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Editorial

I took over editing the Register in 2015, and have appreciated the work of all who have contributed to it, not least to Matt Baldwin, for his skill in editing and patience with my dithering. But it is time for me to pass on the Register. I wish my successor every success, and thank you, dear readers, for your continued commitment.

From the Rector

Each academic year at Exeter is difficult to summarise. This proved particularly true of 2019/20, during which six months of normal in-person activity were followed by six months of pandemic-induced virtual events, academic and otherwise.

Inevitably much attention focused on coping with the effects on the College of Covid-19. Intricate planning occurred, both for the entirely online Trinity Term and, during the Long Vacation, for the return of students at the end of September 2020. Simply coping with the blizzard of constantly shifting ‘guidance’ from Government, the University and the Conference of Colleges was a challenge. Fortunately the famous friendliness and coherence of Exeter came to the fore. Fellows dealt with their own increased childcare responsibilities while adapting to online teaching. Staff adjusted, in many cases, to ‘furloughing’. Students had to make equally great changes in routine. All three groups came together in the College’s Covid-19 Action Group, which has done much to help Exeter make the best of the formidable difficulties brought on by the pandemic. Meanwhile, many alumni contributed to a fund for special problems associated with Covid-19. Exonians were tolerant of postponed in-person activities, and they logged on in large numbers to virtual chapel services and webinars (see the separate article on rector’s seminars, subject family dinners and webinars).

Another part of the explanation for the College’s relatively smooth passage through the initial six months of the pandemic can be found in the considerable momentum built up during the comparatively trouble-free first six months of the academic year. During all twelve months, also, progress was made on issues unrelated to Covid-19, especially in starting to implement key aspects of the College’s 2019-29 Strategic Plan.

Many of these advances related to the goal of greater diversity, especially appropriate during an academic year which featured enthusiastic celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the advent at Exeter of female Students, Fellows, and Rectors. Also, the College, having piloted its ‘Exeter Plus’ bridging programme for incoming students in September 2019, mounted a fortnight’s course, despite pandemic constraints, in September 2020. Exeter weathered the English A-level crisis of August 2020,
Participants in the 2020 Exeter Plus bridging programme with Tutor for Admissions Professor Conall Mac Niocaill (back left)
applying individual scrutiny to aspiring undergraduates whose chances of meeting their admissions offers were endangered by the Government’s controversial algorithm. As a result, without lowering academic standards, Exeter confirmed the offers of all its home offer-holders before the Government’s U-turn. One result was an especially diverse group of undergraduate freshers for entry in October 2020. Meanwhile, a Black Lives Matter working group combining Fellows and Students made progress on projects such as a racial equality collection in the College Library and a series of themed seminars.

There were also major steps forward regarding other priorities. Statute revision made considerable progress, with an updated framework for the College’s activities given tentative approval by the Governing Body in late September 2020. An environmental working group, combining Students and Fellows, began to map out an ambitious programme designed to produce, eventually, carbon neutrality. In a related development, Exeter added ESG goals to the objectives of its investment policy. With regard to the Strategic Plan’s goal of enhanced non-academic support, the College expanded welfare provision. Last but far from least, the objective of improved academic support inspired considerable advances in refining plans for the much-needed restoration and renovation of the Library on the historic site at Turl Street. The Library project features largely in the fundraising themes developed during the academic year, which also give considerable emphasis to topics such as access and student support.

For Exeter’s students, the first two terms of the academic year followed customary patterns. First-year undergraduates, visiting students from Williams College and graduate students attended elaborate induction programmes and freshers’ dinners. The College celebrated the festivals of Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Burns Night and Chinese New Year in Exeter’s distinctively stylish way. Rector’s Collections occurred, as usual, in early December and early March, and postgraduate as well as undergraduate students attended the four ‘subject family dinners’ in record numbers. Also, although the pandemic prevented Ex Vac from holding its annual holidays for disadvantaged local children, Hannah Morris (2019, English) undertook a 54-mile riverside walk which raised money to address the knotty problem of homelessness in Oxford. Similarly, while weather and pandemic contrived to prevent any competitive intercollegiate rowing in 2019-20, Exeter students had substantial sporting achievements, at the University level, in activities as different as skiing, Rugby League, women’s rugby and – darts! Meanwhile, Exeter students were very active in promoting cultural events, especially through the annual Turl Street Arts Festival. The customary annual dinner was held for second-year students and their parents, to say nothing of the traditional ‘halfway Hall’. In early March, assisted by the highest ever number of volunteers from the JCR, undergraduate offer holders and their families gathered at Cohen Quad for a lively day of briefings and socialising.

Then, shortly after Hilary Term ended, the world suddenly changed with the imposition of the lockdown. Apart from a distinct minority of mainly international undergraduates, and a few dozen largely international postgraduates, College accommodation began six months of emptiness. As Trinity Term started, the College
Exeter students visited Williams College, MA in January 2020
Ball (very sadly) had to be postponed; in fact, no in-person social occasions occurred. Yet the JCR and MCR staged imaginative online study and social events, and real academic momentum developed. Indeed Exeter scored a record number of Firsts. Meanwhile, the system of graduate review sessions, newly focused on first year postgraduates, was heavily subscribed, and Exeter’s graduate students had many successes in master’s examinations and D.Phil. vivas.

For Exeter’s alumni, too, 2019/20 had two very distinct halves. Many of those who had matriculated in the first year of coeducation, 1979, attended a reunion dinner in November on the evening before the College’s celebratory colloquium. Alumni also participated in subject dinners for Classics and Law (the Fortescue Society). Then came the inevitable postponements – of the March and June Gaudies, of visits to Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, Washington and California, of the annual 1314 Society garden party and Boat Club Dinner – and of much else besides. Yet attendance was good at ‘Virtual Gaudies’ in June and September and at a number of webinars. Also, just as Exeter biomedical academics, graduate students and even undergraduates rallied to the pandemic cause, so did Exonians elsewhere, notably Dick Celeste (1960, History) who headed Ohio’s Covid testing task force, and Marie-Claire Condonier Segger (2003, Law) who organised online Oxford-style tutorials for schoolchildren.

Even in a pandemic year, of course, there were many instances of illustrious achievements by Exonians. Examples include: the appointment of Jonathan Hall (1992, Physics & Philosophy) as an external member of the Bank of England’s Financial Policy Committee; the launching by Betty Makharinsky (2012, Music) and Amelia Anderson (2012, Music) of the new open-air opera Vache Baroque Festival; the CB for public service received by Jeremy Pocklington (1992, Modern History); the Points of Light Award from the Prime Minister of Pakistan to Hamza Farrukh (Williams, 2013) for his work supplying safe drinking water; the appointment of Jonathan Wilkinson (1988 PPE) as Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change; and the reappointment of Matt Hancock (1996, PPE) to the key role of UK Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Inevitably, especially during a pandemic, there were also a number of alumni deaths, most notably that of Sir John Laws (1963, Literae Humaniores), retired judge of the Court of Appeal, one of the UK’s most respected jurists, and an Honorary Fellow of Exeter.

Speaking of Fellows, as usual they had a number of notable accomplishments during academic year 2019/20. These included the award to Oreet Ashery (Fine Art) of a Turner Bursary, the election of Professor Ervin Fodor (Virology) to the Academy of Medical Sciences; and the appointment of Professor Andrew Farmer (General Practice) as Director of the Health Technology Assessment Programme of the National Institute of Health Research.

In terms of the composition of the Fellowship, Exeter said a regretful goodbye at the end of the academic year to Dan Snow (Management Studies), who took up a
promoted post at Brigham Young University. On the positive side, there were many
new arrivals. Some were Visiting Fellows: Professor Alexander Bird, Philosophy and
Medicine, King’s College London; Dr Karoline Cook, History of the Atlantic World,
Royal Holloway University of London; Professor Jeffrey Dotson, Marriott School
of Business, Brigham Young University; Professor Nicolas Espejo Yaksic, Centre
for Studies of Justice and Society, Catholic University of Chile; Professor Jongsook
Lee, English Language and Literature, Seoul National University; Professor Hanna
Meretoja, Comparative Literature, University of Turku, Finland; and Professor Claudia
Olk, English and Comparative Literature, University of Munich. Exeter also welcomed,
in December, a new Honorary Fellow, Sir Antonio Pappano, music director of the
Royal Opera House Covent Garden. In addition, during 2019/20 the College acquired
eight new Governing Body Fellows. In April Dr Neil Herring, Associate Professor of
Physiology, filled the Tutorial Fellowship in pre-clinical medicine, becoming perhaps
the first ever Exeter Fellow inducted virtually! More conventional inductions had
occurred the previous October for: Dr Francis Bischoff, Junior Research Fellow in
Mathematics; Dr Stephanie Cavanaugh, Sir John Elliott Junior Research Fellow in
Spanish History; Professor Nandini Das, Tutorial Fellow in English; Dr Charlotte Elves,
Singer Fellow in Medical Law and Ethics; Dr Rajssa Mechelli, Career Development
Fellow in Economics; Yvonne Rainey, Director of Development and Alumni Relations;
and Peter Warner, Finance and Estates Bursar.

Tragically, Peter – who had rapidly become a major positive force in the
College, beyond as well as within the areas of finance and estates – died suddenly
in June, an event which deeply shocked the College and left a huge gap. During the
course of the academic year the College also lost a former Visiting Fellow (historian
Professor Aurora Morcillo of Florida International University) and former Governing
Body Fellows Sir James Gowans FRS (Staines Medical Research Fellow, 1955-60),
Professor Ian Michael (King Alfonso XIII Professor of Spanish Studies 1982-2003),
and Professor Peter Sleight (an outstanding cardiologist who first became a Fellow in
1973).

These were grave losses. Yet as I write, at the end of the year 2020, the College
has just completed a term of major accomplishments, including the successful search
for a new Finance and Estates Bursar, Nicholas Badman MA ACA, who joined us in
November. We look forward to 2021 as the year when, we hope, vaccines developed in
Oxford and elsewhere will enable Exeter to resume something much more like normal
operation, including in-person graduations and alumni events. As our forbearers who
survived plagues, acute religious strife, violent political turmoil and world wars could
have predicted, Exeter showed in 2019-20 that it has more than enough self-confidence
and momentum to put Covid-19 squarely behind it in due course. The flourishing
condition of the now nearly fully grown College cat, Walter, who was born during the
pandemic, is a good omen for the future!

Rick Trainor
From the President of the MCR

At Exeter we are tremendously lucky to have such a vibrant, lively and active graduate community. Having served as Treasurer in 2019 and then as President from Hilary 2020 to Hilary 2021, I have had many opportunities to admire the enthusiasm with which our members leave the all-consuming environs of departments and faculties to make friends, share ideas and make memories in the MCR. Over the years, that opportunity to learn from and support friends with deep expertise in all kinds of disciplines and experiences from countries and institutions all over the world has been one of the true joys of life in Exeter’s MCR. And yet, despite the stability provided by the MCR’s comforting upholstery and strong traditions from over 50 years of existence, there is still plenty of room for surprise. The academic year 2019-2020 showed the strengths of our graduate community at Exeter in the most unexpected ways.

The beginning of the year saw the MCR launch into its usual programme of vivacious social events, while juggling the demands of research projects and taught courses. We enjoyed the company of a number of colleges for Exchange Dinners at Exeter, and are grateful to New College, Balliol, Corpus Christi and Wadham for their hospitality on the away legs. In between wine and cheese nights, brunches, curry nights and welfare teas, we found time for theatre trips to the RSC and board games nights, and also enjoyed formal dinners in College at Graduate High Tables and Subject Family Dinners. These last events were an opportunity for graduates to combine our two loves: contributing to the intellectual life of the College through presentations about our research, and discussing these ideas over dinner in Hall afterwards.

The usual patterns of life came to an abrupt end at the close of Hilary Term 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic saw the University and MCR alike close its doors. It was very sad to say goodbye to students on one-year courses so prematurely, but we were glad to be able to offer financial help from the MCR to those needing to move their belongings at such an uncertain time. Though we were not physically together in Oxford, the lively collegiate culture continued remarkably, with virtual events like welfare teas and exercise classes joined by members all around the world. A particular highlight was the innovative ‘CommonHealth Games’, put together for the remote Trinity Term by the social secretaries. The games saw Exeter graduates competing weekly in all manner of challenges, from baking and recreating famous artworks to sporting achievements and sharing pictures of the most adorable pets. All the while, postgraduate students admirably met the challenge of adapting research to the new circumstances, often with the help of grants from the Academic Office. While these difficulties are far from over and the ramifications for some have been very severe, a large number successfully completed their courses and a number of DPhil candidates passed their vivas remotely, for which they deserve hearty congratulations.
One of the standout features of the MCR’s response to the crisis was the way its members marshalled their expertise in service of the College and the wider community. A number of our students are involved directly in researching infectious disease and several adapted their research quickly to better understand and respond to SARS-CoV-2. Others worked in testing labs and a number would go on to help the College with its testing regime. As well as the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 saw other global events issue strong challenges to the way we think and operate. One example was the Black Lives Matter movement which encouraged self-reflection and positive action all around the world, and Exeter was no different. MCR members were involved from the beginning in the College’s working group, to discuss and propose changes to make Exeter a more inclusive and equitable environment for all. Another of the College’s key priorities continues to be outreach and access to diversify the student population, and I am particularly proud of the way that the MCR have offered their help and support wherever possible. Graduates have acted as tutors on the Exeter Plus programme and East Lothian access scheme, supported disadvantaged A-Level students in Cornwall, and acted as markers for applicants looking to push themselves through the College’s new essay competitions. It is truly uplifting to see how Exeter’s graduates are so keen to collaborate with each other and the College to pursue diversity, and we are grateful that Exeter has worked so hard to create new scholarships to continue to promote the diversity of our own community, such as the launch of the Black Academic Futures scholarship.

Leading the community of over 250 graduates through a crisis like this was a tremendous challenge, and it would not have been possible without the able support of the MCR committee. Every member of the committee adapted brilliantly to the challenges presented by the pandemic and the scattering of the MCR across the globe, but I am especially grateful to the social secretaries, Maddy Elkington and Fiona Hartley, and the Welfare Reps, Mats Licht and Anjali Rawat, for the way they kept up spirits with creative thinking and genuine care for the welfare and happiness of the MCR. Most of all, I want to thank the Vice President, Kate Dicker. Without her commitment, hard work and imagination the MCR would have been a much poorer place.

Laurence McKellar
From the President of the JCR

When planning this report, I had a flick through the minutes of 2020’s JCR open meetings for some inspiration. Unsurprisingly, they reflect the turbulent and topsy-turvy experience it has been for many. Hilary’s selection of motions includes old favourites such as donations to ExVac, funding for student productions, and revamping the JCR kitchen; as well as hotly-debated issues such as ‘should we buy a new sofa’ and ‘will a Wii ruin the atmosphere of the common room’. It’s safe to say we didn’t expect the first question on our agenda at the start of Michaelmas to be whether the number of students permitted inside that common room would be 5 or 10. But there we go.

Adapting to the pandemic has been an enormous task, but, happily, Exeter has involved voices from the JCR committee throughout. Much of my own time, and that of the current JCR president and former secretary (Ella Stadler), was spent responding to the pandemic. But those details are probably not of much interest. Happily, despite the hours spent discussing rule-changes and mask-wearing, there was still ample time for the Committee to be proactive rather than reactive. The events of the summer, in particular, provoked many students to think critically about the College’s role as an educator in the context of the BLM movement. The ensuing JCR open meeting scored record attendance, and was a brilliant example of its power as a forum. Its proposals, led by the JCR’s BME officer (Jamie Titus Glover), were passed on to the College’s Black Lives Matter working group, which has, amongst other things, supervised the purchase of relevant materials for the Library, kickstarted a regular Race and Equality seminar series, and proposed five new equality objectives for the College.

On admissions, too, there was progress: not only was the College able to admit all of its offer-holders this year in light of the disruption to public exams, but the JCR was delighted to learn that the resultant 2020-21 undergraduate intake was the College’s most diverse ever. But last year posed its own unique challenges – engaging applicants from non-traditional backgrounds has never been more important in light of school closures. However, working closely with the Admissions department, the committee helped to organise a full swathe of virtual open days in Trinity. Led by the Access & Admissions officer (Victor Popoola) and the Outreach & Communications officer (Alana Stewart), the interactive day involved talks from a wide range of College staff, tutors, and members of the committee. It was a fantastic example of the three common rooms coming together for a common end. The JCR (more by luck than judgement) chose a good year to revamp its online presence – our Instagram now boasts a large and growing following, and has provided prospective applicants with another view into Oxford life, particularly through the popular Takeover Tuesday, a weekly vlog and Q&A series. Alana was unsurprisingly awarded the Peter Street prize for services to the College on account of the time and energy she put into organising the JCR’s access efforts. I’m sure her successor and the Access & Admissions working group will continue to make progress on the back of this year!
I have already mentioned two working groups, but a third, on Sustainability, was also keenly attended by the JCR’s Environmental officer (Celine Barclay). Despite some initial moaning, members of the JCR have come round to “meat-free Mondays”, a product of that working group which has definitely expanded both the consumption and the variety of meat-free food in College. Over the past couple of years these working groups have provided an invaluable forum for members of the JCR to involve themselves in the College in a less formal manner.

Speaking of a lack of formality, the JCR community has held strong despite its absence from Turl Street. During the first Lockdown, our Facebook group was filled with entries to weekly competitions: poems, artworks, cakes, and even TikToks – all Exeter themed, of course. We squeezed every last drop of value out of our Zoom account, which had a call open all day every day as a virtual library. When not being used as a makeshift workspace, it also held circuits, welfare teas, quizzes, film nights and hustings. The first quiz gathered over 150 attendees on a single Zoom call (and broke my computer). We also got a taste of Exeter’s abundant musical talent, thanks to the Live(stream) Music Night, broadcast from makeshift bedroom studios across the country. Even my parents were hooked!

Michaelmas brought a welcome return to Oxford. Freshers’ week was unlike any before, but it didn’t lack in Exeter spirit. A particular highlight was the outdoor cinema under the shadow of the Bodleian in the Fellows’ Garden. This year’s Freshers also deserve a particular shout-out for the way in which they’ve integrated into College life under the toughest of circumstances. It was great to see so many running for JCR roles – we even had a couple of visiting students from Williams run, too. Michaelmas may have brought the Rule of Six, but, luckily, we were well prepared. Whoever composed the College rule that six people in a room constituted a ‘party’ had been preparing us for a while!

University without gathering in claustrophobic rooms was different, but we managed. One positive was that the JCR managed to expand its territory for the first time in living memory, by appropriating half of the marquee on front quad as a socially-distanced-socialising space. The Hall, the Library, the JCR and Cohen Quad all remained populated (safely!) with Exeter faces. At the time of writing, though, even that seems a distant memory. But there is hope – while November 2020 was a fraught month for global democracy, the JCR’s constitution held strong! A new committee was duly elected – and they are ready to lead the JCR into bigger and better things in 2021.

Will Dobbs
From the Chaplain

‘The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out,’ so wrote George Herbert in his poem Antiphon. 2019 – 20 was a year where psalms were sung, and music created both in the Chapel and out.

In October we welcomed Christopher Holman as Organ Scholar. Christopher is a doctoral student in music, and his appointment as Organ Scholar highlights two changes in the Chapel music scene; firstly the growth in the number of postgraduate musicians who do not have official roles in the Colleges and Universities, and, conversely, the decline in the number of undergraduates applying to be Organ Scholar across Oxbridge. So therefore the appointment of a post-graduate is a successful response to these two emerging patterns. We remain committed to the idea that students lead and direct the music in the Chapel, and it is good to involve as many as possible in this important and creative task.

So, James Short, the Parry Wood Organ Scholar assisted by Christopher conducted the music in the Chapel this year. Highlights included two very different Requiems: Duruflé’s sung in the Chapel on All Souls’ Day, and, later in the year, Brahms’ Requiem given in concerts both in Exeter and at St Martin’s in the Field. Concerts and the regular pattern of evensongs, choral eucharists, German vespers, Taizié services, and compline gave the Choir ample opportunity to perform a wide range of music, thus contributing inestimably to the worship and liturgy of the Chapel. Their technique, confidence, and general musicality has been nurtured and developed by our excellent singing teacher, Carris Jones, who has helped in so many ways in the life of the Chapel.

Aside from music, we tackled, through a weekly discussion group, the theology and reception of St Paul; delved deeper into the spirituality of the Desert Mothers and Fathers, and Julian of Norwich, led by Margaret Whipp, the Catechist. It has been good to see students volunteer to officiate at some services, or helping through serving, reading, leading intercessions. And I am grateful to Marco Bodnar, Francesco Galvanetto, Coral Kim, Mika Lopez Woodward, Gwynfor Morgan, Andrew Small, and Ewa Wegrzyn.

As Hilary Term drew to an end, we became ever more conscious of the growth of the coronavirus, and had to cancel the end of term Tenebrae service. Trinity Term happened online; the doors of the Chapel were shut. Of course there was much that we lost; not least the rite of passage for all who left. James had planned a music list of his favourite hits, which sadly we weren’t able to sing. The choir tour, the organ and choir open day, and the leavers’ service all had to be cancelled. But, we did manage to sing, nonetheless. Singing and preaching, reading, and praying into our phones, so that they could be edited into a service was a new endeavour, but we felt it was vital that we provided some, albeit small, opportunity to ponder on life, to be comforted and
sustained in these testing and difficult times. You can read about these endeavours in the 2020 edition of Exon.

The pandemic has restricted much of what we do; but it has also provided opportunities for rethinking what we do. Broadcasting services has brought together people from all over the world, and so, over the summer we installed a sound system which records the choir, so that, when we are able to return to the regular sung services in the Chapel we can share these with those not in the building, and so echo Herbert’s words, ‘the church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out’.

Andrew Allen
From the Librarian

The Library

In common with everywhere else, the College Library found itself in unusual circumstances in 2020. The global pandemic forced the closure to readers from the end of March until the end of September 2020.

Although our readers could not visit the Library, staff operated a remote library service, sending books by post, emailing scanned excerpts from books and journals, and purchasing e-books.

When the Library re-opened in Michaelmas Term COVID restrictions were in place. Social distancing requirements had reduced the number of available seats to 35, and desks were divided by Perspex screens. Instead of our usual drop-in 24-hour opening hours, readers had to book seats in advance. In Exeter’s tightly-spaced Victorian library, the lack of distance between bookshelves and tables meant that students could no longer browse the shelves or check out a book themselves. Readers ordered books online, staff retrieved the books and they were left for collection at the Lodge. When books were returned, they had to be quarantined for 72 hours before re-shelving. It all made for a very different library experience.
Special Collections Library at Cohen Quad

We added several items to our special collections this year:

An alumnus donated a copy of *Art and the Beauty of the Earth: a lecture delivered by William Morris at Burslem Town Hall on October 13 1881*, published by Longmans in 1898 and printed at the Chiswick Press with the Golden type designed for William Morris for the Kelmscott Press (pictured below).
This book joins the College’s other books and objects related to William Morris, who along with Edward Burne-Jones, was an undergraduate at Exeter College from 1852-1854. The College Library has Morris’ own copy of the great Kelmscott Chaucer, books bound in vellum by William Morris as an undergraduate, and several volumes printed at the Kelmscott Press.

We also purchased for the College archive a letter from Rev. Joseph Loscombe Richards, Rector of Exeter from 1838-1854, sent to Gladstone in 1853, on the subject of the revision of College statutes.

We acquired two works by the poet Thom Gunn (1929-2004), purchased from the Bornhauser Fund which was given to Exeter College by an old member for the express purpose of enhancing the College’s holdings in American Literature and for the promotion of American Literature among postgraduate students. The first is a signed copy of ‘To the air’ (1974), and the second is a signed LP of Thom Gunn reading ‘On the Move’ ([1962]

Lastly, we purchased a copy of The Truth of the Christian Religion (pictured opposite), by the Marquess of Pianezza, Printed for Dan. Brown and John Taylor, 1703, and with an account of the author and his work by Thomas Wise, a Fellow of Exeter College. In the introductory essay, Wise explains that he has taken the Popery out of the Marquess’ text.

Thomas Wise matriculated at Exeter College as a poor scholar in 1687, and was a Petrean Fellow from 1694. He had a long career in the Church, becoming Chaplain to the Princess of Wales in 1721.

Joanna Bowring
Written Originally in Italian, for the Benefit of the Court of Savoy,
By the Marquess of Pianza.
To which is prefixed,
An Account of the Author, of his Treaty, and the Translation of it.
With Occasional Remarks upon some Particulars in the Original.

By Tho. WISE, M. A.
Fellow of Exeter College in Oxford.

LONDON,
Exeter College and Race
“I’ve never thought about that”

Undergraduate PPEist Jamie Titus Glover shares his reflections on the College’s engagement with Black Lives Matter

At first glance, the phrase above doesn’t seem to be a remarkable one. However, to me it is a phrase that gives me hope about race relations in a world that hasn’t provided a lot of optimism in recent months. When uttered, it implies engagement, a defiance in maintaining the way one thinks, and a willingness to make changes. It is also the phrase that captured my mind when I was asked to write an article reflecting on the College’s reaction to the Black Lives Matter protests that occurred last summer.

Engagement

To many, the killing of George Floyd was a shock. But for many people of colour, this information was as commonplace as hearing that it was going to rain next week. This mismatch combined with the brutality and clean-cut nature of that week’s events made people curious in a way that was unexpected. Being honest, I was sceptical of the responses I was going to hear from the College and the wider University. Out of all of the things Oxford is known for, being on the more progressive end of the spectrum when it comes to matters of racism and the experiences of minorities is certainly not one of them. I had multiple conversations with friends about the experiences of people of colour, and they engaged in a way that showed genuine curiosity. And I do mean curiosity – there was no element of trying to “one-up” me, nor was there much contestation. People simply asked questions and listened for answers. This ranged from JCR members asking me for book recommendations to speaking to Rick Trainor himself about what the College could do to make things better. I saw members of the College being proactive in discussing societal issues. I saw people posting links which summarised aspects of racial injustice that I thought would never see the light of day. I saw a community, from first year undergrads to professors, express a hunger to learn about injustice. This curiosity alone is not enough to lead to any changes, but people’s willingness to learn and be proactive is a good first step.

Defiance

We have all heard about the various ways that people’s lives have been impacted by the pandemic so I will not discuss this that much. All I wish to say is that the pandemic has destroyed any sense of status quo, something we all yearn for desperately. What astonished me was the willingness of people to question what they knew about the world in a time period where it would seem most emotionally laborious to do so. Dealing with issues about race is extremely uncomfortable. It makes you have to question what sort of society we live in, how we personally contribute to some of its more toxic patterns.
of behaviour, how we might have personally contributed to injustice and how we might harbour views that are bigoted. The standard process when there is a murder of a Black man by the hands of law enforcement is that people discuss racism for a day or two, coming to generic conclusions that never get to the root of the issue. But during the conversations I had with people, it was clear there was a shift in perspective. People were willing to defy how they thought the world worked. This is no small feat, especially for those who had a very optimistic view of the world. But over the course of the summer, I observed people recognising things they never knew about themselves or the broader world. People changed their conceptions of what it means to be racist, as well as learning about issues unique to Black men, women and people of other genders. The mass acceptance of the idea that we have a racialised legal, economic and social system for the first time in my life seemed like it was a possibility. I put together a list of various academic papers, books and documentaries to try and get across the experience of Black people, both as a collective and individually. People threw their assumptions out of the door and engaged in readings in a way that to me shows courage. To admit you might be wrong takes courage, to admit that where you come from means you might have missed things is even harder and to admit some of your shortcomings is harder still. And the willingness of members of College to do this has made me realise it is possible to move the discourse forward. Being on the same page, exercising empathy and recognising issues you have never thought of before is a prerequisite for meaningful change, change I now believe can happen. This is why hearing the phrase “I’ve never thought about that” gives me so much hope. I don’t know if this is common among people of colour who have attempted to have conversations with friends before, but this phrase captures what I like to call the “Oh” moment. It’s a moment where you can literally hear people’s perspective shift to an entirely new way of thinking. I wouldn’t be bold enough to say that College has had its “Oh” moment, but it does seem like that word is starting to form on its lips.

A call to action

Shifting from a change in attitude to a change in action, I am happy to report that the College has been making some substantial progress when it comes to Racial Equality. The immediate response to the protests during the summer was for the College to form a working group to try to tackle issues. The working group is still meeting to this date. Having a body specifically looking at issues like this might seem like an obvious step for many, but to some the existence of such a group is controversial itself. The maintenance of this group, even after discourse around race has regressed into the background, was an excellent idea. What’s more, it indicates a transition from racial relations being an issue which institutions deal with after a crisis to an issue the College proactively tries to pre-empt. There have been several great things that have come from these meetings. We now have a literary fund that will be renewed yearly with books that highlight the voices and experiences of people of colour, as well as some anti-racist literature. The fact that College came to us with the idea of keeping it renewed is a recognition that educating yourself about racism requires continuous action – there is no single book you can read that can teach you enough. The group also helped review
equality objectives the College set, set up a racial seminar series to educate people about others’ lives and also has been working on focus groups to find out the experiences of people of colour within College. A renewal of access initiatives targeting people of colour in areas and schools is also on the table. We have also done things such as look at implicit bias training for staff members, including refresher courses (the racial dialogue is always moving forward, so training should too!) and we have also added Racial Awareness training sessions for Freshers in both the JCR and MCR which should continue in the years ahead. We have BAME internships for some of the student body, so that they can report on the diverse aspects of College that aren’t often talked about in College publications. Finally, we have sent out requests to ask tutors to try to diversify their reading lists when possible. This working group has been around for less than a year and has already made good headway. Of course, there is always more to be done, with some of these things being more radical and some less so. But this group seems to be a vehicle that can lead to meaningful change for people of colour at Exeter.

Another immediate response from the College was to write and publish a statement reflecting the College’s attitudes to all the events that transpired. Whilst a statement can simply be interpreted as a hollow gesture, the steps taken afterwards backed up what the College is saying and doing. An institution using the phrase Black Lives Matter is significant. During the early stages of the movement, association with it in any capacity was not commonplace. Putting out an opinion that would aggravate certain members of the population was seen as a risky move, hence many large companies and institutions stayed away. So, to see the College actually use the phrase was such a great sign of progress and holds an implicit message of an attitude shift.

During this hectic period of change, I was part of a group chat that had dozens of people of colour from across the University, all trying to either document or respond to everything that happened. One of the things that I noticed was that many colleges had started to investigate the impact that slavery has had on their history. I thought that it was an excellent idea for College to pursue a similar path, only to find out that the College had been doing this for quite a while already. In fact, it was my honour to see some of the fruition of this work pay off last term, as part of the College’s Seminar Series on Race. Not only was the information insightful, but it once again implied a new way of thinking, namely that if we are to move forward, institutions need to evaluate their actions from the past, especially when it comes to important issues such as these.

“I’ve never thought about that” also implies that the work has just begun. It indicates the start of new ways of thinking, not the end of an old way of acting. There are more than just Black and White lives at College and the institution as a whole still has a long way to go. But just as the phrase gives me hope for a brighter future, so do the actions of Exeter College, which has embodied the spirit of someone who is willing to listen, reflect and act differently in the face of injustice.

Jamie Titus Glover
OBITUARIES

Professor Ian Michael, 1936 – 2020

My friend and former colleague Ian Michael, who has died aged 84, was an academic specialising in medieval Spanish culture and the author of a series of detective novels under the pseudonym David Serafín. He was born and raised in Neath, West Glamorgan, the son of Gwilym Michael, a Welsh rugby international, and his wife, Glynis, a Welsh tennis champion.

Ian was a promising schoolboy rugby player at Neath Grammar School. He went on to study Spanish at King’s College London, and then gained his PhD at Manchester University. His doctoral thesis, on the medieval Spanish poem The Book of Alexander, marked the start of a brilliant academic career, in which he focused primarily on the canonical texts of medieval Spain, in particular on The Poem of the Cid: an edition that Ian produced remains the standard text.

He taught at Manchester from 1957 to 1971, when he was appointed to the chair of Spanish at Southampton University. In 1982 he became the King Alfonso XIII Professor of Spanish Studies at the University of Oxford.

Ian’s detailed knowledge of Madrid, before and during the transition to democracy, provided the backdrop to his series of six detective novels, the first of which, Saturday of Glory, was published in 1979. They featured his creation Inspector Bernal, a clever and unflappable but hard-bitten detective. The last of the series, The Angel of Torremolinos, was published in 1988.

After his retirement from Oxford in 2003, Ian moved to Madrid, where he lived close to the national library. His hobbies were wine, art nouveau artefacts, yachting and gardening. He became a corresponding member of the Royal Spanish Academy in 2009.

He is survived by his husband, David Bernal Rodríguez, whom he had known for 62 years and married recently.

Jonathan Thacker, published in the Guardian

Peter Sleight’s major contributions were trials that improved the treatment of myocardial infarction and helped prevent cardiovascular disease with angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and statins. Importantly, he chaired the International Studies of Infarct Survival (ISIS)-1 (1981–85) to ISIS-4 (1991–94) randomised trials that tested treatments for suspected acute myocardial infarction (AMI). These large, international, ultra-simple trials yielded reliable answers about the effects of various treatments on mortality. In 1988, the need for such trials finally gained global acceptance when ISIS-2 showed that prompt treatment of suspected AMI with streptokinase and with aspirin each reduced 30-day mortality by about a quarter, jointly halving 30-day mortality. This evidence led to thrombolytic and antiplatelet treatments becoming routine treatment for AMI worldwide, and paved the way for non-pharmacological approaches to opening coronary arteries. The example of the ISIS trial methods also led to large, simple randomised trials in various other conditions, including the RECOVERY trial, which showed that dexamethasone reduces mortality from COVID-19.

Sleight studied at Gonville & Caius College Cambridge, and St Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical School in London, UK, where he met his wife Gillian. He qualified in 1953 and held clinical training posts in London, including with Aubrey Leatham, and a research lectureship in cardiovascular medicine at Oxford University
with George Pickering, which is when Sleight’s lifelong interest in hypertension and baroreceptors began. He worked at the University of California, San Francisco with Julius Comroe, and received the American College of Cardiology’s Young Investigator Prize in 1963 for discovering ventricular receptors and their effects on cardiac physiology. Returning to Oxford University in 1964 as consultant physician, Sleight was later appointed as the first BHF Field Marshal Earl Alexander Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine. He initially studied blood pressure variability and regulation in laboratory animals and humans. Soon, his interests included large randomised trials. Studies of β blockade in the late 1970s, with DPhil student Salim Yusuf, led in 1981, in collaboration with statistician Richard Peto and research fellow Rory Collins, to the inception of the large, simple ISIS trials. The ISIS trials fostered the emergence of many other collaborative trial groups. Subsequently, Sleight co-chaired several high-impact studies, such as the HOPE ACE inhibitor and HPS statin trials, that have helped protect many tens of millions worldwide. He also chaired the public awareness group Action on Smoking and Health. Between 1980 and 2010, UK under-70 vascular mortality rates decreased four-fold, reflecting prevention and treatment. Success has many parents, and Sleight was one of them.

Throughout all this, at Oxford’s Radcliffe Infirmary and John Radcliffe Hospital, Sleight remained an expert bedside clinician, who revelled in distinguishing the subtleties of cardiac murmurs and timing the delays of opening snaps. He was respected for his clinical acumen, and brought considerable common sense and a personal touch to clinical decision making. Sleight’s enduring interest in cardiovascular physiology involved sabbaticals with Paul Korner at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Australia, and, after Sleight’s retirement, annual 2-month stints with Luciano Bernardi in Pavia, Italy, where he discovered that singing the Ave Maria or chanting yogic mantras slowed breathing and affected baroreceptor sensitivity and blood pressure. An avid traveller, Sleight was a visiting professor in several universities; the Oxford medical students’ Christmas pantomime portrayed him as the British Airways Professor of Cardiology.

Sleight is remembered for his warmth, good humour, storytelling, kindness, and hospitality. He had many research fellows and clinical trainees, and took much pleasure in their successes. Colleagues and trainees congregated at the regular parties he and Gillian held at their home in Wheatley. Sleight loved golf and sailing, and crewed a boat in the 1976 transatlantic yacht race, growing a beard that lasted a decade. The years since Sleight’s stroke in 2015 were not kind, but the previous years had been. He is survived by Gillian, their sons Christopher and James, four grandchildren, many trainees and friends, and the far larger numbers of people in many countries who unknowingly owe their lives to his work.


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Sir John Laws (1963, Literae Humaniores), 1945 – 2020

Sir John Laws and his wife Lady Sophie pictured at Exeter College’s 700th Anniversary Ball in 2014
When Dominic Cummings came up with the Brexit slogan “take back control” during the EU referendum in 2016, his uncle Sir John Laws might have rejoined that control had never been taken away. It would be “a mistake to assert, though it is very often asserted, that our sovereignty was diminished by membership of the European Union”, Laws said in 2017. “We have not lost the sovereignty of the power to legislate for ourselves.”

The view of the lord justice of appeal, one of Britain’s foremost constitutional experts, was exemplified by his 2002 ruling in the High Court against Steve Thoburn, a Sunderland greengrocer who was prosecuted for using imperial measurements instead of the metric ones specified under EU law. Laws ruled that European law had sovereignty because the European Communities Act 1972 incorporated it into Britain’s domestic law. Any recourse to domestic law, such as the Weights and Measures Act of 1985, was an “inconsistency” that should be disregarded. However, the legal foundation of that supremacy rested with parliament, which could take back the power it had delegated to Brussels at any time.

Laws’s nephew would go on to become the chief adviser of Boris Johnson, and when the prime minister announced that he was proroguing parliament on August 28, 2019, Laws would not be drawn on the legality of the move but warned that it would draw the Queen into political controversy. “She is obliged to follow the advice of ministers. Boris Johnson as prime minister has an agenda that is not expressed necessarily in legislation, but through the route of prorogation. It may be difficult to see where the Queen stands in that.” Prorogation was ruled unlawful by the Supreme Court.

A gregarious man with a quick wit and a pleasingly fruity voice, Laws responded deftly to questions about Cummings, the son of his younger sister, Morag: “He’s a very bright chap, Dominic. He can be a bit intransigent. But he talks a lot more sense than nonsense.” Uncle and nephew would debate exhaustively at family lunches, the younger man occasionally being called to order if he went too far. “There was huge love and respect between them,” said Laws’s daughter, Margaret Grace.

John Grant McKenzie Laws was born in Nottingham in 1945 to Frederic Laws and Margaret Ross Laws (née McKenzie), the daughter of the Congregational minister and academic John Grant McKenzie. His parents were both doctors in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the war, serving in Egypt.

He was educated at Durham Chorister School and was a king’s scholar at Durham School. There Laws excelled at Latin and Greek and decried all sports. After reading a biography of the great barrister and politician Lord Birkenhead, Laws decided to become a court advocate. “I thought it a very romantic profession with a lot of contest in it.”

He studied at Exeter College, Oxford, taking a first in Mods and Greats. He later said that studying moral and political philosophy shaped his approach to law.
Laws was called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1970 under the pupillage of William Maepherson. From 1971 he practised at the Common Law Bar from 39 Essex Chambers and in 1985 he was appointed as a bencher and a recorder.

A year earlier he had taken on the role of first junior Treasury counsel (common law), known as “Treasury devil”, representing the government in public law cases. After a court order had been obtained to prevent the publication in the UK of the book Spycatcher by the former M15 officer Peter Wright, Laws failed to prevent its publication in Australia in 1988. He also represented the government at the inquest after the killings of three IRA members in Gibraltar on March 6, 1988, by the SAS. The verdict was lawful killing.

Laws’s presence at such cases was enhanced by the devils embroidered into his socks and by his squint, which unnerved adversaries in court because it gave the impression that he was staring at them while he addressed the judge. Any intimidation would be lessened by Laws using a pencil with a plastic troll on top, a present from his daughter.

He became a High Court judge in 1992. One of his most important rulings, in March 1997, was against the lord chancellor after he had considerably raised court fees. “It prevented some people from litigating at all in areas where there was no legal aid,” he said. “The order was unlawful because it effectively prevented access to a constitutional right, namely access to the Queen’s court.”

A lord justice of appeal from 1999 to 2016, Laws made a landmark judgment which opened the way for equality laws with no exceptions. Gary McFarlane, a relationship counsellor, had been dismissed by his employer, Relate, for refusing to advise a same-sex couple on account of his Christian beliefs. In 2003 Laws rejected evidence by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey of Clifton, claiming that Christians should be given special protection under equality legislation in accordance with their consciences. “The promulgation of law for the protection of a position held purely on religious grounds ... is irrational, as preferring the subjective over the objective, but it is also divisive, capricious and arbitrary,” Laws ruled.

Laws married Sophie Marshall in 1973. They had met in their first term at Oxford. The courtship survived one of his earliest wooing tactics, to recite in full the epic poem Horatius at the Bridge. She would go on to become a distinguished theologian. In 1986 the couple answered an advert in The Times and bought a plot of land on the Greek island of Andros. They built a home overlooking the Aegean Sea. Laws would read philosophy by day and drink retsina in the local taverna at night. Locals called him “the Judge”. His wife died of cancer in 2017. He is survived by their daughter, who works in PR and recalls being read Greek myths as a child. When Laws decided to teach his grandson some mildly rude words, the child started calling him “bum”.
Laws wanted a seat on the Supreme Court. Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood called him “one of the finest jurists never to reach the final court of appeal”. Some in the establishment viewed him as too much of a disrupter, like his nephew. “He was seen as too libertarian as well as being a judicial activist, willing to make bold decisions that some saw as expanding the reach of the judiciary,” a former colleague said.

On his retirement from the Court of Appeal in 2016, he expressed his theories on constitutional law from the lectern as Goodhart visiting professor of legal science at the University of Cambridge. Laws made the case for an explicit constitutional theory based on historical statutes and common law that clearly establishes the relationship between the ruler and the ruled. The beauty of having an unwritten constitution, he argued, was that it gave the country the ability to change without revolution. “We haven’t had a revolution since the 17th century but there has been enormous constitutional development, such as the growth of the franchise. It would be a very bad mistake to have a written constitution because it would place all the wisdom of the state in a single moment. As Edmund Burke said, ‘Society is a contract between the living, the dead and those yet to be born.’” Much of Laws’s work was concerned with defending the sovereignty of the constitution over parliament, especially government incursions into the power of the judiciary. One of his proudest achievements was to advance the use of judicial review as a constitutional check on politicians.

After the death of his beloved wife, Laws relied on the companionship of their cat Lysistrata, named after a Greek heroine. She was the last of many; the animals embodied the spirit of independence and liberty that he had always stood for.

Sir John Laws, lord justice of appeal, was born on May 10, 1945. He died of Covid-19 on April 5, 2020, aged 74.

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James Gowans’s favourite joke went like this: a scientist takes it upon himself to train a flea. He puts the flea on the table and says “jump”. The flea jumps. He then cuts its legs off, puts it back on the table, and again says “jump”. This time the flea stays still. “Aha,” concludes the scientist, “when you cut the legs off a flea, it goes deaf.”

Gowans was a more discerning researcher than his flea-training counterpart. He made his name determining the function of lymphocytes, small white blood cells that cluster around bacterial infections, rejected grafts and inflamed tissue, before disappearing quickly from the bloodstream. Gowans wanted to find out where they went, so radioactively labelled some lymphocytes in the thoracic ducts of rats. He discovered that the cells lived much longer than they first appeared to; they circulated in and out of the bloodstream via the lymph nodes for up to 15 years.

He still did not know what they were for. Following a hunch, he infected another group of rats with a tetanus antigen, waited until they had immunised themselves to the disease, then transplanted a sample of their lymphocytes to another group of rats. When he tried to infect the second group with tetanus, he found that they were already immune. The lymphocytes’ purpose, he surmised, must be to carry the knowledge of how to fight off disease - to store the body’s “memory” of antigens that have attacked it.

James Gowans was born in 1924, the son of Selma (née Ljung) and John, a technician in a hospital pathology laboratory from whom he acquired his interest in medicine. He was educated at Whitgift Middle School in Croydon, then studied medicine at King’s College Hospital. In 1945, feeling uneasy about not having done his bit for the war effort, he joined a 96-strong group of volunteers from London medical schools heading for Bergen-Belsen with little knowledge of the horrors they would face there.

They arrived two weeks after British troops liberated the concentration camp, by which time the mounds of dead bodies had been buried. Their job was to feed the survivors, treat the sick with limited supplies, and clear up the appalling filth in which they had eeked out an existence. Gowans’s experience at Belsen changed him for life. It darkened his view of human nature to see that not only had the camp guards treated the inmates horrifically, the inmates had brutalised one another in their struggle to survive. Yet his time there also imbued in him a desire to do some public good. The rest of his career would be an expression of that.

Back in England he realised that he would rather go into research than be a practising clinician. He began a degree in physiology at Lincoln College, Oxford, graduated in 1948, then began a doctorate at the university’s Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, under the supervision of the Nobel prizewinning pharmacologist Howard
Florey. It was Florey who, after Gowans had returned from a year at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, suggested he should investigate the high turnover of lymphocytes in the blood. In recognition of his discoveries about lymphocytes, in 1962 he was made the Henry Dale professor of the Royal Society. He also became a research fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. The life of a researcher was then a more solitary one than it is now, involving such long hours in the laboratory that he saw little of his children. In 1956 he had married Moyra Leatham, whom he had met at a party. They had one son, Bill, who became a GP, and two daughters, Jenny, who also became a GP, and Lucy, a graphic artist. All survive him.

Though he worked long hours he made sure to be an attentive and affectionate father. To teach his children the importance of gentlemanly manners, he would always open the car door for them, even when they were disaffected teenagers. A punctilious observer of etiquette, he once told his son that “if a lady makes a mistake at a dinner party and cuts the nose off a piece of Camembert cheese, you should cut the nose off the piece of cheese next to it to save her from embarrassment”.

He became honorary director of the Dunn School, overseeing the establishment of a cellular immunology research unit funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC). Feeling he had achieved everything in the field of research he had wanted to, he longed for a role that would involve more human interaction, and more opportunities to help out those beginning their careers. In 1977 he left the Dunn School to become the secretary of the MRC. During his tenure he overcame the pressures of a small budget to set up an organisation to oversee British research into in vitro fertilisation and embryology. He also presided over the MRC’s response to the Aids crisis, securing £10 million a year to fund the development of antiviral drugs and a vaccine.

He left the MRC in 1987 to join the World Health Organisation, becoming the chairman of its committee of researchers responding to HIV/AIDS. His CV was a roster of such prestigious responsibilities. Between 1973 and 1976 he had been vice-president of the Royal Society, and in 1989 he became the secretary-general of the Human Frontier Science Programme in Strasbourg. His honours included the 1980 Wolf Foundation Prize for medicine and a knighthood in 1982.

Gowans was a dauntingly intelligent man. Those who visited him in old age would find him sitting in his wheelchair, surrounded by scientific journals, and would come away feeling as though they had just undergone a rigorous examination on their subject of expertise. He spoke fluent French, did Open University courses in astronomy and mathematics in retirement, and adored opera. In his youth his muscles had been as active as his brain; he had climbed the Matterhorn, and held the south of England record for the high jump. His mountaineering experience came in useful when, as an old man suffering from a progressive neurological disorder, he constructed a system of ropes and carabiners with which to climb the stairs.
If ever he had reason to regret his polymathy it was in his final years, when family members tried to repair the computer he used to speak, only to find that all of his passwords were in French and his security codes consisted of combinations of prime numbers and segments of the Fibonacci sequence.

Sir James Gowans, immunologist, was born on May 7, 1924. He died on April 1, 2020, aged 95.

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**John Melotte (1976, Mathematics), 1958 – 2020**

John Louis Rushton Melotte died suddenly at his home in Hampton on 27 July 2020 aged 62.

The son of a general practitioner, John was born at home in Feltham in West London on 5 July 1958, the younger brother of two sisters.

John attended King’s House School in Richmond and soon revealed his academic and musical gifts. He won a scholarship to St Paul’s School in Barnes and continued to thrive academically. He became a prefect, and it was at St Paul’s that began
his lifelong love of rowing, joining the crew in the First Eight - I’m better sitting down than running, he said.

John won a scholarship to read Mathematics at Exeter College, Oxford, where he rowed in the College First Eight throughout his three years and became the College Captain of Boats. He won Blades twice, and under his direction the First Eight reached fifth on the River. All of the 1976 cohort of mathematicians rowed, thanks to John’s persuasive skills and much to the annoyance of the Sub-Rector and senior Maths Fellow Dominic Donnelly.

After his time at University John continued to row at Molesey Boat Club and during this period he coordinated the formation of the Exeter College Boat Club Association, helping to keep alumni in contact with each other and with the College.

John’s working life started in IT, initially as a software engineer, but he soon moved into management, and, having prepared the successful sale of one company of which he was a director, into the world of mergers and acquisitions with spells living in the United States. He continued to help young companies seek finance and support as a consultant but returned latterly as a director of a burgeoning systems company.

John was highly intelligent but also modest, a successful professional and entrepreneur who cared as much for the wellbeing of his workmates, and a keen sportsman who was happiest seeing others succeed.

John was a strong supporter and committee member of Teddington Swimming Club, from when his eldest daughter Alice joined the club in 1996, including a period as Chair from 2004 to 2006. He joined the Swim England London Regional Management Board in 2010 and in 2012 John was appointed as Regional Chairman, a position he held until October 2014.

John had a quick and incisive mind and remarkable organisational skills, which he was able to use to great effect at work but also to help others. He was always quietly guided by compassion and by what was just, and was extraordinarily generous with his time, means and intellect.

John is survived by his wife Julie and three daughters Alice, Sarah and Katherine, and two grandchildren.

Anyone wishing to remember John may donate to either of the charities that reflect two of his passions in life, rowing and singing: Love Rowing and The Choir With No Name.

Richard Powell and Francis Lovell (both 1976)
Dr Derek Jenkin (1949, Physics), 1929 – 2020

On Wednesday, September 23rd Richard Derek Toft Jenkin died suddenly at home at the age of 91.

He was born on July 26th 1929 in Zeal Monochorum in England and was raised in Exeter with his surviving sisters Barbara Loveys and Ann Balgue. After graduating from Exeter School, he read Physics at Exeter College, Oxford. A change in vocational direction led him to Medicine at University College London. A further major life change occurred when he married Norma (McLean) in 1956 and moved to Canada. His medical career here spanned more than 30 years. As Professor of Pediatrics and Radiation Oncology at the University of Toronto, he was an internationally respected researcher and educator. He practiced at Princess Margaret Hospital in radiotherapy, and later retrained in paediatric oncology at the Hospital for Sick Children. He served as head of the Department of Oncology at Sunnybrook Medical Centre. In 1982 he was appointed the founding director of the Toronto Bayview Regional Cancer Centre, playing a huge part in the shaping of what has become the Odette Cancer Centre. After retiring from work in Canada he and Norma lived in Saudi Arabia where he spent time as a Consultant at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre.

Norma and he had many long-time friends and enjoyed their time and travels together. His friends recall the athletic abilities of his youth, rowing at Oxford and with the University College and Hospital Boat Club, and his competitive bridge play. He loved his family, a scotch on the screened porch, taking his boat out on the lake at sunset, spending time in the garden, birdwatching, playing whist with his children and grandchildren, cooking a Saturday night curry, working his way through the 500 Soup cookbook, and listening to classical music.

As the proud patriarch of an extensive family, he is survived by his wife of 64 years Norma, and children Michael (Heather Maclay), Margaret (John Hall), Andrew (Ken Vacca), Harriet (John Newediuk), Paul (Jacquelyn Titus) and Derek (Kira Campbell). “Gramps” will be missed greatly by his grandchildren, Emma (Dale), Sarah (Jacob), Jack (Nella), Elizabeth, Katherine, Matthew, Hillary, Sydney, Amy, Zoe, Dexter, Olivia, Xavier, and his great-grandchildren Heath and Adelaide.
Dr Maurice Mulcahy (1946, Chemistry), 1920 – 2020

Dr Maurice Francis Robinson Mulcahy died in Sydney on January 30th, 2020. He was aged 99 and died two weeks before his 100th birthday.

He was a member of Exeter College from 1946-1948. These years were to have a profound effect in shaping the course of his professional career and his personal life. His first child was born in Oxford and many lifelong friendships and associations were formed during this time. He maintained his interest in and connection to Oxford and Exeter College throughout his life.

Maurice Mulcahy was a Physical Chemist whose DPhil (Oxon.) was awarded in 1948 subsequent to his research on the kinetics of combustion and oxidation reactions. This research, which was begun at Melbourne University in the CSIR Lubricants and Bearings Laboratory during World War II, was conducted under the supervision of Professor Sir Cyril Hinshelwood.

In 1971 he returned to Oxford for the conferring of the degree DSc which was awarded for his pioneering research in chemical kinetics as applied to the chemistry of coal combustion and atmospheric chemistry. Throughout his career, he published numerous research papers, reviews and reports. His highly acclaimed book Gas Kinetics was published in 1973. In 1983 he became the first Australian scientist to be honoured with a Combustion Chemistry Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Maurice retired from professional life in 1983. At this time he was Assistant Chief of CSIRO Division of Fossil Fuels in Sydney. Following his retirement, he accepted a number of international visiting professorships and continued as an Honorary Research Fellow with CSIRO for many years.

His decades of extensive research in atmospheric chemistry as applied to photochemical smog and urban brown haze were recognised by the Australian Government in 2003 with the award of a Centenary Medal. This research made a major contribution to the understanding and management of these issues both nationally and internationally.

Maurice was not only a distinguished and widely recognised research scientist, he was also a man of learning and culture. His love of reading and books is legendary and over his lifetime he created a library of many hundreds of books that reflected his wide range of intellectual and scholarly interests. Music also played an important part in his life and his collection of recorded classical music would be the envy of many.

Maurice Francis Robinson Mulcahy was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His passing marks the end of an era in so many ways and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He will be remembered as an eminent scientist, a revered and learned friend, and a role model and mentor to all who knew him.
Professor Philip Lowe (1967, Chemistry), 1950 – 2020

Professor Philip Lowe was one of Europe’s most eminent social scientists working in the field of environment, food and rural development and the founding Director of Newcastle University’s Centre for Rural Economy.

During his academic career, which spanned more than forty years, he generated a prolific volume of important research and scholarly work which continues to contribute enormously to our understanding of environmental politics, agriculture and rural change.

Philip Lowe was born in Hull in 1950. He excelled academically at school and won a place at Oxford in the late 1960s where he studied natural sciences. After graduating in 1971, he moved to Manchester University to study for a Masters in science policy and then to Sussex University where he worked on an MPhil research degree in the history of science.

In the early 1970s, he rapidly became an authority on the then emerging environmental movement, and he studied the place of science and scientific expertise in this important new social and political force. He published a paper in Nature in 1976 in which, with some foresight, he argued how the rise of environmentalism was highlighting a “crisis of confidence within science and a crisis of science’s authority in society.”

By the mid-1980s, Philip was now also an international expert on agriculture and countryside politics, and produced the book Countryside Conflicts, on farming, forestry and the countryside. With colleagues, Philip established the Rural Studies Research Centre at UCL and embarked upon a series of major studies of rural change, focusing on the politics of house-building and land development and the regulation of farm pollution.

In 1992 Philip was appointed to the new Duke of Northumberland Chair in Rural Economy at Newcastle University to set up and lead the University’s Centre for Rural Economy. Under his leadership the Centre’s research culture and reputation grew, and it became an ever more influential voice on the national and international stage on questions of agriculture and rural policy. He established a research centre that was ahead of its time. In those days what is now referred to in rather jargonistic terms as “stakeholder engagement” was a novelty. But at CRE he was able to encourage high quality research involving not only academics, but rural communities, policy makers and businesses.

Philip Lowe’s achievements were widely recognised beyond his specialist areas and internationally. In 2003 he was awarded an OBE for services to the rural
economy. He would often recount that he received the honour at Buckingham Palace alongside David Beckham.

A kind man, with an infectious and warm personality, Philip Lowe was always generous with his ideas. He played a huge role in supporting many people’s careers and nurtured the skills and talents of those who had the privilege to meet and work with him. He was and continues to be a source of inspiration to generations of researchers, policy makers, practitioners and students.

Abridged from the University of Newcastle

Professor Richard Roberts, 1940 – 2020

Professor Richard Roberts, Lecturer at Exeter for the past fifteen years, sadly passed away on 1 October 2020.

Dick, as he was generally known, was a highly effective and very popular teacher of first-year physics undergraduates, adapting very well to the differing needs of his students. One student reported: ‘You are like a Physics grandad to us’. Dick was also active in the Physics admissions process at Exeter. He often lunched in the Old Bursary and attended social events in College.

Dick Roberts was born in Denbigh, North Wales, in 1940, attending Whitland Grammar School. He studied mathematics at King’s College London and won the Drew Medal for achieving the highest mathematics degree in his year in the whole of the University of London. Dick did his PhD at Imperial. Afterward he held research posts at Durham, CERN and the University of California San Diego.

Dick’s teaching at Exeter took place after a distinguished career at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory where he spent nearly thirty highly productive years. He joined the Rutherford in 1971, retiring as Leader of the Theory Group of the Particle Physics Department. To quote the Rutherford’s Theoretical Particle Physics Group, Dick was ‘best known for his pioneering contributions to the study of deep inelastic scattering – he was the R in the well-known MRST parton distribution functions which have been essential for interpreting measurements made at all high energy accelerators around the world. His 1993 book *The Structure of the Proton* remains essential reading on this subject.’ A person of wide-ranging cultural and sporting interests, Dick was known at the Rutherford as ‘the nicest man in the world’.

Dick is survived by his wife Avis, their daughters Rachel and Sarah, a son-in-law and two grandchildren.
Sir Peter Stanley Harper, an influential British geneticist who authored several popular books on the ethics and history of medical genetics, died January 23. He was 81 years old.

Known for his work on myotonic dystrophy and Huntington’s disease, Harper became a widely respected voice in the field of medical genetics in the late 20th century, tackling both the technical aspects of molecular diagnosis and the social implications of using such approaches in the clinic.

“Peter’s impact in clinical genetics was colossal,” reads a statement posted on Twitter by the All Wales Medical Genomics Service, a genetic testing and counseling service that Harper helped develop during his decades-long career at the University of Wales College of Medicine (now merged with Cardiff University). “His work has benefitted countless people affected by inherited conditions across the globe and profoundly influenced the development of genetic and genomic medicine both in Wales and internationally.”

Born in 1939 in Barnstaple in southern England, Harper grew up with a strong interest in the natural world. In 1961, he completed a degree in physiology at the University of Oxford, focusing particularly on zoology and genetics. He earned a medical degree from Oxford a few years later.

This mixture of basic and applied science would help define the course of Harper’s career. “The scientific aspects really enthused me very greatly,” Harper recalled in an interview with the History of Modern Biomedicine Research Group a few years ago. “I wanted to carry on something scientific as well as something medical, and genetics gave the opportunity to combine the two.”

In 1967, after a few years spent working as a clinician, Harper went to study with Cyril Clarke at the University of Liverpool, and later, to Baltimore to work with Victor McKusick at Johns Hopkins University. Physicians by training, both Clarke and McKusick were interested in the potential of genetics to help researchers better understand human disease. Harper’s experiences with them “really gave me the skills with which I was able to come back and practice as a clinical geneticist,” he said in the History of Modern Biomedicine interview.

In 1971, Harper took up a post as a lecturer in medical genetics at the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff. There, he focused his research on studying two disorders: myotonic dystrophy, a disease that causes muscle wasting and weakness, and Huntington’s disease, a progressive brain disorder that usually emerges in a person’s 30s or 40s.
Over the next several decades, Harper published multiple clinical and genetic studies of families with the conditions, and helped home in on the locations of the human genes responsible for myotonic dystrophy and Huntington’s. Work by Harper and his colleagues also contributed to an understanding of the mechanisms underlying the conditions, both of which are associated with trinucleotide repeat expansion, a particular type of genetic defect that can lead to chromosome instability and the subsequent loss or repetition of large sections of DNA.

In 1987, he established and became director of Cardiff University’s Institute of Medical Genetics, which would host the Medical Genetics Service (now the All Wales Medical Genomics Service) as well as academic and clinical researchers. At the time, there were very few institutes spanning such a broad range from basic science—including biochemistry and computer science—through to clinical practice and diagnosis, says Julian Sampson, a clinical geneticist at Cardiff University School of Medicine who came to work with Harper in 1989.

“It was quite an unusual vision that he had—but one that worked very well,” Sampson tells The Scientist. Harper encouraged people from across the institute to ask questions and “challenge dogma or the status quo,” Sampson adds. “The institute was always based around informal interactions. . . . It was kind of a special place.”

Harper was keenly aware of the medical and societal implications of his work, and wrote multiple academic articles and policy documents that tackled ethical issues surrounding prenatal testing and predictive genetics in Huntington’s and other disorders. “As Huntington’s disease is a model for other disorders of adult onset for which testing is becoming possible, the successful resolution of these ethical issues is of great importance,” he and a colleague wrote in FASEB Journal in 1992. “A failure to do so might discredit genetic testing as a whole.”

His 1981 book Practical Genetic Counselling, aimed at healthcare professionals, has been translated into several languages and has become an essential text for genetic counselors and others working in clinical genetics. “It was probably the first book that really tried to set out the principles and the practical applications of genetic counseling,” Sampson says. “It proved to be immensely popular.” The eighth edition, edited by Cardiff University clinical geneticist Angus Clarke, came out in 2019.

After stepping down as the director of the Institute of Medical Genetics in 2000, Harper devoted time to documenting the history of his field, writing several books and articles on the topic, and traveling all over Europe to conduct interviews with 100 human geneticists—a series he summarized in a 2017 article marking the 50th anniversary of the European Society of Human Genetics. He also helped establish the Genetics and Medicine Historical Network, and wrote Landmarks in Medical Genetics, and later, A Short History of Medical Genetics. He was knighted for services to medicine in 2004, the same year he retired from the university.
In 2017, in one of his last published articles, Harper implored younger genetics researchers to learn from the history of their field. Referring to the problematic ideologies often associated with genetics—from eugenics in Europe to persecution of geneticists in the Soviet Union—he wrote: “Documenting and remembering these traumatic events, now largely forgotten among younger workers, is essential if we are to fully understand the history of human genetics and avoid the repetition of similar disasters in the future.”

This broad view is still relatively unusual in human genetics, says Sampson. “One of the great strengths that [Harper] had was to have this wide perspective and consider very much the social consequences, as well as the science. . . . He was very highly regarded in the area of medical genetics because of that high-level perspective, and the ability to bring many different skillsets to bear on a particular issue.”

Harper is survived by his wife Elaine and five children.

Catherine Offord

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I was born and raised on the east coast of Canada in Fredericton, New Brunswick. I studied History and English for my undergraduate degree at the University of New Brunswick (BA Hons 2006). I earned my master’s degree and doctorate in History at the University of Toronto (MA 2008 and PhD 2016), both funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. From 2016 to 2018 I was the Postdoctoral Fellow in the Early Modern Conversions project at McGill University in Montréal. In September 2019 I joined Exeter College as the Sir John Elliott Junior Research Fellow in Spanish History (1400-1900). My partner and I have two young children. I enjoy reading novels, baking, watching movies, and any chance to travel or explore someplace new. I love visiting galleries and museums, and getting to do research in historical archives. I do my best writing with the help of coffee and loud music.

I am a historian of early modern Spain with research experience in the religious cultures and social and legal histories of fifteenth- to seventeenth-century Castile. My particular interests are histories of conversion, identity making, and categories of religious, social, and ethnic difference in the early Iberian empires. You can read about my work on my website: smcavanaugh.com

I am currently revising the manuscript for my first book, The Morisco Problem and the Politics of Conversion in Early Modern Spain. The conversion of the Moriscos (Iberian Muslims converted to Catholicism and their New Christian descendants) was a multifaceted social and political problem in the early modern Spanish kingdoms. My book re-conceptualizes the politics of Morisco conversion by centring the voices and actions of the Moriscos themselves. I focus on Moriscos living in and around the royal town of Valladolid, in the heart of Old Castile. Each chapter analyses a set of encounters between Moriscos and various officers and institutions of Church and State, from parish priests and municipal officials to the Spanish Inquisition and the monarchy. I illustrate how Moriscos routinely took legal action to defend their families,
properties, and privileges in response to religious prosecution and policies aimed at their assimilation and conversion. Formal petitioning and litigating were tactics for surviving in an inquisitorial society. These local, everyday legal negotiations reveal that Morisco status was malleable and multiform, exposing the constructed nature of identities, communities, and boundaries of belonging in early modern Spain.

As a Junior Research Fellow at Exeter College, I am also undertaking the archival research for my second book project, with the working title *Descendants of Converts: Race, Religion, and the Moriscos in Early Modern Spain*. This work will locate, trace, and contextualize early concepts of race by asking how shifting ideas about blood purity (*limpieza de sangre*), religious difference, and foreignness were employed in the construction of racialized categories of difference in the sixteenth century.

Nandini Das

Nandini Das joined Exeter College and the English Faculty in 2019 as Professor of Early Modern Literature and Culture. She works on Renaissance literature and cultural history, with special emphasis on travel and cross-cultural encounters, and issues of migration and belonging. She has edited and written on sixteenth and early seventeenth century romance and prose fiction in *Robert Greene's Planetomachia* (2007), and *Renaissance Romance: The Transformation of English Prose Fiction, 1570-1620* (2011), among others, and published widely on travel and cross-cultural encounter. Most recently, with Tim Youngs, she co-edited *The Cambridge History of Travel Writing* (2019), which covers global Anglophone and non-Anglophone travel writing from antiquity to the internet. She is volume editor of Elizabethan Levant Trade and South Asia in the forthcoming edition of Richard Hakluyt’s *The Principal Navigations*, to be published by Oxford University Press, and project director for ‘Travel, Transculturality and Identity in Early Modern England’ (TIDE), funded by the European Research Council. She regularly presents television and radio programmes on topics related to her research, some of which -- including a BBC 4 documentary on Richard Hakluyt -- can be located at https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=nandini+das.
Francis Bischoff

I am a Junior Research Fellow in Pure Mathematics at Exeter College and a Lecturer at the Mathematical Institute. I was born in Germany and grew up in Canada, where I completed my formal education. I first studied Mathematics and Physics as an undergraduate at the University of New Brunswick. After that I studied Mathematics at the University of Toronto, where I completed my M.A. and Ph.D degrees under the supervision of Marco Gualtieri. Before coming to Oxford, I was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Fields Institute during the Thematic Program on Homological Algebra of Mirror Symmetry.

My research interests lie at the intersection of differential geometry, algebraic geometry and theoretical physics, with a focus on applying modern tools in geometry, such as Lie groupoids and higher stacks, to problems which are motivated by physics. Currently, my main interests are centred around generalized complex and Kähler geometry. These are geometries which arise in the context of two dimensional quantum field theories, and I am interested both in further studying their geometry, as well as their ‘quantizations’ (category of boundary conditions). I am also interested in foliations and associated geometric structures (e.g. Lie algebroids, Courant algebroids), and singular differential equations.

Rajssa Mechelli

I am a Fellow by Special Election at Exeter College and a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Economics. I am Italian and I grew up in a small city in the green heart of Italy, Umbria. I moved to Milan to begin academic studies and, in May 2019, I completed my PhD in Economics and Finance at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart. Before this, I studied Economics both in my undergraduate and master’s degrees at the University of Milan-Bicocca.

My research area is Macroeconomics. I am currently working with Heterogeneous Agents Models that are a perfect tool to study an issue that interests me a lot: inequality. In recent years, this topic has reached the forefront of public and economic debate. Indeed, during the last decades, many developed countries experienced a surge in income and wealth inequality.

Understanding what drives inequality is not trivial, many causes are at work at the same time. In a recent co-authored paper, we show that a decline in the extent of competition among firms can explain an important part of the observed rise in income inequality in the USA.
Neil Herring

Neil completed his PhD and medical degree at the University of Oxford, before undertaking medical training in Bath, Northampton, London and as a Clinical Lecturer in Oxford. After becoming a Consultant Cardiologist (CCT 2013), he was made an Associate Professor (2015) having been awarded a Fellowship from the British Heart Foundation. Neil’s clinical work is based at the Oxford Heart Centre of the John Radcliffe Hospital where he sub-specializes in cardiac pacing and rhythm management devices.

Neil is widely involved in medical school education, as a Tutorial Fellow in Preclinical Medicine at Exeter College, College Lecturer in Medicine at Merton College, and previously as a Tutor and Fellow (by special election) at Keble College. He teaches on the first year Physiology and Pharmacology course, the third year FHS and Principles of Clinical Anatomy courses, and also on the Clinical School Pathology and Combined Medicine and Surgery courses. He is co-author of the textbooks “Basic Science for Core Medical Training” (highly commended at the BMA Book Awards 2016) and “Levick’s Introduction to Cardiovascular Physiology”, which are both used on the Oxford Medical and Biomedical Sciences courses.

Both the rate and force of contraction of the heart are influenced by the autonomic nervous system, which comprises of two groups of nerves. When the heart has structural or electrical abnormalities, stimulation by the group of nerves that speed up cardiac contraction can lead to dangerous heart rhythms and sudden cardiac death in the short term, and cause heart failure in the long term. However, nerves that slow down cardiac contraction are able to protect against this. The balance between these two groups of nerves is therefore critical for long term survival in many cardiovascular diseases.

The textbook view of these nerves is that they merely respond to reflexes. However, over the last 20 years my research has found that the system is not “hard wired” and their behaviour can be greatly influenced by different local chemical modulators both within the neurons (such as nitric oxide), and from neighbouring neurons (such as neuropeptide Y and galanin), as well as nearby blood vessels (such as CNP and angiotensin II) and the injured heart itself (BNP). My research group studies how these local neuromodulators influence these nerves in order to develop therapeutic strategies for treating cardiovascular disease, and validate their use as potential biomarkers to help with risk stratification and guiding treatment.
Rector’s Seminars, Symposium, Subject Family Dinners and Webinars 2019–20

Rector’s seminars, in their usual in person format, covered their customarily diverse array of topics in Michaelmas and Hilary terms.

In Michaelmas Emeritus Fellow Professor Frank Close (Physics) discussed his new biography of the notorious atomic spy Klaus Fuchs in a presentation on ‘Trinity – The treachery and pursuit of the most dangerous spy in history’. A controversial public figure of a very different kind was the focus of attention by Dr Henry Sun (Director International of the Business Research Institute, University of Chester), who analysed ‘Political Marketing: A Forecast for Trump’s Bid for re-election in 2020 – from the Art of the Deal to the Art of Media’. Celebrated author (most recently of The Secret Commonwealth [2019]) Sir Philip Pullman (1965, English & Honorary Fellow) riveted his audience with a self-effacing discourse on ‘Read like a butterfly, write like a bee’, showing how omnivorous taste in reading matter and a dedicated teaching career could be conducive to great literary achievement. Another Exeter Honorary Fellow, Lord (Stephen) Green (1966, PPE), introduced his wide-ranging new book The Human Odyssey: East, West and the Search for Universal Value (SPCK, 2019) by means of a lively discussion with Professor Peter Frankopan (Oxford Professor of Global History and author of The Silk Roads: A New History of the World). Boris Johnson having called a general election, Exeter’s senior fellow, Dr Michael Hart (Politics), sprang into action - as he does before every major UK political event - with a characteristically witty and incisive analysis of the policy positions of the various parties.

Hilary Term featured seminars by two Exeter Honorary Fellows. Journalist, newsreader and correspondent for BBC News Reeta Chakrabarti (1984, English & French) delighted her large audience with remarks on ‘Broadcast News- a personal perspective’. Then Sir David Norgrove (1967, Modern History), chair of the UK Statistics Authority) spoke about ‘Damn lies, fake news, and statistics’, making a convincing case for the utility of critically examined numbers supplied by his agency. Finally, Tim Ecott, Royal Literary Fund Fellow at Exeter, introduced his new book The Land of Maybe: A Faroe Islands Year, in a talk on “‘Stranger-friends”: the cultural and historic ties between the British Isles and the Faroes’.

November witnessed a major Exeter event: a symposium celebrating 40 years of co-education in the College. Alumni, Fellows and current students participated enthusiastically. Rector Cairncross chaired a discussion on the protracted discussions which led to the College’s decision to admit women in 1979. Peter Thompson Fellow in English Jeri Johnson chaired a lively discussion comparing life at Exeter College in the period shortly after the first women came to Exeter College with how it is today. Panellists included Tina Cook (1984, Jurisprudence) and Tessa McDonald.
Christina Blacklaws (1985, Jurisprudence) gave a talk on what she had done as president of the Law Society of England and Wales to highlight the issues surrounding gender inequality in her profession. Graduate students Ellen Brewster (2013, English) and Razia Chowdhry (2019, Interdisciplinary Bioscience) ended the day by revealing some of the research they are currently undertaking, and their experiences as Exeter students.

During the first two terms of the academic year there were also major talks by Exeter Fellows at the annual Subject Family Dinners for the four major subject areas covered by the College. In early November Professor Nandini Das (Tutorial Fellow in English and Professor of Early Modern English Literature and Culture) spoke to the Languages and Literature dinner about her research on ‘City of Memory: Portuguese Goa and the first English Voyage to India’. Later that month, at the Social Sciences dinner, Dr Drexnell Peters (Bennett Boskey Fellow in Atlantic History 1700-1900), addressed the subject of ‘Venezuela and the Caribbean: Historical and Current Parallels of Crisis and Migration’. In February, at the Mathematical and Physical Sciences dinner, Professor Dame Carol Robinson (Dr Lee’s Professor of Chemistry) gave a witty appreciation of Exeter’s past chemists with a talk entitled ‘Wings for Molecular Elephants’. Finally, in early March Dr Katherine Bull (Staines Medical Research Fellow) lifted the gaze of the Medical and Life Sciences dinner with a talk on ‘Creativity is Just Connecting Things’.

Such in-person gatherings became unlawful later that month. Webinars filled the gap, with alumni and friends of the College logging on in gratifying numbers from many parts of the world. During Trinity Term and the Long Vacation an alumnus and a number of Fellows held forth virtually to good effect. The alumnus was Sir Ronald Cohen (1964, PPE and an Honorary Fellow) who spoke about his new book *Impact: Reshaping Capitalism to Drive Real Change*. The other Fellows included Professor Cath Green (Monsanto Senior Research Fellow), a key member of the team which developed the Oxford vaccine, speaking about that process in mid-June. Visiting Fellow Professor Alexander Bird (Peter Sowerby Professor of Philosophy and Medicine, King’s College London) bridged the supposed divide between the natural sciences and other subjects in his discussion of ‘The value of imagination in the arts and in the sciences’. In mid-September Professor Christina de Bellaigue (Jackson Fellow and Tutor in History) spoke engagingly about a subject which was very topical in the midst of the pandemic, ‘The British home schooling movement of the 19th and 20th centuries’. Later that month Professor Garret Cotter (Physics) gave an approachable introduction to his research in astrophysics through a talk on ‘Breaking the speed limit: exploring the high-energy universe using particles travelling faster than the speed of light’.

Both before and after the pandemic, then, a wide variety of speakers provided a broad range of intellectual stimulation. In the process they demonstrated the vitality both of the in-person and virtual formats.
Clockwise from top left: Reeta Chakrabarti, Garret Cotter, Dexnell Peters, Ellen Brewster
From the Organ Scholar

In many ways, this past academic year has been anything but normal.

We welcomed Christopher Holman as organ scholar. He is the first postgraduate to be an Organ Scholar. Christopher brought a wealth of expertise to the position and engineered our dedicated online worship provision during Trinity Term in exile. This was undoubtedly a mammoth task: collating recorded submissions by over 20 members of the choir and masterfully piecing together high quality musical offerings week after week.

In place of our Commemoration of Benefactors, old members were invited to submit recordings of themselves singing Old Exonian C.H.H. Parry’s beloved anthem ‘I was Glad’ for our online worship. This is one of the occasions upon which I felt most proud to have had the privilege of being organ scholar at Exeter and it is, without fail, a spectacular celebration. Whilst it was incredibly strange to conduct alone into my phone’s camera, the perseverance and endeavour of those who contribute to the life of the Chapel during the pandemic has made me most proud.

That damned Trinity, however, need not blemish what was otherwise a spectacular year for a largely new choir. In Michaelmas, we tackled Duruflé’s fiendish Requiem in, in my opinion, one of the most moving concerts I have ever had the pleasure to conduct. The Christmas vacation provided little respite from a busy first term as we prepared for our CD recording project at the beginning of January 2020. This is perhaps the toughest week of any scholar’s (and chorister’s!) tenure at Exeter: five days of 12+ working hours, repeating the same bar of music over and over, waiting still for the dreaded red light to signal yet another take that has to be perfect. I could not have asked for a more wonderful group to share this experience with. The CD bears the title ‘And then the heav’n espy’, taken from George Herbert’s poem ‘The Elixir’, and features choral music inspired by the firmament. The process of editing is ongoing, but we hope to be able to launch it later this year in person!

Hilary ensued with the choir on top form, with stunning performances of Brahms’s ‘Ein deutsches Requiem’ in the Chapel and at St Martin-in-the-Fields. For many, this was the most demanding sing that they have ever faced, though one would never have noticed. They traversed the titanic fugues with gusto and the ethereal endings with the utmost delicacy.

Once some form of normal is resumed, the choir will continue to excel. I’m certain I am not alone when I say I can’t wait to see what they achieve next.

James Short
Top: Organ Scholar James Short rehearses in Chapel
Bottom: The ornamental pipes of the now retired 19th century organ built by Hill & Son stand in front of the pipes of the present organ, built by J. W. Walker & Son Ltd in 1994
Exeter College 2019–20

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Hugh Watkins, BSc MB BS MD PhD London, MA Oxf
Edwin Williamson, MA PhD Edinburgh, MA Oxf

* denotes died in the academic year 2019/20
Recent publications by members of the Exeter community
Selected Publications

Amis, Martin (1968, English, Honorary Fellow), Inside Story, Penguin, 2020

Berry, Dominic H (1983, Literae Humaniiores), Cicero’s Catilinarians, Oxford University Press, 2020


Catlin, Graham Ray (1975, Modern History), Core Conservatism: Edmund Burke’s Landmark Definition, Westbow Press, 2020

Chatterton, Mark (1976, Theology), Britain’s Road Tunnels, Amberly Publishing, 2020

Cohen, Ronald (1964, PPE, Honorary Fellow), Impact: Reshaping Capitalism to Drive Real Change, Ebury Press, 2020

Fisher, Peter (1952, English), ‘The Foundation and Regulations of the University of Copenhagen’ (translation from Latin to English), Gads Forlag, 2020


Geoghegan, Michael (1974, Modern Languages), The Ruins of the Reich, Leitmotif Editions, 2020

Green, Stephen (1966, PPE, Honorary Fellow), The Human Odyssey: East, West and the Search for Universal Values, SPCK Publishing, 2019


Hackett, Ursula, Brilliant Essays, Macmillan Study Skills, 2020

Heard, Andrew (2012, Earth Sciences), Triple iron isotope constraints on the role of ocean iron sinks in early atmospheric oxygenation, Science, 2020

Herring, Jonathan (DM Wolfe-Clarendon Fellow in Law), Domestic Abuse and Human Rights, Intersentia, 2020


Davis H, **Herring N,** Paterson DJ. (2020) Downregulation of M current is coupled to membrane excitability in sympathetic neurons before the onset of hypertension. *Hypertension* 76(6):1915-23


Hiddleston, Jane (Official Fellow in French), with Khalid Lyamlahy, *Abdelkèbir Khatibi: Postcolonialism, Transnationalism, and Culture in the Maghreb and Beyond,* Liverpool University Press, 2020


Jones, Eric (1958, Economics), *Barriers to Growth: English Economic Development from the Norman Conquest to Industrialisation,* Palgrave Macmillan, 2020

Leneghan, Francis (Stipendiary Lecturer in English), *The Dynastic Drama of Beowulf,* Boydell & Brewer, 2020

Marcocci, Giuseppe (Official Fellow and Tutor in History), *The Globe on Paper,* Oxford University Press, 2020


Mayo, Michael (Lecturer in English), *James Joyce and the Jesuits,* Cambridge University Press, 2020

McDonald, Amanda (1991, English), *The Miracle Lady,* Published independently, 2020

McDonnell, Flora (1982, Literae Humaniores), *Out of a Dark Winter’s Night,* Thames and Hudson Ltd, 2020
Nye, Joseph (1958, PPE, Honorary Fellow), *Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump*, OUP USA, 2020


Pyrah, Chris (2011, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History), *Legacy*, Published independently, 2019

Royle, Nicholas (1976, English), *Hélène Cixous: Dreamer, Realist, Analyst, Writing*, Manchester University Press, 2020


Self, Will (1979, PPE), *Will*, Viking, 2019


Symons, John (1964, Literae Humaniores), *Love is His Meaning: two lives, one marriage*, Shepard-Walyn publishers, 2019

Symons, John, *The Zinoviev Controversy Resolved*, Shepard-Walyn publishers, 2019

Taylor, Barnaby (Official Fellow and Lecturer in Classics), *Lucretius and the Language of Nature*, Oxford University Press, 2020


West, Ian (1961, Botany), *God for Atheists*, Self Published, 2019
Honours, Appointments, and Awards

Professor Oreet Ashery (Fellow by Special Election and Director of Studies for Fine Art) was awarded a Turner Bursary.

Professor Ervin Fodor (Professor of Virology and Professorial Fellow in Experimental Pathology) was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

Professor Jonathan Herring (DM Wolfe-Clarendon Fellow in Law) won the 2019 BMA Medical Book Award.

Professor Neil Herring (Tutorial Fellow in Preclinical Medicine) was awarded a Senior Clinical Research Fellowship and a Project grant by the British Heart Foundation.

Kenneth K Mwenda (1992, BCL) was awarded Zambia’s highest civilian honour, the Presidential Insignia of Meritorious Achievement.

Sir Kenneth Parker (1964, Literae Humaniores; Tutorial Fellow in Jurisprudence 1973 -1977) was appointed a member of the Panel of the Competition and Market Authority.

Jeremy Pocklington (1992, Modern History) was appointed a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath for public service.

Michael Schultz (1967, Botany) was made an Officer of the Order of Cultural Merit in Romania.

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (2003, Law) won the Weeramantry International Justice Award.

David Thomas (2008, PPE) was awarded an OBE for services to education.

College Lecturers

STIPENDIARY LECTURERS
Dr Paul Beard, Engineering Science
Dr Elliott Carthy, Physiology & Pharmacology
Dr Ana Cehovin, Pathology
Dr Tim Coombes, Music
Dr Vilma de Gasperin, Modern Languages (Italian)
Mr Ben Kett, Economics GTA
Mr Taco Prins, Economics GTA
Dr Francis Leneghan, English (Old English)
Dr Michael Mayo, English
Dr Jenni Nuttall, English (Middle English)
Dr Bartek Papiez, Engineering Science
Dr Joe M Pitt-Francis, Computation
Dr Paul Roberts, Organic Chemistry
Dr Nick Talbot, Physiology & Pharmacology
Dr Cath Wilkins, Mathematics

JOINT STIPENDIARY APPOINTMENTS
Prof Andrew Meadows, Ancient History
Dr Alfonso Moreno, Ancient History
Prof Elizabeth Leach, Music
Dr John Parrington, Pharmacology
Dr Raj Patel, Pharmacology
Dr Rosalind Temple, French Linguistics

DEPARTMENTAL LECTURER
Dr Lydia Gilday, Chemistry

RETAINED LECTURERS
Ms Oreet Ashery, Fine Art (Director of Studies)
Ms Emily Clifford, Ancient Greek
Dr Doug Crockett, Clinical Medicine
Dr Gideon Elford, Political Theory
Mr Adam Fineberg, Chemistry (Mathematics)
Mr Guy Fowler, Mathematics
Dr Fadi Issa, Physiology (Anatomy)
Dr Prem Jareonsettasin, Physiology (Neuroscience)
Dr Emily Oliver, Modern Languages (German)
Dr Gui Perdigao Murta, Modern Languages (Portuguese)
Dr Lucia Perez Diaz, Earth Sciences
Mr Oliver Ready, Modern Languages (Russian)
Prof Richard G Roberts, Physics (Mathematics)

LECTRICE, LEKTORIN
Ms Agnès Parmentier, Modern Languages (French)
Ms Jenny Lemke, Modern Languages (German)

HEBREW LECTURER
Prof Joanna Weinberg
The College Staff

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT
Accountant Rudi Makishti
Assistant Accountant Nicola Yeatman
Senior Accounts & Payroll Assistant Jun Li
Accounts Asst (Purchase Ledger) Laura Clarke
Accounts & Payroll Assistant Alison Winstone

BAR MANAGER Oscar Alvarez

BOATHOUSE Andrew Woodman (with Jesus, Brasenose & Keble)
Boatman

COHEN QUAD Claire Fell
Operations Manager Gareth Flinders
Café Chef Maka Papunashvili
Café Supervisor Sandra Aramburu
Front Desk staff Kristof Meckien
Anika Taslim
Milica Ticeric
Housekeeping Supervisor Lucia Fribortova
General Assistant Tracey Pullen
Scouts Delia Da Costa
Dulcia da Costa Portela
Liboria de Sousa
Amelia Tilman
Dimitrina Vasileva
Iwona Wojtas

COMPUTING SYSTEMS
IT Manager Ian Williams
IT Officer Mark Davies
IT Support Officer Will Marles

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Director of Development Yvonne Rainey
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Alumni Relations & Events Officer Amelia Crosse
Development Officer (Alumni Fund) Hannah Christie
Communications Officer Matthew Baldwin
Information & Insight Officer  Jack Briggs
Development Assistant  Olivia Ace

HOSTELS
Hostels Supervisor  Jim Dobson
Iffley Road Scouts:  Caroline Coble
                        Julia Collett
                        Pauline Crowther
                        Karolina Drazewska
                        Susan Ireson
                        Ewa Kolbuszowska
                        Maija Kriauciuniene
                        Euwice Monday
                        Aldecleide Passos
                        William Rankin
                        Sufia Soares
                        Norberta Xavier

KITCHEN
Head Chef  Mark Willoughby
2nd Chef  Ian Cox
Chef-de-Partie  Johnathan Harper
Chef-de-Partie  Liberato Nigro
Chef-de-Partie  Janice Rivera
Chef-de-Partie  Ivelin Stanchev
Commis Chef  Kamil Wojtasinski
Kitchen Porter  Carlos Freitas
Kitchen Porter  Andrew Martin
Kitchen Porter  Edmundos Norberto
Kitchen Porter  Ian Shurey
Kitchen Porter  Gary Spiers
Catering Assistant  Rowena Dodd

HALL
Catering Services Manager  Lesley O’Donovan
Hall Supervisor  Valentin Lavdakov
Hall Supervisor  Julie Pugh
Hall Supervisor (part-time)  Carol Barker
Food & Beverage Assistant  Marfenia dos Santos
Food & Beverage Assistant  Bee Markos
Food & Beverage Assistant  Lucyna Palar

SCR STAFF
Butler  Elena Dickinson
Asst Butler            Ramesh Basnet  
Food & Beverage Assistant  Leonia Chung

LODGE
Head Lodge Porter         Christopher Probert  
Lodge Porter               Oluwatosin Aje  
Lodge Porter               Thomas Coombes  
Lodge Porter               Anthony Piper  
Relief Porter              Paul Heaton  
Relief Porter              Sarah McCowie  
                        (Acting Head Porter, Trinity Term)

MAINTENANCE STAFF
Buildings Manager         Steven Cunningham  
Electrician                Ivan Cox  
Plumber                    Ian Weston  
Maintenance Operative      Matthew Briggs  
Maintenance Operative      Simon Millard  
Maintenance Operative      James Parker  
Maintenance Operative      Luke Preedy  
Health, Safety & Maintenance Admin.  Martin Turner

WELFARE
Nurse & Welfare Officer   Helen Thornton  
Junior Dean                Cristina Dumitru  
Junior Dean                Gabriela Minden  
Junior Dean                Amy Gregg  
Junior Dean                Marco Bodnar

LIBRARY
College Librarian          Joanna Bowring  
Assistant Librarian        Christine Ellis  
Archivist                  Penelope Baker  
Library Assistant          Alex Kampakoglou  
Archives & Records Assistant   Isabel Robinson

BURSARY/ OTHER ADMIN STAFF
Finance and Estates Bursar Peter Warner  
Domestic Bursar             Babis Karakoulas  
Executive Assistant to Rector Candice Saunders  
PA to the Bursars            Heidi Coates  
HR Officer                  Mark Sinfield  
College Secretary           Petronella Spivey
EXETER COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMME
Programme Director Greg Lewis

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Academic Registrar Josie Cobb
Deputy Academic Registrar Andrew Bowles
Outreach & Access Officer Stephanie Hale
Admissions Officer Dan Aldred
Academic Support Officer Waverly March
College Office Admin Assistant Laura Higgs

STEWARD’S DEPARTMENT
College Steward Philip Munday
Conference & Catering Administrator Natasha Hawkins

ACCOMMODATION DEPARTMENT
Accommodation Manager Mihaela Groza
Housekeeping Supervisor Marilena Dumitras
Scouts Melissa Thiesen Brunatto Debora Broh Isabel Cunha Barros Tatjana Davalgiene Veselina Hristova Tsering Lhamo Lucica Mitau Irma Okoro Ana Soares Pinto Beverly Sorbie Josefa Tilman Viktorija Valiukaite Abingdon Road Scout Katarzyna Korzun SCR & Rector’s Lodgings Housekeeper Arlinda Maxanches
Finance and Estates Bursar Peter Warner sadly died in June 2020, aged 56. An obituary for Peter will be published in the next edition of the Register.
Class Lists in Honour Schools 2020

FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS 2020

Ancient and Modern History: Class I, April Gilling
Biochemistry (MBioChem): Class I, Kathryn Smith; Class II:I, Natalya Davies, George Draper-Barr, Ryan Ellison, Oluwatobi Olaitan
Chemistry (MChem): Class II:I, Kyra Birkett, James Chasty, Lina Cox, Dhiren De Silva; Class II:II, Ewa Wegrzyn
Classics and Oriental Studies: Class I, George Oyebode
Economics and Management: Class I, Callum Bampton, Shreyus Ganesh; Class II:I, Cameron Kanda
Engineering Science (MEng): Class I, Petra Ferencz, Charig Yang; Class II:I, Giles Dibden; Class II:II, Xianqi Jiang, Avanish Parmessur
English and Modern Languages: Class II:I, Johanna Moiseiwitsch
English Language and Literature: Class I, Safia Harji, Antonio Perricone, Hannah Taylor; Class II:I, Saul Lowndes Britton, Anna Marar, Anna Maude, Abby McCann, Fiona Paterson, Edward Robertson, Rachel Tudor
Fine Art: Class I, James Scott; Class II:I, Anna Wyatt
History: Class I, Kathryn Davies, Charles Law, Bethan Roberts; Class II:I, Tiarnan Finney, Joanna Gregory, Tom Mawdesley
History and English: Class I, Wei Ai Ng
Jurisprudence: Class I, Chaitanya Kediyal, Rachel Robinson, Rebecca Torrance; Class II:I, Hannah Foley, David Lau, Celeste McGinley, Luke White-Thomson
Literae Humaniores: Class II:I, Flora Leadley, Mathilda Wood
Mathematics (BA): Class I, Francesco Galvanetto; Class II:I, Holi Ashton
Mathematics (MMath): Class II:I, Grace Hanna, James Hind, Aditya Shrimanker
Mathematics and Statistics (BA): Class I, Olivia Pricilia, Candice Yao
Mathematics and Computer Science (BA): Class II:I, Yoojin Jang
Mathematics and Computer Science (MMathCompSci): Class I, Bill Shao, Seungjae Son
Medical Sciences: Class I, Molly Abbott, Caitlin Benham, Jennifer Knight, Kirsten Lee; Class II:I, Olivia James
MODERN LANGUAGES: Class I, Emily Balkwill, Sabrina Ruia; Class II: I, Kirsty Bailey, Natacha Lee, Stephanie Long, Archie Philipps, Adam Takar

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS: Class II: I, Catherine Smith

MUSIC: Class I, Zerlina Vulliamy, James Short

NEUROSCIENCE: Class II: II, Georgina Waters

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS: Class I, James Lamming, Avni Pande; Class II: I, Natasha Edgell, Charles Ford, Nikita Repin-Millard, Nikhil Shah

PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN LANGUAGES: Class I, Patrick Orme; Class II: I, Max Bastow

PHYSICS (BA): Class II: I, Megan Lockwood; Class II: II, Bethany Sheppard

PHYSICS (MPhys): Class I, Noah Alfert, Henry Davies, Joseph Lloyd; Class II: I, Chien Lin, Luther Williamson

Firsts: 39 Upper Seconds: 51 Lower Seconds: 5 Thirds: 0

DIPLOMA IN LEGAL STUDIES: Distinction, Arthur Abs

(The list above excludes those candidates who availed themselves of the right not to be shown. They are included in the Final Honour School totals.)

Distinctions in Preliminary Examinations and First Class in Moderations 2020

[Note: although Honour Moderation examinations in Classics and Law did proceed in Hilary Term 2020, most of the First Public Examinations planned for 2019/2020 were cancelled (because of restrictions associated with the coronavirus pandemic), with students instead assumed to have passed. Therefore, the Year Outcome of Distinction was not available to the majority of students.]

JURISPRUDENCE: Distinction, Grace Burney, Siobhan Tan

LITERAE HUMANIORES: First Class, Kaitlyn Foster
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Franziska Poprawe  
Reasoning & Normativity  
Matthew Roby  
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Henry Sawczyc  
Biophysical characterisation of self-assembling nanoparticles  
Louise Strickland  
Assessing early post-operative recovery following lower limb joint replacement  
Qian Wen Tan  
Development of Copper-Catalysed Addition Reactions to Alkynes  
Christopher Thomas  
Exploring Interactions between the Sleep Homeostatic Process and Cortical Neuronal Dynamics  
Xuan Wang  
Essays on Money and Financial Frictions in Finance and Macroeconomics  
Sophie Williams  
Structural and functional studies of perforin-like proteins implicated in zoonotic parasitic diseases  
Bo Yang  
Learning to Reconstruct and Segment 3D Objects

**M Phil**  
Hannah Durbin (Merit)  
Politics: Political Theory  
Joshua Lappen (Distinction)  
History: US History  
Aradhya Sethiya  
Law  
Hamza Shad (Merit)  
Development Studies

**MPP (2020)**  
Dong Feng  
Carolina Martinelli Rocha (Merit)  
Ricardo Miranda Rocha Leitão (Merit)  
Tim Nusser (Distinction)  
Kwame Sarpong (Merit)  
Mujahid Sarsur (Merit)

**MFA**  
James Allen (Distinction)  
Vasileia Anaxagorou (Distinction)  
Jade Dent (Merit)

**MSc**  
Anmol Aggarwal (Distinction)  
Mathematical Sciences  
Xiaohe Bai (Distinction)  
Mathematical & Theoretical Physics  
India Barrett (Distinction)  
History of Science, Medicine and Technology  
Sivan Ben Haim (Distinction)  
Computer Science  
Kathryn Broom (Merit)  
Learning and Teaching
Patricia Cambalova (Merit) Neuroscience
Valeria D’Agnese (Merit) Financial Economics
Dakota Foster (Merit) Global Governance and Diplomacy
Walter Freyn Mathematical Finance
Jonah Herzog-Arbeitman (Merit) Mathematical & Theoretical Physics
(Distinction)
Zoe Hunter Learning and Teaching
Michael Ion Learning and Teaching
Ioanna Kostaki (Merit) Law and Finance
Christopher Larner (Distinction) Learning and Teaching
Chen Levin (Merit) Energy Systems
Minghui Liu (Merit) Mathematical and Computational Finance
Alexander Matlari (Distinction) Financial Economics
Param Pandya (Merit) Law and Finance
Nir Ratner (Distinction) Mathematical & Theoretical Physics
Toby Smith (Merit) Modern Middle Eastern Studies
Yanshu Wang (Distinction) Mathematical and Computational Finance

MSt
Aliki Dermati (Merit) Modern Languages (Byzantine and Modern Greek)
Adina Goldman (Distinction) Bible Interpretation
Travis Pilling (Merit) History (British and European History 1700-1850)
Michael Pusic (Distinction) English and American Studies
Thomas Shah Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
Xinyue Shao Modern Languages (Byzantine and Modern Greek)
Anna Twiddy (Merit) English (1550 – 1700)

BCL
Herman Ahmad (Distinction)
Tuscany Parkin
Anjali Rawat

BPhil
Adam Jobling
Ruby Shao

BM
Nuha Ansar
Charlotte Nesbitt
MBA (2019)
Itay Arbel
Philip Eaton
Aisha Khalid
Jiayao Liu
Callaghan Stock (Distinction)
Yixuan Xu
Chi Zhang

MBA (2020)
Stephanie Aboagye
Corinna Chan (Distinction)
Helena De Wolf
Federica Gaboardi
Yan Irawan (Distinction)
Bede Jones
Alexander Milodowski (Distinction)
Simon Morgan
Andrea Pava Diaz
Michael Philbin (Distinction)
Sky Shi
Ai Lin Tan (Distinction)
Marvin Tarawally
Susana Zabarskaya

EMBA
Anna Holburn (Distinction)
University Prizes 2019–20

Undergraduate

Chemistry
– The GlaxoSmithKline 3rd Year Undergraduate Prize in Practical Organic Chemistry – Anna Szyszko

Engineering Sciences
– The Edgell Sheppee Prize – Charig Yang

Jurisprudence
– The Slaughter and May Law Moderations Prize in Criminal Law (Shared), awarded to the student with the best performance in Criminal Law – Evie Lang
– The Red Lion Chambers Prize for FHS Criminology and Criminal Justice (Shared) – Rachel Robinson
– Gibbs Book Prize for performance in Private Law subjects – Chaitanya Kediyal

Literae Humaniores
– Gibbs Prize (Thesis in Latin Language and Literature) – Mathilda Wood

Modern Languages
– The Dolores Oria Merino Prize (Joint) for the best performance in the Spanish Prose (Paper I) examination – Emily Balkwill

Physics
– The Gibbs Prize for the best use of experimental apparatus in an MPhys project – Noah Alfert

Politics
– The Gibbs Prize for a Written Paper (Proxime Accessit) – James Lamming
College Prizes 2019–20

Alstead Prize for Law: **Rachel Robinson**
Sir Arthur Benson Memorial Prize for Philosophy: **Megan Isaac**
Ashe Lincoln Prize in Law: **Rebecca Torrance**
Burnett Prize for Engineering: **Charig Yang**
Caroline Dean Prize: **Emma Abou-Haidar Ventura**
Chris Woods Prizes for French: **Celine Barclay** and **Sabrina Ruia**
David Wing Prize for Excellence in Biochemistry: **Kathryn Smith**
Elsie Beck Memorial Prize: **George Oyebode**

Fitzgerald Prize for achieving First Class Honours or Distinction in the First Public Examination: **Grace Burney, Kaitlyn Foster, Siobhan Tan**

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Fitzgerald Prize for gaining First Class Honours in a Final Honour School: **Molly Abbott, Noah Alfert, Emily Balkwill, Callum Bampton, Caitlin Benham, Kathryn Davies, Henry Davies, Petra Ferencz, Francesco Galvanetto, Shreyus Ganesh, April Gilling, Safia Harji, Chaitanya Kediyal, Jennifer Knight, James Lamming, Charles Law, Kirsten Lee, Joseph Lloyd, Wei Ai Chrystel Ng, Patrick Orme, George Oyebode, Avni Pande, Antonio Perricone, Olivia Pricilia, Harri Ravenscroft, Bethan Roberts, Rachel Robinson, Sabrina Ruia, James Scott, Daqian Shao, James Short, Kathryn Smith, Seungjae Son, Robin Sullivan, Hannah Taylor, Rebecca Torrance, Zerlina Vulliamy, Charig Yang, Xinyu Yao**

Fluchere Essay Prize for French: **Kirsty Bailey**

Helen Taylor Prize for Medical Sciences: **Patrick Oliver**

Henderson Memorial Prize for Ancient History: **April Gilling**

Laura Quelch Prize for History: **Katie Davies**

Lelio Stampa Prize for History: **Tx Finney**

Patrick Prize in Mathematics: **Henry Ginn**

Paul Humphris Memorial Prize: **Mathilda Wood**

Pergamon Press Prize for an Essay in Science or Engineering: **Charig Yang**

Peter Street Memorial Prize: **Alana Stewart**

Potter Prize for Outstanding Academic Performance in any Preliminary Examination in Mathematics and its Joint Schools: **Rudi Smith**
Quarrell Read Prizes: Charlie Ford, Francesco Galvanetto, Johanna Moiseiwitsch, Ned Robinson, James Short, Catherine Smith, Zerlina Vulliamy, Ewa Wegrzyn
Science Prize: Henry Davies
Simon Pointer Prize for History: Safa Sadozai
Tobias Law Prize: Chaitanya Kediyal (FHS), Herman Ahmad (BCL/MJur)
Walter Higgs Prize: Rufus Pierce Jones

Alice Hopkinson-Woolley (2018, Modern Languages), second from right, represented Oxford in the Varsity skiing races during the Christmas Vacation
Major Scholarships, Studentships, and Bursaries Held During 2019–20

(These awards from private donors or trusts or Government sources provide support without which the holders might not be able to take up their places at Oxford.)

Miriam Austin — AHRC Open-Oxford-Cambridge DTP Studentship
Francesco Cosentino — Alan Turing Institute Doctoral Studentship
Prateek Gupta — Alan Turing Institute Doctoral Studentship
Michael Murray — Alan Turing Institute Doctoral Studentship
Panayiota Yerolemou — Alan Turing Institute Doctoral Studentship
Hannah Durbin — Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarship
Samantha Potter — Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarship
Ellen Brewster — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship
Adina Goldman — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship
Rowena Gutsell — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship
Adam Jobling — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship
Gabriela Minden — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship
Jesus Siller Farfan — Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship / Consejo Nacional De Ciencia Y Tecnologia
Mirjam Schilling — Arthur Peacocke Scholarship
Tyler Tully — Arthur Peacocke Scholarship
Phillip Bone — Arts and Humanities Research Council
Timothy Glover — Arts and Humanities Research Council
Laurence McKellar — Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership
Qian Tan — AStar Graduate Academy
David Speedman — Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council Studentship
Danail Stoychev — Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council Studentship
Mujahid Sarsur — Blavatnik School of Government Scholarship
Richard Baugh — Brain Research Trust
Dharamveer Tatwavedi — Cancer Research UK / Clarendon Scholarship / SKP Scholarship
Cornelius Emde — Cancer Research UK Studentship
Tuscany Parkin — Cecil Renaud Overseas Scholarship
Dennis Jackson  Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security
Fatima Zahrah  Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security
Dong Feng  Chevening Scholarship
Carolina Martinelli Rocha  Chevening Scholarship
Ricardo Miranda Rocha Leitão  Chevening Scholarship
Zhu Liang  China Oxford Institute - China Scholarship Council Studentship
Siyu Liu  China Oxford Institute - China Scholarship Council Studentship
Shuxiang Cao  China Scholarship Council
Danlei Li  China Scholarship Council
Liyiwen Yuan  China Scholarship Council
Alexandra Vasilyeva  Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Santander Scholarship
Britt Hanson  Clarendon Scholarship / Mary Frances Cairncross Scholarship
Wilfred Diment  Clarendon Scholarship / Peter Thompson Scholarship
Shruti Lakhtakia  Clarendon Scholarship / SKP (Pathak) Scholarship
Ritashree Pal  Clarendon Scholarship / SKP (Pathak) Scholarship
Christopher Cole  Clarendon Scholarship / Wellcome Trust through the Centre for Human Genetics
Jack Peters  Department of Chemistry Graduate Scholarship
Yiyan Liu  Department of Engineering Research Scholarship
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Births

To Brittany Allesandro (2012, Computer Science) and Andrew Dodds, twin sons, Henry Alexander Dodds and Theodore Lee Dodds, on 10 January 2020.


To Ursula Hackett (2006, Politics) and Chris Prosser (2009, St Catherine’s), a daughter, Rosalind Olivia Hackett Prosser, on 2 July 2020.


To Holly Lamb (née Mears) (2005, Jurisprudence) and Henry Lamb, a son, Frederick Arthur James, on 12 February 2020, a brother for Edward.

To Kian Lee (1992, PPE) and Rebecca Ng, a third son, Ming Han, on 22 November 2019.


Deaths

The Very Reverend James Atwell (1965, Theology) died 12 December 2020, aged 74.

Mr John Barraclough (1956, PPE) died 2 November 2020, aged 85.

Mr Anthony Bramley-Harker (1958, Jurisprudence) died 31 December 2019, aged 82.

Professor Robert Burchell (1960, Modern History) died 10 April 2020, aged 79.

Ms Mhairi Burden (1994, English) died 15 April 2020, aged 44.

Mr Daniel Cammerman (1988, Mathematics and Computing) died 18 December 2019, aged 50.

Mr Anthony Lewis Crocker (1947, PPE) died 28 November 2019, aged 91.

Mr Harry Eccles (1954, Modern Languages) died 22 December 2019, aged 87.

Professor Michael Furmston (1953, Jurisprudence) died 28 June 2020, aged 87.

Professor Sir James Gowans FRS (Honorary Fellow) died 01 April 2020, aged 95.

Mr Keith Hall (1955, PPE) died February 2020, aged 85.

Professor Sir Peter Harper (1957, Physiological Sciences) died 23 January 2021, aged 81.
Mr Michael Heap (1954, Jurisprudence) died January 2020, aged 85.
Mr David Heilbron (1958, Jurisprudence) died 8 March 2020, aged 83.
Dr Richard Derek Toft Jenkin (1949, Physics) died 23 September 2020, aged 91.
Sir John Laws (1963, Literae Humaniores, Honorary Fellow) died 05 April 2020, aged 74.
His Honour Michael Lightfoot (1957, Jurisprudence) died 29 December 2019, aged 83.
Professor Philip Lowe (1967, Chemistry) died 17 February 2020, aged 69.
Mr Michael Masterson (1959, PPE) died 24 November 2018, aged 80.
Professor Ian Michael (Emeritus Fellow) died 24 July 2020, aged 84.
Dr Maurice F R Mulcahy (1946, Chemistry) died 30 January 2020, aged 99.
Mr David Sarre (1945, Law) died 27 June 2020, aged 93.
Mr Derek Slater (1963, Literae Humaniores) died 26 April 2020, aged 75.
Professor Peter Sleight (Emeritus Fellow) died 7 October 2020, aged 91.
Mr Andrew Spindler (1947,) died October 2020, aged 97.
Mr Peter Stone (1953, Chemistry) died 17 August 2020, aged 86.
Mr Joseph Thompson (1949, Modern Languages) died 26 August 2019, aged 91.
Mr Peter Warner (Fellow and Finance & Estates Bursar) died 22 June 2020, aged 56.
The Revered David Watts (1948, Modern History) died 28 June 2020, aged 93.
Mr Stephen Whittington (1978, Modern Languages) died 13 August 2020, aged 60.
Mr Eric Wilkinson (1954, Modern History) died 3 October 2019, aged 85.
His Honour Kenneth Zucker QC (1955, Jurisprudence) died 27 June 2020, aged 85.
**Visitors to College**

At the time of going to print Exeter College is regrettably closed to visitors because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal circumstances the College is delighted to welcome alumni back, and you are warmly invited to visit whenever you might be in Oxford. The Porters request that visits fall between 2 pm and 5 pm where possible. Although rare, there are occasions on which the College, or parts of it, are closed, and it is advisable to contact the College in advance to avoid disappointment.

If you are planning a visit and can let the Development and Alumni Relations Office know in advance when you are likely to arrive (by calling 01865 279619 or emailing development@exeter.ox.ac.uk), the Porters can be briefed to expect you. Please make yourself known in the Lodge by identifying yourself and presenting your University Alumni Card. You and any guests you may have with you will then be able to move freely wherever you wish in College. The Hall, Chapel, and Fellows’ Garden are nearly always open; if the Hall is locked, the Porters will be happy to open it for you if they are not too heavily engaged in other duties.

If you are not in possession of a University Alumni Card, please go to www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/my-oxford-card and follow the instructions. This card will also enable you to obtain discounts at select hotels, shops and restaurants in the area with which the University has made arrangements for Oxford alumni to receive reduced rates.

**Dining Rights**

The Rector and Fellows warmly invite you to take advantage of other alumni benefits, such as High Table Dining Rights. Eligibility is from the first term after completion of undergraduate Finals or submission of the final thesis for graduates. Alumni in good standing with the College can dine on High Table once a year at the College’s expense (but paying for wine and dessert) and also at two other times in different terms at their own expense. Alumni can bring one guest to High Table dinner at their own expense; we can host groups with multiple guests, however in these instances your party will be seated in the main body of the Hall, and you would dine at your own expense. Guest nights are typically on Wednesdays and Sundays during term time. Please contact our catering team at butlers.pantry@exeter.ox.ac.uk or on 01865 279931 for further details or to sign in for dinner.

Please note that at the time of going to print it is not possible to dine in College because of the Covid-19 pandemic.
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Will Dobbs (2018, Lit Hum) was the JCR President 2019 – 20
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