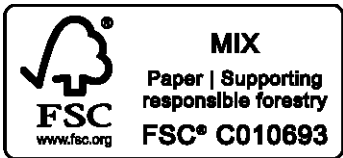




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## *From the Outgoing Rector*



For Exeter, academic year 2023/24 was especially notable for the completion of the Library Project. Reopened to students – who were queuing outside at the appointed time – in Second Week of Michaelmas Term, the restored and renovated building has been very popular not only with undergraduates and postgraduates, but also with virtually everyone who has seen the building in its bright and modern yet also historically sympathetic new guise. The achievement was celebrated at the ceremonial reopening on an intensely sunny 18 May, by which time greenery had been restored both in the Fellows' Garden and the Rector's Garden. Attended by many of the donors to the project – including key donor William Jackson (1983, Geography) and other

major donors, Bart Holaday (1965, PPE), Biz and Livia Stone, Tim Ashley (1980, PPE), and Howard Rosen (1974, Jurisprudence) – the ceremony took place in the presence of the College's Visitor, the Acting Bishop of Exeter, Jackie Searle. That festive event featured a stirring but also humorous speech about the importance of libraries and (especially) the books stored in them by Sir Philip Pullman, (1965, English & Honorary Fellow). By early June, another key enhancement of the fabric of the College, the relighting of the Hall – which, for example, made the portraits in the Gallery clearly visible from below for the first time – was complete, and some weeks earlier the marquee had disappeared from Front Quad, restoring the beauty of that highly impressive entrance to Exeter.

The year also saw further progress at Exeter in a number of other areas: additional diversification of UK undergraduate intake; the first running of the on-course support programme; introductory lunches staged for new postgraduates by the Rector and Senior Tutor; a second successive Gold award in the University's Green Impact competition; and the Governing Body's in-principle approval of joint redevelopment, with Hertford, of the two colleges' adjoining sports grounds at New Marston.

For their part, the College's students had a very good year, not least academically: there were almost 40 Firsts in Finals plus the equivalent of more than 20 Distinctions or Firsts in Prelims or Mods. Ten undergraduates participated enthusiastically in the annual Exeter-to-Williams trip in January. Both undergraduates and graduate students were





*Details from the transformed library, now named the Jackson Library in honour of the father of the project's principal donor and Exeter College alumnus, William Jackson (1983, Geography). Photos by Will Pryce*

enthusiastic participants in the usual round of Subject Family Dinners (see the article in this *Register*). Tabitha Thornton-Swan (2018, Medicine) organised a MedEd summer school for Palestinian medical students visiting Oxford, and Jack Nunn (2022, DPhil candidate in Medieval and Modern Languages) won a Sachs Scholarship to Princeton.

In a less academic context, postgraduate parents joined their counterparts among the Fellows at the lively annual Family Dinner in Hall in May. Students participated actively in the usual array of festivals celebrated at Exeter, supplemented this year by Passover, which had one of its rare overlaps with Trinity Term. There was the usual array of ‘bops’ and the annual Ball, the latter featuring a further DJ ‘set’ by the Rector, who was perhaps less of a ‘mystery guest’ than in 2023! The elements prevented competitive rowing in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms, but Summer Eights brought important successes for Exeter, especially for the women’s boats. Similarly, the College won Sailing Cuppers and both men’s and women’s Rugby Cuppers.

Turning to alumni, there were many events abroad as Marguerite and I undertook a ‘farewell tour’: in New York and Hong Kong (twice each), Washington DC, Zurich, Geneva, Toronto, Saskatoon, and Singapore. Meanwhile, in the UK there were two sets of City Drinks plus a Boat Race watching party at Hammersmith. In Oxford itself, there was the annual meeting (at the Ashmolean and Cohen Quad) of the Amelia Jackson legacy society, the annual garden party and buffet lunch in Hall for donors, a barbecue in June for young alumni, and special dinners for alumni and students in Biochemistry, Earth Sciences, Law, and Medicine. Also, many alumni attended Gaudies – in June for matriculation years 2010-14 and in September for 1985-89.

In terms of alumni achievements, there were King’s Honours for Patric Dickinson (1969, Modern History; Secretary of the Order of the Garter and former Clarenceux King of Arms), CVO, and for Giles Montagnon (1996, Modern Languages; former Minister Counsellor, British Embassy Beijing), OBE, for services to British foreign policy. Also, among important appointments Sir David Holgate (1974, Jurisprudence; High Court Judge) was appointed to the Court of Appeal. During the Long Vacation two Exonians emerged as MPs in the General Election: Claire Coutinho (2004, Mathematics and Philosophy) as Conservative MP for East Surrey and Chris Murray (2005, Modern Languages) as Labour MP for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh. The former is now Shadow Secretary of State for Climate Change and Net Zero.

Several alumni gave Rector’s Seminars (see the article in this *Register*). Among many notable alumni publications were: Sir Roland Jackson (1976, Molecular Immunology), *Scientific Advice to the Nineteenth Century British State*; Akshat Rath (2008, Organic Chemistry), *Climate Capitalism: Winning the Global Race to Net Zero*; Ravi Takhar (1984, Jurisprudence), *How to Build a Bank: A Guide to Key Bank Regulations, the Licence Application Process and Bank Risk Management*; and Matt Tiller (1991, Modern History), *The Lion Who Never Roared*, the story of Jack Leslie, the first Black captain in the Football League (see the article in *Exon* 2024).



*The College, including the Rector's Garden, was transformed for the annual Ball*

Far less happily, I call attention to the obituaries in this *Register*, including those of two alumni who were also Honorary Fellows, the Reverend Professor James McConica and Professor Colin Maiden, both of whom were key figures in their respective countries of origin and made major contributions to the life of Exeter.

Turning to the Fellowship, there were many newcomers during 2023/24. In the spring the following distinguished scientists – all alumni or former Fellows of Exeter – were elected Honorary Fellows: Professor Andrew Blake FRS FREng (Engineering), a pioneer in the theory of algorithms and in research on autonomous vehicles; Professor Sir Rory Collins FRS FMedSci (Epidemiology), who has carried out large-scale studies of the causes, prevention and treatment of heart attacks, other vascular disease, and cancer; Professor Jo Dunkley OBE FRS (Astrophysics), whose research focuses on the origins of the universe and the Cosmic Microwave Background; Professor Antony Galione FRS FMedSci (Pharmacology), who has helped discover new calcium signalling pathways with implications for health and disease; Professor Guy Goodwin (1965, Animal Physiology) FRCPsych FMedSci (Psychiatry), whose research has contributed to new treatments for bipolar and mood disorders; Professor Gillian Griffiths FRS FMedSci (Immunology), whose work on ‘killer cells’ provides the basis for improved cancer therapies; Professor Jane Mellor EMBO (Biochemistry), whose research relates metabolism to all aspects of gene expression and to how cells age; Professor Anant Parekh FRS FMedSci MAE (Physiology), who investigates how cells communicate with one another, including how aberrant signals can contribute to ill health; and the College’s first woman Fellow, Professor Clare Stanford FRSB (Neuropharmacology), who has made important discoveries in the neurobiology of mood and behaviour, including cognitive performance.

In the summer these Honorary Fellows were joined by: Dr Jon Hall (1992, Physics and Philosophy), a successful investment banker and a member of the Bank of England’s Financial Policy Committee; Bart Holaday (1965, PPE, Rhodes Scholar), a prominent venture capitalist who is the founder and long-serving chair of the Dakota Foundation; Charles Outhwaite (1984, Modern History), who has had marked success in the worlds both of investment and of wine production; and Peter Thompson, a longtime friend of the College who has made important contributions to business and friendship between Britain and Japan. Each member of that cohort has been both a major donor to Exeter and a sustained member of the College’s committees and boards.

During the Long Vacation the College also announced the first five Prideaux Fellows, recognising substantial philanthropic contributions to the College as well as more general beneficial effects on society. They are: Mike Coleman (1979, Geology), who has been highly successful both in Singapore-based business and as a leader of rugby league in Merseyside; Cheryl Kloppenburg, widow of Henry Kloppenburg (1968, Law), with Henry an influential lawyer and civic leader in Saskatchewan; Harish Salve KC, a long-standing friend of the College and a distinguished barrister and former Solicitor General of India; Biz Stone, co-founder of Twitter, influential entrepreneur and investor,



and a frequent speaker at Exeter and elsewhere in Oxford; and Bernard Wolfe (1958, Medicine, Rhodes Scholar), an important clinical academic and medical innovator.

In addition to the new Governing Body Fellows profiled in *Register 2023*, that part of the Fellowship was joined, during 2023/24, by Professor Sandra Kiefer (the College's first Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science), Dr Lukas Krone (Neuroscience), Dr Joe Leidy (Global History), Professor Florian Trouvain (Economics), and Professor Phillipa Webb (Public International Law). They were supplemented, at the start of the 2024/25 academic year, by Professor Ann Kelly (the College's first anthropology Fellow since R R Marett), and Professor Laura Sjoberg (Kloppenborg Fellow in Politics and International Relations). In addition, there were several new Supernumerary Fellows during 2023/24: Dr Sam Crane (Professor in Political Science at Williams College, Massachusetts, and Director of the Williams-Exeter Programme Oxford), Dr George Green (Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow at the Ashmolean Museum), Dr Sarah Howles (formerly Exeter College Staines Medical Research Fellow, currently Wellcome Trust Clinical Career Development Fellow at the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences), Professor Meghana Pandit (Chief Executive Officer at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Professor Arathi Sriprakash (Professor of Sociology and Education in Oxford's Department of Education), Dr Jake Taylor (Glasstone Fellow in Astrophysics in the Department of Physics), and Professor Richard White (Professor of Genetics in the Nuffield Department of Medicine). The College was also joined by a new Royal Literary Fund Fellow (helping students with their academic writing), the novelist Amanda Smyth, and a new Catechist, Chrissie Chevasutt.

There were a large number of Visiting Fellows at Exeter for part or all of 2023/24. They were: Abdhulhamit Arvas (English, University of Pennsylvania); Hannah Bows (Law, University of Durham); Delvyn Case (Music, Wheaton College, Massachusetts); Tine de Moor (Economic History and Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam); Brian Denton (Engineering, University of Michigan); Laurence Deschamps-Laporte (Political Science, University of Montreal); Stuart Green (Law, Rutgers University); Jongsook Lee (English, Seoul National University); Khalid Lyamlahy (French and Francophone Studies, University of Chicago); Hanna Meretoja (Literature, University of Turku); John Pfumojena (Composer, Musician, Actor, and Director); Kristen Poole (English, University of Delaware); Tim Sommer (English and Culture, University of Passau); and Dong Wang (Medicine, University of California). Many of these visitors played major roles in the academic and/or the social life of the College, often through High Table attendance (where Tim Sommer was particularly faithful) and seminars (for example by Tine de Moor and Kristen Poole). A spectacular example of input from this group took the form of a concert of sacred music in Trinity Term from Delvyn Case and John Pfumojena.

There were also many other distinguished visitors – notably the Ambassadors of Spain, the EU and Honduras – for particular occasions.

Inevitably a number of Fellows left the College during 2023/24. Edith Chen (Boskey Fellow in History), a medievalist specialising in Central Asia, departed after three productive years for a tenure track post at the University of Utah. Bojana Mladenovic completed her two-year term as Director of the WEPO Programme, during which she was assiduous in looking after her students, returning to the role of Professor of Philosophy at Williams College. Two Fellows left Exeter after long periods of service, taking up the role of Emeritus Fellows at the end of the academic year. Andrew Farmer, Professor of General Practice and Fellow by Special Election, contributed substantially to Exeter's committees and to the education of its clinical students. Michael Hart completed a stupendous forty-two years as Tutorial Fellow in Politics, a period during which he was a lynchpin of Exeter's PPE programme and served as Sub-Rector, Senior Tutor, and Proctor. A large group of his assembled former students gave him a rousing send-off in June. Another key leaver was Dr Joe Pitt-Francis, Retained Lecturer in Computing Science for nearly a quarter of a century.

In terms of service to the University and the College, I note the completion by Dr Chris Ballinger (Senior Tutor) of six influential academic years as Chair of the Postgraduate Committee of the Conference of Colleges and my own winding up of three less arduous years on the University's Audit and Scrutiny Committee and the Board of the Social Sciences Division. During 2023/24 Supernumerary Fellow Professor Dame Molly Stevens FREng FRS (Bionanoscience) took up the role of Oxford's Academic Champion for Women and Diversity in Entrepreneurship, and Professor Conall MacNiocaill assumed office in March as Junior Proctor, an event celebrated at Exeter with a gala lunch in Hall.

During the academic year the College lost Sir Colin Maiden (1955, DPhil in Engineering, Rhodes Scholar & Honorary Fellow), a distinguished researcher, accomplished board member of companies, and the long-standing and highly influential Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland. A further grievous loss was the death, in January, of Dr Jenni Nuttall, a long-standing and much-loved Lecturer in Old and Middle English.

2023/24 was a bumper year for the achievements of current and past Fellows, Lecturers, and Senior Common Room members of the College. Some of these are included in the following several paragraphs.

Among these accomplishments was the Recognition of Distinction – Oxford's full professorship – awarded to Fellow Cath Green (Clinical Biomanufacturing), Lecturer Fadi Issa (Translational Immunology), and member of the SCR Stuart Lee (English Literature).

Concerning Honours: Professor Dame Molly Stevens was awarded a DBE for services to medicine; Professor Kieran Kirk (former Staines Medical Research Fellow and former Sub-Rector; Dean at Australian National University), was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to science education and research and to professional organisations; and Sir Antonio Pappano (Honorary Fellow, Director of the London Symphony Orchestra ), was awarded a CVO.



*Among many notable achievements, (clockwise from top left) Professor Cath Green received the University's Recognition of Distinction, Professor Dame Molly Stevens was awarded a DBE for services to medicine, Dr Kejia Hu won the inaugural Mary Jo Bitner 'Rising Star in Services' Award for early career significant impact on her discipline, and Professor Yang Shi was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society*

By way of other external recognition: Professor Jo Dunkley (Honorary Fellow and Joseph Henry Professor of Physics and Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society; Sir Philip Pullman (1965, English, celebrated novelist and Honorary Fellow) received the Bodley Medal from the Bodleian Library at a gala ceremony in the Sheldonian in November; Dr Kejia Hu (Management Science) won the inaugural Mary Jo Bitner 'Rising Star in Services' Award for early career significant impact on her discipline; Professor Agni Orfanoudaki (Management Studies) was named one of the 2024 Best 40-under-40 MBA Professors; Professor Dame Carol Robinson FRS (Chemistry) was awarded a lifetime achievement award during the European Investor Award ceremony 2024; Professor Yang Shi (Supernumerary Fellow in Cancer Research) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society; and Professor Kerry Walker (Preclinical Medicine) won an Excellent Teacher Award from the Medical Sciences Division.

With respect to appointments: Professor Cornelia Druţu (Mathematics) was named Emmy Noether Guest Professor, University of Göttingen, and Visiting Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn; Professor Farah Karim-Cooper (former Visiting Fellow) was appointed Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library; Anna Alsina Naudi (former Visiting Fellow) was promoted to Senior Lecturer at Princeton University; Katherine Noren (Supernumerary Fellow) was named co-director of Oxford's Student Welfare and Support Services (SWSS); and Professor John Quelch (1969, Modern History & Honorary Fellow) was appointed Executive Vice Chancellor at Duke Kunshan University.

Regarding major grants, Professor Keith Channon (Cardiovascular Medicine) led a team which secured a £5 million award from the British Heart Foundation. Also, there were three successes, for the much-coveted Starting Grants of the European Research Council: Dr Georgia Isom (Pathology) for work on antimicrobial resistant micro-organisms, Dr Federica Gigante (former Supernumerary Fellow) for a study of the transmission of things and knowledge from the Islamic world to Europe in the late 16th and 17th centuries, and Dr Christopher Markiewicz (former Boskey Fellow in History, now Associate Professor in Ottoman and Islamic Studies, University of Ghent), for work on the role of pious endowments in the development of the Ottoman state 1450-1650.

In terms of publications: Dr John Maddicott FBA (Emeritus Fellow) was presented with a splendid festschrift, *English Medieval Government and Administration* edited by Nigel Saul and Nicholas Vincent (Boydell Press for the Pipe Roll Society) at an occasion in College in December; Professor Nandini Das (English) won the British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding 2023 for *Courting India: Mughal India and the Origins of Empire* (Bloomsbury); Professor Jane Hiddleston (French)'s book *Frantz Fanon: Literature and Invention* (Legenda) was shortlisted for the R Gapper Prize; former Visiting Fellows Nicolas Espejo-Yaksic and Anna Alsina Naudi published *El accesa a una justiciar daptado*, providing an internationally comparative framework

to examine the access to justice systems of specially vulnerable individuals and groups; Professor Charles Foster (Supernumerary Fellow in Law) produced (with Andrew McGee) *Intuitively Rational: How We Think and How We Should*; and Professor Joseph Nye (1958, PPE, Rhodes Scholar & Honorary Fellow), published *A Life in the American Century* (Polity).

I also note that Professor Stuart Lee (English) organised a series of seminars on the work of Exonian J R R Tolkien (1911, English and Classics) marking the 50th anniversary of Tolkien's death, and Professor Marian Knight MBE (Supernumerary Fellow, Maternal Health) led research which revealed that maternity deaths in the UK are at the highest level in 20 years.

As a final note regarding Fellows, I am happy to record the celebrations held in May to mark the 70th anniversary of a huge achievement by our deceased Honorary Fellow Sir Roger Bannister (1946, Physiological Sciences). The weekend's events, which included serious races and a general 'fun run' (organised by Sir Roger's son Thurstan [1979, PPE]), featured occasions at the various colleges with which Sir Roger was associated. Exeter held the final event, a gala dinner attended by various athletic celebrities and addressed by the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, and Sir Roger's son Clive Bannister (1977, PPE). The atmosphere was extremely positive, not least because the evening highlighted Sir Roger's academic and voluntary achievements as well as his sporting triumphs.

With regard to Exeter's employees who are not academics, termly all-staff meetings (including the meeting in Trinity addressed by my successor), and a termly letter from the Rector, continued to be useful modes of communication. These colleagues had an especially demanding year as a number of special events – such as the Bannister celebrations and the formal reopening of the Library (now named the Jackson Library in honour of the father of the project's principal donor and Exeter College alumnus, William Jackson [1983, Geography]) – added to the usual busy round of College occasions and economically crucial commercial conferences and dinners. Kitchen, Hall, and cleaning staff are in the front lines in those respects; in many others the Academic Office is to the fore, notably (but far from only) in dealing with the large number of examinations held in College after dispensations given to individual students by the University.

I also wish to pay tribute to the activities of the Chapel and our Chaplain, Andrew Allen, who in addition is (among other College duties) the College's Welfare Lead, and to the Choir and Organists and those (very much including Andrew) who assist their efforts. As ever, the music and services were of a very high standard. Lunchtime organ recitals attracted record numbers. And the preaching was first-rate, both by the Chaplain and the Catechist and by visitors such as the Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, who addressed the annual Commemoration of Benefactors service in June.





*Celebrations in May highlighted Sir Roger Bannister's academic, voluntary and sporting achievements. Members of the public and Olympians such as Steve Cram (pictured top right) took part in the 'Bannister Miles' before a series of elite races at the Sir Roger Bannister Running Track at Iffley Road. The occasion culminated with a dinner in Exeter College Hall, addressed by the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, Sir Roger's son, Clive Bannister (1977, PPE), and Rector Trainor (pictured bottom right). Photos by Steven O'Gorman*

This is my final report for the *Register*. As I look back on the past decade, I believe that the Exeter Family, which is very much a team, has achieved – building on very sound foundations – much during these years. We have completed one major building project (Cohen Quad) and seen another (the Jackson Library) through from conception to ceremonial opening. Substantial additional philanthropic money has been raised – especially from alumni – and the College’s finances and investment strategy have been restructured. The Fellowship has been expanded in numbers – adding the new category of Supernumerary Fellow – supplementing the depth and variety of Exeter’s formidable academic strengths. For example, at last we have a Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science, and we have formidable hubs of expertise in Hispanic Studies and in Artificial Intelligence. Postgraduate numbers have been modestly expanded, and (aided by the College’s new Exeter Plus bridging programme) the socioeconomic and ethnic profiles of our undergraduates have become significantly more diverse. Exeter has substantially expanded its welfare provision and initiated systematic support for writing and study skills. The College has established a summer programme which is thriving both academically and financially. Exeter modernised its Statutes and streamlined its committee structure. The College survived Covid with minimum loss of momentum, and it launched an award-winning sustainability programme. Exeter has also tightened its links both to the Conference of Colleges and to the central University.

In these achievements I have been simply the leader of, and spokesperson for, the Exeter ‘team’. I have had enormous support from College officers, other Fellows and staff, students, and alumni. I have also had huge support from Marguerite, who in addition has proven herself a key attender at College social events – and by general agreement the most enthusiastic supporter of the College’s sporting efforts! Together we have greatly enjoyed getting to know this very warm and very vibrant community. We wish it – and especially our successors, Andrew and Pippa Roe – very well in the future. We shall be observing Exeter with great interest from our perches, respectively, as Honorary Fellow and Honorary Member of the SCR.

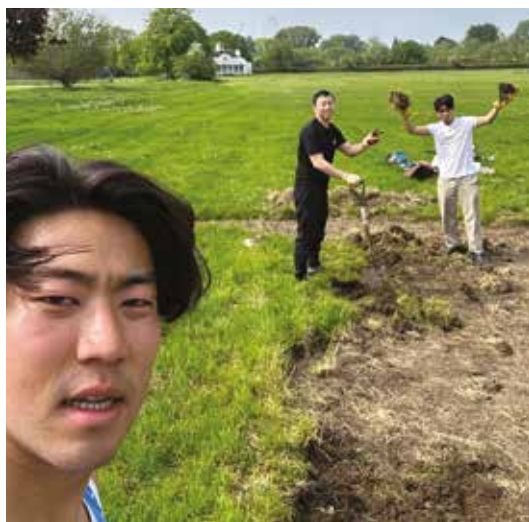
*Rick Trainor*  
*Rector 2014–2024*

## *From the President of the MCR*

Recounting the past 12 months of life in Exeter's Middle Common Room is no easy task. I say this in gratitude as the previous months have contained so many enriching moments; marked in friendships made, port bottles emptied, races and sporting matches won, bellies filled with Exeter's catering, and hot coffees poured to accompany the most interesting conversations.

The silence of a long summer was interrupted by the excited energy of a new class of post-graduates who began to trickle down Turl Street to the Porters' Lodge with the promises of an exciting welcome week. This was the beginning for them, but not for the veteran members of the MCR who had spent weeks in anticipation and planning. Freshers' Week is an intensive induction into all things Oxford, Exeter, and the MCR. It's a rare opportunity to dedicate time to intentional community formation and friendship finding before the rigour of academics and demands of extracurriculars pull students in a thousand directions: the charming aisles in our newly minted Jackson Library being one of them.

'Community formation' can often sound ambiguous and intangible, but it really is non-stop events that will have you up at the break of dawn and crawling back into your bed just in time to do it again. It's when members of the MCR begin to feel stewardship over their new spaces and care for their new friends. And what better way to get grounded into the history and space of College, than to have the soil of Exeter's sports ground under your fingernails and its grass staining your jeans?



*Roland Chen (front) and helpers from the MCR break a sweat tilling the ground for a wildflower meadow*

The MCR class of '24 made quite a spectacle, marching the half mile to the sports ground from College: wheelbarrows, buckets, shovels, hoes, and sporting equipment in tote. The seemingly angry mob of farmers then went to work, under the guidance of Roland Chen, our sports ground representative, tilling the soil on the grounds to plant a new wildflower garden on our massive fields. Roland, among many others, champions the cause of sustainability and biodiversity, an important pillar of culture in Exeter. Members of the MCR served in Exeter's Green Impact Team, and the College recently

received a gold rating, for the second year running, from the Vice Chancellor. The sports day not only included gardening, but also Americans teaching their British counterparts ‘real football’ and games of ‘capture the bean bags’ (the actual name eludes me), between the MCR and JCR. Finally, a proper grill was lit to feed everyone before the nighttime activities began. The dozens of events that were hosted over the week would not have happened without the tireless work of the Freshers’ Representatives, Connie Sjödin and Kevin Yuan, as well as other veteran MCR members who stepped up to take the wheel.



*At the entrepreneurship mixer, Exeter MCR's own musically gifted Lizzie Cheetham of Meadowsuite Band entertained guests with a cello performance*

Michaelmas Term raced on, and the MCR became a hub of community and exciting experiences. The joy of Freshers’ Week transformed into a committee of 20+ officers serving the MCR to make the most of our first term; central as always were our social secretaries, Ida Lieback, Emily Print, and Emma Prevot. They graciously welcomed in guests for college exchange dinners, hosted fine wine and cheese nights, and put on countless social mixers at Exeter House and the MCR to keep the heart of our MCR beating. Among the enriching experience of socialising with peers, there was also a series of academic and career-oriented events to feed the curiosity and ambition so plentiful in Oxford. One such event was an entrepreneurship mixer, pictured above, to which members of Oxford’s professional entrepreneurship groups and various societies were invited. The room hummed with ideas, pitches, and a shared sense of excitement for the future.

I sense there is always a feeling of pride inviting guests into our spaces, as they are so well looked after and curated by members of the MCR. Our beloved Master of the Beans – yes, charged with all things coffee – Nico Garraud, built the most beautiful coffee corner, decked out with hot cocoa, teas, milks, and photography. He knows and teaches others that it is attention to the care of small things in spaces that shows respect and care for those lucky enough to enjoy it. I can’t count the number of times I came into the MCR, weary (and most likely wet), to sit down to a freshly poured latte and Nico’s smile. Equally common was to walk into a huddled game of Bananagrams – a sort of



*A game of Bananagrams before Christmas*



*A creative gathering in the MCR*

free-flowing Scrabble – with the most unusual words from the dictionary finally having their time in the sun. In such a rigorous academic environment, marked by earnestness and discipline, I know it was a respite for many to walk into a room full of play.

While some played with anagrams on our thick red carpet, others enjoyed the quiet company of their peers and a glass of red as they settled into our chairs for creative writing nights. Such an intimacy is formed when people share words from their hearts and minds. I'm no writer, but I know that creative expression can free one of the reservedness and barriers of plain language that would belittle or mask deeper sentiment. At our MCR's creative gatherings I had the privilege to understand my peers more. With her permission, I'll share a poem below by Teodor Yankov, 'Fake snow with brief memory,' written at the occasion on display above. What the MCR has afforded us on many occasions is the opportunity to explore our minds and deepen our educations.

Poem: Fake snow with brief memory

As we inflict a 1000 cuts,  
Which time alone cannot heal,  
Mother Earth refused to fall  
She bravely stands her ground.

And as mother Earth defects  
The human hand which cuts her  
Fake snow with brief memory  
Gives way to real snow which remembers.  
And I dream to join it on the slopes



I remember at the very first Freshers' Dinner, getting up at High Table and saying to our class how Exeter was a place that cherished and celebrated diversity. That we were so lucky to have brilliant minds from all around the world, and to take it all in for we may never again be surrounded by such a richness bound together by shared experience.



*David presiding over the potluck lunch with dishes from around the world*

Allow me to introduce the wonderful gentleman to the left as he introduced himself to me – ‘Hi, I’m David from Jamacia. Pleasure to make your acquaintance.’ David R. Salmon is a Rhodes Scholar, a compelling preacher, and a fierce lover of his country and people. As the MCR race and equality officer, David helped me keep that initial promise from Freshers’ Dinner true and encouraged people not only to share their culture with our community, but also investigate it for themselves. Many members explored their culinary talents at our multi-cultural potluck lunch in the Fellows’ Garden. There were too many dishes to praise but I’d be remiss not to mention Anjali Rawat, a DPhil Law student and one of Exeter’s Junior Deans,

who brought a brimming container of mouthwatering Indian curries. Through her undoubtedly busy schedule, Anjali quietly and unrelentingly provided food and comfort to those who needed it; from students at Exeter House to members of student action for Palestine groups last year. At Exeter’s MCR, our shared culture was respect and care for one another.

Begrudgingly I must wrap this up, so I’ll end by telling you about our recently unveiled portrait series to honour four Black women who are significant alumnae in the MCR’s history. Before beginning this story, I’d like to thank Yvonne Rainey, Exeter’s brilliant Director of Development and Alumni Relations, for her belief in and perpetual support of this endeavour. Also, a thanks to Victoria Northridge, Exeter’s Archivist, who made finding our wonderful recipients possible.

In Oxford, like many places, portraiture is used to canonise and celebrate notable figures in an institution’s history. It imbues a sense of pride and ownership for those that are lucky to feel so connected. The lack of visible diversity in the portraiture is something that the MCR class of ’24 decided to remedy. A portrait committee selected Dr Lisa McShine, Dr Helen Thomas, Dr Namukale Chintu, and Esi Eshun OBE to be





*Smiles all around at the portrait unveiling ceremony: Esi Eshun OBE (left), Dr Helen Thomas (centre), Dr Lisa McShine (right)*

honoured for their contributions to Exeter and their profound impact on their fields, ranging from higher education to banking. Dr Lisa McShine, who came to Oxford upon her recognition by the Trinidadian government for excellence in Mathematics, was the first Black woman to attend Exeter. This is cause for celebration, but also a reminder of how proximate the history of inclusion and diversity – so cherished to us – really is. It reminds us that our institutions must take ownership for centuries of exclusion, and that inclusion is not an ideal that can be found but must always be actively sought. Perhaps it is also a happy reminder that we are so privileged to live at the same time when trailblazers and inspirations such as these women are empowered to guide a next generation.

I won't attempt to quote something Dr Helen Thomas said from the portrait unveiling dinner, for she is a writer and poet and that would be a disservice, but she expressed happiness for her portrait hanging if it would make one Black or minority student feel more at home in our spaces. Like Nico and his coffee corner, she knows that our physical spaces impress much on us; whether we feel a sense of belonging, cared for, or are empowered.

It has been a privilege to serve as Exeter's MCR president. I happily leave my charge in the capable hands of Rea Tresa as the next MCR president. I know that she and those after her will carry on our traditions of excellence, respect, and open-minded curiosity that I have grown to cherish.

*Floreat Exon!*

*Rachael Merritt*

## *From the President of the JCR*

It has been an incredible and rewarding experience to act as JCR President over the past year. Building on the work and legacy of my predecessors, especially Freddie Crichton-Miller, the JCR has continued to thrive this year, going from strength to strength, and fostering a sense of community and cohesion that welcomed our new first year cohort seamlessly. I have loved being involved in many different aspects of the Exeter community, especially the many sports on offer, and I know it will continue to flourish and offer a wide array of opportunities for student participation for years to come.

This year the JCR sports teams have excelled. Both the Women's and Men's rugby teams won their respective Cuppers competitions, as did the sailing team. The year also saw the creation of a new lacrosse team. Thanks to the hard work of our brilliant Amalgas Officer, Ava Milne, we had the pleasure of hosting Emmanuel College, Cambridge, for our annual Exeter-Emma Sports Day. Thanks to sunny weather, the day comprised of mixed football and rounders at the Exeter sports grounds, followed by a trip to the Boathouse for some races on ergs and tennis in Hinksey Park. The day was a social and sporting success with Exeter convincingly winning almost all the matches played and redeeming our performance from the year prior! Meanwhile, it has been a year of mixed success in the rowing department. Flooding and poor weather certainly made getting out on the water tricky, but the steadfast determination of Exeter students enabled the women's first boat to make history, achieving the highest bungline that Exeter's women have ever held! This year also marked the first time that women from every year who play sports gathered regularly for 'Girls Sports Drinks' in what will hopefully become a beloved Exeter tradition. I can't wait to see how the sporting community at Exeter will continue to develop as we build upon this year's success!

Looking back at JCR motions from our general meetings reveals some key themes. This year students voted to support numerous Oxford student publications like *The Turl* magazine as well as other creative projects such as plays. These included the Exeter-run 'Daddy Longlegs' production and showed the involvement of Exeter students in many aspects of the wider university. This engagement with the arts culminated in Exeter hosting several events as part of the Turl Street Arts Festival, where we joined together with Jesus and Lincoln Colleges for a week of creative events. We also continued to support many charitable projects including the United Nations Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East as well as ExVac through the traditional 'Promise Auction'. This ever-anticipated event, where student promises of concocting culinary feats or staying silent in the library are purchased by friends (and the proceeds go to charity), was once again a triumph!

The newly refurbished Jackson Library has transformed and continues to enhance the experience of all undergraduates at Exeter, offering the perfect combination of charming architecture and modernity. The additional benefit of the finished library, discovered



*Exonians enjoyed wins in the Exeter-Emma Sports Day, Rugby Cuppers and Summer Eights*

by many students in Trinity term, was the restoration of the greenery of the Fellows' Garden. Summer in the Fellows' Garden featured many games of croquet alongside the picturesque backdrop of the Radcliffe Camera. The busyness of Trinity didn't prevent the annual Exeter College Ball taking place, organised by Grace Kirman and Abi Harper. The theme derived from Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, and it did not disappoint! From swing boats to dodgems and an array of musical talent, guests were entertained all evening. To the delight of many students (myself included), Rector Trainor once again surprised us with a DJ set filled to the brim with classic songs!

The JCR has also made efforts to enhance the Bannister gym, as well as the JCR kitchen, which has allowed these spaces to flourish with renewed student use and engagement. We have also continued to encourage the growth of our community through a lively calendar of social events which included many bops and karaoke evenings. All of these were very successful, even if the quality of singing at karaoke was mixed!

Inclusion remained a priority of the last academic year and the JCR was delighted to resurrect the pre-Covid tradition of the £5 formal dinner, which proved immensely popular, as well as a well-attended LGBTQ+ formal dinner. Both of these showcased the vibrant and inclusive community within the College. Our Mental Health and Disabilities Officer, Phoebe Lambard, also launched a group ParkRun as a way to promote fresh air and wellbeing to students. Our Welfare Officers, Maya Kerr-Davis, Matt Brayshaw and Emilia Perry-Poletti organised weekly Welfare Teas and Welfare Week activities which included a still life painting workshop and yoga. The combination of all these activities ensured student spirits remained high throughout the year!

It would be impossible to document everything the JCR has achieved over the course of the past year, and I have loved seeing students engage with countless different aspects of College life. I'm immensely grateful for the hard work of the Executive Committee, who have tirelessly ensured the smooth running of the JCR, and in particular I would like to thank Amber Bebbber, Vice President, and Ruby Rowlands, Treasurer, for all of the time, effort and support they have given to the JCR and me.

None of the JCR's activities would be possible without the work and support of many members of the College. I would like to thank Exeter College Sub-Rector, Dr Barnaby Taylor, and College Chaplain, the Rev'd Andrew Allen, for their work with the JCR. The JCR owes particular thanks to the Rector, Professor Sir Rick Trainor, for his tireless dedication to the student body and I'm grateful for his support during my tenure as JCR President. Both Sir Rick and Marguerite have made an immense impact on student life over the course of the past decade, and their presence around the College will be greatly missed. I look forward to collaborating with the incoming Rector, Dr Andrew Roe, to further the existing achievements of the JCR and College!

*Kate Harrison*

# *Webinars/Rector's Seminars and Papers at Subject Family Dinners, 2023/24*

## **Webinars/Rector's Seminars**

### Michaelmas Term 2023

Professor Yael Navaro (Cambridge), 'Catastrophe and More-than-Human Worlds' (13 October) (Marett Memorial Lecture in anthropology)

Dr Dextrall Peters (formerly Boskey Fellow in Atlantic History at Exeter) and Dr Isabel Robinson (formerly assistant archivist at Exeter), 'Report on Exeter's Legacies of Slavery Project' (23 October)

Lord (Paul) Tyler (1960, Modern History) and Sir Nick Harvey (former Coalition Government Minister), 'Britain's Elective Dictatorship in the Johnson Aftermath' (25 October)

### Hilary Term 2024

Jonathan Wilkinson (1988, PPE & Rhodes Scholar; Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Canada), 'Breakfast Conversation' (15 February, jointly with Rhodes House)

Dennis Ahlburg (Former Visiting Fellow; Trinity University Texas) and Professor Brian McCall, 'Is there grade inflation at Oxford?' (22 January)

Sir Paul Nurse CH OM FRS (Director, Francis Crick Institute), 'The Importance of Enhancing Public and Private Support for Research' (3 March)

### Trinity Term 2024

Professor Joseph Nye (1958, PPE, Rhodes Scholar & Honorary Fellow; former Dean, Harvard Kennedy School), 'A Life in the American Century' (22 May)

William Dalrymple (Visiting Fellow, All Souls College), 'The Anarchy: The relentless rise of the East India Company' (19 May)

Patric Dickinson CVO (1969, Modern History; formerly Clarenceux King of Arms), 'Bendlets, bordures and much else: the rich and varied heraldry of Exeter College' (29 May)

Sir Tom Scholar GCB (Nomura; former Permanent Secretary of the Treasury), 'Reflections on Public Service' (5 June)

## **Papers at Subject Family Dinners**

### Michaelmas Term 2023

#### *Languages and Literature (30 October)*

Ariadne Pagoni (Lecturer in Ancient Greek), 'Hellenistic Oratory in Asia Minor: Geographical shifts and stylistic innovation c.338 BC-31 BC'



Jack Nunn (DPhil student in French), 'Printing Poetry in Late-Medieval Paris'

Dominic McGann (DPhil student in Theology), 'The Music of the Spheres: Exploring the role of music in religious practice'

Hugo Lacoue-Labarthe (Lecteur in French), 'Woods of the Perilous Realm: Tolkien's forests and their literary models'

Dr Caroline Ritchie (Rankin Fellow in English Literature), 'Domesticating the Globe: The making of a British global imaginary in Eighteenth-Century educational texts'

#### *Social Sciences (20 November)*

Jessica Leeper (DPhil student in History), 'Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams and the Influence of Europe on the Early Republican Courts of Philadelphia and Washington D.C. (1789 – 1828)'

Felix Rolt (DPhil student in Anthropology), 'The Meaning of Land in a City in South-eastern Nigeria'

Hannah Bailey (DPhil student in Social Data Science), 'The Art of Digital Persuasion: A social data science study of China's attempts to influence international discourse'

Amedeo Rizzo (DPhil student in Law), 'A Nuanced Analysis of Tax Incentives for Innovation'

Professor Charles Foster (Supernumerary Fellow), 'What is a Human? The basic (and never, ever asked) question for all social scientists'

#### *Hilary Term 2024*

#### *Mathematical and Physical Sciences (19 February)*

Gayatri Sundar Rajan (DPhil Student in Engineering Science), 'Researching at the Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Designing your own Meaningful, Stimulating and Impactful Career in STEM'

Alexander Butler (DPhil Student in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry), 'Studying the Dynamics of Reactions induced by Electron-molecule Collisions'

Jack Peters (DPhil Student in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry), 'Technological Development of Mass Photometry'

James Murrell (DPhil student in Inorganic Chemistry for Future Manufacturing), 'Discovering New Materials Through Anion Exchange'

Professor Michael Bronstein (DeepMind Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Fellow of Exeter)

#### *Medical and Life Sciences (26 February)*

Fiona Hartley (DPhil. Student in Oncology), 'Survival of the fittest: identifying the Achilles heel of the hypoxic tumour microenvironment'

Orthi Onupom (4th year Biochemistry Undergraduate), ‘Paving a Path towards a Novel Epstein-Barr Virus Vaccine’

Kacper Kurzyp (DPhil Student in Molecular Cell Biology in Health and Disease), ‘Activation of the GPR84 receptor helps macrophages kill bacteria’

Dr Sarah Howles (Wellcome Trust Clinical Career Development Fellow and Staines Medical Research Fellow of Exeter), ‘Using large scale data to understand complex disease’



*Exeter College Choir at Katarina Kyrka Church in Stockholm*

## *From the Choir*

*Emma Cooley (2020, Modern Languages) reports on a successful and enjoyable combined tour for the choirs of Exeter College and Emmanuel College, Cambridge.*

Over the summer, Exeter College Choir embarked on its most ambitious foreign tour since the pandemic, spending ten days in Sweden and Germany. A particular highlight of the tour was its collaborative quality, drawing together a collection of musicians reaching beyond the choir's usual cohort to form a 30-person-strong ensemble. Most notably, this larger choir welcomed members of Exeter's sister college, Emmanuel, Cambridge.

The first leg of the tour began in Sweden, with the choir arriving on Midsummer's eve. Whilst the choir was based in Stockholm, performing concerts in the Katarina Kyrka and the German Lutheran church, it also gave both a service and concert in Uppsala Cathedral. The programmes of music were dedicated to the tradition of Anglican choral evensong, including works by Cecilia McDowall, Benjamin Britten, and Exeter alumnus Hubert Parry. In between concerts, the choir also enjoyed exploring Stockholm as tourists. The Vasa and ABBA museums were especially memorable trips – likewise visiting islands on the Stockholm archipelago.

After the stay in Sweden, the choir set off for Germany, staying in the small village of Obercunnersdorf, where the choir received a warm welcome from various host families. This stretch of the tour also involved several unusual and interesting excursions, including trips to a local piano factory and to the Herrnhut Star Company, which manufactured the star that hangs in Exeter College Chapel every Christmas. Moreover, as well as singing with the village choir and performing a concert in Görlitz (a town on the border between Germany and Poland), the choir was also called on to sing at the Oberlausitz beer festival! The final day of the tour saw a service in the village church, of which Exeter's chaplain, Rev'd Andrew Allen, acts as priest (Pfarrer in Ehrenamt) during the vacation periods, before an evening barbecue with all the host families.

Overall, the tour was a fantastic experience of musical collaboration, in particular strengthening ties between Exeter and Emmanuel Colleges. Recordings of the choir performing in Sweden are available on the choir's YouTube channel (@ExeterCollegeChoirOxford).

Students interested in joining Exeter College Choir can find out more on the Choir's website: [www.exetercollegechoir.co.uk](http://www.exetercollegechoir.co.uk)

*Emma Cooley*

## *Oration by the Demitting Proctors and Assessor*

*In March 2024, Exeter College's Official Fellow in Earth Sciences, Professor Conall Mac Niocaill, was sworn in as the University of Oxford's Junior Proctor for 2024–25. He served his term alongside Professor Thomas Adcock (Senior Proctor, St Peter's) and Professor Benjamin Bollig (Assessor, St Catherine's). Here, with permission, we reproduce their oration as they looked back at a memorable year.*



*L–R: Professor Thomas Adcock, Professor Conall Mac Niocaill and Professor Benjamin Bollig  
Photo by Cyrus Mower Photography*

## *Professor Thomas Adcock, Senior Proctor 2024–25*

An Englishman, an Irishman and an Anglo-Malaysian walked out of the Sheldonian Theatre and into a stark breeze-block-walled office a little over a year ago. Since then, between us we have attended over 1,000 hours of committees for which there have been over 80,000 pages of papers; we have decided around 350 substantive cases; with the help of our Pro-Proctors we have helped award degrees to an Empress, a Princess, a Baron, and thousands more; we have attended at three building occupations and two encampments; enjoyed many lunches and dinners; experienced three 8am Latin masses; and ‘drawn’, in inverted commas, one bowls match with the Cambridge Proctors whilst being dressed in what we wear now. We have learnt a lot about our University, about the good and bad sides of its people, and about ourselves; we have met a colourful cast of characters; made memories we will treasure; and had many, many laughs.

Sharing an office has been just another difference about the past year for us. I must thank my colleagues for their support and collegiality. I feel this is the moment at which I should report the outcome of my competition with the Junior Proctor about who forgets the fewest times to remove their mortar board for either God or the King. Unlike in our bowls match, this was actually a draw – we both forgot four times.

We thank Pete, Esther and the Proctors team in Wellington Square who have provided sage advice and turned around the backlog of academic cases. We owe a debt to the legend that is Paul Halstead, the Deputy Marshal, and his team whose skill and professionalism has guided us through occupations, protests and other dramas. The Bedels and Verger have kept us in line and been patient with two Proctors whose natural shabby-scientist chic consistently fell short of their expectations on smartness. We thank our Pro-Proctors who have stepped in to take some of the Latin off our hands. There have been countless people across the University who have helped us, or who have made themselves available to us when we wanted to know more about something, and we thank them as well. We also express our gratitude to our colleagues in colleges and departments who have covered for our absence. We thank those who have invited us to many events and dinners – although I note in passing that the four kilos I have gained from these did hamper me when I had to squeeze under, through and around the barricades the protesters had erected when they occupied the Rad Cam. And, most importantly, we thank our families who have supported us in this adventure.

Nick [Barber, Trinity College], Grant [Tapsell, Lady Margaret Hall] and Raphael [Hauser, Pembroke College] – you have a wonderful year ahead of you. The costume aside, as last year’s Assessor said, these are the best jobs in our University. Do right by your office, use the voice this gives you wisely, but most of all enjoy the year ahead of you. What you say, do and decide is your concern. But we have left for you in the office some items you may find useful: the emergency shoe polish, some barely alive pot plants, and, to be used in committees I will not specify here, the bullshit bingo cards.

We will now each give our individual thoughts on aspects of our year. And – following custom – we will start with the Assessor.

*Professor Benjamin Bollig, Assessor 2024–25*

‘Like all men in Babylon I have been a proconsul; like all, a slave; I have also known omnipotence, opprobrium, jail.’ In the short story ‘The Lottery in Babylon’, the Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges imagined a world in which an all-powerful organisation plotted the fate of human beings through the luck of the draw. At times, in the Proctors’ Office, it is tempting to see the actions of The Company behind such twists and turns of fate.

It has been said of the post of Assessor that it is something of a non-job, the role in the University that few people know exists, and even fewer understand; not for nothing are its current part-time status, and the nature of its duties, being reviewed. The simplest explanation I have heard is that while the Proctors hand out fines (jail is no longer an option), the Assessor doles out (mostly quite small) cheques. To their discipline, my largesse. Thankfully, the Assessor no longer decides on parking permits, for many years the duty most likely to garner opprobrium.

Two ongoing debates dominated the start of the year. The first was pay and conditions, which filled, alongside protests and occupations, much of the business of Council in the period after we arrived in office. Some material improvement across the pay scales, and in addition to nationally agreed deals, was welcome. Years, decades even, of below-inflation pay rises in the sector have put us behind our national competitors, and failure to recruit and retain the best people to academic and other roles remains a very real risk. For recently arrived colleagues, perhaps with a family and dreaming of the property ladder, Oxford remains prohibitively expensive.

The second issue that caught our attention early in the spring of 2024 was the Digital Transformation Project. Anyone who has attempted to make a Teams call in the centre of town, particularly if sandwiched between buildings, will have noticed that our IT infrastructure is not up to scratch. DTP, as it’s known to its friends, is an attempt not only to drag our digital and information systems somewhere into this millennium, but also to change the way we commission and run IT projects, moving towards a system of continuous improvement. We have argued on various committees that any initiative must show clearly how it serves our fundamental aims of teaching, research and dissemination. Everything we do must contribute to that mission, and we must get the basics right.

The University faces a huge risk in its building stock. There are important parts of the estate which are falling down, almost as we walk past. The latter is something close to my own heart, as a fellow of a college with a RAAC problem. Yet fixing our ageing buildings is not an attractive offer for potential donors. When a shiny new building goes up, are we properly costing upkeep? And does the upkeep that the estate receives



meet the standards that we expect and need? There is, too, a huge job of work to reduce our carbon output across the estate. On various committees, the Proctors and I have endeavoured to keep such questions at the forefront of the collective mind. Fundamentally, the University is on sound financial footing; we have suffered shocks and survived them. We should not make short-term financial decisions that harm our long-term academic success.

Traditionally the Assessor's brief includes Student Welfare. There are two areas where I think the University can be proud of its efforts. Firstly, the work of Student Welfare and Support Services (dealing with such areas as disability, counselling and mental health, and sexual harassment): these services are hugely in demand, reflecting wider social issues in the country, not least that in economic, health and opportunity terms it grows harder each year to be a young adult in the UK.

Secondly, I would like to highlight the work of the Equality and Diversity Unit. Universities have been something of a political football or, to switch metaphors, the no-man's land in an exaggerated culture war. A result of this is legislation that simultaneously encourages and limits free speech and the right to protest, depending on the matter in hand. The EDU has endeavoured to explain the aims of inclusion and diversity in language that unifies rather than divides, and to embed the goals of anti-discrimination within a culture that promotes excellence and achievement from and for all, regardless of background.

The Assessor chairs various committees around student finances. With the team in Student Fees and Financing, we have worked to streamline processes and communicate more clearly with students. Financial assistance for students will need an ongoing commitment from the University and its colleges. We now have Palestine Crisis Scholarships in place for graduate students, an example of how the University and its colleges can help in times of great suffering.

On many occasions during this year – and perhaps mostly during some of the ceremonial duties that the Assessor joins the Proctors in performing, on May Morning, at Encaenia, or when playing bowls against our Cambridge counterparts – I have wondered which particular prize or forfeit has emerged from the Babylonian tombola. The luck of the draw now falls to our successors, and I wish Rafael in particular all the best in this role. With the support of colleagues in the Proctors' Office and the Proctors' Officers, and of the Proctors, Tom and Conall, this remains the best job in the University. As this is, by many measures (and all those that really matter), the best university in the world, that would make the role of Assessor the best job in the world. Thank you – and with that, I hand over to the Junior Proctor, Conall.

***Professor Conall Mac Niocaill, Junior Proctor 2024–25***

We shall turn now, from Borges', or perhaps more aptly, Ben's Babylon to Conall's

conundrums. As outlined in the University's own description of its governance: 'The Proctors have a responsibility generally to ensure that the Statutes, Regulations, customs and privileges of the University are observed.' The statutes are a weighty tome, but thanks to the wonders of digital transformation they are also available in cloud form. As the University we have but 17 statutes; where Council has 51 regulations, Congregation has but three. The Proctors, being a model of restraint, have only one. Of the customs and privileges we are to observe the details are less certain. We are furthermore tasked with '...scrutiny, principally of the academic, planning and financial affairs of the university'. This governance role has seen us serve on no fewer than 99 committees this year, in addition to various ad hoc working groups. For our nine meetings of University Council we worked through 3,068 pages of documentation; for our four meetings of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee we ploughed through 1,754; and our eight meetings of Education Committee, not always noted for brevity, required but 1,253.

Our governance is certainly voluminous, sometimes claimed to be democratic, but is it effective? We noted how often we saw the same paper cycle through multiple committees, easing the reading burden of the Proctors and Assessor, but perhaps not the best use of everyone's time. The papers came with a cover note where the purpose of the paper was highlighted – we were asked 'to consider approval'; 'to canvas opinion'; or 'to highlight an...issue...for noting'. We were surprised how often committees were used to disseminate or receive information rather than to make decisions. And we were occasionally dismayed to find the express wishes of a committee or committees being overturned elsewhere without a rationale or an explanation. If we ask colleagues to serve they deserve the courtesy of an explanation when their views are being set aside.

Unsurprisingly decision-making is slow. For some this is regarded a strength: we are not easily swayed by prevailing orthodoxies or political winds. They argue that Oxford is a supertanker that is not easily turned. However, 800 years in the water can leave a lot of barnacles stuck to the hull. Across the broader university sector there are storm clouds on the horizon, regulatory, financial and, for some, existential. Indeed, for some of our colleagues at other institutions these storms have already struck. Council has little time to think strategically save for the occasional away day and spends most of its time on day-to-day matters. We need to make time for strategic thinking, not just in Council but in its subcommittees, to navigate the difficult waters ahead. That's the Proctorial diagnosis – is there a Proctorial cure? I would argue that we need fewer committees, populated by the right people at the right level, and, most importantly, trusted and empowered to make decisions and then held accountable for those decisions. That sounds simple but in Oxford it is anything but! My natural optimism, or possibly naiveté, has clearly not been dulled by my year in Wellington Square.

Representation matters, and not just for the staff but also for the students. It has been a year of major change for the Student Union. After several years of being paralysed by internal political squabbles the SU has been going through a transformation process with a view to making it more representative of, and responsive to, the views of the

larger student body. With fewer sabbatical officers the burden of carrying this off has fallen on a few and we have been lucky in the sabbatical officers who have stayed the course. The SU VPs, Lauren Schafer and Eleanor Miller, have been exceptional in their efforts to see this transformation through, and in bringing the views of students to the various committees on which they serve. We owe them our thanks, and hope that the new structure, which includes a voice for college JCRs and MCRs, provides a more democratic and representative student voice in the future.

The Statute that most exercised us, and others, throughout the year was Statute XI, which covers student conduct and discipline in both academic and non-academic contexts. We are pleased to report that academic casework is under control – cases are now being dealt with within-year and within expected timescales.

We are very pleased to note that, as of this morning, there are no outstanding academic appeals in the Proctors' Office!

Our proctorial predecessors have expressed concern that this situation does not hold true for non-academic casework, especially in light of research on the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment across the sector, and the lack of such cases in the Proctorial caseload. Proposed changes to Statute XI last year were meant to streamline and facilitate the investigation of cases of serious misconduct (for example sexual misconduct) without complaints having to be made to the police; but these changes became enmeshed in concerns around freedom of speech, human rights law, and the right to protest. A working group is currently revisiting Statute XI to ensure that any changes are consistent with all relevant law including the Human Rights Act 1998; the Education (no 2) Act 1986; the Equality Act 2010; as well as associated domestic and international case law. We welcome their work and hope that it provides a basis on which the University can agree a single procedure that aligns with that of the colleges and provides students reassurance that their cases will be dealt with in a timely and professional manner. We owe them that much. The status quo, where the same behaviour in college and University settings can have very different consequences in the different settings, is clearly unsatisfactory.

The right to protest, which was writ large in concerns around the changes to Statute XI last summer, brings us on to the protests relating to the political and humanitarian situation in Gaza and Israel, which dominated much of Trinity term. It seems little understood in the wider University that the Proctors have a duty, under the University's code of practice of freedom of speech, to facilitate protests, and will actively work with organisers to ensure that protests can take place within the bounds of the law and University Statutes. Unfortunately, no one took us up on this.

I do not propose to replay all the events of the last year, but I would like to pay especial tribute to the Gardens, Libraries and Museums staff at the University Museum of Natural History, the Pitt Rivers Museum and the Radcliffe Camera Library who were on the front

line of two encampments and one building occupation, and carried out their duties with professionalism and courtesy in very difficult and stressful circumstances. Similarly, the staff at Wellington Square and the Examination Schools remained admirably calm and composed in the face of their respective building occupations. And to those who would justify some of the behaviour we witnessed last year, much of it by non-students, I would simply say this: the path to persuasion does not pass through broken plate glass windows, the demonisation of the Vice-Chancellor or the smearing of University officials with racist epithets online. Instead, it lies in the force of argument, not the argument of force. It lies in a free, open and robust dialogue, where all are treated with respect, courtesy and consideration, in the best traditions of this great institution.

Perhaps Borges' Babylon is indeed an apt metaphor for a year as Proctor. We have been heroes and villains, often at the same time. We have climbed towers on May Morning and climbed barricades in June. We have tried to be scrupulous in scrutiny and persistent in our Proctorial duties. We have been gadflies in governance and pernickety on policy. We have met princesses and poets, where royalty met rhyme. Only in Oxford are these things possible and it has indeed been a labour of love. The baton now passes to our successors, and I would like to wish them every success. I could not have hoped to have better companions this year than Tom the Senior Proctor, Ben the Assessor, and the wider team in the Proctors' Office: the Proctors' Officers and assistant officers, and the Bedels and Verger.

Let us now turn to the Senior Proctor and see what Tom's tombola has thrown up for him.

### ***Professor Thomas Adcock***

One of the events we were lucky enough to witness was the tour de force that was the ex-Chancellor's demission speech. Lord Patten spoke on many themes, some of which I would like to speak about today.

One theme Lord Patten spoke of was our colleges and how they nurture the next generation of scholars, innovators and leaders. We have seen many other instances this year of that personal attention our students get from their colleges that make our university so special. In small communities people can be individuals and thrive in their own unique ways. This is something we must protect. And it is also true that college administration can be, and for the poorer colleges has to be, lean – initiative-itis is not a disease colleges have caught. But this year we have also seen some things that are ridiculous. In no way is it sensible for an incident of, say, harassment to be judged against different criteria depending on whether it is between students at the same college or at different colleges. Nor does it make sense for the benefits students and faculty receive from their college to vary as it does. But most critically we live in a world where the higher education sector faces more and more regulation and administrative overhead – that regulation is stifling even those institutions not blessed with the college

system. For us with our independent colleges, the administrative burden and the need to get independent institutions to agree on policy is increasingly unmanageable. But we do need to manage this – and we do have to make it work. We can, and must, preserve what makes colleges special – but somehow we must find ways of streamlining the decision-making, compromising to find consensus, and working better together.

Lord Patten also spoke about his inspirational tutor. And in our year we have seen other instances of inspirational tutors in our colleges who are the people who put the dreams into our dreaming spires. Asking our academics to be world-class researchers and innovators can clash with those same academics delivering first-year tutorials and dispensing pastoral care. The proposal in the Academic Career Framework is to create separate tracks for those who teach and those who research. We have heard in meetings that we should do this because ‘this is what other universities do’. But we should not aspire to be like other universities. And I do not believe separating off those who fall behind on research into a teaching track is the answer. We have as strong a set of undergraduates as any institution in the world and they need to be stretched by interacting with the finest, research-active minds. More importantly, I feel there is a misunderstanding about what the most important thing is that our students take from their tutorials and lectures. Our students are clever enough, and nowadays have lots of resources, to figure out how to solve standard problems themselves. But we want students who will go beyond what is in their textbooks and reading lists. Our job is to inspire them, to be the next generation of innovators and leaders in their field – the only way we can do this is by small-group teaching driven by those who themselves are at the cutting edge of research, pushing the academic consensus, building spin-outs, advising on policy, etc. And maintaining this is also future proofing – learning standard skills is something that is getting easier and easier and that was before AI turned its hand to giving tutorials. You can learn factual knowledge anywhere – you don’t even need to be sitting in a university. But inspiring a new generation to push the frontiers of knowledge and then use this to make our world better is something that is a harder thing altogether – we in Oxford are great at this because our world-leading academics do teach – we need to keep playing to this strength. We must not let the perceived workload problem lead us to throw away what we do best. So I am afraid I do want to keep asking our academics to be both educators and researchers, both innovators and mentors. But we can only ask this if we support people properly – if we give them the right tools to succeed. This means we need to get right the computer systems, the buildings, the mentorship and the administration on which this all rests. And yes – we need to compensate those who succeed in doing all of this an awful lot better.

My colleagues and I have reviewed what we have seen this year and not done so uncritically. But as we come to the end of our year of service and depart to the peace of our labs and our libraries, we would like to stress that this place of learning, of novel ideas, and innovations that change the world, is one of which we are very proud to be part. Oxford – with all thy faults – we love thee still. Thank you – it’s a cliché – but it has been a privilege to serve.

## *A Short Introduction from the Incoming Rector; Dr Andrew Roe CB*

I am thrilled and honoured to have been selected as the next – 131st – Rector of Exeter College, replacing Professor Sir Rick Trainor on 1 October 2024. Having visited and spoken to those working at the College, and read extensively about Exeter and its history, values, exceptional record of academic achievement and notable alumni, I am truly excited by the potential the next Rector, in support of the Governing Body and wider College community, will have to shape the future of this historic, forward leaning and much-loved institution. By request, what follows is an abridged overview of my career to date, insights into my motivation for the role of Rector, and a very brief overview of my current research interests.



Much of my professional career has been centred on the defence and security sector, with a particular focus, during recent years, on higher education management. In a wide-ranging 33-year career, I have been privileged to lead at multiple levels, often under challenging conditions, dealing with pressing, fast-paced and complex issues, and worked in Kenya, Oman, Northern Ireland, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, USA, Cyprus, Iraq and Afghanistan. During this time, I have witnessed first-hand the implications of the end of the Cold War, the breakup of Yugoslavia, the fallout from the Good Friday Agreement and, of course, the seismic events of 9/11. I have also worked hard to invest in multiple educational opportunities, at home and abroad, becoming a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff Course, the School of Advanced Military Studies and the highly competitive Higher Command and Staff Course. I completed a doctorate at King's College, London and authored two books and numerous articles. Most recently, I was the Chief Executive and Commandant (akin to a vice-chancellor) of the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, responsible for over 41,000 students and 300 educational courses per annum, delivered across a wide array of disciplines. In this role, I oversaw the academic, research, student support and business delivery of multiple colleges, schools and technical centres across the United Kingdom. Running the Defence Academy and my Chairpersonship of the Board of Governors at Welbeck – the Defence Sixth Form College – at a time of profound cultural change, has allowed me to gain a deep knowledge and respect for contemporary standards and expectations, so critical for modern college headship.



So, what motivated me to compete for the head of house role at Exeter? The opportunity to lead a world-renowned, confident, fun and authentic college, help enhance the highest academic standards, inspire and support a whole generation of passionate students, represent the Fellowship and non-academic staff and speak with gravitas for Exeter at the Conference of Colleges appealed to me greatly. Who wouldn't want to be the head of such a wonderfully friendly, vibrant and welcoming 710-year-old college? As one Exeter alum posited in an e-mail to me: 'It is probably the best job in the world ...' I was convinced, after careful reflection, that I had the leadership style, skills, experience and standing to excel as the next Rector, building on the deeply impressive work of Rector Trainor. I was also clear that the academic values of a first-in-class defence and security education institution differed surprisingly little from those at Exeter and were, importantly, directly transferable. Excellence in scholarship and the preservation and development of knowledge, ideas and expertise were analogous. Moreover, I was confident that I had the personality and quiet energy and determination to continue to unite Exeter behind a common vision and represent the College through the next exciting steps in its development, ensuring that it remains a remarkable place to live, learn and work.

Therefore, all the evidence suggested that the role of Rector was right for me. And, importantly, was professionally appealing and loaded with meaning, responsibility and purpose. The opportunity to lead a vibrant college community, made up from a variety of educational, cultural (including the 26 visiting students from Williams College, Massachusetts) and social backgrounds was extremely motivating and appeared to build neatly on my experience to date. Therefore, I am thrilled to be able to use my skills, energy and genuine passion for education and people to benefit Exeter, its students, staff, and its wider community during my seven-year tenure as Rector.

Finally, some comments on my research interests. From a macro perspective, I recently helped establish the much-needed Centre for Defence Education and Research at the Defence Academy and funded the Economic Conflict and Competition Research Group – both new and important initiatives that are already bearing fruit, delivering impactful research and making a significant contribution to knowledge and wider society. On a micro level, I continue to research, write and lecture on Waziristan, a remote district of Pakistan, populated by fiercely independent tribes who owe allegiances to no one and unite only to repel invaders or wage jihad. My next book aims to look in detail at several tribal leaders, including the infamous Fakir of Ipi, who waged guerilla warfare against colonial interference and evaded the 40,000 troops sent to capture him.

I very much look forward to serving the College, accompanied by my wife, Pippa, and wish to thank Rector Trainor and Marguerite for handing over the College in such rude health.

*Dr Andrew Roe CB*

## *Incoming Fellows*



**Professor Florian Trouvain**  
**Fellow in Economics**

I am a Fellow in Economics at Exeter College and an Associate Professor of Economics. I studied Philosophy and Economics as an undergraduate at the University of Bayreuth and obtained a Master's degree in Economics from the London School of Economics. I received my PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan in 2023. I spent a year as an IES Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University before joining the University of Oxford in September 2024.

My fields of specialisation include macro-economics and international economics, with a focus on long-run growth, development, and

inequality. I teach graduate and undergraduate classes in computational macroeconomics and international macroeconomics.



**Professor Philippa Webb**  
**Fellow by Special Election**

I am a Fellow at Exeter College and Professor of Public International Law at the Blavatnik School of Government. I am Australian and British, with Filipino and New Zealand heritage, and have lived and worked in Japan, the Netherlands, France and the United States. I studied Japanese and Law as an undergraduate in Australia (BA(Asian Studies)(Hons)/LLB) and completed an LLM and doctorate JSD at Yale Law School, specialising in Public International Law. Before coming to Oxford, I held positions at King's College London, Leiden University, and the United Nations. I have had visiting positions at Columbia University, the

Graduate Institute in Geneva, the Vienna Diplomatic Academy and Université Paris Nanterre. I have extensive experience in international and national courts, with prior

roles including Special Assistant and Legal Officer to Judge Rosalyn Higgins GBE QC during her Presidency of the International Court of Justice and legal adviser to the Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. I am delighted to talk to students and alumni about potential careers and research projects in the field of international law.

My research interests span all of Public International Law, including international dispute settlement, human rights, international organisations law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. My approach is to engage in comprehensive, often collaborative, research that informs and improves decision-making and contributes to better outcomes for the international community. My current research concerns how national and global justice systems can support flourishing societies and uphold fundamental rights.

My publications include *Freedom of Speech in International Law* (2024, chapters on insulting speech and false speech, Amal Clooney and Lord David Neuberger KC, eds). I co-authored the book, *The Right to a Fair Trial in International Law* (2021, with Amal Clooney). My other books include *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* (2017, with Dame Rosalyn Higgins GBE KC, D Akande, S Sivakumaran and J Sloan), *The Law of State Immunity* (2015, with Lady Fox KC), and *International Judicial Integration and Fragmentation* (2012, 2015).

My research has been funded by the British Academy, the Balzan Foundation, UNESCO, and the Nuffield Foundation and has been used by the United Nations to develop training for trial monitors around the world. My scholarship has been cited by the leading national courts in the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Australia and South Africa and has twice been awarded the top prize in international law publishing – the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit.

I am a founding Board Member of the Clooney Foundation for Justice, a member of the Public International Law Advisory Panel of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, an advisor to the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States, a legal expert to the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), an advisor to the Tokyo International Law Seminar, and a member of a working group of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe. I have served on the Task Force on Accountability for Crimes Committed in Ukraine and the Governing Board of the European Society of International Law.

I speak to the media on issues of international law and co-host the *EJIL: Talk!* podcast.



**Dr Lukas Krone**  
**Staines Medical Research Fellow**

Dr Lukas Krone is a sleep neuroscientist and clinical somnologist. Originally a medical doctor from Germany, he now works as Sir Henry Wellcome Fellow between the Universities of Oxford (UK), Bern (CH), and Madison-Wisconsin (USA).

Dr Krone completed the preclinical part of medical school in his hometown, Würzburg (DE), achieving a percentile rank of 99.9% in the nationwide exam. He continued his medical studies with electives and research internships in Germany, Australia, Spain, Switzerland, the USA, and the UK, eventually earning a first-class medical degree from the University of

Freiburg (DE). It was at the Sleep Medicine Centre Freiburg that he initiated his foray into sleep research through an MD project investigating the effects of non-invasive brain stimulation on sleep in both healthy volunteers and patients with insomnia.

Supported by a Wellcome Trust Doctoral Studentship, he pursued an MSc in Neuroscience at the University of Oxford, delving into the investigation of sleep regulatory mechanisms in fruit flies and mice, for which he won the Sherrington Prize in Neuroscience as the best student in class. During his DPhil project, conducted between the labs of Prof Vladyslav Vyazovskiy and Prof Zoltán Molnár under co-supervision by Prof Colin Akerman, his work revealed an essential role for the cerebral cortex in sleep regulation.

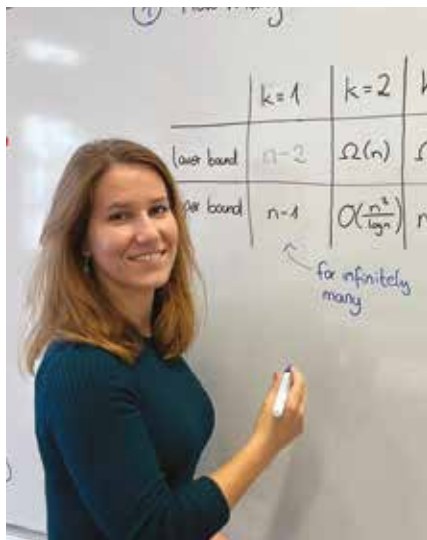
Subsequently, Dr Krone was awarded a stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship at Merton College, Oxford and a Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship, allowing him to expand his work on the cellular mechanisms and neuronal circuits of cortical sleep regulation. His fellowship project is hosted by the lab of Prof Gero Miesenböck at the Centre for Neural Circuits and Behaviour and two international sponsors, Prof Antoine Adamantidis (University of Bern, CH) and Prof Chiara Cirelli (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA).

Dr Krone was president of the Oxford Neuroscience Society Cortex Club from 2017 to 2019. He represented the Free State of Bavaria at the 2011 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and the University of Oxford at the 2021 Global Young Scientists Summit. His research has been bolstered by several competitive scholarships including the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, the Max-Weber-Programm Bayern, the Goodger and Schorstein Scholarship by the Medical Science Division Oxford, and a Mann Senior Scholarship in Physiology and Medicine by Hertford College, Oxford. Among several

prizes and awards, he received the early investigator awards of the German, European, and World Sleep Society.

His long-term career aspirations include advancing our understanding of the regulation and functions of sleep. The aim of this basic research undertaking is to enable targeted modulation of sleep in humans.

His personal goal is to contribute to a healthy research environment in which scientific knowledge flourishes through equal opportunities, scientific rigor, transparency, and collaboration. To achieve this goal, Dr Krone actively engages in mentoring, teaching, public outreach, mental health campaigns, and open science initiatives.



## **Professor Sandra Kiefer** **Fellow and Lecturer in Computer Science**

Sandra Kiefer's research interests include algorithmic graph theory as well as logic in computer science, with a recent focus on the applicability of tools from these areas to the foundations of machine learning.

Sandra obtained her PhD from RWTH Aachen University. For her work on combinatorial and logical approaches to graph comparison, she received the Ackermann Award 2021, the EACSL Outstanding Dissertation Award for Logic in Computer Science. After her PhD studies, Sandra was a postdoctoral researcher at RWTH Aachen University and at the University of Warsaw, as well as a Research

Group Leader at Max Planck Institute for Software Systems. She holds Bachelor's degrees in Bioinformatics and Mathematics and a Master's degree in Mathematics from Goethe University Frankfurt. She has also completed a BSc and an MEd degree in Mathematics and Spanish.

In November 2022, Sandra joined the University of Oxford as the recipient of a Glasstone Fellowship in Computer Science and as a Junior Research Fellow in Computer Science with Jesus College. Since September 2024, Sandra is an Associate Professor at the Department of Computer Science in Oxford and the first Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science at Exeter College.



**Dr Joe Leidy**  
**Boskey Fellow in History**

I am the Bennett Boskey Fellow in Modern Global History at Exeter College. Originally from Burlington, Vermont, I studied at Williams College and the University of Texas at Austin before completing my PhD in the history of the modern Middle East at Brown University in 2022. I was also a teaching fellow in Global Islamic Studies at Connecticut College. I first came to Oxford as a postdoctoral researcher with the Moving Stories project. Today, I'm happy to be a part of Exeter's thriving community of students, scholars, and staff.

My research explores middle-class political life in Lebanon, Syria, and their diasporas in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. I have been particularly interested in how the burgeoning middle classes of the region thought about popular, mass, and democratic politics in dialogue with global patterns of social mobility and intellectual exchange, and not strictly via the nation-state as a principle of political representation. In that vein, my book project traces the emergence of youth as a political category from 'chiefs of young men' in nineteenth-century Ottoman Mt. Lebanon to youth volunteer clubs in interwar French Mandate Lebanon. However, I'm also interested in a variety of approaches to the global Middle East, having recently delved into the histories of a peripatetic Syriac Catholic priest and Lebanese immigrants in early twentieth-century Massachusetts, amongst others.

At Exeter, I primarily teach nineteenth- and twentieth-century global history, namely EWF11: Imperial and Global History, 1750-1930 and EWF14: The Global Twentieth Century, 1930-2003. I also help teach a document-based Optional Subject on intercommunal relations in nineteenth-century Ottoman Syria for the Faculty of History. I'm glad to be a resource for Exeter and WEPO students interested in modern global history and the Middle East.



**Professor Laura Sjoberg**  
**Kloppenburg Official Fellow and Lecturer**  
**in Politics and International Relations**

I am the Kloppenburg Official Fellow and Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Exeter College and a Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. I grew up in the United States, attending the University of Chicago as an undergraduate (BA Hons 2001, Political Science and History), studying for my PhD at the University of Southern California (PhD 2004, International Relations, under the supervision of J. Ann Tickner), and obtaining a Juris Doctorate at Boston College (*cum laude*, 2007). After working at a number of

Universities in the US (Harvard, 2005-2006; Duke 2006-2007; Virginia Tech 2007-2009; the University of Florida 2009-2022), I moved to the UK to take up a British Academy Global Professorship at Royal Holloway, University of London (2020-2024). I am very much enjoying life in the UK – I have met some great colleagues at Royal Holloway and look forward to working with many more at Oxford.

My main streams of research intersect armed conflict and gender studies, and my career goals are and always have been in mainstreaming gender in International Relations research specifically, and political science research more generally. My academic career began, and remains interested and engaged in, doing this work at the intersection of feminist theory and ethics in the theory and practice of war and conflict. My work on just war theorising has always been a representative element of my interest in gender and security in global politics more generally. I have explored gender and security more generally by looking to establish and analyse a research programme in Feminist Security Studies (FSS), which theorises international security generally and war specifically through gender lenses.

My interest in gender and international security generally led, early in my career, to a research interest in women's political violence. I realised that many people – feminists and traditional scholars alike – simply assumed women's incapacity to commit political violence. Feminist theorists seemed (if incidentally) to hold women equal to men but without their flaws, while traditional scholars assumed that the security sector was not a place that women would be found. Caron Gentry and I have started working together in this area, looking to bring attention to both the existence of politically violent women and to the gendered treatment of those women in legal, media, scholarly, and political contexts. We both continue to work on these questions, and I am currently working on a textbook incorporating this research.



My desire to make feminist and queer theorising more visible in the field has combined with my interest in political methodology to develop another facet of my research programme – writing about epistemology, methodology, and method in IR research. Particularly, I am interested (frequently writing with J. Samuel Barkin on these issues) in critiquing the quantitative/qualitative divide in IR scholarship, arguing against theoretical conflation in the field, and looking to alter the role of methods choices in the disciplinary sociology of IR.

I am still finding my places teaching at Oxford. Some of my teaching strengths are international relations theory, international security, feminist and queer international relations, international law, methods and epistemology, and international political theory.



**Professor Ann H. Kelly**  
**Fellow by Special Election**

I am a Fellow in Medical Anthropology at Exeter College and a Professor in Oxford's Department of Social Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. I received my BA from Princeton University (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), where I studied Anthropology and received certificates in European Cultural Studies and Creative Writing. With the support of a Gates Fellowship, I then went on to pursue a PhD in Social Anthropology at the University of Cambridge, investigating the relationships and everyday interactions of the local communities and health care workers involved in a clinical trial for a new malaria

vaccine in Gambia. That doctoral project raised several (often confounding) questions about the ethics and social value of global health – questions that continue to animate my scholarship.

Over the years, my research has benefited hugely from the diverse scientific communities and interdisciplinary settings where I have worked. After completing my doctorate, I went on to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where, with the support of a Wellcome Trust Fellowship, I investigated ways of controlling mosquitoes (and the diseases they carry) through improvements in housing and urban infrastructure. I then joined the University of Exeter's Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology before taking up a position at the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at King's College London. My last stop before coming to Oxford was Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study, where I spent a year working on new approaches to the design and execution of biomedical research under conditions

of emergency – a project inspired from a decade of serving as a member of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) for Ebola Vaccines and Vaccination.

I serve on the Editorial Board of *Economy & Society*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, and *Somatosphere*. I am an avid runner, love a wild swim and will put hot sauce on just about anything.

Over the past two decades, I have led multiple transdisciplinary collaborations across the diverse research and policy environments associated with global health. While always tethered to specific communities and concrete places, my anthropological work has probed the universalist aspirations of global health by pursuing the distribution of knowledge and technologies from North to South – and back.

My most recent project involves a collaboration with scientists, designers, architects and masons in Tanzania to redesign bricks as a tool for public health. The most commonly-used building artifact in the world, bricks are cheap, durable, modular, low-maintenance, energy-efficient, and have great potential for recycle and reuse. Those properties present an opportunity for the prevention of mosquito-borne diseases – a field of global health practice focused on household protection but dominated by chemical tools that offer little by way of material improvement to local living conditions. Locally sourced, affordable, and aesthetically pleasing, the brick, in contrast, can be enfolded into residential construction processes and priorities, providing the foundations for a more expansive imaginary of healthy and climate-resilient living. The project is driven by a commitment to co-design, placing priority on the input of local masons, builders and residents. Any adaptations to brickwork would need to work along the grain of the vernacular architecture characteristic of hot-humid climates and in view of the incremental process of domestic construction associated by limited and disrupted cash flows. More than a vector control tool, we believe transforming the humble brick can rearticulate aspirations for social progress within an enterprise circumscribed by humanitarian commitments – a global health better equipped to meet the needs of our collective thermal future.

I teach in the Medical Anthropology Programme, co-leading Critical Medical Anthropology, the core paper for the Masters. I also teach a graduate paper on Anthropologies of the Body which considers how the body is (and has been) articulated by technological, scientific, political and environmental change, for instance, reproductive technologies, artificial intelligence, and anthropogenic activities, and how these changes relate to shifting conceptions of the relationship between our bodies and being human, shapes which bodies count as human and how that humanity is imagined in the future.

# *Incoming Supernumerary Fellows*

## **Dr Sam Crane (also Director of the Williams-Exeter Programme Oxford)**

At Williams, Dr Crane teaches classes on contemporary Chinese politics, East Asian politics, and ancient Chinese philosophy.

His book, *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Dao: Ancient Chinese Thought in Modern American Life* (Wiley, 2013), examines how ideas from ancient Chinese philosophy might inform contemporary debates on certain social issues. More recently, his piece, 'The Problem of Power in Confucian Political Thought,' *Comparative Political Theory* 1:1 (2021), argues that Confucianism is ill-suited to serve as a constitutional basis for modern East Asian democracies. He is currently researching the ways in which people outside of Chinese cultural contexts come to their understandings about China.

## **Dr George Green**

Dr Green is a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow at the Ashmolean Museum whose research interests are at the intersection between Roman archaeology, archaeological science, and numismatics.

## **Dr Sarah Howles (formerly Exeter College Staines Medical Research Fellow)**

I am a Wellcome Trust Clinical Career Development Fellow and Honorary Consultant Urological Surgeon working at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. My clinical and research interest is kidney stone disease, a very common condition that affects nearly one in 10 adults.

I studied medicine at Cambridge and Oxford Universities between 1999 and 2005, and since qualification have worked in the Oxford region, entering the Urology training scheme in 2010. In 2011 I was appointed Wellcome Trust Clinical Training Fellow, joining Professor Thakker's group as a DPhil student. I defended my thesis in 2015, having had a fantastic time exploring monogenic disorders of calcium homeostasis, as well as becoming a mother (now two children). I continued as a clinical academic between 2015 and 2020 as a National Institute of Health Research Academic Clinical Lecturer in Urology and took up my current role with the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences in 2021.

My current research focuses on exploring common genetic factors that increase an individual's risk of developing kidney stone disease. By studying data collected by the UK Biobank, my research group has been able to identify 20 areas on the genome (genetic loci) that are linked to stone formation. However, we don't yet know what effects variations in DNA sequence at these loci are having on how genes are converted to proteins and on biological pathways. We therefore aim to elucidate the mechanisms

by which these genetic variations lead to kidney stone formation to allow us to identify targets for novel personalised preventative drug therapies.

### **Professor Meghana Pandit**

Meghana is the Chief Executive Officer at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH) since July 2022, having previously been Chief Medical Officer. OUH is one of the largest acute university teaching hospitals in the country with 14,000 staff, who deliver care on four sites and across 45 community locations. As CEO, Meghana has made ‘People’, ‘Patient care’, ‘Performance’ and ‘Partnerships’ her four key strategic pillars and has focused on the OUH People Plan, productivity and delivery of compassionate and excellent patient care underpinned by the highest levels of research and innovation, through embedding Quality Improvement across the organisation.

Meghana was a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Clinical Director and Divisional Director at Milton Keynes University Hospital before joining University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) where she was Chief Medical Officer (2012-2018) and Deputy Chief Executive from 2015. She completed her MBA at Oxford Brookes University (Distinction) and the Innovating Healthcare for Tomorrow Programme at INSEAD, Fontainebleau (2015). Meghana is an Honorary Professor at Warwick University. Meghana was elected as a Trustee for NHS Providers (2024) and is also a Trustee at Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity).

### **Professor Arathi Sriprakash**

Arathi is a sociologist of education in the University’s Department of Education. Her current research examines reparations and reparative justice in educational systems and practices. She leads the *Reparative Futures of Education* research programme – a five-year ERC Consolidator / UKRI funded project ([www.repair-ed.uk](http://www.repair-ed.uk)).

Arathi’s interest in reparations has emerged from her scholarship over a number of years which has illuminated the structural injustices of schooling systems. She has examined the politics of educational inequality in the Indian, Australian and UK contexts as well as the global governance of childhood and the family. Underlying much of this research has been an abiding interest in the racial politics of education. Her scholarship has explored the active erasures of racism and coloniality in the field of education and the ways in which racial capitalism sustains educational injustices. Major collaborative works in these areas include: *Learning Whiteness: Education and the Settler Colonial State* (Pluto, 2022); *Black Lives Matter and Global Struggles for Racial Justice in Education* (Chicago, 2023); and *Learning With the Past: Racism, Education and Reparative Futures* (Unesco, 2020).

Prior to joining the University of Oxford, Arathi taught at the Universities of Bristol, Cambridge and Sydney. She is a co-convenor of the Race, Empire and Education Research Collective.

## **Dr Jake Taylor**

I completed my DPhil in Atmospheric and Planetary Physics from New College, Oxford, in 2021. I then moved to the University of Montreal to be a James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Fellow for a year. I moved back to Oxford in September 2022 and took up a PDRA in the Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics sub-department, working alongside Professor Vivien Parmentier. In 2023, I became a Schmidt AI in Science Fellow and as a result joined Reuben College as an Associate Research Fellow. Currently, I am a Glasstone Fellow in Astrophysics and Supernumerary Fellow at Exeter College; both of these positions started September 2024.

I am a trustee for the charity Pride in STEM. I am passionate about advocating for LGBT+ people and the inclusion of LGBT+ people in STEM. Within the Physics department in Oxford, I founded the Oxford Physics LGBT+ Network. This has been running since 2022. Within the Network, I have organised welfare events and seminars. Most recently, we have added a Pride Lecture to our calendar of events, after the success of the inaugural lecture in June 2024. I am also on the evaluation panel for the Breakthrough Junior Challenge.

My research focuses on understanding the atmospheres of planets orbiting different stars in our galaxy (known as exoplanets). The first exoplanet discovered around a Sun-like star was in 1995. Currently, we have detected over 5000 of these objects, orbiting a range of different stars. The first atmosphere around an exoplanet was discovered in 2002, and to date we have a catalogue of around 100 atmospheric observations, which includes observations from ground-based and space-based telescopes.

In my work, I have developed theoretical models that can be used to extract information about these atmospheres, namely: what molecules are present and in what quantities, if there are clouds and what they are made of, and what the temperature structure of the planet is like. I have used these models to analyse the cutting-edge observations we are obtaining from the JWST; some highlights include measuring the amount of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere of the hot Jupiter WASP-39b, and measuring the amount of water, potassium, and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of the hot Jupiter WASP-96b. I am a co-PI on a JWST proposal which will study the atmosphere of WASP-96b in more detail. I am a co-I on 10 JWST programmes and co-PI on two, with hopefully more to come, so this will keep me busy throughout my time as a Supernumerary Fellow at Exeter College.

## **Professor Richard White**

Professor White is a Professor of Genetics in the Nuffield Department of Medicine, where he is using zebrafish to better understand the development of cancerous cells.

## *New Honorary Fellows*



*From left to right: (top row) Andrew Blake, Rory Collins, Jo Dunkley, Antony Galione, Guy Goodwin; (middle row) Gillian Griffiths, Jonathan Hall, Bart Holaday, Jane Mellor, Charles Outhwaite; (bottom row) Anant Parekh, Clare Stanford, Peter Thompson*

### **Professor Andrew Blake FRS FREng**

Andrew Blake is a pioneer in the development of the theory and algorithms that make it possible for computers to behave as seeing machines. He served as junior faculty in Edinburgh in the 1980s, and later in Oxford as Professor of Engineering Science and Tutorial Fellow of Exeter College. At the turn of the millennium he moved to Cambridge to join Microsoft's newly established European research lab. He became Lab Director (2010-2015) winning, with his team, the Silver and the Gold medals of the UK Royal Academy of Engineering for work on 3D machine vision. He was inaugural Director of the Alan Turing Institute 2015-2018 and established Samsung's European AI lab in Cambridge. He is a consultant in Artificial Intelligence, has advised major European companies and a variety of startups, and mentors numerous budding scientists and engineers. Since 2000 he has been a Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, and he has received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Sheffield and Edinburgh.

## **Professor Sir Rory Edwards Collins FRS FMedSci**

Rory Collins is a medically-qualified epidemiologist who studies how to prevent and treat cardiovascular disease in large international population-based studies. Previously Staines Medical Research Fellow at Exeter College, he is the founding Head of Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Population Health. During the past 40 years he has conducted large randomised trials which have shown unequivocally that clot-dissolving and clot-preventing treatments during a heart attack can more than halve mortality, and that lowering LDL-cholesterol with statin therapy safely reduces the risk of cardiovascular death and disability among a wide range of people. As a consequence, these treatments are being widely used.

In 2005, the Wellcome Trust and Medical Research Council appointed him as Principal Investigator and Chief Executive of UK Biobank. Involving 500,000 participants, it is the largest deeply-characterised prospective study globally available for any type of health research that is in the public interest. More than 30,000 researchers worldwide use it currently, generating more than 3,000 papers in 2023 alone.

## **Professor Jo Dunkley OBE FRS**

Jo Dunkley is the Joseph Henry Professor of Physics and Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University. She was previously Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Oxford, where she was a Tutorial Fellow of Exeter College. Her research is in cosmology, studying the origins and evolution of the Universe. She plays leading roles in the Atacama Cosmology Telescope and Simons Observatory projects, both of which are large international collaborations. She has been awarded the Maxwell Medal, the Rosalind Franklin award and the New Horizons prize for her work on the cosmic microwave background, and she shared the Gruber Prize and the Breakthrough Prize with the WMAP (Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe) team.

Beyond her academic work, her book for the general public, *Our Universe: An Astronomer's Guide* (2019), was published by Penguin (UK/Canada) and Harvard University Press (US), and translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Korean.

## **Professor Antony Galione FRS FMedSci**

Antony Galione was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and received a BA in Natural Sciences in 1985 and his PhD in 1989. He held The Staines Medical Research Fellowship at Exeter College from 1995 to 1998. He was Head of the Department of Pharmacology, University of Oxford, from 2006-2015, and Chair of the Heads of UK Pharmacology Departments from 2014-2017. His research has pioneered the elucidation of novel signal transduction pathways regulating calcium signalling orchestrated by new second messenger molecules, termed cyclic ADP-ribose and NAADP. Using pharmacological, biochemical and physiological approaches, he showed that messengers



and their signalling pathways control many fundamental cellular processes including synaptic plasticity, membrane excitability, excitation-contraction coupling, immune cell function, and both endocrine and exocrine secretory mechanisms.

Professor Galione was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2010 and a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2016. He received the 2001 Novartis Prize of the British Pharmacological Society for his scientific contributions to pharmacology. He is also a scientific co-founder of IntraBio Inc, a late-stage pharmaceutical company working in the areas of rare and neurodegenerative diseases. He has published over 200 scientific papers including several in *Nature*, *Science* and *Cell*.

### **Professor Guy Goodwin DPhil FRCPsych FMedSci**

An alumnus of Exeter College, Guy Goodwin was WAHandley Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry in Oxford between 1995 and 2012. He is a Fellow of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and was previously President of the British Association for Psychopharmacology and the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and Senior Investigator on the faculty of the UK National Institute for Health Research.

His research interests are in the treatment of mood disorder and the application of neuroscience in understanding its neurobiology and the potential for new treatments. In his current role as Chief Medical Officer at Compass Pathways Ltd he is leading the re-medicalisation of the psychedelic drug, psilocybin i.

### **Professor Gillian Griffiths FRS FMedSci**

Gillian Griffiths obtained her PhD at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology with Cesar Milstein. After a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University, she started her own research laboratory at the Basel Institute for Immunology in Switzerland in 1990. She subsequently held posts at University College London and the Dunn School of Pathology, Oxford from 1997 to 2007. She was also a Fellow by Special Election of Exeter College. She then moved to the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research where she was Director 2012-2017. She was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2005, EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization) in 2006, and the Royal Society in 2013.

Professor Griffiths' research is focused on the interface between cell biology and immunology aimed at understanding the mechanisms controlling polarised secretion from cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs), the killer cells of the immune system which destroy virally infected and cancer cells. She was awarded the Royal Society Buchanan Medal in 2019 in recognition of her ground-breaking research establishing the fundamental cell biological mechanisms that drive CTL killing, laying the foundations for the development of targeted cancer immunotherapy.

## **Dr Jonathan Hall MA Oxf, PhD Edin**

Dr Jonathan Hall read Physics and Philosophy at Exeter College (1992) and completed a PhD in Philosophy of Mind at Edinburgh University in 2024. Since 2020 he has served as an external member of the Bank of England's Financial Policy Committee, with his term set to conclude in August 2026. He is a member of the Founders Circle of the Institute for the Future of Work.

Jonathan has over 25 years of experience in the financial sector, including leadership positions at Eisler Capital and Goldman Sachs, and he has served on the boards of Tradeweb and the International Swaps and Derivatives Association.

He was a member of Exeter's 700th Anniversary Campaign Committee and continues to serve as a member of the College's Development Committee. He is also an Exeter College Major Benefactor.

## **Mr Bart Holaday BSc US Air Force Academy, MA Oxf**

Bart Holaday read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Exeter as a Rhodes Scholar (1965), and he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of North Dakota in 2006. He is also a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. During his career he has been an Air Force officer, federal civil servant, venture capitalist, and philanthropist.

With over two decades of experience in venture capital, he was an officer and board member of the National Venture Capital Association and co-chaired a task force that established the first portfolio valuation and performance measurement standards for private equity. His work in the field was driven by a vision to bolster the American economy through innovation, entrepreneurship, investment, and hard work.

As a philanthropist, he founded the Dakota Foundation in the USA, which focuses on funding entrepreneurial, non-profit organisations aimed at enhancing economic self-sufficiency by helping individuals help themselves. He is a Major Benefactor to Exeter and was a long-standing member of the College's 700th Anniversary Campaign Committee.

## **Professor Jane Mellor EMBO**

Jane Mellor is a member of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Oxford. After a PhD working on foot and mouth disease virus at the Animal Virus Research Institute in Pirbright and a post-doc developing technologies with the first biotechnology companies in the UK, in 1986 she established her research group in Oxford to focus on gene expression, chromatin, and metabolism as a Monsanto Senior Research Fellow of Exeter College. In 1995, she became Tutor in Biochemistry at

Queen's College, Oxford. Recently, her group has pioneered our understanding of the dark genome, demonstrating roles for the non-coding transcriptome in switching chromosome conformation signatures in diseases such as cancer, and coordinating metabolism with chromatin structure around genes. Her research has contributed to two successful spin-out companies: Oxford BioDynamics plc and Sibelius Natural Products Ltd. She was elected a member of EMBO in 2010.

### **Mr Charles Outhwaite MA Oxf**

A former army officer and career investment banker until his retirement in 2018, he specialised in advising financial sector entities and was involved in many of the significant international investments into the London financial markets post Big Bang. He was latterly Senior Adviser at Evercore Partners.

He has served as a non-executive director of Ashmore Group Plc, a FTSE-250 emerging markets asset manager.

He continues to be involved in a number of private businesses and is a co-founder of Ambriel, a winery in Sussex, dedicated to making fine Traditional Method sparkling wines which are exported around the world.

He is an Exeter College Major Benefactor, was a member of the College's 700th Anniversary Campaign Committee and, until 2024, was a long-serving member of the College's Development Committee.

### **Professor Anant Parekh FRS FMedSci MAE**

Anant Parekh was a medical student at Oxford University, where he obtained his undergraduate and doctoral degrees, both at University College. He then moved, initially as an Alexander Von Humboldt Scholar, to the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, Germany, where he worked in Professor Erwin Neher's department with Professor Walter Stuehmer and then Professor Reinhold Penner. He moved back to Oxford (Physiology) in 1997 as a Wellcome Trust Career Development Fellow and Sir Edward Abraham Research Fellow at Keble College. He was subsequently awarded a Lister Institute Senior Research Fellowship, the Amersham Medical Fellowship at Keble College and then the Monsanto Senior Research Fellowship at Exeter College. In 2002, he was appointed to a proleptic University Lectureship (Physiology Department) and Tutorial Fellowship (Lady Margaret Hall). In the same year, he was awarded a personal chair.

Professor Parekh's research interests are on intracellular calcium signalling, how changes in calcium can engender a wide range of cellular responses and how the signal can be hijacked to cause diseases such as asthma. He was awarded the Wellcome Prize in Physiology in 2002, the India International Foundation Prize in 2009, the GL Brown

Prize (2012) and the Annual Prize Lecture (2023) from the UK Physiological Society. He is a member of Academia Europaea (2002), is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (2012) and the Royal Society (2019).

### **Professor Clare Stanford FRSB**

Clare Stanford graduated in physiology at UCL, where she is now Professor (Emerita) of Translational Neuropharmacology. She studied for a DPhil in the Department of Physiology, Oxford, and was later awarded a (University of Oxford) Mary Goodger Scholarship to continue her postdoctoral Research. This was followed by a faculty position, as a Departmental Demonstrator, during which time she became the first woman Fellow at Exeter College. She then returned to UCL where she continued her research into how monoamine neurotransmitters influence mood and behaviour. This work has involved both human and preclinical studies and has led to over 100 peer-reviewed publications on the role of monoamines in the stress response, depression, anxiety, obesity and their treatments.

Professor Stanford is an Honorary Fellow of the British Pharmacological Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society for Biology and Past President of both the Laboratory Animal Science Association (LASA) and the British Association for Psychopharmacology. She has served two terms as a member of Council of the University of London and, from 2016-2023, was a member of the Animal Science Committee, which advises the Home Office Minister on matters relating to the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986). She is currently the Chairwoman of the Project Management Board for the prize-winning NC3Rs Experimental Design Assistant, Honorary Treasurer of LASA, Chairman of the Animal Science Group (Royal Society for Biology) and also Chairwoman of the Transparency and Reproducibility Committee, which is a section of the International Union of (Basic and Preclinical) Pharmacology.

### **Mr Peter Thompson BA Sophia Tokyo, FSA Scot**

Peter Thompson has been a Friend of the College for many years. He has funded the permanent endowments of a College Fellowship, a post graduate scholarship, and an East Asia Travel scholarship, and has supported a wide range of other College activities. He has been a member of Oxford's Chancellor's Court of Benefactors since 2017.

Mr Thompson lives in Japan, where he is Chair of the Trustees of the Margaret Thatcher Japan Foundation, promoting friendship between Japan and the UK through academic exchanges and leadership programmes. He is also a founder of the literary agency, The English Agency Japan.

## *New Prideaux Fellows*

### **Mr Michael Coleman**

Michael Coleman read Geology at Exeter College (1979). He is a seasoned entrepreneur and executive with a background in commodity trading and investment management. He is a Non-Executive Director at The Merchant Commodity Fund and RCMA Group Pte Ltd. He also holds the position of Executive Director at Proprietary Capital Holdings Pte Ltd in Singapore. He is an avid rugby fan and sits on the board of his home town rugby league club St Helens RFC.

His extensive experience spans various leadership roles, underscoring his expertise in managing complex financial portfolios and directing corporate strategy in competitive markets.

Previously, he was involved with Sandaire (Singapore ) Pte Ltd as a Director from April 2019 to June 2022 and founded and managed RCMA Asset Management Pte Ltd (formerly Aisling Analytics Pte Ltd) as Managing Director from April 2004 until June 2018.

### **Ms Cheryl Kloppenburg**

Ms Cheryl Kloppenburg is a highly accomplished lawyer and philanthropist based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Arts in 1970, a Law degree in 1975, and a Master's degree in 1975, all from the University of Saskatchewan. She has practised law alongside her late husband, Henry Kloppenburg, an Exeter alumnus and Rhodes Scholar, at their firm, Kloppenburg & Kloppenburg.

Cheryl and Henry Kloppenburg have made significant philanthropic contributions, particularly in the arts, education, and healthcare sectors in Saskatchewan, and also to Exeter, especially through the endowment of the Kloppenburg Fellowship in Politics and International Relations.

### **Mr Harish Salve KC**

Mr Harish Salve KC is a prominent senior advocate who practices at the Supreme Court of India. He served as the Solicitor General of India from 1 November 1999 to 3 November 2002.

In 2013, Mr Salve was admitted to the English Bar and subsequently joined Blackstone Chambers. Throughout his career, he has been involved in various high-profile cases and has been recognised for his legal acumen with awards such as the Padma Bhushan.

He has made significant contributions to Indian law, notably representing India at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case. On 16 January 2020 he was appointed as a King's Counsel for the courts of England and Wales.

Harish Salve has been involved in supporting educational initiatives and has funded the Dr Mrs Ambriti Salve Scholarship at Exeter College for the last 15 years. He is also a member of the Vice Chancellor's Circle.

### **Mr Biz Stone**

Biz Stone is an influential American entrepreneur and a key figure in the development of social media, co-founding platforms like Twitter and Medium. His early contributions also include work on Xanga, Blogger, and Odeo. Recognised as a major innovator, Biz Stone has been honoured with titles such as being one of *TIME*'s '100 Most Influential People in the World,' 'Entrepreneur of the Decade' by *INC* magazine, and 'Nerd of the Year' by *GQ* magazine.

Since his introduction to Exeter College some 15 years ago, he has delivered talks to students, Fellows and alumni on multiple occasions and most recently came to the opening of Exeter College's refurbished library, to which he and his wife Livia were major donors. In 2024 he became a member of the Vice Chancellor's Circle.

### **Dr Bernard Wolfe**

Dr Bernard Wolfe is an Exeter alumnus and Rhodes Scholar (1958). He is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry at the University of Western Ontario London, Ontario, which awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Science degree. A fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, he focused scientifically on unravelling the pathological processes underlying diseases associated with aging and with nutritional excess.

He and his colleagues made a number of contributions to medical knowledge and practice, including developing treatment for menopausal symptoms that transformed the care of the menopause, discovering that skeletal bone which has been weakened by aging can be restored with bisphosphonate therapy in order to prevent future bone fracture, discovering that Type I diabetes is an autoimmune disorder and discovering that the substitution of protein for sugar and starch in the diet lowers appetite and decreases the levels of the blood cholesterol components, which when elevated predispose to heart attacks and stroke.

Through his charitable foundation he endowed Exeter College's DM Wolfe-Clarendon Fellowship in Law.

## *Departing Fellows*



**Dr Michael Hart, Fellow and  
Lecturer in Politics**

Michael Hart was elected to a fellowship in Politics at Exeter in 1982, in succession to Norman Crowther-Hunt, who had been elected to the rectorship in the same year. He retired in 2024, after a forty-two year innings, the longest in modern times, equalled only by the legendary Dacre Balsdon (1927–69) and exceeded by none. Michael had enjoyed a wide experience of Oxbridge colleges before he found a home here at Exeter. After taking a double first in History at Emmanuel, Exeter's sister college, he moved as a postgraduate to St John's, Oxford, and then returned to Cambridge as a junior research fellow at Magdalene. Although his Wikipedia entry describes him as 'political scientist', Michael is essentially a historian, and it was on a historical

subject, the decline of the Liberal party during and after the First World War, that he wrote his thesis. As a college tutor he taught not only the PPE students but also, and to their very considerable benefit, those from the History school who chose to work on nineteenth- and twentieth-century history. His expertise here, and his willingness to put it at the service of History undergraduates, made him in effect a much appreciated third member of the History tutors' team.

It is probably as a teacher that Michael would most want to be remembered. He rapidly built up a reputation as a first-rate tutor whose presence in the college attracted many outstanding students, quite a number of whom went on to become public figures. 'My son is at Exeter doing PPE', reported one parent. 'He is deliriously happy and would say that being taught by Dr Michael Hart is the clincher'. The multitude of equally enthusiastic former pupils who turned out for his college farewell dinner in June 2024 (with a waiting-list of the disappointed) was a tribute to his qualities. Those qualities are well brought out in some of their recollections. One writes: 'He took us seriously right from the beginning. That did not always mean being gentle, in fact the opposite. Michael was the first and only tutor to tell me that an essay of mine was 'lazy' and he had hoped



for more. No piece of feedback affected me more than that and encouraged me to simply try harder.’ Another former pupil describes a typical tutorial. After ‘Dr Hart opened the window and lit a cigarette he’d sit silently – unreadable – as I read out that week’s essay. He was the only tutor I had who deployed this technique and it improved my work immeasurably; nothing quite exposes a poorly constructed paragraph or argument than hearing it hang in the silence of Dr Hart’s tutorial room. “Would you like to count how many times you started a paragraph with the word ‘however’?”. From there, he’d half-lecture, half-muse, without notes, on whichever topic we were covering, pausing at intervals for questions and discussion, before pressing on through his encyclopedic tour de force.’ A third writes similarly. ‘Michael always required us to read our essays aloud – a valuable exercise that untied knots in the writing (and thinking) and helped it flow. He highlighted inconsistencies and suggested improvements, immediately getting to the nub of the issue. As he handed over my first essay he simply said, “You write well”. I’ve never forgotten that.’ Other comments evoke the peculiar spell cast by the tutorial’s context. ‘The sense that we were participating in a tradition of disputation stretching back hundreds of years. The steeped hands, the smell of tobacco, the soaring bookshelves, the saggy sofa.’ Another says something similar. ‘To climb Palmer’s tower, smell the scent from halfway up the staircase, knock on the thick door, hear a distant but commanding “Come in!” and then enter the room for an hour, often longer. I am so sad that I won’t do so again, but so lucky to have done so at all.’

As a tutor Michael was demanding, firm, articulate, and, like all the best tutors, adept at making his pupils think. It is no disparagement (and some might take it as praise) to say that he was also an old-fashioned tutor, insisting that essays be read out rather than taken in and marked in advance (the modern way) and allowing himself to smoke during tutorials (as others of us used to do). Not the least aspect of his keeping the modern world at bay has lain in his refusal to come to terms with digital technology, for no one has had a stronger aversion to computers than Michael. One suspects that the need to teach via Zoom during the covid period came as a nasty shock! His beautiful calligraphic hand, commented on by several former pupils, was some compensation for those having to read his communications on paper rather than on a screen. But undoubtedly the most time-honoured feature of Michael’s time at Exeter has been his wholehearted and near exclusive devotion to teaching and to his pupils. Keen to give priority to research at the expense of teaching, some tutors nowadays complain about what they call ‘the burden of teaching’. Michael was never in that category. It was said of another brilliant and life-enhancing tutor in another college, but one who wrote little, that ‘his books are his pupils’. The same might be said of Michael.

But Michael’s college career has never focused entirely on teaching. He has always been a good citizen, meaning in this context a good college man. He has taken more than his fair share of college duties, serving for three periods in the two most onerous college offices: as sub-rector, 1986–7 and 2001–2, with another long stint as senior tutor from 1992 to 1995. More informally, he has become well known for his talks-cum-seminars given to the whole college in advance of general elections; the most

recent combined with his farewell dinner a few days before the 2024 election. Outside the college he served as junior proctor for the university in 1998–9, as a particularly frequent PPE examiner, and, in the town, as a Liberal on the city council: a practitioner of politics as well as an exponent.

Perhaps Michael's most outstanding personal characteristics have been congeniality combined with sociability. He has been a good companion as well as a good colleague. Regularly up for a gossip, and an excellent conversationalist, he always made it a pleasure to sit next to him at the lunch table, to share his reminiscences, to swap news about former pupils, and to pick up an insider's tips on current politics. Sadly, in recent years this side of his life has been curtailed by ill health, limiting his ability to do all that he would have wanted to do for the College. We hope that in retirement he will enjoy a full recovery and that he and Miranda, the College's former junior dean and herself a familiar Exeter figure, will have a long and happy retirement in their Scottish fastness at Stonehaven. Our best wishes, and our gratitude, go with both of them.

*John Maddicott*



**Professor Andrew Farmer, Fellow  
by Special Election and Professor of  
General Practice**

Several generations of clinical students at Exeter have been lucky enough to have been taught and mentored by Andrew. Having joined Exeter as a fellow in 2007, this was initially through teaching on the wards, but over time he helped to establish a broader teaching programme for clinical students with Prof James Kennedy and oversaw its expansion to a team of clinical teaching associates led by a dedicated College lecturer. This offered a step change in teaching and provided the students with a great diversity of clinical contacts. Despite

an increasingly high-profile research career, including directing one of the largest and most influential UK clinical research funding programmes, Andrew has always found time to offer support and teaching to the students, to engage with admissions interviewing, and to provide opportunities to conduct research with his team.

Andrew also played a crucial stabilising influence in the period when the College was without a Tutorial Fellow in Medical Sciences, helping to rebuild the teaching teams

and providing continuity. On a personal note, I am particularly grateful for the support and mentoring he provided for me when I joined Exeter to take up that role from 2020 onwards. For the first time, the College now has a second Tutorial Fellow in Medical Sciences, again something that Andrew supported, encouraged and enabled.

Andrew was always passionate about ensuring the clinical students, who have a very busy schedule based around the Oxford and regional hospitals, felt part of the life of the College. To that end he helped establish the College medical society as the ‘Bannister’ Society, named after Prof Sir Roger Bannister, a distinguished Neurologist who was a medical student at Exeter shortly before he became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes at the Iffley Road stadium.

While making substantial contributions to academic life at Exeter, Andrew has been actively engaged in research. During the early part of his career, he was dedicated to patient care as a general practitioner at Thame Health Centre. But by witnessing first-hand the challenges faced by his patients, Andrew became interested in how to evaluate and implement interventions to improve the lives of those with chronic illness. Through the award of one of the first Harkness Fellowships for general practitioners by the Commonwealth Fund of New York, he pursued research on the significant and increasing population of people with long term disease, especially diabetes. Andrew subsequently initiated a programme of research in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences in Oxford on chronic health problems commonly faced by patients in the community. This led to his pioneering studies examining how those with diabetes could actively participate in the management of their condition, reducing complications, and improving their health.

Andrew was at the forefront of applying emerging digital technology to health solutions for patients in the community. His prominence and contributions in this area were recognised by his appointments as the academic lead in the Digital Health from Hospital to Home theme of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, and as an Honorary Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Cape Town. Most recently, Andrew has served as the Director of the NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme where he is responsible for the largest NHS facing clinical trials research funding programme.

Andrew is a consummate clinician scientist, teacher, and mentor. It is fair to say that he leaves medicine at Exeter in a strong and thriving position, in no small part due to his own dedication over the last 18 years. Andrew’s thoughtful, kind, and empathetic approach has always been recognised and appreciated by all within the medical community at Exeter and by his colleagues across the University.

*Christoph Tang and Neil Herring*

## *The Earliest Photograph of Exeter College: A New Discovery*

A previously unknown early photograph of Exeter College has been discovered: it is by some way the earliest photograph of the College. Taken by William Henry Fox Talbot (1800-77), it exists in the form of a paper print that is in negative and back to front, and it appears as Schaaf no. 848 in the online Talbot *Catalogue Raisonné* under the heading ‘Possibly an Oxford College’ ([talbot.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/search/catalog/schaaf-848](http://talbot.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/search/catalog/schaaf-848)). It was spotted and identified as a photograph of Exeter by the present writer. The photograph is owned by the National Science and Media Museum (Image ID 107 18226), which has kindly given permission for it to be published here. Changed from negative to positive, flipped the right way round, digitally enhanced, and cleaned, it is presented in Plate 1. The photograph shows, on the left, Hakewill’s chapel of 1623-4 and, on the right, the old Rector’s lodgings, built in 1615-16 and given a new frontage to the quad in 1798. These buildings occupied the whole of the north side of the front quad and were demolished between July and November 1856 to make way for the present chapel. The date of the photograph is not recorded, but all of Talbot’s photographs were taken between 1834 and 1846, with the majority dating from the period 1839-44.

In the 1992 *Register*, there appeared an article by J. R. Maddicott, entitled ‘The earliest photographs of Exeter College’. This was followed by a second article by the same author, ‘Some early photographs of Exeter College’, in the 2004 *Register*. The first of these articles reproduces five of the earliest photographs of the College, but not of course the newly discovered photograph. A similar selection (two of these five and a further two) may be found at F. Cairncross and H. Parham (eds), *Exeter College: The First 700 Years* (London, 2013), 38-43. These ‘earliest photographs’ are a group consisting of the photographs taken on the eve of or during the extensive rebuilding of the College by Sir George Gilbert Scott, which took place between 1854 and 1859, or in some cases upon the completion of particular buildings. From 1860, photographs of the College become much more numerous: Dr Maddicott’s second article presents a collection of photographs from the 1860s.

All the photographs in this early group date from the 1850s. Some of them show the buildings that were about to be demolished. The photograph in Plate 2 showing the Hakewill chapel covered in ivy was taken in July 1856 by Philip Henry Delamotte (not, as stated elsewhere, by Richard Phené Spiers, who was only eighteen in 1856 and is not known to have been a photographer): the demolition of the building may have started only days after the photograph was taken because the foundation stone of the new chapel was laid on 29 November. Another photograph, showing an unknown man approaching the door of the Hakewill chapel, was also taken by Delamotte in 1856 and is likely, from the pattern of vegetation and the shadows, to have been taken on the same day as the photograph of the ivy-clad chapel (this photograph has also been wrongly attributed to Spiers). Plate 3 shows the old Rector’s lodgings, but not Palmer’s Tower,

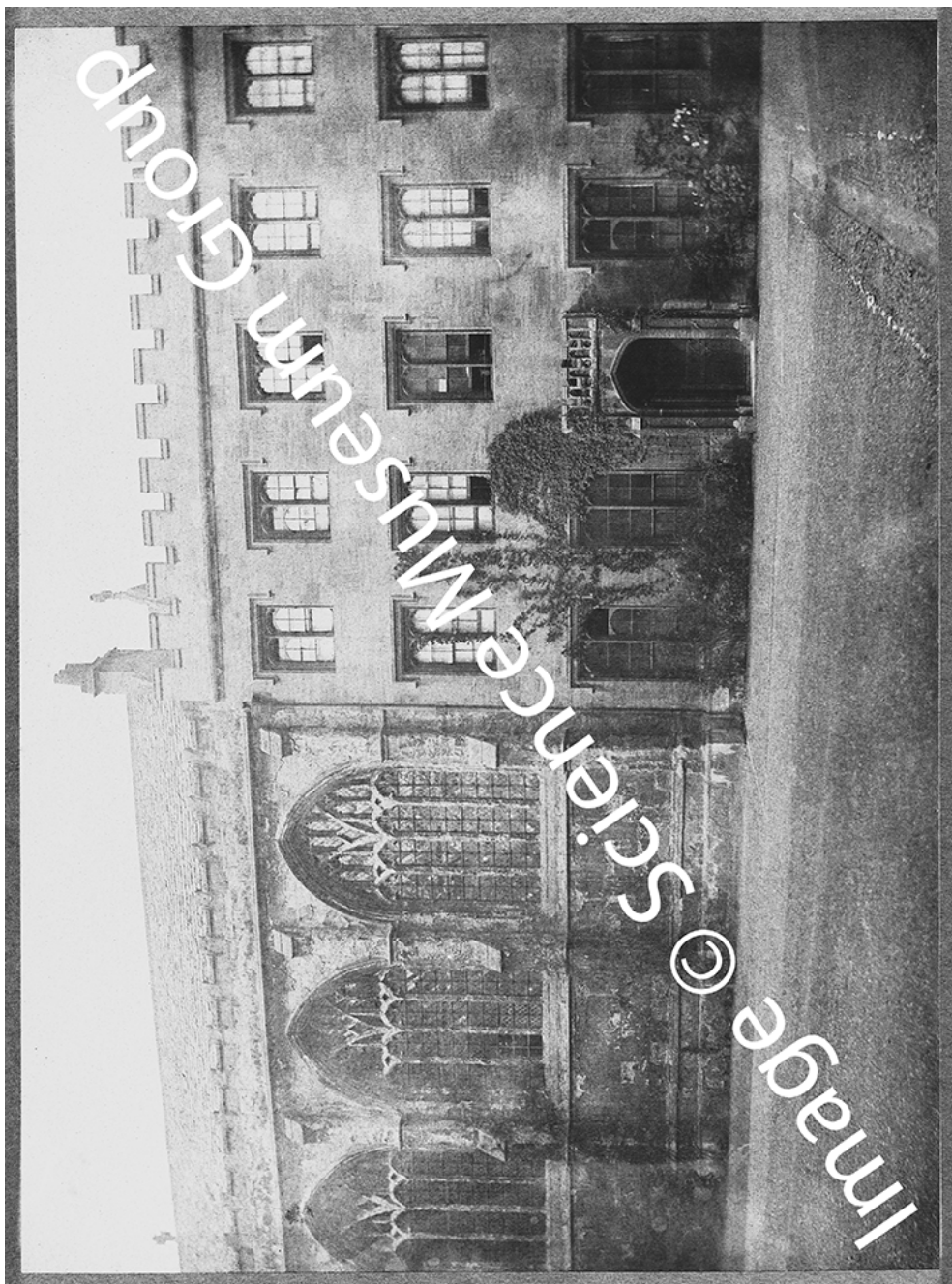
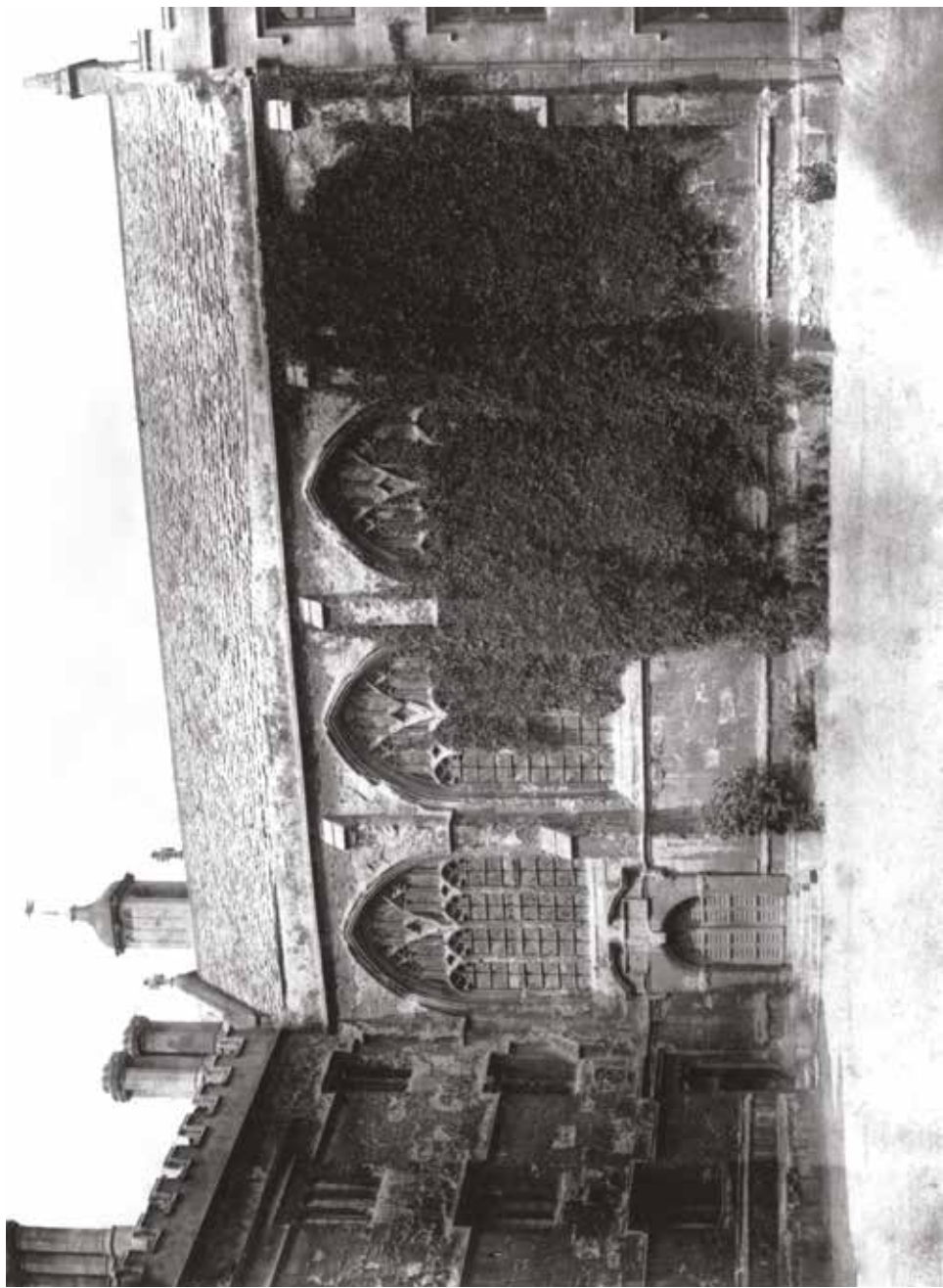
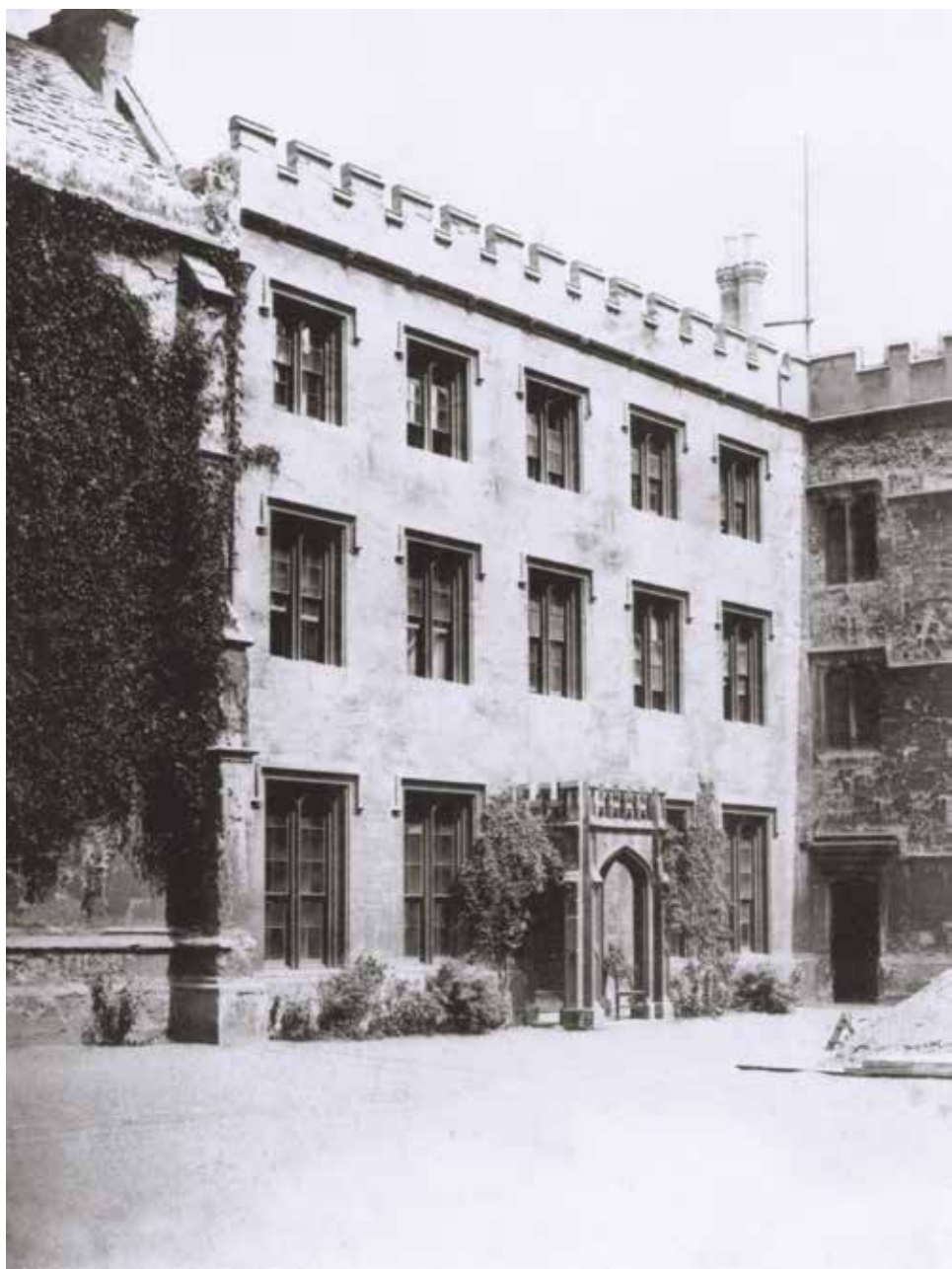


Plate 1. 'Possibly an Oxford College': Exeter College chapel and Rector's lodgings, photographed by William Henry Fox Talbot. Credit: Science Museum Group.



*Plate 2. Exeter College chapel, photographed by Philip Henry Delamotte in July 1856.*





*Plate 3. Exeter College Rector's lodgings, probably photographed by Philip Henry Delamotte in July 1856.*

which was at this time, except on its north side, encased in buildings (although there was a way through at ground level to what is now the back quad). The lodgings were demolished at the same time as the chapel and this photograph is likely, again from the vegetation and shadows, to have been taken on the same day as the two photographs of the chapel and therefore to have been taken by Delamotte (a pencil note on the back of the photograph attributes it to Delamotte, but the handwriting is recent). There are two photographs of Prideaux Building, which ran east-west and stood between the eastern half of Scott's chapel and his Broad Street range: it was demolished in July 1857 (not, as usually stated, in 1856). Undergraduates William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones were among its last residents, in 1855-6. The two photographs were taken in, at a guess, 1854 and, much more certainly, 1856 (the back of Scott's Broad Street gate tower, built in 1856, is visible in the second photograph but not in the first). Other photographs from this group show the Turl Street front (1856 by Delamotte, again wrongly attributed to Spiers), the Broad Street front on completion by Scott (1856 or soon after), Scott's new library (1857 or soon after), his new chapel under construction (1857 or 1858), the hall (date uncertain) and the fellows' garden (two photographs, dates uncertain). Delamotte's photographs of the doorway of the Hakewill chapel and the Turl Street front were specially commissioned in the spring or summer of 1856 by Richard James Spiers to be sold as stereoscopic slides at his stationery and goods shop, Spiers and Son, at 102 High Street: see D. Pellerin, 'The commissioned Oxford stereos of Spiers and Son', *The Classic*, 5 November 2020 (online). (For the use of future historians of the College, I have deposited in the College Archives a document containing the results of my research on the early photographs of the College.)

For the appearance of the College before the 1850s we have the evidence of a small number of paintings and drawings and a larger number of prints. Plate 4 is an engraving of 1813 and shows the west and north sides of the front quad two or three decades before the Talbot photograph was taken. In this view we can see, in addition to the Hakewill chapel and the old Rector's lodgings, the Turl Street gate tower in its original baroque form of 1701-3, before it was heightened and changed to Gothic in 1834-5. There is also an aquatint of 1843, Nathaniel Whittock's 'bird's eye view' of Oxford, which is exactly or almost exactly contemporary with the Talbot photograph (an interactive version of it can be found on the Lewis Carroll Resources website at [lewiscarrollresources.net](http://lewiscarrollresources.net)). The part showing Exeter is reproduced in Plate 5: here again we see the Hakewill chapel and the old Rector's lodgings, but the gate tower has been changed to Gothic. Although much of Whittock's view is impressive in its accuracy and detail, it completely leaves out Exeter's one-storey Ionic library of 1779 and shows Duke Humfrey's Library continuing all the way to Exeter's Staircase 5. Presumably Whittock had never had the privilege of entering the Exeter College fellows' garden.

Talbot's photograph shows the 200 year old stonework of the Hakewill chapel starting to crumble, although not looking obviously worse than that of the other seventeenth-century Oxford buildings in his photographs. By contrast, the stonework of the Rector's lodgings looks new and crisp. The lodgings are given a greater prominence in the



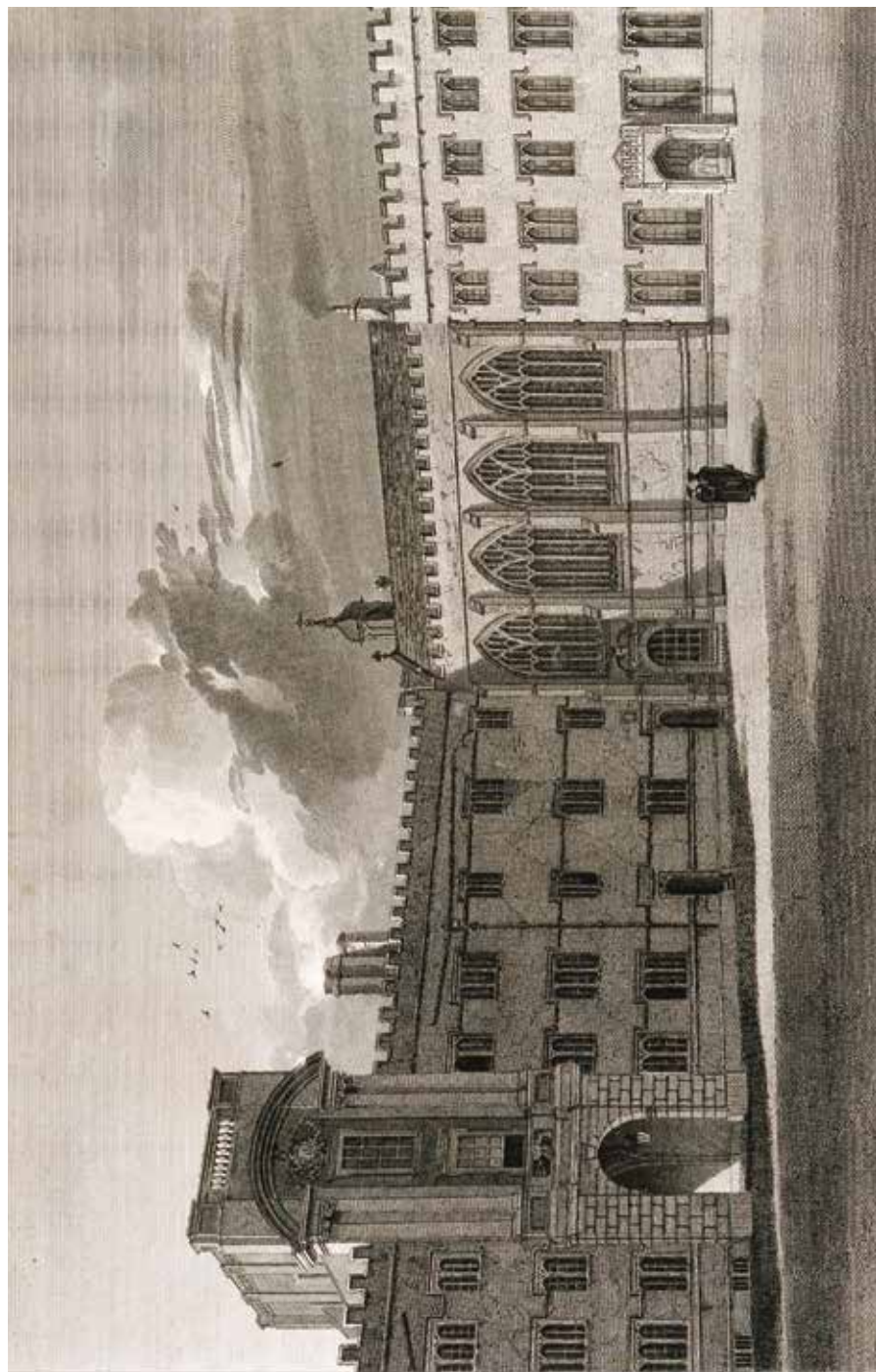


Plate 4. Exeter College quadrangle, west and north sides. Line engraving by James Basire after Hugh O'Neill, 1813. Credit: Wellcome Collection.

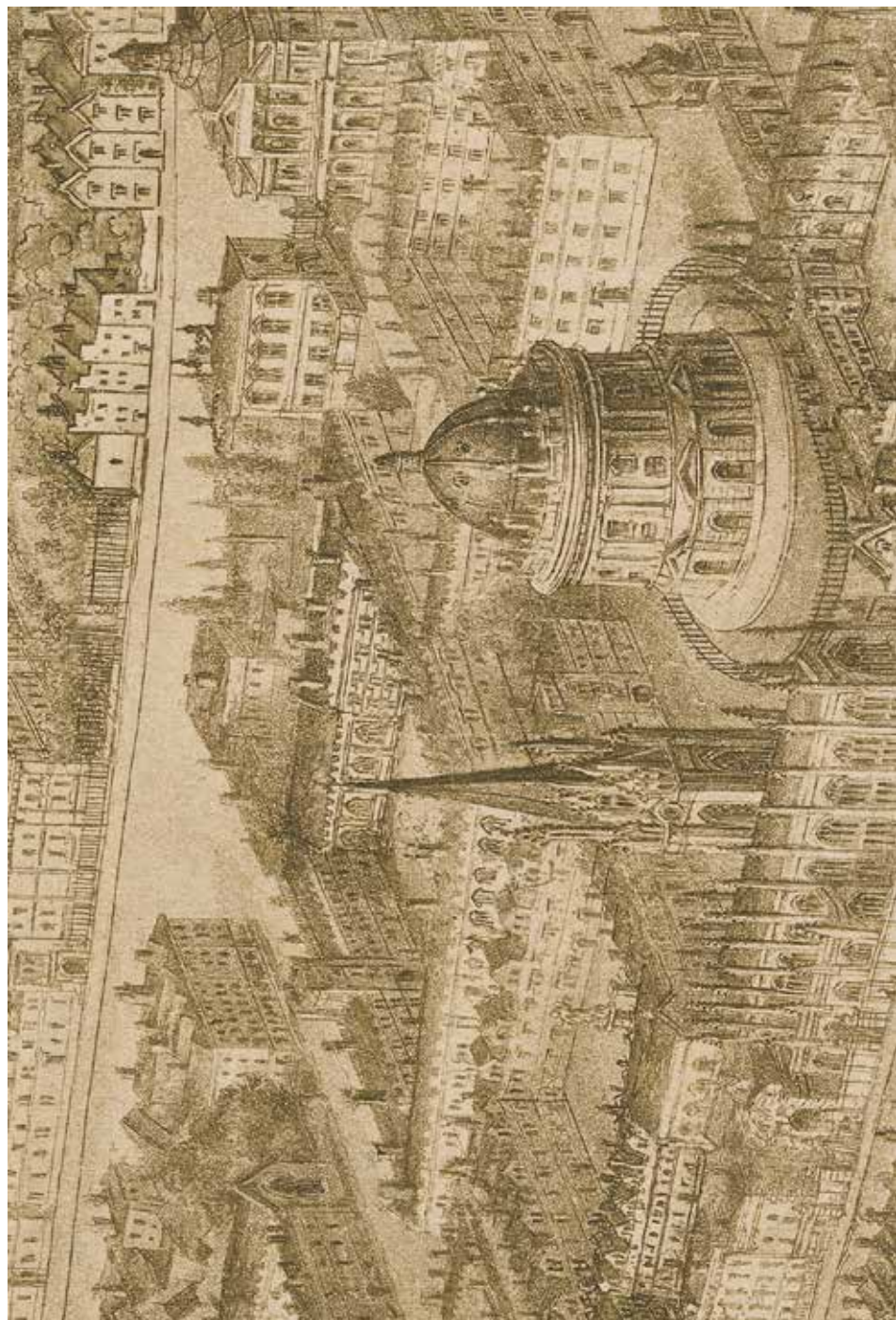


Plate 5. Bird's eye view of Oxford by Nathaniel Whittock, published by James Ryman in 1843 (detail). Credit: Andy Malcolm, Lewis Carroll Resources.

photograph than the chapel in that the whole frontage is shown, whereas a quarter of the chapel is left out of the picture. This suggests that Talbot considered the lodgings the more notable building: to early nineteenth-century taste, the smart and up-to-date Georgian Gothic style was greatly preferable to the late and supposedly debased Jacobean Perpendicular. Indeed, the College had already made much progress in converting its architecture to modern Georgian Gothic and, in the process, removing every trace of classical style (although the library by John Townesend III and the old back gate on Broad Street survived until Scott). The new 1798 frontage of the Rector's lodgings was followed a few years later by the gothicisation of the hall, undertaken by John Nash with input from G. S. Repton. The original classical porch, different from the one on the Hakewill chapel but nicely complementing it, was replaced by the present Gothic one with its clock, and the louvre on the roof was removed. The screens passage was vaulted, two Gothic chimneypieces (replaced by the present ones in 1904) were introduced, with the necessary chimneys (the one on the quad side, half way along the battlemented parapet, has since been removed but the one on the Brasenose Lane side survives), and the windows were re-glazed (this new glass was replaced by the present heraldic glass in 1906-14). Most strikingly of all, the roof was filled with a stupendous quantity of additional beams and tracery, carved with Gothic decoration: the vertical rack-like timbers with cusps and the horizontal grid-like timbers are from the early nineteenth century. The date of these changes is uncertain. The changes inside the body of the hall must have been complete by 1814, because they can be seen in the aquatint published in March 1814 in R. Ackermann's *A History of the University of Oxford* (London, 1814). The work is described as having been done 'a few years since' in the 1819 edition of *The Oxford University and City Guide*. But the new porch and clock date from 1820. In 1833-4 the staircase now called Staircase 9 was built, by H. J. Underwood: this is the block on Broad Street between the Old Ashmolean (now the Museum of the History of Science) and Scott's gate tower. An innovative building, it contained accommodation for horses on the ground floor and for undergraduates on the floors above. The doorway under Scott's tower led to a staircase that ascended directly to the upper floors, while the seven stalls for horses, the saddle room and the coach house were accessed from the back, where the Crowther-Hunt Building of 1988 now stands. The Broad Street front of the building looks like a regular, late Georgian building embellished with Gothic details, including grotesques. It is amusingly outclassed by Scott's more earnest High Victorian front on which the staircases and chimneystacks demand to be noticed: Scott ignores Underwood and does the job properly. Finally, in 1834-5 Underwood was engaged a second time to reface the Turl Street front of the College and conceal its late seventeenth / early eighteenth century date by stripping away the gate tower's dignified baroque elevations and applying Gothic embellishment to the frontage including grotesques and the obligatory oriel windows (the classical front of Pembroke College had received the same treatment in 1829-30, but by a different architect, and the classical doorway of Jesus College would be replaced in 1855: both colleges, like Exeter, were given an oriel window over the front gate). The upper part of the tower was found to be weak and this was dealt with by making the top storey taper inwards. The four turrets were added in an attempt to distract the eye from the resulting awkwardness.

This first programme of gothicisation of the College buildings is easily overlooked, given that the second one, that of Scott, is so much more assertive and conspicuous—and accomplished. But when Talbot came to photograph the College, he saw a college whose architecture had just been updated in line with early nineteenth-century ideas of what a medieval college ought to look like (hence the term applied to this late Georgian architecture: ‘collegiate Gothic’). In 1837, James Ingram, the President of Trinity College, commented on Exeter’s transformation: ‘Few colleges have undergone so many architectural changes, or acquired so many recent improvements, as that of Exeter. It will therefore be an interesting employment to mark the progressive steps by which it has advanced to its present splendour’ (*Memorials of Oxford* (Oxford, 1837), vol. 1, Exeter College, 10). However, the chapel compared unfavourably with the other seventeenth-century chapels in Oxford: it had little stained glass, it had no east window but instead had the imagined tracery of one, moulded in plaster, affixed to the east wall, and it had a plaster ceiling painted to look like stone with elaborate fan vaulting and tracery. It also had a classical doorway that did not match the late Gothic style of the rest of the building. So it is perhaps no accident that Talbot chose to photograph the Rector’s lodgings, which may even have been regarded as the most impressive building in the College, and exclude the chapel doorway from his photograph. It is perhaps worth noting, too, that Talbot had visited the College in 1815, when he was a boy of fifteen, had seen the hall (recently gothicised), and had been given ‘a very good dinner indeed’ at the Rector’s lodgings in Rector Dr John Cole’s absence (*Correspondence of William Henry Fox Talbot* (online), 657, 30 July 1815).

It remains to attempt to determine the date of the Talbot photograph. There are 225 photographs of Oxford in the Talbot *Catalogue Raisonné*. The most common subjects are All Souls College and Queen’s College (25 photographs each), the Martyrs’ Memorial and University College (20 photographs each), and Magdalen College (19 photographs). There are 13 photographs each of the High Street, Oriel College and the Radcliffe Camera, and 11 of the Botanic Garden. All the other subjects have eight or fewer photographs, and there is one photograph only of—besides Exeter College—Jesus, Lincoln, Trinity and Worcester Colleges. Of these 225 photographs, only 26 are datable to a specific year. There are two from 1840, 13 from 1842, and 11 from 1843. The rest of the Oxford photographs could in theory date from any time between 1835 and 1846. The photograph of Exeter is not well composed. Delamotte in the 1850s produced more pleasing compositions by taking one photograph with the chapel in the centre and another one with the Rector’s lodgings in the centre (assuming the latter photograph to be by Delamotte). The unsatisfactory composition may be a reason for dating the Talbot photograph early.

When Talbot’s photograph is compared with Delamotte’s photograph of the chapel in 1856 (Plate 2), the most obvious difference is that in the later photograph the chapel is covered in ivy whereas in the Talbot one it is not. In the Talbot photograph there do appear to be some shoots of ivy emerging from the ground and climbing up the two central buttresses. It is hard to make out how far they have reached, but the ivy has not

spread onto the windows. If the photograph was taken during winter, it might be the case that on the chapel there is Boston ivy that has shed its leaves and on the Rector's lodgings there is English ivy that has not. But the flowers in front of the Rector's lodgings and the large number of open windows make it unlikely that the photograph was taken in the winter. In any case, Richard Barley, the Director of Gardens at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has kindly stated in correspondence that he is unable to identify the species of ivy in the Delamotte photograph because the photograph does not give a clear view of the leaf shape or texture. He hazarded a guess that the ivy in the photograph might be twenty or more years old, but if in the Talbot photograph there is already ivy climbing up the buttresses then the two photographs need not be separated by as much as twenty years. In Plate 4, the engraving of 1813, there is no ivy on any of the buildings. (The Talbot photograph, incidentally, suggests that the 1813 engraving is accurate: the carved Gothic decoration on the Rector's front door is exactly the same in the engraving as in the photograph.)

A further difference between the Talbot photograph and Delamotte's photograph of the chapel is that in the Talbot photograph the chapel still has its battlements (as in the 1813 engraving), although they are eroded, whereas in the Delamotte photograph they have completely disappeared. This difference suggests that quite a few years have passed between the first photograph and the second.

We cannot determine the date of the Talbot photograph exactly, but in view of these considerations it would seem justifiable to assign to it a date of *c.* 1840, the first year from which there are datable photographs of Oxford by Talbot. 1840 to 1856 is sixteen years—enough time, presumably, for the ivy to spread over the chapel and for the battlements to erode into nothing.

To have a photograph of Exeter by one of the inventors of photography is something very special. It is surely almost inconceivable that an earlier photograph of the College will ever come to light.

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I am grateful to Dr John Maddicott and Victoria Northridge for answering questions and for providing information from the College Archives. I am also grateful to Dr Leonardo Costantini for cleaning the three photographs reproduced here. This is the first time the photographs in Plates 2 and 3 have been reproduced without showing evidence of water damage.



## *The Wider Significance of Cohen Quad*

Cohen Quadrangle, a major Exeter College building which opened in 2017, has won many architectural awards. But the Quad, ten minutes' walk from the College's physically constrained historic site, has implications for the higher education sector well beyond the structure's ingenious combination of modern and traditional architectural elements. The building's significance also much exceeds the badly needed student accommodation, academic and administrative offices, teaching rooms and other public spaces that the Quad has provided to the University's fourth oldest college. Likewise its Oxford-specific innovations – the first college 'annexe' to be more than simply an accommodation block – only scratch the surface of the building's importance.

Cohen Quad's design has proven itself very well adapted to the increasingly informal, diverse, outward-looking and environmentally conscious nature of early 21st century UK universities. These features of the building reflect the extended dialogue between the College and the architects – Alison Brooks Architects – which, under my predecessor, Dame Frances Cairncross, preceded construction. The guiding concept of that discussion was reinventing the collegiate ideal for the 21st century.

Far more than the traditional Oxford quadrangle – or the standard 'redbrick' university building – Cohen Quad encourages the mixing of the various functional groups which constitute today's higher education institutions. Its café, for example, is open to everyone associated with the College; lunchtimes there juxtapose academics, postgraduates, undergraduates, administrators, and maintenance and cleaning staff in easy association with each other. Likewise, the building's central 'learning commons' space, well populated even out of normal 'business hours', allows members of each group to relax or work in their own way. Having individual offices of academics located in various parts of the building also promotes informal interaction. So too does the location close to the café of the College's rare books and manuscripts, and the related consultation and teaching room, reminding all users of the building of the important research element of the College's activities. An indication that the building has effectively promoted interaction between groups can be found in the fact that the more specific social spaces in the building – a senior common room and a students' common room – are relatively little used.

The Quad's auditorium and teaching rooms are often booked for lectures, classes, or tutorials. However, at other times they, like the learning commons, are open to individuals, or to groups of students or others, for informal discussion or group study. Only rarely during term are more than a few of these spaces empty. During an era when students often focus on their individual headphones and laptops but prefer to do so in the company of friends, the adaptability of the Quad works particularly well. These patterns seem especially well suited to the College's increasingly diverse student body, who have many options concerning with whom and where they mix. Likewise, the physical



*Cohen Quad's café and Learning Commons provide opportunities for people from across College to socialise*

accessibility of all spaces – the Quad is arguably Oxford’s first truly accessible building of this kind – is conducive to another important aspect of diversity. Similar advantages accrue from the ‘family kitchens’ in the upper floors where student accommodation predominates: in addition to meal preparation and consumption, the kitchens provide spaces for informal interaction 24/7. Many students who don’t live in the Quad choose to spend time there – for them, and even more so for residents, there are a large number of choices available as to where and how to spend time.

Cohen Quad also does much to help the College fulfil its aim of mixing increasingly with the world beyond Exeter’s buildings. Located in a busy residential and commercial neighbourhood, the Quad’s emphasis on light and open spaces makes it highly visible both to the University as a whole and to the building’s neighbours. The Quad has proven very popular for meetings held both by the central University and by intercollegiate groups, including student organisations. Meanwhile, the building’s mixture of accommodation and meeting spaces has made it very attractive to educational conferences, broadening Exeter’s reach and contributing to the finances of a modestly endowed college. In particular, the availability of Cohen Quad has made it possible for Exeter – long the base, at its historic site, for summer schools held by other institutions – to stage its own Exeter College Summer Programme, which has attracted large numbers of highly qualified undergraduates from prestigious institutions, especially in East Asia and North America. Likewise the Quad has proven very popular with the increasingly diverse groups which attend the annual orientation day for those holding admissions offers and their parents and other family members. Those attending meetings and conferences in the building are delighted by the mixture of old and new design elements – cloister-type arches and glass walls, respectively, for example – and by the flexibility and informality of the Quad.

Finally, Cohen Quad suits the rapidly increasing environmental consciousness of university communities. Eschewing air conditioning, the building’s systems automatically adjust internal temperatures to the weather outside, thereby minimising energy consumption. The Quad is, therefore, an especially appropriate place for the meetings of the College’s highly active sustainability committee, with its many enthusiastic student representatives.

Some aspects of the building – framed around the particular needs of an Oxford college – are, of course, not easily transferable elsewhere. But its basic design principles, especially its combination of functions arranged to maximise mixing, informality and flexibility, have more general implications. So too does the notion of reinventing the collegiate ideal for the 21st century for collegiality has implications well beyond the boundaries of collegiate universities.

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## *The Adelphi Club*

*Jessica Burge (2020, History) delves into Exeter's archive to learn about the College's (relatively) sober drinking club*

Oxford's dining clubs have both fascinated and disgusted people in equal measure, being notorious for their exclusionary selection processes, elite membership, and destructive club activities. Yet while groups such as the Bullingdon Club and the Piers Gaveston Society have become infamous for these reasons, not all of Oxford's dining clubs have had such an outrageous past.

Exeter College's 'Adelphi Club' offers a portrait of a drinking and dining society with a milder past than that of its peers. Founded in 1858, the Adelphi Club arose at a time when Oxford undergraduates were excluded from the city's public houses, and all drinking had to be done on college grounds. While students' consumption of alcohol was closely monitored by professors, drinking societies gave young men the liberty – and the privacy – to indulge at leisure.



*Figure 1 Falernian Wine Club Reference EC/15/2/1/6 1873*

A photographic album owned by Exeter alumnus Edward Alexander Miller helps trace the origins of the Adelphi Club. A photograph taken in June 1873 titled '*Falernian Wine Club*' [Figure 1] depicts 13 smartly dressed young men sitting in one of Exeter's quadrangles wearing black tie. With a characteristically Oxonian fondness for classical references, 'Falernian' refers to a white wine popular in the classical Roman period made with grapes from Mount Falernus (now Monte Massico in Campania). A year later the Falernian Wine Club had re-named itself the Adelphi Club, with this new title written in Miller's album in the Ancient Greek form, *Ἀδελφοί*.

At a meeting held on Tuesday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Mr. Whitehead was elected President  
 Mr. Lingard was elected Treasurer  
 Mr. Gordon Clark was elected Secretary  
 The following members were elected.  
 Mr. E. Mahon  
 Mr. A. Jones.  
 Mr. Archibald R. Hors was elected an  
 Honorary Member  
 It was decided to go to Lawson's / Old Ball  
 rooms for the Pool.  
 The number of meetings for the term  
 was fixed at 6.  
 Members present  
 Mr. Lingard  
 Mr. Colley  
 Mr. Gordon Clark  
 Mr. Perkins  
 Mr. Hark  
 Mr. Horsfield  
 Mr. Coll.

RULES  
 OF THE  
 ADELPHI CLUB.

I.—The Club shall be called the "ADELPHI CLUB," and shall be limited to 12 Members, exclusive of Honorary Members.

II.—It shall be managed by a Committee of three Members who shall be elected terminally.

III.—The President shall be elected by the whole Club.

IV.—No Member shall remain on Committee after the limit for honours in final schools.

V.—The President alone shall have the power of calling a Committee or of summoning a general meeting of the Club, of which he shall give not less than 24 hours general notice; he shall appoint a deputy from the Committee to act in his absence, and as his proxy.

VI.—The President shall interpret the rules and inflict fines, in his absence the Senior Member of the Committee; or if neither of the Committee be present, the Senior Member of the Club present, i.e., the Member whose name stands first on the books of the Club. Any Member fined may appeal from the President to a general meeting of the Club; if the fine is confirmed it shall be increased by one-third.

Figure 2 A typical page from the Adelphi Club minute book detailing a meeting of the Club committee Reference EC/13/1/1 1882. Figure 3 Front page of Adelphi minute book rules Reference EC/13/1/1 1879

Exeter College's archive also houses the Adelphi Club's minute book, a small leather-bound volume which contains an abundance of handwritten inscriptions faithfully documenting the society's meetings, elections, members, rules, and notable events. Pasted to the interior of the cover is a printed list of the Club's rules from 1879, the first of which declares that the Club 'shall be limited to 12 Members, exclusive of Honorary Members', with all needing to be 'proposed and seconded by Members of the Club' and to pass without a single member's objections to their entry. Punishments or fines were imposed for a variety of offences, including but not limited to absence, lateness, inviting the same guest twice, or for damaging the Club's property.

While the archive holds no letters or diary entries which describe a typical night of this early period, details can nevertheless be pieced together using minute book entries and receipts. The former details how members would meet regularly throughout the term to propose newcomers, elect committee members, settle finances, update rules, and set dates for dinners. These celebrations were generally held once or twice a term, normally in Hall, but could be moved to a room within college on special occasions, such as 'the success of the boat in the Eights and at Henley' in 1882. The location and formatting of these events remained much the same over the years, with the 1923 rules list requiring that 'the dinner be held in Hall at 8.15 p.m. and that the Club adjourn for dessert and coffee to the rooms in College of some member of the Club not later than 9.30 p.m.'

What activities the Club indulged in after eating is a matter of contention. The traditional stereotype of Oxford's drinking and dining clubs is that of rowdy young men drinking to excess and engaging in reckless behaviour afterwards. Exeter College's own Wikipedia page claims that the Club was 'renowned for its... excessive gambling after each meeting', although a look at the minute book reveals no evidence to confirm that this was true. On the contrary, an entry from 1919 defiantly declares that 'The Adelphi Club is not a binge club... If you want a binge, do not dine under the auspices of the Adelphi Club.' Were the note's authors distancing themselves from other clubs' behaviour, or trying to distract from a debauched reality?

Yet Brian Harrison's *History of the University of Oxford* claims that after-dinner activities were not always so innocent as its participants may have claimed. Discussing Oxford's drinking clubs more generally, Harrison states that dinners 'would end with an easing of springs at some customary spot within the college – the mulberry tree in Trinity College's outer quad, Corpus' sundial or Exeter's chapel'. Harrison's history fails to include a footnote for this information, while the Adelphi minute book makes no reference to this custom. The truth of the matter seems to remain a mystery.

Thankfully, a more concrete picture of the Adelphi's existence can be gained through the large number of the Club's receipts held at Exeter's archive. Orders from a variety of local suppliers reveal that favoured tipples included Claret, Port, and Sherry, until the appearance of Burgundy in 1884 and Benedictine, Whiskey and Kummel in 1889, with two dozen magnums of Champagne ordered from the Oxford Wine Company appearing briefly in 1875. The Adelphi Club had the capacity to spend exorbitant amounts of money on alcohol, racking up a bill of roughly £9,800 (in today's money) worth of drink in 1883 alone. Paired with alcohol were cigarettes, cigars, and snuff, with the equivalent of over £500 being spent on 200 Gilman and Son's Henry Clay Regalia cigars in 1884, while accompaniments of the edible variety consisted of tea, coffee, biscuits, sandwiches, and desserts. Entertainment varied from the live band hired for six hours in 1879 to the three packs of playing cards ordered in 1888. Included alongside these are bills for more mundane expenditures such as candles, napkins, toothpicks, room hire, lemon, sugar, and the replacement of the odd broken plate. Within these more everyday items, the Club's insistence on visual decorum can be detected, with orders including plate powder for burnishing silverware, cloths for polishing glass, and the washing of 'd'oyleys' for decorating tables.

Annual photographs were an opportunity for members to preserve fond memories from time spent at university. Amongst the 19th century receipts are an order from leading Oxford-based photographic firm Hills and Saunders for photographs taken in 1865, 1870, and 1880, with the Club deciding to purchase a photo album for itself in 1910. Clearly, the Adelphi Club viewed itself as worthy of capturing and remembering. To the 21st century observer, these portraits provide a rare and personal glimpse into the unique world of an Oxford dining club.



Figures 4 and 5 Adelphi Club receipts Reference EC/13/1/2 1880s

A noticeable feature among photographs of the Adelphi is their smart dress. It was common for the drinking and dining clubs of Oxford to have a dress code comprised of tailor-made formal wear, ownership of which was essential for acceptance into the club's exclusive ranks. While the black and white photograph of 1924 below [Figure 6] makes it impossible to know what colours the Adelphi Club chose for its waistcoats, the minute book reveals that in Trinity Term 1908 members debated whether the Club was to adopt an evening coat, eventually settling on a smoking jacket with a dark blue velvet collar, silk moiré facings, and buttons bearing the monogram A.C. The wearing of this coat was to be compulsory for all members, a rule which came into force in October 1908



Figure 6 Adelphi Club photograph Reference EC/13/1/6/1 1924



*Figure 7 Adelphi Club photograph Reference EC/15/1/6/26 1932*

While photographs such as these project sophistication, confidence, and exclusivity, members of the Adelphi Club were by no means immune to the grim troubles of the outside world. Following an innocuous minute book entry of Trinity Term 1913 grumbling over ‘damage done for which the club was fined by both the college and the proctor’, the Adelphi Club minute book falls eerily silent for the next six years. The next page’s contents are chilling. The following members of the Adelphi Club were killed in the war:

R.E. Harvey  
 A.T.L. Richardson  
 R.A. Biddulph  
 W.N.L. Boyd  
 R.G. Breece Bowen  
 G.C.S. Pratt

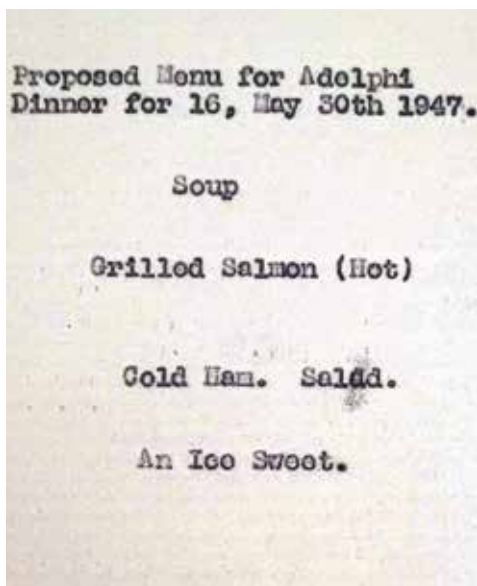
A space is left below these names, as if out of respect for the fallen young men.

The entry below this solemn note records how the Club itself nearly came to an end in June 1919. ‘The accounts at the beginning of the term were in an unsatisfactory state & it was found impossible to make the cash book agree with the pass-book’, records a common complaint. Yet on this particular occasion, it appears that the problem was more serious; ‘As to the future of the club, I received a letter from the Rector in which he suggested the Club should be dropped...after carefully considering the matter and consulting with his Hon the late Bursar & an old Member of the Adelphi, I replied that it could not be done



as (1.) There would soon be a demand for its revival in the College. (2.) That the Club stood for hospitality in the College & that it would be against the interests of the College to destroy a club founded so long ago (3.) I also pointed out the impossibility of disposing of the silver, which belongs to the club to which no one else has any claim.'

In 1939 the Adelphi files fall silent once more, only to be picked up again with a dinner at High Table on 18 June, 1946. At a time when rationing was still ongoing, Adelphi dinners became significantly less extravagant – a menu from May 1947 reveals a modest four-course meal of 'Soup, Grilled Salmon (Hot), Cold Ham, Salad, An Ice Sweet.' Like so much of the rest of British society, the Second World War irreversibly changed the Adelphi Club. The 1950s saw the rise of branded products, with Young's Rum, Gordon's Gin, Old Nathaniel Port, and Benson and Hedges cigarettes taking the place of 19th century orders such as '9 Magnums Champagne' or '6 Port'. Tastes changed as the 20th century moved into its second half, with lemon squash, Twiglets, crisps, salted peanuts, cocktails, and cocktail biscuits all beginning to appear in the mid- to late-1950s. No longer simply holding dinners, the Adelphi Club branched out into sherry parties in 1953, cocktail parties in 1956, and dessert parties in 1957, the former of which was never repeated. The 'Adelphi Room', a meeting place for the Club and a location for its special dinners first appearing in 1900, was last mentioned in 1957, although the Club persisted for another 25 years. Internal correspondence held in the archive suggests that the Adelphi Club met for the final time in 1982.



Figures 8 and 9 Menu cards from 1947 and 1951. Note the change in quantity and style of cuisine, as well as the appearance in 1951 of the Club's motto 'Edite Bibite Collegiani, Post Multa Saecula Pocula Nulla', which may be translated as 'Eat and drink Exonians, for many ages hence, there will be no cups of wine to drink! Reference EC/13/1/5

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| EDITE                          |                    | Kitchen charge for Dinner,<br>130 @ 16/11. 120 @ 16/4 | 109.19. -.    |
|                                |                    | Supplied by S.C.B.                                    |               |
|                                |                    | 14 La Luna Sherry @ 17/-, Reception                   | 11.18. -.     |
|                                |                    | 12 do Dinner                                          | 10. 4. -.     |
|                                |                    | 21 Geisenheimer Schroederberg Riesling<br>1953 @ 13/- | 13.13. -.     |
|                                |                    | 36 Malts St. George 1947 @ 12/-                       | 21.12. -.     |
|                                |                    | 24 Dows Port 1924 @ £1.                               | 24. -. -.     |
|                                |                    | 2 Chateau Remysec 1953 @ 14/-                         | 1. 8. -.      |
|                                |                    | 106 Cigars @ 4/4                                      | 22.10. 6.     |
|                                |                    | 20 Players                                            | 3.11. 105.9.5 |
| Prosciutto con Melone          |                    | Supplied by Buttery.                                  |               |
|                                |                    | 13 Brandy, Courvoisier 3 Star @ £2.4.-.               | 28.12. -.     |
|                                |                    | 10 Whisky, John Haig @ £1.16. -.                      | 18. -. -.     |
|                                |                    | 72 Bass Amber @ 1/8                                   | 6. -. -.      |
|                                |                    | 12 Syphons Soda Water                                 | 18. -.        |
|                                |                    | 5 Lemon Squash                                        | 18. -.        |
|                                |                    | 120 Players, 120 Senior Service, 4 Swan               | 2. 8. 4.      |
|                                |                    | 140 Dinner Rolls                                      | 11. 8.        |
|                                |                    | 125 Serviettes                                        | 2.12. 1.      |
|                                |                    | Dessert                                               | 9.16. -.      |
|                                |                    | 5 Packets Candles                                     | 9. -.         |
|                                |                    | Flowers                                               | 2. -. -.      |
|                                |                    | Union Society, Gratuity for hire                      | 1. -. -.      |
|                                |                    | Staff Buses                                           | 52. 9. 6.     |
|                                |                    | Staff Beer                                            | 4. 6. 8.      |
|                                |                    | Coffee, Milk and Sugar                                | 2.10. -.      |
|                                |                    | Hire of 9 Des. Chaires                                | 3.12. -.      |
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|                                |                    | Holywell Press, Table Plans                           | 4. -. -.      |
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|                                |                    | Mr. Brindley, Sundries                                | 7. 6.         |
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| Truite à la Salamandre         | Sauce Tartare      |                                                       |               |
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| Selle D'Agneau à la Castillane |                    |                                                       |               |
| Pommes Nouvelles               | Broccoli au Beurre |                                                       |               |
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| Bombe Glacé à la Trianon       |                    |                                                       |               |
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| Beurre d'Anchois               |                    |                                                       |               |
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Figures 10 and 11 The centenary dinner menu and itemised costs Reference EC/13/1/4 1958

That such clubs enabled young men to make friends for life is evidenced by letters, held in Exeter College's archive, relating to the Adelphi Club's centenary dinner of 1958. One folder contains letters sent to Dacre Balsdon, an Exeter student in the 1920s (featured in the Adelphi Club photograph of 1924) and a Fellow from 1927 to 1969, who had helped organise the dinner. Former Members speak in glowing terms of the Adelphi's dinners and those who attended them, with many responses recalling the names of those who they remember from the Club – literary scholar Nevill Coghill, pictured in the photograph of 1924, is mentioned several times. Letters read like friends catching up as invitees RSVP with updates on their professions, foreign lands they have settled in, names of members they still think of, and the status of their health. Rhodes Scholar Reginald L. Cook recalled that membership of the Adelphi was 'one of the high spots at Oxford during my three years there... Our dinners each term were very satisfying occasions and I recall especially the fellowship with the men who were there at the time'. What these letters demonstrate is that the Adelphi Club truly lived up to its name – *brotherhood*.

Jessica Burge

With thanks to James Green (2020, Classics and English) for his inspiring translation of the Adelphi Club's Latin motto.



*An Interview with Professor Cornelia Druțu,  
Stewart-Flowerdew Fellow in Mathematics  
Her passion for Mathematics has taken Professor Druțu to  
some of the most prestigious universities in the world.*



**How and why did you become a mathematician?**

I was very lucky with my teachers in school. They helped me understand early in life that Mathematics is about both imagination and clarity of thought. My initial plan was that having benefitted from the commitment and generosity of my teachers, I would pay it forward and become a Mathematics teacher myself.

In my final high school years, I started to read more on my own and was struck by the incredible power of Mathematics as a tool in the advancement of knowledge. Stories like the one of Eratosthenes, circa 230 BC, who managed to measure the circumference of the Earth with an error of just 50 miles, using nothing but a well, sundial, and geometry, showed me that Mathematics could push the boundaries of knowledge further than any other science, because it depended less on the technical sophistication of the age, and more on the depth of thought of mathematicians.

I wanted to be part of this effort to understand the world so, as an undergraduate, I began to think about a career involving research.

After I graduated, I was offered a scholarship for a DPhil at the University of Paris XI. My supervisor was the truly inspiring mathematician Pierre Pansu. The Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHES) was only 20 minutes away and it was the chance to be in the proximity of some of the greatest mathematicians of all time: Pansu's supervisor (my 'mathematical grandfather', in a sense), Mikael Gromov, was working there, along with Alain Connes, David Ruelle etc, all of them at the height of their powers. Everything fell into place from there on.

### **How did you end up here at Oxford?**

After my DPhil, I became Maitre de Conferences (the equivalent of Assistant Professor) at the University of Lille, France and passed my Habilitation – a degree higher than a DPhil that allows one to become full professor and to start supervising DPhil students. My plan was to apply for full Professorships in France, but to my surprise I was also invited by colleagues to apply to Imperial and Oxford. I was offered positions in both places, and Oxford was the more appealing to me, with its combination of top-level research and great architectural beauty.

### **You were recently named Emmy Noether Guest Professor within the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Göttingen. What did this position mean to you?**

To have been awarded this Professorship meant a lot to me. Göttingen is a sacred place for Mathematics, especially for geometry. An incredible number of great mathematicians studied or lived there and, through their work, changed the face of science: Gauss, Hilbert, Riemann, Klein, Hermann Weyl, Minkowski, Caratheodory, Dedekind, von Neumann and, last but not least, Emmy Noether, the first female professor of Mathematics in Göttingen.

Emmy Noether is in fact much more than just the 'first female professor'. Her breakthrough work in Algebra changed the face of the subject and is now taught in every university around the world. There even exists an adjective derived from her name, 'Noetherian'. I admire her greatly. For me and, I think, for every woman working in Mathematics, she is a very inspiring figure.

### **What are you currently looking at in your research?**

Several areas in Mathematics, including my own, share a general technique, which consists of embedding the structure under scrutiny in a well-understood space and in drawing from this embedding strategies of problem-solving. My current research follows this trend: I am studying infinite groups and looking for connections between their algebraic properties and their equivariant embeddings into spaces endowed with

various structures, in particular Banach spaces and non-positively curved spaces. In layman's terms, you could say that at the core of my current research lies the idea that if you want to understand an object better, the best plan is to draw a good picture of it, and therefore first to choose the right board to draw it on. In my case, the object is an infinite group, which can be identified via a standard procedure with an infinite graph. At first, you would expect that an infinite dimensional board would suffice to draw such a graph on it well enough (the usual boards are two-dimensional, the space we live in is three dimensional, and if we keep adding dimensions the limit object is infinite dimensional). It turns out that this is not always the case. Moreover, the groups that cannot be drawn on infinite dimensional boards have close and explicit connections with expander graphs (or, in the language of telecommunications, 'robust networks' or 'networks that are difficult to disconnect').

At the opposite end, groups that can be drawn well on an infinite dimensional board are closely related to median graphs ('economic networks', attempting to minimise the cost of servicing a number of requests). Both cases are also relevant for several key open questions in modern Mathematics, for instance to the Baum-Connes conjecture.

**You recently were offered a Visiting Researcher position at the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn, Germany. What did you work on while there?**

I have been working with a group of collaborators located at the MPIM, at the University of Bonn, and at the Hausdorff Institute. Our project is part of a larger effort to reformulate results related to the classical notion of curvature in the context of graphs and groups. The concept of curvature describes a fundamental spatial attribute, therefore it has found a place at the core of science since its inception. Aristotle identified three types of curvature: 'straight', 'circular' and 'mixed'. These three types of curvature are relevant, respectively, to: classical geometry, taught at school and used the most often, from everyday life to engineering; positive curvature geometry, which appears for example in large-scale measurements in Earth Sciences; and non-positive curvature, which occupies a central place in modern geometry, and is considered the most plausible large-scale model of our universe.

The classical theory of curvature is formulated in spaces that are 'continuous', as is the space we live in. In mathematical terminology, such spaces are called Riemannian (after Riemann, who is also known for the 'Riemann hypothesis', one of the most famous problems in Mathematics, and who is, incidentally, also a former head of the Mathematics department at the University of Göttingen). Nowadays, researchers try to translate the main results from Riemannian geometry to discrete geometry, and any advance in this direction is very useful.

**How does your position in Bonn differ to your work at Exeter College?**

It is a position entirely devoted to research, and it is part of a research project. It is

in fact part of a series: I have been a Visiting Researcher at MPIM Bonn for the past three years, as this is an ongoing long-term effort that we hope we brought close to completion this summer.

**You are the principal organiser of an upcoming half-year research programme at the Isaac Newton Institute in Cambridge. Could you describe the programme and your own position there?**

I am very excited about this programme. It is called ‘Operators, Graphs and Groups’ and, as the title suggests, it has a strongly multidisciplinary nature, with several areas of research involved, each represented by an organiser. The three types of objects mentioned in the title are ubiquitous, and play key roles in most areas of Mathematics. Some of the most groundbreaking research has taken place recently at the interface between these areas, and the hope is that this programme will intensify the knowledge exchange and advance some of its most striking approaches and novel insights. I felt honoured that my co-organisers, all mathematicians that I admire, chose me as the leading organiser. It is a huge responsibility. I am hopeful that it sends an encouraging message to young female mathematicians.

**How has your field of research evolved recently?**

My initial area of study was algebraic structures, in particular infinite groups, by means of geometric methods, thus allowing us to visualise abstract objects that are otherwise difficult to understand. This approach has been particularly successful, allowing us not only to solve open problems, but also to begin to introduce some form of clarity in a world otherwise notoriously difficult to understand, that of infinite groups. Recently, more non-algebraic methods have been added to the toolkit: measure theoretical, combinatorial, analytical and so on. It is very gratifying to see the way in which these new methods complete the picture and allow for more rapid advances.

**Where would you like to see the field of Mathematics go in the future?**

While the assistance that mathematicians now have from computers and AI increases in extent and quality every year, and that will continue to be the case with the further development of Quantum Technologies and AI, what I find even more exciting is the rapid and intense knowledge exchange between different fields and the fact that a significant part of the current research in Mathematics is multidisciplinary. The frontiers between areas of research have been blurred, and all mathematicians have to be aware of techniques from a wide range of different fields. This makes our work harder but also considerably more exciting. What I would like is to see the multidisciplinary trend becoming stronger and wider, perhaps even predominant, as the time passes.

## **What advice would you give to Mathematics students at Exeter College?**

To never lose sight of what made them love Mathematics in the first place. Even students who say that they chose Mathematics ‘just because I was good at it, and did not know where else to go’ usually mean that they found working in Mathematics gratifying and fun. The beginning of one’s studies in Oxford might make students forget this, as it requires a huge adjustment, both socially and academically, and a lot of fast-paced hard work. The best plan is to climb the steep learning slope as diligently and as selflessly as possible from day one and try to be as well organised and economical with one’s time, but at the same time to never lose sight of the fun of Mathematics, of what they found inspiring and congenial about it, whether that was the beauty of arguments, the irresistible logical consistency, or the imagination and inventiveness that so obviously lie behind some core concepts.

Another piece of advice to students is to keep themselves in the best possible shape, with healthy eating, enough sleep and regular exercise. Studying Mathematics is very demanding and you cannot cope without paying attention to your health. The most recent medical research on the functioning of the brain confirms that sleep, exercise and food have a significant impact. Although there may be times when you must work the entire night for an assignment, this should be an exception, not a rule.

Added to that, I would advise students to never stop believing in the power of hard work and breaking things into small steps. There will always be someone who will claim that Mathematics is not about hard work, but about some innate talent that only a chosen few are born with, that they solved this and that difficult problem in five minutes and then they lazed around the rest of the week. This may or may not be true, but what is certain is that all the great mathematicians that I have had the honour to meet work extremely hard, and sometimes experienced low points in their research but they bounced back. It is very effective to break a difficult task into small steps, that look less intimidating and more achievable.

It may be though that our Mathematics students do not need most of this advice: the mere fact that they managed to get into Oxford, sometimes from an environment that was the opposite of nurturing for their talent, means that they have already devised a working strategy. Thus, my advice above should be seen more as a set of suggestions to improve our students’ already successful working strategy.

## *‘Sixty years on’: A hearty reunion of the ’64-’66 rugby team*

It started I think when I saw in the February 2024 edition of the Exeter e-Newsletter, of which I am an avid reader, that a celebratory dinner had been arranged for the college football teams that had won Cuppers in 1974 and 2014.

‘Congratulations chaps, and what a fine bunch you all look,’ I thought.

However, as an emotionally sensitive chap, susceptible to the smallest of slights, I felt somewhat that the achievements of the mid-’60s rugby teams, of which I was a member, had perhaps been overlooked. And so I felt obliged to write to the Development Office to point out that the ’64-’66 rugby team were runners up to Trinity in Cuppers and the next year were league champions. Not to mention that one of our number, Chris Holroyd, scored the winning try in the ’66 Varsity match in front of a full house at Twickenham, earning himself a headline in the sports section of the *Daily Mirror*. ‘Holroyd boots out light blue battlers’.

My communication with the Development Office led to a gracious invitation from Amelia Crosse for those old players still fit and able to join the current men’s and women’s rugby teams at their annual dinner. Would this gathering match in number, ebullience and general heartiness of the attendees of previous reunions in 2006 and 2016, which I wrote about in previous editions of the *Register*? For were we not now pensioners, some over 80?

In fact the gathered bunch of chaps was an illustrious one – 16 of us in total – albeit with a professions portfolio somewhat overweight in lawyers.

I have to stress that rugby had been a bonding factor for us during our time at Exeter, and still is to this day. In our days, the current JCR’s commendable efforts to assist in a new boy’s assimilation in what seemed for some of ’umble background an exotic, even alien environment, did not exist.

No JCR ‘class rep’, as I understand exists today, to hold the hand and introduce the state school educated to those with a more privileged (?) educational background.

On the other hand, it is possible that some of us might have found such efforts a little patronising, for did our presence at Oxford not prove in itself that we were part of the country’s top one per cent educational class elite, whether from a state grammar or an expensive fee charging public school?

That being said, then as now it could have been somewhat disconcerting to enter any such unknown establishment, not least an Oxford college, unaware of how it functioned and having no appreciation of how one would associate, make friends and begin to ‘fit in’.



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Compared to previous digs in the Randolph, my college guest room turned out to be equally ‘well appointed and cheaper’ – *Tripadvisor*. Awaiting the arrival of my roommate, Tony Addison (1964, Medicine), whom I had first met when I lent him my lab coat for the entrance exam practicals in ’63, I thought I would spend a little time in the JCR, once a Garrick-like haven of masculine peace and contentment. To my surprise, the shove ha’penny board had been removed and the wall above its previous placement was bedecked with a Palestinian flag under which sat four very earnest looking students. My asking whether such a flag was also placed in the common room of the Cohen Quad was met with some bemusement. But some things indicated the old sporty interests still flourished, as football was on Sky Sports at the far end of the room.

A look into Hall gave an indication of what the night’s atmosphere might be like as the current members of the Rugby Club (all 30 or so of them!) were in final rehearsal mode for their dinner table entertainment. Much lusty quaffing interestingly orchestrated by various popular songs. These boys were pros!

We oldies had all arranged to meet in the Morse Bar at the Randolph for a pre-dinner drink, and to commemorate the lugubrious detective’s death on the Chapel steps that put Exeter on the literary tourist trail. So it was now time to struggle into DJ and accessories. Now I am not one for whom formal evening wear is often required. My DJ was bought from Burtons, ‘The Fifty Shilling Tailors’, in 1964 for my first rugby dinner and only sees the outside of my wardrobe for similar occasions. However, it still fits me (with a waist band extension!) and as it is obviously a fashion relic of distinction, I plan to offer it to the V&A’s iconic clothing collection to stand alongside that making up Taylor Swift’s ‘Songbook Trail’.

From the Randolph we strolled back to the college bar for a short reception before dinner and then an excellent meal and wine in Hall, beautifully lit and atmospheric as usual. We were also treated to the current club’s impeccable repeat of the afternoon’s alcoholic choruses.

Now I would claim that my dodgy left leg, a result surely of some mistimed try stopping tackle years back, led me to stumble when coming up for air after dinner from the bar. Others might claim its cause came about from activities described above. Anyway, a slight meeting of my head and the Hall steps saw the prompt arrival of the college paramedic assisted by the odd NHS surgeon amongst us. A Pudsey Bear bandage was applied and I was advised that perhaps I should call it a day.

Back in the guest room I slept pretty well, even through the hourly tolling of the Hall clock. However, my pillowcase must have looked a touch unsavoury to the scout next morning, a fact I plan to include in my own Oxford-based detective thriller – ‘A Hearty Death’.

*John Hawkes*

## OBITUARIES

### *Patrick Brown (1960, Mathematics), 1942 – 2023*



Patrick was born in Leek, Staffordshire, on 14 January 1942 and died of heart failure on 29 December 2023.

As a child he suffered badly from asthma, often confined to bed and missing large amounts of early schooling. His natural ability and passion for mathematics helped him to survive this period, as did his parents' move to warmer climes, first to the New Forest and then to Devon. From his Devon grammar school he won a state scholarship to Exeter College and the College always held an important place in his affections. He rarely missed an opportunity to attend a Gaudy!

From Oxford he continued his studies at Caius College, Cambridge, gaining a diploma in Numerical Analysis and Automatic Computing, the foremost qualification in those early days of computing when the machines filled rooms and the microchip was far in the distance.

He began his career in the research department of a London stockbroker, extending his mathematical expertise into the financial markets. He developed software first to monitor then to trade in the bond market. He was at the forefront of the development and transformation of the financial markets as we know them today, firstly at Datastream

and later with the Association of International Bond Dealers and as a director of the International Securities Markets Association. The Euro-Bond market was his particular area of expertise and he served on the European Bond Commission for a number of years. He was published a number of times, including *Construction and Calculating Bond Indices* (1994), described as a guide to the EFFAS standardised rules, and *An Introduction to the Bond Markets* (2006).

He married Kathryn Underhill in 1967 and they enjoyed 56 very happy years together in Reigate, Surrey, but also enjoyed time spent in their small house in Umbria, Italy and travelling, particularly after Patrick's retirement. Their only son, Jonathan, was born in 1976. Patrick served as a treasurer for a number of local societies, notably for Marriage Guidance, a cause he believed in passionately as the bedrock of a stable society, and for the Reigate Probus which he valued for the friendship and stimulation it offered. He was an enthusiastic member of the local U3A maths group and also loved the time he spent gardening, both in England and Italy.

Patrick lived to see the arrival of his grandson Max, something which gave him great joy.

A kind and compassionate man of both great integrity and engaging humour, Patrick leaves a huge void in the lives of both his family and many friends.

*Kathryn and Jonathan Brown*

## *Ian Gatenby (1961, Jurisprudence), 1942 – 2024*



Ian entered Newcastle Royal Grammar School in September 1950. According to his school friend, David Goldwater, Ian thrived at school and ‘was one of the shining lights throughout his school career’. He not only played his part in the general life of the school but was also noted as an active participant in the Debating and History Societies. In 1957, he was described as being ‘*an able Lady Macduff*’ in the 4th and 5th form joint production of *Macbeth*. He also acquired very many of the great interests which accompanied him through the years. These included a lifelong love of music, literature and poetry. He was a keen rower and represented the Boat Club’s second team.

He became a school prefect, and, in 1961, was awarded both a State Scholarship and a Stapledon Scholarship at Exeter College, where he read Jurisprudence. There, he continued rowing as a passionate oarsman, representing his College team.

After Oxford, Ian spent a year as a graduate trainee executive with Dunlop in Newcastle. He then decided to make a career in the legal profession, attaining his Law conversion in Guildford and completing his articles with Lovell, White and King, where he developed his specialism in Planning. He went on to have a successful career as a partner at the prestigious firm of McKenna & Co (which became Cameron McKenna, now CMS), working on high profile infrastructure and planning cases including the Channel Tunnel and Heathrow terminal 5.

In his early days in London, already a very capable dinghy sailor, he raced National 12s and Merlin Rockets at Ranelagh Sailing Club in Putney and was Commodore there for many years. Ian’s other key enthusiasms were bridge, skiing, his allotment (his daughter Katie remembers him returning home at the weekends on his bicycle with huge rucksacks of vegetables) and singing. He was passionate about opera and loved

to go to the ENO where he would sit in the gods and proclaimed it to be ‘the cheapest entertainment in London!’ Throughout his life, his family always came first. He was immensely proud of his son Piers and daughter Katie, children with his first wife, Caroline, and of his three grandchildren, Humphrey, Beatrice and Thomas.

In 1998, Ian took early retirement and, with his second wife Anne, in *Fidelio of London*, a 37’ Najad cruising sailing yacht, embarked on a prolonged circumnavigation of the globe. In 2007, the small village of Maureillas in SE France became their land-base, and ultimately their home until his death. Typically, Ian threw himself into the social and cultural life of the village, perfecting his French, leading English workshops, and always bringing much enthusiasm to the choirs he sang with and to the comic singing group he formed, *Les Copains*. He turned to gardening with great vigour until illness prevented it. All this while, he continued to write poetry, including *Five Incarnations* which is, quintessentially, a résumé of his life.

*Five Incarnations* and his own *Obituary* follow.

*Compiled by Anne Gatenby with the help of friends and family*

### *Five Incarnations*

First, educative: test, test, test.  
Head notion-filled as if to burst.

Then work, a wholly diff’rent life  
A fam’ly, sometimes going tough.

And so, a sailor’s life for me  
With Anne, around the world at sea.

On shore is singing’s joy re-found  
And gard’ning quietens the mind.

No singing: invalid here now,  
Scribbling poor verses, ere I go.

*Ian C. Gatenby*

### *Obituary*

Tried he his best. His judgment widely hailed.  
And once around the world he sailed.

*Ian C. Gatenby*

*John Walter Horn OBE (1952, Literae Humaniores),  
1933 – 2024*



John Horn OBE, who studied Greats at Exeter College from 1952-56, passed away at his home in Melton Mowbray aged 90 on 15 May 2024.

He was always proud of his links to Exeter College, where he was an Exhibitioner, having been educated at Kingswood School in Bath. John regularly returned to Exeter for Gaudies and was joined by his wife Jane at a 1919-1959 Decade Day in 2013.

John left Exeter College with his passion for education confirmed and enhanced and it became the focus of his working life for four decades. Initially he taught at The Leys School in Cambridge but in 1970 chose to move into the state sector. With Jane, they took their four young children to Cumbria where he was head of middle school at Millom School.

In 1974 he became a headteacher, converting Aireborough Grammar School, in Guiseley, into a state comprehensive. Six years later he was appointed head at Ossett School, near Wakefield, from where he retired in 1994.

While at Ossett, John became President of the Secondary Heads' Association, from 1989-90, now the Association of School and College Leaders. He made national

headlines in 1990 when, in his conference speech, he called on the country's leaders to show more faith in the state system.

He claimed: 'Call me naive, foolish, idealistic if you like, but logic decrees that if Prince William and Prince Harry and the sons, daughters and grandchildren of ministers, MPs, civil servants and local politicians were all destined for their local comprehensive, then the state system would be dramatically improved in a very short time.'

In 1994, John was awarded an OBE for his services to education.

John moved to Melton Mowbray in 2006 with Jane, his beloved wife of nearly 64 years. The move was a step back to family roots, not least the proud days in the late '50s when he played for Leicester Tigers. He had been a successful sportsman during his time at Exeter, playing rugby for the Greyhounds and occasionally the University's first team.

A contemporary of Alan Bennett and Ned Sherrin, one of the highlights of his Exeter life was running round from rugby practice to see Roger Bannister break the four-minute mile barrier.

His passion for sport ensured he was a regular fixture on the touch line, supporting school teams throughout his career. His love for Tigers was shared with that for Leicester City FC as his three sons, Matt, Barney and Dan, are all fans of football ahead of rugby, although only Barney is a fellow Foxes fan. Daughter Rachel, a season ticket holder at Tigers, was there to see the club remember her dad on the last day of the season.

Links to Leicestershire stretch back even further as his father, Rev. Kenneth Horn, was head boy at Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys before studying Theology at Trinity. Kenneth died in Africa's Gold Coast, now Ghana, when John was a young boarding student at Kingswood.

On retirement, John served as an independent member of West Yorkshire Police Authority. A committed Rotarian for four decades, he was President for clubs in both Ossett and Melton.

John died with his wife Jane by his side, and the constant love and support of his four children. More than 100 people attended the celebration of his life.

*Matt Horn*



## *Sir Colin Maiden (1955, DPhil in Engineering Science; Honorary Fellow), 1933 – 2024*



Exeter College alumnus and Honorary Fellow, Sir Colin Maiden, died on 31 July, aged 91.

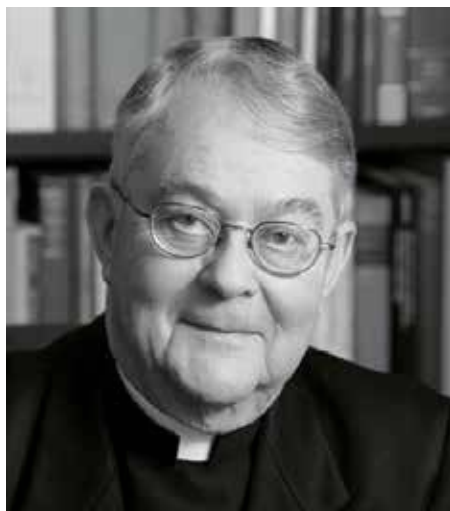
Colin Maiden came to Exeter in 1955 from his native New Zealand – where he had earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering at Auckland University College. During two years at Exeter, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, he completed a DPhil in Engineering and won a Blue in tennis.

Colin Maiden then pursued a highly successful research and management career in Canada and the USA, interspersed with a period as a senior lecturer in mechanical engineering at his alma mater, by then the University of Auckland. In 1971 he returned there as Vice-Chancellor. On appointment the youngest vice-chancellor in the Commonwealth, he held the post, with great distinction and with impact on public life as well as on higher education, until 1994. Having received in 1986 the Thomson Medal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, he was knighted in 1992 for services to education and to business management.

In retirement Sir Colin served on many private sector boards and published an autobiography (*An Energetic Life*, 2008). He is survived by three daughters and a son. His wife Jenefor, whom he had married in 1957, died in 2022.

*Rick Trainor*

*Rev. Dr James McConica (1951, Modern History & 1958, DPhil in History; Honorary Fellow), 1930 – 2023*



Twice an alumnus and, since 2002, an Honorary Fellow of Exeter College, James McConica died on 20 December 2023, aged 93, at his retirement home in Canada.

James was a major intellectual historian of the early modern period, especially in England and Northern Europe. A scholar of the works of Thomas More, James was also a key player in the massive English edition of the works of Erasmus. James was an expert on historical theology, and the editor of and contributor to one of the volumes of the *History of the University of Oxford*. As a result, he was awarded Fellowships of the British Academy, the Royal Belgian Academy, and the Royal Society of Canada.

James also held major academic and leadership positions. He was assistant professor at the University of Saskatchewan, a university fellow at Princeton, the co-founder of the University of Toronto's Renaissance and Reformation Colloquium, a long-standing faculty member of Toronto's Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (which he directed 1996-2008), a Research Fellow of All Souls (1980-84, 1990-97, then Emeritus), and President of St Michael's College, Toronto 1984-90. James was awarded the Order of Canada in 2001.

A key aspect of James's life was his status (from 1968) as a Catholic priest, a member of the Congregation of St Basil. All Souls says that James was its first Catholic priest Fellow since the Reformation; by virtue of his Honorary Fellowship of Exeter the same may be true of this college.

James was one of Exeter's long line of Rhodes Scholars born in, elected from, and initially educated in, Saskatchewan. He completed (with Senior Status) the BA in Modern History at Exeter in the early 1950s. James then returned to the College between 1958 and 1960 to do research on his DPhil, which was awarded in 1963. He never lost active interest in Exeter, helping for example to form the alumni boat club association. James made an extended visit to Exeter in May 2015, giving a Rector's Seminar and renewing acquaintances all over Oxford. He stayed in the Rector's Lodgings, spurning (despite vertigo-induced difficulties in walking) a ground floor room in the Back Quad on the basis that, assigned such a room in the 1950s, he had never been colder even as a boy growing up on a Saskatchewan farm! On his return to Toronto James deliberately left behind his black tie outfit: he had used it to attend a major dinner at All Souls, which he referred to as 'the junior foundation'!

As that remark reveals, James McConica was a person of wit and humanity as well as of culture and erudition. All these qualities were in evidence when I visited him in suburban Toronto in recent years.

*Rick Trainor*

## *John Lawrence Powell (1954, Chemistry), 1932 – 2024*



John Lawrence Powell was born into the end of Empire, his family that of a colonial civil servant in Hong Kong. Up to the age of five he spoke English and Cantonese with equal facility. By the age of eight, he had undergone six sea voyages between Hong Kong, Britain and the Philippines, experiencing a broad range of alternative cultures, thinking and ways of life. On 8 December 1941, days before his ninth birthday, the Japanese attacked Hong Kong, where the Powell family had returned to their father after being refused entry to Australia as evacuees due to a measles scare on board ship. During the following 18 days, John's father suffered two war wounds and on Christmas day 1941, the colony surrendered. The following day, 50 Japanese soldiers were encamped in the family flat led by Colonel Teihichi Doi. For several months the Japanese forces required the services of John's father and so it was not until March 1942 that John, his sister Hilary, and his parents Edwin and Doris, entered Stanley Internment Camp, formerly the colonial prison.

The entire family were allotted the space the colonial government saw fit for one person. As a civilian internment camp, the Japanese government initially ran the administration. This and the relative proximity to supply routes, ensured that in the early days of the war the minimal resources received were an improvement compared to those received by POW in more remote locations. The camp population was around 2,800, including 286 children, and as camp life stabilised, the need for the children's education was

supported by the incarcerated professions with no access to books or paper, leading to some 'advanced level, if perhaps unorthodox' classes. Each morning primary school age children received three hours of spoken education, the remaining time being left to ponder the horrid meaning of their existence and scratch together sufficient to survive.

By 1943, given his father's injuries, John took on a greater role in supporting the family, which led to his authoritarian character later in life. Food and fuel were short. The tropical climate rapidly reduced clothes to rags, shoes quickly rotted leaving the internees barefoot. Necessity led to potentially deadly forays outside the perimeter barbed wire boundary of the camp. Congee – that's boiled rice – was scarce and, when offered, monotonous, rice and turnip in winter, rice and spinach in summer. Water was issued every fifth day. Red Cross parcels arrived in Hong Kong but only reached Stanley internees on two occasions. Bribery was rife to supplement rations and locals risked being hanged from the roadside telegraph poles for sending parcels 'over the wire'. John found a leaking septic tank supplying 'water' and 'fertiliser' to supplement rations. His gardening reduced the risk of starvation as the Japanese military took over camp administration and stripped supplies and prison resources. Radios were forbidden and three internees were beheaded on the beach in front of the entire prison population, children included.

From 1944, American air raids targeted the Japanese naval base, firstly from carrier-borne fighter bombers and subsequently by B-29 Superfortress. Stanley was the only camp to be bombed both by the Japanese and USA.

The atomic bomb led to Japanese surrender on 15 August 1945. By that time the internees were little more than walking skeletons. It was later evidenced that the Stanley internees were to be exterminated on the 25th. John's formative years were spent incarcerated, challenging the accepted context to maximise the chance of survival with creative use of the limited resources. Internment supplied time to focus on the learning and experience of others. The impact of being a child prisoner was significant and lasted a lifetime.

On 18 September, the *Empress of Australia* embarked 1,500 internees for a slow passage to Britain, mainly to enable the passengers to put on some flesh prior to facing the rigours of a British winter. They disembarked at Liverpool on 28 October 1945, where the children were confronted with an unknown way of life. In March 1946, at the age of 13, John failed his 11+ exams but D A Grenfell, the headmaster of Queen Elizabeth School in Crediton, recognised a potential intellect derived in a challenging context and offered him a place. Four years later John achieved four distinctions and six credits at School Certificate after becoming a boarder on the return of his parents to the colony. In 1951, he gained a Devon Major scholarship to fund his entry to university. During National Service John trained as an engine mechanic, servicing the Rolls Royce Merlin engines of Mosquito aircraft. Whilst 'on the spanners' John gained entry first to UCL and then to Exeter, he was matriculated in 1954 to read Honours Chemistry with

German and, with improved health, he won the last race of the intercollege athletics finals in Spring 1955, handing the cuppers to Exeter by one point.

He enjoyed his four years at Exeter, gaining blues in cross country running and rowing as a bow man for a college eight. Contemporary photos show the impact of internment on his build and it appeared that many of his contemporaries were unaware of his background. Dad produced some significant artwork while at Oxford; much lies hidden in the attic but his copy of Turner's *Fighting Temeraire* and his painting of Exeter College Gardens towards the Bodleian are accomplished.

On gaining his degree in 1958, after a bout of influenza that finished his father, John joined ICI and then Scott Bader in Northampton, living at the Nags Head in Wollaston, meeting his soon to be wife of 61 years. He wooed her by getting her to support his investment opportunity, redeveloping the uninhabitable Pudding Bag cottage in Bozeat. On return there last year, the current inhabitants complained of roof tiles being nailed down robustly almost 70 years earlier.

In 1963 Mum and Dad tied the knot and by February 1965 they moved to Surrey just in time for me to arrive a month later. Dad took up a position at the British Coal Utilisation Research Association (BCURA) in Leatherhead where he successfully delivered a method, with industrial potential, to convert coal to oil. Unfortunately, the National Coal Board, as the dominant commercial interest, reduced its support for the organisation, and given the huge reserves of oil being discovered, the work was shelved and he was made redundant with 95 per cent of the staff.

So Dad jumped ship, going to work for BP in Burgh Heath to develop new and improved plastic polymers. He enjoyed it, but he was challenged to relinquish his work outside of a purely research and development culture. He had many an excellent idea but could not articulate them to the audience in terms focused on a commercial objective. His internment may have developed his knowledge and understanding of topics, but with minimal cultural or social frameworks he struggled to gain the backing he desired.

In 1968, my brother Andrew joined the family and we had many UK and overseas holidays as we grew. Wherever there was sand, John would build – battleships, ball runs, castles and cities, skills he learnt to pass time in Stanley prison dirt.

In 1974, after various business roles, Dad gained a teaching qualification. His experience meant he understood that learning was a privilege and not to be squandered. He taught in both Private and State education systems and delivered great opportunities to supplement the curriculum, including building tissue balloons for his classes to fill with hot air and launch from the school playgrounds to last be seen heading for controlled airspace!

Finding little respect for learning, he rekindled his artistic streak using his scientific knowledge to start Tudor Ceramics. This was his own creation, from the design of the

kiln, to the casting of porcelain pots, plus the materials science to produce radical glazes and slips. He truly enjoyed the challenge of setting up and production of his produce, but he did not understand the value of his art. He made approaches to Studios and made a modest income, but it was the visits to the Christmas markets at Covent Garden that I remember. Up at 4 am to freeze in the queue for a pitch, set up the stall and wait for customers, sell from 10:30 am to 6 pm, pack up and go home. What an experience, haggling with people from across the world, chatting with stall holders, watching for less wholesome visitors plus offering some of the less fortunate some assistance. This was true seat of the pants stuff!

Dad's sporting accomplishments were left behind on moving to Surrey, save for the regular visits to the Thames to view the Boat Race. Dad focused us on water-based sports, surfing, dingy sailing and sailboarding, all of which we very much enjoyed. Dad's tennis proficiency grew as his sons picked up a bat and foam ball in the garden for the first time, rapidly transferring to the local tennis club.

Dad continued his horticultural exploits, producing organic crops almost before the term had been invented. His produce was varied, and we understood were a step up from his war-time irrigation practises. He regularly returned from his allotment boasting of supplementary protein. It's OK, we picked out the majority of the undesirable Forna from the Flora before it made it to our dinner plates!

As age took over, Dad's pastimes reduced and he relied on reading and writing until his eyesight began to impact him and other medical conditions took a grip. At the same time, Mum's needs increased as she succumbed to cancer. Between them they ensured home residence to within four months of them both passing.

John ensured his family's survival, our parents providing us a broad, well-rounded experience. He survived to see his kids succeed and ensure his wife of 61 years was seen right to the end. He knew that while others would miss him, he believed his time on earth was well spent.

*Mark Powell*



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Dr Michael Mayo, English  
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Dr Paul Roberts, Organic Chemistry  
Dr Thomas Smith, Earth Sciences  
Dr Nick Waghorn, Philosophy

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Dr Tommy Pitcher, Chemistry  
Dr Gui Perdigao Murta, Portuguese  
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Werran, Kate (1991, Modern History), *Black Yanks: Defending Leroy Henry in D-Day Britain* (The History Press, 2024)

## *Honours, Appointments, and Awards*

The Rev'd Andrew Allen (Official Fellow and Chaplain) has been made an honorary priest in the Lutheran Church of Saxony.

Dr Zakariye Ashkir (2021, DPhil Medical Sciences) was awarded the Association of Inherited Cardiac Conditions Best Scientific Abstract Award for his research on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Dr Dan Bassett (2010, DPhil Earth Sciences) has been awarded the McKay Hammer Award for 2024 from the Geoscience Society of New Zealand.

Rachel Carter (1980, Classics and Modern Languages) was elected Mayor of Hertford for 2024–25.

Professor Keith Channon (Field Marshal Earl Alexander Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine) has successfully led a bid for a British Heart Foundation Research Excellence Award, securing £5 million of funding for cardiovascular research.

Claire Coutinho (2004, Mathematics and Philosophy) has been re-elected Member of Parliament for East Surrey.

Professor Nandini Das (Fellow in English) was awarded an OBE for her services to Interdisciplinary Research in the Humanities and to Public Engagement.

Patric Dickinson (1969, Modern History) was made a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Alfie Drew (2020, Engineering Science) has won an international award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) for his final year project, which was supervised by Exeter College Fellow, Dr Martin Davy.

Professor Cornelia Druţu (Stewart-Flowerdew Fellow in Mathematics) was named Emmy Noether Guest Professor by the Faculty of Mathematics within the University of Göttingen and a Visiting Scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn.

Professor Jo Dunkley (Honorary Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Catherine Green (Fellow by Special Election) received the University of Oxford's Recognition of Distinction, conferring the title of Professor of Clinical Biomanufacturing.

Mr Justice Sir David Holgate (1974, Jurisprudence) has been appointed to the Court of Appeal.

Dr Kejia Hu (Fellow by Special Election) received the inaugural Mary Jo Bitner 'Rising Star in Services' Award at the International Research Symposium on Service Excellence in Management in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Dr Georgia Isom (Senior Research Fellow) has been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) grant to uncover how bacteria transport lipids.

Fadi Issa (Lecturer in Physiology) received the University of Oxford's Recognition of Distinction, conferring the title of Professor of Translational Immunology.

Toby Johnson (2019, DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry) has been awarded a Lindemann Fellowship to conduct postdoctoral research at Princeton University.

Professor Kieran Kirk (former Fellow) was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2023 Australia Day Honours.

Lot Koopmans (Stipendiary Lecturer in Earth Sciences) received a teaching award from the University of Oxford's Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division.

Dali Ma (2005, Physics and Philosophy) was named one of *Forbes*' Top 100 Most Influential Chinese, 2024.

Professor Conall Mac Niocaill (Official Fellow in Earth Sciences) was sworn in as the University of Oxford's Junior Proctor for 2024–25.

Dr John Maddicott FBA (Emeritus Fellow) has been honoured with a festschrift entitled *English Medieval Government and Administration*, in celebration of his career as a preeminent scholar of medieval England.

Professor Sally Maitlis (Supernumerary Fellow) received the 2023 Distinguished Scholar Award from the Academy of Management – Managerial and Organisational Cognition Division.

Giles Montagnon (1996, Modern Languages), lately Minister Counsellor, British Embassy Beijing, China, was awarded an OBE for services to British Foreign Policy.

Chris Murray (2005, Modern Languages) has been elected Member of Parliament for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh.

Katherine Noren (Supernumerary Fellow) was named co-director of Oxford's Student Welfare and Support Services.

Dr Agni Orfanoudaki (Fellow in Management Studies) has been named among the 2024 '40-Under-40 Best MBA Professors' by Poets&Quants.

Professor Meghana Pandit (Supernumerary Fellow) has been appointed to the role of National Medical Director (secondary care), a secondment from their role of CEO of Oxford University Hospitals until October 2026.

Honorary Fellow Sir Antonio Pappano was made a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Professor Philomen Probert (1991, Literae Humaniores and 1995 MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology) has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Sir Philip Pullman (1965, English & Honorary Fellow) received the Bodley Medal, the highest honour bestowed by the Bodleian Libraries.

Professor John Quelch (1969, Modern History & Honorary Fellow) was appointed Executive Vice Chancellor at Duke Kunshan University.

Gayatri Sundar Rajan (2022, DPhil candidate in Engineering Science) was awarded the inaugural Worshipful Company of Engineers and Tech4All Innovation4All Research Award for her 'INDECO' project.

Professor Dame Carol Robinson (Royal Society Research Professor and Dr Lee's Professor of Chemistry) was awarded the European Patent Office's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 European Inventor Award Ceremony.

David Salmon (2023, MPhil in Development Studies) won the prestigious Harry Hodson Prize of the The Round Table journal for his essay 'Arthur Lewis Revisited: Economic Development with a Limited Supply of Labour'.

Professor Yang Shi (Supernumerary Fellow) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Benjamin Simon (2023, DPhil in Biomedical Sciences) won the 2024 Radiology Society of North America (RSNA) Trainee Research Prize in Radiation Oncology.

Connie Sjödin (2021, DPhil candidate in History of Art) has been awarded the 2024 Rhonda Saad Prize for her article, 'Baya in Vogue: From Oriental Textile to Transcultural Tissage'.

Professor Molly Stevens FRS FREng (Supernumerary Fellow) was appointed a Dame for services to medicine. She was also awarded a Royal Society Medal.

Dr Jake Taylor (Supernumerary Fellow) won the University of Oxford MPLS Division's 2024 award for Outstanding ED&I Champion – Staff.

Professor Sir Rick Trainor (outgoing Rector) was awarded an honorary degree by Williams College, Massachusetts. Professor Trainor has also been appointed Interim Warden of Rhodes House and CEO of the Rhodes Trust for 2025.

Professor Kerry Walker (Official Fellow and Lecturer in Medical Science) won an Excellent Teacher Award from the Medical Sciences Division.

Professor Philippa Webb (Fellow by Special Election) was made a member of the Committee of Legal Advisers to the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law.

Dr Ewan West (1978, Music) was appointed a King's Counsel on 18 March 2024.

## *Class Lists in Honour Schools 2024*

ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY: Class II.i, Alfred Hutchinson

CHEMISTRY: Class I, Andrew Griffiths, Robert Langford, Annabel Lyon; Class II.ii, Lucas Ipkendanz

CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY: Class I, Amelie De Lara

CLASSICS AND ENGLISH: Class I, Daniel McNamee

EARTH SCIENCES: Class I, Alex Albinski, Yingbo Li, Orin Lole Durbin, Charlotte Simpson; Class II.i, Josh Fallows, Emilia Miller, Tori Weston

ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT: Class I, Arkadiusz Bielak, Gabriel Leigh, David Turner; Class II.i, Amgad Salih

ENGINEERING SCIENCE: Class I, Alfred Drew, Mark Jegorovas; Class II.i, Marcus Amankwah, Oliver Wing

ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES: Class II.i, Nathan Ashby, Sara Pelham

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE: Class I, Thea Edwards, Christina Savedra, Oliver Tanner, Elisabeth Whittingham; Class II.i, Frederick Crichton-Miller, Victoria Fletcher, Jessica Leunig, Emma Little, Jessica Mason, Olive Matthews Prichard, Thomas Sheridan

FINE ART: Class I, Isabelle Kori; Class II.i, Hafsa Siddiqui

HISTORY: Class I, Thelma French, Hamish McCorriston, Ellen Molnar; Class II.i, Íñigo Bailón González, Matthew Holland, Valeriy Lukanov

JURISPRUDENCE: Class I, Luna Panella; Class II.i, Chloe Howgate, Seongwook Nam; Class II.ii, Tanvi Dhingra

LITERAE HUMANIORES: Class I, Emily Stephens; Class II.i, Charles Inglis, Deborah Ogunnoiki

MATHEMATICAL AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS: Distinction, Wooseop Hwang

MATHEMATICS (BA): Class II.i, Thomas Farmer; Class II.ii, Anastasia Bliznyuk, Patrick West

MATHEMATICS (MMATH): Distinction, Miriam Boase, Martin Frenzel; Merit, Rudi Smith; Pass, Ewan Neumann

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE: Distinction, Serban-Ion Cercelescu, Charles Hart

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS: Distinction, Manna Luo

MEDICAL SCIENCES: Class I, Georgia Porter; Class II.i, Jaspinder Shoker, Alice Welland

MODERN LANGUAGES: Class I, Emma Cooley, Alessia Daniel, Isabella Wordsworth; Class II.i, Elizabeth Cheetham, Gianna Foster, Suze Lips, Flora Williams



MODERN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS: Class II.i, Flora Galloway

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY: Class I, William Blessing, Manan Pant, Crystal Sang; Class II.i, Evan Burke, Grace Kirman, Jacob Mallabone, Orthi Onupom; Class II.ii, Ella Wilczyk

MUSIC: Class II.i, Madeleine Bellotti, Sirui Huang

PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN LANGUAGES: Class I, Jack Klein; Class II.i, Edwin Roberts, Jaden Sezer

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS: Class I, Yi (Ethan) Saw; Class II.i, Joakim Cohen, Thomas Dingwall, Joseph Hunter, Tanay Mukherjee, Misha Pemberthy

PHYSICS: Class I, Anna Shaw, Charles Tindal; Class II.i, Beichen Zhang; Class II.ii, Shrey Suresh Sanghvi, Alice Simmonds

Firsts: 35    Upper Seconds: 46    Lower Seconds: 7  
Distinctions: 6    Merit: 1    Pass: 1

## *Distinctions in Preliminary Examinations and First Class in Moderations 2024*

ANCIENT AND MODERN HISTORY: Kateryna Heslington

CHEMISTRY: Declan Koh, Nicholas Su

CLASSICS AND ENGLISH: Eve Campbell

EARTH SCIENCES: Sarah Bradley, Peter Wallace

ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT: Hannah Caley, Teng Wei Ngwan, Rahul Singh

ENGINEERING SCIENCE: Mohammad Adziman, William Blackwell

HISTORY AND ENGLISH: Tomas Overton

HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES: Jake Smyth

MATHEMATICS: Alex Dong, Abraham Wine

MEDICAL SCIENCES: Evie Bazley, Mina (Mustafa) Chowdhury, Jumoke Sosan

MODERN LANGUAGES: Gracie Allen, Matthew Massey, Honor Thompson

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY: Euan Beattie, Orrin Blair

PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN LANGUAGES: Kiera O'Carroll

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS: Zi Yue (Jasmine) Guo, Xueying (Shirley) Lu, Vidushi Singhai, Daniyal Vemuri

PHYSICS: Jingxiang Yang

## *Graduate Degrees 2023/24*

### **RESEARCH DEGREES**

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| Jessica Abele      | The Role of ABCC5 in Metabolism and Signalling in Prostate Cancer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Duncan Bellamy     | Investigating protective mechanisms of anti-sporozoite vaccines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Aneesha Bhandari   | The New Pathology: Dissecting Cellular Responses in Lupus Nephritis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pavanjit Chaggar   | Mathematical Modelling and Inference for Alzheimer's Disease                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Clementine Collett | Framing Gender Bias in the Design of AI Recruitment Technology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Rangga Dachlan     | Unity in Spite of Diversity: Heritage as a Nation-Building Strategy in Indonesia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ali Daher          | Developing Multiscale Models of Dynamic Blood Flow and Control in the Cerebral Microvasculature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Abheek Ghosh       | Contests: Equilibrium Analysis, Design, and Learning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Souvik Giri        | Soft Chemical Synthesis of new kinetically stable Oxychalcogenide compounds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Daniel Gittins     | Understanding the physical processes causing surface creep on faults                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tarun Gupta        | Improving Single and Multi-Agent Deep Reinforcement Learning Methods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Fiona Hartley      | Adaptation to chronic hypoxia in triple-negative breast cancer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Aung Hein          | Essays on the Organizational Socialization of New Recruits in the Public Sector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hamish Innes       | The Atmospheric Dynamics and Habitability of Temperate Sub-Neptunes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Toby Johnson       | Molecular Machines for Controlling Transmembrane Ion Transport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Roderic Kermarec   | Managed Extraterritoriality - Equivalence and International Financial Stability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Satoshi Kishigami  | Development of novel molecular probes to study cellular behaviour using NMR i) Development of a novel <sup>19</sup> F NMR probe to monitor the dynamic self-assembly of high molecular weight proteins in cells ii) Mechanistic analysis of lipoamide as a potential ALS drug by stable isotope labelling and quantitative NMR |

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| Nicholas Lim         | Elucidating Factors of Heterogeneous Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2 and Human Immunodeficiency Virus                                                                                      |
| Yiyan Liu            | Displacement and Damage Monitoring for Masonry Buildings Subjected to Ground Movements Induced by Underground Construction                                                               |
| Jessica Morley       | Designing an Algorithmically Enhanced NHS: Towards a Conceptual Model for the Successful Implementation of Algorithmic Clinical Decision Support Software in the National Health Service |
| Jennifer Opare-Kumi  | Promoting Mental Health and Educational Success among Young People in the Global South                                                                                                   |
| Daniel Pesch         | Essays on Asset Pricing and Rational Expectations                                                                                                                                        |
| Jack Peters          | An Optics Based Approach to Next Generation Mass Photometry                                                                                                                              |
| Alberto Ravani       | John Tzetzes' Allegories of the Iliad: introduction and partial edition                                                                                                                  |
| Emma Rowland         | To what extent does planning law listen to the voices of communities affected by inner city redevelopment projects?                                                                      |
| Siddharth Saxena     | Instrumentalising the University: Legal Discourses on the University Grants Commission in Nehruvian India                                                                                |
| Emma Slater          | 'Starving for Images': Visual Objects in the Poetry of Robert Lowell, John Berryman, and Adrienne Rich                                                                                   |
| Dharamveer Tatwavedi | CRISPR/Cas9 based modelling of chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia                                                                                                                          |
| Tyler Tully          | Power, Place, and Peoplehood in Chikashshiyaakni': The Role of 'Religion' at Federal Indian Boarding Schools in the Chickasaw Homeland (1799-1837)                                       |
| Michael Turner       | Genetics of Blood Pressure in 150 000 Mexican Adults                                                                                                                                     |
| Matthew Wilson       | Compositional Frameworks for Supermaps and Causality                                                                                                                                     |
| Eric Yang            | Synthesis of Heavy Cyanide Analogs for the Design of Novel Prussian Blue Analogs                                                                                                         |
| Murong Yang          | A longitudinal study of child mental health in the UK: the role of income and other risk factors                                                                                         |
| Xu Zhao              | New Approaches for H <sub>2</sub> -driven NADH regeneration using carbon supports                                                                                                        |

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| Ruixuan Zhu | Modelling of high-speed chemically reactive flows                                                               |
| Zihan Zhu   | Towards understanding the influenza virus ribonucleoprotein complex: novel structural and functional approaches |

#### TAUGHT DEGREES

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| Abdulahakeem Abdulkareem         | Master of Public Policy                                           |
| Mayowa Abiru                     | MSc Law and Finance (Merit)                                       |
| Öykü Aktaş Yilmaz                | Magister Juris (Merit)                                            |
| Hazim Alwazir                    | MSc Law and Finance (Merit)                                       |
| Sregurupriya Ayyappan            | Bachelor of Civil Law                                             |
| Iftikhaar Aziz                   | MPhil Development Studies (Merit)                                 |
| Rasmus Bakken                    | MSc Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science (Distinction) |
| Aakarsh Banyal                   | Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction)                               |
| Jelmer Bennema                   | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance (Merit)                |
| Torben Berndt                    | MSc Mathematical Sciences (Distinction)                           |
| Christian Bosselmann             | MSc African Studies (Merit)                                       |
| Nathan Boyer-Demouy              | MSc Financial Economics (Distinction)                             |
| Antoine Campinos                 | MSc African Studies (Merit)                                       |
| Jairo Daniel Carreño Monsalve    | MSc Law and Finance                                               |
| Eleanor Cawley                   | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing               |
| George (Geordie) D’Anyers Willis | Executive Master of Business Administration                       |
| Russel Matthew Dela Cruz         | Master of Public Policy (Merit)                                   |
| Gillian Diebold                  | MSc Social Science of the Internet (Merit)                        |
| Zhifei (Gerry) Ding              | MSc Financial Economics                                           |
| Adam Dunajski                    | MSc Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science (Distinction) |
| Jackson Foster                   | MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice (Distinction)                |
| Richard Fu                       | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance (Merit)                |
| Megan Gardner                    | MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (Merit)                  |
| Radhini Gawarammana              | Bachelor of Civil Law                                             |
| Peiling Gu                       | MPhil Economics (Distinction)                                     |
| Atharv Gupta                     | MSc Social Science of the Internet (Merit)                        |
| Nishtha Nikhil Gupta             | Bachelor of Civil Law (Merit)                                     |
| Zara Hamzah Sendut               | MSc Social Data Science (Merit)                                   |
| Ka Hei Elly Hung                 | MSc Statistical Science (Distinction)                             |

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| Benoit Jaudun            | MSc Theoretical and Computational Chemistry                       |
| Peifeng (Eddie) Jiang    | MSc Financial Economics (Distinction)                             |
| Tung Wong (Alan) Kwok    | Master of Public Policy (Distinction)                             |
| Evan Leonhard            | MSt English (Distinction)                                         |
| Ida Lieback              | MSt in Modern Languages (Distinction)                             |
| Hui Xin (Cindy) Lim      | MSc Financial Economics (Merit)                                   |
| Justin Lim               | Bachelor of Civil Law (Merit)                                     |
| Rawan Madi               | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance (Merit)                |
| Waner Mao                | MSc Financial Economics                                           |
| Rachael Merritt          | Master of Public Policy (Merit)                                   |
| Alexander Meyer          | Bachelor of Philosophy (Distinction)                              |
| Mohammad Mehdi Mojarradi | MSc Social Data Science (Distinction)                             |
| Tasha Neelakandan        | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing (Distinction) |
| Edelweiss Ng             | MPhil Traditional East Asia (Merit)                               |
| Jessica Oghenegweke      | MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (Merit)                  |
| Hugh Piper               | Master of Public Policy (Distinction)                             |
| Chaoran Qin              | MSc Financial Economics (Merit)                                   |
| Adyasha Samal            | Bachelor of Civil Law (Merit)                                     |
| Rebecca Schleuss         | MSt in Modern Languages (Distinction)                             |
| Amelia Smith             | MSc Russian and East European Studies (Merit)                     |
| Ella Stadler             | MPhil History of Science, Medicine and Technology (Merit)         |
| Alan Sulaivany           | MSt History (Merit)                                               |
| Yue Tang                 | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance                        |
| Simon Tänzer             | MSc Law and Finance (Merit)                                       |
| Vedanta Thapar           | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing (Distinction) |
| Juan Velasco Kerguelen   | Executive Master of Business Administration                       |
| Xiaoyu (Ivy) Wang        | MSc Financial Economics                                           |
| Wylie Warren-Boulton     | MSt Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature                   |
| Siena Wigert             | MSt Jewish Studies (Merit)                                        |
| Simon David Willfort     | Magister Juris (Merit)                                            |
| Xin Xu                   | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing               |
| Yiming Xu                | MSc Integrated Immunology (Distinction)                           |
| Teodor Yankov            | MSc Social Data Science (Merit)                                   |

## *University Prizes 2023/24*

### **BCL**

Aakarsh Banyal

Volterra Fietta Prize in International Law of the Sea

Radhini Gawarammana

Law Faculty Prize in Families and the State: Adult Relationships

### **CHEMISTRY**

Ava Farrell

Best Performance in Practical Chemistry (Year 1)

### **EARTH SCIENCES**

Alex Albinski

Brewer-Loughman Scholarship: Outstanding Year 4 Project

Jacob Kneale

Keith Cox Prize for Best Performance in the Year 2 Assynt Field Course

Yingbo Li

Schlumberger Prize: Best Performance in Geology in Year 4

Charlotte Simpson

Metrohm Prize: Best Performance in Geochemistry in Year 4

Stanley Upton

Burdett-Coutts Prize for Best Performance in Year 3 Examinations

CGG Prize for Best Overall Performance in Year 2

Gibbs Prize for Best Performance in Practical Aspects of the Course

Keith Cox Prize for Best Performance in the Year 2 Assynt Field Course

Mineralogical Society Prize: Best Performance in Year 3 Mineralogy

Palaeontological Association Prize: Best Performance in Year 3 Palaeontology

### **ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT**

Gabriel Leigh

Gavin Cameron Memorial Prize for Best Performance in Econometrics

Gibbs Prize for Top Performance in Economics Papers (E&M)

John Hicks Foundation Prize for Best Performance in Microeconomics (E&M)

John Hicks Foundation Prize for Best Performance  
in Quantative Economics (E&M)

Lubbock Prize for Best Overall Performance in  
Economics and Management

Rahul Singh

Examiners' Prize for the highest mark in the  
Introductory Economics paper

David Turner

Saïd Foundation Prize for the Best Performance in  
the Finance Paper

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – COURSE II**

Thea Edwards

Violet Vaughan Morgan Prize: Excellent  
Performance in the FHS English Dissertation

## **LITERAE HUMANIORES**

Emily Stephens

Craven Prize: Second Highest Overall Average  
in the FHS of Literae Humaniores, Classics &  
English, Classics & Modern Languages, Classics  
& Oriental Studies, Ancient & Modern History and  
Classical Archaeology & Ancient History.

Gibbs Prize (Greek Literature) for performance in  
the Greek Literature papers in the FHS of Literae  
Humaniores, Classics and English, Classics and  
Modern Languages, or Classics and Asian and  
Middle Eastern Studies

## **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY**

Crystal Sang

FHS Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry Part II  
Research Project Prize (Second Place)

## **PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN LANGUAGES**

Jack Klein

David Gibbs Prize for the best performance in  
the Philosophy papers in the Honour School of  
Philosophy and Modern Languages

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performance in a Joint School with Modern  
Languages

## **PHYSICS**

Anna Shaw

Best MPhys Project in Condensed Matter Physics

## *College Prizes 2023/24*

**Alstead Prize:** Seongwook Nam

**Ashe Lincoln Prize:** Chloe Howgate

**Burnett Engineering Prize:** Alfred Drew, Mark Jegorovas

**Caroline Dean Prize:** Benjamin Gray

**Christopher Wood Memorial Prize (Final Year):** Jack Klein

**Christopher Wood Memorial Prize (Year 2):** Maya Kerr-Davis

**Coghill/Starkie Prize:** Daniel McNamee

**David M Webb Prize for Academic Excellence:** Mohammad Adziman, Gracie Allen, Evie Bazley, Euan Beattie, William Blackwell, Orrin Blair, Sarah Bradley, Hannah Caley, Eve Campbell, Mina (Mustafa) Chowdhury, Alex Dong, Zi Yue (Jasmine) Guo, Kateryna Heslington, Declan Koh, Xueying (Shirley) Lu, Matthew Massey, Teng Wei Ngwan, Kiera O'Carroll, Tomas Overton, Rahul Singh, Vidushi Singhai, Jake Smyth, Jumoke Sosan, Nicholas Su, Honor Thompson, Daniyal Vemuri, Peter Wallace, Abraham Wine, Jingxiang Yang

**David Wing Prize:** William Blessing, Manan Pant

**Elsie Beck Memorial Prize:** Emily Stephens

**Emery Prize:** Maurice Leung

**Fitzgerald Prize – First Class in Final Honour School:** Alex Albinski, Arkadiusz Bielak, William Blessing, Emma Cooley, Alessia Daniel, Amelie De Lara, Alfred Drew, Thea Edwards, Thelma French, Andrew Griffiths, Wooseop Hwang, Mark Jegorovas, Jack Klein, Isabelle Kori, Robert Langford, Gabriel Leigh, Yingbo Li, Orin Lole Durbin, Manna Luo, Annabel Lyon, Hamish McCorriston, Daniel McNamee, Ellen Molnar, Luna Panella, Manan Pant, Georgia Porter, Crystal Sang, Christina Savedra, Yi (Ethan) Saw, Anna Shaw, Charlotte Simpson, Emily Stephens, Oliver Tanner, Charles Tindal, David Turner, Elisabeth Whittingham, Isabella Wordsworth

**Fluchere Essay Prize:** Emma Cooley

**Helen Taylor Prize:** Evie Bazley

**Henderson Memorial Prize:** Amelie De Lara

**Laura Quelch Prize:** Hamish McCorriston

**Lelio Stampa Prize:** Valeriy Lukanov, Ellen Molnar

**Patrick Prize:** Zizheng Fang

**Paul Humphris Prize:** Daniel McNamee



**Pergamon Press Prize:** Alfred Drew

**Peter Street Memorial Prize:** Max Port

**Potter Prize in Mathematics:** Alex Dong

**Quarrell Read Prize:** Alexia Cazimichele, Urania Chu, Freddie Crichton-Miller,  
Victoria Fletcher, Gianna Foster, Conrad Hogg, Ida Lieback, Emma Litle,  
Dominic McGann, Rachael Merritt

**Science Prize:** Wanghua Toby Feng, Stanley Upton, Xiran Jason Yang

**Simon Pointer Prize:** Emily Britto Davis

**Sir Arthur Benson Memorial Prize:** Danica Johnny Mejia, Daniyal Vemuri

**Skeat-Whitfield Prize:** Thea Edwards, Nina Savedra

**Tobias Law Prize (BCL):** Aakarsh Banyal

**Tobias Law Prize (Final Honour School):** Luna Panella

**Willmot Jenkins Prize:** Thea Edwards, Oliver Tanner

# *Major Scholarships, Studentships, and Bursaries Held During 2023/24*

*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.*

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| Abdulahakeem Abdulkareem | Africa Initiative for Governance (AIG) Scholarship<br>[Aigboje Aig-Imoukhueded (AIG) Scholarship]                            |
| Jessica Abele            | National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia Studentship                                                                       |
| Isaac Agyiri             | Ghana National Petroleum Corporation Foundation<br>Scholarship                                                               |
| Öykü Aktaş Yılmaz        | Jean Monnet Scholarship                                                                                                      |
| Victoria Alcock          | IAPETUS2 NERC DTP                                                                                                            |
| Hazim Alwazir            | Rhodes Trust Scholarship in conjunction with Exeter<br>College                                                               |
| Emma Arbanas             | Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarship                                                                                             |
| Laura Armitage           | Wellcome Trust Clinical DPhil Fellowship                                                                                     |
| Ethan Arnold             | Condensed Matter Physics (CMP) EPSRC DTP<br>Studentship in partnership with the Diamond Light<br>Source Doctoral Studentship |
| Zakariye Ashkir          | BHF Clinical Research Training Fellowship                                                                                    |
| Miriam Austin            | AHRC Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training<br>Partnership Studentship                                                      |
| Sregurupriya Ayyappan    | Felix Scholarship                                                                                                            |
| Iftikhaar Aziz           | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                                                            |
| Jumana Baghabrah         | Lighthouse Studentship (Department of Computer Science)                                                                      |
| Hannah Bailey            | Shirley Scholarship                                                                                                          |
| Laura Bailey             | Radcliffe Department of Medicine Scholars Programme<br>/ Exonian Matched Graduate Scholarship                                |
| Aakarsh Banyal           | Dr Mrs Ambriti Salve Scholarship                                                                                             |
| Jack Bardzil             | Department of Chemistry Scholarship / EPSRC<br>Doctoral Training Partnership Scholarship                                     |
| Awa Bator                | EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Health Data<br>Science Studentship                                                     |
| Daisy Brown              | Educational Citizenship Scholarship                                                                                          |
| Tim Lukas Brückler       | Oxford-Particle Physics Graduate Scholarship                                                                                 |
| Lara Brudermüller        | Department of Engineering Research Scholarship                                                                               |
| Benjamin Bussmann        | British Heart Foundation Clinical Research Training<br>Fellowship                                                            |

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| Alexander Butler         | Department of Chemistry Scholarship                                                                           |
| Patricia Cambalova       | Wellcome Centre Integrative Neuroimaging (WIN) Studentship                                                    |
| Daniel Carreño Monsalve  | Colfuturo Loan Scholarship                                                                                    |
| Pavan Chaggar            | EPSRC Scholarship                                                                                             |
| Urania Chiu              | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                                             |
| Kendall Clark            | Roger Boye Oxbridge Bursary (from Northwestern University)                                                    |
| Clementine Collett       | Exonian and ESRC Grand Union DTP Studentship                                                                  |
| Nathan Corbyn            | EPSRC Doctoral Training Partnership CASE Scholarship                                                          |
| Sara Costi               | Doctoral Training Centre-MSD                                                                                  |
| Oliver Curry             | Wellcome Trust Chemistry in Cells Studentship                                                                 |
| Ali Daher                | Rhodes Trust Scholarship in conjunction with Exeter College                                                   |
| Ann-Marie Debrah         | ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) Studentship / Exonian Graduate Scholarship               |
| Russel Matthew Dela Cruz | Jardine-Oxford Graduate Scholarship                                                                           |
| Roisin Dillon            | Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences Scholarship                                               |
| Louise Downs             | Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship                                                                            |
| Adrienne Eckstein        | Alberta Bart Holaday Scholarship                                                                              |
| Cornelius Emde           | Cancer UK Scholarship                                                                                         |
| Kate Fieseler            | Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre Scholarship                                                         |
| Jackson Foster           | Exeter College Oxford Marshall Scholarship                                                                    |
| Nataschia Fragapane      | Department of Chemistry Scholarship                                                                           |
| Annabelle Frost          | Clinical Research Training Scholarship                                                                        |
| Ivi Fung                 | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                           |
| Michael Furlan           | EPSRC IDS DTP studentship                                                                                     |
| Yaqing Gao               | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                           |
| Abheek Ghosh             | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College SKP Scholarship                                                   |
| Souvik Giri              | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College SKP Scholarship, and Department of Chemistry Graduate Studentship |
| Mie Kano Glückstad       | CDT Mathematics of Random Systems Scholarship                                                                 |
| Ritesh Goenka            | Clarendon Fund Scholarship in partnership with Exeter College SKP (Pathak) Scholarship                        |
| Jenny Gong               | Oxford Population Health Scholarship (or 'Nuffield Department of Population Health Studentship')              |

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| Wayne Gouro               | Credit-Suisse sponsorship for 4 years                                                                                     |
| Clare Goyder              | Wellcome Trust PHD Programme for Primary Care Clinicians                                                                  |
| Aditi Gupta               | AHRC Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship                                                      |
| Atharv Gupta              | Rhodes Trust Scholarship                                                                                                  |
| Kinam Gupta               | Clarendon Fund / Radcliffe Department of Medicine Studentship / SKP Scholarship                                           |
| Rowena Gutsell            | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                                                         |
| Luisa Haiß                | Rhodes Trust Scholarship                                                                                                  |
| Maryam Hardy              | Clarendon Fund Scholarship in partnership with the Exeter College John Kufuor Scholarship and a Kennedy Trust Studentship |
| Fiona Hartley             | Oxford MRC DTP Studentship / Exonian Matched Graduate Scholarship                                                         |
| Lara Herriott             | EPSRC Studentship                                                                                                         |
| Matej Hlavac              | NDM Prize Studentship                                                                                                     |
| Edmund Hofflin            | EPSRC DTP Case Conversion Scholarship                                                                                     |
| Maya Hollander            | Exeter College Bornhauser Scholarship in American Literature / Stuart Young Foundation Leo Baeck Scholarship              |
| Ningzhe Hou               | China Scholarship Council – Oxford Scholarship                                                                            |
| Lijun Hu                  | Molly Stevens Group Research Funding / Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics / Chinese Scholarship Council       |
| Minhao Hu                 | Jardine-Oxford Graduate Scholarship                                                                                       |
| Charles Hyland            | Said Business School Doctoral Scholarship                                                                                 |
| Asri Oktavioni Indraswari | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                                       |
| Kishwar Iqbal             | Department of Chemistry Scholarship                                                                                       |
| Molly John                | Advanced Bioscience of Viral Products Studentship                                                                         |
| David Jones               | Nuffield Department of Population Health Scholarship                                                                      |
| Josephine Kairupan        | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                                       |
| Michaela Kalcher          | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College Usher Cunningham Scholarship in History                                       |
| Nikita Karaev             | Facebook AI Scholarship                                                                                                   |
| Lama Karame               | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                                                         |
| Disha Kashyap             | Wellcome Trust DPhil Studentship                                                                                          |
| Firdaus Kasim             | Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) Scholarship                                                                 |

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| Jasmine Kaur          | Simon and June Li Undergraduate Scholarship                                             |
| Khawla Zainab         | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College SKP Scholarship                             |
| Declan Koh            | Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Scholarship                                    |
| Tung Wong (Alan) Kwok | Kwok Scholarship                                                                        |
| Qiao You Lau          | A*STAR Graduate Academy Scholarship                                                     |
| Marlene Lawston       | NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program                                                   |
| Leonard Lee           | Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre Scholarship                                   |
| Evan Leonhard         | Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship                                                                |
| Ziyu Li               | Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences Studentship                               |
| Yee Dillon Lim        | Oxford British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence Graduate Studentship      |
| Mengjiang Lin         | EPSRC iCASE Studentship and Department of Materials Studentship                         |
| Fantin Lowenstein     | Oxford British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence Graduate Studentship      |
| Chris Lu              | Department of Engineering Research Scholarship                                          |
| Xueying Lu            | Jardine Scholarship                                                                     |
| Manna Luo             | Jardine Scholarship                                                                     |
| Rawan Madi            | LIFE Lebanon Scholarship                                                                |
| Matthew McAllister    | Department of Engineering Science Research Scholarship                                  |
| Dominic McGann        | Arthur Peacocke Graduate Studentship                                                    |
| Anthony McGuigan      | Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre Studentship                                   |
| Rachael Merritt       | Rhodes Trust Scholarship                                                                |
| Alexander Meyer       | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                       |
| Melvin Miquel         | Department of Materials Studentship                                                     |
| Zachery Moffatt       | Arthur Peacocke Graduate Studentship                                                    |
| Abigail Moore         | Wellcome Trust Clinical DPhil Fellowship                                                |
| Lauren Murphy         | Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine (MRC Molecular Haematology Unit) Scholarship |
| James Murrell         | EPSRC CDT in Inorganic Chemistry for Future Manufacturing Studentship                   |
| Hitomi Nakagawa       | Japanese Government Long-Term Overseas Fellowship Program                               |
| Sarah Njenga          | Oxford Graduate Scholarship (Black Academic Futures)                                    |
| Humaira Noor          | Medical Sciences Graduate School Studentship / Mary Frances Cairncross Scholarship      |

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| Jack Nunn              | Besse Studentship with Exeter College                                                |
| Jessica Oghenegweke    | Oxford Graduate Scholarship (Black Academic Futures)                                 |
| William O'Hara         | Clarendon Fund Scholarship with Oxford-Peter Thompson Graduate Scholarship           |
| Orthi Onupom           | Reach Scholarship                                                                    |
| Jose Parra Zeltzer     | Chilean National Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies                            |
| Guy Parsons            | Shirley Scholarship (Oxford Internet Institute)                                      |
| Oliver Pearson         | Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre (MSDTC) Scholarship                        |
| Marina Perez Cerezuela | Advanced Bioscience of Viral Products Studentship                                    |
| Linh Pham              | NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program                                                |
| Daniel Plummer         | Oxford Centre for High Energy Density Science Scholarship                            |
| Alexis Poindexter      | Donovan-Moody Scholarship                                                            |
| Emma Prevot            | EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Health Data Science Studentship                |
| Emily Print            | Wellcome Trust Genomic Medicine and Statistics Studentship                           |
| Nabila Puspakesuma     | Jardine Scholarship                                                                  |
| Sakshi Rai             | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College SKP Scholarship                          |
| Anjali Rawat           | Dr Mrs Ambriti Salve Scholarship                                                     |
| Milad Rezaee Barzani   | EPSRC Doctoral Training Partnership Scholarship                                      |
| Peter Rickards         | Reserve Bank of Australia Postgraduate Study Award                                   |
| Felix Rolt             | Oxford-Exeter College Coltart and Bagby Scholarship in Anthropology                  |
| David Rytz             | Engineering Science & Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council Studentship |
| Amgad Salih            | Southwark Scholarship                                                                |
| David Salmon           | Rhodes Trust Scholarship                                                             |
| Hannah Sanderson       | NERC DTP and Exeter College Graduate Studentship                                     |
| Silvia Sapora          | EPSRC DTP in Statistics Studentship                                                  |
| Prenali Sattwika       | Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) Scholarship                            |
| Wian Satyapertiwi      | Jardine Scholarship                                                                  |
| Siddharth Saxena       | Dr Mrs Ambriti Salve Scholarship                                                     |
| Mirjam Schilling       | Arthur Peacocke Graduate Studentship                                                 |

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| Anna Seeley            | Wellcome Trust PHD Programme for Primary Care Clinicians                                                                                            |
| Yue Shao               | Molly Stevens Group Research Funding / Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics / Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada |
| David Shaw             | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Exeter College Peter Thompson Scholarship                                                                              |
| Talha Siddiq           | Avicenna Foundation Scholarship                                                                                                                     |
| Adam Siegel            | Department of Materials Studentship                                                                                                                 |
| Felix Sihombing        | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                                                                 |
| Benjamin Simon         | NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program                                                                                                               |
| Henry Simpson          | Department of Engineering Science WAMESS Scholarship                                                                                                |
| Palash Singh           | Clarendon Fund Scholarship                                                                                                                          |
| Rahul Singh            | Singapore Public Service Commission Scholarship                                                                                                     |
| Connie Sjödin          | Amelia Jackson Senior Studentship                                                                                                                   |
| Emma Slater            | Clarendon Fund Scholarship / Bornhauser Scholarship in American Literature                                                                          |
| Liliana Som            | Doctoral Training Centre-MSD                                                                                                                        |
| Stephanie Spada        | NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program                                                                                                               |
| Georgia Speechly       | Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Award                                                                                                                    |
| David Speedman         | BBSRC Studentship                                                                                                                                   |
| Fabian Spoendlin       | EPSRC and SABS: R3 Studentship                                                                                                                      |
| Alex Stephens          | EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems Studentship / Oxford-Singapore Human Machine Collaboration        |
| Georgia Stonadge       | OxICFM CDT Scholarship                                                                                                                              |
| Nicholas Su            | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                                                                 |
| Amirah Sumarto         | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                                                                 |
| Ned Summers            | European Grant (ERC Consolidator ‘BLAST’)                                                                                                           |
|                        | Scholarship                                                                                                                                         |
| Zhu Sun                | Department of Materials Studentship                                                                                                                 |
| Gayatri Sundar Rajan   | Clarendon Fund Scholarship                                                                                                                          |
| Christopher Sutherland | Department of Economics Scholarship                                                                                                                 |
| Charlie Tan            | Department of Computer Science Scholarship                                                                                                          |
| Vedanta Thapar         | Rhodes Trust Scholarship                                                                                                                            |
| Manuel Tonneau         | Shirley Scholarship                                                                                                                                 |
| Nana Traub             | Rivka Carmi Scholarship                                                                                                                             |

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| Rea Tresa                | Molly Stevens Group Research Funding / Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics                |
| Inga Van Den Bossche     | Molly Stevens Group Research Funding / Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics                |
| Lasya Vankayala          | Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp / University of Oxford Research Studentship                               |
| Cristina Velasquez Cobos | BBSRC Studentship                                                                                    |
| Amrithaa Velayutham      | Yayasan Sime Darby                                                                                   |
| Biao Wang                | European Research Council Scholarship                                                                |
| Lawrence Wang            | Machine Learning - Approximate Inference for Bayesian Deep Learning (EPSRC DTA) Research Studentship |
| Ziwei Wang               | Leverhulme Scholarship                                                                               |
| Praveen Weeratunga       | Medical Sciences Graduate School Studentship / Mary Frances Cairncross Scholarship                   |
| Karl Welzel              | INNOHK and the Hong Kong Centre for Intelligent Multidimensional Data Analysis Scholarship           |
| Rayvell Wijaya           | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                  |
| Wynne Wijaya             | Jardine Scholarship                                                                                  |
| David Willfort           | DAAD Scholarship / German Academic Scholarship Foundation / Latham & Watkins LLM Fellowship          |
| Timon Willi              | Department of Engineering Research Scholarship                                                       |
| Bridget Williams         | Open Philanthropy Fellowship                                                                         |
| Kwan Lok Wong            | Department of Engineering Science Research Studentship                                               |
| Zoe Wright               | Department of Chemistry Scholarship                                                                  |
| Roshan Xavier            | Oxford BMS Fellowship                                                                                |
| Eric Yang                | EPSRC CDT in Inorganic Chemistry for Future Manufacturing / Exonian Graduate Scholarship             |
| Murong Yang              | Nuffield Department of Population Health Scholarship                                                 |
| Thales Zanetti Ferreira  | Department of Engineering Science Research Studentship                                               |
| Wenchuan Zhao            | SBS - SBS Foundation Scholarship                                                                     |
| Yuxing Zhou              | China Scholarship Council - University of Oxford Scholarship                                         |
| Zihan Zhu                | Clarendon Fund Scholarship                                                                           |



## *Graduate Freshers 2023/24*

### **PART-TIME**

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| Christopher Sutherland | DPhil Economics                             |
| Guy Parsons            | DPhil Social Data Science                   |
| Irungu Nyakera         | Executive Master of Business Administration |
| Catherine Xu           | Executive Master of Business Administration |
| Daisy Brown            | MSc Learning and Teaching                   |
| Mollie Budd            | MSc Learning and Teaching                   |
| Barry Egan             | MSc Learning and Teaching                   |
| Cory Howell            | MSc Learning and Teaching                   |
| Liz Knowles            | MSc Learning and Teaching                   |
| Desiree Cho Shyn-Ru    | MSc Social Science of the Internet          |

### **FULL-TIME**

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| Luisa Kurth           | Auto Intelligent Machines and Systems (EPSRC CDT)                          |
| Sregurupriya Ayyappan | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Aakarsh Banyal        | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Radhini Gawarammana   | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Nishtha Nikhil Gupta  | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Justin Lim            | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Adyasha Samal         | Bachelor of Civil Law                                                      |
| Ollie Curry           | Chemistry in Cells: New Technologies to Probe Complex Biology and Medicine |
| Anshu Ramaiya         | Clinical Medicine                                                          |
| Benjamin Simon        | DPhil Biomedical Sciences: NIH-Oxford                                      |
| Jack Bardzil          | DPhil Chemistry                                                            |
| Nataschia Fragapane   | DPhil Chemistry                                                            |
| Minhao Hu             | DPhil Clinical Neurosciences                                               |
| Charlie Tan           | DPhil Computer Science                                                     |
| Peter Rickards        | DPhil Economics                                                            |
| Maya Hollander        | DPhil English                                                              |
| Chris Hyland          | DPhil Finance                                                              |
| Emily Print           | DPhil Genomic Medicine and Statistics                                      |
| Ollie Pearson         | DPhil in Advanced Bioscience of Viral Products                             |
| Emma Semaan           | DPhil Law                                                                  |
| Melvin Miquel         | DPhil Materials                                                            |

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| Zhu Sun                 | DPhil Materials                        |
| Ritesh Goenka           | DPhil Mathematics                      |
| Edmund Hofflin          | DPhil Mathematics                      |
| Siyu Chen               | DPhil Medical Sciences                 |
| Fantin Lowenstein       | DPhil Medical Sciences                 |
| Nina Hardy              | DPhil Molecular and Cellular Medicine  |
| Yifan Bao               | DPhil Oncology                         |
| Sabrina Lu              | DPhil Pathology                        |
| Ethan Arnold            | DPhil Physics                          |
| Po-Wei Huang            | DPhil Physics                          |
| Benjamin Bussmann       | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Lijun Hu                | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Qiao You Lau            | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Dillon Lim              | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Junliang Lin            | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Li Ma                   | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Yue (Chris) Shao        | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Rea Tresa               | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Inga Van Den Bossche    | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Mingcheng Xuan          | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Ava Zhang               | DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics |
| Jenny Gong              | DPhil Population Health                |
| Roisin Dillon           | DPhil Primary Health Care              |
| Anna Seeley             | DPhil Primary Health Care              |
| Awa Bator               | Health Data Science (EPSRC CDT)        |
| Emma Prevot             | Health Data Science (EPSRC CDT)        |
| Öykü Aktaş Yilmaz       | Magister Juris                         |
| Simon David Willfort    | Magister Juris                         |
| Tomas Bravo Garcia      | Master of Business Administration      |
| Hema Desai              | Master of Business Administration      |
| Jaime Edid Zaga         | Master of Business Administration      |
| Conrad Hogg             | Master of Business Administration      |
| Junho Kim               | Master of Business Administration      |
| Ifeoluwa Olokode        | Master of Business Administration      |
| Poon Petcharapirachit   | Master of Business Administration      |
| Yvonne Yu               | Master of Business Administration      |
| Abdulhakeem Abdulkareem | Master of Public Policy                |

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| Russel Matthew Dela Cruz | Master of Public Policy                                                 |
| Alan Kwok                | Master of Public Policy                                                 |
| Rachael Merritt          | Master of Public Policy                                                 |
| Hugh Piper               | Master of Public Policy                                                 |
| Mie Glückstad            | Mathematics of Random Systems: Analysis, Modelling and Algorithms (CDT) |
| Pierre-Louis Pestre      | MPhil Classical Archaeology                                             |
| Mandy Porter             | MPhil Classical Archaeology                                             |
| David Salmon Salmon      | MPhil Development Studies                                               |
| Adam Parker              | MPhil Economics                                                         |
| Dorothy Greene           | MPhil Islamic Studies and History                                       |
| Luciana Fortuna          | MPhil Latin American Studies                                            |
| Ömer Çelik               | MPhil Law                                                               |
| Aaditya Gambhir          | MPhil Law                                                               |
| Hitomi Nakagawa          | MPhil Law                                                               |
| Will O'Hara              | MPhil Law                                                               |
| Max Wong                 | MPhil Law                                                               |
| Emma Arbanas             | MPhil Modern Middle Eastern Studies                                     |
| Christian Bosselmann     | MSc African Studies                                                     |
| Antoine Campinos         | MSc African Studies                                                     |
| Jackson Foster           | MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice                                    |
| Nathan Boyer-Demouy      | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Gerry Ding               | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Jason Feng               | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Rohan Gopinath           | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Eddie Jiang              | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Cindy Lim                | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Waner Mao                | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Chaoran Qin              | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Siyi Tan                 | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Ivy Wang                 | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Jamie Xiong              | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Chris Zhang              | MSc Financial Economics                                                 |
| Luisa Haiß               | MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy                                     |
| Ben Xu                   | MSc Integrated Immunology                                               |
| Mayowa Abiru             | MSc Law and Finance                                                     |
| Hazim Alwazir            | MSc Law and Finance                                                     |

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| Daniel Carreño Monsalve | MSc Law and Finance                                 |
| Simon Tänzer            | MSc Law and Finance                                 |
| Jelmer Bennema          | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance          |
| Richard Fu              | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance          |
| Weixi Hao               | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance          |
| Rawan Madi              | MSc Mathematical and Computational Finance          |
| Ellie Cawley            | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing |
| Tasha Neelakandan       | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing |
| Vedanta Thapar          | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing |
| Xin Xu                  | MSc Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing |
| Torben Berndt           | MSc Mathematical Sciences                           |
| Rasmus Bakken           | MSc Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science |
| Adam Dunajski           | MSc Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science |
| Nana Traub              | MSc Modern Middle Eastern Studies                   |
| Meg Gardner             | MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies            |
| Jessie Oghenegweke      | MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies            |
| Amelia Smith            | MSc Russian and East European Studies               |
| Kendall Clark           | MSc Social Data Science                             |
| Zara Hamzah Sendut      | MSc Social Data Science                             |
| Mehdi Mojarradi         | MSc Social Data Science                             |
| Teodor Yankov           | MSc Social Data Science                             |
| Gillian Diebold         | MSc Social Science of the Internet                  |
| Atharv Gupta            | MSc Social Science of the Internet                  |
| Elly Hung               | MSc Statistical Science                             |
| Benoit Jaudun           | MSc Theoretical and Computational Chemistry         |
| Leo Yang                | MSc(Res) Biochemistry                               |
| Kunal Handa             | MSc(Res) Computer Science                           |
| Lexi Poindexter         | MSc(Res) Molecular and Cellular Medicine            |
| Wynne Wijaya            | MSc(Res) Oncology                                   |
| Evan Leonhard           | MSt English                                         |
| Wylie Warren-Boulton    | MSt Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature     |
| Alan Sulaivany          | MSt History                                         |
| Ida Lieback             | MSt in Modern Languages                             |
| Rebecca Schleuss        | MSt in Modern Languages                             |
| Siena Wigert            | MSt Jewish Studies                                  |

## *Undergraduate Freshers 2023/24*

|                     |                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Kateryna Heslington | Ancient and Modern History                |
| Hannah Feren        | Bachelor of Fine Art                      |
| Elizabeth Jones     | Biomedical Sciences                       |
| Lauren Laughlin     | Biomedical Sciences                       |
| Ava Farrell         | Chemistry                                 |
| Max Hanson          | Chemistry                                 |
| Declan Koh          | Chemistry                                 |
| Carys Lewis         | Chemistry                                 |
| Gareth Ng           | Chemistry                                 |
| Emily Sarrau        | Chemistry                                 |
| Nicholas Su         | Chemistry                                 |
| Lauren Alagna       | Classical Archaeology and Ancient History |
| Eleanor Talbot      | Classics and Modern Languages             |
| Sarah Bradley       | Earth Sciences                            |
| Lucy Caulfield      | Earth Sciences                            |
| William Cherry      | Earth Sciences                            |
| Maria Mould         | Earth Sciences                            |
| Talha Siddiq        | Earth Sciences                            |
| Amrithaa Velayutham | Earth Sciences                            |
| Malachy Wallace     | Earth Sciences                            |
| Hannah Caley        | Economics and Management                  |
| James Hughes        | Economics and Management                  |
| Teng Wei Ngwan      | Economics and Management                  |
| Rahul Singh         | Economics and Management                  |
| Azka Adziman        | Engineering Science                       |
| William Blackwell   | Engineering Science                       |
| Alexander Harwood   | Engineering Science                       |
| Jon Jon Wang        | Engineering Science                       |
| Yu Ran Wang         | Engineering Science                       |
| Chenzhe Yuan        | Engineering Science                       |
| Jennifer Pitcher    | English and Modern Languages              |
| Amber Bebbber       | English Language and Literature           |
| Ana Bradley         | English Language and Literature           |
| Emily Cullinan      | English Language and Literature           |
| Phoebe Lambard      | English Language and Literature           |

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Naima Maalim           | English Language and Literature                        |
| Leyao Qian             | English Language and Literature                        |
| Emily Titcombe         | English Language and Literature                        |
| Emily White            | English Language and Literature                        |
| Hay Wong               | English Language and Literature                        |
| Luke Blishen           | History                                                |
| Elisabeth Freeman      | History                                                |
| Mathilda Hooper        | History                                                |
| Mikolaj Kaczmar        | History                                                |
| Max Port               | History                                                |
| Subhan Aslam           | History and English                                    |
| Tomas Overton          | History and English                                    |
| Jake Smyth             | History and Modern Languages                           |
| Rebecca Adekola        | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Juan Sebastian Beltran | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Ned Chapman            | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Matthew Dokoupil       | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Mila Largatzis         | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Jacob Long             | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Mariya Vasilyeva       | Jurisprudence                                          |
| Maisie Gilbert         | Jurisprudence (English Law with Law Studies in Europe) |
| Enya Dunne             | Literae Humaniores                                     |
| Maya Greenslade        | Literae Humaniores                                     |
| Cordelia Lamming       | Literae Humaniores                                     |
| Gil Oldham             | Literae Humaniores                                     |
| Xiaoyan Chen           | Mathematics                                            |
| Alex Dong              | Mathematics                                            |
| Holly Garraway         | Mathematics                                            |
| John Lama              | Mathematics                                            |
| Lloyd Williams         | Mathematics                                            |
| Abraham Wine           | Mathematics                                            |
| Alex Herskovits        | Mathematics and Computer Science                       |
| Mostyn Michael-White   | Mathematics and Computer Science                       |
| Helena Todd            | Mathematics and Statistics                             |
| Evie Bazley            | Medical Sciences                                       |
| Mina Chowdhury         | Medical Sciences                                       |

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ella Downham           | Medical Sciences                    |
| Caitlin Pears          | Medical Sciences                    |
| Jumoke Sosan           | Medical Sciences                    |
| Gracie Allen           | Modern Languages                    |
| Melissa Chetata-Brooks | Modern Languages                    |
| Henry Collins          | Modern Languages                    |
| Matthew Massey         | Modern Languages                    |
| Wenyi Shi              | Modern Languages                    |
| Honor Thompson         | Modern Languages                    |
| Katie Winfield         | Modern Languages                    |
| Euan Beattie           | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry |
| Orrin Blair            | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry |
| Kezia Elston           | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry |
| Alana Hanson           | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry |
| Solomon Summer         | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry |
| Magdalena Beil Harvey  | Music                               |
| Rebekah Devlin         | Music                               |
| Danica Mejia           | Philosophy and Modern Languages     |
| Kiera O'Carroll        | Philosophy and Modern Languages     |
| Eleanor Robson         | Philosophy and Modern Languages     |
| Zi Yue Jasmine Guo     | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| Xueying Lu             | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| Vidushi Singhai        | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| Bradley Tan            | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| Daniyal Vemuri         | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| Ingrid Zamfir          | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics |
| William Caskey         | Physics                             |
| Molly Dufton           | Physics                             |
| Mohammed Mahmud        | Physics                             |
| Laurence Millns        | Physics                             |
| Thomas Parry           | Physics                             |
| Jingxiang Yang         | Physics                             |

Attended state school: 52; attended independent school: 27; attended school overseas: 24

Additionally, two students were admitted to the Astrophoria Foundation Year Programme

## *Visiting Students 2023/24*

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Simon Angoluan        | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| David Baron           | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Andrew Boies          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Ava Burr              | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Alexia Cazimichele    | Sorbonne Université, Paris         |
| Alexa Cohen           | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Schulyer Colfax       | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Hannah Dineen         | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Grahm Gaydos          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Benet Ge              | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Thomasina Hare        | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| William Howe          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Rijul Jain            | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Alisa Kanganis        | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Nachman Kaul-Seidman  | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Ruby Lawrence         | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Valeria Lux Rodriguez | University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona |
| Shaye Martin          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Stone Murphy          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Amina Naidjate        | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Ari Quasney           | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Sasha Rieser          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Naomi Ross            | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Sofia Stefani         | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Saad Waheed           | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Henry Wieman          | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Olivia Winters        | Williams College, Massachusetts    |
| Lahirunie Withanalage | Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris   |
| Hamza Woodson         | Williams College, Massachusetts    |



## *Births and Adoptions*

To Katherine Camm (née Croft) (2008, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History) and Joseph Camm (2008, Engineering), a daughter, Mireia Isobel Camm, on 5 January 2024, a sister for Talia.

To Annie Colenutt (née Hamilton) (2013, Modern Languages) and Charlie Colenutt (2013, History), a daughter, Iris, on 1 June 2023.

To Andrew Freedman (2004, Literae Humaniores) and Reina Benguigui, a daughter, Talya Benguigui Freedman, born on 29 August 2024, a sister for Chloe and Alex.

To Leah and Joe Hicks (friend of the College), a son, George Parker Jay Hicks, on 25 May 2024.

## *Marriages and Civil Partnerships*

Cameron Eadie (2014, Engineering Science) to Eleanor Mottram (2014, Pembroke) at Exeter College Chapel, on 25 August 2024.

Albert Gifford (2016, Medicine) to Lina Cox (2016, Chemistry) at Exeter College Chapel, on 6 July 2024.

Annie Hamilton (2013, Modern Languages) to Charlie Colenutt (2013, History) on 24 September 2022.

Kelsey Haver (2014, Medieval History) to Ross Greenhill at Exeter College Chapel, on 18 August 2023.

Toby George Johnson (2019, Inorganic Chemistry) to Hannah Eleanor Ruth Schofield at Exeter College Chapel, on 25 March 2023.

Charlotte Nesbitt (2014, Medicine) to John Charles Pennefather at Exeter College Chapel, on 15 July 2023.

Martin Oldham (1989, Modern History) to Are Berentsen at Oslo City Hall, on 26 July 2024.

Rachel O'Neill (2002, Philosophy, Politics and Economics) to Jon Pokroy at Exeter College Chapel, on 1 July 2023.

Hannah Warren-Miell (2013, Medicine) to Sebastian Fox at Oxford Town Hall with reception at Exeter College, on 31 August 2024.

## *Deaths*

Christopher Amos (1960, PPE) died June 2025, aged 83.

Sir John Ashworth (1956, Chemistry) died on 3 March 2025, aged 86.

Mr John Badcock (1958, Literae Humaniores) died on 1 January 2025, aged 87.

Mr Patrick Johnson Brown (1960, Mathematics) died 29 December 2023, aged 81.

Mr David Culver (1956, Modern History) died on 10 November 2024, aged 88.

Miss Jo Dering (1987, Mathematics) died on 17 January 2024, aged 54.

Lieutenant General Sir Christopher Drewry KCB, CBE (1966, Modern Languages), died on 4 November 2024 aged 77.

Professor Peter Elbow (1957, English) died on 6 February 2025, aged 89.

Mr Ramsay Fenton (1953, Jurisprudence) died on 20 March 2025, aged 92.

Mrs Sue Gauge (1985, Experimental Psychology) died on 10 May 2024, aged 57.

Mr Richard Glover (1973, Engineering Science) died on 5 September 2024, aged 69.

Mr John Gold (1957, Jurisprudence) died aged 86.

Miss Deborah Hamilton (1987, English Language and Literature) died aged 56.

Mr John Horn OBE (1952, Literae Humaniores) died on 15 May 2024, aged 90.

Mr Michael Horniman (1943, BA Modern History) died on 19 February 2024, aged 97.

Mr Graham Howell (1972, Jurisprudence) died on 9 February 2024, aged 71.

Mr William (Bill) Ingles (1958, Modern History) died on 17 April 2023, aged 86.

Mr Christopher James (1958, Philosophy, Politics and Economics) died January 2024, aged 87.

Mr David Japes (1952, Literae Humaniores) died on 23 January 2025, aged 91.

Dr John A Jeffreys (1945, Chemistry) died on 5 August 2024, aged 97.

Mr Malcolm Kaill (1968, Mathematics) died on 17 March 2025, aged 75.

Mr Marcus Lee (1959, Modern History) died on 8 January 2025, aged 84.

Professor Ian Maddieson (1961, English) died on 2 February 2025, aged 82.

Mr Stuart MacGregor (1954, Jurisprudence) died on 22 March 2024, aged 88.

Mr Richard Mackie (1951, Modern Languages) died on 14 March 2023, aged 92.

Mr Lachlan Patrick ('Pat') MacLachlan (1952, PPE) died on 20 March 2025, aged 97.

Sir Colin Maiden (1955, DPhil Engineering Science; Honorary Fellow) died 31 July 2024, aged 91.

Mr Peter Marsh (1949, Modern History) died on 17 January 2025, aged 94.

Mr Anthony McBride (1967, English) died on 27 September 2024, aged 76.

Mr Charles (Grant) McKee (1970, Jurisprudence) died on 7 April 2019, aged 67.

Dr Harold Merskey (1946, Medicine) died on 15 May 2024, aged 95.

Mr Peter Moffatt (1961, Modern History) died on 21 March 2024, aged 81.

Professor Fred Morrison (1961, Jurisprudence) died on 16 August 2024, aged 84.

The Reverend Canon Richard Orchard (1959, Modern History) died on 28 September 2024, aged 83.

Mr Derek Pierson (1964, Modern Languages) died on 30 July 2024, aged 78.

Mr John Powell (1954, Chemistry) died on 7 June 2024, aged 91.

Mr Alan Ribchester (1953, Jurisprudence) died January 2024, aged 91.

Mr Noel Robinson (1967, Mathematics) died on 9 January 2024, aged 75.

Mr Mark Smith (1977, Engineering) died on 5 April 2024, aged 65.

Mr Peter Spriddell (1948, Modern Languages) died on 21 September, aged 96.

Dr Christopher Storr (1959, Modern History) died on 15 October 2024, aged 74.

Mr Nigel Tonkin, (1961, Modern History) died aged 82.

Mr David Vaisey CBE (1956, Modern History; Emeritus Fellow) died on 8 January 2025, aged 89.

Mr Ken Waller (1957) died on 3 September 2024, aged 89.

Rev Brian Watchorn (1962, Theology) died on 27 August 2024, aged 85.

Mr Barry Welch (1973, Philosophy, Politics and Economics) died on 17 July 2022, aged 84.

Dr Brian Wilkey (1952, Medicine) died in 2024, aged 90.

Mr Paul Wilson (1955, BA English) died on 28 February 2024, aged 89.

Mr Jeffrey Young (1972, Jurisprudence) died on 4 June 2024, aged 70.

## *Honour Roll*

We are deeply grateful to the alumni, students, staff and friends of Exeter College who made a gift in the 2023/24 financial year. The list below includes members of the 1314 Society (marked with a star). We also want to thank our anonymous donors, including current students and their parents. The donations listed here were received in the College's last financial year, from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

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The late Alan Eddy

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### **1947**

Nicholas Thomas

### **1948**

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### **1949**

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The late John Gold

John Hawkins

Richard Johnson

Robin King

Brian Knight

Arthur Morris

Darryl Myers

David Rimmer

Neil Roberts

Tony Robinson

Ian Stoyle

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### **1958**

David Best

David Chadwick

Edward Clark

Dick Hyde

Nigel Jenney

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### **1959**

Malcolm Bannister

Ivor Davies

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Christopher Green

Peter Hobbs\*

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John Parsons

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### **1960**

Tony Bevir

Alan Broomhead

The late Patrick Brown

Dick Celeste

Tony Cole\*

Ian Higgins

Andrew Maclehose  
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Jeffrey Newman  
Angus Ross  
Joe Sharp  
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### 1961

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Rowland Eustace  
David Gibson-Moore\*  
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Robert Hughes  
The late Peter Moffatt  
The late Fred Morrison  
Michael Nassim  
Adrian Neil  
David Peretz  
John Perry  
Stephen Pix\*  
Guy Rowston  
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### 1962

John Armstrong\*  
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Richard Hallin  
David Hicks  
Anthony Leach  
Keith Norman  
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Mike Runnalls  
John Smith  
Anthony Targett  
Terry Veeman  
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### 1963

Keith Anderson  
Bill Branson  
Ivor Crewe  
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Richard Easterbrook  
John Frood  
Gideon Hudson  
Roger Lowe  
David Nash  
Bob Smythe  
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### 1964

Tony Addison\*  
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Ian McGowan  
Paul Mildred  
Alexander More  
Kenneth Parker  
Bruce Patrick  
Terry Powley  
Mike Preston  
Richard Rathbone  
John Snell  
Roger Surcombe  
Dick Taylor  
Peter Thorley  
Brian Ward  
Richard Ward

### 1965

Richard Fountaine  
David Hadden  
Richard Hermon  
Alan Hing

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James Holman  
Barry Hooks  
Mike Hoskins  
David Hughes  
Colin Joseph  
Caradoc King  
Stephen Marfleet  
John Schwarzmantel  
David Short  
Chris Skidmore  
Hugh Thomson  
Tony Thomson  
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### 1966

Huw Alban Davies  
Keith Atkey  
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Hugh Beale  
John Carvel  
Jem Coady  
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Hartley Heard  
Roger Kubarych\*  
Michael Lanning  
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Roderick Matheson  
Christopher Noke  
David Pow  
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### 1967

Tim Brown  
Henry Brown  
David Campbell  
Graham Curtis  
George Doucas  
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Alan Green

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 Michael Krantz  
 Richard Landon  
 Mike Langley\*  
 Rob Newman  
 David Norgrove  
 Charles Oram  
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 Gordon Read  
 Michael Schultz  
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## 1968

Mark Allen  
 Clive Carpenter  
 Richard Corran  
 Alan Davis\*  
 Mike Ferris  
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 Andrew Harvey  
 Malcolm Hitchings  
 Bo Jones  
 Graham Miller  
 William Pugh  
 Graham Sharp  
 Godfrey Stone  
 Andrew Taylor\*  
 Jonathan Trigg  
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 Steve Willmott

## 1969

Angus Alton  
 Andrew Chojnicki  
 Peter Cooke  
 Patric Dickinson  
 Mike Griffiths  
 Mark Janis  
 Michael Lee  
 Edward Meade-King  
 James Parsons  
 Michael Poultney  
 Tim Tonkin

## 1970

Chris Aggs  
 David Ceen

Alan Cogbill\*  
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 Richard Eastman  
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 Hugh Palmer  
 Keith Pearce  
 Tony Powell  
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## 1971

Shom Bhattacharya  
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 Terry Smith  
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## 1972

Roger Baker  
 Raymond Bell  
 Michael Bevington  
 Ole Black  
 Nick Byrne  
 Andrew Cohen  
 Mark Evens

David Feldman  
 Michael Frankl  
 Dave Greenwood  
 Paul Hewlett  
 Nigel Kay  
 Keith le Page  
 Vikram Nehru\*  
 Girish Patel  
 Ian Sanderson\*  
 Martin Smith  
 Peter Southerden  
 Graham Taylor  
 Mark Tilden  
 John Walsh  
 Anthony Willis

## 1973

Steve Bold  
 Stephen Dawson  
 William Flint Cahan  
 Jonathan Gibbons  
 Jim Hare  
 Richard Harrison  
 Michael Hosking  
 Bill Johnson  
 Yves-Marie Morissette  
 Simon Plant  
 Dave Seamark  
 Roger Stone  
 Ian Thrussell  
 Jim Titerle  
 Jerry Wales  
 Julian Wynter

## 1974

Dennis Choa  
 David Harris\*  
 Mark Hatcher  
 Frank Holman  
 Jeremy Holt  
 Richard Jarvest  
 Mark King  
 Paul O'Brien  
 Christopher Perrett  
 Andrew Popham\*  
 Simon Rallison  
 Steven Ratcliffe  
 Robert Reid

Nigel Roffe  
Howard Rosen\*  
David Seddon\*  
Barry Smith  
Ian Smith  
John Taylor\*  
Martin Whittaker  
John Woodward

## 1975

Michael Abrahams  
Andrew Baker  
Simon Bloomfield  
Tony Brampton  
Anthony Charnley  
Ian Christie  
Chris Donald  
Peter Foot  
Graham Fosh  
David Goldbloom  
Chris Headdon  
Jackson Hill  
Bill Lanyon  
Dave Lawley  
Paul Leyland  
Gerry McHugh  
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Henry Parker  
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## 1976

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Paul Kane  
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Andrew le Poidevin  
Adrian Long  
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Andrew Paton

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Richard Stubbs  
Philip Terzian  
John Turner  
Alfie Vibert

## 1977

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## 1978

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Nicholas Gandy  
John Gapper  
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Doron Weber  
Ewan West  
Derek Wheeler  
Peter Woodbridge

## 1979

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Alastair Ballantyne  
Richard Barton  
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Graeme Francis  
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Robin Howard  
Sally Lewis-Szekely  
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Richard Morris  
Andrew Peck  
Trevor Pethick  
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David Stewart  
John Yeatman  
Fiona Young

## 1980

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Janet Ellard  
Peter Flippant  
Andrew Goldsworthy  
Bob Haynes\*  
Andy Hobart  
Harry Marshall

Andy Milton  
Neil Monnery\*  
Kevin Pantling  
Wenna Thompson  
Graham van't Hoff\*

### 1981

Rachel Billinge  
Mark Dilworth  
Jerry Herbert  
Erika Jorgensen  
Stephen McCabe  
Robert Noel  
Philip Reed\*  
Neil Robjohns  
Jeremy Tyrer  
Rhodri Williams

### 1982

Paul Akroyd  
Chris Archer-Lock  
Simon Chadwick  
Martin Clemoes  
Susan Grocott  
Mark Helmericks\*  
Gareth Jones  
Adrian Knight  
John Launchbury\*  
Tessa McDonald\*  
Jonathan Miller\*  
Philip Rose  
Stephen Schaw Miller  
Alastair Smail  
Helen Taylor  
Humphrey Tomlinson  
Nicholas Worskett

### 1983

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Robin Blades  
Chris Clarke  
Will Cohu  
Cliff Collis  
Nicholas Davidson  
John Dermo

Sandie Fillingham  
Alison Kelly  
Barbara Lunnon  
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Iain McNeil  
Nick Myerson  
John Neale  
David Pope  
Dermot Russell\*  
Hugh Shilson-Thomas  
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David Webb\*

### 1984

Hussein Barma\*  
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Julie Burrows  
Victoria Cech  
Reeta Chakrabarti  
Rachel Falconer  
David Field  
Diane Flack  
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Jon Hellin  
Will Kenyon  
Giles Latcham  
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Ian Peel  
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Neil Punwani\*  
Katy Ryan  
Anthony Turnbull  
Chris Wilkinson  
Katy Young

### 1985

Christina Blacklaws  
Julea Butt  
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Michael Coyne  
David Evans  
Jonathan Finn  
Nicola Fothergill

The late Sue Gauge  
Timothy Greene  
Mike Hammer\*  
Catriona Hammer\*  
James Henderson  
Anthony Maton  
Adrian Monck  
James Percival  
George Peretz\*  
Tom Perkins  
Rebecca Priestley  
David Schwartz  
John Urquhart

### 1986

Chris Ball  
Nick Barnard  
Sarah Benioff  
Neil Blair\*  
Rachel Dulai  
Jonathan Gough\*  
Christopher Hancock  
Graham Harper  
David Harrison  
Katie Kent  
Paul Lincoln  
John Melin  
Adrian Powell  
Mary Rogers  
Adrian Sainsbury\*  
James Sanders  
Michael Schelble  
Nicholas Stretch  
Paul Warren  
Stuart Williams  
Amanda Williams  
Claire Williams  
Rhidian Williams\*

### 1987

Mark Anderson  
Ian Ashcroft  
Deborah Ball  
Richard Bennett  
Simon Bolitho  
Judith Brain  
Georgina Brittain



Adam Brunton  
 Rachel Farrow  
 Hugh Fraser\*  
 Jon Gisby  
 Cooper Jackson  
 Joyce Lee  
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 Jo Miller  
 Jean-Pierre Nicolle  
 Alistair Peel  
 Spencer Phua  
 Drew Sawyer  
 Stephen Todd  
 Giovanni Urga  
 John Watkins  
 Kirsten Westaway

## 1988

Jason Brown  
 Cédric Burford\*  
 Jackson Collins\*  
 Matthew Fitton  
 Nick George  
 Gwynne Jones  
 Elaine Lancaster  
 Lee Mickus  
 Mark Vanstone  
 Liz Wagner  
 Jonathan Wilkinson

## 1989

Clair Ashley  
 Conrad Benefield  
 Lucas Bouwhuis  
 Justin Brett  
 Al Campbell  
 Roy Cox  
 Jane Desnoyers  
 Richard Dudley\*  
 Anna Johnson\*  
 Pritam Kamat  
 Ed Kearns  
 Alasdair Kergon  
 Pat Kirkby  
 Nigel Leyland  
 Jo Morrison  
 Nigel Pocklington\*  
 Adam Solomon

Dani Solomon  
 Surya Subedi\*  
 Robert Tansey  
 Karim Wilkins  
 Paul Williams  
 Steve Winder

## 1990

Sajid Ajmeri  
 David Bieber  
 Katherine Brewer  
 Mike Cock  
 Christopher Coleridge  
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 Jennifer Norman  
 Richard O'Rorke  
 John Partridge  
 Lesley Pattinson  
 The late Rosemary Peacocke  
 David Peretz  
 Lorna Phillips  
 Stephen Pix  
 Tony Pollington  
 Andrew Popham  
 Ian Potts  
 Graham Powell

Richard Rathbone  
Andrew Reekes  
George Renn  
The late Colin Richards  
Toby Roberts  
Matthew Robinson  
Howard Rosen  
Angus Ross  
John Rowe  
Richard Rowley  
Michael Sargent  
Dave Seamark  
David Seddon  
Henry Selby  
Steve Siddall  
Alan Simcock  
John Simons  
The late John Sleeman  
John Smith  
Peter Smith  
John Snell  
The late Bill Snelson  
Richard Sparks  
Andrew Speirs  
The late Peter Spriddell  
Clare Spring  
Peter Stafford  
Tom Steele  
Ian Stoyale  
Peter Sturtz  
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Hugh Sweet  
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John Tinker  
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Richard Tolkien  
The late Nigel Tonkin  
Peter Truscott  
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Denis Vandervelde  
Frank Vibert  
Jerry Wales  
Andrew Walker  
David Walker  
Peter Walters  
Bill Watts  
Jeffery Wear  
David Webb  
Freddy West  
Bill Westwater  
The late Mike Whitear  
Simon Willbourn  
David Williams  
Robin Willis  
Alison Wilson  
Martin Woodgett  
Christopher Woodward  
Hugh Wybrew  
Louise Yates  
Jack Young



## *Visitors to College*

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](mailto:development@exeter.ox.ac.uk)), the Porters can be briefed to expect you. Please make yourself known in the Lodge on arrival. Please note that the College sometimes charges for entry to the College, but admission is free for alumni and their guests. Simply give your name and matriculation information to the Porters to be admitted free of charge. The Hall, Chapel, and Fellows' Garden are usually 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. Please remember that the College is a place of study and so noise should be kept to a minimum, particularly during exam periods.

## *Dining Rights*

The Rector and Fellows warmly invite you to take advantage of your High Table Dining Rights. Eligibility is from the first term after completion of undergraduate Finals or, for graduates, submission of the final assessment (examination or thesis). Alumni in good standing with the College can dine on High Table once a year at the College's expense (but paying for wine on any given Guest Night, as well as second dessert on Special Guest Nights) and also at two other times in different terms at their own expense. Alumni can bring two guests to High Table dinner at their own expense (please contact the Development Office should you want to bring more than two guests). Guest nights are typically on Wednesdays and Sundays during term time. Please contact the Development Office at [development@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:development@exeter.ox.ac.uk) or on 01865 279619 for further details or to sign in for dinner. We recommend early registration to avoid disappointment and ask that people sign up at least a week in advance. For urgent enquiries and changes to bookings at late notice please contact the Porters' Lodge on 01865 279600.

## *Other Alumni Benefits*

Alumni are entitled to an Oxford University Alumni Card. Your Alumni Card gives you access to a range of exclusive benefits and offers. If you are not in possession of an Alumni Card, please go to [www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/my-oxford-card](http://www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/my-oxford-card) and follow the instructions.

## *Upcoming Gaudies and Events*

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| 29 NOVEMBER 2025  | Campaign Launch – Join us for a spectacular event announcing the start of our new fundraising campaign |
| 11 JANUARY 2026   | 1965–1969 Gaudy                                                                                        |
| 27 JUNE 2026      | Pre-60s & 1960–1964 Gaudy lunch                                                                        |
| 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 1995–1999 Gaudy                                                                                        |

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## *From the Editor*

My thanks to everyone who helped produce this edition of the *Register*, particularly Rector Trainor, who has contributed significantly to this and every edition of the *Register* during his ten years at Exeter. I'm grateful for all the contributions received, from enlightening articles to carefully curated lists that provide an important College record.

If you would like to contribute an article or other content (including news of births, adoptions, marriages, civil partnerships, deaths, publications, honours, appointments or awards) do please get in touch: [comms@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:comms@exeter.ox.ac.uk) or write to Matthew Baldwin, Exeter College, Turl St, Oxford, OX1 3DP.

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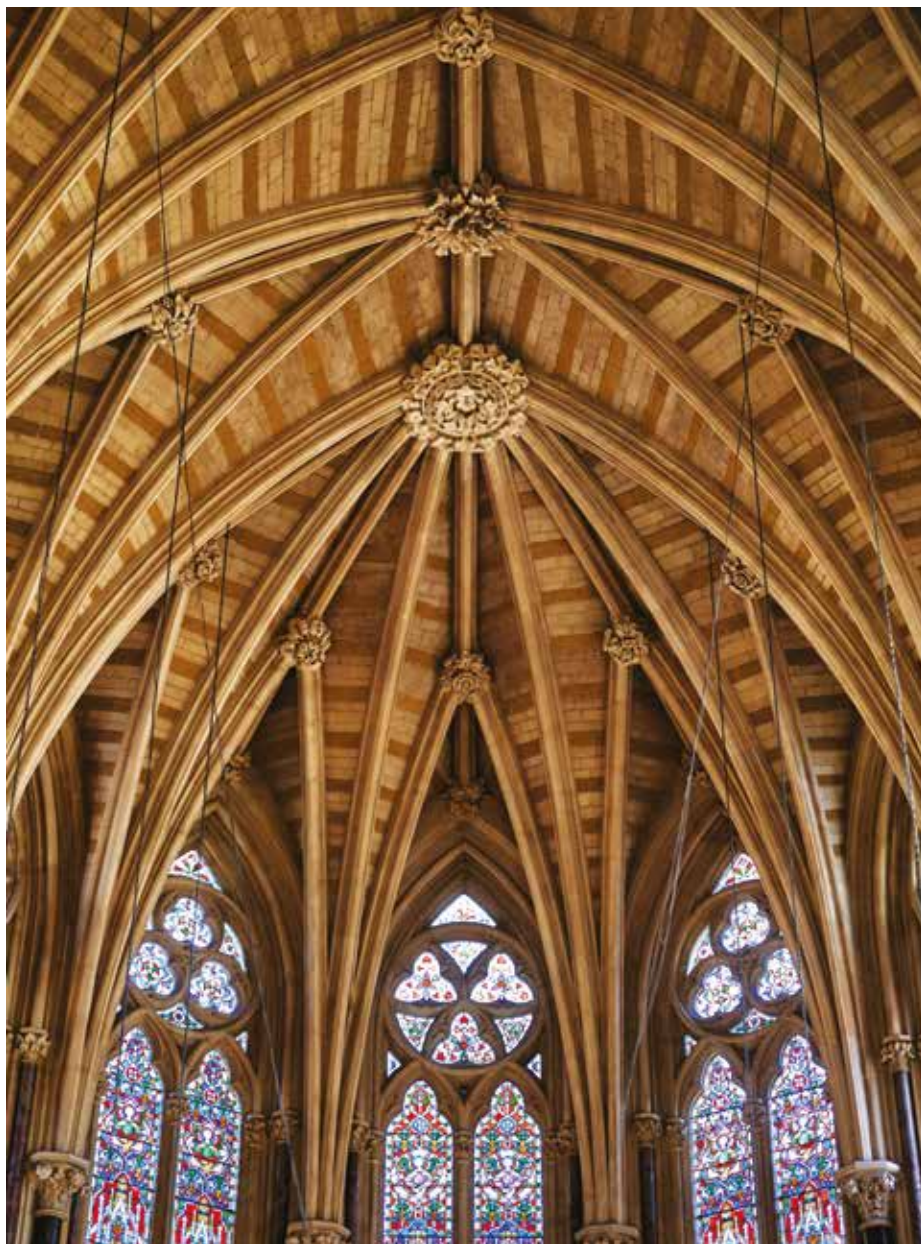
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## *Submissions to the Register*

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