them seminal shows, which have irrevocably changed their inclusion into the canon and commercial success.

This goes with my personality of always championing the underdog. My own life, having lived through the civil war in Sri Lanka, would have been quite different had I not been awarded a Commonwealth Grant to attend the University, so this year, **I endowed the Sukanaya Rajaratnam Commonwealth Award for women applying for undergraduate studies at Christ's College.** I hope that this enables women like myself, who could be hindered in pursuing a higher education because of their particular culture or economic circumstances, to step into a path of their own choosing and accomplish their dreams.



*Sukanaya
Rajaratnam*



Alexandra Rowlands

ALEXANDRA ROWLANDS (m. 2003) elected a Fellow
I am delighted to be rejoining the Christ's community as Development Director, 20 years after I matriculated as an undergraduate. After reading Music as an Organ Scholar, I moved to Ireland to study for a Masters in Cultural Policy and Arts Management at University College Dublin. Since then, I have worked in the arts, starting at the Hallé in my native Manchester, and ending at the Royal Opera House as Associate Head, Strategic Funding. In between, I worked at the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and spent seven years as a freelance Development Consultant for arts organisations of all sizes across the country, including some time 'on the other side of the fence' as a Grants Manager at the Garfield Weston Foundation. I am hugely looking forward to getting to know our alumni community and to bringing my experience from outside Cambridge to the College's Development Office at a time when there is an ever-growing need, matched with bold ambitions, to increase our fundraised income.

Outside my work, I live in North London with my husband Phil and daughters Imogen and Helena. We all sing in choirs, so life is still musical, even if organ playing has taken a back seat for now!



Arianne Urus

ARIANNE URUS elected a Fellow
I am delighted to be joining Christ's College as a Fellow in history. I'm from New York and earned my BA in history from Northwestern University and my PhD in history from New York University. Before coming to Cambridge, I was a lecturer on History and Literature at Harvard and a postdoctoral fellow at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

My research centers on the legal and environmental history of the Atlantic World in the early modern period. I'm currently working on my first book, tentatively titled *Common Shores*, with the University of Pennsylvania Press. The manuscript rethinks prevailing understandings of the political economy of early modern European empires in the Atlantic World. It does so by analyzing the most strategically important site of eighteenth-century Franco-British rivalry: the Newfoundland cod fisheries. French and British ministers coveted these shores not only for cod, but also because common wisdom associated fisheries with naval power. Fisheries, ministers believed, would provide the navy with a steady stream of hardy sailors. As a result, the fisheries became home to a peculiar jurisdictional arrangement, in which the French and British shared fishing rights and each was explicitly banned from settlement on Newfoundland. The fisheries proved so consequential that disputes over their status prolonged the Seven Years War and, moreover, played a key role in French support for the Thirteen Colonies in the American War. The project examines questions of property and resource access rights on a number of levels, from the fishermen who fought over who could fish where, to the Indigenous groups whose access to resources was disrupted by the expansion of European fisheries, and to the diplomats who worked to avoid conflict and simultaneously achieve imperial strategic aims.

When I'm not hunched over old documents or hunched over my computer writing about old documents, I enjoy reading mysteries in the park, knitting, drawing, and yoga.

DAMON WISCHIK elected a Fellow

I am very pleased to be joining Christ's. I have lived in Cambridge a long time – I went to school here, later joined the university as an undergraduate, completed a PhD in 2000, then held a Junior Research Fellowship. I did manage to leave, for a little while: I was in UCL as a Royal Society university research fellow from 2005 to 2011, then left to join a Silicon Valley startup, before returning to Cambridge in 2017 to join the Computer Science department.



Damon Wischik

I started as a mathematician and specialized in statistics and applied probability. After years of proving theorems about queues I was left wanting to know if they meant anything, so I moved to UCL to join the computer networking group; together we translated theory about congestion control (developed by Frank Kelly, former Master of Christ's college) into a practical internet protocol. Whenever you use Apple's Siri, its data is transmitted using this protocol. Internet congestion was easy enough: what about trains and roads? That's what we tried to answer at the startup I joined, building systems to nudge human behaviour. Our biggest deployment was in Singapore, where we shifted about 1.5% of the subway rush-hour, paying out \$15million in incentives. In the end, though, I learnt that what our customers cared about wasn't the nudging: it was the statistical visualizations and analyses that we showed them, which gave them new insights into commuters' behaviour.

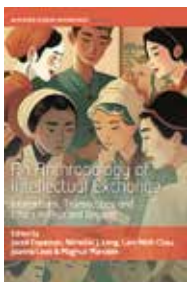
My current work is in data science and machine learning. My view is that neural networks should be seen as statistical models, based on exactly the same probabilistic thinking that has been behind the past 100 years of statistics, but breaking free from the straitjacket of human-tractable equations. The big ideas that statistics grapple with (quantifying uncertainty, distinguishing causality from correlation, understanding induction from noisy data) need to be updated and ported to neural networks. This will give us a new statistics, with the same rigour as classic statistics but able to deal with radically more complex data domains such as climate and human behaviour.

Fellows' News, Academic Activities and Honours



Dr Farbod
Akhlaghi

DR FARBOD AKHLAGHI (Junior Research Fellow) published a paper in December 2022 entitled 'Transformative Experience and the Right to Revelatory Autonomy' in one of the leading philosophy journals, *Analysis*. It explores the ethics of trying to stop friends, family members, or romantic partners from making major, transformative life decisions. The paper has gone on to be covered in at least 75 articles, pieces, and op-eds nationally and internationally, in venues such as *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *Times Higher Education*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Sun*, *El Espanol*, and *Le Figaro*. Dr Akhlaghi has appeared on BBC Radio Scotland and been featured on Belgium Radio 1 to discuss the paper, which argues that individuals have the moral right to make transformative choices without undue interference from others, such as friends or family. The paper remains amongst the 'most read' at *Analysis*.



Cover of
festschrift volume

PROFESSOR SUSAN BAYLY (Life Fellow) is greatly touched and gratified that her colleagues and former students brought out a *festschrift* volume on the topic of Intellectual Exchange to mark her retirement from the Cambridge Department of Social Anthropology (though not from the College!), and arranged a one-day symposium on the book's central themes held in College in September 2023.

DR ROBERT HUNT (Fellow) stepped down as senior tutor in January 2023 after over fourteen years in the role. He remains Director of Studies in Maths. Dr Tom Monie (Fellow, m. 1996) took over the position.

PROFESSOR CHARLES KENNEL (Fellow Commoner) published his first memoir, *From the Cold War to Global Warming: A Scientific Odyssey*, in January 2023. The book makes mention of Professor Kennel's time at Cambridge and Christ's College. An electronic version is freely available at <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6pj6c3rf>.

PROFESSOR MARK GIROLAMI (Fellow) reports that his Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair, which was initially awarded to run from 2017 to 2022, has been extended by the Academy for a further five years. He is also a co-investigator on an EPSRC Programme grant investigating how to build new types of low-cost biosensors that access the biomolecules in blood, sweat, and tears in collaboration with the Cavendish Laboratory and CRUK.



Dr Daniel Field

DR DANIEL FIELD (Fellow) has been promoted to Professor from 1 October 2023. He has been involved in a number of documentary projects focused on his lab's research on bird evolution and the end-Cretaceous mass extinction. 'After the asteroid' aired in France in May and was watched by over 800,000 viewers. A new film, 'The Great Bird Odyssey',

co-produced by Pernel Media (France) and PBS Nova (USA) covers 150 million years of bird evolutionary history, and is filming in Cambridge this month. In May, most of Daniel's research group attended the Society of Avian Palaeontology and Evolution meeting in Málaga, Spain, including Christ's PhD students Klara Widrig, Lizzy Steell, Bassel Arnaout, and Oliver Demuth.



Daniel Field's research group

DR NUNO MIGUEL OLIVEIRA (Bye-Fellow) published a new research article in *Nature Communications* titled "Suicidal chemotaxis in bacteria," which shows that bacteria produce antibiotic as a counterattack response against antibiotic-producing competitors. Like social insects such as honeybees, where workers seek us down and try to sting us when their colony is threatened, Dr Oliveira and his collaborators show in this study that bacteria can also be very aggressive against other species. In addition, Dr Oliveira was awarded two BBSRC prizes, the BBSRC Flexible Talent Mobility Account for developing a new assay based on luminous bacteria to detect microplastic in the ocean; and the BBSRC International Partnerships Award, for developing a set of new assays in collaboration with faculty from Princeton University, which will help us to understand how bacteria adapt to antibiotic landscapes.

PROFESSOR STEVEN MURDOCH (Bye-Fellow) was part of a team awarded joint first prize in a competition run by the UK and US governments on privacy-preserving machine learning. The UK-US Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs) Prize Challenge asked entrants to demonstrate how it is possible to detect suspicious financial transactions while protecting the privacy of innocent bank customers. Professor Murdoch's team, STARLIT, was announced as joint first place winners of the competition alongside the University of Cambridge at the end of March.



Steven Murdoch (second from left) at the awards ceremony at the Royal Society

DR IRIT KATZ (Fellow) has been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2023. She was awarded the John Urry Memorial Article Prize, given to the best and most significant article published in the journal *Mobilities*, for her article 'Mobile Colonial Architecture: Facilitating Settler Colonialism's Expansion, Expropriation, Resistance, and Decolonisation.' Her book *The Common Camp* was published in 2022 and was awarded honourable mention by the American Political Science Association (APSA) for the Best First Book Prize.

DR HELEN PFEIFER (Fellow) has been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2023.

DR DOMINIC DE COGAN (Former Fellow) has been promoted to Associate Professor from 1 October 2023.

DR TOM MONIE (Fellow) has been promoted to Teaching Professor from 1 October 2023.

CATHERINE TWILLEY (Former Fellow) has taken up the post of Development Director at St Catharine's College, and has been elected to a Fellowship.

PROFESSOR DAVID REYNOLDS (Fellow) published *Mirrors of Greatness: Churchill and the leaders who shaped him* (HarperCollins) on 12 October 2023. Basic Books (New York) will bring out a North American edition in January 2024.

PROFESSOR PETER LANDSHOFF (Emeritus Fellow) became a Fellow in 1963 and retired as Professor of Mathematical Physics nearly 20 years ago. He is now a trustee of our Local Nature Partnership, Natural Cambridgeshire, and is part of a small team assembled by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to help the local authorities meet their obligation under the 2021 Environment Act to create local nature recovery strategies. He is also an Honorary Vice Chair of Cambridge Ahead, a grouping of four dozen of our biggest businesses, together with Addenbrooke's Hospital and the two universities, with a vision to make Cambridge 'the best small city in the world'.



DR HENRY SPELMAN (Fellow) and his wife welcomed a daughter, Madeleine Katherine Spelman, in April.

DR JULIA SHVETS (Fellow) co-authored 'Persistent Overconfidence and Biased Memory: Evidence from Managers' with David Huffman and Collin Raymond. The study was published as the lead article in the *American Economic Review* (October 2022), one of the top international journals in Economics.

Madeleine Katherine
Spelman

DR GIOVANNI MANTILLA (Fellow) was awarded an Early Career Fellowship by Cambridge University's Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH). This award allows Cambridge early-career scholars to spend one term solely working on a research project and participating in the CRASSH community. His project will study efforts at expanding the United Nations Security Council during the Cold War and decolonization era.

Dr Mantilla also published an article titled 'Defective Cooperation: Social Pressure and Forum Management in Cold War Conventional Arms Control' in *International Organization*, the leading journal in the field of international relations. The article appeared in the Summer 2023 issue of the journal and is available Open Access.

PROFESSOR SANJEEV GOYAL (Fellow) published his new book *Networks: An Economics Approach* with MIT Press in April 2023. In reviewing the book, Prof Duncan Watts, Stevens University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania writes, '*Networks* is as stunning in breadth as it is in clarity. Seamlessly integrating mathematical models with empirical data, lab experiments, and fascinating historical accounts, this book could serve as the primary text for a variety of network science courses, both basic and advanced, as well as a valuable resource for researchers.'



*Professor
Sanjeev Goyal*

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL EDWARDS (Honorary Fellow) was elected, as a poet in French, a member of the Académie des Jeux floraux de Toulouse, which was founded by troubadour poets in 1323 and recognized as a royal Academy by Louis XIV in 1694. He also published a further volume of poetry in England, *Another Art of Poetry and Doorstones*, and in France *La folie Shakespeare*, his fifth book on the man from Stratford.

PROFESSOR MARTIN JOHNSON (m. 1963, Life Fellow) published a paper with Ann Clark on Christ's Fellow Commoner Anne Laura Dorinthea McLaren DBE in the Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society. The paper is available here: <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbm.2022.0053>.

STAFF NEWS

Amanda Burton-Palmer Assistant to the Director of College Services, and **Helen Willows**, the College Accountant, both marked twenty years of service at Christ's College in 2023. Amanda has been at the College since 24 March 2003 and Helen has been at Christ's since 1 July 2003.

Paul Chapman, a House Porter, marked 25 years at Christ's in 2023. He joined the College on 1 June 1998.

On 30 June, **Jan Marshall** retired after 18 years of service across the admissions and tutorial offices.



Peter Collinson's trip to Malta

Senior IT Infrastructure Engineer **Peter Collinson** celebrated his fiftieth birthday in May. He celebrated by going on holiday to Malta with his sister and will probably have a BBQ later, called the "Hawaii 5 0" BBQ (loud t-shirts a must!).

There have been a number of changes in the Development Office this year:

Ann Farrell left the Development Office in June after almost five years of service. She is enjoying spending time with her new puppy.

Molly Becker left the Development Office after almost a year as Alumni Communications Officer.

Emily Walsh left the Development Office after over a year as Development Assistant.



Members of the staff rowing team

Sebastian Peel left the Development Office after two years as Development Assistant and Development Officer.

Owen Brown joined the Development Office from the Library.

The staff rowing 1st VIII competed in the Cambridge Town Bumps in the week commencing July 17. The crew that competed was: **Thorunn Byrne** (1), **Matt Clark** (2), **Michael Curnow** (3), **Darren Heneghan** (4),

Sebastian Peel (5), **Darren Riches** (6), **Phil Roberts** (7), **Loren McLean** (8), and **Felix Opolka** (cox), with expert coaching and bank-partying from **Kate Hurst**. The week got off to a good start with two strong row-overs, but by the third day fatigue and a hungry City boat caught up with the staff and they were bumped down one place. After a recovery day they finished the week off with another row-over to cap off a great week for the crew.

College cats **Finch** and **Baines** have now spent a full year at Christ's. They continue to be favourites with students, staff, and Fellows alike and can most often be spotted in Second Court – although you are much more likely to see Finch, who enjoys lounging on the lawns, than Baines, who prefers to stay hidden in the plants!



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Finch in Second Court

STUDENTS

Reports from Clubs and Societies

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

THE JCR

President: Ossie Visick; Vice President: Christina Lawrence; Treasurer: Fergus Kirman; Secretary: Chiara Delpiano Cordeiro; Welfare Officers: Julen Lippman-Errasti and Olivia Moynihan; Access Officer: Yii-Ling Deng; Events Officer: Neha Pauly; Catering and Facilities Officer: Mikolaj Rycek; Green and Charities Officer: Rachel Doran; First Year Officers: Isabelle Mohammed and Qinglan Du; Internationals' Officer: Ju Yi Tai; Disabled Students' Officer: Juno Buchan; Ethnic Diversity Officer: Ayo Akande; Women's Officer: Ana-Maria Skaricic; Class Act Officer: Kai Briggs; Webmaster: Miles Watson.

Website: www.thejcr.co.uk

Finally free of the limits of the pandemic, the JCR has returned to a degree of normality over the past twelve months. Since last year, the make-up of the JCR Committee has changed a great deal, bringing in new faces and saying goodbye to some JCR veterans. However, we have been working as hard as ever over the past six months to ensure that our undergraduates' needs are met while making improvements to student life in Christ's.

Fergus, Christina, and I decided to stay on in the JCR Executive Committee for 2023, continuing our work together while welcoming a new team around us. Straight away, we started work on compiling the results of our Welfare Survey from Michaelmas 2022 into a comprehensive report. With help from our new Welfare Officers, Olivia and Julen, we produced a comprehensive overview of student welfare in the College that can act as a blueprint of where wellbeing support can be improved over the next year. To support these goals for welfare, the JCR has been hosting frequent events, such as weekly group walks around Cambridge, to encourage our students to unwind. We are also very proud of the recent decision that all current and future JCR officers will undertake Active Bystander Training to make sure that our pastoral responsibilities can be fulfilled.

Around Christ's, the Committee has been making small changes to improve our sustainability and enhance our students' experiences. Perhaps our largest project this year has been resolving the age-old question of heating the Malcolm Bowie Bathing Pool. After long consultation and research with the help of Skyler Roberts, a second-year Chemical Engineering student, the JCR has managed to implement an eco-friendly pool cover system that both preserves heat and reduces evaporation. Also looking to make the College more sustainable, Rachel, our Green and Charities Officer, has fitted all college kitchens with compost bins to guarantee food waste is disposed of appropriately. In our efforts to reduce the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our students, Fergus continued his fantastic work on expanding the JCR's Free Prescription Scheme so now any of our students' NHS prescriptions (as well as inhalers) can be reimbursed. Trying to limit student costs further, we have devised a scheme to make all laundry products free for Christ's students. To make our College Library more accessible, Juno, our Disabled Students' Officer, worked with the librarians to install a new library deposit bin so books can be returned without having to climb any stairs.

Our website has been further enhanced from last year thanks to Miles' continued work as Webmaster, so that Upper Hall menus and the allergen content of all food is always easily visible. Christina, now Vice President, spent many weeks updating how rooms are allocated to incoming students to more comprehensively assess students' accommodation needs. Similarly, one of the promises of the JCR was to reassess how rooms were allocated to scholars in Christ's. Working as a team, the Executive Committee conducted a holistic survey on the Scholars' Ballot in College, gathering informative data to guide how the system could be reformed over the coming years. Yui-Ling, our Access Officer, has upheld the brilliant outreach from the previous JCR and has organised careers events to assist students in thinking about their future beyond Christ's.

Back in full swing, the JCR is hosting regular events, coordinated brilliantly by Neha as our Ents Officer. Neha has been working very hard alongside one of our fourth-year students, Thomas Adkins, in planning our bi-annual JCR Garden Party, which should be a lovely way for our students to celebrate the conclusion of exams. Qinglan and Isabelle, our First-Year Representatives, have hosted a fantastic range of formals and events for our freshers, including our traditional 'College weddings', which took place on a surprisingly sunny February afternoon in the Master's Garden. International students have been able to look forward to celebrating Chinese New Year and a range of other festivals thanks to Ju Yi, our Internationals' Officer. All of these events have been tirelessly promoted by our Secretary, Chiara, who has breathed new life into our social media accounts with regular photo competitions and student take-overs. Preparations are already starting for Freshers' Week this October, with Ju Yi already recruiting our new International Freshers' Representatives ('iFrep' for short) and Isabelle and Qinglan starting work on drawing up College family trees for all our current and incoming students.

The JCR is one of the best things about Christ's, as it brings people together behind the common goal of serving the College community. Over the past six months, I have been extremely proud of what the JCR has managed to achieve. I look forward to what we can accomplish before the end of the year, finishing the projects we have already begun and working towards new goals for how we can support Christ's as a community.

Ossie Visick

THE MCR

President: Christian Höhne; Vice President & Women's Officer: Stephanie Buttigieg; Treasurer: Kristina Kordova; Secretary: Nicholas Frayne; Welfare Officer: Yuri Takahashi; Academic Officer: Kate McNeill; Ents Officers: Marieliette Corretjer and Turan Abbaszade; Halls and Swaps Officer: Mark Barrow; Internationals' Officer: Marlo Avidon; Ethnic Diversity Officer: Bassel Arnaout; Bar Manager: Catherine Buchaniec; Disability Officer: Joe Smith; LGBTQ+ Officer: Will De Vivo; Green Officer: Maria Ikonomova.

As the newly elected MCR committee, it is for us to first thank the previous committee for having done excellent work in establishing a vibrant community of postgraduate students at Christ's College. Together, we have experienced a year filled with memorable events, joyful celebrations, and valuable connections.

We kicked off the year by welcoming everyone back to College, specifically embracing our new cohort of postgraduate students into our Christ's MCR community with various activities, including a delightful picnic on Jesus Green, a BBQ in the Fellows' Garden, and a lively Pub Crawl event, culminating in the "get nautical" BOP.

Throughout the year, we continued to seize opportunities to celebrate – commemorating a variety of traditions and festive occasions. From Diwali to Christmas, Valentine's Day to St. Patrick's Day, and from Halloween to Burns Supper and Ceilidh, we embraced the spirit of each occasion. From several of these holidays we took inspiration to also culinarily indulge during various Superhalls in Michaelmas and Lent terms to eventually fall down the rabbit hole in the middle of exam season finding refuge in Alice's Wonderland for one night.

Good food was of course not limited to special occasions. Our Grad Halls have been booked out for virtually every week, and build the heart of our community where we come to enjoy and celebrate each other's company. We further had the pleasure of participating in Formal Hall Swaps with 13 different colleges throughout the year.

To provide a platform for our students' academic excellence, we introduced the highly successful 3 Minute Thesis Competitions. These events celebrated the remarkable research of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities students, as well as those in STEM fields. The continuing Emerging Research Seminar Series provided an additional opportunity for postgraduates to showcase their work and receive valuable feedback. We were particularly proud to dedicate one seminar to celebrate International Women's Day, honoring the contributions of our talented female researchers.

Ensuring the well-being of our members within the demanding academic environment in Cambridge has been a priority. This year, we introduced Yoga Classes every second Monday to promote relaxation and self-care. Additionally, our weekly welfare coffees on Sundays have been a valuable platform for open discussions and support, ensuring that everyone has the space to feel heard and supported. Further, we ventured to the Botanic Gardens, visited the Zoology Museum, joined an Astronomy Observing Night, and even danced the night away in a vibrant Salsa event with Wolfson College.

Reflecting on the last year, we are truly grateful for the strong sense of community within our Christ's College MCR and want to thank all postgrads for their active participation and dedication to creating an inclusive and engaging community at Christ's. We are looking forward to providing entertainment, support, and academic enrichment for another wonderful year.

Christian Hühne

CHRIST'S AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)

President: Ariel Hebditch; Vice-President: Emily Sparkes; Treasurer: Leah Almeida; Secretary: Ivi Patrikiou.

After last year's successful transition from online content back to in-person theatre, CADS has flourished this year with a triumphant return to our own Yusuf Hamied Theatre. In Michaelmas, we hosted the European Theatre Group's *Hamlet* which



*Christ's Amateur
Dramatics Society*

received a fantastic response before going on to tour around Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. This term also saw us revive Christ's Monologue Night in the Buttery, this time with a greater focus on stand-up comedy, poetry, song and dance. 'A Garden-Variety Show!', hosted by our very own new president Ariel Hebditch, was a huge success over Michaelmas and, due to popular demand, was brought back for another night of hilarious comedy in April. In Lent, we staged the student-written sketch show 'As Seen As Possible', a comedy about the ridiculousness of fame. During May Week, we held a preview of 'Dazzling', a student-written one-person show going to the Edinburgh Fringe this summer. CADS is partially financing this production at the Fringe, alongside other student productions including 'Gaslight' directed by Christ's student Arianna Muñoz, so we were more than happy to welcome the brilliant production to our venue. Across the year, CADS have also funded a number of great productions, including *Dance Nation*, *Blood Relations*, the student-adapted Greek tragedy *Electra: Haimara* and the one-woman autobiographical show 'Cow'.

Ariel Hebditch

CHRIST'S ART SOCIETY (CAS)

This year, Christ's Art Society moved to working with a mix of art and crafts projects, running successful workshops on cross-stitching, clay shaping, watercolours and more! Sessions have been well received as a much-needed study break, involving listening to some soothing tunes (and the occasional thunderstorm) and chatting away. The sessions were set up to be weekly on Friday evenings to provide consistency, but with varying room locations to see which spaces worked well. This year, the society decided to have two co-presidents who will be continuing in their roles next year to support the College. The Society now also has its own Instagram account, which has been a lot of fun to use (@christscollegeartsoc)!

Annie Milhofer

CHRIST'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB (CCBC)

Usually at this time of year, the Captain of Boats would be stepping back and handing over the sacred blazer to their successor. Such is my love for the club (and perhaps signal of my less than sound mind) that I will be continuing as Captain of Boats, albeit in a newly devised, separate role. It's our hope that this will take some of the pressure off the daily chaos of captaining a men's or women's side and allow somebody to work solely on the bigger picture. Together with our outgoing Men's Captain, Alex Holmes, we have learned so much on the ground, that I'll hopefully be able to refine and put into action for future years. In our long history, this seems a novel approach. I would be grateful to hear from anyone with their own stories of committee revamps. However well intended, there are likely to be ups and downs, but there is always room to learn from our predecessors.

The women's side will however be handed over to current Lower Boats Captain, AnaRosa Capp – rest assured, CCBC enjoyed many a campaign pun on AnaRowsa for Women's Captain. She is not only a brilliant rower, but also an incredibly impressive young woman (and one of my bridesmaids!). Her insight and passion ignites my belief in the world's future most days, and I'm excited to see what she does for the club at its helm. When I became a PhD student here, I never expected to become best friends with an undergrad, but rowing will do that for you in boat-loads. Across the eights bay, the men's side passes from one safe hold to another. Mateo Hoare, a seasoned veteran of CCBC, becomes our Men's Captain after five years rowing for Christ's. There are few students more knowledgeable about the inner workings of the club than Mateo, and this promises to pay dividends in his captaincy. Excitingly, this means we have both Latino Men's and Women's Captains next year! They have fabulous plans to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in the club this autumn, and I can't wait to see what they come up with.

In the long shadow of covid, we have struggled with racing this year. Many of the clubs around us are fortunate to take on recruits with rowing experience. These folks not only make excellent foundations for their top boats, but are able to coach their novices as lower boats captains. At Christ's, we had an impressive eighty-four novices sign up this year, but less than two boats of continuing seniors in the whole club. We have had some incredibly keen and enthusiastic starters, with much of our incoming committee being those who joined the club in Michaelmas. Our camp to Hungary was a roaring success, and we are already heading towards plans for next January. Thank you to all who supported our erg-a-thon, look out for even more adventurous fundraising plans soon. With lessons learned, we are hoping for fresh wins next year – what goes down in bumps, must inevitably go back up!

One of our clubs proudest moments this year was of course former Captain of Boats, Katy Hempson, making the Cambridge Lightweight Blue Boat. From the five seat, Katy powered the way to a victory over Oxford by an impressive 6 lengths. Continuing on at CUBC through Easter term, Katy represented us at Women's Henley Regatta in a composite Christ's and Downing pair (unfortunately for us, clashing with May Bumps). Testament to the ethos of the club, Katy learned to row at Christ's as a novice. Perhaps there are great things to come from our current cohort?

Visiting Henley Royal Regatta recently, I ran into many of our alumni: our tell-tale white jackets, and signature silver-navy trim giving the game away. It's obvious that fond memories of Christ's College Boat Club extend over many generations, and I very much hope to be meeting current students there one day myself. Thank you to the whole CCBC family for your support, kindness and well wishes this year. You are ever welcome to visit, and I look forward to updating you next year.

Georgia Denham – Captain of Boats

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CHOIR

This has been a year of change in the College Chapel. In December 2022 we bade farewell to the Chaplain, Rev'd Dr Robert Evans and after a Lent Term where services were ably led by two Acting Lay Chaplains, graduate students Alan Mitchell (m. 2022) and Shady Anis (m. 2020), at Easter 2023 we were delighted to welcome the Rev'd Dr Helen Orchard, the first female Chaplain and the first Chaplain appointed to the Fellowship. During this time of transition, the Choir has continued its regular pattern of services. It has been a particular pleasure to sing works by two alumnae: the music of Annabel McLauchlan Rooney (m. 1991) has become a regular part of the Choir's repertoire, and we are looking forward to the release of the second CD of her work with Regent Records this November; the Choir also sang pieces by Charlotte Baskerville (m. 2012), whose works have recently been published by Chichester Music Press and Encore Publications. In Lent Term, the Choir sang three evensongs as part of the Cambridge Minerva Festival, whose aim is to promote music by female composers; recent alumnae Laura Dunkling (m. 2015), Lucy Ruben (m. 2016), and Claire Watters (m. 2017) were closely involved in the festival's foundation in 2018.

Outside of the Chapel, this has been another busy year for the Choir. The highlight of the year has been a project that united the current Choir with 81 alumni for a recording of music by C. H. H. Parry, including the Songs of Farewell which since 2004 has been central to the Choir's repertoire at home and on tour. The rehearsal and



*2023 Choir
leavers outside the
Master's Lodge*

Choir Association dinner in College in November 2022, and the recording sessions at St Michael's, Cornhill in March 2023, were filled with the exchange of memories and joy at singing together again. The enthusiastic engagement from alumni across the generations, and the remarkable ease with which singers who had never met before immediately found a collective sound, are both testament to the convivial, generous, and dedicated musical leadership of Professor David Rowland over a period of thirty-nine years. We now eagerly await the release of the CD in 2024. Further musical events for the Choir and alumni are planned, and we invite any alumni who do not yet receive Choir Association emails to contact the Development Office.

There have been several opportunities this year for collaboration with musicians across the University. In March 2023, many members of the Choir sang in Verdi's Requiem at Ely Cathedral alongside the Cambridge University Symphony Chorus, Cambridge University Chamber Choir, and members of other college choirs. The concert was organised by the new Cambridge University Centre for Music Performance, which is led by Christ's Choir alumnus Simon Fairclough (m.2002). In June 2023, the combined choirs of Christ's College and Sidney Sussex College had the privilege of singing at the University's annual Honorary Degree Congregation at Senate House, with musical direction by the University Organist, Sarah MacDonald (Selwyn College). Among the honorands were two with a Christ's connection: Professor Christopher Frith (m. 1960) and Professor Dame Linda Colley (Honorary Fellow). The Master was in attendance.

June 2023 also saw the Choir undertake its second recording of the year, this time in the College Chapel with Simon Haw MBE, who first worked with the Choir in 2021–22 on a series of concerts in his capacity as Director of the State Ceremonial Musicians of the Household Division. The recording featured two festive pieces newly composed for the Choir by Simon Haw, settings of words written specially by two contemporary London-based poets, Jaspreet Kaur and Tomfoolery.

The coming of summer brought a number of events in College at which the Choir had the pleasure of singing for and meeting alumni: the termly alumni evensong followed by reception in the Fellows' Garden, and the summer reunion for 1990–94 alumni. A special event in June 2023 was a reunion for former Organ Scholars, featuring a concert in Chapel, a display of information submitted by attendees about their time at Christ's and careers after graduation, and a dinner in the Old Combination Room. Twenty-three Organ Scholars contributed material or attended the event, from Anthony Trodd (m. 1966) to our current Senior and Junior Organ Scholars Davon Halim (m. 2021) and Clare Pryor (m. 2022). It was a particular pleasure for members of the Choir to meet former Organ Scholar Alexandra Rowlands (m.2003), the new Development Director. Huge thanks are due to Yii-Ling Deng (m. 2021) for organising the event.

The academic year was rounded off in July 2023 with a successful three-week tour of Quebec and Ontario. Canada has become a favourite destination for Christ's Choir tours, and many recent alumni will fondly remember visits to this area in 2014 and 2018. This year, the Choir gave seventeen concerts, filling churches in Quebec, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, and many other stops along a route which ended with a visit to Niagara Falls. A full report from this and previous tours can be found at www.cambridgechoir.co.uk. The tour organisers would like to record their gratitude for the financial contributions made by the College and by alumni, which are essential to the viability of the tour each year and which enable the financial burden on choir

members to be kept as low as possible. In July 2024, the Choir plans to return to Australia or New Zealand, and we would be pleased to hear from any alumni in those countries interested in recommending a venue, hosting choir members, or being kept informed of concert details.

Tom Baarda (m. 2017), Choir Manager

BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

Christ's Board Games Society has had a fantastic year. The incoming first years have been really enthusiastic about the club, meaning we've more than doubled our members. Thanks to a generous increase in our budget, we've been able to purchase a great range of new games, some of the most popular including the collaborative strategy game



The Board Games Society

based on the novels of H.P. Lovecraft 'Arkham Horror' and the city-building game set in Victorian London 'Nanty Narking.' Our society is designed to give people a break from their studies, to unwind with a group of like-minded people, or possibly to get even more wound-up debating the technicalities of complex rules! I'm really pleased to see the community we've created over this past year. Students who might not otherwise meet each other, being from different years, different subjects or even speaking different languages, are meeting each other and making friends...and then immediately testing those friendships with intense games of Uno!

Ariel Hebditch

SIDNEY-CHRIST'S CHRISTIAN UNION

The Sidney-Christ's Christian Union exists to equip Christians in College to share God's word and help more people to know the mystery made known to us through the gospel and the joy of knowing Jesus. This year we have had the privilege of meeting together regularly to read and meditate on God's word, building one another up in love and knowledge. We have especially



Sidney-Christ's Christian Union

enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time in God's creation with weekly prayer walks in Easter term. This year God has provided us with numerous opportunities to show his love to our friends in College including the opportunity to give away free hot chocolate before the College carol service and at other times during the cold winter months. We hosted 'Text a Toastie' and 'Call a Cookie' events which give College members the chance to ask any questions about Christianity and to

discuss worldviews. A highlight of the year was the week of events hosted by the Intercollegiate Christian Union discussing the question of what it means to be human and how this shapes our attitude to one another, our work, our sense of purpose, life and death. We look forward to seeing how God works in our College in the next year and give special thanks for our new lead reps Pippa Wakelin and Lois Turner.

Sarah Clark

CHRIST'S COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

This year we showed a lot of courage and determination in the Cuppers tournament, though we were unable to make it out of the group stages. Placed in possibly the toughest group, it was always going to be tough. We started our campaign with a convincing victory over Churchill, but then lost very closely to Trinity and St Edmunds, which resulted in us being knocked out.

Notable mentions: Caleb's (golden arm) infamous hat trick vs Churchill, Abhi and Satyam for the consistent performances who will be missed when they leave, Ian's solidarity up top, Saahil's maniac-like 65 vs the fellows. We saw a lot of new talent this year including Luke who was very useful with both bat and ball, Toby who moved the new rock beautifully, Joshua Nathan's specialist fielding abilities and a match winning innings by John Thompson vs Pembroke.

Our results from Cuppers don't reflect our true ability and I am confident that next year we stand a great chance to bring the trophy home!

Pranav Madan

DARWIN SOCIETY

The Christ's College Darwin Society had an excellent year. Our events were largely focused on the fruitful relationship between evolutionary biology, as exemplified by our namesake's work, and other branches of science. In Michaelmas term, we were delighted to hear Professor David Norman, of Christ's College, deliver a lecture on Charles Darwin's record as a complete natural scientist, with interests ranging far beyond the work on evolution for which he is best known today. We also organised



*The Darwin
Society*

a trip to the University Herbarium; its curator, Dr Lauren Gardiner, demonstrated the art of preserving plant specimens, and showed us the astonishing volume of material that is held by her institution. In Lent term, we celebrated the anniversary of Darwin's birth on 12 February with a pair of talks from postgraduate students: Bassel Arnaout, a Christ's student, discussed modern advances on the theory of natural selection with reference to ecosystem engineers, and Paula Darwin, a direct descendant of Charles, explained how her work on metabolism and obesity has been informed by her illustrious ancestor. Finally, for the Darwin Dinner and Lecture, the central event in the society's calendar, we welcomed Professor Raymond Goldstein FRS, an Ig Nobel Laureate in Physics, who spoke about his work on applying fluid dynamics to understand the evolution of biological complexity in unicellular and multicellular algae.

The Darwin Society also fulfilled its role of bringing students, Fellows, and alumni with an interest in science together, both within Christ's College and across the university. With help from the Alumni Office, we made a recording of Bassel Arnaout's talk available for alumni to listen to remotely. We organised dinners with the Downing Danby Society and the Churchill College Science Society, and received many of their members at our academic events. And we ensured that new students with an interest in science were welcomed to Christ's with a science quiz, a subject information evening, and other social events. For organising and running these events, significant thanks must go to the rest of the committee, consisting of Emily Wenban-Smith (President), Ocean Tsang (Secretary), Pardhu Reddy Janga and Vanness Lai (Events Officers), James Tett (Webmaster), and Shiuli Banerjee, Yuankai He, and Edward Cheng (General Committee Members). We are also much obliged to the fellows of the college for their attendance at, and generous support of, the society's events this year.

Oscar Despard (Treasurer)

CHRIST'S COLLEGE FEMINIST SOCIETY

Committee Members: Ana-Maria Skaric (she/her), Leah Almeida (she/her), Elizabeth Snow (she/her), Scarlett Hart (she/her), Eleanor Brettell (she/her), Mikkeline (she/her), Christoffer Koch Andersen (he/him/they), Anna Maria (she/her), Neha Pauly (she/her), AnaRosa Capp (she/her), Charles Reeves (he/him).

This year, the Christ's Feminist Society welcomed a new (and large) committee to help platform a wide range of feminist issues and topics. Aiming to facilitate the intersectional empowerment of all genders, we ran a range of events to create a safe, supportive environment for feminist discussions.

In October, we began with an October screening of Phoebe Waller-Bridge's popular show *Fleabag*, discussing Phoebe Waller-Bridges' depiction of a 'modern woman,' sisterhood, and sexuality. After a wine and cocktail night discussing the relationship between feminism and capitalism, we set our



The Feminist Society

first book club reading: *The Transgender Issue*, by Shon Faye, focusing on accessing healthcare as a trans person in the UK. We followed this up with watching *Promising Young Woman*, discussing depictions of praxis in the media, then hosted a beginner crocheting night (which has jump-started some burgeoning crocheting careers in the Christ's community)! The final event of Michaelmas was our well-attended pub quiz at the Christ's Buttery, with questions written by the fabulous Events Officer, Scarlett (who has since affectionately been dubbed the 'Quiz Master'). Complete with a music round, the quiz focused on feminist voices, accomplishments, history, and pop-culture, and was a sensational end to Michaelmas.

In Lent, Ana-Maria and Lizzie, acting as Pink Week College Representatives, organized two events aimed at raising money for breast cancer charities. Complete with a digital camera and many pink balloons, the Pink Week Formal and Karaoke night raised over 280 pounds and drew large crowds. Afterwards, FemSoc was back to regularly scheduled programming, including a drinks & discussion on the topic of pleasure, sex-positivity, and sexuality, another crocheting night, and an International Women's Day Social & Swap. A screening of *American Psycho* through a critical feminist lens, sparked discussions on whether or not "feminist" was a useful, or accurate, category in considering the film's handling of masculinity. The highlight of the term, however, was a Valentine's Day crossover event between Christ's FemSoc and Emma FemSoc, in which our truly exceptional committee member, Christoffer, presented his research on trans violence, algorithmic injustice, and trans-feminism! The presentation was followed by drinks, Valentine's Card-making, and a discussion on Queer Love that took place at Emmanuel Bar later on in term.

Looking forward, FemSoc is excited to reschedule our speaker event with Dr. Yasmine Ahmed, the UK Director of Human Rights Watch (many thanks to Neha for organizing!), welcome a new committee next year, and continue our efforts to platform intersectionality and a wide range of topics. Special thanks goes out to all the members of our committee, who have been hard at work, organizing, educating, and learning, in and out of term-time, to help make FemSoc run this year!

Ana-Maria Skaricic

MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM

Christ's Is: Matthew Coxon (GK), Alex Adderley, Oli Lewis (C), Tom Spencer, Benjamin Hilton, Luke Wright, Louis Engel, John Thompson, Chris Patel, Elliot Brown, Billy Howard, Cameron Bicknell, Julien Lippman-Errasti, Matthew Harris, Jhensiah Kebani, Alexis Lauga, Stanley Somogyi, Matthew Van Schalkwyk (VC), Caleb Todd.

Christ's IIs: Caleb Cole (GK), James Morris, Tung Le Xuan, Sergio Mendez-Allende, Jamie Fraser (C), Tom McMannamon (C), Carmelo Quinn, Kozak Andras, Vivek Bilous, Anton Havryliuk, Tomi Vamos, Cian Dunne, Ossie Visick, William Cook, Thomas Adkins.

This season has been somewhat of a success for the CCAFC following a disappointing end last year. The team currently sit in third in the division 3 table, therefore qualifying for the promotion playoff and just waiting for other teams to finish their games before the long-anticipated playoff final. The season got off to a poor start with only a point from our first two games. However a positive 8-1 result against Peterhouse Is signified a turning point in our season as our new faces settled in and we went



*The men's
football team*

on to take 3 points in all but one of the remaining league games. Key performers this year include Cameron Bicknell, who dominated the midfield all season and was voted our player of the season, Matthew Harris, our top goalscorer with 9 goals from the 10 position, and Caleb Cole, who linked our attack beautifully as a lone striker contributing 10 assists.

One of the hardest fought games of the season was our clash in the second round of Cuppers against Gonville & Caius Is. The Premiership side took an early lead which ruined our counter-attacking approach, but a quick reply from Matthew Harris from the penalty spot got us back in the game. Having then seemed the more dangerous side for the rest of the first half, we struck again; this time Matthew Van Schalkwyk finishing nicely from a Caleb Todd cross at the start of the second half. Sadly, we then suffered heartbreak as we were caught off guard by a quick freekick in the final minutes of the 90, with Caius equalising and sending it to extra time. Extra time saw us concede a third goal early and a fourth as we pushed for an equaliser in the final breaths; the final score being 4-2 to Caius following a thrilling and competitive game. Our results in the league and battling performance in the cup have shown that, going into next season, we should be a competitive team, whether we achieve promotion to Division 2 or not, under the leadership of Stanley Somogyi, our captain elect.

The IIs squad, co-captained by Jamie Fraser and Thomas McMannamon, suffered this season as a result of losing some key players from last year. With two games to play, they sadly can't achieve safety so will be playing their football in Division 6 next season.

This year also saw some entertaining socials, organised by Social Secretaries Stanley Somogyi and Chris Patel, as well as a great Old Boys game and Sister College game against Wadham College, Oxford. The year was topped off by our end of year awards and football dinner in the OCR to celebrate the season and congratulate our newly elected committee.

Oli Lewis

CHRIST'S COLLEGE MIXED LACROSSE TEAM

Members: Daanyal Morrish (Captain), Ana-Maria Skaricic (Captain), Noah Hatchwell, Caitlyn Furley, James Morris, Thomas Adkins, Ollie Norbury, Bruce Mauger, Kiran Raja, Bella Monsanto, Will Jackson, Stanley Somogyi, Matthew Coxon, Georgie Van Dyke, Mikolaj Rycek, Maisie Peters, Neha Pauly, Alix Danis, Camilla Olivieri, Tomi Vamos.

The Christ's College Lacrosse team has been busy expanding this year! Known as one of Christ's more casual sporting societies, we've created a lovely community of people to get together every Saturday, play a fun match, make new friends, and learn lacrosse! In Michaelmas, the Christ's 'Lax Bros'. (as we are affectionately named) were busy building skills and getting to know each other with a wonderful end-of-term social with the Netball team. With the guidance of some CCFC stars (Stan + Matt), we began revitalizing our midfield, and also welcomed a dedicated nucleus of freshers in the trio of Mikolaj, Georgie, and Maisie (who will be taking over the Lacrosse Executive next year)!

In Lent term, we were put to the test. Our cohesiveness and skill shone through as we reached a Christ's Lax record of three consecutive wins (including a 10-0 victory against Newpus), securing us 17 points in the league and a promotion into Div2!! We couldn't have done it without the dynamic duo of Kiran "the Beast" Raja and Bruce "also the Beast" Mauger. Highlights included the Christ's vs Christ's match taking place on Parker's Piece (after Downing forfeited), and the growth of our social media presence (headed by our socials sec, the brilliant Will T. Jackson).

After a postponed cuppers was announced last minute during exam season, we managed to pull together a stellar team. It was a magnificent send-off for the third-years who have formed the core of the Christ's Lacrosse team for the past years. Noah, Caitlyn, James, Ollie, Tomi, and Tadkins (in spirit) had some magnificent plays and gave it their all. Unfortunately, inclement weather conditions challenged us beyond our training, and we did not make it out of the group stages. However, it was a wonderful end to the year, and we're excited to see how this sporting community grows and develops in the future.

Ana-Maria Skaricic



The mixed lacrosse team

MATHS SOCIETY

Christ's Maths Society was founded in Lent 2022, with three principal aims. First, to broaden the mathematical perspectives of students to issues surrounding mathematics such as ethics, philosophy, and applications. Second, to introduce mathematical ideas in a way that is also accessible to non-mathematicians. Third, to facilitate socialising among maths students, especially across different year groups.



The Maths Society

In our first year, we held a number of fun, accessible talks given by both students and researchers, covering a diverse range of topics. Notably, former Master Professor Frank Kelly told us about his experience of researching networks and discussed applications including communication networks, road traffic and electricity grids. Additionally, in Lent term, Dr Henry Bradford's talk on the Mathematics of Right and Wrong showed how a mathematical perspective can be used inform our decision making, helping with questions ranging from "What should I have for lunch today?" to "Should I have children?"

In terms of socials, we hosted a board games evening at the beginning of the academic year, providing an opportunity for members to get to know each other and for old hands to share their experiences with incoming freshers. We also collaborated with the Adams Society of St John's College to organise a (highly anticipated) formal swap, with at least 30 students taking part.

Overall, we are happy that it has been a successful year connecting fellow maths lovers together, and we hope to continue offering enjoyable activities for our members in the years to come!

Alice Luo

MEDICAL SOCIETY

Throughout the academic year, Christ's Medical Society organised a diverse range of events catering to the needs and interests of Christ's medics. The calendar began with the highly anticipated annual MedSoc dinner, an event that afforded students and supervisors an opportunity to unwind and forge collegial relationships over a formal hall dinner. Following a two-year hiatus, a guest speaker returned to the event, this time with the presence of Dr John Firth, the Deputy Medical Director of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Dr Firth's presence added an informative and humorous touch, as he delivered a speech on medical professionalism to the audience.

We are proud to maintain a strong bond with our esteemed medical alumni, who have transitioned into full-time doctors. It was an honour to witness the active involvement of some of our current students as they participated in the Christ's College Medical Alumni Association (CCMAA) annual conference. During this event, four of our students (Benjamin Beresford-Jones, Mithylan Ganeshwaran, Lucy Gardner and Ardon Pillay) delivered compelling presentations on the topic of medical education. The conference was further elevated by the presence of distinguished keynote speakers, Sir Keith Peters and Emeritus Professor Chris MacManus.



The Medical Society

A notable highlight of the year occurred during Michaelmas term, as the CCMAA and Medical Society welcomed the esteemed statistician Sir David Spiegelhalter to deliver a highly attended talk. He shared invaluable insights into the realm of medical statistics, offering a deep dive into the statistical aspects associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to continued collaboration with our sister society, fostering a fruitful relationship for future academic years. These collaborations provide exceptional opportunities for growth, knowledge sharing and forging new connections.

Christ's MedSoc also helped organise a Part II information evening, providing guidance and information to medical students pursuing their Part II studies. This informative session aimed to alleviate any concerns and equip students with the necessary knowledge for a successful Part II journey.

Focusing on the wellbeing of our students, we organised pizza afternoons and welfare sessions in various cafes and the JCR. These informal gatherings offered a relaxed space for students to engage in open discussions, share experiences, and seek support.

We would like to thank all the students for attending our events throughout the year and making Christ's MedSoc an enjoyable society to run!

Cybi Gautam

MUSIC SOCIETY



The Music Society

The society has enjoyed a vibrant musical year. Michaelmas term kick-started with the return of our weekly recital series, organised by our Concerts and Recitals Officer Tom Selway, which included a very exciting inaugural concert to celebrate the new Blüthner grand piano in the chapel, and an exciting Christmas Concert which featured some festive extracts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Christ's Jazz, led by Finton Hanks, went from strength to strength, performing at the popular 'Jazz in the Buttery' and 'Week 5 Blues', and we enjoyed performances by our newest ensemble Pop Group, expertly led by

Rehan Chagla. Lent term followed in a similar fashion, and it was a pleasure to welcome back Sally Blackham for the Charles Blackham Memorial Competition, adjudicated this year by Professor David Trippett, Dr David Jones, and Jemma Jeffery (Chair 2022–23). The competition demonstrated the College's finest musical talent, with second year music student Iona Salter and first year music student Manav Paul sharing first place. Earlier in the term, we were treated to an Organ Scholars' recital from Davon Halim and Clare Pryor as well as previous Organ Scholars Tom Burrows and James Tett, which was immediately followed by our annual dinner, courtesy of Special Events Officer Viesturs Spulis. A few weeks later, we were thrilled to host a joint sold-out concert between Durham University Big Band and the Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra. Finally, Easter term saw the return of our 'Squash O'Clock' series, providing musical entertainment and a revision break for students studying for exams – highlights included a thrilling performance of John Adams' Hallelujah Junction by Manav Paul and Sohan Kalira. We ended the year with our annual Garden Party.

Jemma Jeffery

CHRIST'S COLLEGE NETBALL CLUB

Members: Laura Herbert (Captain), Camilla Olivieri (Captain), David Adegbeye, Isabella Steinmeyer, Thomas Adkins, Matthew Coxon, Eleanor Mason, Stanley Somogyi, Boo Godfrey, Finton Hanks, Monty Hunt, Amelia Cheeseman, Josh Nathan, Amelia Blackwell, Cathryn Kirk, Jesse Edwards, Caitlyn Furley, Vivek Bilous, Koo Ii, Katie Burge.

This year's netball season got off to a fabulous start with unprecedented levels of interest at the freshers' fair. This led to us running a netball taster session that was attended by both new and experienced players, finishing in a social with the Christ's football team in the Buttery. Both the women's team and mixed team put up a great fight in Michaelmas term, with both teams becoming noticeably more cohesive with each match played. With our mixed netball team just missing out on a promotion



The Netball Club

to Division 1 of the inter-collegiate league at the end of Michaelmas, we came back even stronger in Lent and managed to secure the top spot in our division and the much sought after promotion! Christ's were well represented in both the women's and mixed netball Cuppers at the end of Lent term, with our mixed team winning two matches and drawing one to finish joint top of our group. Unfortunately, admin errors on behalf of the tournament organisers meant we did not progress to the final stages of the tournament (as we should have done based on our performance in the group stages!), but we are incredibly proud of the team for doing so well despite many of our players being new to the sport at the start of the year. Excitingly, several of our players (Thomas Adkins, Stanley Somogyi, Camilla Olivieri, Laura Herbert, David Adegboye, Matthew Coxon, Vivek Bilous, Boo Godfrey and Finton Hanks) were selected to play on the first or second teams of the newly established Cambridge University Mixed Netball Club this Easter term, and we are looking forward to seeing how the club develops over the coming year. We are now passing on the captaincy to David Adegboye and Isabella Steinmeyer for the next season, and we are confident that they will keep the spirit of CCNC going next year!

Laura Herbert and Camilla Olivieri

CHRIST'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCRFC)



*The Trinity-Christ's
Rugby Football Club*

Played: 11; Won: 6; Lost: 5

Excitement for the year was high following a pre-season tournament at Old Fields that saw TCRUFC get off to a flyer, remaining unbeaten across the day. Based on this performance, the Club was placed straight into the top division, with high hopes of being successful. The year did not start out as we had hoped, losing two on the bounce to very strong 'Queesus' and Sidney/Fitz sides. However, once familiarity amongst the group set in, the team's fortunes changed. Our first Cuppers game

against CCK was won comfortably in adverse conditions, and following the tough start to the season, the Club went on to win the next 4 league games in a row. There was agony in the second round Cuppers match against Robinson, as a kick from the touchline at the death sealed a 3-point loss for Trinity-Christ's. Unfortunately, this bad luck followed us to the Cuppers Plate Semi-Final against the eventual winners, Sidney/Fitz. A couple of injuries (some during the warm up!) left the team with only 13 players to face a very strong side. However, the commitment of every player was exemplary during this game, and the team managed to hold a lead for the first 30 minutes! The numbers do not adequately reflect the quality in the squad this year, but we hope to take that forward and enjoy continued success next year. It is also necessary to mention the very sad loss for the Club of two-time captain Harry Goodhew, whose commitment has been unrivalled over the (many) years he has competed for the Brown Rings. Although the number of Christ's rugby players this year has been relatively low, we are hoping for a strong recruitment drive next year to boost the numbers and rebuild the rugby community at the College.

Joe Robertson

Prizes 2023

Student results for the 2023–24 academic year were delayed by the Marking and Assessment Boycott. For many students this has resulted in marks not being received until later in the academic year. Current indications are that many students will once again have performed extremely well and will be awarded academic prizes and Scholarships. A full list will be circulated to members at a later date.



A frosty Third Court

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SPECIAL FEATURES

CHRIST'S COLLEGE IN MEDICINE

The Christ's College Medical Alumni Association is open to any Christ's member who studied medicine or went on to work in a medically related career. The Association aims to bring together members at regular intervals in Cambridge to exchange ideas and to network. At this year's annual CCMAA Conference, held in April 2023, CCMAA President Dr Tony Jewell (m. 1969) and Professor Sir Keith Peters GBE FRCP FRS (Honorary Fellow) gave talks highlighting the extraordinary contributions to medicine made by Christ's College members. Those talks have been adapted here.

Dr Szeming Sze 施思明: Visionary medical alumnus pivotal to the establishment of the World Health Organization

By Dr Tony Jewell (m. 1969)

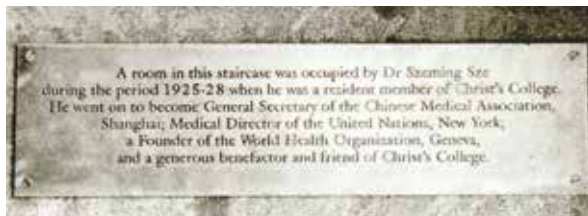


*Entrance to V
staircase*

I wonder how many members of Christ's College walk past 'V' staircase in Third Court but do not notice the small brass plaque in its entrance?

Similarly, how many take note of the formal portrait now displayed in the Upper Hall of Dr Szeming Sze, a distinguished medical alumnus and College benefactor?

Finally, I wonder what proportion of medical student recipients of the Szeming Sze prizes, awarded for students achieving First Class results in Part 1 or 2 of the Tripos, know about his career and contributions to global health?



*Doorframe plaque
by V staircase*

These thoughts prompted me to find out more about Dr Szeming Sze, who matriculated at Christ's in 1925 and completed his medical training at St Thomas's

Hospital Medical School in London. His story provides a unique insight into global politics during the twentieth century and specifically into the creation of the United Nations and World Health Organisation after World War II.

Early life and education

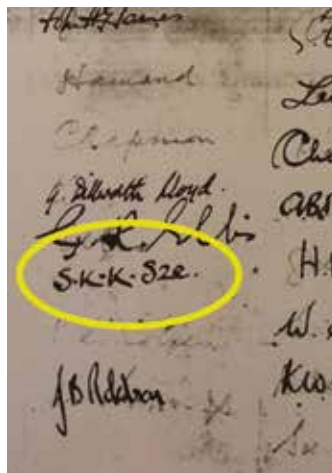
Szeming Sze was born in Tianjin, China in 1908 to a wealthy and well-connected family. His father, Alfred Sao-ke Sze 施肇基, was appointed Ambassador to London in 1914 and brought his family to Britain, sending his son to preparatory school in Bexhill and then to Winchester.

It was common practice that Winchester boys would be advised to apply to New College, Oxford when considering Oxbridge entrance. However, Sze's father met Sir Arthur Shipley, Master of Christ's College between 1910 and 1927, at a dinner, and Shipley suggested that Sze should apply to Christ's instead. Sze duly completed his entrance examination for the 1st MB by taking papers on Physics and Mechanics, and he was admitted to Christ's to study medicine at the young age of 17.

Despite not having been specially motivated to study medicine, he reported enjoying his course and referred to many of his teachers, including Sir Joseph Barcroft (Physiology), Lord E.C. Adrian (Nobel prize winner in Medicine) and F. Gowland Hopkins (Nobel prize in Biochemistry), as influences. He was a keen and able student and left Christ's with a First Class Honours degree having interestingly taken History as his Part 2.

Cambridge in those days did not have a clinical course and students usually transferred to London Medical Schools to complete their 2nd MB. Following that pattern, Sze went to St Thomas's Medical School, a prestigious school with eminent clinical academics.

It was during this time that Sze decided on the direction of his future career. While attending home births in Lambeth, he was shocked by the poverty he encountered in the working-class neighbourhood. He referred in his autobiography to Somerset Maugham's novel *Liza of Lambeth*, which Maugham had published while he himself was a medical student at St Thomas's Hospital, as formative. Though Sze had been considering specialising in cardiology or endocrinology, the experience was influential in his decision to steer his career away from becoming a hospital specialist with a lucrative private practice, and he instead dedicated himself to public service.



Matriculation signature of Szeming Sze



1925 Matriculation photograph

Leading the Chinese Medical Association

Sze graduated in 1931. He married Bessie Li, whom he had met in London, in 1934 and moved to Shanghai, where her family were prominent in business and banking.

As a recently qualified doctor, Sze had to decide what path to take in rather difficult conditions in the wake of Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931. He decided to accept the job of Assistant Secretary of the Chinese Medical Association in 1935 and became General Secretary in 1936, working mainly from Shanghai. He energetically led the CMA, doing important work on the curriculum of the 20 medical schools, working out how to register Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners as associates, and developing professional standards to regulate practice in China. He was personally involved in leading the development of services for leprosy, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control and nutritional education. He also helped edit the Chinese Medical Journal, which was published in English. Such work became increasingly difficult as the political situation in China became more precarious. When the Japanese eventually invaded Shanghai in 1941, Sze and his family escaped to the USA, where he would live out the rest of his life.

World Health Organization and the UN

In 1945, Sze went to San Francisco as part of the Chinese delegation for a UN conference on International Organisation. The conference was primarily concerned with drafting the UN Charter and was not intended to cover health. However, Sze found support from some medical colleagues for an initiative to replace pre-war organisations such as the League of Nations Health Organisation and the Office International d'Hygiène Publique. With colleagues from Brazil and his own Chinese delegation, he drafted a declaration to incorporate health into the UN Charter and establish an international health organisation.

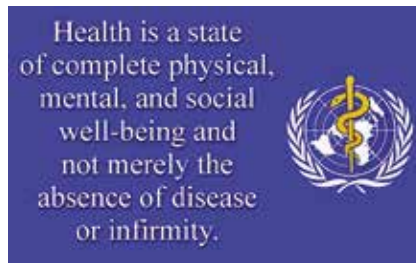
Having successfully incorporated health into the UN Charter, it was suggested that there would be value in creating a more formalised definition of 'health'. This became a collaborative process amongst a small group of medical colleagues, including Dr Brock Chisholm of Canada, Dr Gregorio Bermann of Brazil, and Dr Harry Gear of South Africa. The definition went through three iterations:

1. *'Satisfactory individual and collective emotional health is essential to the harmony of human relations'* Dr Brock Chisholm (Canada)
2. *'Health is a state of physical fitness and of mental and social well-being, not only the absence of disease'* Dr Szeming Sze (China)
3. *'Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being not merely the absence of disease or infirmity'* Dr Harry Gear (South Africa)

The final version is still in use today some 77 years after the conference. Sze also proposed a name for the new international health entity, 'World Health Organisation', which was endorsed unanimously.

Although he was fundamental to its creation, Sze himself would never actually work for the WHO. Instead, he accepted a post as Chief of the Specialised Agencies Section of the Economic and Social Council of the UN, embarking on what would

be a long career in the UN. In 1954, he was promoted to the post of Medical Director of the UN, where he remained for 14 years. This role gave him direct contact with international delegates as well as UN staff, whom he and his team advised on overseas visits and postings. He was a strong advocate for staff welfare and was active in the UN Recreation Council and president of the UN tennis club, where he continued to play until the age of 80 years.



*WHO definition
of health*

He retired in 1968 and often visited Christ's when in Britain. Professor Susan Bayly (Fellow), a specialist in East Asian history and cultural life, recalls meeting Sze during one of his visits to Cambridge in 1988. She was particularly struck by his keen interest in the diversity of our students' interests and activities, including their enthusiasm for adventurous international travel. The College archives hold a copy of his book on the origins of the WHO gifted by Sze in 1993 to the Master at the time, Sir Hans Kornberg.

Sze died in 1998 in the USA at the age of 90 and was survived by his son, his daughter, and five grandchildren.

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Lord Todd, the Clinical School, and the evolution of research-oriented medical education in Cambridge

By Sir Keith Peters GBE FRCP FRS Honorary Fellow and Emeritus Regius Professor of Physic



Lord Todd

At the southern end of Hills Road, about two miles from Christ's College, is the largest biomedical campus in Europe. The campus, which today houses the Addenbrooke's, Rosie, and Royal Papworth Hospitals, the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB), the Clinical School and its 10 research institutes, and the principal UK laboratories of Astra Zeneca plc and Abcam plc, is a long-term consequence of the vital contribution of Alexander Robertus Todd, OM FRS Baron Todd of Trumpington, Master of Christs (1963-78) to the establishment of the Cambridge Clinical School.

Todd was appointed Chair of the Royal Commission on Medical Education in 1965. At this time, he was Nobel Laureate for Chemistry, a Life-Peer, and had been Chair of the Government's Advisory Council on Scientific Policy between 1954 and 1962. In Cambridge, he had created the largest chemistry laboratory in the

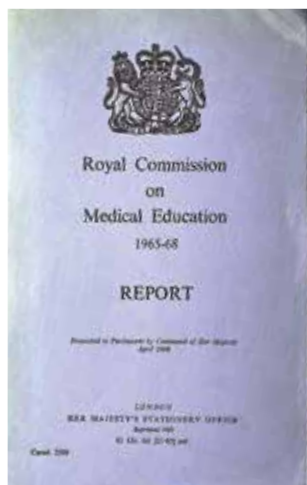


*Addenbrooke's
Hospital in 1964*

country, and as Chairman of the United Cambridge Hospitals he had overseen the construction of the New Addenbrooke's Hospital.

The remit of the Commission was to review medical education, undergraduate and postgraduate, and to consider what changes may be needed in the pattern, number, nature or location of the institutions providing medical education in the UK. Todd assembled a remarkable group of Commissioners, took written evidence from over 400 organisations, oral evidence from 100, and visited many countries. Many meetings took place in the Senior Combination Room at Christ's.

The final Report was a radical and transformative document which repays reading today. It concluded that at least three new medical schools would be needed. It emphasised that medical education should be firmly in the hands of universities, that universities should be free to develop their own ideas, and argued that undergraduate and postgraduate medical schools should be integrated into multi-faculty universities as Faculties of Medicine. The Commission recommended integration of clinical and preclinical teaching, emphasised the importance of behavioural sciences and statistics, and the teaching of community medicine and psychiatry.



*The Royal Commission
on Medical
Education Report*

For the new medical schools, it recommended the immediate establishment of Schools in Leicester and Southampton, and the establishment of an undergraduate clinical school in Cambridge complementing its long-standing and successful preclinical school whose students usually completed their clinical studies in the London Teaching Hospitals. Tellingly, it stated that if Cambridge decided against this development then a medical school could be established in Norwich in the University of East Anglia (UEA), which would also utilise the clinical facilities of Addenbrooke's and Ipswich hospitals.

I have no doubt – nor did Todd from my discussions with him several decades later – that the prospect of Addenbrooke's becoming a teaching hospital of UEA delivered the *coup de grace* in the long-standing debates about whether Cambridge should become a fully integrated medical school. In June 1969, The Report of the General Board to the Regent House proposing the establishment of a Clinical School concluded that a pre-graduate clinical school would 'reflect advantageously on the scientific activity of the University as a whole'.

Todd spoke in favour of the Report and the ballot to establish a preclinical faculty of medicine was voted *placet 407 non placet 69*. The Clinical School opened in 1976. However, it struggled to retain Cambridge students. It had been the intention to expand over the first decade to 150 students per annum, but numbers scarcely exceeded half that – in 1984, they were as low as 44. Many students were influenced by the attraction of learning medicine in a metropolitan environment, but annoyingly a significant number left for Oxford. It was not until well into the 1990s that the Clinical School numbers started to edge towards the desired 150. Today all 280 Cambridge medical students stay in Cambridge, which is ranked 2nd in the world for medicine in 2023 Times Higher Education Ranking, and 1st in the Complete University Guide.

In 1986, I was invited to succeed John Butterfield as Regius Professor of Physic and served as Head of the Clinical School from 1987 to 2005, during which time we attracted a remarkable Faculty. Space does not permit me to provide detail here, but suffice to say that a wonderful body of clinicians and researchers enhanced and in some cases transformed medical services as well as conducting excellent teaching and research. An early decision was to establish an integrated MB/PhD programme to give exceptionally gifted students an opportunity to undertake research early in their careers. The programme, the first in Europe, commenced officially in 1990 and was personally supervised by Professor Tim Cox, Professor of Medicine, for its first 25 years. It has been a considerable success with now more than 250 graduates, who not only conducted excellent research but also excelled clinically. The majority remain committed to academic medicine, practising in widely diverse subjects including the surgical disciplines where the traditional postgraduate research fellowships are proving difficult to integrate with surgical training. At Christ's, the three current Medical Fellows, James Jones (oncology), Isabel Huang Doran (endocrinology) and Andrew Stewart (nephrology) are graduates of the programme, as is David Thomas, a former Director of Clinical Studies who is shortly due to return to Cambridge as Professor of Renal Immunology.

In the late 1990's, the Hospital, the University and the MRC set out a long term plan for the Addenbrookes Campus – the 2020 Vision – to accommodate the School's new research institutes, the rebuilding of the MRC LMB, and the long overdue relocation of Papworth Hospital. The resulting academic and clinical

strength of the campus provided compelling reason for Astra Zeneca to relocate its principal UK research laboratory to Cambridge with the iconic campus address No 1 Francis Crick Avenue. Todd, who in 1939 as Professor of Chemistry in Manchester had begun a life-long association with ICI pharmaceuticals (an ancestor company of Astra Zeneca) and a supporter of industry-academia partnerships, would have welcomed this major development.

Today, the Biomedical Campus is estimated to provide some 20,000 jobs, and a new railway station, Cambridge South (about 45 minutes from Kings Cross and the Cambridge junction for the East-West Rail to Oxford), is under construction. Since Todd arrived in 1944, Cambridge has transformed from a sleepy country town with a famous University to become an industrial powerhouse for science-based industries, a fitting legacy for an exceptional scientist who passionately believed that science and technology were essential for human progress.



*The Cambridge
Biomedical
Campus in 2022*

THE NEW DATABASE OF THE COLLEGE PICTURES

By Professor William M Steen (Honorary Fellow, m. 1954)

For five hundred and fifty years, the College has cherished and added to its collection of pictures, which range from the funereal brasses and stained glass in the Chapel from the time of God's House in 1470s to the present-day collection of over 5000 images. During this long history there seems always to have been some careful soul who felt responsible for this artwork. Names have almost all been lost to the mists of time, though some are remembered: Arthur Peck, after whom a section of the library is named, drew up a handwritten catalogue of all the pictures hanging in the College, and Michelle Courtney (wife of the Fellow Librarian, Dr Cecil Courtney) compiled a card index of the same pictures with more detail.

At the start of the 21st century, large computer databases became possible and digital photo images could be easily taken, stored and manipulated. In light of this new technology, I asked Malcolm Bowie, the Master in 2003, if it would be helpful to have a picture catalogue of the College artwork. He gave me permission and the College invested in the Adlib database, an app similar to that used by the Fitzwilliam Museum to catalogue its exhibits.

During that summer vacation, with the help of the Porters, I went through all the rooms in the College and photographed all the pictures that belonged to Christ's. Dr David Norman, who was the Fellow 'Keeper of the Portraits' at the time, helped in the enterprise and showed me the store for the unhung pictures and three filing cabinets of photos and letters concerning the artwork.

Twenty years later, data is still being added to the database, a task that will never end as the College continues to acquire new material. However, this part of the work collecting the data is fascinating as it gives a glimpse into the history of a great College and some astounding alumni and eminent folk of whom we have pictures.

Through the College's long history, its Fellows and alumni, many of whom are remembered in the College pictures, have played significant historical roles. William Perkins, whose image is preserved in one of the few Tudor pictures the College owns,



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Top left: Fig 4
Top right: Fig 5,
Bottom left: Fig 6,
Bottom right: Fig 7



Fig 8

was significant to the development of religious understanding in the 16th century as a leading figure in the Puritan movement. Influential Platonist thinker Henry More developed his philosophical ideas while a student and a Fellow of Christ's, and his fellow Platonist Ralph Cudworth guided the College through the troubled times of the Cromwell commonwealth as Master between 1654 and 1688. Bishop Beilby Porteus, after whom the annually awarded Bishop Porteus Scripture Reading Prize is named, helped lead the cultural change against slavery in the early 19th century. More recently, Lord Alexander Todd] and Sir David Klenerman, amongst others, completely changed the direction of medical research through their activities with nucleic acids and DNA analysis. Professor Sir Peter Lachmann (m. 1976), another medical man, finished a book a few days before his death in 2020, outlining his thoughts on how religion is a natural evolution of culture, a social necessity and not necessarily an essential truth (a line of thought well in the tradition of the Platonists and even linking Darwinism to culture as a form of natural selection, but this is a subject for a different article!).¹

The data on the content of each picture was mainly found from Wikipedia, notes in the picture filing cabinets, or 'The Biographical Register of Christ's College'

compiled by Dr John Peile (Master 1887–1910).² It is worth pausing for a moment to consider how Peile managed to collect and write such a book on every matriculant of the College since the days of God's House back in the 15th century to near the time of his death in 1910. The data is held in the matriculation register, letters to alumni and Peile's notes, written in his neat writing and now held in the College archive. But he did it all by hand, there were no computers to help him!



Fig 9

At the turn of this century, Dr Alan Munro, Christ's Master from 1995 to 2002, donated a personal collection of about 100 pictures of original artwork for a student loan scheme. Through this scheme, students could borrow the pictures for their rooms at the beginning of the academic year and return them at the end of it. It says something both for the vision that Alan showed and the integrity of our students that no picture has gone missing. The scheme is currently administered by Dr David Trippet and the collection has grown, through further donations, to over 150 pictures. 124 of these pictures are entered into the database under identity (ID) numbers starting with 'LS'; all College pictures have an ID beginning with 'cc'.



Fig 10

By this time in the early 2020s, the need for some maintenance and care of the pictures was becoming apparent. My wife, Margaret Steen, who is a professional craftsperson, and I set about cleaning, re-backing and touching up the paintwork on the frames of over 300 pictures, all on a cost basis for tape, tools and cleaning material.

By 2017, the database was almost complete and being used extensively for enquiries of images for books and for personal use by alumni and the public. The weakness was that there were only two computers which had access to the data. The catalyst for action came when Adlib stated they were transitioning to a 'cloud' based system called 'Axiell Collections' in 2024. This would make the data more widely available, but the subscription would cost considerably more. Nigel Hensman (m. 1954), who wrote an article for the Magazine in 2001 on the pictures in the Hall, came to the rescue and offered to fund the transfer cost and first year subscription.³ This is where we are today.



Fig 11

A further problem for the picture collection arose when construction for Yusuf Hamied Court required the demolition of the Visual Arts Centre, which meant

finding a new home for the picture store. Room 4.13 at the back of the Lasdun Building was identified as a possible space. It was airconditioned but without windows, and it also had a deficit of around 15m of shelving when fitted out by the College carpenters. With no space for Margaret to work, maintenance to the pictures was greatly reduced.



Fig 12

Eight metres of shelving was saved by de-framing all the sporting pictures that had arrived with the closure of the sports pavilions (they are now in drawers in room 4.13) and a further 3m of shelving was saved by mounting the refurbished etchings of various worthies in the hallway of Staircase 4, which is worth a visit if you have time. On the occasion of an alumni dinner, John Turner (m. 1954) stayed in a room on staircase 4 and was surprised to see a photograph of his father, Sir Ralph Turner, mounted on the wall by the staircase.

The collection is now housed, in reasonable repair, and the papers in the filing cabinets are almost sorted. It was a good feeling to be able to hand it all over into the hands of a professional Archivist, firstly Dr Genny Silvanus and now to Dr Lucy Hughes.

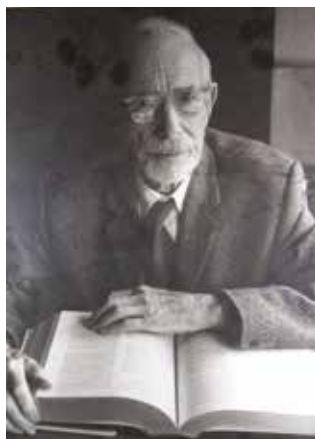


Fig 13

Now, for the first time in five hundred years or so, the picture data base is available for the alumni to view. Members can browse through this extraordinary history of achievement and original thinking for which the College is rightly known. If the College admissions team keeps recruiting bright minds, Christ's will continue to have original thinkers who are worthy of remembering. The link can be made through the QR code or by visiting <https://ais.axiellcollections.cloud/CHRISTS/>.

How to use the database is explained in the box at the end of this article.

Interested in getting involved?

Currently, Lucy Hughes and the College librarian have an immense task to digest all the archive material. In particular, many of the pictures need to have better quality images than the catalogue images I took some time ago. Are there some newly retired and active alumni who would like to get involved by offering their time and talents doing some voluntary work for the database? If so, best of luck and for everyone enjoy looking through the College picture collection!

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Figure captions

Figure 1: Thomas Fowler, gentleman usher to Edward IV, and Edith Fowler, gentlewoman to Lady Margaret. This is the only medieval brass of a husband and wife in Cambridge or Oxford. The brass is likely to have been in the ante Chapel since the founding of Christ's.

Figure 2: Dr Arthur Leslie Peck, Fellow 1926–1984, College Librarian, and Vice Master (1957–61). He was also a Founder member of the Cambridge Morris Men and they danced on the lawn in First Court as part of his memorial service in 1984.

Figure 3: William Perkins, a leading figure in the Puritan movement in the time of Elizabeth I. This is one of the few Tudor pictures that the College owns.

Figure 4: Henry More, theologian, philosopher and prominent Platonist, engraving by D. Logan 1679.

Figure 5: Ralph Cudworth (Master 1654–1688).

Figure 6: Beilby Porteus, Bishop of London, engraving by C. Picart, drawing by H. Edridge dated around 1809.

Figure 7: Lord Todd of Trumpington by Miss Anna Katrina Zinkeisen. This portrait is currently on loan to Oriel College Oxford, where Lord Todd was an Honorary Fellow.

Figure 8: Sir David Klenemann FRS, who pioneered a method for the rapid analysis of DNA.

Figure 9: Sir Peter Lachman. Photograph by Judith Aronson, who took 55 pictures of the Fellows in 1978. Many are now displayed around the College.

Figure 10: John Peile by Sir George Reid. The picture was subscribed for by members of the College and other friends; a replica was given to Dr Peile.

Figure 11: Margaret Steen cleaning and repairing the frames of some pictures in the Visual Arts Centre.

Figure 12: One of the six bays of etchings on Staircase 4.

Figure 13: Sir Ralph Lilley Turner was a British philologist of Indian languages and a university administrator.

HOW TO SEARCH CHRIST'S COLLEGE PICTURE COLLECTION

1. Open the portal: <https://ais.axiellcollections.cloud/CHRISTS/results>
(or use the QR code)



2. Click on "Search" box
3. Choose:
 - a) 'Simple' for a search against a keyword for example 'third court'. This particular search will produce 12 hits at present and see if your search is successful. It is necessary to click on the image of interest to open further data on it if it is available. If your search is unsuccessful, then:
 - b) 'Advanced' for a search against a list of characteristics, some of which have an index of entered items. For example, 'creator' has 'A. Frith & Co' in the index, so this search will produce a postcard of the Stevenson Building. Note if there is an index of items the spelling must be exact. For example, 'Frith' will not find anything.
 - c) 'Expert' for a search against one or more characteristics separated by 'and' or 'or'

For example "word(s) from the title" = "Darwin", "and" "material" = "Bronze" reveals Horace Montford's bronze plaque of Darwin but also William Couper's Sculpture of Darwin, and Anthony Smith's sculptures of "Darwin" and "Yusuf Hamied".

4. If you wish to recap a search, the record of your activity in that session is recorded by the box at the top "Search Record".

Example: in "expert" search

"Word(s) in title" = "Milton" and "Description" = "wife". Will show Elizabeth Mynshull's house in Manchester by *Geldart* (artist)

In "simple" search type cc0000 and all the pictures in the series cc00001 to cc00009 will show including some that simply reference such pictures.

ALUMNI NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

In the 2021–2022 academic year, our first full year of in-person events after Covid-19, we welcomed over 1300 alumni and guests to 24 events. In the last year, we surpassed that total. Alumni met up for sporting events – primarily golf, rowing and rugby. We had a special event to Meet the Master over drinks and dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, holiday drinks, and reunions with matriculants from years spanning 1943 to 2017.

The main College September Reunions were for those who matriculated up to and including 1963 and in 1972 and, later in the month, we welcomed back those alumni that started between 1985 and 1989. All of the events were very successful, with many alumni re-connecting with College friends and making new connections. The 1971 matriculation year once again returned to College to catch up with each other. Also, in September the Golf Society had their annual tournament and dinner in College.

On Remembrance Sunday in November, the Fisher Society once again held their annual lunch in Hall following a lovely service in Chapel. Everyone enjoyed their visit back to College. This event is held to say thank you to all of those who have left legacies to Christ's in their wills.

In December we were off to London for the annual Winter Drinks Reception, which this year returned to the Oxford and Cambridge Club for a very convivial evening. We again provided a discounted attendance rate for our GoLD Alumni (Graduates of the Last Decade). The new pricing was eagerly taken up once again. The evening was a lovely occasion to round off a busy 2022 and celebrate the festive season with alumni, Fellows and guests.

Last year we had a very busy March/April due to a consolidated programme of MA Ceremonies and dinners spread over two weekends. This allowed for alumni who were disappointed not to receive their MA degrees during the Covid-19 lockdown an opportunity for the year groups to celebrate together as per usual, and the College and the University added dates to their calendars for presentation in the Senate House. The 2016 matriculation year arrived on schedule to receive their MA Ceremony and Dinner. The day included some graduands from other years who couldn't make last year's gatherings. It was a lovely day and I hope everyone felt aptly spoilt.

Also in April was the College Medical Association annual conference. The theme of the conference was medical education and how it has developed across

the UK since the Todd Report in 1968. Lord Todd was Master of Christ's between 1963–78. The conference also included a presentation about a notable College medical alumnus, Dr Szeming Sze, who matriculated in 1928 and is remembered in College through the eponymous prizes for medical student academic achievement but also globally through the work of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the WHO definition of health.

Our Evensong Receptions for Alumni and guests on the last Thursday of Lent and Easter Terms have become anticipated events. It was lovely to welcome everyone back to chapel after such a long absence. It's an inspirational occasion highlighted by the College Choir and followed by a drinks and canapes reception. It is always a small reminder of one part of their life in College that alumni can share with current students.

A special evening event was held in London at the Oxford and Cambridge Club on 22 May. A drinks/dinner reception was held to give alumni to have another opportunity to meet the new Master, Simon McDonald. It was an opportunity to listen to a Q&A between Professor David Reynolds and the Master, ask your own questions and chat in a smaller group. Over 50 people enjoyed the fascinating evening.

The new Yusuf Hamied Court was officially opened on 1 May. Along with College Members, friends and family, Dr Hamied and his wife Farida attended a formal plaque unveiling. There were tours of the new building by members of our postgraduate community already residing in their new home. All was followed by a lunch in Hall to continue the celebrations.

We welcomed alumni back to Cambridge in June to cheer on the Christ's College Boat Club in this year's May Bumps. All of the Christ's boats gave great efforts, and while the results might not have been what they had hoped for, we had a lovely day cheering on the crews from the riverbank while enjoying the summer weather. It was a wonderful start to an action-packed few weeks of alumni events!

Later in June we welcomed back alumni who matriculated from 1990–1994 to a garden party and buffet lunch. It was another lovely day – with no rain, thankfully! – and we were happy to have the choir join us to sing before they left for their tour around Canada this summer. Everyone seemed to enjoy catching up with fellow alumni.

On 1 July, over 80 alumni and guests joined us for the annual Association Dinner, which is open to all alumni of the College. The following day, over 100 alumni, Fellows, and staff members, along with their families, joined us for the Family Day Picnic. Families were treated to an afternoon of treats, games, face painting, and (for our younger attendees) jumping in the bouncy castle. It was wonderful to see members of the Christ's family of all ages back in College for a weekend of reunion and celebration.

Our office is happy to help with the administration for alumni events you may wish to organise. Please feel free to give us a call on 01223 766710.

Ann Farrell
Alumni Relations Officer





Year Group News

1953 Year Group Representative Anthony Eastwood writes:

Coming-up in September of 1953, I found myself allocated a pleasant set of rooms in Second Court. The set comprised a small lobby, a keeping room, a small pantry, and a bedroom with a hand-wash basin. The keeping room offered a gas fire and a sofa, table and chairs. Loos were available a step or two along the court, with baths somewhat further afield. Altogether not dissimilar from the army officers quarters from whence I had just arrived.

A bedder, or gyp came in each morning to make my bed, wash-up and generally clean and tidy. Basic provisions, commons, were available in the Buttery, subject to the remnants of the war-time food rationing restrictions. But, should one wish, all meals were available in Hall.

A pressing early decision was to which sport to bend, and I chose rowing, a sport entirely new to me – a decision never regretted – and as I write, the oar on the wall of my tiny retirement cottage shines bright with names from the past.

1956 Year Group Representative Peter Downes writes:

Many of the 1956 cohort of alumni are now approaching the age of 90 so, not surprisingly, there has been limited response to the invitation to provide details of recent activities, given that most of them are concentrating their efforts on keeping alive and well and on looking after dependents.

The alumni correspondent for the 1956 intake, **Peter Downes**, would like to thank those who managed to respond, as follows:

Tim Hooker had an inauspicious start at Christ's – the college had forgotten he was coming! They found digs for him three miles out but, fortunately, **Richard Skear** (m. 1955), whose obituary was recorded in a recent College Magazine, took pity on him and allowed him to use his College room as a parking place. Some 12 years later, Richard invited Tim to a drinks gathering at which he was introduced to Barbara Lade, a research assistant to Prof Bill Thorpe at Madingley. Tim and Barbara were married six months later. Bill Thorpe, having discovered that Tim was a keen ornithologist, sent him and Barbara to Kenya to study duet-singing in three species of shrike. Tim and Barbara have been together for 57 years but, sadly, Barbara is now in the later stages of dementia and they have help from a care home. Tim does not foresee being able to make further contributions to this newsletter so sends his best wishes to any contemporaries who survive!

Richard Boxall reports that his wife Jennie's Parkinson's progresses as expected with increasing mobility problems. Richard is now less active in their local Church having retired as Chairman and chief bottle washer of the St Dunstan's Mayfield Organ Trust, which he set up some 18 years ago (when a Church Warden) to manage a major grant from the Arts Council given to maintain and improve the new and rather splendid Walker Organ. Richard concludes his creaking bones limit his gardening but that any 56ers are welcome to call.

Nicholas Nathan was in the 1956 cohort as a History Scholar called Nicholas Wharton. After leaving Cambridge he changed his subject to Philosophy, and his name to Nicholas Nathan. He ended his career as a Reader in Philosophy at Liverpool University and then as a University Research Fellow there. Last year Routledge published the fifth of his books on Philosophy under the title *A Map of Selves*. He is

now living in a remote part of Shropshire with his novelist wife, enjoying spectacular sunsets and trying to complete a final book.

Colin Morgans lost Gillian to Alzheimer's last September after 60 years of wonderful marriage. He had been living quietly since then till a nephew in Cornwall took him to Sicily to stay in his brother's B and B in Catania. They had enormous fun doing wine-tasting on Etna and much more. He also had a splendid two week stay in Sutherland with good weather.

John Evans continues with his love of sailing although the boats get smaller and his racing and pottering of the Solent harbours is single-handed in an 11' Scow. Fortunately, age and trickery allow him to keep up with the skilled younger sailors most of the time. The winter is filled with winter walks in the New Forest which provide good reason to explore both the forest and local pubs. Foreign travel has been put on hold but he has plans to tour inland Sicily this coming autumn.

Peter Thompson, now 83, claims that he does little that is of more than local interest. He is however continuing to run a free drop-in legal advice service, on Saturday mornings, at the local church (St James, Muswell Hill) with the support of like-minded law graduates (all women, natch).

Geoffrey Stevens regrets that he is now bereft of his three close associates from College days. The last of them, Richard Oldcorn, died in Australia last year. Richard was a fencer and was awarded a half-blue. More recently he had represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games and even more recently he became the non-fencing captain of the Australian fencing squad at the Sydney Olympics. He used to be very outgoing and gregarious but towards the end he became reclusive. Geoffrey still has contact with his brother David, who shares a passion for Stephen Sondheim's oeuvres with Geoffrey's wife. Geoffrey adds that he is extremely glad still to be around so that he can revel in the accomplishments of his grandchildren and god-children, one of whom was the Commander of the Household cavalry at the recent coronation. That brought back memories of his excursion to London to be a street-liner as a member of the contingent of Yorkshire Scouts at the coronation in 1953. Like this year, that was another cool showery day.

Philip Johnston and his wife Cynthia have now completed their move to a Methodist Home for the Aged on Ben Rhydding. This sheltered housing is a big change from their previous 26 years in a 1612 farmhouse high on the North Yorkshire Moors. They managed a night in College recently when they had the pleasure of meeting the retiring Master. Philip has Emeritus roles as Reader in the Diocese of Leeds and the Headmaster's Association Benevolent Fund. Philip was Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Blackburn to which he returned recently to see his portrait in oils hung alongside what he describes as 'a bevy of be-whiskered, mutton-chopped Victorian antecedents'. His portrait was unveiled by Lancashire's Lord Lieutenant, Lord Shuttleworth.

David Carr can always be relied on to raise the academic level of this report. This year he says: 'Bowls. Another post pandemic effort to keep pace with advancing years. Have now taken up with the ultimate Grandad sport on a crown green with all its frustrating subtlety worse than putting on a golf course. One thing for certain is that Sir Francis would have abandoned the game much sooner if I had been his opponent and hurried off to take on the Armada in preference to suffering any longer. I may improve but time is not on my side. Eheu fugaces Postume Postume labuntur anni – as we used to chant from Horace at the Christ's Classics society. However, I

am failing to take his advice – Mitte sectari, rosa quo locorum sera moretur. (Stop looking for a place where a late rose may yet linger.) Hope springs eternal...'

Peter Taylor says that, for his wife and himself, much of their time these days is spent in the execution of a largely cheerful, partly planned, withdrawal from the forward positions of life. Their great pleasure has come from a growing involvement in the teaching and mentoring of families of Turkish political exiles who have been relocated to their part of the world. Peter adds: 'In times that are often dispiriting, it has been an inspiration to watch people who have lost almost everything set out with determination and good humour to rebuild their lives in a new country – and to see them achieve a remarkable degree of success. We regard it as a privilege to play a small part in supporting their achievement'.

Michael Bush reports that all his energy in the last year has gone into preparing for the publication of his study on Thomas Paine (1737–1809). The publication happened in May 2023, thus coinciding nicely with the coronation. Its title is *Thomas Paine and the Polity of the Blood, with an Appendix on the Bones*. Its subject, a topical one, is Paine's call for the abolition of monarchy and nobility. Copies of the book are available from Amazon or directly from the publisher, Mot Juste.

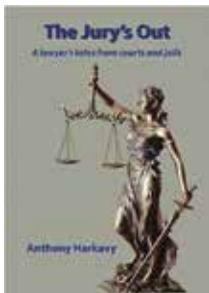
Peter Downes is no longer active as a County Councillor in Cambridgeshire but does his best to keep up with the rapidly-changing political world and helps his local Lib Dem colleagues whenever needed. He continues to play the viola in the local orchestra and sings with a small choir, 'Rotary Voices', drawn from local Rotary Clubs in Huntingdonshire. He benefits from the invaluable experience of singing many years ago in the College Choir under the inspiring baton of the late Guy Woolfenden. Peter has been Secretary of the Huntingdon Rotary Club for the last year and takes over as President in July. Having spent his whole life in the education world as teacher, headteacher and consultant, his current education work is as a primary school governor. He continues to be frustrated at the mismatch between what the government expects and what it provides by way of funding. He supports his wife Pamela in raising money to provide better amenities at the local hospital. Together they are actively involved in the local Twinning Association with contacts in Wertheim, Gubbio and Szentendre.

1957 Year Group Representative Hamish Donaldson writes:

Our average age must be about 86, so it is not surprising that several of our year group have declining health and are moving closer to family. But the good news is that over half of us are still alive and no less than 38 responded to my request for news (many of whom are still very active).

Donald Steel writes: 'As a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews for 60 years in 2022, I automatically became a Life Member. As I wrote in my book, "at my first interview with the great Dr Pratt, he asked me what games I played. Cricket and Golf, I replied. Golf, he barked, that's not a game, it's a disease". How right, a terminal disease. I laugh now at a whole host of his sporting contemporaries declaring in our Cambridge days, "you'll never catch me on a golf course". In their older age, you can't get them off it'.

Anthony Harkavy recently had a book published called *The Jury's Out*. It consists of 27 short stories, mainly on



Anthony Harkavy's
book

fictional legal cases with a bit of prison life thrown in. It has had a flattering review in *The Law Society Gazette*.

David Bennett is now enjoying a pleasant retirement on Cape Cod. He thinks he is the lone Light Blue within shouting distance. **Chris Eyles** has been very active with Win, his wife. Last July they took a trip on an expedition ship to Svalbard and Greenland. They also had a wonderful trip to Egypt in November led by a very enthusiastic Egyptologist during which they travelled by coach and dahabiva (a houseboat on the Nile) from Alexandria up to Abu Simbel, visiting many sites along the way, some rarely visited by tourists. They recently returned from a cruise from Puntarenas in Costa Rica to Panama City, and then through the Panama Canal to Cartagena in Colombia. Chris' pilot's licence is currently suspended due to a heart murmur. He has undergone the CAA's required tests and his cardiologist has recently reported that there is no medical reason why he cannot continue to fly. They visited the **Hillmans** last August and received Christmas cards from them, from **Carl Whitehouse**, and from **Howard Clase**.

Howard Clase has gradually been divesting himself of volunteer activities such as self-appointed plant name expert with the 'Friends of the Botanic Garden' and editor of the *Sarracenia*, the local Wildflower Society's magazine, although he still writes for it. His main hobby now is as an 'Urban Weed Botanist', searching the pavement cracks for unusual plants as he goes about his daily business. He has been in contact with **Richard Gregory**, **Chris Eyles**, **Carl Whitehouse**, **Glyn Price** and **Fred Cooke** (via Sylvia) either by phone or Christmas messages recently, and **John Woolley** a year or so ago. Sylvia Cooke writes that **Fred Cooke** is suffering from dementia, a cruel disease especially for one with such an active mind. However, Fred is still very good natured and seems happy. They have the support of family and friends including the local Quaker group, a connection Fred has had since his school and college days.

Last year I included a photo of the 1960 Athletics team to see if we could identify all the names. I am glad (amazed) to say that **Roger Wade** has sent me his copy of the photo with all the names on it – and the fact that we were runners-up in the Cuppers Final. Roger is still alive and active, happily occupied playing golf and serious bridge and socialising with friends and family in Woking.



Back Row: MJ Elliott (m. 1958), JF Beattie (m. 1959), H Donaldson (m. 1957), WR Galbraith (m. 1959), NK Roberts (m. 1959), JA Young (m. 1958), MD Cuss (m. 1958), RH Wade (m. 1956). Front Row: CJ Bacon (m. 1959), RBW Blaxill (m. 1958), AJ Cope, AKR Easthope (m. 1958), R Walsh (m. 1958)

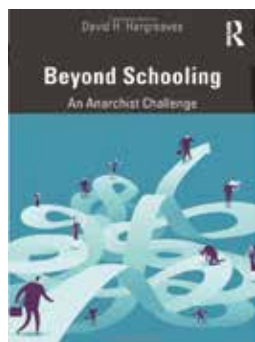
It reminds me that **Guy Renwick** (a hockey player) was a member of the 1964 British Four-man Bobsleigh team at the 1964 Winter Olympics. Two members of that team won the two-man Bobsleigh gold medal at the same Olympics, so he was in good company.

I have had greetings and good wishes from **Peter Colville**, **John Eardley**, **Philip Edmondson**, **Paul Fitzgibbon**, **Michael Hession**, **John Hockey**, **David Ravenscroft**, **Ben Sladen**, **Richard Nelson** and **Hugh Westmacott**. Sadly **Desmond Jones** is now in a care home.

John Stone is now together with a lady who was his teenage sweetheart. They parted when he went to National Service before Cambridge and she to Bristol University and they did not speak again for nearly 60 years, when they met again and are now united. He is still in contact with **Tony Chivers**, (who was his 'best man' in '61). **Ian Brook** is living out his retirement in Lymington after a long career with Exxon Mobile. **John Nye** has developed macular degeneration which has seriously affected his sight and limited what he can do.

David Pighills is alive and well, having moved from St Andrews to Yorkshire at the beginning of December last year to be closer to family. **Jerry Evans** has also moved to Edinburgh to be closer to family. **Richard Gregory** has for the past 18 months been caring for his wife who is in late-stage dementia. **Alan Munro** has returned home after over 4 weeks in hospital but is getting stronger all the time. It was Alan, when he was Master, who published the Directory of Members in 2000 which I find so useful as Year Group Rep.

Brendan Mulcahy is glad to be above ground and still trudging over a golf course or meeting the odd friend or relative. He remembers hosting a (Luxembourg) Champagne celebration of the end of our time at Cambridge. **Jeremy Willings** has spent his time caring for his wife, Susie, who passed away in April. He hosted a dinner



David Hargreaves'
book

on behalf of Chichester Conservative Association at which the guest speakers were The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Rt Hon Gillian Keegan, Minister of Education. He has been working on new landscape paintings and also attended the centenary Le Mans 24 hours race in June. **David Hargreaves'** book *Beyond Schooling* has now been awarded a prestigious Society for Educational Studies prize for the best book of the year, the first time the prize has been awarded in the last three years. He is surprised that around half of us have died but I am surprised that half of us are still alive.

Roger Gillard still lives an active life as a Lay Reader and churchwarden in a large rural church in a village called Ripple right on the Worcester/Gloucester border. It is particularly demanding at present because they are trying to raise over £1m for major repairs to the roof, and the paperwork necessary even to be considered for a contribution from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is a challenge in itself. When he is not involved in church affairs (which is not often) he tries to keep up a rather large garden and is a guide at a magnificent local private mansion called Madresfield Court. Much of his teaching career was spent in Malvern College and later as Headmaster of a Prep School in Malvern which ultimately became the official Junior School of Malvern College. **Mike Branch** was diagnosed with cancer 6 months ago and is now spending most of his time in a care home in Cheltenham. But he is

still able to walk short distances and drive the car. He sends special greetings to **Basil Maddox**, **Hugh Westmacott**, **Ian Brook** and **Dick Field**.

Tony George has joined the Parochial Church Council (rather to their surprise, since apparently willing volunteers as opposed to pressed men or women are not all that common). He had a cruise in Holland which included a visit to the Keukenhof gardens; a fabulous display of bulbs only open to the public for two months every year. Well worth a visit if only once in a lifetime. Tony's spinal stenosis, from too much parachuting he is told, won't improve, but with a folding scooter that goes in the hold when they fly by air and his blue badge he can travel and whizz around the village, so life is good.

Michael Edwards has published new books of poetry in English and in French, and a study of Euro-Christianity. His *Bible and Poetry* has been published in New York. He gave the Inaugural Lecture for the academic year at the Catholic Institute of the Vendée (he, an Anglican!) and he has agreed to be the President of a new International Victor Hugo Prize.

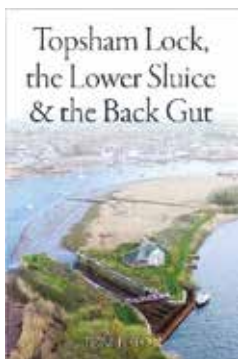
Sam Legerton is embroiled in a planning permission row over plans to build a new village – which involves diverting a footpath over a gas main (don't ask). Such is his life 18 miles from Marble Arch, with the M25 running through. Sam will see **Mike Payne** (m. 1956), **Steve Benson** (m. 1958) and **Tom Burton** on June 25 and is in regular contact with **Peter Colville**. **Norman Thomson** is feeling irreparably remote from any miniscule mathematical skills he might once have had as he wages war against the weeds which are threatening to strangle him in the garden! Otherwise, he still makes his modest contribution to the Moray Walking Festival which takes place at the end of June. **Carl Whitehouse** is well and is kept busy (when free of caring for his wife) to continue as Lay Minister in the church and to do talks on behalf of the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society. Buxton was MP for Weymouth 1819–1837 and took over from William Wilberforce as the lead advocate in parliament for the Abolition of Slavery. **Richard Waterfield** has moved to Solihull to be near his daughter **Jo Hill** (née **Waterfield**, m. 1987) and son-in-law **Ben Hill** (m. 1987), who met at Christ's.

Hamish Donaldson has had a busy year. As chairman of Haslemere Festival he was responsible for running the weekend of events to celebrate the King's Coronation followed by the 50 or so events that made up this year's Haslemere Arts Festival which included a talk by **Jock Gardner** (m. 1988) on Count Louis Zborowski and the real Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang. It was also well supported by **Chris Lemar** (m. 1971). Hamish's daughters are encouraging them to 'downsize' and, in doing so, found this print of Christ's main gate – dating from 1960. If anyone (not just in our year group) has room for it and would like it they would be very welcome. It is about 21 inches square.



*Print of Christ's
Great Gate*

1958 Year Group Representative David McGill writes:



Tom Epton's
new book

Regardless of advancing years, members continue to lead active lives. A worthy first mention goes to **Tom Epton**, who has just had his first book published. The title is *Topsham Lock, the Lower Sluice and the Back Gut*, dealing with events in Exeter and Topsham, in particular, relating to the Exeter Ship Canal. Tom feels his days of active racing on the Exe and offshore may be nearing their end. He is in regular contact with the 1958 group of lawyers, **John Crowley**, **David Simpson**, and **Donald MacBean**.

Andrew Kerr has been active over the past year or so, having responsibility for producing replicas of an early (1860) gas lantern, which he himself switched on in Scotland Street in Edinburgh in November 2021. **Chris Kraushar** reports that he, **Gordon Munro**, and **Brian Smith** have their own annual reunion. **Donald MacBean** reports that he is on the committee of the Suffolk Cambridge Society. They have four major events a year, which are well attended. He says the Suffolk Branch has a very diligent and capable secretary, by coincidence another Christ's man, **David Smith** (m. 1968).

Tim George decided at age 85 that it was more than time to hang up his scarf and surplice as a Reader in the Church of England. He continues to be active on other fronts.

Bob Morris has had an interesting year. He says he sat on the ITN sofa as a commentator on the Accession ceremonies proclaiming the succession of King Charles and gave a *Guardian* 'Masterclass' talk about the coronation in May. **Charles Park** is enjoying a quiet retirement in Essex. **David Simpson** enjoyed a visit by **Richard Blaxill** with his daughter (David's goddaughter) from Australia. David was unable to attend the reunion dinner (our 65th) in September, but he raised a glass to the occasion at home. **Martin Swales** remains in touch with a particular group of friends, **David A Lee**, **David N Lee**, and **Tony Layton**. As senior partner in a firm of development economists and planners which he established in 1973, **Roger Tym** worked extensively on central and local government projects, in both the UK and the developing world.

Mort Voller is living in Texas, having 'crossed the pond' in 1963. He and his wife came over in 2022 and visited **Mike Elliot's** widow Ann, with whom they had enjoyed travelling in both Europe and the US. **Noel Wynn** combined his priestly duties with work as a teacher. Following that, he was Director of the RC National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. Since then, he has been living in Marist communities and helping out in local parishes. **Peter Wiggall** says he is having increasing health problems. We wish you well. **Laurie Ayling** is carrying WFH to extremes as he is working with Aramco of Dhahran from his home overlooking the Atlantic in County Kerry. His present role came about because he is 'the father of continuous drilling technology'. He says working keeps him young. **John Collis** is now mostly abroad but unfortunately suffers from mobility problems.

David McGill enjoys living in a village near Rye, which offers the sea to the south and the High Weald AONB to the north. He still plays 'social golf', not hitting the ball as far, but at least it is straighter. He and his wife, Helen, recently visited Christchurch, her hometown in New Zealand, and were most impressed with

the new public buildings erected following the 2011 earthquakes at which they were present. However, he thinks it will be another decade before the city is fully restored.

For the past 21 years, since ‘retiring’ from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, **Norman Bardsley** has served as a consultant on energy-saving technologies, focusing on flat panel displays and solid-state lighting (LEDs and OLEDs). This has given him an opportunity to work with researchers in universities and industry across the globe. His 15-year contract with the US Department of Energy terminated in October 2022, but he still acts as Chief Analyst for the International Solid-state Lighting Alliance, which is based in Beijing. With fewer professional obligations, he has been freer to pick his own destinations for travel. Last year he retraced most of the rail tour around Scotland that he made 60 years ago, and this year paid a first visit to New Zealand, which he heartily recommends. Two of the highlights of his recent visits to Cambridge were to cheer on the Crustacean crews in the Fairbairn races and to meet the new Master. He very much enjoyed his new book and wonder whether he could surpass C.P. Snow if he ventures into writing novels.

After a career in the chemical industry, **John Sefton** initiated the Christ’s Alumni Golf Society in 2013 which has grown steadily with over 60 members. Several inter-College matches are played annually including a keenly contested match against St John’s for the Lady Margaret Beaufort Trophy. The season ends in September with a Club meeting followed by dinner in College. John has now passed over responsibility for the Society to **Chris Garden** (m. 1975), who is expanding the number of Alumni involved in matches. John followed this venture in 2015 with the creation of the Inter College Golf Competition which this year was contested by 19 colleges.

1960 Year Group Representative Michael Sandford writes:

This year I have had short notes from **John Leaning** and **Tom Luce**. Like them I have nothing very newsworthy to report concerning my own activities over the last year.

Dick Paden writes: Carpe Diem! Life in retirement seems even more involved than when one was working, so my days become filled with a variety of volunteering events. I continue to sit on the PCC, run the monthly village cinema and chair the Village Institute committee as well as my amateur radio activities and Raynet events for local charities and the like. I am still managing to navigate my narrow boat Omega around the canals of England and will continue to do so until the knees complain too much about climbing up lock ladders and the like! Local history groups seem to often request my lecture contributions on Cambridge Instrument, so I have a chance of bringing Christ’s College into the discussion through the Darwinian links which never crossed my mind in those heady undergraduate days of the early 60s.

David Cogan’s wife Christine wrote to say that David is now in a care home nearby where they shared a bottle his favourite wine, Getwurtztraminer, while watching the coronation.

Simon Bevan reports that he has occasionally seen **Roger Dalzell** (m.1959) on a golf course or at the races while watching horses from the Balding training stables at Kingsclere. He tells me that Roger shared a room in second court with **Ian Balding** (m.1959).

The recent evacuations from Sudan have brought back many memories to **Daryl Barker**. He experienced evacuation from Yirol in South Sudan in 1992 whilst serving as development coordinator for a Dutch NGO. Earlier in 1986, whilst serving with

Daryl Baker
(right) with his
wife and daughter
aboard the
Britannia in 1986



the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, he was evacuated from Aden during a civil war by the Royal Yacht Britannia and taken to Djibouti with his family and many others. His account was recently published in the British Yemeni Society Journal but is too long to include here. However, I can forward a pdf file to anyone who might be interested.

Andrew Barker and Sylvia have been getting out and about a bit more. As well as recently celebrating their 80th birthdays, they now have 2 great grandchildren. At a meeting of the Cambridge Society of Dorset he met **John Harry** again and this was followed up with a delightful lunch in Sherborne. Andrew was saddened to read in the 2022 magazine of the death of his supervision partner and good friend **Eric Curtis**. He recalls that Eric was always great company and a good conversationalist with a wry sense of observation.

Richard Rastall has spent the last few years knocking his book, *Minstrels and Minstrelsy in Late Medieval England*, into shape, as well as writing and publishing other research. The book was published in April, which has allowed him to press on with other writing even faster. However, as with so many of our cohort now, he finds health issues emphasise the need to undertake such projects while one can still work effectively. He concludes, 'Life goes on around me, though: two years ago I became a grandfather for the first time – 80 seems a bit late for that! – and now a second grandchild is on the way (DV!), which is as it should be. Covid-19 has largely prevented meetings for three years, and I haven't seen any old Cambridge friends in that time. I hope that the situation will change.'

We conclude with a reminiscence from **Bill Howkins**, who describes how 60 years ago, four Christ's oarsmen – **Bob Cooper** (m. 1961), **Norman Crow**, **Mike Muir-Smith** (m. 1962), and Bill – pulled off a remarkable achievement by winning the Visitor's Cup at the Henley Regatta. The College boat had previously achieved this honour in 1927 and 1933, but has not achieved it again since. Bill writes: 'Our crew was coached by John Palmer, with whom the race tactics were thoroughly discussed before each race. Henley is a unique regatta: it is a side-by-side duel between two crews, with just one crew to beat.'

We won the first race against Guy's Hospital easily. Magdalen College, Oxford and Trinity College, Dublin also fell prey to our pressure from behind and were



The Christ's
boat racing in the
1963 Henley
Visitor's Cup

overtaken at the half mile post. However, in the final against Pembroke College, Cambridge, we found ourselves ahead from the start, which was not in our game plan. Pembroke fought us from behind over the whole course pressing us right up to the finish, but we held them off and won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Of our four, only two of us are still here. Norman Crow died young in his 40s, and we recently said a sad farewell to Bob Cooper, who died on 28 February 2023.'

I asked Bill if sporting potential and the rugby ball test had played a part in his entrance interview with Pratt, and he told me, 'I did get a grilling from Pratt, who noted my hobby was carpentry. He asked me how to make a secret mitre dovetail joint, which luckily I had made for a bureau, I asked him, "Are you a carpenter, Sir?" To which he replied, "You may assume that I am." I did also play rugby at school.'

1961 Year Group Representative Patrick Mannix writes:
A few sparks of life!

Jim Stephenson reports: The surviving 'Jacks' [The origin of the Jacks lies in 9 sporting reprobates meeting in the Buttery every evening. If one failed to appear without prior notification he was presumed to have "jacked" the remainder and paid a forfeit of 6d; it seemed to grow from there!] comprising **David Skinner**, **Mike Rose** and **James Stephenson** with the lovely widows of **Tony Payne**, **Tony Chapman**, **Alistair Pate**, **Michael Brough** and **Alan Martin** (**Johnny James** was inexcusably absent on a cruise) met up for their annual reunion this year in Woburn and toasted everyone several times. It was a good weekend and brought back memories. Jim also reports that he is still in full time employment as a chartered surveyor, and standing about on a tennis court and golf course at a weekend.



*The 1961
'Jacks' reunion*

Patrick Mannix reports that there was an excellent send off for Les McMorris in Selby Abbey in March.

Rob Howard reports: 'The Christ's architects club [**Peter Wadley**, **Michael Walton** and myself, notorious briefly for all having got firsts in Prelims] still goes on as shown in the photo, taken at my Golden Wedding lunch in Cambridge last year by Peter Wadley's partner Gitta.'



*Peter Wadley,
Michael Walton,
and Rob Howard*

1962 Year Group Representative Brian Lott writes:

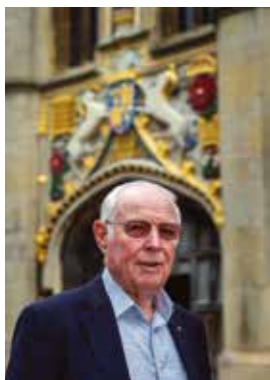
John Gorman writes from Northumberland near, and in, Hadrian's Wall – in the sense that his house is built of stones from the wall. He wonders why, in this wild area, there is the same loss of wildlife, fish, cuckoos, snipe, etc. as everywhere which is less wild? Interested in climate change, he was a founder member of the Arctic Methane Emergency Group. Since 1981 he has been studying the evolution of the human spine, its effect on lower back pain and difficulties of childbirth and has published a paper on the subject with the cooperation of the Evolutionary Medicine group at the Department of Anthropology, Durham.

Geoffrey Parker is still active academically despite being confined to a wheelchair in Columbus, Ohio. He has recently published *Armada: England's deliverance and the Spanish Enterprise in 1588* which he co-authored with Colin Martin. He was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society and chosen as Distinguished Historian of the Year by the Ohio Academy of History. A photo in his study of our year with **Dr Lucan Pratt** (Former Fellow) brings back memories of Pratt leading us by a finger to graduation in the Senate House. Also in the US, **John Murray** has sold his two businesses and is now fully retired in Florida's sunshine where the occasional hurricane keeps things interesting.

Granville Tunnicliffe-Wilson identified with my comment that at our age things tend to go wrong; in his case an autoimmune disease developed rapidly in August which left him physically weak and curtailed his usual activities. Family and friends helped out and harvested the honey crop, which was very good last year.

Recovery is slow, but he is now much improved and able to enjoy some gardening and household duties. A brief visit by **Douglas Brear** in October lifted his spirits; with Covid restrictions they had not met up for a few years. Jean is in good form and, as church warden, is dealing with the vacancy created by the resignation of their vicar.

Robin Thompson, who had an adjacent room to Granville in their first year, has done some more writing on dementia and is involved with several individuals and a couple of support groups. He recently met **Geoffrey Hunt** who has been diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's and they enjoyed recalling past and present friends. Geoffrey and his wife Rosemary spent many years in Ghana and brought literacy to a tribe there with whom they are still in touch. Now Covid restrictions are over Robin has been able to visit his daughter **Sarah Thomson** (m. 1989) who works with WHO in Barcelona and his son **Jonathan Joo-Thomson** (m. 1990) in Brussels.



Murray Gillin

Among our Emeritus Professors are **Stephen Bown** in the department of Laser Medicine and Surgery at University College London and **Murray Gillin**, whose creative experiences in Cambridge are very prominent in his biographical book titled *Make it Happen – Entrepreneur Mindset; a Lived Experience*, which will be published in the USA in September. Also **Donald Forsdyke**, at Queens University, Ontario, reports that the second edition of his biography of geneticist William Bateson was published last year and touches on the hubristic overreach of the disciples of those who proclaimed 'the modern synthesis' of the works of Darwin and Mendel. A chance discovery by one of

Bateson's young colleagues reinforces the linkage between the ideas of Romanes, Darwin's research associate, and Bateson.

Nick Everitt spent most of his working life at the University of East Anglia, retiring as Senior Lecturer in Philosophy before moving to Cumbria to pursue a passion for fell-walking. He and his wife have now moved back to Swaffham to be near the grandchildren and Nick has joined a local walking group and discussion club. He is in regular contact with **Godfrey Newham** and occasionally with **Ian Lang** and **Tony Robertson** and would like to hear of any information on **Tony Gable**.

Robin Kerr's usual rowing (or sculling) contribution comes with two photos. One taken by him (on a bike) of **Tom Swallow** (m. 1965), **Peter Nelson** (m. 1966), **Gavin Suggett** (m. 1966), **Kat Bryan** (née Astley – College boatman 2005–9) and Rob Holdsworth (m. 1975) engaged in their annual 2-day Christ's scull, started in 2008 to raise funds for the new boathouse. This year it was on



Tom Swallow,
Peter Nelson,
Gavin Suggett,
Kat Bryan, and
Rob Holdsworth

the beautiful Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, near a farm owned by Kat and her husband. The second photo, taken in the Cuillins of Skye in August 1962, shows Robin with **Mike Kosterlitz** (Caius m. 1962) and Alistair MacVean. Mike went on to do some spectacular climbing in the Alps, to a Professorship at Brown University and, in 2016, to share the Nobel Prize for Physics.



Robin Kerr, Mike Kosterlitz, and August MacVean in 1962

Another prominent member of the Boat Club, **Mike Muir-Smith**, who won his Blue in the victorious 1964 crew, maintains his eligibility for the occasional outing in an old chaps' quad scull with regular sessions on his ergometer. He is still running his business and contributing to the Cambridge Sports Lakes project and notes that it is 60 years since Christ's won the Visitor's Cup at Henley with **Bob Cooper** (m. 1961) at stroke, **Norman Crow** (m. 1960) at 3, **Bill Howkins** (m. 1960) at 2, and Mike in the bow steering. A fuller account of the event is included in Bill's year group report; Bob sadly died in February this year.

Tim Callan recently visited Midsummer Common where **Peter Brewin** and he had lodged happily with Mrs Greenwood in their third year. The Common and the river and new boathouse were looking magnificent in the spring sunshine. Tim is not travelling so much now but had a weekend in Dresden and had a very enjoyable autumn walk in the Scottish borders. Peter and Adrienne Brewin came up from Shipbourne in Kent to join in hosting an 80th birthday lunch for Tim at the Carlton Club in March.

Peter Mrkusic continues to work with his son Paul selling antiques and they enjoyed a few days at an Antique Fair on a wine farm near Stellenbosch. Plans for a few more days in McGregor and Hermanus were interrupted by a visit to a hospital outside Cape Town to collect Keith Poole, a Cambridge engineer, who had been having cardiac tests. Peter's 80th birthday celebrations with his grandchildren at a beach house in Mozambique had to be cancelled due to a hurricane and they ended up having a great time at a luxury camp near the Kruger Park instead. Pre-birthday



Tim Callan's birthday lunch

celebrations at his house in Johannesburg included a party for 30, a supper with his regular bridge four, and an evening of oysters, sushi and champagne with Atsushi and a few friends.

Finally my own news: I have been busy as chairman of the management company of a block of flats in Tooting and keep fit playing tennis regularly at the Hurlingham Club. I was back on court by Christmas after a new hip in mid-October and now have a full set of knee and hip replacements which work remarkably well! Holidays in Bonnieux and Greece (Vouliagmeni, Hydra & Spetses) were followed by short breaks at the Pig Hotels in the South Downs near Arundel and 'on the beach' at Studland. My books on 'The Colourful Life of an Engineer' have been selling quite well and I am about to publish 'The Story of Willy Lott and his 'Cottage' including links to the Constable family at Flatford.

1964 Year Group Representatives Mike Jennings and Roy Nettleship write:

For **Michael Jones** it has been a low-key year – the ash trees he planted in 2006 are beginning to die but the other species are thriving. Perhaps this story of life and loss is a metaphor for us all. Benjamin Lewin has spent the last decade writing a series of books about wine, culminating in the series of *Guides to Wines and Top Vineyards*. Now he has returned to science, and his book, *Inside Science*, will be published by Cold Spring Harbor Press in September. Based on his 25 years as editor of *Cell*, the book looks behind the myth of the scientific enterprise to analyse how science really functions. He is presently working on its successor, *The Ascent of Science*, which asks how and why science became a dominant force in society. **Roy Nettleship** himself has enjoyed a quiet year with much gardening and dinghy sailing. He is also getting into the habit of travelling again, which would be much easier if the railway was not so badly affected by strikes. He and Ruth recently honoured the King by attending one of his Parties in Buckingham Palace Gardens.

John Parker's prime occupation last year (2022) was the United Nations International Year of Glass. Ceremonies in Geneva and New York bookended thousands of activities across 5 continents and 92 countries. Directly or indirectly they helped: raise money for computers in primary schools in the Philippines by glass recycling; record as a mosaic female Afghan weaving patterns; identify the international network of lighthouses with UK-manufactured Fresnel lenses; initiate an international network of glass-making towns; give glass-making opportunities to youths in the US impacted by gun culture; join in the London Lord Mayor's parade; participate in the Chelsea Flower Show; and provide questions for University Challenge....

Richard Peacock retired from Thales in April and is full of the joys of spring. May still reminds him of the three days of tripos torture which always overshadowed

spring in Cambridge! He is currently reading some enlightening maths and physics history such as what quantum mechanics is really all about – topics which eluded him in his sojourn on the banks of the Cam because of all the pleasant distractions and happy idle hours. He has lived in Ottawa since 1977 and spends many weekends with his daughter who lives in Kingston on Lake Ontario.



*Dick Peacock by
Lake Ontario in
the Winter*

He and his wife are just back from the Victoria Day long weekend – still celebrating that queen too. Kingston is verdant and springlike at the moment, contrasting with the icy winter shown in the photo here of Richard on the lakeshore.

For **Peter Reynolds**, winter is the curling season (is anyone else from 1964 – or any other year – involved in curling?), but he still prefers the warmer and calmer days of summer. Throughout, family and golf also take up a fair bit of his time, but he is just thankful to be here and be able to enjoy these activities.

Michael Smith reports that with retirement from all paid activities since October 2020, travel has been a bit of an unexpected luxury this last year. Despite now having two certificates for completing online courses on Climate Change from Edinburgh University, his other alma mater where he did clinical medicine, he justified the loss of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere in travel as so little was undertaken during and after the Covid pandemic. With a son-in-law serving three years in Ohio, a visit was obviously required, but as they had been in Sudan in November 2011, they had to submit to personal interviews to obtain US visas. Initially they had to arrange this at the US Embassy in London. The first date offered was 15 March 2023!!



Michael Smith and Alison pay their final respects to Queen Elizabeth II as she leaves Balmoral for the last time

but they found available slots at the US Consulate General's visa department in Belfast, duly attending for interviews lasting no more than 5 minutes! The Ohio trip was finally possible and they stayed over for Christmas returning before the New Year on the day the Immigration Department staff went on strike! The highlight was a visit to the US Air Force National Museum, in Dayton, Ohio. Other notable journeys included the Isles of Scilly and Truro, a five night trip to Iceland finishing by wallowing in the geothermally heated Blue Lagoon on the last afternoon, and Unst, the most northerly of the Shetland Islands, a week in May being spent there, regrettably having no control of the weather nor the delayed influx of migrant birds, thereby limiting what they could see through the mist and rain.

Philip Tyack happily has nothing of interest to report. At our time of life that can be construed as a Good Thing. As he wrote, the Coronation was warming up. One of the many great differences between Brits and almost any other national group in Europe is the British need to dress up. It all leaves him rather cool – but he is astonished how much coverage is being given in French radio/TV with numbers of experts wheeled out to comment, more or less accurately. He recalls being on the market in Versailles (his wife comes from there) during local election time and seeing the numbers of evident royalists canvassing. Apart from that the weather is beautiful – best time of the year down here in Provence – worrying absence of water anywhere.

1965 Year Group Representative Terence Kyle writes:

Tom Swallow writes to say that he is still enjoying a full-time working life in IT, which is a late career change that was barely available when he graduated. This is taking him into Europe, where he is experiencing the Brexit-imposed travel restrictions for British workers. His wife, Mary, has enlisted his support as a volunteer fence jump judge, including at the World Eventing Championships in Italy, and in between he is busy taking grandchildren to rugby practice.

In January he rowed one morning at Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand, on the River Avon, amongst former housing estates sunk and flattened by the 2012 earthquake, and now returned to parkland. This followed a visit to the Rowing Championships at Cambridge, North Island.

The Crustaceans are looking forward to their 16th annual Fairbairns Cup in December. After Henley 2023, the usual two-day scull will cover 60 miles of the River Yare from Lowestoft to Norwich and back. This is organised by **Dan Davidson**, and features **Robin Kerr** (m. 1962), **Bob Holdsworth** (m. 1975), **Peter Nelson**, **David Walden** and **Gavin Suggett** (m. 1966), nobly supported by several wives.



*Tom Swallow
rowing on the
River Avon in
Christchurch,
New Zealand*

David Firshman hosted Mary and Tom Swallow spectating at the Isle of Man Motorcycle TT races in May/June 2023.

Andrew Lauder writes from Cyprus: 'After recovering from cancer 18 months ago, I set up a cancer support organisation offering free of charge pampering treats from by local companies for cancer patients in Cyprus as I realise how lucky I have been. It is also just about to be launched in Greece and we have looked after 120 cancer patients or those bereaved through cancer since we started in Cyprus, with incredible press and radio coverage. I hope to sign an agreement next week which will further improve the services that we can offer. The beauty from a marketing point of view is that no money needs to be collected, as everything from treats to advertising is offered free of charge.

As I am anxious to expand Care Days to other poorer countries round the world, I would love to hear from any Member who may be interested in spending a little time to get it set up in their country. I would send them a complete package of how to make it work, obviously at no cost.



*Andrew Lauder's
cancer charity
Care Days*

I still keep in touch with **John Lea** (m. 1960), who has kindly supported Care Days with an advertising campaign for his excellent Mornflake products in Cyprus!

Phillip Cribb writes that he is the co-author of the recently published two volumes of the orchids for the Flore des Mascareignes (Mauritius, Reunion and Rodrigues). They complete the Flora project, which was started 60 years ago by Kew, Paris and Mauritius botanical institutes. You cannot say that we drag our feet! As with the Dodo, a few of the orchids are extinct and others pretty precarious. The volumes were launched in Mauritius last week with the President and ambassadors present (but not the authors!).

Jim Mackison writes that his wife, Nobuku, and he are about to reach their 40th wedding anniversary. He writes: 'There were 2 weddings: first, Tokyo then a week later in the UK. We met first in Moscow in 1970. I was based at Sheremetievo airport for BOAC. She was a Tokyo-based BOAC stewardess. It was the start of London-Moscow-Tokyo flights. Ukraine has brought back memories for me as a student of Russian and as a former Moscow resident. Googling 'Mackison Moscow' takes you to my recollections. By coincidence, our then manager in Moscow, the late **Roger Moulding** (m. 1957), was also an alumnus of Christ's. He learned Russian while on National Service, before joining BOAC.

My daughter, Tamiko Dooley, has had 2 books of poems published. They draw on her Japanese heritage.

As for myself, I visited Florence for the first time in March. Stunning. Year round, I continue Latin and Greek lessons on Zoom. Plato's 'Gorgias' of 380BC is relevant today. Is might right or not?

James Keith writes to tell me that **Mark Nash** has published a new book entitled *Curating the Moving Image* which can be accessed via Duke Press's website.

Graham Rees writes to tell me that his wife Trisha, who battled with Motor Neuron Disease for over 22 years, passed away in September 2022. They married in 1968 just before Graham completed his PhD at Christ's and while Trish was a primary school teacher in Cambridge. He writes: 'Wherever we travelled in the World – Zambia, Abu Dhabi, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Ireland – Trisha, besides nurturing our 2 children Katherine and Simon, always participated fully in the education and sporting life of each country.'

Unfortunately our return to her beloved Devon coincided with the onset of MND. After being unable for some considerable time to travel to Cambridge due to my caring duties I will be accompanying my daughter and grand-daughter Maisie for a University information day in July. Hopefully the family will continue its link with, and affection for, Cambridge and particularly Christ's.'

Vaughan Southgate tells me that he spoke at the memorial service of **Brian Rees** (m. 1963) on '60 Years of Friendship' in Llandaff Cathedral on 1 July 2022. He writes: 'Carolyn Hitt highlighted his 'Rugby Days', including Brian's 4 blues, international games for Wales and his charity work for injured players, and Prof Jared Torkington discussed Brian's distinguished medical career. The cathedral was full and amongst those present, in addition to his wife Sara, two daughters, Rachel and Bethan, and family and friends, were colleagues from Cambridge, including Dennis Gethin, **Martin Green** (m. 1964), **John James** (m. 1961), and brother Geoff Rees. A delightful garden party at Insole Court, Llandaff after the service enabled everybody to catch up and recall many happy occasions. It was a memorable day.'

The Executive Committee of 'Bedford Hospital Charity and Friends' has been active, of which I am the chair of Trustees: the charity has supplied Bedford Hospital with a CT scanner for the Paediatric Ward at a cost of just under £2 million and donated £900,000 towards introducing robotic surgery to Bedford Hospital.

I regularly liaise with old school friends, including **Richard Greenhalgh** (m. 1963), at Henley Royal Regatta.'

1966 Year Group Representative Gordon Beer writes:

Another year rushes by and my wife Diana and I have still avoided catching Covid. We are lucky enough to have our five grandchildren (ten to seventeen) all within an hour's drive of us so seem to be doing more and more with them. One grandson, aged eleven, is into serious go karting which we enjoy watching and his brother, aged twelve, is a keen drummer and recently had his first gig at one of his father's Billy Joel music shows nearby in Camberley theatre.

Our Satchel Club held its forty-eighth meeting last October. **Anthony Nelson** was the secretary and he arranged an excellent two night stay in a hotel in the New Forest. With some illness taking its toll there were only ten out of fourteen in attendance but the usual consumption of fine food and wines was on a par with

prior years! This year **David Robinson** as secretary is dragging the mostly southern contingent up to the wilds of Clitheroe in Lancashire.

Diana and I got away to Cornwall in the summer and finally were able to call in on **Jon Shippides** (m. 1968) and give him a copy of the 1969 College Spanish rugby tour video. We enjoyed a splendid lunch with Jon and his wife in their local seaside pub.

Terence Kyle (m. 1965) and myself continued our annual return to Twickenham for the Varsity Match. It was a good day out and over the traditional pie and pint lunch we were joined again by John James (m. 1961), who was on fine form.

Dick Clements told me nothing to report except that he sadly failed to convince his grandson that he should apply to Christ's for university admission. He is nevertheless delighted to report that Jacob is now enjoying reading PPE in the 'other place'.



The Cambridge Association of Alberta's Boat Race watch party

Peter Warne reports: 'Thank you for reminding me to put electronic pen to electronic paper and compose a reply to your kind annual enquiry. The overview is that I have lived in Calgary, Alberta, Canada since 1981, where I worked as a Professional Engineer until retirement over a decade ago. I am happy to report that retirement is both busy and enjoyable, with significant time being absorbed by production tasks at local

folk clubs and folk music festivals, which I imagine are the current equivalents of the College folk club. I am also a co-organiser of the grandly named Cambridge Association of Alberta (Calgary Chapter) from which I attach imagery of the recent joint event with the Oxford group, to witness the recent boat race. As it happens I was hidden behind the Oxford captain, but my conversational companion brought his Christ's scarf, to complement mine, which was hanging elsewhere in the pub. Our next event is within a week, at a hostelry hand-picked by myself. I will be visiting the UK in about ten days' time, and will be visiting **Dick Clements** in Salisbury, but **Colin Aldridge** and his wife Julie will be out of the country while I am in London, although I am considering amending travel plans to catch up with them in Chiswick.



John Rookwood with his great-grandchild, Noah

John Rookwood reports: 'Along with Brenda (my wife of 53 years), we were delighted to welcome into the world our first great-grandchild, Noah, on 15 December 2022. Here is a very recent picture of Noah, enjoying a quiet moment with John. I wonder how many others of the illustrious 1966 Group are great-grandparents?

I can also advise that we remain close friends with other 66ers **Rob Ingram** (and wife Sue), **John Prichard** (and wife Janet), **Paul Main** (his wife sadly died suddenly last year), and I recently had the good fortune to meet up with, by arrangement, the now famous Philip Kitcher. We are now of course all in our mid 70s, and I feel so fortunate to have remained friends with these wonderful people for all these years.'

Charles Blanning has continued to write and publish from his Fullerton Press. His *Twenty Two Waterloo Cups* was published in August 2022 and the printing was sold out by November. His novel *Rags To Riches* was published in July 2023. On stage he has played General Mackenzie in *And Then There Were None* in an award-winning production at the Wells Little Theatre and, in a rather different costume, Sarah The Cook in *Dick Whittington* for the Dulverton Players.

Peter Osborne and his wife Heather continue to open their garden with the National Garden Scheme and any 1966ers within reach of St Albans are welcome to the next event in 2024. Heather is the plantswoman and Peter's main interests are wildlife in the pond and compost-making. For those not familiar with the NGS, hundreds of gardens open nationwide through the season, typically raising around £3million which is shared among nursing and caring charities such as Macmillan, Marie Curie, Queen's Nursing Institute, etc. Find your local venues on ngs.org.uk and spend a couple of hours enjoying a garden, buying plants and perhaps tea and cake. Assistance dogs only.

John Dagpunar wrote to say that he continues to model aspects of Covid-19. He recently published an article about his research in *Royal Society Open Science*.

Tom Rasmussen writes: 'One of my first experiences at Christ's was an elaborate lunch hosted for his pupils by Sidney Grose, whose specialty was Greek prose and verse composition which he taught with kindness and discernment. I went on to take a Classics degree and, with periods abroad at the British School at Rome and as a Fellow at the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, continued through to PhD. I then taught Classical art and archaeology at the University of Manchester, ending my time there as Head of Art History. My latest book (*In the Footsteps of the Etruscans*), co-authored with longstanding friend and colleague Graeme Barker (St John's), is due out in August from CUP in the BSR monograph series, and traces the settlement archaeology of a large swathe of landscape in central Italy from Palaeolithic to Modern times.



Tom Rasmussen in
Agrigento, Sicily

I currently live in Hampstead with my wife Ursula, who has been an orchestral violin player and now teaches piano. One of our daughters, Naomi, also studied Classics (at Newnham), and next year finishes a medical degree at UCL; while the other, Zoe, is about to complete a music degree at Cologne, and then to take up an MA scholarship in flute studies at London's RCM. I am in Cambridge from time to time and always look out, in season, for the wisteria in Christ's First Court and for crocuses along the Backs.'

1967 Year Group Representative Barry Carter writes:

Now retired, **Pete Adriaenssens** and his wife Liz enjoy pottering with veggies, fruit and flowers in their backyard and exploring the greater outdoors of the San Francisco Bay Area. Their son and his family recently relocated from the UK, via Australia, to Nevada, which has afforded a more regular opportunity to spend time with their two granddaughters. Their daughter took up a lectureship in Neuroscience at UCL last October and Pete and Liz will visit her in the UK in the summer. While there, they will also catch up with **Colin Chipperfield** and his wife, Linda, who will be visiting the UK at the same time.

John Beech informs us that he has now graduated from the University of York's online MA in Railway Studies with Merit. Along with his BA/MA from Cambridge, he also has an MBA with Distinction from the University of Dundee, and a PhD from Cranfield University in airline strategy.



*Brian Bradfield
with his daughter
at the Gatteville
lighthouse*

Brian Bradfield reached 89 this year and is still travelling courtesy of the next generation (he says). In May he returned from a first visit to the island of Hoedic (southwest of Quiberon). Still scribbling he says – just like 1967. The photo shows Brian with daughter, Imogen, at the Gatteville lighthouse.

Clive Butchins and Elaine celebrated their Golden Wedding with a party for over 60 family members and friends at the Stanmore Golf Club with a view over a snowy golf course. The two of them enjoyed a special trip of a lifetime, flying to Australia and spending four days with friends before boarding a night cruise around New Zealand. They then enjoyed another four days with friends and returned via the UAE for a few days to see their son and his family, including taking in a spectacular show in Dubai, “La Perle”, along with an Iftar Meal at the nearby Hilton as a belated anniversary gift.



*Elaine and
Clive Butchins*

Mike Clayden is still traveling and meets up with **Peter Tymms**. **David Perry** continues to work for the Woolf Institute, for whom he is about to notch up his 150th Podcast. The series is called NAKED REFLECTIONS... **George O'Sullivan** has spent much of the year helping a much older relative: a real

opportunity. **Jim Webber** comments that like many people of our age, his main goal in life these days is to spend more time with his grandchildren than with his doctors! Jim remembers his time in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office but left before our new Master joined.



*Owen Davies,
Celia Applegate,
and David
Blackburn*

Owen Davies went to see his son, Bryn, marry his American fiancée in Owensboro, Kentucky, in June 2022. Owen and Fiona flew to Nashville, the nearest airport to Owensboro, a few days before the wedding, to see the city and enjoy the music. Owen says he is now a fan of bluegrass! While there they met up with **Dave Blackburn** (Dave and Owen had rooms on ‘R’ staircase in 1967). Dave is the Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair of History at Vanderbilt University and Celia Applegate is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History.

Peter Foster is still located in Toronto. **John Rees** is enjoying retirement in Sevenoaks, Kent, but still has some commitments as Emeritus Professor of Medical Education at King's College, London. He continues an involvement with medical schools in Somaliland, helping with faculty development and student assessment. This year's visit will be for their final examinations in July 2023 when John hopes for a chance to catch up with his camel (received on a recent visit).



John Rees and his camel

For **Richard Tebboth**, advancing age has brought more contact with medical services, especially for his wife, and has somewhat curtailed activities, but they both still continue to enjoy contact with the younger family members and to pursue their interests in music, reading and walking, and short breaks away in West Wales, Cornwall and Devon. Their Shakespeare play-reading group (born in times of Covid) celebrated the completion of the whole canon with a trip to Stratford to see *The Tempest* – one of the first plays they read. Another highlight for Richard was playing his viola on the main stage of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with Cardiff Friendly Strings, a group for adult learners, as part of the programme of a European String Teachers Association annual conference.



Richard Tebboth (far right) with his Shakespeare reading group



Richard Tebboth (right) playing viola on stage with Cardiff Friendly Strings

Since retiring from teaching classics in 2009, **Robert Stone** has been reborn as a student of philosophy, taking (so far) 30 courses with the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and taking an active role in the Philosophical Society attached to that department (serving as Chairman twice, co-editor of its annual 'Review' for 4 years, and giving frequent talks at its meetings). He says he has acquired 300 'CATS points' from those courses and looks for ideas on what to do with them! Incidentally, if you would like to contact anyone from our Year Group, I am happy to forward messages but can't give out addresses.



Robert Stone

So, ending with me, **Barry Carter**, I meet with **Dave Williams** regularly – we are working on the 2nd Edition of our edited TEM textbook right now. Dave is resisting retirement but has ended his term as a University Administrator; he is now serving as the President of ASM International. I'll meet with Colin Chipperfield and Linda in June this year, but will miss the meeting with Pete Adriaenssens. I continue as E-in-C of the *Journal of Materials Science* and still consult for Sandia National Labs in the Land of Enchantment. Bryony and I celebrated her special birthday in May



*Barry and Bryony
in Banff*

'23 with a visit to Moose Jaw where her father was an RAF flight instructor from '41' to '44, and then went on to Lake Louise and Banff. Magical!

I play chess regularly after a 57-year break but **Adam Carter** (m.1994) is now winning regularly – his two sons (aged 7 and 13) are now becoming serious challengers too. Still living in the quiet corner of Connecticut where the whitetail deer prefer the grass in our front yard to that in the fields nearby.

1968 Year Group Representative Andy Symonds writes:



*Ranjan
Ramasamy*

Ranjan Ramasamy conveys his best wishes to the group.

Paul Roper writes: 'Greetings everybody. Another busy year for me. We enjoyed a marvellous Silver Seas cruise to the Eastern Med which was a lot more luxurious than our narrowboat! However, we did have a month-long trip on the latter venturing to East Anglia. We descended the long flight of locks to Northampton then cruised the length of the River Nene to Peterborough, crossed the Middle Level to reach the Great Ouse. We travelled the whole length of the navigable Ouse to Bedford before returning. However, we detoured up the Cam to Cambridge mooring above Jesus lock on a very hot day. It was the May

bumps weekend, so the river was very busy. Needless to say, we walked across Jesus Green to visit the hallowed grounds of Christ's College, which remains timeless. Finally after the Covid hiatus, four of us (myself, **Andy Symonds**, **Richard Savage** and **David Smith**) together with our wives managed a reunion get together. It was a couple of nights in a smart country pub near Lymington. It was a great opportunity to catch up and reflect on our time at Christ's, not to mention the opportunity for fine dining and drinking!



*Paul Roper,
Anne Smith,
Richard Savage,
David Smith,
Sarah Roper,
Andy Symonds,
and Genevieve
Symonds. Photo
taken by
Pam Savage*

Paul Ormerod has been appointed by Andy Burnham to be Chair of Atom Valley, a major new Mayoral Development Zone

in the poorer northern and eastern boroughs of Greater Manchester. The aim is to create a mega-cluster of manufacturing innovation.

Peter Wilkinson says: 'Greetings to all fellow alumni, especially those who remember me. Life is proceeding as usual here in the Chilterns, although the international travel and other gallivanting is slightly curtailed by my wife's illness. However, the attempt is still being made to grow old disgracefully. The only Christ's alumnus I am in contact with is **Geoff Wilson**. He is alive and well and enjoying life by the river in Chiswick with his new wife who very kindly looked after me when I visited a couple of months ago. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who knew me, I believe the College or Andy Symonds will pass on messages in the first instance.'

Robert Borgerhoff-Mulder reports: I'm grateful to be able to say that the year been good to me. My wife Jenny and I are about to become grandparents in a couple of weeks' time, so I imagine we shall be even busier than we already always seem to be! Meanwhile, I've been doing some skiing.

Arnold Fertig has been involved with the Histon and Impington archaeology group, exploring the history of the village (near Cambridge) back to the Bronze Age. He has been one of the leading lights in a local group called Abbey Fields, which has successfully raised £500,000 to secure 15 acres of green space in the village, including a special rewilding area which was part of the core of early local settlement, to create a haven for rare species and animals, and an oasis of calm for people to visit.

Nigel Collin responds: 'My tenure as an independent Local Councillor in Epsom came to an end on 5 May when the electorate chose to send me out to pasture. In truth, it was a great relief since another 4 years in the Council was not something I wanted to pursue. The experience was memorable and I would encourage everybody to consider standing. My wife and I intend to make the most of my freedom and we plan to travel extensively while we are still able to do so. A six-week trip to Australia in September is already scheduled. Best wishes to all.'

Rowan Williams writes: 'Another busy year, including the unexpected invitation to deliver one of the centenary Reith Lectures. A new pattern of recording these lectures meant that I was able not only to deliver it live in Swansea but also to do a Welsh-language version for broadcast – a first time for the lectures to connect directly with us aboriginals. Work continues on the Welsh Constitutional Commission, reporting in December this year. I'll be standing down from the Chancellorship of the University of South Wales after ten years, so the diary may yet ease off a little and give space for a bit more of the joys of grandparenting...'

Richard Bainbridge says: 'Very relieved that almost all the Covid restrictions are now fading into memory. Life goes on, a mixture of charity involvement, school governorship, church and neighbourhood issues, not to mention climate action. Meanwhile grandchildren keep on growing – the oldest at secondary school now. And there are novels. Reading gives me a lot of pleasure. It's a rich mix.'

Stephen Owens sends his greetings and best wishes. He is still involved in his local church, plays the violin in some local orchestras, and is involved in supporting the activities of the Conservatoire in Birmingham.

Roger Tansley reports: 'As I missed last year's deadline, here is also news of 2022. The most important family news was the birth of our 4th grandchild last July – Chloé, the first offspring for our daughter Claire. Our son's 3 youngsters stay with us from time to time during the school holidays taking part in activities organised by the Municipality of Colmar – Gymnastics, Origami, Canoeing, etc. We continue in good health allowing us to keep active. Local walks and cycle rides make good days out. Marie-Jo does regular story telling for youngsters and is learning to play the harp. Roger is frequently occupied growing vegetables and keeping the garden



Robert Borgerhoff-Mulder skiing



A drone shot of the Abbey Fields rewilding

in reasonable shape. Together we enjoy trips – river cruises on the Loire, the Douro and the Mosel – cultural visits to Sicily and Roman sites in the south of France. A highlight of '22 was a reunion of friends from the Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club, a bi-annual event – this one postponed from 2020 and again from 2021. We caught up with friends in Penrith. The reunion coincided with the funeral of the Queen, which somewhat altered the program. We took advantage of being in the UK to discover Beverley and its cathedral and to visit friends in Goosnarth, Llantwit Major and Longparish, being warmly received each time. Greetings from Alsace to all the 68ers, Roger.'

Philip Bradney is still working part time, still working on his garden and still pursuing his model engineering hobby. Also occasionally going fishing. And, of course, running around after grandchildren. He sends best regards to all friends and colleagues at Christ's.

Stephen Hart sends his good wishes to all.

Sumanjit Chaudhry responds: 'For one who has spent most of his life in a big city, it has also been a year of great learning about rural India and realizing how much it has progressed in the last twenty years. Earlier, if you built a house in the hills in India you had to accept that you would have a doubtful supply of electricity and water, if at all, and your telephone would probably not work for most of the time. Now, even though we are located on a ridge near the top of a hill surrounded by the forests of Kumaon, we can count on fairly steady supplies of both 24 x 7 and we have a choice of three optical fibre companies for internet whilst living in a fairly modern house. The country is going through an intense bout of nationalism with an approach of a return to its roots in all aspects including culture and language. Whilst this may not suit many of us westernized types it does mean that a lot of local talent and energy is being released very productively. Since our house in Delhi is pretty old we have decided to knock it down and rebuild it, and I can see that keeping me busy for the next couple of years. Now that Covid is over and international travel has resumed, I do hope that some of our fraternity will travel to India. If so, please do get in touch and I promise you a good meal at my Club in Delhi.'

Stewart Fergusson writes: 'We now have three grandchildren to keep us busy. All live in London. My daughter has put down roots in southeast London where my family lived and worked from the late 18th century. We haven't travelled abroad since lockdown, so we have been exploring the delights of this country. I have given up most of my non-executive work. The challenge of steering the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry through the challenges of lockdown was time consuming. I now limit myself to an involvement with the Historic Coventry Trust, a heritage organisation that manages a portfolio of Coventry's Grade I and II listed buildings. Research and writing history keeps me busy. I have just had an article published on an aspect of the Cromwellian republic in Midland History, a journal based at Birmingham University.'



*Some of
David Topham's
rescued radios*

David Topham, in deep retirement, spends some of his time rescuing and restoring military radios, mainly from WW2. Like rescue dogs these Rescue Radios are given a warm and dry habitat. All are welcome to visit and view the collection of over 200 examples.

Geoffrey Lockwood has this year completed 50 years as choirmaster at Christ Church, New Mill, his home village, and sends his best wishes to all.

John Purcell reports: 'I send my best wishes to everyone in our year group. I continue to Morris Dance and to perform plenty of jazz with my group Con Brio. Our Morris side, Long Man Morris, took the radical step of admitting women dancers and women musicians last autumn and the gamble seems to have paid off since recruitment has soared. Recently I had a family holiday in Crete and finally got to see the Palace of Knossos. Having studied Greek at Christ's (Dr. Peck taught me for one module of my trip), I found modern Greek accessible and was pleased to be told by a native that I pronounced the Greek words accurately. Otherwise I am enjoying the sun on the Sussex coast and spending as much time with my granddaughter as possible.'

Tony Cornah responds: "Another day older and deeper in ..." Much the same this year as last with the added bonus that the regular folk music sessions in the pubs in the city have started up again. A whole second faster in the Bungay Half Marathon than last year (a result either of the 7 weeks of alcohol-free training or a 0.015% error in the measurement of the slightly altered course). The exhaustion at the end was the same.'



*Tony Cornah
completing the
Bungay Half
Marathon*

Andy Symonds and his wife Geneviève have had a busy year moving house twice, once from France to UK and the second time within the same town. They greatly enjoyed the get-together with old College friends reported by **Paul Roper** above.

1969 Year Group Representative Robert Swanson writes:

The general tone for this year's report is set by **John Hargreaves's** pithy summary of the past twelve months: 'As for me, = same old same old'. That reflects the received responses, as usual from only a small segment of the group. 'Same old, same old' responses may not generate specific name-tagging here, but are valuable contributions to the broader sense of how we are getting on. The timeframe and logistics of compiling this report mean that the call for news can only be sent to those whose email addresses are known to College: there may be much worth passing on (especially from potential non-UK contributors) which falls below the radar. The perhaps disconcertingly large number who have fallen into oblivion are likewise condemned to silence (23 are currently listed on the 'lost members' page of the alumni website). If practicable, the 17 absences from the email-list may be easily remedied; bringing the lost souls back into the fold depends on their still being contactable by others, and actually wishing to come back in – but it would be good to reduce their number if possible. Unfortunately, nothing can be done to reverse the course of time and its inevitable impact on the cohort, felt this year with the death of **Michael Wood**.

Among the received replies, the three non-UK responses all came from America. **John Lambert** reported continued rowing activity – although it took second place to completion of his 'retirement quest (begun in 2018) of climbing all 48 of the mountains over 4000 feet in New Hampshire's White Mountains ..., having saved the highest peak [Mount Washington] for last'. As for the rowing, he and his partner came second in the 70+ age category double sculls at the 2022 'Head

John Lambert
(right) at the
summit of Mount
Washington in
New Hampshire



Of The Charles' regatta, while in March 2023 his eight won the "I" category (average age >75) at the Heineken Roeivierkamp in Amsterdam. In retirement he still acts as a consultant for ImmunoGen. During his time as the company's Chief Scientific Officer research began for an antibody-targeted medicine which has now received approval from the US FDA. '[I]t was tremendously satisfying to [see] the research work result in a drug that is now helping to improve the lives of women with ovarian cancer', he reported. **Mike Dickenson's** message mentioned 'the usual Boat Race Dinner here in Chicago in March. First time since the pandemic', but was dominated by recollections of attending the dinner at College in January for current and alumni Marguerites and Hippolytans: 'I believe I was the oldest person there, with the exception of Dr. Navaratnam.' Age was no bar to post-prandial celebration: 'I got to talk to the student organizers of the dinner. An impressive bunch. I drank with them in the Buttery afterwards and caroused around town with them until late.' The third US response came from **Hamilton Bryson**, reporting his election as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, one of the UK's oldest learned societies.

Meanwhile, on this side of the pond, **Roger White** pre-empted the annual pestering by sending news in autumn 2022, reporting Putin-induced delays affecting publication of his latest book, *Georgian Arcadia: Architecture for the Park and Garden*. It eventually appeared in March this year, receiving gratifyingly positive reviews. A more recent update reports that he is 'now moving on to one about Georgian Gothic while the brain cells still hold up'. Responding to last year's report, **Steve Coe** briefly recalled 'hilarious memories of life in P-block, a small select (we thought) group'. Updating on his current life, he reports that 'Having officially retired from Anglican ministry in 2017, 2021 saw me taking up a new post – Vicar of three village churches near Oxford'. (The diocesan website clarifies his new role as 'Priest in Charge, Wootton, Dry Sandford and Shippon': looking at the map, quite enough for one man to deal with.) It has given him a new lease on life: 'I have discovered, like many of us, that staying active and serving is good for me.' Further north, **Chris O'Brien** has been 'combining my love of cricket and my love of books by volunteering in the library at Trent Bridge cricket ground



Steve Coe

... the second largest cricket library in Britain'. Apart from working with and on the collections, 'it's been good to see spectators calling in during intervals in the play'. Striking a different note, **Angus Murray** received the Freedom of the City of London in July 2023, in recognition of his role with The Suited & Booted Centre. He helped to co-found the charity in 2012 'in addition to my day job as a lawyer', and served as its Chair. 'We are based in the City of London, ... and we help vulnerable men and youths (ex-service men, long-term unemployed, ex-offenders etc) get into work.' Meanwhile, **Clive Bell** notes that 'I would retire, but I'm self-employed, so a small amount of musical and journalistic activity continues'. He and others have mentioned writing projects whose completion and publication may be reported in due course.

Networking remains lively, among ourselves and across years. 'Zoom chats over a drink with the Puddle group (mostly Christ's Boat Club, matric '70 or '71)' were highlighted by John Lambert, as well as his transatlantic travels to encounters at Henley Royal Regatta and elsewhere. [1969 Image 3 – John Lambert (left) with Hugo Williams (m. 1970) at Henley Royal Regatta 2022.] Travel the other way was indicated by **Mike Dickenson**,



John Lambert (left) with Hugo Williams (m. 1970) at Henley Royal Regatta 2022

who mentioned a meeting with Jane and **Dave Brown** for coffee at O'Hare airport (Chicago) in April when Dave was over to speak at a conference in Houston. **Frank Knight** adds to both by mentioning 'a few email contacts with messrs Dickenson & Lambert in the USA & **Jonathan Bennett** (m. 1971) & **Tom Cassidy** in the UK but no encounters in the flesh'.

While this year's responses may not amount to a truly representative sample (do they ever?), they suggest that we are generally getting on with life reasonably well. Bodies may be getting troublesome, as sometimes indicated, requiring attention and repairs of varying significance and inconvenience; but if that happens we still seem able to pick up the pieces, adjust, and then get on with things again.

1970 Year Group Representative Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes:

Edmund Dehn writes – Herewith the poster image of yours truly playing King Lear! Our theatre company And Tomorrow made a web series towards the end of lockdown: it was a one Man King Lear, called *Lear Alone*, created in partnership with the charity Crisis. We have been touting it round film festivals and the laurels on the poster indicate selections! We are rather pleased! This year we will be taking the live stage version to the Edinburgh Festival in August. We are at The Space, Triplex Studio. If anyone happens to be around and wants to drop in, I will be delighted to see them! I am also writing poetry, but no one has published it yet!



Edmund Dehn as King Lear

John D Smith writes – It is now exactly 50 years since I left Christ's with a degree in Geography plus many happy memories of my three years as a student in Cambridge. King Street was home to three venues I used to frequent on a regular basis – The Horse & Groom pub, Harrups betting shop and the Corner House restaurant. I also fondly remember evening curries in The Shalimar, businessman Chinese lunches in The Pagoda and taking my girlfriend to dine in The Blue Boar Hotel's restaurant. Sadly, all three no longer exist. However, my girlfriend Carol and I married in 1973, thus 2023 marked our Golden Wedding anniversary. We are now both happily fully retired from teaching and matters educational, so perhaps we will venture somewhere exotic or, more likely, celebrate at home in the UK with our daughters and grandchildren. My co-authored 5th Travel and Tourism textbook for Cambridge University Press is selling quite well so I should be able to afford to pay for something nice – fingers crossed! The current poor exchange rate makes a further visit to Dubai not particularly good value.



John and Carol Smith in Dubai

John Tattersall writes – I was delighted to be honoured by the King in the New Year's Honours List with a CBE for service to the finance sector. This was principally in respect of my role as Chair of UK Asset Resolution since 2016, and a board member since 2010, with responsibility for returning the nationalised mortgage lenders Bradford & Bingley PLC and NRAM (formerly Northern Rock plc) to the private sector, selling off their mortgage and personal loans, and repaying the taxpayer in full for the cost of the bail-outs of both banks during the financial crisis of 2008–10. My service to the finance sector also includes my work in financial regulation as a partner at PwC until my retirement in 2009, and subsequently in various other roles, including as a member of the Independent Commission on Equitable Life Payments, advising the UK Government on compensation to Equitable Life policyholders, and as Chair of the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission, the financial regulator in Gibraltar. These roles have been alongside my work as a non-stipendiary priest in Oxford Diocese of the Church of England since 2007.

Hugh Williams writes – The [CCBC] PUDDLE club – established during the 1970–1973 period (reputedly after a particularly extended Boat Club dinner) and loosely based on the Boat Club – started a weekly Zoom chat during the early stages of the Covid lockdowns in 2020 and have continued without break ever since. They have proved a very congenial way of keeping actively in touch with old Christ's friends scattered around the country and abroad. A number of other Christ's alumni have regularly joined these calls over the years. Further dinners and Henley Regatta picnics are scheduled in due course. Any alumni who would like to join in a future session will be very welcome to link in and can make themselves known to us through the Alumni Office.

The founding members were: **Alasdair Duncan, John Harvey-Smith, John Watson, Jonathan Knight, David Kenning, Peter Howard, Hugh Williams and Neil Dunlop** (Queens' College). Sadly, Alasdair Duncan and John Harvey-Smith passed away some years ago. **John Lambert** ("JL") (m. 1969) now lives in Boston, Mass and is PUDDLE ex-officio. JL and Hugh Williams remain keen active rowers, though HW is presently *hors de combat*.

Dougal Goodman writes – Dougal Goodman OBE FREng retired as chief Executive of the Foundation for Science and Technology. He is now working part-time for the Foundation as editor of the Foundation's journal and as a Vice President. He is also an emeritus fellow at the British Antarctic Survey where he is working on a project to measure ice properties from the new ship, *RRS Sir David Attenborough*, when the vessel makes a transit through the ice in the Weddell Sea. With Penny he has travelled extensively in South and Central America, the East and West Coasts of America, Canada, Greenland, Svalbard, Norway, Iceland and the Falkland Islands.

David Ian Hall writes – What a year this has been. The year of three prime ministers and two monarchs. For the College (we live in Cambridge), a year of two Masters. This time last year I was being kept very busy. My wife, Janet, and I were involved with arrangements for a 100th-year birthday party for my mum, who lives on her own in Malvern, Worcestershire. I celebrated my own 70th birthday on Lindisfarne, a wonderful place that is cut off from the mainland at high tide; then it is very peaceful.

I was also trying to learn the words of about 10 popular songs, including by such people as ABBA, Tom Jones, Jeff Beck and others. A little before Covid struck, Janet and I had joined a choir, The Cambridge Tuneless choir. This is part of a national

organisation of choirs dedicated to helping people reap the health benefits that come from singing in a group, and to being open to all comers – no audition required! The national organisation had been invited to send a choir of 100 (yes 100) to the 3-day open-air music festival at Cornbury – near Banbury and Chipping Norton. Janet and I were selected to represent Cambridge. Janet learned her songs perfectly and then shortly before the festival she tested positive for Covid. I didn't. But I was sent to sleep in the loft. I was still testing clear when it was time to go to Cornbury. Janet insisted that I go. Bryan Adams was topping the bill on Saturday. We joked that he was our warm-up act. He was closing the show, and we would be next on the main stage on Sunday. His audience was bigger than ours, but we did get an encore. That will probably be the only time that I get to stand on the main stage at a music festival near a microphone.

A week or so after I got back, with less than a week before my mum's 100th birthday party, I failed the Covid test. Amazingly, on the very morning of the party I stopped testing positive. The party went beautifully, with over 60 guests, including mum's sister from Canada.

I went to the Cambridge Union to see the new Master being interviewed by Melissa Benn as part of the Cambridge Literary Festival, and joined in the loud applause for him after Melissa Benn had summarised his part in the events of the week that led to Boris Johnson's resignation.

We had a few days in Glasgow to see a great-niece performing the female lead in an 'am-dram' production of Grease. We went up in luxury, on the Caledonian Sleeper, and came back a lot cheaper but in less luxury on a Megabus. At least we saw some of Scotland and northern England that we had slept through on the way up.

We are now planning my mum's 101st birthday party, and a trip to Windermere to mark my 71st. We have celebrated two of Janet's birthdays in Swansea, on the Dylan Thomas trail.

Dewar Donnithorne-Tait writes – My lifelong passion for wildlife, wilderness, conservation, photography and film making continue unabated, with two or more long trips each year, mainly to Africa and India. Alison and I spent March in southern India, visiting archaeological sites I had wanted to visit since I was 15, some of the great, ancient, South Indian cities, the amazing wildlife-rich, jungle-cladded hills of Wayanad in the Western Ghats and the superb Nagarhole National Park. A highlight was visiting Tranquebar and seeing where sixth generation ancestors lived, worked, were married, had their children baptised and were buried. We paid respects at their tomb. Exploring their home and their places of worship, work and recreation were moving experiences. We also visited the cemetery at Porto Novo, where my seventh generation ancestors (Major Daniel Stevenson and family) were buried. It was completely overgrown by jungle, with many insects and snakes; we felt like something out of an Indiana Jones movie.

Based in central Cambridge, we spend some five months of the year at our French home and still, after



*David Ian Hall
on stage at the
Cornbury Festival*



*Alison and Dewar
Donnithorne-Tait
with their
specialist guide at
Porto Novo, Tamil
Nadu, India*

44 years, love the place, despite the considerable garden and estate management work. My *pro bono* work in support of safe, integrated unmanned aviation continues, mainly in the context of the Royal Aeronautical Society, where I am a Fellow, Vice Chair of the unmanned aviation specialist group (which I founded 15 years ago), Chair of the Specialist Groups Coordination Committee (the specialist groups cover all aspects of aerospace, aviation and space) and I sit on the Learned Society Board.

1971 Year Group Representative Pete Clarke writes:

Having recently taken over as the 1971 Year Group Rep, I would like to pay tribute to our previous rep, **Tim Lintott**, who is sadly no longer with us. Tim's life was celebrated with a magnificent memorial gathering at the Law Society last November. The event was attended by over 300 friends including **Adam Wethered** who wrote the following: 'In August, my closest Christ's College friend, Tim Lintott, finally lost his six year battle with cancer. A braver, more amusing and positive person is hard to imagine. Tim had initiated a Christ's College scholarship in the name of our Christ's housemate, George Spyrou, who died ten years ago. Each year the fund has enabled a law graduate student to study at Christ's for the LLM degree; it has now been renamed the "Spyrou-Lintott Scholarship". (Contributions to enable it to become self-funding are welcome, via the Development Office). As for myself, I still live in Avebury and Westminster and am working part time as Chairman of Wren Investment Office. I am a regular visitor to the Garrick Club, where I chair the investment committee, and find myself busy all the time with a variety of friends, family and diverse commitments. In the spring, Diana and I had a magical trip to Lamu, off the coast of Kenya. In the summer, we visited friends and my relatives in Sweden; and later we stayed in a forested part of Ibiza. On the home front, the second of our five children got married, another got engaged, and we now have three granddaughters. In addition, a litter of five cocker spaniels added an entertaining, and arduous, distraction for all. Carpe diem!'. Other year group members who attended the memorial gathering were **Sandy Pratt**, **Iain Murray**, **Martin Labram** and myself along with Catherine Twilley, the Christ's Development Director at the time.

In Tim's time as our Year Group Rep, I always enjoyed reading about his own news and the exploits of many of you. I hope that I can entertain you in a similar vein over the next few years. As the Glittering Prizes that were collected after we graduated (*by some of us, not all of us! Ed.*) fade further into the past, I'm hoping that in the future there will be more news about the Glittering Prizes of Retirement that I'm sure are now being won all round the world – prizes along the lines of "Tomatoes, Best in Class, First Prize, Upton Snobsbury Village Flower Show" maybe.

My own retirement continues apace. Having lost my wife Caroline in 2015, a year after leaving the chalkface, I have totally immersed myself in the History of Art – galleries and exhibitions, going on courses, writing essays, blogging on Facebook etc. I have also learnt to sew – cushion covers mainly – on a vintage Singer sewing machine. In February I bought an ancient book press that had been used for nearly a hundred years binding DPhil theses in Oxford. It now sits proudly in my conservatory where it is used for my latest hobby – linocut printing. I continue to watch Bath play rugby at The Rec and Middlesex and England play cricket at Lords and have managed to get my golf handicap down to 36. I am also pleased to say that I have reconnected with Cambridge in a way that is a tad more substantial than attending the odd Christ's reunion. A chance meeting at a friend's funeral in early 2019 led to me being

employed by the Bell School to teach some physics on their Young Scholars Programme in Cambridge that summer. I did it again last year for their first post-Covid Summer School and by the time you read this, I will have done it a third time. In a nutshell, I am in Cambridge twice a week for 6 weeks in July and August, based at the Leys School on Fen Causeway. In my spare time I spin around Cambridge on a bike pretending it is 1972 again. For those of you who are interested in these things, the best two pubs these days, in my opinion of course, are: The Champion of the Thames on King Street and The Free Press, down one of the narrow streets on the other side of Christ's Pieces!



*Pete Clarke and
Phil Rowse
(m. 1981)
sharing a beer
in Bath*

Talking of reunions, last September, myself and **Tony Smith** (m. 1973) organised a reunion of friends from across the years. We call ourselves The Likely Lads (as in Whatever Happened to) and qualification is by any combination of the following: 1) Represented the College at sport, 2) Spent too much time in the Cambridge Arms and/or the Late Night Bar, 3) Never went to the University Library. Members of our year group who attended were: **David Banks, Chris Lemar, Andrew Murday, John Kitching, Peter Drew, John Duncombe, Pete Andrewartha, Pete Senior, Nick Birch, Dennis Opposs, Nick Balliger, Alan Imeson, and Dave Foxman.**



*Chris Lemar,
David Banks,
Nick Birch,
John Duncombe,
Bill Morgan
and Peter Drew
at the Likely
Lads Reunion*

And so to news of others:

Martin Lockett writes: 'I'm based in China, still working at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China where I was Dean of the Faculty of Business for 5 years. I'll be based in the UK for 3 months (in London) over the summer after being in China non-stop for 3 years thanks to Covid travel restrictions.'

Chris Southgate gave the 2022 Boyle Lecture and, now the academic circuit is open again, he'll be lecturing on theology in Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. His new poetry book, *Losing Ithaca*, will be out in the autumn and he still manages to find time to play golf with **Bob Aylett** (m. 1970) and the MCC Golf Society.

Alan Brown writes: 'Not a lot has changed over the last 12 months. I still have the same 7 non-executive roles. Just one thing has happened to make me feel ancient. My eldest granddaughter, Ruby, is just finishing her first year at UCL! I continue to sit on Christ's Investment Committee, and I continue to Chair UCIM, the regulated entity that manages the Cambridge University Endowment Fund.'

Congratulations to **David Bleiman**, who has been admitted to the Scottish Poetry Library's online guide to Scottish poets. This is taken from his biography on their website: *David started writing poetry at age 65 (aside from a handful of family poems), achieving more than a hundred publications in four frenzied years in which he poured out the memories and experiences of a lifetime in a cascade of heritage and learned languages, including English, Scots, Spanish, Yiddish and the part-excavated, largely reimagined Scots-Yiddish of 'The Trebbler's Tale', which won him the Sangshaw Prize in 2020.*

Simon Williams writes: 'After leaving Christ's nearly 50 years ago, I started a DPhil in ancient history in Oxford but decided that ever more fine tuning our knowledge of that civilisation wasn't for me, so trained to be a social worker and since then have spent my working life in social care and health, with my last



*Simon Williams
and his wife Sue
at Lake Como*

pre-retirement job being a director of social care/health/housing in a London borough. Coming up to 6 years ago I retired from that and took a part time role directing an improvement programme within local government, which became very full time during Covid and, to my slight surprise, I find myself still doing it. I have two daughters, two stepdaughters and three grandchildren plus a large garden and a very energetic Labrador, which all keep me busy. When we can, my wife and I enjoy travelling, often playing the part of annoying old people at the back of the GAdventures (*Other tour companies are available! Ed.*) minibus.'

Linda Abbott writes: 'Whilst I haven't got anything worthy to be called "news", I can give you an update on a couple of current activities. The main one is that I'm now making final revisions to my Lichen Flora of Greece, with a view to getting the thing published as a proper book. There are about 2 years more work needed to finish the job. Once it is completed, the next headache will be to find someone willing to actually publish it. I doubt that it has the potential to displace *Harry Potter* from the best-seller lists, and I may have to subsidise it myself. However, I'll cross that bridge when I get to it. Other than that, nothing much happens around here. The wild pigs and I are still waging World War 3, but my wonder weapon – in the form of an electric fence over a mile long enclosing the entire farm – has put them at a disadvantage and reduced the intensity of hostilities. A few still manage to get through, but now they risk getting shot. I've had enough of them, and I mean business!'



*Andy Murday and
Pete Andrewartha*

Andrew Murday writes: 'I am still a Lib Dem Councillor on North Yorkshire Council and a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. I suspect I will be standing for parliament again in Skipton and Ripon, my home constituency. It is arguably the safest Conservative seat in the UK. As a result of time constraints, I have given up keeping sheep after more than 15 years, but I still play golf and have ventured back into squash and cricket this summer.'

Martin Gaskell continues his double life as an astrophysicist at the University of California Santa Cruz and as a composer. On the composition front, he has been chosen this year as semi-finalist for The American Prize in three of the professional composer categories: orchestral music, choral music and chamber music. In 2021 he was a finalist in the professional choral composer category. On the astronomy front, the Royal Astronomical Society recently had a press release about work by Martin and students working with him that showed that ultraviolet emission from around supermassive black holes actively swallowing matter in the centres of galaxies is much greater than had hitherto been realized. In his free time, Martin continues to run half-marathons.

Peter Drew has decided to hang up his stethoscope after more than 40 years in the NHS and several years working in the New Zealand NHS as a consultant physician. He was impressed with the system in New Zealand. Nurse and physiotherapy staffing

on the wards were at a much higher level than in the UK, and the involvement of social services was beyond comparison. Peter has written a light-hearted book, mainly in verse, about rare cases he has seen over the years, embracing the exotic, the tragic, the embarrassing and the triumphant, but recorded as they actually unfolded. He says the book, *Cautionary Tales for the Physician*, is part educational and part confessional, and he hopes it will be of interest to physicians of all ages.

Freddy Nkonge writes: 'We have established a primary health care centre in an impoverished rural community in Mityana District, Central Uganda. KGN Clinical Centre (U) Ltd serves an area and population of subsistence farming with a high deprivation index. We are concerned about reducing maternal and child mortality and have privately funded an Ultrasound Scanning Service. We are also actively seeking available NGO funding in order to meet the basic healthcare delivery targets. The brain drain from Uganda continues to be a problem.'

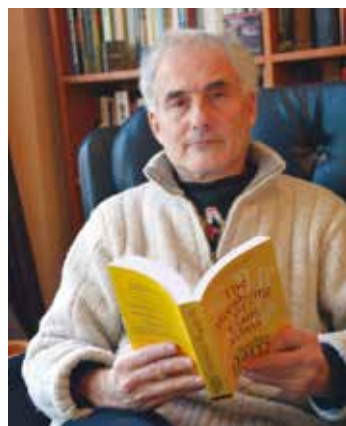


Freddie Nkonge at the KGN Clinical Centre in Uganda



KGN Clinical Centre in Uganda

Charles Harris writes: 'Last year I was elected as a Director of the UK Society of Authors. This has kept me busy. The Society does a great deal of work to help authors at all levels of achievement and all ages. We are a union, campaign on issues from authors' rights to AI, manage a range of prizes and help members with their contracts. One of the most valuable services in recent times has been the ability to help writers in financial difficulties. Not every author is rich and famous. Meanwhile, I've been able to keep on with my own work. I have a number of my own books published: three non-fiction and two political thrillers, one of which, *The Breaking of Liam Glass*, has been short-listed for two international awards. At the time of writing, I also have two new thrillers in draft form about to be finished and sent to publishers.'



Charles Harris

Andrew Bibby also has a new book out this year, *These Houses are Ours: Co-operative and community-led housing alternatives 1870–1919*. As the author himself says, "Yes, pretty niche!"

And finally, as this Year Group summary comes to a close, we have the latest news from the world of marmalade. **Sandy Pratt** reports: 'Following on from my bronze award last year in the World Marmalade Competition, this year I have won two silvers and two bronzes. (Pretty good with over 3000 entries worldwide! Ed.) My wife, Malina, also won a silver, two bronzes and a merit award. Next year we're going for gold!'



Sandy Pratt's award-winning marmalade

STOP PRESS: Whilst I was writing this I bumped into **Scyld Berry** (m. 1972) on the cricket field at Monkton Combe School. I was umpiring and he was playing for the opposition – an outfit called Wiltshire Queries. I am pleased to report that, 50 years since playing for the college, Scyld can still turn his arm over and land the ball on a sixpence, though these days it does come down with snow on it as cricket parlance goes. I looked in vain for his match report the following day in the *Daily Telegraph*.

1972 Year Group Representative Steve Bagnall writes:

Despite billing myself as the 1792 year rep, news from the 1972 group was also forthcoming. The mode response from 1792 alumni was that things are much the same as last year. This was also the response of some from 1972, but both regular and new correspondents had much to report.

Many were still 'processing' the news that it is more than 50 years since matriculation. I understand that 'processing' is a healthy psychological activity, and this was aided by a memorable reunion dinner last September. Others organised anniversary activities as **Gareth Ward** reports: 'A group of friends comprising almost 10% of the 1972 year group attended a 50th anniversary dinner in the OCR at Christ's on 13th May. The late **David Gray** (1954–1996) started these dinners in March 1973, when we observed from the OCR balcony the infamous invasion of Hall by demonstrators, and we have met about 25 times since, often in the Mountbatten Room. The arts graduates (law, banking, accountancy, etc.) in the group slightly outnumber science engineering and medicine, and those still working some shade of relaxed hours are a clear majority over fully retired.

The photo shows Richard and **Sheila Appis** (née Lane – Christ's first female post-graduate student in 1976), Helen and **Tommy Teague**, **Martin Evans** (m. 1971), **Des O'Connell**, **John Collins**, **Roger Coates**, **Scyld Berry**, Tony and Sandy Blewitt (Sandy is David Gray's cousin and a consultant paediatrician, and has attended many of these dinners), **John Summers**, **Gareth Ward**, Sylvie and **Stephan Misrachi**, and Jacqueline and **Alistair Cheetham** (behind the camera). **Andrew Humphreys** and Ralph attended the pre-dinner drinks in the Buttery, and 9 of us plus Des's golden retriever also made Sunday lunch at the Queen's Head, Newton.'



*A 50th
anniversary
dinner attended
by many 1972
matriculants*

Steve Bagnall's reunion event was smaller. He enjoyed meeting **Jim Whitlock** for the first time since 1975 viewing his impressive art exhibition at Truro Cathedral. Steve adds: 'I wish I could say that we were immediately recognisable to one another, but we had both changed considerably in our appearance. Fortunately, Jim made a speech'.



*Steve Bagnall and
Jim Whitlock*

Travelling and working were this year's top themes, but the work is more often volunteering and the travel even more fascinating and distinctive as we reach the places it takes 70 years to get to. They are not necessarily far away. **Patrick Reade** says: 'I have just been to a museum and church in Lydiard Tregoze (great name that) where our founder Lady Margaret was the forebear of a great family (St John – yes I know shared history with that other College) and both the house and church are a treasure trove of historic paintings monuments and portraiture. My great pursuit is to explore Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties equipped with Nikolaus Pevsner's and Simon Jenkins' book on the 1,000 greatest English churches. I attended revered Prof Pevsner's lectures on art history at Pembroke when I was a student. Pevsner, of the great Jewish Diaspora exiled from Germany, recorded in his multi-volume work the surviving architectural gems of England.'

The exotic corners of the world some of us travel to are just home to others. **Neil Marshall** has moved: 'Wanaka finds us living in perhaps the most beautiful place in New Zealand and maybe the most liveable small town in the world. We have skiing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking and alpine mountaineering on our doorstep and we make the most of all of these. Despite our proximity to the mountains, the rainshadow gives a climate more like Central Otago than the West Coast. We have far less rainfall than you might expect, summers are hot, and the winters are nowhere near as cold as you might think. We are fortunate to have moved when we did: our old stomping ground just north of Auckland has had a dreadful spring, summer and autumn with torrential rain causing flooding and landslides.'

Bob Stevenson is targeting the 'Five Stans' for travel this year. He is not specific, but it won't be Standford Le Hope, Stansted, or Stanmore. Many of you will have his fund-raising CDs and he adds: 'I finally reached my target of £2,000 raised for Alzheimers Research/Relief. No more music at the moment – I have hardly touched the piano this year, so that will have to change. Please convey my grateful thanks to all who generously donated'. The JustGiving website remains open...

Our volunteering is extensive and varied and fun.

Tim Tyler: 'I'll remember 2022 as a year of very slow return from Covid conditions to a degree of normality for the care charity I chair, Royal Star & Garter, and the sad loss of our Patron, Queen Elizabeth II; the safe arrival of three more grandchildren; and of drought from which my grass is only slowly recovering. The single most memorable day was the Queen's funeral – I was in the Abbey representing Royal Star & Garter'. Tim's reflections on the day here are available on the charity's website.

David Pope: 'We're still shuttling between Wiltshire and Gower and, since last May, the development of the Gower Pilgrimage Way has taken a lot of Anne's and my time. This looks like becoming like a niche second career, as we are now also involved in setting up the Athelstan Pilgrim Way in North Wiltshire. Still early days with this, but I have set up a Facebook group, cunningly called "Athelstan Pilgrim Way".'

Simon Read: 'I was asked to assist with the Corpus Christi bridging course. This is a two week course for first year undergraduates that takes place immediately before they come up. It is intended for those from situations without the usual support and preparation for the Cambridge experience and it involves familiarising them with University and College routine including the tutor and supervision system. As a 17-year-old from a naive northern background I would have really appreciated something of the kind and was very glad to help with practice supervisions. It was an interesting way to step back in time but look to the future.'

Pete Langham: 'I have now been retired as an NHS GP in Darlington for some years. Recently I have visited College a few times and have had the opportunity to see my former director of studies Dr Vis Navaratnam. His excellent teaching has served me well.'

I now volunteer on a local nature reserve in Catterick Garrison (Foxglove Covert), which although on MOD land is run by civilians and open to all. It has allowed me to gain new skills and expand my knowledge of environmental issues.'

Some of our activities link more to our careers. I could not resist the wonderful opening that **Alan Cottenden** was just on his way to Windsor Castle for his Covid delayed 'investiture as an MBE' when he wrote: 'In my semi-retired capacity, I'm currently cochairing the organising committee of the 14th biannual Incontinence: The Engineering Challenge conference to be run in November. These international conferences bring together academics, clinicians, industry colleagues and incontinent people themselves to encourage the development of improved incontinence-related technology. Similarly, I'm currently co-editing a special issue of the Journal of Engineering in Medicine on the same theme.'

Steve May & Taylor Downing illustrate that you never retire from being a writer. Steve says, 'My latest (and 63rd) contribution to BBC Radio Drama appeared in November 2022 in the Fact to Fiction slot, where a dying schoolteacher desperately urges her antipodean resident daughter to "Come Home." The result – various pronouncements from a know-all parrot.'

Taylor has spent the last year researching and writing a new book, to be called *The Army that Never Was*, about the deception campaigns that surrounded D-Day. It's to be published in the run-up to the 80th anniversary of D-Day. He adds: 'It's been a great story to write, full of wonderfully eccentric and inventive characters who were given rein to try out their ideas'.

And of course, your story of 2022/3 has also been a great story to write.

1973 Year Group Representative Christopher Rees writes:

The 1973-ers appear to have had a quiet year. Perhaps they have been preoccupied working out how to invest their newly acquired triple-locked pensions or maybe they are frozen in horror at the way the world seems to be returning to their salad days when foreign conflicts and inflation were the order of the decade. Whatever the reason, few were prepared to put their head above the parapet and report news. **Rick Nelson** was ever a brave soul, and he was in touch to say that in December 2022 he finally retired from clinical practice after 43 years as an NHS doctor and 32 years as a consultant neurosurgeon. His life has moved from the indoors of the operating theatre to the great outdoors of skiing, rowing, cycling and sailing. It all sounds most invigorating, though I suspect the rest of us would have to perm any 2 from 4 of Rick's chosen exertions.

Chris Shea reports that having been out of the education system for many decades he has recently dipped his toe back into the sea of knowledge. He has been learning Spanish with Duolingo so he can converse with his granddaughters in Bogota. He has also gained a sailing qualification in the form of an RYA Day Skippers ticket. He expects to be fluent in Spanish by about 2035. Follar (which is how Chris tells me his Crustacean moniker would be rendered in Spanish) has also helpfully contributed news of **Rick Kirk**, who is working for the Papal Hospital in Rome – Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital. That is the one you hear of every now and again offering to look after really sick children when all other medical organisations reckon there is nothing left to be done. Chris also thinks that Rick may hold the current record for grandchildren of 1973-ers. If you can beat 9 then we should feature you next year.

Karl Railton-Woodcock must be delighted now that West Ham have a European trophy once again – when he wrote in he was worried they may not survive in the Premier League. He is down to his last non-exec directorship so can concentrate on the making of Kombucha, a fermented fizzy drink that he declares has all the probiotic bacteria a gentleman of a certain age needs. He is still in Australia so will be taping the Ashes series so he doesn’t have to stay up through the night. By the time you read this we will know whether or not the Australian fast bowlers made this a happy viewing experience.

Mention of Australian fast bowlers brings me to report, belatedly, the sad news of the death of **Mike Bishop** (m. 1975), who was certainly the quickest bowler to play for Christ’s in the mid-70s. Mike did not matriculate with us and joined as a post-grad so seems to fall through a gap in the College record system.

John Burgess and **Peter Ellis** (m. 1975) are in a similar category so if either of them finds themselves reading this and wondering why they never get a mention they should feel free to get in touch via the College and I will bring you their news. One who has been in touch, in his

usual apposite way, is **Vincent Zappata**. Like the others Vincent neither matriculated nor graduated but left an indelible mark on College life. The Stolen Election for the JCR of Michaelmas 1973 stands as a monument to Vincent’s unique populist gifts. He has kindly responded to the College’s request for photographs for these reports. His years of frantic political activism are now behind him and he spends his time looking after the family avocado estates and wineries outside Santiago. He says he is particularly fond of this photo taken of him by **Kevin Walsh** – the two of them affected a certain Cavalier style which captured the spirit of the early 70s.



Vincent Zappata

1974 Year Group Representative Paul Littlewood writes:

Many thanks to all the 1974 Alumni who have updated me on their news this year. Here are their contributions:

John Leach reports: ‘Following the local elections on 4 May 2023, I am now a local councillor in Bath & NE Somerset (B&NES). The Liberal Democrats took 41 of the 59 seats on the Council, thereby strengthening their control of the administration and becoming the first administration ever to win a second term (B&NES was not formed until 1996). As well as being a ward councillor, I will be the Council’s ‘Advocate for Climate Adaptation’. The UK Climate Change

Committee reported in March of this year on its assessment of the UK Government's achievements on Climate Adaptation. It gave the Government an F grade across the board: F for vision; F for ambition; F for its strategies; F for funding and F for its achievements. Local authorities will need to take the lead on Climate Adaptation, filling the void that our central government is leaving. And making a start on that for B&NES Council is now my role.



John Leach in
Bath Abbey

By virtue of being a councillor for a ward within the City of Bath, I have also become a Charter Trustee for the City of Bath. My first ceremonial role was to participate in confirming the election of the 796th Mayor of Bath on 3 June 2023. This involved, amongst other things, processing through the streets of Bath from the Guildhall to the Abbey where the ceremony took place. I attach a photo of me in the Abbey wearing my robes and with my bicorn hat in hand (sadly we had to take our hats in hand on entry to the Abbey).'

Hugh Ashton writes: 'I've just been re-elected as a City councillor and elected as a District councillor for a ward which includes the only medieval three-spired cathedral in England, the birthplace of Dr Samuel Johnson, and the house of Dr Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles, a Christ's alumnus). I continue to write fiction. My latest "serious" novel, as opposed to pastiches, is *On the Other Side of the Sky* – a historical fantasy novel involving Erasmus Darwin, alchemy, Kabbalah, and the French Revolution.'

Nicholas Harberd says: 'I will be retiring from the Sibthorpe Professorship of Plant Science at the University of Oxford on 30 September 2023, and from there on will be Emeritus Research Fellow of St John's College, Oxford.'



Ron Blagden,
Trish Blagden,
Jane Monks,
Nick Tanner,
Tony Parr, and
Richard Monks
in Stockholm

Nicholas Tanner reports: 'Last summer a few of us spent a weekend in Stockholm. I've attached a selfie from that trip, depicting (clockwise from left) **Ron Blagden**, Trish Blagden, Jane Monks, Nick Tanner, **Tony Parr**, and **Richard Monks** in front of the Royal Palace. I'm still happily pursuing my third career as a translator and despite still believing that I'm really only 28, have just become a grandad.'



1976
May Ball poster

Richard Baker says: 'I'm still an active painter but I used to exhibit at various small galleries that have now closed. I haven't got any exhibitions planned except for the Cambridge Drawing Society but I occasionally sell things from my studio and I'm hopefully going to do a lot of outdoor painting this summer. Whilst looking through old artwork, I found a poster I designed for the 1976 Christ's/Sidney May Ball. Drawn by hand and lettered using Letraset, there were two versions. This is the most detailed one, with an appropriate quotation from Milton's *Comus* referring to the Light Fantastic. There's a figure plagiarised from Aubrey Beardsley and one from Botticelli. This was a labour of love and I

organised the printing and delivery of the posters. I'm sure no-one will have any recollection of it! Note prices given in guineas!

Tony Parr reports: 'After three years of postponements, I finally managed to arrange a long-awaited rowing weekend for a team from my rowing club in Haarlem, the Netherlands. We spent our first full day sightseeing in Christ's (with thanks to Robert from the Development Office) and



Tony Parr and crew rowing on the Cam

the rest of Cambridge (it's amazing how much you actually remember). The next morning, Saturday, we walked over to the splendid new boathouse, where we were received by a delegation consisting of coach Kate Hurst and student rowers Erin and Alex, who told us all about the rowing tradition at Christ's. And then it was time to pile into an eight for a trip up the river towards Ely. We made it all the way to The Bridge in Clayhithe, our lunch stop. After lunch, it was back to the boathouse via the same route, before retiring to the Fort St George for drinks, and thence to the Portrait Room for dinner in College.

Sunday was spent punting on the Cam. It had been agreed beforehand that everyone should have a go with the punt pole, and everyone agreed at the end of the day that punting was much harder than it looked. Back by train to London on Monday morning, where there was time for a visit to the British Library and a walk along Regent's Canal to Camden Market before the Eurostar



Tony Parr and friends from the Netherlands punting on the Cam

took us back to Amsterdam. Many thanks to Kate, Alex, Erin and Twm for all their help boat-side, and also to Joanna and Victoria at the college office for organising our accommodation so professionally.'

Paul Littlewood writes: 'Whilst on a World Cruise I was lucky enough to meet up with **Mark Greaves** in Singapore and, in an unusual coincidence, Nick Tanner had also met up with him earlier in the year. Meanwhile I was fortunate enough to be a member of the triumphant England Senior team who were the winners of the



*Left: Mark Greaves and Nick Tanner
Right: Paul Littlewood and Mark Greaves*

World Over 65s Chess Championships last year. Both John Nunn (Board 1) and myself (Board 2) also won the Gold Medal for best performance on their board, so it was a double celebration!

*Paul Littlewood
(centre) at the World
Over 65s Chess
Championships*



1975 Year Group Representative Jan Harry Hyman writes:

Andrew Jordan writes: "Although perhaps more sedate than they used to be, sporting activities continue to unite a number of former Boaties. On the rowing front, in April 2022 a composite Crustaceans eight, which included David Coles (m. 1980), **Jeremy Preddy**, **Rick Nelson** (m. 1973), myself, **Paul Barton**, and **Tony Price** (m. 1976) rowed in the Head of the Dart, a 15 Km race from Totnes to Dartmouth, surprisingly winning the division for Masters F eights (average age 60 to 65). We were very kindly welcomed to Modbury for the weekend by Tony Price. And in April 2023, **Carey Wolfe**, **Guy Whittaker** (m. 1974), **Bill Aldridge**, myself, Jeremy Preddy, **David Whitten** (m. 1974), Paul Barton and **John Beach** took to the water in

*Jeremy Preddy,
Bill Aldridge,
Paul Redstone (cox),
David Whitten, Carey
Wolfe, Paul Barton,
Guy Whittaker, Andrew
Jordan, and John Beach
at the Head of the Cam
in April 2023*



the Head of the Cam, ably coxed by **Paul Redstone** (m. 1973) to win the Masters G eights trophy (average age 65 to 70). At the Fairbairn Cup in Nov 2022 we were delighted to meet the new Master at the Boathouse – you know you're getting old when the Master is younger than you!

Long distance cycling has also been on the agenda, and in the Summer of 2022 Rick Nelson, Carey Wolfe, John Beach, Jeremy Preddy, Paul Barton and I took on the 250 mile Caledonian Way from Cambelltown, at the southern end of the Mull of Kintyre, to Inverness. The same intrepid group are meeting in October 2023 to cycle across Sardinia, but with two additional challenges – one being the mountains of central Sardinia, and the other being that our wives are cycling with us. Check

*Carey Wolfe, Paul
Barton, Andrew
Jordan, John
Beach, Rick Nelson
at the end of the
Caledonian Way*



out next year's Magazine for news of divorces!"

John Cooper writes: 'I returned to Abergavenny some years ago and I remain here. I look after my elderly mother and still work part time, helping adults with learning difficulties. In my spare time I try to keep fit and enjoy the Brecon Beacons National Park which is on my doorstep. I also watch Newport County and follow the Wales football team.'

John Bailie writes: '50 years – it's hard to believe it's been that long. Looking back, there are certain things which are still memorable and my time at Christ's and Cambridge is one of these.

I'm not in regular contact with many of my peer group; however, Christine & I had a nice re-union with **Richard Barrett** when he was down staying in the Cotswolds. We both had our dogs with us and enjoyed a nice lunch, dog walk and chat about this & that.

Lastly, I've just had my 66th birthday and am now receipt of an additional pension (c/o DWP) and a free Bus Pass!!!

Robert Holdsworth writes: 'I'm still working a bit – making the decisions now, rather than my old work of arguing cases as a barrister, but I've started other things now that I'm mostly retired, including rowing with my local boat club in Worcester and with the Christ's M3 crew, longbow archery, and volunteering with a local Christian charity on a farm project, and we have the usual responsibilities as grandparents. "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places"!'

John Woodthorpe writes: 'After leaving Christ's with a Natural Sciences degree focussing on Metallurgy and Materials Science, I worked as a project manager for the R&D centre of a multinational engineering company for over twenty years. After several rounds of the company acquiring others and being acquired, I left them in 2001 and joined the Open University. I'd been working for them as a part-time tutor for several years and enjoying the opportunities to develop the more academic side of my personality. I thoroughly enjoy the ethos, and agree with the mission, of the OU. I've had various roles there and am now Head of the School of Computing and Communications. Quite a stretch from my origins in materials science, but there is a thread connecting everything I've done, right back to my time at Christ's, which unlocked many interests, gave me so many skills, and prepared me for many challenges and opportunities.'

Alan Rossiter writes: 'After leaving Cambridge in 1979, with degrees in chemical engineering, I started work for ICI in Northwich, Cheshire. In 1986, my wife and I moved to Houston, Texas, where I took up a consulting job. I spent the next 30+ years consulting in industrial energy efficiency. More recently, I spent three years in Saudi Arabia with Saudi Basic Industries (also working in energy efficiency), and I have spent the past four years with the University of Houston, as Executive Director, External Relations and Educational Program Development, in the Division of Energy & Innovation.'



Alan Rossiter in Saudi Arabia

Harry Hyman writes: 'I have yet to make an appearance for the alumni golf club but am planning to do so between now and the end of the year. Meantime work continues at a frenetic pace. I am formally standing down as CEO of FTSE250 company Primary Health Properties next April. I hope to have more time to devote to Opera, and in particular to the International Opera Awards, which this year are planned to be in Warsaw in December (www.operaawards.org) following a successful ceremony in Madrid last December at the Teatro Real. I have recently been at the memorial service for **Alastair Cook's** wonderful parents and have learned with sadness of the passing of **Adrian Backler**. My friend **Tim Saunders** has been unwell but is on the road to recovery we believe.'

1976 Year Group Representative Jan Chojecki writes:



Damien Welfare

So many of the year group are putting to good use the time released by complete or partial retirement. Starting with **Damien Welfare**, who reports: 'I have retired as a barrister, although I still do legal training in Information Law. I am working on two book projects, one (with a colleague) on local government and Parliament in the 1980s/90s, and another on episodes from the political life of my late former boss, Ivor Richard, who was Leader of the House of Lords, UN

Ambassador, and an EU Commissioner. I am hoping also to get more involved again in debate on constitutional issues, including reform of the House of Lords.'

Francis Salway: 'This year I stood down, after 10 years, as a Visiting Professor in Practice at the London School of Economics. The role was linked to LSE's Department of Real Estate Economics and Finance – a natural area for me after a career in property, which started with some research and a book *Depreciation of Commercial Property* (1986) and culminated in 8 years as Chief Executive of Land Securities. More recently, I have had a variety of non-executive roles including at the retailer Next and also being chair at a charity, The London Community Foundation, and at a housing association based in Kent where I live.'

Michael Morley writes: 'I completed my final executive role at the end of June 2022 as CEO of Deutsche Bank's UK Wealth Management business and have now embarked upon my plural life which some of my friends call "the second half" and which my sons think is optimistic. We are planning to relocate from London to Madrid (my wife is Spanish and originally from Madrid) and my first NED roles are with Deutsche in Spain and in Switzerland. I am of course going to continue to have a UK life and will shortly take up a Chair role for a UK Fintech Challenger Bank and one or two other things as well. I keep the Cambridge contact going by sitting on the China Advisory Council of the Judge Institute.' He adds: 'For 7 years prior to the role with Deutsche I was CEO of Coutts at the Trafalgar Square end of the Strand. At this same time, **Andrew Pinhorn** was Head of Banking at C. Hoare & Co, further up the road at 37 Fleet Street, so you could definitely claim that Christ's alumni had central London private banking covered for a few years at least!'

Nick Bartle reports from New Zealand: 'Amazingly, Wellington, which generally has the worst weather in the country, avoided the [February 2023] cyclone almost completely. We felt slightly guilty. In other news, I took up two voluntary positions in the Cancer Society of New Zealand last August. I sit on its national audit, finance and risk advisory committee and I chair the board of its commercial subsidiary, Daffodil Enterprises. The Cancer Society acts across the country to promote cancer awareness, support people with cancer, advocate on cancer issues and fund cancer research in local universities and research institutions. Apart from its annual daffodil day, bequests and donations, the Cancer Society also raises funds by distributing sunscreen and other sun protection products through a subsidiary.'

Nick is one of many year group members who have expressed their sadness at the news of the death of **Emeritus Fellow Dr Douglas Barker**. Nick remembers being interviewed Dr Barker when applying to Christ's: 'I remember him showing me an x-ray of a male angler fish with a much smaller fish in its mouth. He asked me what I thought it showed. In a wild guess

Douglas and Valerie Barker at the Marguerites' Summer Garden Party on 14 June 1981. Photo taken by Jan Chojecki



I suggested the small fish might be some sort of parasite and was blown away when he told me the male angler fish nurtured its young by carrying them in its mouth.'

Alastair Reid continues to work part-time with TISCA, The Independent Schools Christian Alliance. He also volunteers as a Governor for Monkton Combe School in Bath. Next year he hopes to visit Hebron School in South India for their 125th anniversary reunion. Alastair served at Hebron for nine years.

Former student flatmates and fellow medics **Larry Amure** and **Philip Chan** met up at the College reunion for medical alumni in April. Philip has retired as a consultant vascular surgeon and is the lead for admissions to the new Kent and Medway Medical School. He is looking forward to graduating their pioneer group from Canterbury cathedral in 2025.



*Philip Chan and
Larry Amure*

Larry and his wife Diane joined **Jan Chojacki** and his wife Liz Bradbury at the Christ's May Ball last summer. Some of the party made it to daybreak and the survivors' photo.

Jan reports that his book, *The Quest Chronicle* – about Sir Ernest Shackleton's last expedition, which was financed by Jan's grandfather – was published in September 2022 and that the limited-edition hardback has since sold out. It is, though, available in paperback format on Amazon. Also in 2022, Jan was elected a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Jan, who read Natural Sciences, observes: 'As my daughter would remind me, "Geography is everything"'.

Rory Field relates that he has moved back south of the border, from St Andrews, and is now fully reintegrated into life as a barrister, practising mainly in London and the Midlands. He has moved to a Victorian house in Rugby, mainly because it is geographically central to where he is now working. He remarks: 'Another benefit is great pubs to see the Six Nations Championship, the town isn't called Rugby for nothing!' Rory had a delightful visit to Christ's in the autumn when he met up with **Roy Maclean** and was able to have a delicious dinner in the Christ's Fellows Dining Room and catch up with news from some of the Fellows.

Keeping with the rugby theme, **Leigh Sparks** and his wife Jan have, since 2001, regularly travelled to Rome to see the Italy v Wales Six Nations fixtures. From 2015 they've been accompanied by **Tim Davies** and Karen. In 2022, the group was joined by **Jeremy Thomas** and Fran Regan for the fixture in Cardiff, which saw a memorable Italian triumph. And in 2023, all six, plus **Dai Knoyle** and his wife Fiona, made the trip to Rome to witness a decisive Welsh victory. The group also enjoyed the cultural opportunities as well as the sporting spectacle. Tim confirms: 'There was appropriate time spent sampling a fine range of restaurants and bars. The 'Oasi Della Birra' is highly recommended!'



*Leigh and
Jan Sparks, Tim
and Karen Davies,
Jeremy Thomas,
Fran Regan,
and Dai and
Fiona Knoyle
at a Six Nations
match*

Leigh, Deputy Principal and Professor of Retail Studies at the University of Stirling, has recently been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and, in addition, was named a top influencer in his field by the Retail Tech Innovation Hub, alongside such retail business luminaries such as Mary Portas and Martin Newman.

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



Returning to Christ's visits to Rome, the Eternal City was also the base, in September 2022, for a golfing trip by **Mike Cullen** and **Mick McGuire**, together with fellow Christ's footballers **Chris Garden** (m. 1975), **Maurice Cox** (m. 1978), **John Thornton** (m. 1977) and **Mark Gosnell** (m. 1975). The members of the 1979 Cupper's winning team also attended the College Sports Dinner in January.

Christ's golfers may wish to know that **Tony Price** offers to host you 'around the wonderful cliff top Bigbury GC.' He also notes that he is conducting 'guided tours of this historic little town [Modbury] and helping to run the 710-year-old May Fair.'

Praveen Anand is Professor of Clinical Neurology at Imperial College, London, and Head of the Centre for Clinical Translation, based at the Hammersmith Hospital campus. His present research focuses on pathophysiological and molecular mechanisms in human sensory neuropathies and chronic pain syndromes. He joined Christ's and the 1976 Year group as a graduate from the University of Oxford and completed his clinical studies at Addenbrooke's.

Brendan Gallaher reports: 'We hid out at our house in Jackson Hole, Wyoming during the pandemic and started travelling again last May. We drove around Portugal and visited some old Christ's friends, **Kaamil Ansar** (m. 1975) and **Simon Palley** (m. 1975), in London on our way back to the USA. We plan to visit Slovenia, Croatia, and Montenegro in June. We continue to have fun with our collection of classic cars. Our 1956 Maserati prototype Frua Spyder won a class award at the Pebble Beach Concours last August, having won its class at the Villa D'Este Concours.'

*Brendan Gallaher
(left) and his 1956
Maserati prototype*



Paul Whitlock managed trips to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and Antarctica too. **Vincent Abbott** also reported on a trip to the White Continent. The photos speak for themselves.

*Photos from
Vincent Abbott's
trip to Antarctica*



Another recently returned from the southern hemisphere is **Mike Collinson**, who writes: 'I am back from my annual work stint at my company's HQ in Australia, also visiting my daughter who lives in Sydney. My online ticketing business has bounced back to record levels – we do a lot of outdoor events, which have been very popular in Australia due to the lower health risk. So now I am moaning about being too busy. **Bob Dearden** and his wife Techie happened to be in Sydney at the same time so we met up for lunch. Their son Alex is a UK surgeon and doing a 1-year

fellowship at a major Sydney hospital.’ Bob remarks: ‘Alex’s one year posting is now becoming two, but we are quietly confident not to lose him forever as we are holding his cats and his whiskey collection to ransom as incentive for him to take a consultant position in the UK next year.’

In a wide-ranging exchange this year with **Rob Murgatroyd**, he remarks on the topic of family pets: ‘We have had quite a range of pets over the ‘children years’ and to my shame they often seemed to come to quite abrupt and sticky ends. This included an accidental decapitation of a cockatiel (who had been perching on the top of an open door when a family argument led to the slamming of that door), a guinea pig who died of a heart attack (when put out on the lawn when a bunch of crows were landing nearby), and a domesticated rat (which unexpectedly reached the end of its natural life when we had smuggled him into a hotel where we were staying in Louise’s handbag – a surreal alternative episode of Fawlty Towers). We still have one much-loved Jack Russell dog of 14 who is fit and probably good for another 5 years, but we think we will ‘power down’ on the pet front after that as it is a real tie and emotionally draining as you get older.’ **Jan Chojacki** adds: ‘I was able to reassure Rob that we know of people who have ‘lost’ hamsters through various means including dropping from a great height, electrocution and chocolate.’

Andrew Ingram offers three items of news: ‘one is that after installing loads of insulation and solar PV + battery, our Energy Performance Certificate for the house has gone from an E to a B. Second is that I met **Tony Blakeborough** (m. 1971), who was an Engineering lecturer at Christ’s when we were there. He said he remembered me – was it my musical genius I wondered? No, it was the fact I fathered a child. Ah yes. And finally, we are about to have two Ukrainian ladies coming to stay in our (now vacant) granny annexe.’

Also supporting Ukrainian refugees is **Simon Sandberg**: ‘I retired for the second and I’m very certain the final time a year ago. Having spent much of the previous decade helping to resettle Syrian and then Afghan families, I thought I couldn’t just walk away completely from that world. So we signed up for the Ukrainian resettlement scheme and have now hosted a wonderful family (Yuliia, a mum aged exactly between my own daughters) and her now 10-year-old twin girls. It’s been a lovely year, or as lovely as things can be given the events back home and the separation from husband/father, Sergei, and wider family. This morning Yuliia and girls have gone back to Ukraine over the half term holiday to meet up with Sergei, which I hope will be a joyous if perhaps emotionally fraught occasion (given the difficulty of leaving Sergei and Ukraine once more).’



Simon Sandberg

Finally, it is very sad to note the passing over the past year of **Richard Holmes** (6 August 2022), **Gary McGuinness** (2 January 2023) and **John Byron** (18 January 2023). Also to report, belatedly, that **Simon (Francis) Atkins** left us on 31 October 2017. All are featured in the In Memoriam pages of this volume.

1977 Year Group News:

Sean McEvoy has been elected to a three-year English Fellowship at Murray Edwards College. **Nick Low** will finish his stint as the UK’s Deputy High Commissioner responsible for East and Northeast India in October, ending a period of thirteen years serving in Asia (Dhaka, Beijing and Kolkata).

Anthony Agius and **Bernard Disken** went to watch artistic gymnastics at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in July 2022 and also at the World Championships in Liverpool in October last year. In February 2023, Bernard (aged 63) ran for the first time in the Dewsbury 10K road race, an event of which he had previously been race director for 16 years.

Peter Cheshire is about to retire for a second time, after three and a half years as the German Assistant at City of London School. His role as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England will ensure that he still has plenty to do.

Chris Tidball recently retired from a career in corporate advisory and celebrated by cycling down the Loire. One of his sons has graduated from Trinity Hall and another now lives in Australia.

1978 Year Group Representative Tim Podesta writes:

Thank you to your responses to seeing the photo of the last 1978 year group meeting (see the 2022 *Magazine*). Our next year group opportunity will be a summer garden party in June 2026.

Jack Levison, Shane MacSweeney and **Trevor Helliwell** were all amazed at the passage of time and how we've changed.

In more detailed news and views:

Mal Pope shared: It was 50 years ago that I sent a tape to John Peel on Radio 1 and a few weeks later signed to Elton John's Rocket Record Company. As anyone who was at Christ's at the same time would remember my guitar and football boots went everywhere with me. The career has been a 'Long and winding road', recording with Eton John at Abbey Road, becoming a Professor at University of Wales Trinity St David, touring with Art Garfunkel, singing Fireman Sam and coming last in Song for Europe. To celebrate my Golden Anniversary of making records, I have a year-long series of record releases and concerts and... I finally have my first Number 1. This month my latest single 'Looking For Love' was No1 for 2 weeks in the Mike Read Heritage Charts. Details of the whole story and the new tour available on www.malpope.com.

Richard Bacon shared: Having worked pretty much my whole life in the oil industry one way or another I decided it was time to go a little more green than just doing my washing 'on cold', and I bought an electric car. I spent the first month cursing my decision – the cold temperatures reduced the range to under 200 miles and the software was diabolical. But slowly, ever so slowly I have started to like and even enjoy the experience. The warmer temperatures have increased the range to 280 miles, which means I can go to most of my favourite destinations without ever charging up away from home. The car passed the 'can I put a 2.5m length of timber in it and shut the boot' test. And its road handling is lovely. Does it save me money, not really, not until I get an EV tariff set up. It costs a little less than a petrol with a decent MPG. And the software is still awful, but the main thing is I can get to Christ's College and back on a single charge if I want to!

Chris Barnett shared: My wife Elida and I have now completed four years since moving to Spain. Roll on the five-year anniversary when we can apply for permanent residence. My previously Mexican-accented Spanish is acquiring a definite Andalucian *toque*, but I will never understand flamenco! I also found out that I am allergic to olive pollen, which makes springtime uncomfortable up here

in the hills, but apart from that life is good. The highlight of last year for us was the visit of our son and his fiancée from their home in Romania, during which we visited Ronda and the Caminito del Rey, as well as allowing them to experience our local village fiesta. Professionally, and despite trying to wind down a touch, I am still hard at work supporting the manufacturing side of the pharmaceutical industry. As the Covid-19 emergency winds down a little, travel opportunities are opening up again and after three years of remote work, I am again smelling the solvents and sweat of the factory floor (reminds me of Lensfield Road, sometimes). We do our best to get back to College once or twice a year – Bumps and Fisher Society are in the diary this year once again, so we hope to see some of our good friends then.

1979 Year Group Representative Fazal Hasan writes:

To celebrate 40 years since our graduation, our year group decided to hold a joint celebration with the year group below us. Christ's College were kind enough to allow us to hold the dinner in the College and laid on a great show. We had an excellent turn out from both year groups and it was a thoroughly fun event. From our year we had excellent speeches from **John Cridland**, **Lucy Ellis** and **Matt Roberts** before the multi-talented **Angus Walker** led us into singing God Save the King, for the very first time for many of us. It was wonderful to catchup with many friends from both the year groups and share their news. Matt, who now lives in the States, has been appointed Convenor of examination for the diploma of medicine for conflict and catastrophe at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London for four years. For others it was more about planning life after retirement after busy and eventful careers. In any case we resolved to stay closely in touch and hold regular reunions going forward, so make sure you keep you contact details up to date with the College and hope to see you all at our next reunion.



*The 1978
and 1979
joint reunion*

1980 Year Group Representative Clive Hyman writes:

Professor Jonathan Morris pursues two careers in tandem. Jonathan's day job is as Director, Research Culture and Environment for the University of Hertfordshire, which he combines with his public role as 'The Coffee Historian,' working closely with the coffee industry to create free educational content helping consumers understand the stories behind their coffee. Jonathan has recently dropped a second series of the 'A History of Coffee Podcast' working with a professional audio documentary maker and



*Jonathan Morris
(left) in front
of a poster
advertising
his podcast*



*Jonathan Morris
(center) recording
his podcast*

sponsored by Rancilio, an espresso coffee machine company. The podcast was launched in April at the London Coffee Festival and backed by a social media campaign from which these images are taken. The podcast series draws on Jonathan's acclaimed book *Coffee: A Global History*, published by Reaktion Press in 2019, and can easily be found on all major podcast providers. You can follow The Coffee Historian on Instagram and Twitter @coffehistoryjm.

1981 Year Group Representative Jasmine Birtles writes:

Mark Lewisohn says: 'I have been appointed as the inaugural Chair of the Cambridge University Endowment Fund Trustee Body which oversees the £4 billion invested by the University, 14 Colleges and 5 Trusts. I have also left UBS after 33 years and am looking forward to taking on a few other new challenges.'



*Andrew Robinson
in his garden*

Andrew Robinson reports: 'Having left the Civil Service (Defra) in 2020, I wanted a more outdoors life, so went to college to study for an RHS horticulture diploma. Then in 2021 I moved with my wife Samantha from London to Shropshire, near Knighton. We have 3 acres of grounds, with walled garden, orchard, woodland, vintage greenhouses and extensive water gardens landscaped in the early 1900s. Restoring the garden takes much of my time and I have relished cutting down bamboo, uncovering landscaping hidden for decades and digging out old ponds by hand. I

have not totally abandoned the corporate world, getting elected last year to the Midcounties Co-operative's Member Engagement Committee.'

1986 Year Group Representative Simon Edwards writes:



*Julian Tang
in Tenerife*

Julian Tang spent two weeks in Tenerife with a GVI voluntary conservation program, doing dolphin/whale watching surveillance to assess the impact of local tourism activities, and also performing regular beach and park litter cleaning. It was based on the 'pay to volunteer' model, working with other volunteers who were mainly young students in their gap years, although there was one other 'older professional' like Julian. Julian reports that it was hard work, but an interesting experience. Accommodation was similar to a catered youth hostel with bunk beds and 3 meals a day, cooked by the volunteers on a rotating schedule. There was also a schedule

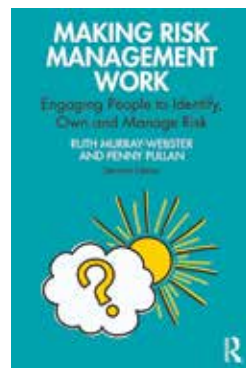
of daily chores – sweeping, dusting, taking out the rubbish, cleaning bathrooms, kitchen, verandas. It was a nice reminder of the years Julian spent studying Zoology Part II and his Zoology PhD and highlighted how much more we need to do to limit the impact of human activities on the native wildlife and their environments.

Marta Kulczycka-Lowe remains based in Canberra but was able to make last year's reunion as it coincided with her trip to England for her mother's 90th birthday. It was great to see old friends and she would love to get back in touch with any other old friends who she's lost touch with. Marta is still playing football and can't wait for the World Cup in Australia. Her youngest child, Rebecca, 18 has just started working at a US summer camp as a horse riding instructor. Daniel, 22, is studying Engineering and Maths and a hockey goalkeeper, while Adam, 20, has just started studying Agriculture Business Management and also plays hockey.

Penny Pullan (née Urry) has released the 2nd edition of her book *Making Risk Management Work: Engaging people to identify, own and manage risk*. Penny is deep in assignments for her MA in Theology, and one of her children is about to head to Durham to do the same MA. The other is at Edinburgh studying maths and music.

Andrew Todd's new book *The Clearing* was published on 1 June by Nybrogade Press in Copenhagen. A kaleidoscopic account of trees as protagonists in the climate crisis, it draws on Todd's professional work as an architect (Hardelot Theatre, WAN Award for best wooden building in the world, 2018) and his implication in various networks of wood production, understanding, storytelling and community, landing in Austria (at the forefront of the modern timber revolution), Central Africa's Mbuti pygmy tribe (whose womenfolk build settlements in the tropical forest), Shinto-tinged modern Japan (where he resided as a pensionnaire of the Villa Kujoyama), and under the aegis of two forest managers: his late father Peter Todd, and Queen Elizabeth II – formerly the world's greatest tree-guardian, with vast holdings from New Zealand to Ireland and Scotland. Todd currently holds the position of Director of Learning of the NCC Wood Academy, an advisory and pedagogical structure reorienting Scandinavia's largest building and development group towards low-carbon construction. His eponymous architectural practice (based in Paris and Burgundy) is working on bio- and geo-materials projects in China and the Beaujolais.

Chun-wa Chung was elected to the Academy of Medical Sciences last year and inaugurated this year. You can find the talk she gave as a representative of the newly elected members on You Tube: "Why is drug discovery so complex? Professor Chun-wa Chung FMedSci on the Molecular Mode of Action". She is really pleased that the compound she talks about in the second part of the talk is about to be filed at the Food and Drug Administration as the first new antibiotic for Urinary Tract Infections in 20 years.



Penny Pullan's book



Andrew Todd presenting the model of the Hardelot Theatre to Elizabeth II at the British Embassy in Paris, 2014

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

After spending nearly four years researching the life and times of Sir David and Sir Frederick Barclay, **Jane Martinson's** book *You May Never See Us Again: a story of survival, secrecy and succession* is due to be published by Penguin Random House in October. Jane's early research on the book for Tortoise Media united her with **Dr Richard Axton**, a much-missed fellow and former Director of Studies in English during her time at Christ's. Dr Axton became the official historian for the island of Sark, in the Channel Islands.

Meanwhile, **Professor Kate Watkins'** six-month sabbatical from Oxford to Aix-Marseille University gave the perfect excuse for some of her Christ's pals to pay a visit and enjoy a blast of Southern France sunshine in March. **Rowena Armstrong, Jane Martinson, Clare Tyley (née Boundy)** and **Andrea Ward** swerved a visit to Marseilles' famous soap museum in favour of a trip on the cutest Le Petit Train, felt the full force of Le Mistral but mainly laughed lots, ate and drank even more and felt free. (However this wonderful state of relaxation was then rather undone by the almost inevitable long flight delay home to Heathrow!)

And in the USA, **Cliff Wyatt** has recently sold his family business in scientific instruments, Wyatt Technology. Cliff was President of the company, which was bought by Water Corporation in February. He says this means he will now have more time to spend with his 16-year daughter, 13-year-old son, wife and three dogs in Santa Barbara, California. Cliff's father, the founder of Wyatt Technology, was also at Christ's, matriculating in 1953.

1989 Year Group Representative Angie Mettrick writes:

Ed Hughes writes: 'We are still based in Bristol, where weekends are mostly taken up with watching our boys play football and cricket with local clubs, occasionally punctuated by concerts with a local chamber choir, the Harlequin Singers, or occasionally playing percussion with one of Bristol's amateur orchestras. It's been a busy year: in July, after nearly twenty years in several government agencies responsible for higher education and research funding and regulation, most recently as Director of Insight & Engagement at Research England, I will be taking up the position of Chief Executive of the Council of Deans of Health. The Council of Deans is a member organisation which represents university departments responsible for healthcare education and research across the UK, working on behalf of its members and students to promote the benefits to the public of high-quality teaching and research in nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions. Finally, in May I was privileged to be nominated by the Department for Education to attend a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Coronation. It was a marvelous occasion, thankfully on a much warmer and drier day than the Coronation itself. We were fortunate enough to meet the King, and in typically British fashion discussed the weather – which was quite surreal. We discovered later that Lionel Richie was amongst the guests – sadly we didn't get to say hello to him... (I'll get my coat).'

Tim Robinson writes: 'After 30 odd years in the motor industry, I decided to knock it on the head and go for a more relaxed life – taking redundancy in 2021. I'd now describe myself as semi-retired, branding myself as an 'engineering handyman' and doing bits and bobs around the community, with my minimal earnings supplemented by letting income. My football activity moved into coaching

for many years at a grassroots club as my lads were growing up. I'm still managing to play a bit of football, though significantly slower than during my days playing for CCAFC.'

Barry Williams enjoyed a very pleasant catch up with **Paul Carter** over dinner in the New Forest. **Sarah Tett (née Dalzell)** sees her frequent visits to Cambridge drawing to a close with James (m. 2019) graduating this summer and Isabelle (Caius m. 2016) receiving her MA in March.



Sarah Tett with her father and husband at the post-MA lunch at Caius

John Hayward's son James graduated from Nottingham University in chemical engineering in 2022, started work with Rolls Royce and is getting married in September 2023. James met his fiancé, Laura, at Cornerstone Church where, during a recent visit, John met up with **John Gregson**. John and Rebecca's daughter, Emma, has now finished her second year of engineering at Sheffield University, competes on the northern England ultimate frisbee team and is active at Christ Church Fulwood. John's work highlight in the past year was serving as an international election observer for the OSCE/ODIHR in Kazakhstan (just as his highlight in the previous year was serving in the same capacity in Serbia).

1990 Year Group Representative James Ellson writes:

Prompted by **Charlotte Kingman**, I am starting with a big thank you to our country's doctors, nurses and medical staff. I know there are at least several doctors and a paramedic in our year group, and maybe it's no surprise that they haven't been in touch with news. Charlotte for example writes, 'No time for news – between covering junior docs strikes and surviving GCSEs.'

The last year has seen me need their help (not, perhaps I should add, Charlotte et al specifically) on several occasions, and as we get older, this will be the case for us all.

THANK YOU, Charlotte and colleagues!

If any of you sprayed yourself in red, white, and blue; or dressed up in the shower curtain; or just played air guitar during Eurovision in Liverpool, then you'll probably know that Stephen Neal led the BBC team responsible for the nine hours of live output.

Dan Feather enjoyed a mini Christ's reunion in Oxford in early January 2023, and met up with **Anna Stacey, Tony Long, Rajiv Shah** and **Anne Stewardson**.

On a similar note, **Jo (née Gallacher)** and **Paul Brady** say hello!



Anna Stacey, Tony Long, Dan Feather, Rajiv Shah, Anne Stewardson, and Rajiv's younger brother in Oxford

Gareth Kane was re-elected as a Liberal Democrat councillor in the ward of Ouseburn, Newcastle, a seat he has held bar one year since 2004. He gained 50% of the vote. He also cycled the Frontier 300, a 300km cycle ride across the forest tracks of Scotland and England. He writes, 'I started at 4:15am, finished at 10:15pm, and burnt an estimated 11,000 calories on the way – the biggest challenge I've ever undertaken, both in the cycling and the eating!'



Gareth Kane during his epic ride

Geraint Lewis discovered a new stream of stars. He writes, 'I found them in our galactic neighbour – the Andromeda Galaxy – and demonstrates that it is cannibalising smaller galaxies that come too close. This got a bit of media attention around the globe.'

Back on Earth, he continues, 'It's been a year since we moved to the Blue Mountains, still loving the small-town living. With the pandemic waning, I've travelled to conferences in Malaysia and the US, although Covid finally got me when in Arizona. I've got six weeks travel in Europe coming up and will get a day in Cambridge. Other than that, I have been traveling the country representing the Australian Institute for Physics and speaking at high schools, encouraging the next generation into science careers.'

Charles Malcolm-Brown writes, 'Since matriculating I supervised SPS at Cambridge and was a Fellow of the Government Department at Essex. I also co-edited a 500-page reader on the social and political thought of Karl Marx. From the mid-1990s, I gave up my PhD at Christ's and started work at the family company. In 1999 I founded the Mountain Trust charity.'



*Charles
Malcolm-Brown
distributing
resources to
riverbed families
in Nepal*

The Trust supports Nepal's in education and health, provides policy advice to the political elite, and has rebuilt quake-struck villages near the epicentre. We teamed up with the British Gurkhas and a leading English watchmaker to put English watches on the summit of Everest in 2017, raising £20k selling them at auction with the help of Joanna Lumley. More recently, we established Flight from Plight. We have Baroness Kennedy as our patron and some serious hitters including ex-UK and other senior military with connections in Afghanistan, even Ruby Wax.

I'd welcome a conversation with anyone who'd possibly be interested in being a part of this effort.'

Lizzy Prescott (née Taylor) writes, 'Another year has flown by. Older son is just finishing his first year at vet school in Edinburgh, aiming to be the third generation of Prescott vets. Younger son is coming to the end of lower sixth and does NOT want to be a vet! Clearly living with his father has discouraged him from the profession (not that I'm surprised).'

Our lives continue to revolve around the practice and our own menagerie (including the sheep), with two holiday lets and the challenges of ageing parents adding to the mix.'

Sarah Ellson (née Boardley) writes, 'I asked ChatGPT for my news and it just regurgitated some of my tweets and LinkedIn posts which roughly equates to work related digital health, life sciences, cannabis and professional regulation stories with the odd chicken anecdote thrown in. In the spirit of trying something new I sang in a cathedral and wore chorister robes for the first time, and in the spirit of reminiscing I got my lightweight crew together after 30 years.'

Lizzy Prescott met up with **Sally Archer (née Maidment)** and Sarah Ellson to belatedly celebrate Sarah's 50th.



*Sarah Ellson,
Sally Archer,
Lizzy Prescott*

Richard Tateson writes, 'Life with a baby, now toddler, is hilarious and fairly non-stop. All other children seem hugely old and autonomous by comparison. Workwise, still teaching international students Biology (A Level and GCSE) and doing an increasing amount of work for the exam boards on the side. Leisure (hah!) getting back into running with a local (flat!) half marathon coming up, so ask me how it is going after that.'

Paul Fernandez writes, 'My children's school activities have kept me occupied outside of work. I had an enjoyable vacation in Kerala, India.'

Ben Sinnott writes, 'Vanessa and I are just back home from a six-week trip to Asia, a 50th birthday plan that was delayed due to Covid. We loved the energy and enthusiasm of everyone we met, it's very different than here in the US (and I imagine the UK) where the sky always seems to be falling for one reason or another.'

Clare Teachman (née Moore) writes, 'I am still living in Michigan just outside Detroit – 23 years now. My older son Jack has just finished his first year at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and my younger, Luke, has one more year of school before uni. Luke plays ice hockey and lacrosse and I'm playing a lot of Pickleball – easier and more fun than tennis. Love being in touch with old friends and hope to catch up in person one of these years.'

Mark Davies is the Chair of British Rowing. He writes, 'We had a very successful World Champs after making a lot of changes to the structure and make-up of the coaching and support team – 7 golds, 4 silvers and a bronze. Other than that I have spent the year in Oxford as a Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, looking at how sport can become a more effective tool of public policy. I'm at Worcester and have been out coaching their 1st Women for the Summer Eights! And I'm still building the Onside Youth Zone in west London. It will open in Q1 2024.'

Laura Marschall (née Hicks) divides her time between Toronto and the Lake District. She writes, 'Work has miraculously taken off and I am now flying all over to cook for clients; the last six weeks has seen me cooking in Montreal, Nova Scotia, Grenada and Taipei. I also have a regular night every five weeks here in the UK for 50 people where I introduce them to authentic, regional Indian food. Max, our eldest, will be applying to study dentistry in autumn. I can't believe he's only got one more year at school, and that he's so sensible – obviously not my side of the family genes! Eliot is currently doing his GCSEs and assured me he has failed maths, he's definitely mine!'



Paul Fernandez at Padmanabhapuram Palace, India



Ben Sinnott and his wife Vanessa



Clare Teachman and family



Laura Marschall and her husband

Neale Upstone writes, 'Highlights include: getting out skiing for more than one week for the first time in 15 years. At altitude, it was hot and hard! At home, I decided I didn't want to pay a tiler over £1000 to do our bathroom, so did it myself. Lastly, Su and I are finding that being the parents of a teenage daughter is certainly a rollercoaster. One day she came downstairs with crazy hair and makeup as her first steps to being the next Sacha B-C.'

Simon Daniel's energy storage software company Moixa was acquired in 2021 by Lunar Energy in the US, which is set to help homes transition to 100% clean energy, through increasing electrification. Moixa's Gridshare software is managing tens of thousands of solar batteries in homes in Japan and the US as well as EV charging for Honda, helping to create GWh scale virtual power plants to help balance grids. Simon spends time between London and Somerset and is now exploring wider climate response technologies.

On which note, I should add that Moixa installed a battery for us in the autumn (we already had solar panels). It works brilliantly and I'm addicted to the Moxia app which shows how much electricity we're generating, using, and storing in the battery. In May, for example, we only used 66kWh from the grid.



*James Ellson
holding a frame
of comb honey*

And finally, it's my turn. **James Ellson** is writing ... 'A mink took our ducks in October, the cold snap (-10C in the Peak District) killed many of our overwintering veg, and we lost a colony of bees. But, in the autumn we had amazing apple and honey harvests. We take the latter as comb honey (chopping the frames into blocks) which I read recently described as one of the last gourmet foods. Sarah and I are making steady progress climbing the Munros (now 168/282 of the Scottish hills over 3000 feet). My speaking career has developed (across my three interests of writing, smallholding, and mountaineering) and I have 34 bookings this year. The next instalment of the DCI Castle series is called Cold Summer and will be out in November.'

1993 Year Group Representative Richard Alton writes:

A large group of Christ's alumni came together for an annual reunion in mid-Wales in May. Great fun was had by **Richard Alton, John Rimmer, Andy Hesp, Sinead Hesp (née Treacy), Chris Harper, Lucy Harper (née Hamilton), Andy Mawby, Ben Jeppeson, Adam Turnbull, Alison Whiteley, Paul Head and Jim Petty** (and associated families made over 40 of us!). We soon found out we were not 18 years of age anymore!

News from **Sapna Tombolis (née Garg)**: 'Since leaving Christs I've become a partner with Gunnercooke LLP, and practise as a commercial litigator with an interest in good causes (!). I am married to Glafkos Tombolis, a corporate lawyer and partner at Deloitte and we have two children, Lakshmi Tombolis (17) and Krishnan Tombolis (15). We live in West London and enjoy travel (especially to Cyprus), good food, music, comedy and films. Now that the kids are older we are rediscovering a bit more free time and I am always up for catching up with old friends from Christ's! We try to attend a Cambridge event each year or so when we can.'

From **Richard Alton**: 'Many of you will know that I am currently Deputy Head at Epsom College and thank you for the many messages of support sent following the

tragic events the College has seen this year. I live in Ashted, Surrey and family life keeps me busy with three children, 12, 10 & 6. It's always a pleasure to catch up with friends from Christ's and as we approach 50 years of age having matriculated 30 years ago, it seems apposite to use these milestones for further reunions; I will be in touch.'

1994 Year Group Representative James Mobbs writes:

James and Pippa Brice celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. James is currently Principal Research Scientist for GPS company Focal Point Positioning and Pippa is Head of Research & Development for NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They have two sons, Hugo (21) and Peregrine (11).

Sarah Wroe has been living in New Zealand for over 17 years now with her husband Ian and 3 kids Ethan, Imogen and Daniel. She is a Barrister with Chambers in Auckland. She practises throughout New Zealand and recently had the opportunity to appear in the Cook Islands in the courts on Rarotonga and two of the outer islands, which she found an amazing experience. Although she is thousands of miles away from family, her family never felt isolated until Covid closed the borders. They were very happy to get back to Europe in December/January, where they had their first winter Christmas in the UK in many years and toured a bit of mainland Europe by train. Venice was a particular highlight.

James Mobbs doesn't have any specific developments worth reporting. Much like movie character Napoleon Dynamite, he continues to do "whatever I feel I wanna do, gosh!", although mostly in the context of land registration.

Professor Sujit Sivasundaram has been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy.



Sarah Wroe with family in Venice

1998 Year Group Representative Brooke Morriswood writes:

Kathryn Brown (née Humphrey) has been working on climate change for 20 years and recently moved from Government to The Wildlife Trusts in a new climate change director role – now putting her zoology degree to good use! She received an OBE for services to climate change research last year. With others, she is still organising regular meet ups of the Christ's Mango Chutney Society, one of several curry-themed College groups. Last November, **Stewart Morris**, **Georgie Sharp (née Ronalds)**, **Jo Briggs (née Coombs)**, **Sue May Tsui**, **Richard Cohen**, **Dan Eves**, and **Danny Lanyi** met for a regular dinner, and along with **Gail Clare (née Goodrick)** and **Chris Yiu** are now looking for a date for a 25-year anniversary this year. The group has grown over the last few years with the addition of lots of partners and friends plus 15 children – though none of them belong to Kathryn!

Wolfgang Grobecker is still giving legal advice for a living in his own Munich-based firm (MARTIUS, founded in 2019), mostly for international clients. It provides more flexible working hours than in the big ships he previously worked in for twenty years. He's playing football and tennis as often as possible (rowing being no real option in Munich) and, following the lockdown phase, went to see his grown-up sons Felix (22), studying at UADE in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Tim (21) at UC Davis,



Wolfgang Grobecker

Sacramento, CA. He's playing around with his third son Ferdinand (6) whenever the chance arises, and loves New World wine.

Baz Jones is still Head of Science with Senior Leadership Team secondment at a school he really loves, with an amazing team and children he loves working with. He's also got a book deal to write a history of UK Black Metal with another Christ's alumnus, **Ben Joyce** (m. 2000), so although the black eyeliner is a thing of the past, the black metal, black coffee, black beer, and black humour are all still present and correct.

Nick Jones can announce that Zachary Jones has been promoted to the role of big brother effective from 12 June 2022, due to the birth of Luke Alexander Jones.

Chris Mason reports that the Mason nippers, his wife and he are still chugging along in south-east London. Various middle-aged traits are now long established, but certainly not yet (at least) a love of gardening. He's responsible for barely a few square metres of it in total and finds himself greeting the arrival of spring with the overwhelming irritation that stuff is going to start growing again.

Stewart Morris started a new job in January – enterprise risk in the investment management industry – and otherwise still spends a lot of time looking after his three lively, busy children. He enjoyed catching up with a few Christ's friends over the past year, in some cases for the first time in many years, and is always happy to meet up for a coffee or beer.



*Brooke Morriswood
and family*

It's been an eventful year for **Brooke Morriswood**, who in January resigned from all positions he held at the University of Würzburg and left it, and academia, at the end of April. He's now enjoying a summer break, although academic entanglements – including a translation of an exhibition text about one of his scientific heroes, Theodor Boveri – continue to consume a lot of time. In autumn he will be moving into the biotech/pharma sector to start a new career direction at a Medical Communications firm. Besides all that, he and the family continue to enjoy life in Aschaffenburg.

Chloe Naldrett is still living in Bristol and working for Birmingham Rep Theatre. Following a short spell on remand last year after breaking an injunction at an oil refinery she is now a Spokesperson for the civil resistance group Just Stop Oil.



*Jon Pendergast
and family*

Jon Pendergast continues to live in Ontario, Canada with his wife, Jen, and his two boys Sebastian (10) and Dominic (8). Last summer, they moved out of Toronto city and into the rolling hills to the east. Jon leads the Sales Engineering organisation for North and South America within a large global software firm, and Jen is Executive Director of a local charity. Jon continues with his "extreme science"

hobbies, and at the time of writing, he is chasing storms in the American Midwest.

Ellie Radburn has a total dearth of big (or even medium-sized) news, but perhaps no news is good news and life continues to be good. She's still living in NW London and working for Linklaters.

Jon Scholefield and family (Lou, Jack, Freddie, 2 dogs, 5 chickens and potentially a few thousand bees soon) continue to live the rural life in deepest, darkest Sussex.

Jon attempted to retire early, failed dismally, and now runs a digital therapeutics company called Mahana.

Rebecca Wilson has had a complicated few months. She is currently still working at Epsom College, where she's been a Housemistress & Music Teacher since January 2017. It's really rewarding, although the Housemistress role has been increasingly challenging since the pandemic and with recent tragic events at the College. There's plenty of good news to focus on, however, because she and Rory are expecting their third child in the summer! She already has an 11-year-old son, Fraser, who's about to start at Epsom and a 7-year-old daughter called Autumn. If anyone would like to get in touch, she would be delighted to catch up from summer onwards whilst on maternity leave with her new baby boy!



Rebecca Wilson and family

1999 Year Group Representative Louise Buchanan writes:

Anne McHale married her husband Abhinav in two different Indian wedding dresses, in two ceremonies in 2022 and 2023 – one in a Surrey vineyard and one in the South Indian city of Chennai.

Jon Croker's noteworthy achievement this year was that a book which he adapted into a film, *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*, won Best Animated Short at the BAFTAs and Oscars. Jon was the screenwriter on the project. Here is Jon with his much-deserved Bafta!



Anne McHale at her wedding

Many Christ's alumni are involved in a new national Maths Schools initiative. Cambridge University is opening a Maths School in September which will form part of a network of university maths schools across the country. These will be state sixth forms with a focus on delivering excellent Maths A level provision and helping local secondary schools boost their provision. Involved in the network are several College alumni: **Pete Tillman**



Jon Croker and his BAFTA

as Head of School for Lancaster University School of Mathematics; **Kate Marshall** (m. 1998), who is the Project Manager for u-Maths (the network organisation); **Wasim Rehman** (m. 1998), a governor at Imperial College London Maths School; and **Jodh Dhesi** (m. 1998), a governor of the future Aston University Maths School.

2004 Year Group Representative Anjulie Rusius writes:

In professional news, I'm pleased to convey that **Hannah Finch Noyes (née Spencer)** was awarded an 'Outstanding Educator' award from the University of Chicago, following a nomination from one of her sixth form students who is studying there this year. Just as impressive, **Jessica Kirby (née Harris)** has started a new role as Head of Strategy Implementation at Asthma + Lung UK, the UK's lung health charity fighting for everyone's right to breathe.

With regards to personal news, **Camilla (née Farrant)** and Andrew Tolley are pleased to announce that Georgina is due to become a big sister, as baby Tolley is due early November.



Niamh Baxter

Sophie and
Robin Torbet

Ellissa Rusius

There are also a few births to announce this year. **Annabel (née Lloyd)** and Mike Baxter were delighted to welcome their second child, Niamh, into the world in October. A Libra like her mummy, she seems to be taking the world in her stride. Her brother, who is now three, is already the consummate performer, having learnt the words to the Eye of the Tiger and passing his grade 1 air guitar examination with merit.

It was also lovely to hear that **Sophie Torbet (née Edwards)** married Nick in 2021 and had a daughter, Robin, in January 2022. All three are currently living in Harare, Zimbabwe where Nick is clearing landmines for the HALO Trust and Sophie is reporting on international development.

Finally, **James Rusius** and I (**Anjulie Rusius**) are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, Ellissa, in December, at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. Ellissa is already proving the little jet-setter having flown around the world in both directions (on trips to New Zealand and Japan), all before she's rotated halfway around the sun (how's that for a Cambridge brainteaser!). Bizarrely, this isn't her first publication as she was busy making the front page of the *Daily Telegraph* for the King's Coronation, back in May.

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

Danny Longman
(second from left)

Danny Longman recently set a Guinness World Record for ocean rowing. He crossed the Black Sea as part of a four-man crew in nine days and 18 hours. The voyage, between Romania and Georgia, covered 745 miles and the crew beat the previous record which was 11 days and 6 hours. This is Danny's ninth world record.

Iselin Mairi
Bagnall

Lottie Bagnall (née Greenhow) and her husband Harry welcomed a baby daughter, Iselin Mairi Bagnall, on 31 October 2022. She is a very cheerful baby who is much adored by her parents, big sister Heidi and Mungo the Labrador. (Best Hallowe'en ever!)

Sam Berkeley and **Ingrid Berkeley (née Burt, m. 2006)** welcomed Arran William Berkeley on 12 October 2022, a little brother for three-year-old Finlay.

Matthew Stanton and **Hannah Stanton (née Walker-Gore, m. 2006)** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a garden party attended by lots of friends from Christ's.

Gabriel Roberts recently came third in the local elections, having stood for the Green Party.

Kenneith Yong finally completed training in Paediatric Neurology 11 years after medical school and recently migrated to Australia to practice at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney.

In September, **Simon Bartle** and **Lara Bartle (née Anderson)** welcomed a little girl, Ellie, who, along with their son Jacob, who was born in 2018, makes them a family of four.

Joe Walmswell and his wife Jennifer welcomed their daughter Jane Emma Walmswell on 18 June, weighing 3.5kg. Her big brother Jude is very excited to have a baby sister.



*Left: Kenneith Yong
Right: Jacob and Ellie Bartle*

2007 Year Group Representative Anna Protasio writes:

Jakob Foerster welcomed his first son this year. Jakob, who is an Associate Professor at the department of engineering science at the University of Oxford, was also awarded an ECR Starter grant to fund the development of foundational machine learning algorithms to help AI systems interact smoothly with human users.

David Tattersall and Jennifer Chen also welcomed their first child and son into the world this year – Julian Orion Tattersall-Chen, born 10 Nov 2022 in New York City.

In-Yong Hwang reports: 'It's been an exciting year for us – in September 2022, my wife Yvonne and I welcomed baby Ira into the world, our first child. It's obviously turned our world upside down just a little bit! Pretty much around the same time, I stepped up to the Head of Maths role at the school that I'm working in (The City Academy, Hackney) and we went through an Ofsted inspection in March – so a busy year to say the least! It's been exciting getting to know our son and it's amazing to see how quickly he's growing up.'

Gianluca and Claire **Consoli (née Cahoon)** welcomed their baby boy, Edoardo John Consoli, into the world on 2 June. They are settling into life as a family of three and enjoying lots of newborn cuddles.



Edoardo John Consoli

2008 Year Group Representative Valerie Teh writes:

In what feels like the blink of an eye, 15 years (!) have passed since we matriculated. As ever, it is such a joy to share some uplifting news from our cohort.

Charles Read, who returned to Cambridge as a Fellow of Corpus Christi College in 2018, has had a very busy year. He published two books, *The Great Famine in Ireland and Britain's Financial Crisis* (October 2022) and *Calming the Storms: the Carry Trade, the Banking School and British Financial Crises since 1825* (January 2023). Both have made national and international headlines for anticipating or predicting recent financial events: first, the financial panic triggered by Truss's mini-budget of autumn 2022 (a re-run of the February 1847 budget and financial crisis it caused) and second, the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and the wider US banking crisis of March 2023 (resulting from the mechanism described at length



Charles Read's book

in the second book). He was also elected as Junior Pro-Proctor of the University of Cambridge for the 2022/23 academic year, and in that capacity he presided over Christ's general admission to degrees ceremony in the Senate House in June 2023. He will then serve as Junior Proctor of the University in the 2023/24 academic year.



*Left: Robbie Jones
Right: Maxim
Alexander Kay*



Josh Jones writes: 'Last year, a few weeks after moving house up in rural Perthshire, Helen and I welcomed baby Robbie! As if life wasn't busy enough then, I took up my current post as the UK's first NHS Clinical Phage Specialist, based at Ninewells Hospital. Phages are viruses that infect and kill bacteria – a useful unlicensed option

for antibiotic refractory infections. I was pleased to briefly visit College earlier this year. Lots of fond memories!

Oliver Kay writes: 'Elizabeth Stevens (St. Catharine's College m. 2008) and I had a baby in October 2022 – Maxim Alexander Kay. He's doing very well!'

2011 Year Group Representative Sophie Barker writes:

Bex Masters updates that she is currently doing her Paediatric specialty training and has spent the last 18 months working in Neonatal Intensive Care. She married Jonny Brown (a Magdalene medic) in October 2020 in a small 15 person Covid wedding. They welcomed their first baby – Rory John Brown – in May 2023 and are getting used to life as a trio!

Congratulations to **Charlotte Higgins** who got married to Charlie Scott on a beautiful (and extremely warm!) day in August – back at Christ's, where they first met.



*Charlotte Higgins
on her wedding
day at Christ's*

2012 Year Group News:

Congratulations to **Luis Castellvi**, who married his wife Teresa Ndong in April 2023.

2014 Year Group Representative

Holly Giles writes:

The 2014 year group have had a busy year since catching up at the MA ceremony last year. Some of us has also caught up more recently at the Christ's College Life Sciences biannual meeting, and we look forward to meeting again at the next event in October.

Adam Piatt writes that he is currently undertaking the Nuclear Graduates development scheme and has been enjoying his time working at Sellafield in Frontline Technical Support.

He has been able to attend training and conferences across the UK and is working towards his chartership with the Royal Society of Chemistry. He is due to start a secondment with the Office for Nuclear Regulation in July. Henry McNernan also updates that he is enjoying life teaching Classics at Wellington College.

James Jarvis is delighted to announce his engagement to Susannah Duck (Newnham m. 2014). He has recently qualified as a solicitor and has joined Fladgate's private client team in Holborn. **Richard Miller** also has exciting news that he is now a qualified barrister specialising in property law. **Holly Giles** completed her PhD in March 2022, and has since moved back to Cambridge and is working as a computational biologist at the Milner Therapeutics Institute.

From members of the MCR, we heard that **Ali Bahram** is working as an Engagement Manager at Mansfield Advisors and has been speaking at health and social care conferences and regularly publishing healthcare analysis. **Matthew McMillan** shares that after completing Part III Mathematics at Christ's, he went on to take the BPhil in philosophy at Oxford, and then a PhD in Mathematics in California at UCLA. This year he started a company to develop a new kind of digital learning platform for university-level applied mathematics, based in Charlottesville, Virginia. He would be very glad to hear from anyone interested in maths, learning, or software.

2015 Year Group Representative Mariya Chepishcheva writes:

José Siqueira reports: 'I did my BSc in the University of Brasília, Brazil, then came to Cambridge for Part III of the Mathematical Tripos and a PhD, as a member of Christ's College. I wrote a thesis proposing a new foundation for nonstandard analysis based on techniques in categorical logic, then proceeded to write papers on generalised distributive laws and topos theory. I joined Gonville & Caius as a



*Luis Castellvi
and his wife
Teresa Ndong*

Bye-Fellow last Michaelmas, where I've been acting as a College Lecturer and Director of Studies in Mathematics. Aside from my College duties and lecturing in Part III, I've been concerned with the relationship between logic and geometry suggested by topos theory, and the role of distributive laws in logic and geometry.'

Mariya Chepishева recently completed her PhD in Clinical Neuroscience at Imperial College London. In her thesis, she investigated the vestibular guided spatial orientation and postural control in patients with central dysfunction of the nervous system. On another note, Mariya just came back from a well-deserved holiday in Asia (Singapore, Malaysia, and Bali (Indonesia)) where she spent some precious time with her mother, Vera.



*Mariya
Chepishева and
Vera (Mariya's
mother) in Bali
(Indonesia)*

IN MEMORIAM



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Douglas Barker (Emeritus Fellow)

One of the most frequent themes in the many tributes to Douglas Barker is that he was responsible (perhaps to the chagrin of Directors of Studies in the physical sciences) for converting non-biologists in Christ's to biology, and then for supporting them throughout their undergraduate career. It was true for me: I joined Christ's as a committed physical scientist, but a single conversation with Douglas ended up with my studying Biology of Cells – and I never looked back. The same happened to Honorary Fellow Sir Richard Treisman, who commented in this magazine that the biggest impact of his joining Christ's was Douglas convincing him to take that course too, even though he had given up biology at school. Professor Daniel St Johnston, in his EMBO Medal essay, noted that he, Richard, Sir Hugh Pelham (another Honorary Fellow) and I had all “fallen under benign influence of...Dr Douglas Barker”, and that Douglas had saved him from specializing in other science subjects. And more recently on LinkedIn Dr Julia Cooper has recorded that Douglas did the same for her. Douglas must have converted innumerable students to Biology, and Biology should be grateful to him.

Douglas and his wife Valerie also cared for Christ's students, going above and beyond to do so. Ann Campbell-Ferguson reported on LinkedIn that they took her to hospital when she sprained her ankle; and Daniel St Johnston has written that Douglas and Valerie took him into their home in Barton to relieve the stress of finals. Daniel commented that it is a pity that there are no prizes for excellent teachers who inspire their students to do research, because Douglas would have been a very worthy recipient. I agree completely.

Douglas's room in First Court was where we all got to know him, from our initial interviews to our supervisions. The interviews were the stuff of legend. He would present prospective students with an unusual specimen and ask them to describe it as if they had found it on an expedition to Mars. If the conversation flagged, he would bring a pet mouse out of his pocket, which must have livened things up a bit. The supervisions helped one understand the course but went far beyond the lectures and provided a general education in Biology that was second to none. I always enjoyed walking into Douglas's room. The ambience reminded me of the fictional room of Lewis Eliot (see the opening pages of *The Masters*). It smelled distinctly of pipe tobacco and was close to Charles Darwin's rooms. It's tempting to say it was this spirit of the place that so inspired Douglas's undergraduates, but Douglas could have held his supervisions in the Typewriter and still moved us to learn, inquire, question, and criticise.

Douglas's popularity wasn't limited to biologists. He was also an enthusiastic President of the Rugby Club and Senior Member of the Marguerites' Club.

Douglas couldn't have taught science so well if he hadn't been such an outstanding scientist himself. Working at the Molteno Institute, he was a molecular parasitologist, focussing particularly on leishmaniasis, a disease caused by a single-celled parasitic organism that is spread by sandfly bites. Douglas was an early adopter of DNA technology to identify different *Leishmania* species, and in 1982 he went to Belém in Brazil to ask whether the techniques he had developed in Cambridge might be applied in the less sophisticated laboratories in the tropics. They could, and of course DNA technologies are now widely used in identifying parasitic species around the world. Douglas's work was recognised by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene by the award of the Sir Rickard Christophers Medal on his retirement in 2000. He also received the Silver Medal with Laurels from the University of Khartoum.

Douglas was born in Edinburgh in 1933, the youngest child of James and Geira Barker; he had two sisters and a brother. He went to George Heriot's school, where he was a member of the Sea Cadets and the Rugby team. He did National Service after school, where his experience on minesweepers persuaded him that a career in the Navy was not for him. Instead he went to the University of Edinburgh where he studied Zoology, remaining there to do his PhD and to become an Assistant Lecturer. As a pioneer of electron microscopy he was highly sought-after, and he and Valerie, to whom he was now married, moved to the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, a Department of Energy research institute that was ahead of its time in bringing multidisciplinary approaches to science and engineering. The USA was not for Douglas and Valerie, however, and they returned to Edinburgh in 1963 before Douglas moved to the Dunn Nutritional Institute in Cambridge four years later. Here he used electron microscopy to study *Entamoeba* before moving to the Molteno Institute in 1973 to analyse kinetoplast DNA in *Leishmania*. He became a Fellow of Christ's in 1975.

After his wonderful career at Christ's Douglas and Valerie moved to Barfad Farm in Tarbert, Argyll, where he managed a large croft-holding. He became seriously ill in the last few years and was cared for by Valerie until he died on 13 September 2022.

Jim Smith, Honorary Fellow 2009; Christ's undergraduate 1973–1976

Clive Holmes (Former Fellow)

Clive was born on 10 November 1943 and came to Christ's from Gonville and Caius College. He was a Fellow of Christ's from 1 September 1967 to 31 July 1969. After his time in Cambridge, he moved to Cornell University and then to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, in 1987, where he stayed until he passed away on 25 July 2022.

Clive was an eminent scholar from the publication of his first monograph *The Eastern Association in the English Civil War*. His research interests were varied, from the politico-military history of seventeenth-century England to the history of early modern witchcraft. However, he defined himself most as a historian of early modern law and legal institutions.

Although Clive was the author of many outstanding works, including *The Gentry in England and Wales and Why was Charles I executed?*, his priority was teaching. Clive's former students attest to his warmth, humour, and energy. His lectures were insightful and engaging. He gave his time generously and offered guidance and counsel to those who needed it.

Timothy Mark Routley Lintott (m. 1971, Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellow)

Tim Lintott grew up in Cheshire and later Cobham in Surrey. Aged 17, he became Devon County's Junior Judo Champion, and throughout his life, he excelled at every available sport.

He matriculated at Christ's College in 1971 to read Law. While at Christ's, Tim won a half Blue in Athletics, representing the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Team on its US tour. In 1972, he played for the University against the formidable New Zealand All Blacks rugby team, and in 1974, having recently graduated, he

joined the University rugby team's Japan tour.

Encouraged to return to Cambridge for an extra year by Sandy Pratt, Tim's fellow Christ's rugby player, and later his best man, Tim reappeared at Christ's to take the graduate LL.B law degree course. Tim won his rugby Blue in that year's Oxford & Cambridge Varsity match, importantly on the winning side.

Tim's professional career as a solicitor began with 8 years at Freshfields in London. He then moved to Hong Kong becoming a partner of Baker McKenzie, where he built the Far East's leading legal practice in aviation finance. In 1986, he married Susie Diamant, also a practising solicitor, and they remained in Hong Kong for 8 years, raising daughters Katie, Rosie and Lucy. In 1992, Tim and Susie returned to Cobham in Surrey, and Tim was welcomed back by Freshfields as a partner, where he remained for 17 years until his retirement in 2009.

Tim was on the Development Board of Christ's College and was awarded a Lady Margaret Beaufort Fellowship in 2017. He was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and held the Freedom of the City of London.

In July 2017 Tim was diagnosed with stage 4 Urachal cancer and told he might not reach the end of that year. Instead, as a result of his family's care, and Tim's determination to make the most of life, he lived for five more very full years.

In memory of his Christ's contemporary and friend George Spyrou, who died of leukaemia in 2010, Tim had initiated The Spyrou Scholarship, a bursary awarded annually to assist a student in studying for the LL.M degree course. The now eleven international alumni have created a strong social group and gather each year for a dinner at Christ's hosted by the Master. In Tim's honour, the award has now been renamed The Spyrou-Lintott Scholarship. It was Tim's firm desire to raise sufficient further donations to endow and perpetuate the scholarship. Donations are welcomed via the Christ's Development Office.

Peter Maurice Castle-Smith (m. 1941)

Peter Castle-Smith was born on 10 October 1922. He came to Christ's in 1941 to read Mechanical Sciences. He died on 1 October 2022 at the age of 100.

John Neil Keith Gibson (m. 1941)

The Rev Canon Keith Gibson came to Christ's in 1941 to read Mathematics. He died on 1 March 2022.

Giles Elliot Dixon (m. 1947)

Giles Dixon's life began at Toll Bar Cottage on Froggatt Edge, Derbyshire and ended on the banks of the Humber. In the intervening 97 ½ years it was a full, exciting, rewarding, and globetrotting life.

Giles was schooled at Dauntsey's School in Devises, where his interest in genetics began. He was awarded a Wiltshire County Scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge, but due to the world situation in 1943 he decided to delay formal study and took advantage of an Army scheme to complete an engineering degree at Queens University, Belfast, joining the Royal Engineers towards the end of the war. He returned to Britain in 1947 to be stationed at Chatham where he met, fell for, and married his Colonels secretary Jessie.

Once demobbed, he took up his place at Christ's College, Cambridge to read Biology, specialising in Genetics. After his graduation in 1952, he began a long and successful career in plant breeding which took him to Kenya, the United States, and around the UK. He also returned to university for a third time to study for an MSc degree in Biometrical Genetics at Birmingham University.

In his retirement, he revived his association with the Royal Engineers, becoming Chairman of the local branch. He took great pride in representing them at several Cenotaph Parades in London.

After the loss of Jessie, he found companionship with Brigid, with whom he shared a love of classical music.

He was a gentleman in all meanings of the word.

Stephen Dixon

Stephen W Rogers (m. 1947)

Stephen Rogers was born on 6 June 1925 and matriculated at Christ's in 1947. He graduated with a BA in Natural Sciences on 22 June 1949. He was very active in sports during his time at Christ's, partaking in both Badminton (Secretary 1949–50) and Squash (Secretary 1948–50). He also served on the JCR Committee.

James Alexander Popple (m. 1948)

Alex Popple was born on 4 January 1924 and matriculated at Christ's in 1948 to read Natural Sciences. He acted as Year Group Representative for the 1948 year group after leaving Christ's. He died on 31 December 2022 at the age of 99.

Michael Hunt (m. 1949)

Michael Hunt's main love in youth was riding, and he was a successful amateur jockey in 'Point to Point' racing. It was his love of horses that led him to the realisation that he could make a career out of looking after them.

After receiving his degree in veterinary medicine from Christ's, Michael initially worked in Yorkshire with an eminent equine veterinary surgeon. He then took up a position at the Equine Research Station (later the Animal Health Trust) in Newmarket. There he was spotted as someone of great

potential by Peter Rossdale, whom he worked with to build from scratch one of the largest equine practices in Europe.

Michael's work ethic was astounding, and he was a kind and patient tutor and mentor to younger clinicians, many of whom went on to become eminent in their field. His clinical ability was only matched by his self-effacing modesty, and he never sought the recognition from his peers that he so very much deserved.

He retired at 60 and moved up to Rhyd-uchaf, near Bala, North Wales. He and his wife, Lorne, bought a dilapidated farm where they lived in happy isolation, content in their own company, for nearly 30 more years.

Michael was a naturally gifted artist and he painted daily up to two weeks before his death. He was delighted in recent times to have donated three of his paintings to the student-loan collection at Christ's.

Michael died peacefully on 13 May 2023. He was pre-deceased by both his wife Lorne and youngest son Crispin, and is survived by his eldest son Jonathan. A truly remarkable man, held in huge affection by those who knew him, his passing will leave an enormous void in many lives.

Rob Pilsworth

Michael Paul Chesterman (m. 1950)



Michael Chesterman was born in 1932. His early years were spent in Yakusu mission station in what was then known as the Belgian Congo, where his father was a missionary doctor. He came up to Christ's in 1950, graduating in 1955 with a BA and Certificate of Education. His passion was for rowing, and he just missed out on selection for the Blue Boat in 1953 and 1954.

After graduation from Christ's, Michael married Sylvia in April 1955, and then served a three-year commission in the RAF, before Africa called. His work in Africa spanned more than 30 years. His first teaching post was at CMS Lagos school in Nigeria and he went on to be the headmaster at Magamba School in Tanzania, followed by St Mark's, Mpelembe, Chengelo and Lechwe schools in Zambia, where he spent most of his time from 1979. Michael also worked as a radio producer broadcasting English language programmes for students across Zambia, and led the Churches Medical Association there, helping mission hospitals to get the resources they needed to deliver essential health services in remote areas.

In between his trips to Africa, Michael taught languages at Gresham's School in Norfolk where he and Sylvia had established the family home, led the Africa Evangelical Fellowship for several years based in South London, and, as he approached retirement, worked as a financial advisor and as the local Parish Clerk for Stody and Hunworth. He died on 13 November 2022, aged 90, leaving behind Sylvia, his wife of 67 years, and four children (with 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren to date!).

Susan Chesterman

Charles H Lindsey (m. 1950)

Charles won an open major scholarship to Christ's College in 1949, but spent a year out working at the research department of ICI Rubber Laboratories in Manchester. This was a good introduction to experimental work and research, and he co-authored

a paper, aged just 19. At Cambridge he studied Natural Sciences and was awarded a degree in Physics in 1953. He then became a PhD student at the Maths Lab (now named the Computer Lab) in Cambridge, researching logic in parallel digital computing machines. The Maths Lab is where he met his wife Sylvia, who operated the Hollerith machine.

After his PhD, Charles worked for Ferranti in Manchester. In 1967, Charles joined the teaching staff of the recently created Department of Computer Science at Manchester University. He immediately became interested in the new programming language ALGOL 68, and was invited to be co-author of a book intended to provide a much-needed informal introduction to the language. Working on ALGOL 68 kept Charles fully occupied until about 1983, and he was awarded the IFIP Silver Core in 1977 for his services to the IFIP Working Group responsible for it.

After retiring, Charles became a member of the Computer Conservation Society and subsequently led the team restoring Douglas Hartree's differential analyser at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

He will be greatly missed by his extended family.

Gillian Lindsey

David J B Nicholls (m. 1950)



David was born on 27 July 1932 in Greenwich. He spent most of his early life in India, where his family were in the tea industry.

After attending Uppingham School he went up to Christ's in 1950 to read Agriculture. Graduating in 1953, he emigrated to East Africa, tea planting in Tanganyika, now Tanzania. After National Service in the Kenya Regiment, he lived in Nairobi and was a tea broker in Kenya and Malawi. He returned to the UK in 1969, becoming a partner in the London tea broking firm of Geo. White & Co. Latterly, he was tea manufacturing and marketing consultant with the Inchcape Group for their tea estates in North East India. He retired in the early 1990s.

He and Jill married in 1956 and had three children and five grandchildren. His interests were bell ringing, aviation (PPL holder), sailing, and walking. He died on 15 November 2022 aged 90.

Jonathan Nicholls

William Henry Streets (m. 1950)



Harry Streets was born in 1931 and came up to Christ's in 1950 to read Modern Languages. He had spent the previous year in weekly rep at the Connaught Theatre, Worthing (acting alongside Warren Mitchell and Alec McCowen among others), and had the theatre bug badly. He spent most of his time in Cambridge at the ADC with his contemporaries Peter Hall, Frederick Raphael and Joan Bakewell or with the Footlights, where he appeared in the first ever televised Footlights Revue in 1951. Sadly that was the peak of his dramatic achievement and after a brief stint

selling space at the Derby Evening Telegraph he joined his parents in the family business: an amusement arcade on Worthing pier. In 1966 he joined the board of Madame Tussauds working three days a week with the other four spent on the pier. At Tussauds he worked alongside three consecutive Managing Directors – and was largely responsible for growing the business outside its famous Marylebone Road building. They opened an exhibition in Amsterdam, acquired Wookey Hole Caves and Warwick Castle and, in trying to acquire Chessington Zoo, were themselves acquired by its owners the Pearson Group. He was also responsible at various times for the Planetarium, where he introduced the laser light show, Laserium, which ran very successfully from 1977 to 1990; and the studio, overseeing a dramatic improvement in the quality of the waxwork figures aided by the introduction of an annual prize for figurative art at the Royal College of Art.

He retired from Tussauds on his 65th birthday and sold the pier business four years later. He retired to London to indulge in his continuing passion for the theatre and for contemporary art. He attended regular Christ's events and despite his neglected studies got on very well with his tutor, Jack Plumb. He died on Boxing Day 2022. His wife of 67 years, June, survives him as do their three children, one of whom followed him to Christ's in 1980. Their eldest child, James, died tragically aged 13 from acute asthma.

Richard John Winfrey (m. 1950)



Richard John Winfrey was born in London in 1931 and went up to Christ's College Cambridge in 1950 to read History and Law. He enjoyed rowing and at 6 feet 2 inches tall was a strong oarsman. He was Captain of Boats and won his oar representing the College in Bumps.

In 1955 he was called to the bar at the Middle Temple. National Service was next and he was commissioned into the Royal Norfolk Regiment and served in Cyprus. On release, he went to the London College of Printing in 1957, and then joined East Midland Allied Press, the family newspaper business, in 1958.

Richard married Jean in 1958 and they have four children – Ian, Peter, Sarah and Ben. Richard was a generous family man. He enjoyed going out with the Pipewell foot beagles, but his greater passion was for sailing, and he had a succession of dinghies which he enticed his children into. He also enjoyed downhill and cross-country skiing.

Richard was also interested in art and converted some outbuildings at home into a gallery. He arranged twice-yearly art exhibitions to support local artists. He also served the community by being a churchwarden for several decades and by serving on the local Parish Council.

Richard's was a life well-lived. He was kind, generous, and hard-working. He was forgiving of other's faults. His marriage was full of love and happiness. With 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren he certainly had 'a quiver full of arrows'.

Miguel Fortunato Abecassis (m. 1951)

Miguel died in Cascais, Portugal, on 19 July 2023 aged 92.

Arriving at Christ's from Millfield School and then with three years at Cambridge, his English was so perfect that he became known by his friends at home as O Bife (The Beef – slang for Englishman).

His early career was with various family businesses including one in the chocolate industry but then he became a translator working for numerous and varied clients. He retired from this only a year or two ago when he was either told or felt that his English (very much of the 50s) was too out of date.

For me Miguel was a delightful and close but too rarely seen friend for over seventy years.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel, and two daughters from a previous marriage.

Roger Richardson (m. 1952)

John Dickins (m. 1951)

John Dickins was born on 16 March 1931 in Ilford in East London. He came up to Christ's to read Mathematics in 1951 after completing his National Service, the first from his school to go to an Oxbridge College.

John stayed on to do a 4th year at Christ's where he completed the Diploma in Mathematical Statistics before getting his first job at Fison's Fertilizers in Felixstowe. The interviews in those days were less demanding than they are now: The Research Director who interviewed him said "I suppose you know all about statistics", and John replied that he supposed he did. He was offered the job.

In 1963, John returned to Cambridge to take up a new job as a Statistician at Spillers in Cambridge. Once back in Cambridge, John continued to support the Statistics community. He gave a course at CCAT on the Statistical Design of Experiments, for the Part II exam of the Institute of Statisticians, and became very involved with the Cambridge Society for the Application of Research (CSAR). He became a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (FIMA), as well as a Chartered Statistician.

In June 1983, John became one of the three founder members of a new Rotary Club in Cambridge, Cambridge Rutherford.

John passed away on 17 February 2023.

David Dickins (m. 1981)

David Frances Marshall (m. 1951)

David Marshall won a State Scholarship and an Exhibition to Christ's College to study Mechanical Sciences. He was a keen model-maker and photography prize winner. He enjoyed the technical backstage theatre workings and rowed for the College.

In 1957, David won a Goodwin Travelling Fellowship for a study of pre-stressed concrete in Sweden and Switzerland, returning to marry Margaret whom he had met backstage in

amateur dramatics, and with whom he went on to have three children. Working as an Engineering Consultant in Edinburgh, he was responsible for the high-rise Anderson Cross Buildings in Glasgow and a teacher training site in the middle of Hamilton racecourse. Returning to Kew, he was the engineering consultant responsible for the Brentford Dock regeneration.

In 1970, with local parents and three teachers, David helped found Unicorn School in Kew which his daughter and three of his grandchildren subsequently attended. Between 1971 and 1994, working for Maunsell Consultants, he consulted on projects in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Nigeria, Oman, and New York, returning to consult on parts of Docklands Light Railway. In 1999, David was the consultant engineer for the Westminster Station TFL and Jubilee Line tunnelling under the Palace of Westminster.

David very much enjoyed his retirement working on smaller engineering projects with his son Christopher. Other hobbies included photography, landscape painting, figure drawing and sculpture, exhibiting at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. He also enjoyed antique clock restoration, teaching at Unicorn School, and assisting on the technical side of productions. He died suddenly on 7 January 2022 aged 90.

Fiona Mulliner

Patrick J Mill (m. 1951)



Patrick was born in 1933 in Kenley near Croydon, only child of Joseph and Gladys. The family moved when he was about four to a brand-new house in Isleworth, my grandfather being in the position to obtain a mortgage. Of course, not long after, WW2 began and with it the commencement of bombing. As an immediate result all buildings insurance was suspended. Patrick's father became an ARP warden and along with neighbours stayed up all night on fire watch to protect their properties. After all, if their houses burned down not

only did they lose their house but they still owed the mortgage. This carried on for years. Working by day, he was the General Manager of a plastics factory, and was then up all night on fire watch, catching sleep when he could. This is important as it shows that Dad was brought up in a 'no nonsense, get it done' environment.

Needless to say, Patrick passed his eleven plus and therefore went to Isleworth Grammar School, from where he won a state scholarship to Cambridge University, matriculating at Christ's in 1951, and reading Natural Sciences. He spoke fondly of his college days, supported his college all his life and used to wear his college scarf on boat race day. After graduating he went on to achieve a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of London.

As a young research scientist Patrick worked at the Lister Institute for Preventative Medicine in Chelsea, exploring further refinements of the smallpox vaccination. He then escaped post-war London to Rome. Here he worked for the International Research Centre for Chemical Microbiology. The Director in charge of the Institute was Professor (Later Sir) Ernst Chain, of Penicillin fame. Another major event occurred in Rome, where Patrick met Jeanette, who was there working for the FAO (Food and Agricultural Organisation, part of the UN) in order to be an established Roman citizen so as to fully enjoy the 1960 summer Olympic Games. They were married in December 1960 and returned to England in 1961.

Patrick continued to work in research, initially for the brewers Arthur Guinness, before seeking the more familiar environment of the pharmaceutical industry. He then swapped lab coat for three-piece suit and began a career in business management finally retiring as head of business at Bayer Diagnostics, a division of the German conglomerate Bayer AG.

Patrick had at least 22 published papers of huge variety, ranging from “The Nature of the Interactions between Flocculent Cells in the Flocculation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*”, to a patent for, “Containers with screw caps”. The former is understandable, as his thesis for his PhD concerned yeast, but screw cap containers? He was working for an American company called G D Searle at the time and they made diagnostic equipment but you would think that the screw caps would be a designer’s territory rather than a biochemist’s but I do recall dad knocking up all sorts of plastic prototypes, and borrowing my Air fix adhesive to do so!

Retirement allowed Patrick to indulge his passion for antique microscopes. I think the plan was to deal in microscopes but so great was the passion that I don’t believe he ever sold one. This interest led him to join the Scientific Instruments Society, becoming Treasurer and Chairman. His first microscope, bought by his father, was a 1910 Reichert and the purchase receipt still in the case is dated 2nd November 1949 and was from Wallace Heaton Ltd of New Bond Street London for £35, a phenomenal amount of money in post war Britain and probably, after his house, the most expensive thing that Joseph had bought. A highly intelligent man himself, he clearly saw something in the boy.

Patrick’s interests apart from his microscopes included gardening, opera, travel, food and wine but above all else his greatest passion was his love for Jeanette, over 62 years of marriage.

Simon Mill

Arthur Allan Patchett (m. 1951)

Arthur Patchett was born on 28 May 1929. He came to Christ’s in 1951 as a Fulbright Fellow to read Chemistry after graduating from Princeton. He went on to earn a PhD from Harvard in January 1955. He then served several years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He had a very successful career in the field of Chemistry and was the Association Co-holder of 167 US patents.

Michael Sykes (m. 1951)

Michael Sykes died peacefully at home on 8 January 2023. His funeral was in the parish church on 27 February, which overflowed with people that his life had touched.

Born in 1933 and educated at Marlborough College and Christ’s College (agriculture), his life witnessed World War II and then all the changes that followed. After his National Service, spent in Germany, he declined an offer to go to Harvard so that he could pursue his passion for farming.

Despite his uncle being a founder member of the organic movement The Soil Association, he preferred to embrace the science of the day and was a keen advocate of the latest techniques.

In 1962 he married Anne Julia Willink and had two children, Caroline and Jonathan. His life revolved around serving his local community as a District and Parish Councillor, his farm and his family.

Jonathan Sykes

Edward Anthony Whitehead (m. 1952)

Ted Whitehead was born on 3 April 1933. He came to Christ's in 1952 to read English, graduating in 1957. He died on 13 January 2023 at the age of 90.

William E Peter Lloyd Williams (m. 1953)

Peter matriculated at Christ's in 1953 to read History. Whilst at College, Peter captained the Christ's College Boat Club and sang in the Chapel Choir, which was the beginning of a lifelong passion for choral music and singing. Later in life he wrote classical music reviews for the *Bath Chronicle* for over twenty years. On average we attended forty-two concerts a year.

After graduating from Christ's, he went to Africa to work for the Colonial Service. On returning in 1961 he worked for Unilever and was posted to Warrington. One day while he was filling up with petrol he noticed another customer was doing likewise – both incidentally wearing Cambridge club ties. Michael needed a fourth member for a tennis foursome that evening and invited Peter to join them. I was also in that foursome and the rest is history. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in 2022. Who says Cambridge club ties aren't important!

Peter was always very active in the community, whether it was starting up the mini club section of Bath Rugby, chairing the Parish Council, or being a Lay Reader at St. Nicholas Church, Bathampton, but his greatest love was his family, his two sons, Martin and Robert, and his five grandchildren. As another Christ's man, his brother John, said in his tribute to him: 'In Peter I believe we have seen a life with the quality of love, and love, as St Paul has reminded us, "never ends".' He will be greatly missed.

Andy Lloyd Williams

David Malcolm Blamires (m. 1954)

David was born on 4 May 1936 and grew up in the linked villages of Hartshead Moor and Scholes in the West Riding of Yorkshire. He came from a large working-class Quaker family and attended Whitcliffe Mount Grammar School. He achieved outstanding grades and was awarded a scholarship to Christ's in 1954, where he read MML and went on to complete a PhD. In his own words, his time in Cambridge was "like technicolour after a youth in black and white".

David was involved in Quaker young people's activities from an early age, one of his favourites being the annual Yorkshire Friends Holiday School. He was active with national and international Quaker communities throughout his life, travelling to the USA, Canada, Australia, and across Europe. Throughout his travels, David generated a vast network of friends with whom he regularly communicated via telephone and letters.

In 1960, David commenced his 50-year association with the German Department at the University of Manchester, where he became a world-leading scholar in the study of Medieval German, German Literature, and latterly children's books. At that time, he also purchased the house in Fallowfield which remained his home right until the end of his life.

Through the 1960s and 1970s, David undertook a personal journey to further the cause of homosexuality in society. His most influential work, the essay *Homosexuality*

from the Inside, was published in 1973. It remains the most widely circulated piece he had ever written. David “came out” in the 1970s, an era where homosexuality was stigmatised greatly. He became a point of contact for gay issues within the Quaker community and became a visible figure to the outside world.

As well as being a writer, David was an avid reader. His personal library consisted of more than 12,000 volumes, including many rare and unique collections of children’s literature which have now been donated to the Rylands Library in Manchester.

David lived a full, rich, and colourful life amongst a vast network of friendships from around the world, maintained by phone calls and letters over many decades. His was not a conventional life, but it was one where he found purpose and love, in Quakerism, relationships and friendships, culture, arts, and literature. He was a brave and courageous man, and we are all inspired by what he achieved.

Simon Blamires

Alan Geoffrey Clarkson (m. 1954)

Alan Clarkson was born on 14 February 1934 and matriculated at Christ’s in 1954 to read Mechanical Sciences. After graduation, he went on to read Theology at the University of Oxford for two years. He worked for forty years in the Ministry in the Church of England and spent fourteen years as Archdeacon of Winchester before retiring. In his retirement, he and his wife moved to Linton to be near some of their nine grandchildren. He died on 8 November 2022 at the age of 89.

George Nicholas Downs (m. 1954)

Nick Downs was born on 8 November 1933 and came to Christ’s in 1954 to study Modern and Medieval Languages. While at the College he was part of the Boat Club. After graduating in 1957, he went straight into the industrial sales side of Procter and Gamble. After many years in the sales industry, he and his wife started a wine producing business in Devon in 1976. He later married again to Stella, with whom he moved to Portugal. Nick died on 5 May 2023.

Timothy S Green (m. 1954)

Timothy Green was born on 29 June 1936 and joined Christ’s in 1954 to read History. He died in 2022 at the age of 86.

Frank Waling (m. 1954)

Frank Waling was born on 5 February 1934 and joined Christ’s in 1954 to read History and Theology. During his time at the College, he did many extracurricular activities including being the table tennis captain and chess secretary and being part of the Seeley Society. After leaving Christ’s in 1957, he went back to Cambridge to read Theology at Wesley House in Jesus Lane. He was ordained as a Methodist Minister and spent nine years in active ministry. He then read for a Doctorate at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and became their first ThD in Comparative Religion. Changing to a more academic career, Frank moved to Edinburgh and became a Professor of the Study of Religion at Edinburgh University. He retired in 1999 but remained an Emeritus Professor and Honorary Fellow. With his wife, Margaret, he had two children, John and Ruth, and a grandson, Luke. Over the years he wrote or edited 14 books and over 100 papers, but he enjoyed the teaching side of university life the most. He died on 26 November 2022 at the age of 89.

James Campbell Woodburn (m. 1954)

James was born in 1934 in Purley, Surrey. He went to school at Whitgift in South Croydon from where, in 1952, he gained a place at Christ's College to read History. However, Compulsory National Service delayed his entrance and he spent two years training as an interpreter in Russian.

He entered Christ's College in 1954, where he was an Open Scholar. Over his time at the College he received the Alfred Cort Haddon Prize, a Christ's College Prize, and a Sir Bartle Frere Exhibition.

On entering Christ's, James changed subject to read Archaeology and Anthropology. He followed his degree with three years of research in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) with the small hunter-gatherer group, the Hadza. He returned to Christ's College in 1960 to write up his PhD thesis "The Social Organization of the Hadza of North Tanganyika".

James lectured from 1965 until 2000 at the London School of Economics, where he wrote several influential papers that are still considered today as some of the most important works on hunter-gatherer societies. He continued to work with the Hadza throughout his life, making his last trip as recently as 2017.

He died in on 9 June 2022, having spent nearly two years in a care home. Our granddaughter, Flora Sharp (m. 2019), graduated from the College in 2022 just after James died.

Lisa Woodburn

Iann Marchant Barron (m. 1955)

Iann Barron had a significant impact on the high-technology computing industry in the UK and especially in Bristol.

After attending University College School, Iann was awarded an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Christ's College. He remained at Cambridge to read Mathematics and Moral Sciences. During his university years and after involvement in scientific research for the army and air force, Iann worked at Elliott Brothers. He contributed to the design of the Elliott 801/803 and to the air defence high performance computer 502. He left to found Computer Technology in 1985.

CTL's Modular One computers were first sold in 1968 to virtually every university in the UK and to world-renowned research establishments. Iann was very proud that in 1970, CTL was awarded The Queen's Award to Industry.

Iann founded INMOS in 1978 to develop and manufacture an innovative microprocessor – the transputer. The transputer was designed to work in arrays and networks to provide immensely powerful parallel processing. INMOS was awarded a Queen's Award for Technology in 1990.

Iann's last venture was Division, an early developer of Virtual Reality and GPU technology.

Iann held many honorary awards including a CBE, and he was a technical adviser to various government studies.

In retirement, Iann did very little, but said he did it very well.

Patricia Morgan

Edward Robert Graham Anderton (m. 1956)

Edward was Head of House in Ingram's Hall, Shrewsbury School and went up to Christ's College, Cambridge to read Medicine in 1956, following in his father's footsteps.

He enjoyed life in Cambridge and talked fondly of summer afternoons on the boundary at Fenner's near his digs watching cricket with a pint of beer in his hand!

He completed his clinical training at Westminster Medical School, as it was many years before Addenbrooke's had a Clinical School.

He met his wife Mary when they were both doing house jobs in Lancaster Infirmary, and they had three children: twin boys John – who also read Medicine at Christ's – and Richard, and a daughter, Sarah.

Edward practiced as a GP in Lancaster from 1967 to 1993, before retiring to nearby Littledale, where he and Mary enjoyed over 20 very happy years

After a period of increasing frailty he died peacefully surrounded by his family on New Year's Eve 2022.

John Anderton (m. 1984)

Richard Oldcorn (m. 1956)

Richard Oldcorn was born on 21 February 1938. He matriculated at Christ's in 1956 and read Natural Sciences and Economics. After graduating, he moved to Australia and worked as a self-employed financial planner and paraplanner, writing and selling his own financial planning software. He competed for Great Britain and Australia in fencing in three Olympics (1964, 1968, 1972), 18 world championships, 3 commonwealth games and the World Master's Games. He died in 2022 at the age of 84.

John B de V Rudolph (m. 1957)

John and his wife Rosemary had been married for fifty nine years and together for sixty two. His engineering career was in the paper industry. He worked for Wiggins Teape at their Buckland Mill in Dover, Treforest in Wales and at Dartford Mill. He project managed improvements at the mill in Nivelles in Belgium and then managed the construction of the machine to make no carbon required paper at Virginal, also in Belgium. It was one of the best machines they ever had, running trouble free for over thirty years before it was decommissioned.

When computer technology took over the paper industry, John found work managing a mill in the foothills of the Pyrenees which made the cigarette tissue known as Rizla. We lived there very happily for several years. His last contract was installing paper mills in Pakistan and Indonesia with French capital.

On returning to England, we retired to Somerset, where John continued to keep bees, grow the most delicious tomatoes and to enjoy cooking and drinking the best wines from his large cellar.

After his first heart attack his health began to deteriorate and mobility became a problem.

We moved to Sherborne last September to a much smaller house with a tiny garden. We hoped to be together for our Diamond wedding anniversary, but it was not to be, and John passed away peacefully on 28 January 2023.

Rosemary Rudolph

John Jeremy Woolley (m. 1957)

John Woolley was born on 25 September 1936 and joined Christ's to read English in 1957. He wrote an autobiography called *Walking to Hagetmau*, which recalls his wedding and the three years he lived in southern France. He died on 1 March 2022.

David Roderic Hill (m. 1958)

David was born on 8 May 1937, in Leamington Spa, England. A gifted student, he gained a place as a County Major Scholar at Cambridge University. He matriculated at Christ's College to study engineering in 1958, after completing two years of national service.

In 1959, the defining moment of David's life took place when he helped a young lady struggling with her suitcases at a train station. 'Love at first sight' was to prove no myth, and three weeks later David and Shelagh were engaged, marrying in 1960. Family life soon followed with the arrival of three children, and David settled into his work, first as a flight test engineer with Short Brothers, then as a research and project leader with Standard Telecommunication Laboratories.

In 1967, David answered a job posting for a teaching position with the University of Calgary and returned to Canada with his young family to pursue his career as a tenured professor and researcher with the Department of Computer Sciences. There he established himself as a leader in the fields of Computer Human Interaction, Artificial Intelligence, and Speech Synthesis and Recognition by Machine.

In 1995, David took early retirement, and he and Shelagh left Calgary for the more temperate climes of Bowen Island, BC. David never completely left his profession, and as Professor Emeritus he kept up various research projects. Widely read and politically interested, he was a skillful mechanic and builder, a keen gardener and potter, and an avid squash player, golfer, skier and sailor. Above all, however, his life was defined by love for family. He was a man of strength, integrity and honesty, and will be in our thoughts forever.

Henry Patrick Thomas Young (m. 1958)

Henry Young was born in London on 20 April 1932. He was educated at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire from 1943–51, where he excelled in mathematics and was a keen sportsman, representing the school in athletics, football and cricket. His sense of vocation to the priesthood led to his acceptance for formation at Allen Hall, St Edmund's College in Ware, Hertfordshire where he was a seminarian from 1951–57. He was ordained to the priesthood on 16 June 1957 in Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster. Fr Henry then spent a year at Cambridge Technical College and in 1958 he commenced studies in Natural Sciences at Christ's College, Cambridge. While there he played cricket and rugby for the university.

In 1961, Fr Henry joined the staff at the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School to teach science and chemistry. An exemplary teacher, he earned the respect of

colleagues, students and their parents and carers, and he endorsed the Catholic ethos and objectives of the school. He remained on the staff until his retirement in 1992.

In March 2022, as his need of care increased, he moved shortly before his 90th birthday from his home since his retirement from teaching on Heathfield Terrace in Chiswick, to live at St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington. He quickly endeared himself to the Sisters, staff and residents and was grateful for the support and the end of life care he received. He was grateful, too, for the support given by the close family and friends of 'Team Henry'.

May his gentle soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mgr Martin Hayes

Andrew Leigh (m. 1959)



Andrew matriculated at Christ's in 1959 to study Moral Sciences, now known as Philosophy. He was a member of the Boat Club while at College and was deeply involved in theatre, performing with the Footlights, the Amateur Dramatic Club (ADC), and the European Theatre Group.

Andrew's distinguished career in the theatre after he graduated was testament to his passion, brilliance and his innate energy and exuberance. During his sixty-year career, he opened and managed theatres across the country, including nineteen years as General manager of The Old Vic. He touched the lives of many people with a career that included The Citizens Theatre in Glasgow, the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, the Duke's Playhouse in Lancaster, Leicester Haymarket, The Old Vic, and the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End. Andrew served on the boards of both the Theatre Management Association and The Society of London Theatres. He was a huge supporter of the Edinburgh festivals, and he served as a Director of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society for eighteen years. He joined the board of the Pleasance in 1995 and served as a Trustee until his death at home on 28 July 2022 at age 81.

Andrew had a wonderful sense of humour. He was a champion of new work and new ideas and a very great friend. We will miss him enormously.

Paul Markham Zec (m. 1959)



Paul was born in London on 24 July 1940. In 1959, he gained a scholarship to Christ's from City of London School to read Classics. It was at Cambridge that Paul's lifelong passion for jazz was born and nurtured. He became President of the University Jazz Club and quickly graduated from playing the penny whistle to the saxophone, playing alongside fellow students including Dave Gelly and Art Theman. Over the years Paul became a well-respected and innovative jazz saxophonist, forming his own small groups and jamming with other top-class musicians across the UK and USA.

After leaving Christ's in 1962, he qualified as a teacher, becoming Head of History at Kidbrooke School, South London, later teaching at schools around the country. He eventually moved to Kent, joining Canterbury Christ Church University, lecturing in Philosophy of Education and becoming HEQC Liaison Officer, helping the University to gain degree-awarding powers.

All his interests were passionate and well-informed, and included classical music, particularly Mozart, studying philosophy and watching test match cricket. He became a freelance Further Education Consultant and a Schools Volunteer and Trustee at the Spitfire Museum at Manston. In 2010, he met his second wife, Frances, marrying in 2021.

Long-term kidney problems culminated in a double transplant in 2015, giving Paul a new lease on life. However, in 2021, after suffering a series of minor strokes, he was diagnosed with dementia and died peacefully at home in September 2022. He is survived by his wife Frances and daughter Joanna.

Frances Zec

Brian Robert Cooper (m. 1961)

Bob matriculated at Christ's in 1961 to read Mechanical Sciences. He was deeply involved in sport during his time at College and was a Marguerite, rowed, and played rugby. He continued to stay active after leaving Christ's and in his retirement, Bob often met up with the Christ's 61 Golfers for their annual reunions. Bob leaves behind his wife Jan, whom he married in 1963, and their three children, Giles, Nick, and Caroline.

Charles P Langer (m. 1961)

Charles Langer was born on 21 June 1942 and joined Christ's in 1961 to read Electric and Information Sciences. From 1964 to 1993 he worked for CEGB (later National Power) designing and constructing major power stations. He took early retirement in 1994. He married in 1969 and had three daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. He spent his free time sculling year-round. He died on 28 July 2022 at the age of 81.

David Bourke O'Connor (m. 1962)

David O'Connor was born on 5 February 1938 and matriculated at Christ's in 1962 as a postgraduate to read for a PhD in Egyptology. He went on to become a renowned Egyptologist. From 1964 to 1965, he worked as a professor of ancient Egyptian history and archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania; from 1995 until his retirement in 2017, he worked at NYU's Institute of Fine Arts. He died on 1 October 2022.

Terence E Martin (m. 1963)

Terence Martin was born on 28 April 1941. He came to Christ's in 1963 to read for a PhD after reading Biochemistry at the University of Adelaide. He died on 12 April 2023 at the age of 83.

Kenneth William James (m. 1964)

Ken James was born on 22 May 1947 and came to Christ's in 1964 to read Natural Sciences. While he was at the College he played a very active role in the community, acting as the rugby captain in 1967/8 and also playing hockey. After leaving Christ's, Ken made a career in business, eventually becoming Chief Executive of the Chartered

Institute of Purchasing & Supply. He was awarded an OBE in the 2008 Birthday Honours. In his free time he enjoyed playing pentaquin, golf, travelling and spending time with his grandchildren.

Nicholas Rodney Lowther Fry (m. 1965)

Nicholas was born on 28 April 1947 and joined Christ's in 1965 to read Economics and History. While at Christ's, he was a member of the Boat Club. After graduating in 1968, he became the vice chairman of KPMG Corporate Finance and the non-executive Director for Brixton plc, a major industrial property company. He also he did a lot of work for charities and was a trustee and treasurer for Independent Age (formerly the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association or "RUKBA"), a charity which helps older people remain independent. He was also a trustee for Afrikids, a charity which supports a community in Northern Ghana. He died on 30 July 2023 at the age of 76.

Alan Leslie Nice (m. 1966)



My dear friend Alan Nice passed away suddenly on 22 June 2022. We first met at Christ's in 1966. Apart from reading Classics, we had many other interests in common, particularly sport, and quickly became firm friends.

After leaving Cambridge, we both started work in Summer 1969 with Royal Insurance Group. Although based at different London branches, we still kept in close touch, and when Alan and Mary fixed their wedding date I was delighted when asked to be best man. We continued to meet up regularly, but this became increasingly difficult after the early 1980s when Alan moved to Southend and I moved to Gloucestershire. The demands of young growing families, pressures of work, and the distance between our homes were all factors, but we kept in touch by phone. Once Covid arrived in 2020, I deeply regret that we never managed to meet up again. But for several years before that the four of us had regular holidays together.

Sport was always a big part of Alan's life, but his greatest love of all was for his family – wife Mary for over 50 years, children Georgina, Christopher, and Katharine, and their six grandchildren. I shall miss him, and all the good times we enjoyed together. He was a wonderful friend for a very long time.

John Rookwood (m. 1966)

Martin John Wood (m. 1969)



Martin was born in Huddersfield on 19 December 1950 and educated at King James's Grammar School before progressing to Christ's in 1969. By the time he graduated he had resolved to become a barrister, securing pupillage first with Igor Judge (later Lord Chief Justice) and then James Stewart (later QC and Honorary Recorder of Bradford). He obtained a tenancy at Broadway House Chambers in Bradford, from which he practised until his retirement on his 70th birthday in December 2020.

Although his pupil masters had criminal practices, Martin never sought to practise in that field, choosing instead family and civil law, developing over the last decades of his career a highly successful practice in high value financial property cases. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that he was one of the pre-eminent practitioners in the north-east of England in that field and very highly regarded. His Honour Judge Rose said this of Martin in a eulogy given in Bradford Crown Court:

"[he was] the consummate professional, the brilliant lawyer, the outer carapace which made him such a fierce opponent, the toughest negotiator, one of the best exponents of the art of cross-examination and a man who had the respect of his colleagues, of the judges before whom he appeared and of those whom he represented. Beyond that Martin Wood was undoubtedly a man of inordinate kindness, a gentle, witty and amusing companion who cared deeply for his friends, for his family and for his colleagues and who would do anything for them".

His passion was his home in Starbotton, a lovely village in Wharfedale. Over 35 years he expanded the property and created a beautiful home and landscaped garden filled with antiques and works of art. His final years were marred by serious illness, which he bore courageously and from which he died on 12 March 2023 aged 72. He will be long remembered by his many friends.

Philip Raynor (m. 1968)

Andrew Charles Philips (m. 1971)

Andrew was born on 23 March 1953. He came to Christ's to read Law in 1971. Andrew was called to the Bar in 1975 and remained a member of the Chamber for the rest of his life. He died on 26 May 2023.

Geoffrey Thomas Savage (m. 1971)



Geoffrey Thomas Savage died on 23 December 2022. His love for his wife Lesley, the excitement of travel, experiencing fine dining, wine, culture and reading resulted in a fulfilled and happy life.

Geoffrey arrived at Christ's College in 1971 from Dulwich College where he had been Lieutenant of the School and Captain of Fencing. At Christ's he followed his heart and read History. His interest in the subject was deep, long-lasting and passionate. He had joined the Heraldry Society at the age of 12 and later in life became an active member of the Worshipful Company of Upholders and also was a member and Master of the Cripplegate Ward Club in the City of London.

After Cambridge he became one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Taxes, specialising in corporate tax. From there he moved to Courage Brewery and latterly to Whitbread PLC where he was Director of Tax until his retirement.

He was a traditionalist in so many ways. He eventually moved away from believing that separate collars were the only way to wear a shirt but believed that a Half-Windsor knot in the tie and cufflinks should be everyday wear. If he had ever owned a pair of jeans he kept them well-hidden!

He was elegant, intelligent, witty, generous, caring and a thoroughly decent person. Undoubtedly, Geoffrey's three score years and ten on this earth can truly be summed up as "a life well-lived".

God bless you Geoffrey.

Lesley Steward

Douglas Williams (m. 1974)



Douglas Williams arrived at Christ's from Loretto School in 1974 to join a significant group of rugby players at the College, many also from Scottish schools.

Douglas read geography but played a lot of rugby and enjoyed himself enormously. Unfortunately, his studies suffered as a result and his Part 1 performance in the Tripos did not impress the examiners. He was not invited to return to Cambridge to continue his degree! Nevertheless, he picked himself up and went on to Aberdeen to study law. After he qualified as a Solicitor with a well-known Edinburgh law firm,

he decided to do a short-service commission in the Army legal service before settling down to practice law with the firm of Baird and Co. in Cupar, Fife near St Andrews.

Douglas and his wife, Sue, also a lawyer, continued to live and thrive in Cupar for the next 35 years, with Douglas continuing to play rugby well into his 40s for the local Howe of Fife club. Eventually Douglas and Sue joined legal forces and set up their own firm in Cupar until retirement beckoned. Sadly Douglas did not have long to enjoy it. His family and friends will miss a man of exuberant personality who brought much joy to the world.

Adrian Charles Backler (m. 1975)

Adrian Backler was born on 19 June 1956. He came to Christ's in 1975 and graduated with a BA in Engineering in 1978. While at Christ's he was a member of the Boat Club, the Rugby team and the Hockey team. He died at the age of 67.

Mark Edward Parkinson (m. 1975)



Mark was born on 22 January 1956. He attended Salesian College Battersea and came up to Christ's to read mathematics in 1975. A keen games enthusiast, he represented the College at chess, and spent far too much time playing backgammon, bridge, board games and poker with a host of like-minded friends. He was also politically engaged, or at least nosey enough, to enjoy the time he spent as student representative on the governing body.

After graduating, he dipped his toe into accountancy, but did not like it, and sensibly followed his father into school-teaching instead, where he spent his whole career, spending over forty years as a maths and information technology teacher in secondary schools ranging from Sao

Paulo to Bodmin. Latterly he returned at last to the London of his birth, where he taught at various schools, including an eye-opening period as maternity cover at Eton College.

Mark married his Brazilian wife Sula in 1980, which led to the spell in Sao Paulo, where their son George was born, daughter Maria having already arrived in London. Mark loved Brazil, and it was while visiting family in Rio that he suffered an unheralded and devastating stroke, from which he never regained consciousness. He died on 1 August 2022, aged 66. He is survived by Sula, their two children, two grandchildren, four siblings, and many friends, who all miss him dearly.

Steve Pimentil (m. 1975)

Simon Francis Dominic Atkins (m. 1976)



Simon was born in Singapore and later studied at Eltham College in Mottingham, where he was a key member of the Chess Club and the Dramatic Society. After reading Natural Sciences at Christ's, Simon did an information degree at Loughborough and subsequently worked in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. He taught himself computer skills and became an IT specialist for the Water Research Centre (WRC) in Stevenage, Medmenham, and eventually Swindon. He was a Rogerian counsellor and manned a gay helpline as a volunteer. He carried on his theatrics in Swindon – playing Geoffrey in “The Lion in Winter”, and then set up a two-man theatrical company. Productions included “The Prisoner of Zen” and “The Haunted Host”. He met his partner, Rob in the mid-90s, and they moved to Merseyside in about 2004.

Simon's frequent visits to his parents in Wales stimulated his interest in Welsh. He and Rob moved to Cardigan in 2007. He was a passionate Welsh speaker and helped Rob learn the language. His interests included heraldry, bryology (study of mosses and liverworts) and role-playing games – as a player, games master, and game architect.

He didn't have the greatest of health for much of his adult life, suffering from a severe allergy to animal protein which left him with a damaged liver. He became quite reclusive in Wales and suffered from pharyngeal cancer in his last few years. He had recovered from this but died shortly afterwards of other complications after a stay in hospital where he had been treated for a C. Difficile infection.

He died peacefully at home on 31 October 2017.

Rob Heyes (partner), Pat Lee (sister), and Jonathan Rathbone (m. 1976)

John Trevor Byron (m. 1976)



John read Music at Christ's. After graduating, he worked as a pianist, both solo and accompanist, composer and singer as part of The Park Lane Group and elsewhere, playing and singing at many major venues in the UK and abroad. Work with choirs, conducting and accompanying them became increasingly important to him. Although he taught piano at a number of prestigious schools, including Uppingham, prestige meant little to him and he was happiest where he found a genuine passion for music and could make a meaningful contribution. John was a thoughtful, inspirational, kind, supportive man and musician.

John composed right up to his death, and was still revising several pieces. Substantial works include 'Adamic' for Jane Manning and Jane's Minstrels, 'Verba', recorded by Schola Cantorum of Oxford and aired on Radio 3, as well as commissions from The Royal Scottish Orchestra and Junior Choir, Milton Keynes Chorale and The Open University Choir and Orchestra. Haruko Seki premiered 'Seascape' for piano at last year's Buckingham Festival. John gained a PhD in 2007 for his research into the music of Tristan Murail.

He was a man who marched to the beat of his own drum, whose understanding of the world was unique and full of depth. For many, logic and creativity are two separate forces, but within John, they worked in tandem. He sought information for the sheer joy of learning, could embrace tradition whilst welcoming the new, and had many other passions besides music, including travel and a lifelong love of languages. John had more to give the world but the fact that he accomplished so much and touched so many means more than anyone can imagine. He is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Rachel, and their two children Robert (b.1996) and Lydia (b.1998). Whilst John Byron has left us too soon, the music lasts.

Rachel and Lydia Byron

Colin Stamford Crouch (m. 1976)

Colin Stamford Crouch was born on 14 October 1956 in Bushey, Hertfordshire. He was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's school before coming to Christ's in 1976 to read Geography. Later, he completed a doctoral degree at the University of Durham examining unemployment in mining communities. Colin was politically and socially engaged, being an active member of the Fabian Society and the Labour Party.

From a young age, Colin was extremely skilled at chess. Colin won the British Under-16 Championship in 1972, the Under-18 Championship in 1974, was internationally rated in 1977, and was awarded the International Master title in 1991. He had a continued presence in the national chess community and was known for his humour and character as well as his playing ability.

Colin was an accomplished writer, having written fifteen books on chess. Although, when asked about his publications, he said "I would regard my work in economics as vastly more important than anything I have done in chess."

In 2004 a stroke damaged Colin's health severely, his movement and vision were greatly impaired. Determined to continue his chess-playing career, he competed in many more national and international tournaments against non-sighted, partially sighted, and sighted players. He won silver medals in both the 2008 and 2012 Chess Olympiad for the Blind and Visually Impaired competitions.

Colin was a dedicated coach and took great satisfaction from the development and success of the junior members of the Harrow Chess Club. Colin died in his home in Harrow on 16 April 2015.

Richard David Holmes (m. 1976)

After graduating from Christ's with a degree in mathematics, Richard became an analyst programmer for utilities companies at the start of the IT boom. He later founded his own business and retired in his fifties. He supported many charities and threw himself into volunteering, notably with Help the Aged and then Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield. For his dedication to this cause, he received the British Empire Medal in 2020. Richard still found time for continued learning, reading history and astronomy texts in particular, and he also became adept in languages including Arabic, Russian, Croatian, and Turkish.

Gary Edward McGuinness (m. 1976)

Gary McGuinness was born on 13 November 1957 and came up to Christ's in 1976 from Cardinal Allen Grammar school in Liverpool to read Law. He arrived with a guitar, a cheeky smile and a gift for friendship, all of which stayed with him for the rest of his life. He quickly worked out that law was not for him, so at the end of his first year he switched to Archaeology and Anthropology, particularly enjoying the latter. He loved the social life of the College (although he hated sport) and made many friends there. In his second year he came out as gay, a much bolder move then that it is now.

After graduation, Gary returned to Liverpool to follow a career as a musician. He became well known on the music scene, playing in several bands, including Walter Mitty's Little White Lies, as a guitarist and lead vocalist, writing most of the material. In the 90s Gary and his partner Graham moved to central France where they married and restored a property together. Gary was diagnosed with cancer in late 2022 and died on 2 January 2023 at the age of 65. Gary is survived by Graham, his brother Roger and his family. Gary was a superb songwriter who put poetry to music. Below is an extract from a song Gary wrote called 'Spark Across the Wire', written after his mother's death. We remember him with much love and affection.

'Just a spark across the wire
We were here then we were gone
A momentary fire
From an everlasting sun

Walk away, walk away
Time has past and left for yesterday
Walk away, walk away

Lise Manniche (m. 1981)

Lise Manniche came to Christ's in 1981 to read for a PhD in Oriental Studies after completing an MA in Egyptology at the University of Copenhagen.

An internationally renowned scholar in the field of cross-cultural archaeology, Lise's work was extensive and innovative. She worked tirelessly in her research and enjoyed unparalleled access to archives during her numerous trips to Egypt and Sudan. In addition to her academic work, she published five books of Egyptian tales for young readers.

Lise stayed in Cambridge for nearly fifteen years. After her PhD, she had various jobs including working for an Afghan publishing company. She took up horseback riding and involved herself with the Icelandic Horseback Society of Great Britain.

On returning to Denmark, Lise joined the Danish Egyptological Society and became the editor of its journal, *Papyrus*. She was a pillar of the society, translating colleagues' articles, providing illustrations from her large collection of photographs, giving lectures, and organising social events. Her years in Denmark were productive and happy, in her own words, among "the best in [her] life".

Lise passed away suddenly, but peacefully, in her home in Denmark. She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues. She is survived by her daughter and her two grandsons.

Robert Henry Bracewell (m. 1983)

Our brother Rob Bracewell, who died suddenly of a heart attack on 2 May 2023, was a distinguished researcher in Engineering Design and Fellow of Churchill College (2003–13). Born in Leeds on 26 March 1962, Rob won scholarships first to Leeds Grammar School and then to Christ's, where he read Engineering from 1980 to 1983. He began his research career at the University of Lancaster, working initially on wave energy (his PhD thesis), mechatronics and robotics before turning his attention to engineering design. From 1990 he was Lead Researcher at Lancaster's new Engineering Design Centre (EDC), working on the Schemebuilder software and methodology. Then in 1997 he moved to the Cambridge EDC, as a Senior Research Associate (and later Assistant Director) and member of the Rolls-Royce/BAE Systems University Technology Partnership for Design. Here he worked to devise, develop and implement innovative, research-based software tools which facilitate the capture, sharing and management of design knowledge and reasoning, notably in a very fruitful long-term collaboration with Professor Ken Wallace and the Design Systems Engineering Group of Rolls-Royce plc. The result of this work was the acclaimed Design Rationale editor (DRed), proprietary software that received the Rolls-Royce Director of Research and Technology Award for Creativity in 2004 and was quickly adopted as an important element of the Rolls-Royce engineering toolset. In collaboration with Imperial College London, Rob worked to develop the free and open source designVUE tool. And during a decade as Director of Studies (Engineering) at Churchill, he enjoyed his role in recruiting, teaching and supporting new generations of talented engineers. In 2013 he undertook a period as a visiting researcher at the NASA Ames Research

Center before joining Rolls-Royce as a Design Systems Specialist, but within twelve months the onset of Parkinson's Disease forced his ill-health retirement. Rob was a kind, warm and generous colleague, teacher and friend, interested in everyone and everything. He loved travel, history, sport, politics, music and cinema. He was a keen fell walker and climber, a 5-a-side footballer, and a cyclist famously devoted to his folding bike, which accompanied him to conferences all over the world. His family and his many friends will miss him enormously.

Margaret Sumner and Katherine Bracewell

Satyajeet Ramchurn (m. 1996)

Satyajeet Ramchurn was born 26 May 1963 and matriculated at Christ's in 1996 to read Natural Sciences. After Christ's, he attended Oxford Brookes University to read for an MSc in Environmental Impact Assessment and Management. He then worked as an Environmental Consultant, doing an LLB with the University of London External Programme between 2003 and 2005. In 2006 he joined the Ministry of Public Utilities as Technical Adviser to the Minister of Public Utilities. Satyajeet died on 11 February 2023 at the age of 47.

Oliver Luke Baldock (m. 2013)



Oliver's defining qualities were humility, good humour, and an intense positivity. He was gentle and good natured in his dealings with everyone and had a lovely smile. Not only did Oliver have no enemies, but anyone who came to know him well loved him.

He had a great sense of humour and was a fan of Milton Jones and Tim Minchin and their rather quirky and eclectic sense of humour.

He thrived at Dartford Grammar School and attained outstanding grades in his IB exams, securing a place to read architecture at Christ's College, Cambridge. He matriculated in October 2013 and successfully completed his degree in 2016. He was awarded the RIBA Advanced Diploma in Professional Practice in Architecture (Part 3) after his death in October 2022.

Oliver was passionate about architecture. He formed an intention to qualify as an architect at a very young age and worked tirelessly to achieve his ambition. He was interested in the theory of architecture and was concerned with the impact of the built environment on the lives of all of us. He passionately believed that good architecture could make life better for everyone. It is sad that he did not have the opportunity of putting those beliefs into effect and we will now never know what impact he would've made in his practice as an architect, but there can be little doubt that it would have been remarkable.

He will truly be missed by many.

Anne Baldock

We are sorry to report the passing of the following alumni, whose obituaries will be published in next year's Magazine:

Mr David Bothwell (m. 1943)
 Mr James MacDowell (m. 1945)
 Emeritus Professor Anthony Perks (m. 1951)
 Dr Anthony Taylor (m. 1952)
 Mr James Hyslop (m. 1952)
 Mr David Butler (m. 1953)
 Professor Anthony Bryceson (m. 1953)
 Mr John Schofield (m. 1954)
 Mr Ian Hunter (m. 1955)
 Mr Neville Preston (m. 1955)
 Dr Alan Findlay (m. 1958)
 Mr Geoffrey Lack (m. 1960)
 Mr Edward Magner (m. 1960)
 Mr Kevin Coupland (m. 1961)
 Dr Adrian Tibbitts (m. 1962)
 Professor Bikash Sinha (m. 1964)
 Mr Robert Eastcott (m. 1964)
 Mr David Robinson (m. 1966)
 Mr Christopher Radbone (m. 1966)
 Mr Robert Bell (m. 1971)
 Mr Yasuhiro Ohe (m. 1973)
 Mr Jonathan McKenzie (m. 2008)



Third Court on a sunny afternoon

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COLLEGE OPENING TIMES

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

MEMBERS' PRIVILEGES

Dining

Alumni are invited to dine with Fellows seven years from matriculation (for those who joined as undergraduates) or three years from matriculations (for those who joined as postgraduates, exchange students or on other non-degree programmes). Alumni can dine up to ten times per academic year. Those dining assemble in the Senior Combination Room (SCR) (entrance from Second Court) where pre-dinner drinks are available from 7.20pm. Gowns are worn except when dinner is served in the SCR (normally outside the dates of Full Term). Gowns may be borrowed from either the Porters or Butlers if required. After dinner coffee can be taken in the Fellows' Parlour, or wine and coffee will be served in the SCR on evenings where there is sufficient demand.

High table bookings for alumni are available from Sunday to Friday during term time and Monday to Friday out of term. The first dinner of each term is at the College's expense. It is possible to bring one adult guest to High Table by prior arrangement, at your own expense. The Catering Office can advise on the current cost. Please note that a maximum of 6 alumni can exercise their dining privileges on any one night and that for dinner to go ahead there must be a minimum of two Fellows dining.

Bookings can be made via the Catering Office on either (01223) 339556 or (01223) 334985 or by email to mealbookings@christs.cam.ac.uk and must be made before 2pm on the day before you wish to dine, or by 2pm on the Thursday if you wish to dine on a Sunday. Whilst we encourage you to book in at your earliest convenience, please note that bookings cannot be taken more than two weeks in advance. When making a booking, please confirm with the Catering Office your name, year of matriculation, eligibility to dine at High Table, and any dietary requirements.

Accommodation

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

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

Alumni can also book accommodation at Christ's during the vacation online: <https://www.christscollegehospitality.co.uk>.

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

Keeping in Touch Online

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

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