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Editorial

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We are also grateful to the Committee of the JCR Art Fund for permission to reproduce images of two pieces from their collection on the covers of this edition.

The front cover shows *Crambe Vicarage by Night* by Patrick Heron (1920–1999). Heron was an English painter, born in Leeds, but eventually settled in St Ives. Nature, especially his immediate environment, was his chief inspiration, although the resulting works were abstract. *Crambe Vicarage by Night* was acquired for the collection in 1949. The back cover shows *Four Youths on a Wall* by Julian Bailey (born 1963). Bailey studied at the Ruskin School of Art from 1982–1985, then at the Royal Academy Schools until 1988. He is a member of New College, Oxford. *Four Youths on a Wall* was acquired by the collection in 2007.

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Master's Notes

The year has been one of good progress with the aims we have set ourselves, punctuated by some wonderful highlights and yet tinged by the sadness of the death in service of a member of the Governing Body

The untimely death of Professor David Mason, a serving member of the Governing Body as a Fellow by Special Election, was a real blow. David truly loved the College and gave it exceptional commitment. A full obituary appears elsewhere in this Record, together with comments from colleagues. I simply repeat here what I said at his Memorial Service: "David always thought Pembroke was distinctive in having a tender heart as well as keen minds. I believe he was right: that does indeed capture the essence of Pembroke. Having a tender heart and a keen mind also captures the essence of David."

As to particular highlights, we had much to celebrate on the academic side of the College. We learned the wonderful news that Dr Helen Small had won the 2008 Truman Capote Award, believed to be the largest prize in the world for literary criticism. Helen received this for her book *The Long Life*, which examines old age in literature and moral philosophy ranging from the writings of Plato through to recent philosophical work by Derek Parfit, Bernard Williams and others, and from Shakespeare's *King Lear* through to Balzac and Dickens and more recent writing by Philip Roth and J M Coetzee. This is a great feather in her cap and was one of two outstanding academic achievements in

the University during the past year singled out by the Vice-Chancellor in his recent Oration to Congregation. Our warmest congratulations go to Helen.

Other academic achievements of our Fellows are referred to elsewhere in this Record. We have a high calibre and extremely interesting group of Fellows.

Last year we reported the good news of having secured the permanent endowment of a new Fellowship in Chinese Studies; and we have now welcomed the first incumbent, Dr Hilde De Weerd. Hilde has already made a major impact in the University and in the College as a distinguished scholar of Chinese history and Tutorial Fellow for our substantial cohort of students reading Chinese.

We are delighted that the Nuffield Professorship of Anaesthetic Science, which is associated with Pembroke but had been vacant for a few years, has been filled by Professor Irene Tracey; and as a result she has become a Professorial Fellow of the College. Irene is an international leader in the use of Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging to determine which brain regions are responsible for the different aspects of pain perception and the selective modulation of these regions via pharmacological or behavioural means. She leads a large team in Oxford of clinical and non-clinical scientists, funded by the Medical Research Council and other bodies.

The Governing Body was also very pleased to elect as an Official Fellow and member of Governing Body our Chaplain,



Andrew Teal, who joined the College three years ago. In that time, we have come to realise how extremely fortunate we are. His sensitivity, firmness of purpose and kindness, combined with his lightness of touch and sense of humour, have made him genuinely accessible to people in the College community of all faiths and no faith. This is the essence of the role of a College Chaplain. Being widely admired, it was absolutely fitting that the Governing Body should decide that its membership and its deliberations would be enhanced by his becoming an Official Fellow.

The year saw the retirement as an Advisory Fellow of Dr Bill Dorey. We are one of the very few Colleges in Oxford that has Advisory Fellows, being individuals who hold no academic or administrative post within the College and bring to the deliberations of Governing Body their skills, expertise and experience from careers outside the College. Bill had completed nine years of service and provided invaluable input, not least based on his long experience in University administration as the Registrar of the University of Oxford. We are very grateful for his zealous commitment to this office.

Due to the expanding activities of the College, and particularly because of the exciting building project in the offing, we decided to recruit an additional Bursar to look after the 'home' side of affairs, with John Church concentrating on the new project and continuing to be responsible principally for the financial affairs of the College, the investment management of its

funds and strategic planning. So it was that we welcomed as the new Home Bursar and Official Fellow Dr Daren Bowyer, who left an active and successful career with the Royal Engineers to join us. He has already fitted in well and we are benefiting from the resource and talent which he adds.

A major highlight of the year was a visit to the College of our alumnus King Abdullah II of Jordan. We were able to celebrate his recent election as an Honorary Fellow of the College, on the day he received from the University the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law by Diploma. A reception was held on the lawn in Chapel Quad and was attended by over 150 people, many from the Middle East. Later, some of our students gave a wonderful concert in the Chapel; and there was a dinner in the evening in Broadgates Hall attended by some distinguished UK and Middle Eastern alumni.

During the year two other elections to Honorary Fellowships were made, both alumni. Mr Jon Aisbitt (already a Foundation Fellow) was formerly a partner at Goldman Sachs, now with several business interests, including the Chairmanship of the MAN Group, who has become a significant philanthropist supporting education, the welfare of children and music. The other new Honorary Fellow is Sir Ian Burnett, recently appointed a High Court Judge; and we congratulate him on that and on his knighthood.

Another distinguished alumnus to visit the College in the year was Radek Sikorski, now the Foreign Minister in the Polish Government. He dined in the Master's

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Lodgings when he had the opportunity to catch up with his former tutor, Dr Zbigniew Pelczynski.

One special achievement of our alumni I would pick out is the award to Nick Wergan of the Outstanding New Teacher Award from the Training and Development Agency for Schools. Nick came to Pembroke to do the PGCE in 2003 after 15 years working in the City as an international investment banker and earning a six figure salary. After the PGCE Nick moved to Sackville School in East Grinstead, West Sussex to teach English. The comments from his pupils referred to in the press release of his Award were wonderful to read.

Last year I made special mention of how music was increasingly at the heart of Pembroke activity. This has continued apace. Indeed, the performance in the College Chapel in March of Bach St John's Passion was a musical event the like of which neither I, nor many alumni across the year groups who were present, had ever experienced in Pembroke. It was directed by Joe Bolger, one of our music students, and both the Choir and the Chamber Orchestra consisted mostly of Pembrokeians with support from individual students of other colleges. It was an emotional experience for the alumni in the audience and me to experience something as ambitious as this being led by Pembrokeians and being performed in the Pembroke Chapel.

During the past year I have combined my responsibilities and activities at Pembroke with being the Chairman of the Conference of Colleges. This

role requires me to take the lead on the collaboration between colleges on relevant issues within the collegiate University. It also makes me the principal representative within the University of all the colleges, including ex officio membership of the University Council and virtually all its major committees. Whilst time-consuming, this gives me a fascinating insight into the operation of the collegiate University and hopefully also helps to 'fly the Pembroke flag' within Oxford. By coincidence, John Eekelaar is also currently carrying out the role of Chairman of the Senior Tutors of all the Colleges. So Pembroke is receiving considerable visibility within the conduct of the affairs of the University.

One enjoyable diversion during the year was accepting an invitation from our sister College in Cambridge, Queens, from its President to visit them. The Academic Director, the Bursar, a senior Tutorial Fellow and I travelled over for a meeting over dinner to swap notes about how each of us approached issues in our respective colleges. This was a very useful exercise, but also a most enjoyable one since we were warmly received and look forward to returning their hospitality.

A 'first' (at least a first for many years) was the running of a Telethon fundraising campaign. This involved selected students telephoning a range of alumni of the College seeking donations towards the Annual Fund. Thirteen students took part and over a fortnight of telephoning raised a total sum of £245,000 (including £55,000 very kindly provided by a small number of

alumni on a matching basis). We are very grateful to all those alumni who responded with donations and also to our students for the hard and successful work they put in. It is clear that both callers and those called had many an interesting discussion and reminiscence about life in the College. We will be holding another telethon during this year and it is likely to be a regular feature of our fundraising going forward.

Finally, I mentioned last year that we would continue to work hard to find solutions for our serious graduate and undergraduate accommodation shortfall. You will now know, from the publicity given to it at alumni events and in the *Pembrokian*, that we are on course in our planning to deliver the solution through a major project to create a fourth quad on land we have assembled in Brewer Street, hopefully to be joined to the main site by a bridge to Chapel Quad. The project is planned also to deliver a multi-purpose auditorium, an assembly room, more seminar rooms and a café. More detail will follow on this but it is very good to be able to report such encouraging news. If we can implement it, it will be truly transformational for the College.

Giles Henderson
Master

The visit of His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan

The Master and Fellows were delighted to welcome His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan to Pembroke on 4th June.

King Abdullah, an alumnus of the College, was visiting Oxford to receive an Honorary Degree of the Doctor of Civil Law from the Chancellor of the University. During this ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, the King made a speech which emphasised his desire for peace and stability in the Middle East region, and called on all those present, as well as the UK more widely, to show their support for this pursuit (see transcript below).

Upon awarding the degree, the Chancellor of the University, Lord Patten of Barnes, said: 'We're pleased to honour you today as we honoured your father in 1998. We're privileged that you are accepting the highest dignity that the University can extend. You are a revered and respected member of our academic community. Like your father you have argued and worked for peace. You have consistently offered your region and your neighbours a better way of living together. We want to show the esteem in which we hold your efforts as a peacemaker. We hope that your voice will be heard and your vision will be shared.'

A subsequent ceremony in the Master's Lodgings at Pembroke marked the election of the King to an Honorary Fellowship of the College. This momentous occasion was then celebrated with a reception in the Chapel Quad, at which the King was introduced to invited guests.

Remarks by His Majesty King
Abdullah II at Oxford University,
4 June 2008

In the Name of God, the Most merciful,
the Compassionate.

Mr. Chancellor, Distinguished Members
of the University.

My friends, It is a wonderful experience to join you today. For me, only one day at Oxford rivals this one, and that was the day in 1982 that I entered university, and joined this extraordinary community of fellowship and knowledge.

I am especially pleased to receive this honour from the hands of a champion of global dialogue, my friend Chris Patten. But may I say, I see this honour as one for all Jordanians. It is they who inspire me – their achievement and tenacity; their hard work, and their loyalty to our nation. The responsibility I bear as a Hashemite is dedicated to their future. So today, it is on behalf of all Jordanians, that I do most gratefully accept this honorary degree.

My friends, Since 1190 Oxford has been welcoming international students ... encouraging the most rigorous enquiry ... and inspiring innovative thinking. This University is the wellspring of a worldwide community of graduates ... men and women energized by its standards of excellence and social responsibility. Scholars and scientists here have revolutionized human understanding and advanced human welfare ... not for your country only, but for the world.



King Abdullah and the Master in the Chapel Quad

It is with a deep respect for these global contributions that I wish to speak today. I wish to speak about the urgent need to understand and act upon the threat facing the Middle East today. I wish to speak about the need to prevent global disaster by preventing regional disaster. I wish to speak about the opportunity to make my region a contributor to world stability, rather than a source of radiating crisis.

Today, for much of the developed world, wars are history. For the Middle East, they remain a constant. Our region is in the firing line of extremist ideologies that seek to divide and control. Their strategy is to promote confrontation, break down moderation, and sever cooperation with the West. This minority of extremists have driven conflicts that are now increasing at an unprecedented rate. New actors, new military doctrines, and advanced weapons capabilities are transforming the security landscape. Frustration over the Palestinian situation has fuelled radicalism. There has been no easing of the public perception that the global system has ignored the Arab and Muslim world.

I do not need to say that, for a region as strategic as the Middle East, these trends are a crisis – not only for us, but for you. Our regions are deeply intertwined – in trade, in the movement of peoples, in security, in ideas. And we have a critical shared interest in how the challenge is met ... whether we find the right answers ... and whether we find them in time.

Powerful models are at hand. Our globalizing world has brought opportunity

and progress, not just because of economic efficiencies, but because of its expanding partnerships. Here, and elsewhere, people are seeing that peaceful engagement, not hostility, is the way to a better future. It is a path that Europe itself has spearheaded, through historic reconciliations and a pioneering regional community. Today the European Community joins 27 countries and 500 million people ... with, by the way, at least six religions, with Islam as the second largest – all forming a diverse community, that cooperates, under the rule of law, for mutual benefit.

It is moderation, not extremism, that opens the way to that future – through co-existence, cooperation, and all the benefits they entail. I believe this path is essential for my region. But to achieve it, we must work together – boldly, effectively – to create the strategic space for peace and progress to grow.

The first step is – must be – peace at the core. Justice and statehood, finally, for the Palestinian people.

We meet here today, on a day – June 4th – that resonates in the ears of every Arab. June 4th, 1967, marks the last day a Palestinian lived free of occupation. The next day, June 5th, began 41 years of whiplashing violence, invasive settlements, a crippled economy, and harsh and multiplying restrictions on life. For Israel, it has been 41 years of incessant conflict. Sixty years after its founding, it is still not recognized by 57 countries representing one-third of the members of the United Nations, with a total population greater than Europe and

The visit of His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan (continued)

the United States combined.

While the conflict continues, people on both sides lose. It is time to help people win. For Palestinians, justice and a future, in an independent, sovereign, and viable state. For Israelis, recognition and security – a security that isolation, behind walls and military forces, can never bring.

The groundwork is in place, the opportunity is here. And Europe, especially the United Kingdom, can make a critical contribution ... as honest brokers in negotiations ... as sources of security support ... and as investors in the Palestinian economy. Your efforts will send a global message to young people, young Muslims especially, that the international community can and will deliver on its promise of justice and hope.

Nothing is more important for the youth of our region – 200 million young men and women – the largest and the fastest growing youth cohort in our history. They see, in a thousand different ways, all this century has to offer ... and they want to share in that promise. Yet most of our countries are still developing their way out of poverty. Even in this plugged-in generation, illiteracy remains unacceptably high, especially for women. Our youth face some of the world's worst unemployment rates.

We must respond. Over the next few years, there needs to be wide-scale, tangible solutions to the issues that affect people's lives: community development ... access to health care ... affordable energy ... secure water resources ... good schools ... gender equality ... and jobs, jobs, jobs – some 200

million more – for college graduates as well as school-leavers.

We in the region are determined to lead the way. We look to those who understand the stakes to join with us. In Jordan, we have pressed forward, in spite of the obstacles, making a major commitment to development and reform. Our people are participating more actively than ever in the larger world, rejecting the voices of extremism and hatred. Our country is the home of the Amman Message ... with its global message about Islam and its call for tolerance, mutual respect, and human equality.

My friends, Jordan has taken risks for a future of peace in our region and the world. I hope we can look to the members of this university for intellectual, moral and practical support.

Bonds between the Arab, Muslim, and British peoples go back hundreds of years. In the medieval Canterbury Tales, Chaucer tells us the mark of a learned English doctor: to be “well versed” in the work of Al Razi, Ibn Sina, and Ibn Rushd. Ibn Sina's The Canon of Medicine was a standard text for European medical students well into the 17th century.

Today, such academic cross-fertilization continues. I treasure this honorary degree as a symbol of the close relationship between Oxford and the Arab world. Academic exchanges and joint projects have brought our people together. Our students have been welcomed here. Alumni make a major contribution. Jordan's Oxonians are in key roles across society – banking,



King Abdullab signing the Honorary Fellows Register

telecommunications, humanitarian work, public service, and more.

Such interactions between East and West are vital today – and we need many more. Not just official delegations, but students, teachers, entrepreneurs, civic leaders, development innovators and others. If we refuse to accept the walls that others would create, imagine what we can achieve. What new thinkers will emerge? What new art and inventions? What new breakthroughs will enlighten our understanding?

Millions of people in the Middle East want to share in creating a century of progress and peace. Let us not allow false divisions to hold us back. Let us not accept polarization. Together, we can leave old conflicts, old inequalities, old ignorance, in the past. Together, we can confront the attack on reason and co-existence. Together, we can make a reality of our shared humanity – European, Asian, Arab; Muslim, Christian, Jew; East and West.

Thank you very much.

Master and Fellows 2007–2008

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WELCOMES:

Hilde de Weerd

Dr. Hilde De Weerd is Pembroke's new Fellow in Chinese, and, concurrently, Dr. Stanley Ho University Lecturer in Chinese History. At Pembroke and at Oxford's Institute for Chinese Studies she teaches imperial and modern Chinese history to undergraduate and graduate students. A native of Belgium, she holds a B.A./M.A. in Chinese Studies from the Catholic University of Leuven and a Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations (Chinese history) from Harvard University. Before coming to Oxford, she taught at the University of Tennessee, and held research fellowships at Academia Sinica in Taipei, Kyoto University, Harvard University, and Stanford University.

Her past and current research focuses on Chinese political culture, information technologies, and social networking. Her first book, *Competition over Content: Negotiating Standards for the Civil Service Examinations in Imperial China* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Asia Center, 2007. 508 pp.) offers a novel explanation for the questions of why and how civil examinations came to play a central role in Chinese society. Her second book-length research project proposes to reconstitute formal and informal networks of information sharing during the age of



the first development of print culture in world history, and gauges the impact of communication networks on the formation of a sense of empire among literate Chinese elites. She has recently published articles on publishing law, the first printed maps and atlases, the commercial publication of state documents, and the formation of an archival mentality in Chinese political discourse. Dr. De Weerd is also interested in the use of digital technologies for humanities research and teaching. She participates in international projects aimed at developing tools to perform statistical analyses on biographical data and to harvest and process data from Chinese (and other East Asian language) texts.

Irene Tracey

Professor Irene Tracey is based between the Departments of Anaesthetics and Clinical Neurology. She is Director of the Oxford Centre for Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Brain (FMRIB), recognised as a world class MR imaging laboratory that integrates research into key neurological and neuroscientific problems with cutting-edge developments in MR physics and data analysis.

Its core research strengths include the following areas of translational neuroscience: Pain, Plasticity in Disease, Cognition, in vivo Neuroanatomy, MR Physics, and Image Analysis. It houses over 90 scientists and clinicians and is based within a state-of-the-art facility at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Professor Tracey is also Nuffield Professor of Anaesthetic Science, and a Fellow of Medicine at Pembroke College. She runs a multidisciplinary research team of approximately 25 scientists and clinicians focusing on using fMRI (Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and electroencephalography to study pain processing within the human brain and spinal cord of chronic pain patients.



This has contributed significantly to a better understanding of pain perception and processing within the injured and non-injured human central nervous system. Professor Tracey's team is expert in understanding the neural basis for pain relief, induced either psychologically or pharmacologically, and have been one of the few groups pioneering the use of fMRI for drug discovery.

In 2007 Professor Tracey was an 'Oxfordshire Woman of the Year' selected by the Women of the Year Lunch and Assembly Committee. Professor Tracey is married to Dr. Myles Allen and they have three children.

Daren Bowyer

Daren Bowyer has joined the College Fellowship in the new position of Home Bursar. This will allow John Church to focus on financial issues and management of the New Build project, while Daren manages the other domestic operations of the College. He comes to Pembroke after a 26 year career in the Army which he left as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Commissioned into the Corps of Royal Engineers in 1981 he read Philosophy at the University of Bristol as an Army Undergraduate Cadet. After graduation he completed his training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the Royal School of Military Engineering before junior officer appointments in the UK and Germany. His first experience of operational service came as Second-in-Command of 1st Field Squadron RE supporting 7th Armoured Brigade ("The Desert Rats") in the (1991) Gulf War. Following this he spent 2 years in the MoD's Directorate of Military Operations as the desk officer responsible for implementation of Arms Control treaties.

After Part 1 (Technical and Management training) of the Army Command and Staff

Course at the Royal Military College of Science, he attended the RAF's Advanced Staff Course, during which time he gained a Master of Arts degree. He was then appointed Chief of Staff to the British Military Attaché in Washington DC. He returned to the UK in 1998 to assume command of 20 Field Squadron RE, deploying the Squadron to Macedonia in support of operations in Kosovo in December that year. Following Squadron command Daren was selected to read for an MPhil degree in International Relations at Cambridge. There followed a return to more practical soldiering with an appointment in Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) as the Staff Officer, Engineer Plans and Policy. Shortly after his arrival at ARRC he was selected for promotion and subsequently moved in July 2002 to take up the post on the Directing Staff of the Royal Military College of Science, responsible for teaching Combat Engineering and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear weapons technology. He was also course director of the College's largest Masters course.

Continuing what was by now becoming a trend of straddling a military/academic inter-face, he returned to Cambridge, in early 2005, as Commanding Officer of the University Officers Training Corps, a post he held for 2½ spectacularly enjoyable years. After command in Cambridge he decided it was time to get dirty boots again and volunteered for an operational tour in Afghanistan, where he subsequently spent 6 months as Chief of Future Operations in the US Headquarters responsible for developing and training the Afghan National Army and Police. It was towards the end of his time in Kabul, and contemplating return to a not-so-thrilling staff appointment in the Headquarters of the Army's Engineer-in-Chief that he chanced across the on-line advert for the position of Home Bursar at Pembroke! Twice completing the US Marine Corps Marathon whilst posted to Washington sparked a (slight) interest in long-distance running (he managed a rather slow Reading

½ the day before starting at Pembroke!) and whilst at Cambridge he became a keen rower. He is also an occasional off-shore sailor. Other hobbies include military history and theatre. For the last five years, however, all his spare time has been dedicated to a part-time PhD in military ethics, which he is relieved to say is now complete! Daren is married to Jill. They have two teenaged daughters and a son. All of them are delighted by Daren's change of career, to be living for the first time in their own home and at the prospect of staying in one place for longer than two years!

Andrew Teal



It came as a delightful honour and surprise to be elected to a Fellowship at Pembroke, especially at such an exciting time of development for the College. I will continue to try to model a completely hospitable style to the Chaplaincy, with all being welcome both in Chapel and to my time.

Although I do teach at Pembroke, and find that very fulfilling (it is a tremendous privilege to work with perhaps the most significant (and certainly one of the most well-respected) New Testament Scholars in our Tutorial Fellow, Professor Chris Tuckett), the Fellowship is connected with the role of Chaplain. When meeting prospective sixth-formers (at their schools and on open days), jaws often fall with awe that a name already well-known to them would be their teacher were they to come here. My scholarship, in contrast, is really very modest, my area of research is exploring how early Christian communities defined their faith and ordered their life, and how diversity gave way to emergent norms. I study Greek Patristics in particular, from the end of the New Testament to the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

As well as being part-time Chaplain at Pembroke, I teach at Ripon College Cuddesdon, an Anglican Theological

College at Oxford, and am currently the Secretary of the Bachelor of Theology/Certificate in Theology and Certificate for Theology Graduates Supervisory Committee for the Theology Faculty, an examiner, and the Faculty's Disability Officer.

In the wider world, I chair the Trustees and Management Committee of Oxford Carers' Centre, which coordinates support for those who care for members of their families at home: this includes a wide spectrum of ages, and, tragically, a very large number of children and young people who are the primary carers for parents or siblings.

Like most people to whom I speak about Pembroke College, the experience of friendliness, care and excellent leadership has made this the most fulfilling and enjoyable thing I have done in twenty years' of ordained ministry. The enthusiasm and gifts of students and staff is inspiring – I have written of the Chapel's life elsewhere, and it continues to be a source of great joy. I am deeply grateful to the Governing Body for this election.

Julian Schild

Julian Schild joined Morgan Grenfell after leaving Pembroke College in 1981. In 1983 he moved to Coopers & Lybrand, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1986.



He joined Huntleigh Technology PLC in 1987, being promoted to Group Finance Director later that year. Huntleigh Technology was one of the largest UK based quoted medical equipment manufacturers with a turnover in 2006 of £225m. It had subsidiaries in 20 countries and production facilities in four continents.

As Group Finance Director, Julian had full responsibility for all financial affairs, budgeting, banking relationships, insurance, pensions, tax, stock exchange reporting and investor relations. In 2003 he was appointed Chairman and headed

the Nominations Committee, as well as attending the Remuneration and Audit Committees. He was involved in the establishment of five overseas subsidiaries as well as all mergers and acquisitions work and was also a Pension Trustee.

Following the sale of Huntleigh in 2007, he has returned to small company life!

Julian is an active supporter of many charitable activities. He has been connected with St. John's Hospice in London since 1997 and continues to be involved in fundraising for both the Hospice and the Hospital. He was appointed to the Board of the Hospital in early 2008.

Since April 2007, he has chaired Asthma UK's Patrons Group, supporting basic and applied research.

Julian has taken up the position of Advisory Fellow on the Pembroke Governing Body. In this capacity he will bring his varied knowledge and experience to bear on key decisions being made in College. In addition, Julian has taken on the Chairmanship of the Pembroke UK Volunteer Fundraising Board which has been set up to lead and advise the Campaign to raise funding for our important new building project.

NEW HONORARY FELLOWS

His Majesty King Abdullah II

His Majesty King Abdullah II matriculated at Pembroke in 1982, reading Arabic. He subsequently served in the British Army before taking command of the Jordanian Special Forces in 1993. Since his ascension to the throne of Jordan, in 1999, King Abdullah II has continued his father's commitment to creating a strong and positive moderating role for Jordan within the Arab region and the world, and has worked towards the establishment of a just and lasting comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. King Abdullah II is committed to building on the late King's legacy to further institutionalise democratic and political pluralism in Jordan. He has exerted extensive effort to ensuring

sustainable levels of economic growth and social development aimed at improving the standard of living of all Jordanians. He is also working toward modernising Jordan's information technology and educational systems. The Governing Body of Pembroke elected His Majesty to an Honorary Fellowship of the College in recognition of his distinguished position and considerable achievements.

See separate article describing His Majesty's recent visit to Pembroke and Oxford, including a transcript of his speech.

Jonathan Aisbitt

Jonathan Aisbitt, formerly Foundation Fellow, read English Language and Literature at Pembroke, matriculating in 1975. In addition to his valued contribution to Pembroke in terms of both management advice contributed to the Governing Body and substantial funding, he has achieved high distinction in his life and career. Mr Aisbitt was a partner at Goldman Sachs, undoubtedly about as distinguished an attainment as is possible in the field of international investment banking. With his exceptional global experience and reputation for integrity, he has recently become Non-Executive Chairman of the MAN Group, the largest hedge fund in the world. Mr Aisbitt's established reputation for adherence to high standards in the City is also attested to by his one-time regulatory role as a member of the Primary Markets Committee of the London Stock Exchange. Mr Aisbitt is a significant philanthropist with a strong interest in education and the welfare of children. He has been a member of the NSPCC Board of Trustees and is also a leading light in New Philanthropy Capital, a charity which specializes in providing professional advice to philanthropists. His personal generosity has also been directed towards Glyndebourne, as well as other musical organizations and charities. He was elected to an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his many-sided and considerable achievements.

Sir Ian Burnett

Ian Burnett matriculated at Pembroke in 1976 and studied Law. He was called to the Bar in 1980 and subsequently took silk in 1998, with an appointment as Recorder following in 2000. Sir Ian has become well known for his involvement in health and safety cases and with coroners and inquests, playing key roles in several high profile public enquiries in the past few years. His reputation is clearly one of a well respected advocate: "Many instructing solicitors see Ian Burnett QC as 'the most polished and practical silk' in a range of public and administrative law disputes, including the more esoteric domains of immigration and health and safety, in which area public sector clients dub him 'the leading authority in the country on coroners.' Rail safety-related litigation has figured highly in his recent caseload, which also encompasses public inquiries and advising government bodies on challenges to anti-terrorism legislation." (Chambers and Partners: 2007) It was announced on 8th May 2008 that Ian Burnett was approved by HM The Queen to be appointed a Justice of the High Court, assigned by the Lord Chief Justice to the Queen's Bench Division. Mr Justice Burnett was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of Pembroke College in recognition of this eminent appointment.

NEW FOUNDATION FELLOWS

Stanley Ho

Dr Stanley Ho is the Group Executive Chairman of the Hong Kong listed Shun Tak Holdings Ltd, which has interests in shipping, property, hotels and investments. A philanthropist, Dr Ho is an ardent supporter of education. He is the Honorary Lifetime Chairman of the Hong Kong University Foundation for Educational Development and Research, as well as a member of the Court of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. His other non-profit involvements have included serving as a Vice-Patron of the Community Chest

of Hong Kong, and as a Patron of The Society of the Academy for Performing Arts. In addition, he has a number of philanthropic involvements in Macau. With his international profile, Dr Ho has received a number of decorations and honours from governments around the world, including the OBE from the UK. His recent benefaction to Oxford endowed the Dr Stanley Ho Lecturership in Chinese History, associated with a Tutorial Fellowship at Pembroke. In response, the Governing Body expressed gratitude by electing Dr Ho to a Foundation Fellowship.

Christopher Rokos

Christopher Rokos gained a First in Mathematics at Pembroke, matriculating in 1989, and since rose rapidly in the financial services industry to become a founding partner in Brevan Howard Asset Management LLP, a privately owned investment manager. The firm manages hedge funds for its clients and invests in the public equity, debt, foreign exchange, commodities, and derivative markets of emerging economies. Mr Rokos recently gave the founding gift to our fundraising campaign for the College's new quad expansion plans, as well as agreeing to advise the campaign by joining its Volunteer Board. The Governing Body elected him to a Foundation Fellowship in recognition of his generosity and support for College activities.

FAREWELL

Bill Dorey

I have known Bill for almost 60 years and was delighted to be asked to write this appreciation.

We came up together in 1949 and more recently have served together on the Governing Body as the first Advisory Fellows. We both read Modern History under the watchful eye of R B McCallum (not yet Master) who quickly



realised Bill's academic potential. He missed a first but was so highly regarded by the College that he was awarded a Senior Scholarship and went on to complete his D.Phil.

Bill made a considerable contribution to Pembroke life. His main non-academic interest was rowing and he was stroke of the successful 1951 Eight which won promotion to the First Division; he was also stroke of the 1951 Isis crew. He was elected Captain of Boats but resigned in order to concentrate on his work in his final year.

Bill was born in Guernsey in 1930 and although he was christened Alan he had been called Bill from the very beginning. Evacuated with most of the family just before the German invasion in July 1940, the majority of the war years were spent in Perthshire. Returning home in 1945 he went to Elizabeth College before coming up to Oxford with a scholarship.

While working on his D.Phil Bill joined the University's clerical administration service in a role that was junior to that of his new wife Colinette who had the distinction of being the first female Assistant Registrar. With the arrival of two children Colinette left the Registry and for the past 20 years has played a leading role in the Oxfam Bookshop in St Giles.

Bill's ability was soon recognised and he did not remain very long in junior positions. He was appointed Registrar of the University in 1979, a position he held for nearly 20 years. You have only to read the speech by the Public Orator (Oxford Gazette 1998) when Bill received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law to realise what a contribution he made to the University and the Chancellor, Lord Jenkins in admitting him to his Honorary Degree said 'You have earned many individual debts of gratitude as well as the collective esteem of Oxford. Your wise advice has constantly sustained the University.'

It was these qualities that Bill brought to the Governing Body on which he served for nine years before retiring in June 2007. Having always mastered the paperwork before the meetings, none of which he ever missed, he was well placed

to contribute to the discussions. In this his intimate knowledge of the University and its workings has been of great value to the College. He strongly supported the development of a longer term Strategic Plan for the College, and in particular was a persistent advocate of the policy, which has been embedded in the plan, of progressively securing some reduction of undergraduate numbers. I have no doubt that Bill enjoyed his time as an Advisory Fellow. As he wrote to me in a recent letter saying he was 'grateful for the privilege of involvement in the affairs of this happy College in a decade in which it has made such outstanding progress in terms of its administrative and governing processes, its financial stability and its academic achievement'.

All his life Bill has been involved with sailing as befits a Guernseyman. Whether engaged in a family boat-building project or sailing the resultant vessel it has been a passion for him. Living close to Oxford has not made ocean sailing easy but Bill has persevered and it has brought him great pleasure.

On behalf of the whole Pembroke family we send to Colinette and Bill our very best wishes for the future. They continue to live in their delightful farmhouse at Netherton. This will be of great benefit to the College as it will be able to continue easily to draw on his great knowledge and advice. One thing is certain we can always count on him.

Robert Clarke (1949)

Janet Smart

(formally Efstathiou)

Although Janet has now departed from Pembroke, her friends and colleagues are indeed fortunate that she has not left Oxford but has simply moved to the prestigious post of Academic Director at the new BT centre in the Said Business School. This was an obvious move as her work in Oxford has, in recent years, been concentrated at the interface of engineering



and efficient business management in the engineering industry. The change of post also comes at a time when such a move was necessary, personally, to effect an important life change after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005. Those of you who know Janet as well as I do, will not be surprised to hear that she dealt with her illness with terrific courage, and will be delighted to know that she is now fully recovered. Indeed, I suspect not many of her colleagues really knew what she had to go through during her treatment. Yet, typically of Janet's fortitude and determination, she ran a marathon in the same week before she underwent surgery.

Born in Northern Ireland, the eldest of six, she grew up on a small farm in County Down. Although her parents had received no secondary education, all their six children graduated, and all achieved masters or professional qualifications. She attended school in Newry (later becoming Head girl), during the Northern Ireland Troubles. Her A-Levels were frequently disrupted by evacuations for bomb scares and school often had to be closed for IRA funerals with pupils having to be bussed home through mobs, whilst hiding below the windows of the bus.

Life in Oxford was a long way from the tribulations of NI politics. She worked in England and the Isle of Man as chambermaid, bingo checker and waitress during school holidays, so she could learn to understand the English accents, even if many people in Oxford had trouble understanding her own. Her NI accent has moderated over the years, as one would expect, but, believe it or not, she can still serve with spoon and fork one-handed!

Janet initially took a degree in Physics at Oxford and Lady Margaret Hall and later married a fellow physics student, George Efstathiou. She then moved to Durham and conducted research that led to her PhD in the Department of Computing, on multi-attribute decision-making, which was then followed by a year in Berkeley USA.

Following her husband back to Cambridge UK she had to take a very dull

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job (her words not mine!) as a computer programmer but learned a lot. She was involved in programming computers that analysed images, including taking measurements of the size and shape of specific objects on computer screens. Her task was to compute the “feret” diameters of objects, which are the angles that are obtained by placing callipers across the object being measured. As the only female in the programming team, she became known as the “feret godmother”.

She later moved to Queen Mary College as Research Assistant and then Lecturer in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department. Commuting by train from Cambridge grew to be intolerable and, following the birth of her first child (Zoe), she transferred from London to the Computer Laboratory in Cambridge, after a one-year sabbatical with a telecommunications consultancy. Her second child (Peter) was born during this time in Cambridge.

Later, she left again to follow her husband, this time back to Oxford and, after a short spell working for The Oxford Trust, was awarded an Advanced Fellowship in the Department of Engineering Science, at the University of Oxford. Sadly she separated from her husband in 1995. She was given her first College Fellowship at St Hugh's in 1996.

Janet has always been an energetic and diligent tutor to her students, with whom she has enjoyed an excellent work ethos. Indeed it was a group of her students who persuaded her to take up running in 2000, leading to the marathon in May 2005. Always “up for a challenge”, she has recently taken to learning modern languages, including Mandarin Chinese, having taken GCSE and AS in Italian a few years ago. Amusingly, she is one of the first Oxford dons to have an AS level!

The engineering teaching in College will miss Janet's enthusiastic and encouraging approach to the subject. We nevertheless wish her well in her post at the Said Business School, and a very healthy and happy future to come.

Paul W. Smith, Fellow in Engineering

Dr Helen Small, Fellow and Tutor in English at Pembroke, has been awarded this prestigious prize for her book *The Long Life*. Administered for the Truman Capote Estate by the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop, this is the largest cash prize for literary criticism in the English Language. The prize reflects Truman Capote's concern for the health of literary criticism in the English language. Established in memory of Newton Arvin, a critic much admired by Capote, it seeks to reward and encourage excellence. The award is made for a book of general literary criticism published during the past four years. The awarding panel this year comprised six eminent critics and writers—Michael Wood, James Wood, Garrett Stewart, Elaine Scarry, John



Dr Helen Small

Kerrigan and Terry Castle—each of whom nominated two books. Previous winners have included the Irish Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney, and Malcolm Bowie from Oxford University. Presentation of the award was made in September 2008 at the University of Iowa.

Dr Small, previously a specialist in Victorian Literature, was able to extend her research to cover such a wide topic when she was given a period of extended leave, from 2001 to 2004. This was enabled by a Major Research Fellowship funded by the Leverhulme Trust, to whom Dr Small wishes to express her gratitude. Without

this long period of absence from teaching and administration, she feels she could not have tackled a subject of such scale.

The *Long Life* was written largely in New York, where Dr Small was a Visiting Scholar for most of 2001-4, and was published by Oxford University Press in 2007. It examines old age in literature and moral philosophy, spanning Plato to recent philosophical works by Derek Parfit and Bernard Williams. The literary works considered range from Shakespeare, through Balzac, Dickens and Philip Larkin up to contemporaneous authors such as Philip Roth and JM Coetzee.

The first major consideration of old age in Western Philosophy and Literature since Simone de Beauvoir's *The Coming of Age*, *The Long Life* argues that to understand old age we have to consider fundamentally what it means to be a person, to have life, to have or to lead a 'good' life and to be part of a just society.

Plato suggested that old age was the best place from which to practise philosophy, while Thomas Mann defined old age as the best time to be a writer but were they correct in their assessments of the merits of old age? Aristotle defined a good life as the active pursuit of virtue—with largely negative consequences for old age, examined in the book through a comparative reading of Aristotle and Shakespeare's *King Lear*

Other chapters treat questions of distributive justice between the young and the old, what it means to make choices on behalf of our future selves, and how old age may affect our view of the necessity of dying. A final chapter looks at the potential impact of current evolutionary theories about why we age, or 'senesce', on whether we now have reasons to change some of the ways in which we have thought, in the past, about ageing.

The Long Life is described in its blurb as a ground breaking book, both deep and broad, which affects the way in which we think about the growing disproportion between the numbers of young and old in society. It is also eloquent and accessible—beautifully designed by OUP, with a

thought-provoking cover painting, *Youth and Old Age*, by Antonio Ciccone.

ANNUAL BOOK PRIZE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN STUDIES

Dr Guido Bonsaver, our Fellow in Italian, has been awarded the 2008 Annual Book Prize of the American Association of Italian Studies. His study, *Censorship and Literature in Fascist Italy* (Toronto University Press, 2007), looks at how the country's major publishing houses and individual authors responded to the new cultural directives imposed by the Fascists.

Thanks to previously unexamined archival documents, the book sheds light on important episodes in Italy's literary history. It reveals Mussolini's role as "prime censor", discusses the relationships between the regime and individual authors,



Dr Guido Bonsaver

and charts the development of Fascist censorship laws and practices, including the anti-Semitic crack-down of the late 1930s. Overall, the book provides a fascinating look at the vulnerability of culture under a dictatorship.

The award was created in 2000 by the AAIS, the North American subject association for Italian Studies, and it aims to award a most innovative book on Italian culture published in the previous year. The prize was announced at the AAIS Annual Conference on 20 May 2008, in Taormina, Sicily. Unfortunately, Dr Bonsaver was

not available to attend the prize giving ceremony.

Dr Bonsaver's research work concerns 20th century Italian cultural history. He is particularly interested in the relationship between political history and narrative (both literature and cinema).

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AWARDS

Two Pembroke Maths Fellows have each won University Teaching Awards which recognise the work of individuals in college and university teaching, the organisation of teaching, and the support of student learning. In particular, the Awards mark excellence above that which is normally expected, and evidence of professional development in the field of teaching. Contributions to innovative methods and approaches to teaching also forms part of the extensive criteria required for the Award.

Dr Anne Henke re-designed the first year linear algebra course and accompanying web resources. Dr Raphael Hauser has spent several years developing seven new courses for undergraduates and graduate students at the University Computing Laboratory. Both awards are based on criteria which include very positive feedback on course materials from students.

Later in the academic year it was announced that another two of our Fellows would be honoured by the University for distinction in their fields of work. Dr Tim Farrant, Fellow in Modern Languages, was awarded a Readership in Nineteenth Century French Literature, and Ken Mayhew, Fellow in Economics, was made Professor of Education and Economic Performance.

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In Spoken Japanese
Rogers, Miss J.L. (Oriental Studies, Japanese)
Atkinson, Miss R.E. (Modern Languages It)
Balfour, Miss C.R. (Modern Languages Fr/Sp)
Keech, Miss A. (Modern Languages Fr)
Smith, Miss L.A. (Modern Languages Fr/Ling)
Treharne, Miss D.C. (Modern Languages Fr/It)
Sullivan, H. (Modern History and Economics) – Top First
Harris, J. (History)
Clark, R.S. (Economics and Management) - John Hicks Foundation
Prize for Best Overall Performance in Macroeconomics
(Economics and Management FHS)

FIRST/DISTINCTIONS IN FIRST PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

- Johnson, D. (First BM, Part II – Year 2 Examinations)
Kaweekijmanee, K. (Chemistry)
Raza, Q. (Engineering Science)
Sorby, E.J. (Engineering Science)
Taylor, Miss T. (Oriental Studies, Chinese Year 1)

Peel, S.R. (Oriental Studies Japanese)
 Sieben, C-C. R (Oriental Studies, Arabic)
 Singer-Kingsmith, R. (Arabic with Islamic Studies/History) -
 Joseph Schacht Memorial Junior Prize 2008
 Upton, L. (PPE)
 Biddle, H.A. (Mathematics)
 Chu, Miss S. (Economics and Management)
 Hooton, W.D. (Economics and Management)
 Pritchard, Miss N.S. (Modern Languages Fr/It)
 Haine, A.A. (English Language and Literature)
 Kamalvand, Miss S. (English Language and Literature)
 Kinchin, Miss L. (English Language and Literature) – Gibbs Prize
 Noble, Miss H.R. (English Language and Literature)
 Payne, W.J. (English Language and Literature)
 Sants, H.A. (History)

DISTINCTIONS IN GRADUATE EXAMINATIONS

Roberts, A.W. (M.Phil. Russian and East European Studies)
 McGeoch, Miss G.J. (Second BM)
 Van Hyning, Miss V.A. (M.St. English)
 L. de Carvalho Paixao, (M.Sc. Neuroscience)
 Miss E. Schwarz (M.St. English Language and Literature 2006-7)

COLLEGE PRIZES

Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship Jointly:	Miss Z. Anderson & J. Anderson
Bannister Medical Scholarship	N. Archard
Blackett Memorial Prize	J. Mercer
Arthur Felix Broomfield (History)	Miss E Arnold
Cleobury Prize	Miss K. Laughlin
Christopher Pratt Prize	Miss C Balfour
El Pomar Prize	O. Baggaley
Farthing Prize for Constitutional Law	G. Inns
Hansell Travel Fund	Miss T. Beard & Miss G. Edwards
	Miss S. Gerstberger
	Miss N. Laforce
	Miss C. Pennington
	Ms R. Robertshaw
	Miss F. Jones
	A. Mort
	Miss K. Perry
	G. Absalom
Hedges Prize	Q. Raza
Horizon Prize	Miss R. Fright
Instrumental Award	C. Kelleher
Lovells Prize	S. Malhotra
Monk Prize for Criminal Law	Miss K. Perry
Patrick Higgins Travel Scholarship	Miss K. Parry
Pier Giorgio Frassati Scholarship	S. Peel
TEPCo Prize	

Technos Prize
Technos International Week
Participants

Paul Martins-BP Scholarship
Picot Prizes

Brian Wilson Scholarships

The Year of 1954 Fund (in memoriam
Peter Prescott)
Singing Scholarships

Miss S. Brierley

Miss L. Can
P. Holden
Miss R. Taylor
Miss N. Tophof
N. Milburn
J. Downie
Miss G. Edwards
D. Green
Miss L. Jayne
Miss R. Robertshaw
Miss A. Taylor
Miss L. Jayne
Miss A. Taylor
Miss K. Hayter

Miss J. Allen &
L. Lyndon-Jones

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Browning
Collingwood Prize
Senior Studentships

TEPCo Scholar
Graduate Scholars

J. Leimgruber
C. Armstrong & E. Bonfiglio
Arts: R. Nicolson
Science: B. Williams & C. Armstrong
Miss H. Fu
Miss E. Mok
Miss N. Rawlings
J. Unwin
Miss S. C. Yong

OTHER UNIVERSITY PRIZES

M.Sc. in Economics for Development
Luca D'Agliano Prize for best extended
essay:
Manches Family Law Prize:
For best performance in Family Law
in FHS 2008
Joseph Schacht Memorial Junior Prize:
For outstanding performance in
Islamic Religion, Law or History in FPE
Heath Harrison Travel Grants
Christina Drake Prize
Isaiah Berlin Bursary

Singh, A.

Schuller, C.P.

Singer-Kingsmith, R. (Oriental Studies,
Arabic)
Jones, Miss F. (Modern Languages)
Beard, Miss T. (Modern Languages)
Biasini, Miss R. (D. Phil Modern Languages)
Biasini, Miss R. (D. Phil Modern Languages)

SPORTS

** Denotes University Team Captain

* Denotes University Team Vice Captain

William Abi-Habib	College Colours (Rugby)
Adam Alagiah	College Colours (Tennis)
Zillah Anderson	Blue Netball*
Zillah Anderson	College Colours (Netball)
Zillah Anderson	College Colours (Rowing)
Oliver Baggaley	Half-Blue (Karate)
Oliver Baggaley	College Colours (Hockey)
Marc Baghdadi	Blue (Lawn Tennis)
Rebecca Bayliss	Blue (Judo)
Bobby Butcher	College Colours (Men's Cricket)
Bobby Butcher	College Colours (Men's Football)
Bobby Butcher	College Colours (Men's Rugby)
Jocelyn Corner	College Colours (Rowing)
Alastair Craggs	Half-blue (Karate)
Gareth Davies	Half-Blue (Water Polo)**
Luca Giancola	Half-Blue (Taekwon-do)
James Gillies	College Colours (Rowing)
Pippa Girling	College Colours (Rowing)
James Green	College Colours (Rowing)
Ashley Grossmann	College Colours (Hockey)
Ashley Grossmann	College Colours (Rugby)
Jake Harris	Half-Blue (Ice Hockey)
Piers Holden	College Colours (Rugby)
Will Hooton	Half-Blue (Athletics)
Tim Horrocks	College Colours (Men's Cricket)
Tim Horrocks	College Colours (Men's Football)
Tim Horrocks	College Colours (Men's Rugby)
Caroline Hoyle	College Colours (Netball)
Thomas Hughes	College Colours (Rugby)
Natalie Lister	Blue (Women's Lacrosse)
Ben Lundin	Blue (Men's Lacrosse)
Joe Mercer	Blue (Cross Country)
Joe Mercer	Half-Blue (Orienteering)
Ian Monk	College Colours (Rowing)
Henry Mostyn	Half-Blue (Eton Fives)
Jonathan Ross	College Colours (Rowing)
Rod Shephard	Half-Blue (Rackets)
Edward Sherrington	College Colours (Football)
Caroline Stevens	College Colours (Women's Rugby)
Nadya Thorman	College Colours (Rowing)
Georgina Weetch	Blue (Women's Netball)
Georgina Weetch	College Colours (Netball)
Jessica Wynter Bee	Blue (Women's Rugby)

MELANDRA CASTLE

TRUST PRIZE

During my second year as a DPhil candidate in Socio-Legal Studies, I spent time in Geneva and Washington, D.C. conducting research on the major international institutions and national agencies involved in the governance of global health. My objective was to understand how these entities have engaged themselves on the issue of access to medicines for developing countries through the use of their legal powers and social influence. As access to medicines is a problematic issue that intersects three major, and sometimes conflicting, sectors (i.e., health, trade, and development), coordinated action among institutions on the 'health-side' is necessary to achieving key goals, bringing a coherent policy agenda forward, and working effectively with other sectors.

In Geneva, I studied the involvement of the World Health Organization (WHO) by observing a series of intergovernmental meetings hosted by the WHO on the subjects of public health, innovation and intellectual property. While the WHO had been criticized in the past for its lack of leadership and engagement on non-technical subjects, these meetings signified a potential shift in the WHO's stance on the use of its power and influence as a UN specialized agency to promote global health. Furthermore, my examination of the WHO's interactions with other influential global institutions (such as the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization) determined that an effort to communicate and participate in each other's meetings generally occurs on an ad hoc basis; however, these interactions should be further coordinated and formalized.

Upon completing my research in Geneva, I proceeded on to Washington, D.C. for a study of the World Bank and the U.S. health, development and trade agencies. The World Bank, with its vast financial resources and development agenda, has held an important role in global health activities (e.g., global disease treatment programs and health care systems). Through interviews and meetings, I discovered that the Bank has been repositioning itself in the global health arena and increasingly engaged with other international organizations on health-related matters. For instance, I discovered that the Bank is a member of the Global Task Team (GTT) which was formed in 2005 to help improve AIDS coordination among multilateral and international donors. My study of the GTT revealed an intriguing, structured model for multi-organizational engagement in the currently chaotic universe of overlapping and inefficient global health activities. While in D.C., I also studied the prominent role that the U.S. has also played in global health-related matters and access to medicines, in particular. I found that some progress has been made during the last few years, but critical changes are necessary for U.S. programs, such as the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, to be aligned with multilateral efforts.

My fieldwork experience has been of great benefit to my research on the institutions involved in access to medicines. As this research centres around an evolving issue, my interviews and observations were of utmost importance to understanding the latest challenges to governance in the global health arena. I am very grateful to the Melandra Castle Trust for its support of my work.

Emily Mok (DPhil, Law)

College Societies

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Pembrokians are rightly very proud of their College. Dr Johnson's old stomping ground is a really special place to live and study, with a long history, peculiar traditions and – most importantly – a strong community spirit and identity. It has been a privilege to lead the student body this year as JCR President; it has enabled me to witness the fullest picture of Pembroke life and make a positive difference to the College community.

The year began, as ever, with hordes of freshers cramming North Quad in the heady days of October, took in three frolic-filled terms of arts, entz and sport – and the occasional bit of academia – and culminated in post-exam celebrations in Chapel Quad at the height of the June sunshine. The JCR, always central to Pembroke's student experience, sought to oversee an enjoyable and productive year in which its members felt engaged, safe and supported.

Striving to create an inclusive and representative JCR has been deeply imbued in everything we've done this year. From the first day of Michaelmas to the last day of Trinity we've sought to ensure that all students have felt involved and able to participate in the work of the JCR. We've extended this ethos beyond current to prospective students: the JCR now has a dedicated Access Officer – armed with a significant chunk of the JCR budget – to promote the broadening of access and admissions at Pembroke.

Welfare, too, has been a particular focus. Students voted to apportion a greater degree of JCR funding to welfare provision; this has allowed, amongst other

things, Pembroke to train more than twelve students as peer supporters equipped to offer non-judgemental listening to their fellow students. We have also sought, as part of this, to develop our approach to supporting LGBT students and tackling discrimination.

A key aspect of the JCR's work, also, has been advocating the views and interests of Pembrokians on a variety of college and university forums. From successful lobbying on college rents to contributing to discussions around Pembroke's 'Fourth Quad' plans, the JCR has forcefully conveyed the views of its members to College and the wider University.

Turning to entz, this year's intake – the rich tapestry of which was complimented, as ever, by a lively cohort of American visiting students on the Junior Year Abroad (JYA) Programme – was introduced to Oxford's sights and sounds with a fantastic and varied Freshers' Week programme. They've since enjoyed numerous bops, dinners and socials, from the annual 'Name Bop' in Michaelmas to an evening of Jazz 'n' Cocktails in Trinity. Moreover, Pembroke's sporting prowess has been maintained with numerous successes in College football, netball and rugby.

Similarly, it has been a successful year for College drama. From our Cuppers entry in October – a marvellous portrayal of a Pinter classic – to the ever-popular Christmas panto to numerous Master's recitals, students have been treated to an extraordinary array of creativity. This year's Arts' Week, involving a night of comedy, an afternoon of a cappella and three days

of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was arguably one of Pembroke's best-ever.

The JCR Art Fund has continued to provide hardship support and travel grants, enabling students to further their horizons, and the Emery Gallery is looking superb. The Art Fund serves to enhance both the academic and social aspects of College life and, indeed, this year's freshers have taken up the opportunity to display some of its paintings in their College rooms. The annual student art competition was of an immensely high standard and included a number of submissions from students

pursuing non-art related degrees.

I am pleased to be able to report on a successful and fruitful year for the JCR. Nothing we have achieved, of course, would have been possible without the tireless labours of my Committee, every member of which has turned in a stellar performance. Exhausting yet energising, demanding yet rewarding, the opportunity to lead Pembroke's JCR has been an immense privilege for all of us, and one on which we will look back with pride.

Chris Bennetts, JCR President 2007/2008

THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

The MCR had another great year in 2007-2008. The committee welcomed Pembroke's new freshers with a series of events including a champagne reception, a 'gown to town' dinner, and a trek across Port Meadow to the Trout pub. The newcomers quickly felt at home in our two cozy rooms on old quad, taking advantage of the free tea and coffee, the famous MCR bar, and the great company always to be found in the wood room.

Later in Michaelmas term, a record number of MCR members took advantage of Master Henderson's close relationship with the MCR by filling a minibus and several cars to embark on a ramble in the Cotswolds. We were blessed by wonderful, sunny weather in which to escape the stress of our courses, which had already begun to weigh us down.

The sporting life of the Pembroke MCR was a mixed bag this year. On a high note, our football team, the Smurfs, celebrated their first win in recent history. The Pembroke Punishers cricket team's reputation preceded it, and with all the other MCRs in Oxford too afraid to meet us on the field, we were unfortunately unable to enjoy this quintessential English pursuit. Perhaps Ben Lundin, one of our two Social Secretaries for the coming academic year, will bring his expertise from the college cricket team to our graduate community.

MCR members once again contributed greatly to the Pembroke College Boat Club, with no less than half of the mens' first summer eights boat coming from the MCR. Unfortunately, in spite of the great efforts of Justin Stangel, Ian Monk, Tommy Wood, and James Gillies, our men couldn't quite hold on to their position at second on the river. Justin Stangel did, however, help the Oxford reserve boat row to victory against Cambridge this spring.

The musical talents of the MCR were highlighted on various occasions, including the termly Master's recitals, as well a recital by our talented pianist Emilio Bonfiglio who was joined by the German organist Christoph Ostendorf. Emilio, in his function as committee Secretary, also brought a musical note to our termly banquets with the addition of a bugler, a string quartet, and a four-voice choir to sing the pre-dinner grace. These banquets were once again the highlight of each term.

Pembroke's MCR not only excelled socially this year. Many of our members have been published in journals and invited to conferences across the world. Indeed, my fellow President Chris Armstrong's pigeons were featured on BBC's *the One Show*, a Channel 5 documentary, and on BBC Radio. Watch out for this talented Pembrokian- I think we may have the future Richard Attenborough in our midst!

We were additionally proud to host the Cambridge biologist and Fellow of the Royal Society Robert Hinde, in this year's MCR-SCR Seminar where he discussed his work on morality from an evolutionist's perspective.

The final highlight of the year was a trip to Cambridge to visit our sister college Queen's. It was a wonderful way to take our minds off impending deadlines and exams. Trinity term finished off quietly with many successful exams and theses (as well as punting and croquet). As our friends and colleagues leave Oxford to take on the world, we hope that they will fondly remember their time at Pembroke and keep in touch with all the friends they made here. As I return to America this summer, I will look forward to hearing all the exciting news from Pembroke in the coming year under the guidance of our new President, Ed Glucksman.

*Chris Armstrong and Sabrina Badger,
MCR Presidents*

MUSIC AND DRAMA



Master's recital in the Lodgings

Music and drama has gone from strength to strength at Pembroke this year. With the JCR role of Music and Drama representative being filled for the first time by two people, there has been more scope to develop the already very promising talent in college. The year began with the Chapel Choir tour to Tallinn, where the choir sang at a number of churches throughout the city under the direction of the organ scholars. The choir then returned to Oxford to sing at the prestigious Chancellor's Court in Convocation House at the Bodleian Library. It was the first time that a non-

choral foundation college performed at the event, a great honour for Pembroke.

Michaelmas term started with a brilliant entry for Drama Cuppers as fresher Roland Singer-Kingsmith took on the challenge of Pinter's *The Hothouse*. The Pembroke pantomime was, as ever, a great success, as a troop of Pembroke players performed a slightly alternative, and very topical,



Kiss me, Kate

adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* directed by 2nd year Chloe Reid. Michaelmas term also saw the fantastic performance of Langlais' *Messe Solenne* by the Pembroke Chamber Singers. Furthermore, a non-auditioning choir was launched by the new Music and Drama reps, conducted by Olivia Patton, providing an informal setting in which singers of all abilities could take part. This culminated in their performance at the Christmas Concert at the GAB, along with the first performance of the newly formed Pembroke Chamber Players, conducted by Joe Bolger.

In Hilary term the Players joined forces with the Pembroke Chamber Singers, again under the direction of Joe Bolger, to perform Bach's *St John's Passion* in the chapel.

Arts week in Trinity term provided the main opportunity for Pembrokiens to show off their dramatic side with two very successful performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Chris Thursten, which took place in a marquee on the quad at dusk. Following the new tradition of Pembroke musicals, the PCMS Productions' rendition of Cole Porter's masterpiece *Kiss me, Kate* ended the week on a high as the hall was transformed into a theatre. The production boasted an enormous number of Pembrokiens taking lead roles and forming a considerable part of the chorus, orchestra and back-stage team, under the

combined direction and choreography of Alexandra Harrison-Dees, Olivia Patton, Tom Sandeman and Natasha LaForce, all Pembrokiens themselves.

The Master's recital in 6th week of Trinity term concluded the year with a record number of performers and attendees taking part in this informal musical showcase in the Master's Lodge.

Alexandra Harrison-Dees and Olivia Patton, JCR Music and Drama reps

COLLEGE CHOIR

It has been both a busy and successful year for the choir with an overseas tour and an exciting Christmas season as highlights. After a good influx of new members and a solid core of returning singers, we were in good shape to tackle a wide range of interesting and challenging repertoire over the year, including Allegri's *Miserere Mei*



The Choir at the CCB ceremony

and Schubert's *Mass in G minor*.

In September the choir toured to Tallinn in Estonia and sang two concerts, one at a church and the other at the town hall. Music performed included *Zadok the Priest* by Handel and Mozart's *Mass in C major* which we also performed in a service at the town's Anglican Cathedral. The tour was the first ever by the choir and was enjoyed by all, and we hope to arrange another foreign tour in the not too distant future. On our return to Oxford we were lucky enough to sing at the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors (CCB) in Convocation House inside the Bodleian Library. This was a great experience and achievement for the choir as we are the first ever mixed choir to sing at such an occasion.

In addition to the weekly Sunday

services in Michaelmas term, members of the choir were involved in a very exciting performance of Langlais' *Messe Solennelle* for choir and double organ. The concert was by the chamber singers with myself at the organ and conducted by Joe Bolger. The Christmas season was also a great success with both the carol service and carol concert filling the chapel to the brim. The choir began the service by singing Gruber's *Silent Night* from outside the chapel doors which added another dimension to our service of nine lessons and carols. The choir also sang at the Christmas dinner which was great fun and helped create a festive atmosphere in the hall.

It is difficult for a choir which meets just once a week to tackle the more difficult pieces of the Anglican choral repertoire. That is why I was especially impressed by the energy and commitment of the singers this year. I must admit being slightly apprehensive when selecting such pieces as Britten's *Hymn to the Virgin*, and *When to the Temple Mary Went* by Eccard. The choir met the challenges set and the Britten was a big success with both the main choir, and the second smaller choir in the ante-chapel, singing with incredible musicality and concentration.

The graduation of Organ Scholar Edward Mitchard left a massive gap to fill as he has been an incredible influence on the growth and success of the choir, and being the only organ scholar for a whole year was a daunting prospect when Michaelmas term arrived. However help was at hand in the form of our Choral Scholar Joe Bolger, who I am very grateful to for helping to conduct the choir throughout the year. Another huge help was Tristan Mitchard who kindly accompanied the choir on many an occasion and will be taking up residence as Organ Scholar at Somerville College in Oxford next year. The Chaplain Andrew Teal continues to lend an incredible amount of support to the choir, and other key players include the small yet committed band of choral bursary recipients, with a special thank you to soprano Helen Todd who will be leaving us in the summer.

Laurence Lyndon-Jones, Organ Scholar

College Sports

MEN'S BOAT CLUB



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The 2007 Season had been a season of immense frustration for Pembroke. The fastest Oxbridge crew at Bedford Head just a fortnight before Torpids had their designs on the Headship foiled by the weather. An Eight which had proved its speed at Wallingford Regatta failed to find the final change in pace to catch Magdalen and a Queen's/Pembroke composite careered into the bank at Henley Qualifiers.

The new season, however, started with fresh hope. A permanent coach in the form of GB lightweight Chris Bartley was secured for the year. The two returning oarsmen, the Pembroke stalwart James Gillies and President, Jonathan Ross, were joined by a number of highly experienced oarsmen from schools and Cambridge and training started in earnest. Initial results were highly promising; at the Four's Head in London the 1st IV were able to overtake the leading Magdalen IV, but a tired and illness-ridden crew were unable to replicate such dominance when they travelled to

Cambridge to compete in the Fairbairns Cup.

River conditions in January and early February resulted in a lot of land training and Torpids came without a true test of speed. The first hurdle was the stubborn New College, who had eluded Pembroke three times in 2006. In 2008 however the story was different, as the Pembroke power and experience told coming down Greenbanks and New capitulated. Thursday brought Pembroke agonisingly close to overbumping Oriel after Magdalen bumped out and set up the usual dual of Pembroke and Magdalen for the Headship on Saturday. The gap changed little during the early stages of the race, before Magdalen began to rapidly tire. However they had done enough early on and in the final stretch of the Isis were able to escape a Pembroke swipe and cling onto the Headship.

Meanwhile the 2nd and 3rd Torpids were enjoying one of the best Torpids for Pembroke, both crews achieving blades and their respective Headships with consummate ease, particularly the 3rd Torpid who never once navigated the Gut and bumped Oriel II in the process.

Trinity brought new crew members, Chris Morris and Justin Stangel back from the Blues Squad and Ian Monk, Pembroke's most experienced oarsman, fresh from his Marathon effort. The new crew decimated Magdalen and other colleges at Wallingford Regatta and found further speed in the run up to Eights. Unfortunately this speed was never tested out as Eights saw first disaster

and then farce descend.

Wednesday saw a rudder break a mere ten strokes into the race and Balliol were able to row clean past. Thursday saw Oriel place a GB oarsman who had never attended Oriel, or even Oxford, in their crew and bump a confused and unfocused Pembroke crew. Friday was a foregone conclusion. A Christ Church crew that had all rowed for the Blue Boat, Isis or the lightweight Blue Boat were an unstoppable force. Finally on Saturday Pembroke were able to row over past Boathouse Island, a considerable distance in front of the chasing colleges.

The Future

To have produced the quickest Pembroke crew since 2003 and now lie 5th on the river caps off yet another frustrating year for the flagship crew. However the prospects for next year are already very promising. All but one of the Eight are returning, and they are set to be joined by another schoolboy rower, a returning Visiting Student who rowed in the 2007 crew and some 'home grown' Pembroke talent. They are to be led by Tommy Wood, who already has two years of captaincy at Girton College, Cambridge under his belt and is eager to crack the whip to produce a crew capable of the four bump Headship.

Jonathan Ross, President

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB

In Michaelmas term, Pembroke women seemed to be facing an impossible task. With only one athlete, Pippa Girling, having completed a full twelve months worth of rowing, and Joss Corner coming up from a blades-winning W2 to captain the side, a huge amount of energy had to be put into a strong novice programme designed to fast-track Freshers up to division one standard in a term.

Frustratingly high river levels cancelled Christ Church Regatta. However, a diminished senior squad trained through tough river conditions to put a IV out for the Fairbairns Cup in Cambridge, gaining

an encouraging fifth place and beating several substantially more experienced crews.

With such an inexperienced but obviously talented crew the decision was made to race both Bedford Head and Isis Winter League E, providing an insight into the adrenaline, the emotion, and the pain of competition. A solid 3rd in the Novice category at Bedford, and an outstanding second place in the IWL underlined the potential of the Torpid crew.



W1

Sitting twelfth on the river, bumping up was the only option. It was decided that the brand new Stampfli should be used despite the crew's lack of experience with the equipment. Fortunately it was a risk that paid off and using their power to great effect, a front-loaded race plan saw the first Torpid demolish the one and a half lengths between boats within 25 strokes on the first three days. Unfortunately for those expecting action outside the boathouse, the Pembroke crew held their nerve on Saturday to execute a race plan with consistent ruthlessness. Evasive steering from Osler-Green prolonged the race, but only for a few strokes. With their concession came Pembroke elation, and blades!

Trinity term commenced with an intensive training camp for a squad of twelve girls in Norwich under the watchful eye of ex-GB coach Alan Wells. Wallingford Regatta produced some fantastic results in the Novice W8 category as W1 held the lead over 1800m before being pipped to the post by a considerably larger Osiris crew, but still comprehensively beating all the other crews in the event including Exeter College.

Summer Eights began promisingly with

four women's boats qualifying, making Pembroke one of the best represented boat clubs for yet another year. The Saturday also marked the naming of the new Stampfli, named after the late Pembroke oarswoman, Melanie Heath, in a ceremony at the boathouse attended by Mel's family, Friends of PCBC, the Master and both first Eight crews.

Although the women's first eight got off to a strong start, managing to get within a length of Christ Church and eventually rowing over comfortably on the first day, they were unable to hold their position for the remainder of Summer Eights. The plan for the Thursday saw Pembroke front-loading their race in an attempt to catch Christ Church at their weakest: within the first 750m. However despite making ground on them, the sheer strength of Christ Church pulled away and Osler-Green, having stacked their boat with returning oarswomen after their dismal performance at Torpids, chipped away, held off until the end of Boat-house Island before their bow ball eventually made contact.

Frustratingly, the crews simply got faster as Pembroke descended the division. W1 managed to hold off a quick Wadham crew on Friday until the end of Greenbanks but on Saturday, Balliol, certainly a powerful crew, ploughed down on Pembroke's small girls and despite pulling away from them as they entered the Gut, W1 were forced to concede before the exit.

In the lower boats, both W2 and W3 seemed to be victims of last year's successes, an unfortunate equipment failure leading to a forced concession from W2 to Christ Church II. Surrounded by First Eight crews, W2 unfortunately dropped a few places but remain only one bump away from the Second Eight Headship.

Two Pembroke oarswomen represented the University in some prestigious regattas including Women's Henley where they both raced in the first eights: Nadya Thorman for OUWLRC and Gbemi Coker for OUWBC, both have been invited to trial for the Blues in the autumn.

All in all a disappointing Eights and yet

an encouraging year. Pembroke spirit is still strong and this is what will bring us back next year, stronger and more determined than ever to put Pembroke back where it belongs at the top of its class. A new coach has been appointed to concentrate solely on the women and the new captain, Charlie Williams, is keen to continue the upward climb for Torpids and push Pembroke back into contention for Summer Eights Headship.

Joss Corner, Women's Captain

DARTS I

It has been a darts season of mixed fortunes, with the first team's demotion from the first division being brightly coloured by some very successful cuppers runs later in the year. In a hard fought Division One, Pembroke I were unlucky to go down, where Pembroke II achieved promotion from their division. It was also exciting to enter a Ladies team for the first time under Georgina Weetch's leadership, and congratulations go to them for winning the one match they were able to play. As mentioned Pembroke performed admirably across the board in darts cuppers. An outstanding effort in the Eights tournament saw Pembroke spurred on by a need to defend their title as champions. Through two nail biting beer legs, they fought on to the final, only to be beaten 7-5 by St Anne's in a close game. Congratulations also go to the cupper's fours team that reached the semi-final, and for his individual performance, quarter-finalist Tim Horrocks, who lost to the eventual winner. Pembroke darts has been strong for many years now, and remains so with a vibrant team and much potential for the years to come.

Alexander Puxley, Captain 1st Darts

DARTS II

What Roger Federer is to the world of tennis, what Tiger Woods is to the world of golf, what Cristiano Ronaldo and John Terry's lovechild would be to the world of football - that is what PCDCII is to the world of Darts. Last year's mighty division 6 champions continued their assault on the Darts leagues of Oxford with their second promotion in as many years, placing them firmly in the frame for BBC Sports



2nd Darts team

Personality's Team of the Year.

The squad of El Capitan, Mr. Rubble, the ironically named Lashmonkey, Iberian, The Dog's Horrocks, JakeBakeCake, Shanghai, Wazzel, Lashley, Bantered, The Crutch and D-Rod all contributed to a season only soured by some poor sportsmanship on behalf of the league leaders who refused to play us, allowing them to steal the trophy away. A full disciplinary investigation has been launched.

The season's results reflected all the hard work spent training at Pembroke's home ground Len's, without which the glorious fusion of high energy protein drinks (beer), blood, sweat, tears and shouting could never have been realised. Rumours that the fame that comes hand in hand with success has led to The Crutch falling into a downward spiral of alcohol are unsubstantiated, but if anyone has any information regarding his whereabouts please contact us immediately.

PCDCII can look forward to next year in division 4 with immense excitement, and of course, huge pride.

Ed Sherrington, Captain

FOOTBALL I

After the disappointment of being relegated by goal difference on the last day of the season last year, even the most ardent of PCFC enthusiasts could not bring themselves to look at what the future held - life in division 2 and a football club rocked with bad luck, injury and frustration.



Football in action

The dawn of the new season though not only brought a handful of talented freshers, but a renewed sense of optimism as PCFC looked to get themselves going back to where they belong. The season began poorly, with a loss and two draws topped off with an early defeat in Cuppers against eventual semi-finalists LMH. The spirit seen in the last of these defeats however was encouraging, and over the next few weeks convincing wins acted as an early marker for what was to prove a decisive second term of football. Michaelmas term ended and Pembroke were sitting mid-table. After a crushing 4-4 draw with St. John's (in which we conceded 2 in the last 5 minutes), the harsh reality that PCFC needed nothing short of a miracle to realise promotion ambitions seemed evident to everyone.

It did not take long for Pembroke to respond. Hilary term came, and with it all the potential of a fantastic team was fulfilled. The experience of an assured defence began to show, as earlier season mix-ups were replaced with confident displays from Baines, Butcher, Hills, Sherrington, Gates and Pickford. The midfield was unrivalled in the division - and at times looked too good even for the division above, the attacking flair of Craggs, Taylor and resident Blue Sullivan

complemented the dogged tackling of Absalom and Oakes beautifully, allowing the blistering pace of Ekpo-Utip, the power of Horrocks and the precision finishing of Stovin and Centaur Clark to do what they do best - score goals. In the second half of the season Pembroke 1st XI recorded an impressive 8 wins, 1 draw and no losses, scoring a stunning 44 goals in the process and only conceding 8. Promotion form was rewarded with the ultimate prize - at the end of the season Pembroke topped the league and assured themselves of Division 1 football next year.

Special mention must go to those who are leaving this year - ex-captain and player of the year Ali Craggs, the uni-duo of Rob Clark and Homer Sullivan, 5-year veteran who has literally put his body on the line a number of times for Pembroke Rob Gates, the rock at the back Mike Hills, and the ever-present last line of defence Geoff Baines. Their commitment and contribution to PCFC has been inspirational. We look forward to a strong season next year, with new skip Geoff Absalom taking the reins of a revitalised and exciting Pembroke 1st XI.

Edward Sherrington, Captain

FOOTBALL II

Following PCFC II's last season success, which resulted in promotion into the premier division for College Second teams and a successful run to the quarterfinals of Cuppers, along with the loss of a number of key players, we were expecting a tough season in the top flight. However, PCFC II managed to exceed all expectations by winning the league and being knocked out of Cuppers only to a very good Worcester side.

Despite the loss of a number of PCFC II legends of the previous year – Wassim Suliman, Leo Sloley, and Ali Nihat, to name but a few – the team started off brightly, with the quick integration of a number of talented Freshers into the side and the addition of some older players re-entering the world of football. Our first match

was against New College, a College with a reputation for spawning good footballing sides, and we expected a hard-fought encounter. Yet with the help of a recently graduated Matt Barrett willing to ease our transition into the trials and tribulations of First Division football, we fought hard and managed to grind out a 3-0 victory. A wonder goal from Barrett and goals from Lawrence Barclay and Tim Horrocks, our two strikers, saw us through.

The next match was far easier, with an 8-1 drumming of Keble, which would have been more had it not been for complacency creeping into the side after we found ourselves 6-0 up at half time. Special mention should go to Chris Stovin, who marked his debut performance with 5 goals. The side continued from strength to strength, as we dispatched teams who started similarly well, such as a 4-2 victory at Wadham and a 5-2 victory at St. Annes, who only scored after we were depleted to nine men due to injuries.

A memorable match occurred midway through the season in a hard fought derby, away to our across-the-road rivals Christ Church. Our successful start to the season had not gone unnoticed, resulting in a number of first team players being drafted into the Christ Church side, which made the match considerably harder than it would have been. The game was hotly contested and the breakthrough only came via a penalty, when Charlie Oakes, a skilful Fresher playing on the right wing, was maliciously brought down in the area. Up stepped the Captain, Oli Baggaley, to calmly slot the ball in the right corner to give Pembroke the 1-0 lead. Not long after, another bit of magic from Oakes on the right wing put Pembroke 2-0 up, and we were cruising. Our complacency was punished however when a spirited Christ Church side managed to score two goals in quick succession to equalise and bring the game to 2-2. With the momentum in Christ Church's favour, Pembroke needed some inspiration to salvage the result they deserved. Following a couple of tactical substitutions, the team came together,

throwing every ounce of energy into the game, and our hard work paid off. Baggaley managed to finish off a brilliant team move with a volley just inside the area, to give Pembroke the lead once more, and he then squeezed another in with a few minutes to go to secure the win. The match was Pembroke's first real test of the season and the team came out of it even stronger.

Pembroke continued their attractive style of samba football while dominating all opposition they came up against. However, we encountered some unfortunate luck entering the crucial stages of the season. Chris Heaton, one of our talented Finalists occupying a vital role in the centre of defence, seriously injured his ankle in one of our league games, and our other Finalists increasingly were unavailable due to work commitments. Heaton's loss was particularly significant since we lacked a strength in depth in defence. Pembroke unfortunately recorded their first loss of the season against a strong St. Catherine's side and then lost the next game in Cuppers against a very strong Worcester side. It was a disappointing couple of results, ending the prospect of an unbeaten season, but Pembroke had the mettle to battle back and win the league in style. A draw against St. Hugh's prevented Pembroke from lifting the league title in the subsequent match, and Pembroke went into the match against Regent's Park knowing that a win was required to guarantee the deserved title of champions.

The Regent's Park game was make-or-break for PCFC II. Coming off the back of two losses and a draw, the team knew that victory would secure the title: anything less and we would have to rely on being able to play and win our remaining game of the season, an unsure prospect due to the flood warnings. Pembroke started the game easily enough, and took the lead quickly through a well-worked goal from Chris Stovin after combining with Lawrence Barclay. After the first half however the game lost its tempo, and Pembroke became complacent. With about 20 minutes to go, disaster struck after a comedy of errors,

involving the defence and the goalkeeper, resulted in a shot trickling into the back of the net. The goal should have shocked the team into action but, perhaps due to low morale from the recent results, heads went down and Regent's Park struck again five minutes later, to seemingly strike a nail into the coffin of Pembroke's title dreams. It was nothing less than we deserved for the poor performance that we had given up to that point. Yet the best was left to come. A rallying cry from Mike Hills and carried by the team resulted in a ray of hope for Pembroke. With less than two minutes of normal time we got a free kick just inside our own half. Baggaley took the freekick, lofting it high into the box hoping one of the Pembroke bodies would make something of it. Amidst the crowd of players, Hills leapt high and met the ball with a bullet header to beat the keeper and send the ball into the top right hand corner. Pembroke celebrated wildly but knew that the job was not yet done. Immediately after the restart, the heroes of PCFC II, with only adrenalin providing the required energy, piled the pressure onto Regents. Already into extra-time, Pembroke won the ball and drove upfield hoping for a final goal to provide the victory. With everyone forward, the ball was delivered into the box. It was headed towards goal and heart-wrenchingly cleared off the line, only to fall to the dominant figure of Hills on the edge of the box. Time stood still as the ball bounced once, sitting up perfectly. As all the surrounding players turned towards the ball, Hills unleashed. The ball flew into the top corner in what would be practically the last kick of the game, thus ensuring Pembroke victory and, with it, the title. Pembroke had done it. They had come back from the brink to clinch the title and become recognised as the best Reserve Team in Oxford.

The season was hugely successful, solely a result of the hard work and talent of the PCFC II squad. Congratulations to Top Goal-Scorer Chris Stovin, Top Assister Jon Harris, and Player of the Season Mike Hills. Special mention goes to all players who, in

all likelihood, have played their last game for Pembroke but gave their all throughout the season: Geoff Baines, who's cat-like agility kept many a clean-sheet; Mike Hills, who was rock-solid in defence; Chris Heaton, whose versatility and high ability was sorely missed after his injury; Joe Manning, a veteran left back who provided invaluable experience; Luca Giancola, the Italian maestro and baby-faced assassin; Will Heald, who filled a large hole in the centre of midfield that was often impossible for the opposition to penetrate; and Jon Harris, the ex-Captain, who after recapturing his yard of pace continually terrorised the opposition defence on the wing.

Finally I'd like to wish all the best to the team and new captain Leon Upton for next season.

Oliver Baggaley, 2nd Team Captain

HOCKEY

The 07/08 season saw Pembroke's league side merge with St. Edmund Hall, owing to the fact that both teams struggled for numbers the previous season. This proved tremendously successful, with the side going unbeaten in the first league of the year, being promoted to the top division, where we finished second to Worcester, yet again unbeaten, the only discrimination between the teams an unavoidable forfeit.

The massive success can be largely put down to the Pembroke contingent of the side, forming the spine of the team, with Oli Baggaley often getting us out of a tight spot in goal, Charlie Oakes and Mike Hills tightening the defence, Adam Tozzi and Ashley Grossmann in central midfield and Matt Frampton and Keith Cocks in attack. Omar Islam should be mentioned also for his contribution to the team, juggling university and college commitments, scoring a hat-trick of short corners in one game. Next year we shall continue the partnership, as, although the quality of the Pembroke players is unquestionable, unfortunately the quantity is! This does however result in some of the highest

quality college hockey around with the select of Teddy Hall helping us out.

Our optimistic cuppers run was unfortunately cut short at the quarter-final stage to Wadham. Having a few university players freed up for cuppers, Pembroke was looking very strong. However some poor scheduling by OUHC, meant that our quarter final fell on the same day as a university fixture, resulting in four of our top players being unavailable. Nevertheless, the Pembroke spirit still meant a strong showing for the rest of the hockey club, managing to field ten men, with a notable contribution from Rod Shephard, dusting off his stick skills after a long break from team sports. Despite being a man down, Pembroke dominated the proceedings, creating several chances and suffocating Wadham in defence. We were however unable to convert the pressure and the game somehow ended scoreless. Due to astro time limitations, extra time was not an option, so the game went straight into penalty flicks, which did not go our way; the Wadham keeper making a couple of fine saves. One cannot help but think of what might have been, had we fielded a full strength team, but PCHC definitely put in a strong showing, and the tenacity and vigour of the team did the college proud.

We hope to do well in the mixed cuppers this Trinity, with several strong women in the side.

Ashley Grossmann, Captain

NETBALL

Another hugely successful season for Pembroke Netball, achieving the highest league placing in Pembroke history. The 2007/08 season presented a challenge having lost key players to graduation and years abroad, but the Fresher intake did not disappoint.

2007/08 team: Sarah Brierley (3rd yr), Zillah Anderson and Georgina Weetch (2nd yrs), Charlotte Butler, Gbemisola Coker, Natalie Lister, Georgina Mant and Hayley Potheary (1st yrs). A special mention goes

to Zillah Anderson who continues to play for the 1st Blues netball team and Georgina Weetch's promotion from the Blues 2nd to the 1st team.

As Pembroke's second season in the Premier division, solid performances were



Netball team

required throughout. The Michaelmas league performance started well with a comfortable win against St Hugh's, and continued throughout the season, winning 7 and only losing to the eventual league winners St John's. Achieving second place in the Premier division is a feat never before encountered by Pembroke netball. The Hilary season saw the loss of one of our players, Georgina Mant, to concentrate on rowing, and although the team was forced to re-jig, we still retained a strong squad. This second season forced Pembroke to overcome absences for Mod exams, and still saw a strong performance, with 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw to remain a solid third in the division.

Cuppers saw another outstanding performance from Pembroke, sailing through all their first round games, conceding less than 10 goals. In the quarter finals, drawn against St John's, we knew this would be our toughest match. An excellent performance from every member of the team saw a nail biting game which resulted in Pembroke losing by one goal, 10-9. Whilst this knocked Pembroke out of cuppers, we took pride from the result, being the only team to lose so narrowly to eventual winners St John's who sailed through the rest of the competition.

Such a strong performance throughout the year is testament to the team's commitment

and dedication. A special mention should go to Charlotte Butler, young player of the year and Sarah Brierley, player of the season, as well as to Gbemisola Coker, a beginner to netball whose performance improved hugely throughout the season.

I have immensely enjoyed captaining Pembroke College netball and thanks go to everyone who has helped along the way. Best of luck to next year's team, and I hope we can further Pembroke netball and challenge for league victory.

Zillah Anderson, Captain

MEN'S CRICKET

College cricket is largely a balancing act. This year the team achieved a significant measure of success in both the top division of the League and the Cuppers competition despite the pressures posed by playing twice a week, losing players to exams and blue squad call-ups and, of course, the weather. The team performed admirably throughout Trinity in securing top division cricket for next season and reaching the semi-finals of Cuppers to be denied by the eventual winners Worcester.

As with any successful team the 2008 version of PCCC successfully combined experience with a fresh injection of youth. This year almost forty percent of the team's runs was provided by fourth years Geoff Baines and Mike Hills, whilst freshers James Finch and Rod Shepherd contributed pace and accuracy to take over a quarter of the teams wickets.

In the season's first League match, against defending Cuppers champions St Anne's, a reasonable score of 167, featuring a fluent 69 from Baines, was followed by a somewhat rusty bowling display which enabled the St Anne's batsmen to chase down the total with a degree of ease. This disappointment was quickly overcome with a resounding and well-received Cuppers victory over Christ Church. A solid batting display, enlivened by a quick-fire late 23 from Charlie Oakes allowed us a competitive

total which Christ Church never came close to. Catling bowled with pace and bounce to pick up the season's best bowling figures of four wickets for twenty-four.

With rain disrupting the League schedule our next fixture was provided by Lincoln in Cuppers. Butcher won the toss again and elected to bat, a decision that appeared vindicated when Baines' beautifully crafted 71 and Finch's bludgeoned 74 propelled Pembroke to a total of 223. Shepherd effectively ended any Lincoln resistance with a terrific eight over opening spell which removed both Lincoln danger men and conceded only fourteen runs.

With a quarter final place secured a much-changed Pembroke XI achieved a first League victory against Exeter. Batting first again, and in danger at 30-4, Horrocks rallied the lower order with a meaty 34, with fine support from Ainsworth, Yong and American Ben Lundin. Horrocks then took control with the ball as well, taking four middle order wickets to ensure victory after Oakes had done early damage.

A similar eleven then contested the next League match against Merton, a thriller which came down to the penultimate over. Wicketkeeper Patel and Durbin produced a solid start before Butcher and Ainsworth dealt some lusty blows in setting a competitive target of 182. Unfortunately exams and academic commitments resulted in Pembroke being forced to field with only nine men for periods of the game allowing Merton to claim a victory that could easily have been Pembroke's.

We soon had the chance to overcome this disappointment in the priority that was our Cuppers quarter final against OxILP. Hills produced a masterful innings in difficult conditions, carrying his bat with a carefully crafted 66. A target of 174 looked formidable on a pitch that offered plenty of assistance against a virtually full strength Pembroke bowling attack. And so it proved with Shepherd taking 2-10 in his eight overs, Butcher 2-15 and Finch an impressive 4-37 leaving OxILP to stumble to a mere 123 all out.

With League games against New and

Balliol called off due to rain our next game was the semi-final against first seeds Worcester providing a chance to reach the final in the Parks for the second time in three years. Worcester chose to bat and started strongly before Finch removed the dangerous opener and Shepherd struck with two wickets in two balls. Pembroke continued to bowl and field excellently, restricting Worcester to the achievable total of 210 from their forty overs. However, without the dependable presence of Hills at the top of the innings, and in the face of some quality swing bowling, the batting disintegrated and with the exception of a lusty six from Ainsworth there were few highlights in the final total of 62 all out.

With dreams of Cuppers glory over the focus for the remainder of the season lay in retaining our place in the top division. Our Cuppers efforts had combined with the weather to result in PCCC occupying a position dangerously close to the foot of the table with only three games remaining. Losses to Keble and Worcester again meant that we had to win the final game of the season against Teddy Hall or face relegation. Buoyed by the return of Hills, Baines, Tozzi and Puxley from finals the team batted excellently to record a total of 192, with Hills and Baines both making half centuries and Tozzi chipping in with a useful 39. The Teddy Hall reply stuttered immediately following good bowling from Tozzi, Puxley and Durbin and victory was eventually achieved with a degree of comfort. Our victory was good enough to secure safety, although Queen's loss to Balliol in any case made the result effectively irrelevant.

In totality it was another fantastic season for the men's firsts. We produced a spirited Cuppers campaign that ended in an honest defeat to the eventual champions and a series of good performances in the League. One of the best features of the season was the number of players that performed, all to a high level of quality, in both League and Cup and it has been a pleasure to captain the side. My best wishes go to next year's captain Charlie Oakes who inherits

a very strong side with a realistic chance of challenging for Cuppers glory. Of course a final mention should go to all the departing cricketers and to Geoff Baines and Mike Hills in particular. Both have been loyal servants to the PCCC cause and tremendous cricketers and teammates alike.

Bobby Butcher, Captain

WOMEN'S CRICKET

As can usually be expected in Oxford, this season was marred by flooded pitches and rain, so the cuppers final and semi finals were not played out. However, PWCC fought their way through the group stages to emerge 2nd in the group; having lost to St Edmund Hall, in what was most of the team's first ever cricket match, but coming back to beat LMH with their new found experience.

In the first match particular note goes to Rhiannon Evans with her formidable bowling and to Grace Blackman for her efforts with the bat. The second match, though we lacked numbers, was won convincingly with a dogged partnership from Rebecca Bayliss and Rebecca Harrison, who both played in the OUWCC Varsity match this year. Rebecca Bayliss went on to terrify the opposition, and her own wicket keeper - Christina Goodwin, when she opened the bowling. Zillah Anderson proved a very useful last minute addition, by taking a wicket with her first ball in this match, which was the very first ball she bowled this season.

Dean Rodrigues took the role of coach for PWCC this year, and thanks go to him for his dedicated efforts in showing the team how to handle a bat and ball on a Saturday morning. Thanks also go to Lawrence Yong for his unswerving concentration on the game while umpiring. Most of all, thanks go to Pembroke JCR for funding the bountiful afternoon teas.

Rebecca Harrison, Captain

RUGBY

The 2007/08 men's rugby season was hugely successful in many ways. Despite the loss of the likes of Jonny Fennell and Tom Barnett, both of whom were blues squad players, a healthy intake of freshers and visiting students bolstered what was already becoming both a strong and deep squad.

The season began in division 3 with a convincing 27-3 win against a rusty St. Anne's/St. John's side. With the exception of an unfortunate loss to Queen's, who went on to win the division, Pembroke demonstrated their superiority with a string of telling victories. Of note was the 12-8 defeat over University College, during which a dazzling show of speed and agility by winger Etiene Ekpo-Utip, resulting in a try, led to him being asked to join the University athletics club.

Having finished second in the division, the team relished the prospect of new challenges in 2nd div. A narrow and undeserved loss against St. Peter's, which saw two Pembroke tries disallowed, served as a jarring introduction to the division. However, the loss acted only to rekindle the side's resolve, as was demonstrated strikingly with a 13-0 win over a strong Worcester side the next week - where a fine performance from Tim Horrocks at 13 enabled him to pick up all of the day's points.

After a forfeit by St. Hugh's, widespread flooding in Oxford cut the league short and fixtures against Wadham and Queen's had to be abandoned. With all other teams in the division similarly affected by the poor weather, Pembroke finished the division in second place once more, and were thus promoted to the first division for next year's rugby season.

Following their success in the leagues, Pembroke rugby approached cuppers with a sense of excitement and a real desire to further prove themselves as a force to be reckoned with. The team did not disappoint. Following a bye through the preliminary round due to their new Div. 1

status, Pembroke's first cuppers match saw them square up against a large Wadham side in round one. Wadham, with a formidable pack and capable backs, promised to be fearsome opponents. However, with Tim Catling joining the centres -fresh from a season with the Blues- the Pembroke back line decimated their defence whilst the forwards -fortified by the presence of Chris Morris- neutralised Wadham up-front. Winning comfortably, Pembroke progressed to the quarter-finals.

The next obstacle blocking our path to cuppers glory took the form of Trinity/LMH. Further masterly performances from Tim Catling, Alexander Puxley and ex-captain Robert White helped to pull the whole team together, with the match culminating in a decisive victory over Pembroke's opponents, advancing them to the semi-finals.

The final four teams remaining in the main competition at this point were Pembroke, University College, St. Edmund's Hall and Keble. Pembroke's draw saw them pitted against a Keble side that had gone undefeated all year in the first division, and on all accounts saw us enter the match as under-dogs. What ensued was a dramatic demonstration of the talent and grit that had got the team so far in the competition. With the captain leaving the field on several occasions for a blood injury, and flanker Ashley Grossmann dislocating a finger twice in the course of the game, no questions could be asked of the team's commitment and determination to come out on top. Unfortunately, a dazzling break-away try from Tim Catling and a beautiful chip-and-chase score from full-back Adam Taylor were not sufficient to kill off the Keble momentum and the score-line switched allegiance multiple times before coming to rest in Keble's favour, at 26-17.

Whilst the loss brought Pembroke's cuppers dream to a heart-breaking end, the style and guts with which the team played put the club in a very strong position to continue with their success next year. Indeed, responsibility for the team has passed into the hands of the club's new

captain-elect; the shrewd and ever-graceful James Finch, just in time for Trinity term's rugby sevens cuppers. In winning the competition outright, Pembroke further demonstrated their class, and more important, their intention to remain a force to contend with in the coming season.

Piers Holden, Captain

SKIING

Once again at the end of Hilary term, the Pembroke College Ski Trip descended on France for a week of Alpine relaxation. This year 49 members of the JCR joined us in the French resort of Vars-Risoul; despite a few initial setbacks this year's trip was an absolute success, both on the slopes and off.

Although it was relatively late in the season, we enjoyed excellent snow throughout the trip, and for the most part excellent weather. While we did have a couple of days with poor visibility, we were also lucky to be able to enjoy a few beautiful sunny afternoons at the top of the mountains. As Vars-Risoul is a resort comprised of two mountains that connect two separate towns, the good weather gave us a chance to enjoy some amazing views as we skied from Vars down into Risoul.

In keeping with Pembroke Ski Trip tradition, this year's trip also stayed at the UCPA, which once again kept us well fed and provided ski instruction for all levels of ability on the trip. We had a few beginners on the trip who made plenty of progress (and certainly put some of the old hands to shame). Luckily, aside from a few aches, bruises, and headaches, there were no major casualties on the slopes, which was much to the relief of the organisers.

In true Pembroke style, the après-ski activities were approached with the same level of enthusiasm as the skiing itself. We held a bop with the theme 'Vive La France' which went down very well with the local residents of Vars, and towards the end of the week a Raclette night was organised so that we could sample traditional French cuisine.

On the last night of the trip, some very trying husts were held to elect the organisers of next years trip: Andrew Gibson and others.

We wish them the best of luck, and thank everyone who came on this year's trip.

*Victoria Spratt, Alexandra Harrison-Dees
and Faye Jones*

TENNIS

The Pembroke tennis season looked to be a promising one, with one of the strongest squads in recent years. Omar Islam, Paul Chappel and Adam Alagiah formed the backbone of the team, with regular appearances from Arjun Pant, Charlie Oakes, Etiene Ekpo-Utip, Jeremy Tung, and, of course, Marc Baghdadi for cuppers.

However, despite the strength and depth of the squad, the results were disappointing. In cuppers after putting out St. John's in the first round we came up against three-time winners St. Catz. They proved their class, but it was a close contest which we only narrowly lost, and we should be proud of our performance against probably the strongest team in the draw.

In the league, our performance was less heartening. Although often coming up against weaker teams, our consistency let us down, and, in many cases, we were our own worst enemy. Some of the matches were close, but, more often than not, they SHOULD have been walkovers for us. It would be fair to say that we beat ourselves in the league!

Nonetheless, we have a lot of talent at Pembroke, and, if we can improve on our consistency and match-play, we can certainly become a formidable team. With the current 1st years, and perhaps some new faces next year, Pembroke has every reason to be optimistic about next year's season.

Adam Alagiah, Captain

SQUASH

This year saw the intake of several strong freshers into Pembroke squash. Most notable were Rod Shephard and Henry Biddle taking the number one and two spots respectively. This year also saw many Pembrokians taking up squash for the first time with others making their first return to the squash courts since school. This initially proved troublesome in terms of seedings, with a wide pool of players with unknown standards. However after the first few matches, many rather one sided affairs, we learnt what the structure of our teams should be. It should also be noted that Pembroke has one of the strongest squash squads in the University, with the most teams entered into the leagues. With teams decided, Lawrence Barclay took over the helm of the second five, and Josh Parker the third five, doing great jobs in squad management, balancing team strength with introducing newcomers well. The first five suffered injustice in the first league of the year, with a couple of colleges avoiding matches without penalty resulting in narrowly missing out on promotion. However, in the second league of the year, Pembroke took a ruthless approach, arranging all matches from the start of term and efficiently working their way through them. It is a little unfortunate that Pembroke squash has not been as successful in recent years, as it meant that a large proportion of games were not greatly competitive due to the low league we were in, and it was a rare occurrence for a game to be dropped by any member of the Pembroke team. The team didn't make the same mistake twice and won the league comfortably. We look forward to next season where hopefully we will find more suitable competition to challenge the likes of the, thus far, unbeaten Rod Shephard.

Ashley Grossmann, Captain

Damon Wells Chapel



Being chaplain is never boring. The chapel's life is exciting and ever-changing, but there it stands, on the corner of the quad, open for the most part every day: a place where people pray, sit, sleep, play musical instruments (from organ and piano to saxophone and voice). It's a place where unostentatiously human values are celebrated and lives brought into a broader perspective. Being chaplain, also I guess embodies this – sometimes listening to a perplexed student, sometimes engaging with students about things which motivate them (everything from Gerard Manley Hopkins to Richard Dawkins), representing the chapel and the life of faith on committees – all has to be done with a fundamental openness and a refusal to enfold in a sectarian manner. I think that the chapel is a good place for people of all faiths and none: and we have people who use it who are members of world faiths and not. The chapel nurtures pastoral care and cultural life of the college.

One of the real joys at the moment is the choir, which will have been reported elsewhere in the *Pembroke Record*. After singing in Tallinn and flying back last summer to sing in the Chancellor's Court, the choir has continued to be a source of rich contribution to the College's and Chapel's life: my thanks to all officers and singers! We are still planning to record a CD which has become our priority over the next vacation, and we hope to tour again next summer.

It has been a great privilege to be a part of gaudies and *Pembroke Society* celebrations, as well as weddings and baptisms of present and former members of College over the year. It has been very moving to be a part of bidding farewell to deceased Fellow Emeritus John Wilks; Fellow David Mason and sous-chef John Willoughby.

It remains a great pleasure to celebrate and be a part of this College: many thanks to all who support the life and ministry of the Chapel. I look forward to what the new academic year will hold!

Andrew Teal, Chaplain

The McGowin Library

Two major exhibitions are currently underway at the Bodleian Library and in London to which we have been pleased to contribute with some of our Johnson related treasures (normally on display in the library):

Samuel Johnson's gruel mug and his 'Plan of a Dictionary of the English Language', 1747, are currently on display at the Bodleian summer exhibition, which celebrates Oxford College libraries' holdings and their benefactors.

Johnson's teapot and cup went to Dr Johnson's House Trust in London for their 'Tea & Coffee in the age of Dr Johnson' exhibition.

These priceless items should be back in our care at the beginning of next year.

A generous grant from the Helen Roll Charity has enabled the Library and Archives to commence a state of the art digitisation project of some of our most precious and interesting collections. Some of the library's manuscripts, autograph letters and the College's foundation documents have already been identified for this project, thus making them more generally accessible whilst guaranteeing their long-term preservation. The Bodleian Library has offered support with their expertise and technical capability.

According to this year's book inventory result losses are again substantially reduced for the second year in a row after the installation of the library security system which we were able to install due to a very substantial financial donation. From the

reduced losses, we expect that the system should have paid for itself within the next three years, as well retaining unique, irreplaceable volumes.

Following his retirement, Dr James McMullen made a notable book donation, covering mainly Japanese history. With a major effort, we have now incorporated some 200 of these volumes into our Japanese collection, thereby considerably enhancing this section of the library's collection.

The late Rev. A.L. Morrison wished for the College to have first refusal of his personal collection of books which had been carefully built over decades. His widow kindly let us choose from his library, and we were fortunate to be able to select some 50 items in the fields of English and Theology, mostly hardbacks, all in excellent condition.

We are grateful to both O.M. Brack and John W. Byrne for their gift of publications towards our special Johnson collection.

In addition, the library wishes to thank the following for donations received (an asterisk denotes that the book was written, co-authored or edited by a College member):

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Lucie Walker, Librarian

The Emery Gallery

The Emery Gallery has continued to play an active role at the heart of college life over the past twelve months, thriving in the highs and lows which now colour its history. The art loans scheme, which allows students to borrow and display artwork in their rooms for free, has once again run with great success, with a noticeable increase in the number of students borrowing pictures. Pembrokians are always keen to take advantage of this opportunity, and last Michaelmas some students even had to be turned away, as all the paintings available for loan had been claimed. The art collection has also assisted a number of students directly, as some of the income generated by the investments of the Art Fund is apportioned to current Pembrokians in the form of travel or hardship grants. This year the Art Fund Committee, made up of students and college officials, awarded over two thousand pounds worth of travel grants to students embarking on travel of an academic or charitable nature.

Early in the year the committee and college was deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Professor David Mason, who had acted on the committee for many years. Always an enthusiastic and dynamic figure, he befriended and engaged with each group of students that came to the committee, adding his thoughtfulness and wit to our meetings. His encyclopedic knowledge of Pembroke's art collection has been truly missed. In the aftermath of his death, two long-forgotten sketches by J.R.R. Tolkien were discovered in an annex of college, yet the pleasure of this discovery was tempered

by our sad realisation that the only person who could have told us their history was lost to us forever. We are grateful to have known such a warm and exuberant Professor.

As the year progressed, the gallery continued to flourish. We welcomed the return of 'Fishermen with Sprats' by Prunella Clough, which had been on loan at Tate Britain.



'Fishermen with Sprats' by Prunella Clough,

In Hilary Term, there was another boost to the gallery in the form of a request made by the National Portrait Gallery to borrow one of our pictures. 'Portrait of Edward Wadsworth', a line drawing by Percy Wyndham-Lewis, has since gone on

display at the National Portrait Gallery's current exhibition on Wyndham-Lewis. Two members of the committee attended the opening night of the exhibition, and were very excited to see that our picture had been one of the few selected as promotional material. This excellent exhibition runs until the 19th October of this year, do go along to see Pembroke's name on the list of benefactors! During Arts Week in Trinity Term an exhibition of student artwork was held in the gallery. The competition was judged by a curator of Ovada Gallery, Oxford, who was very impressed with the high calibre of the work on display. Congratulations and prizes go to the winner of the competition, Ian Robertson, and to the two runners-up, Mai Fachiri and Florence Wilkinson.

As the Emery Gallery grows in recognition, so does the number of its high profile visitors. In Hilary Term the committee welcomed the visit of Paula Rego, a Portuguese painter and illustrator whose celebrated work resulted in her being shortlisted for the Turner Prize. Paula's enjoyment and wonder at our collection was a pleasure to witness, and it was a real honour to the gallery to host such a prestigious artist. More compliments for Pembroke's growing collection came from Suzanne Cotter, the curator of Modern Art Oxford, who was on hand to give her reactions at the highly successful garden party, for the Friends of M.A.O, which was held at Pembroke. 'It is a stunning collection of 20th and early 21st century

British Art.' Suzanne commented. 'It is such an inspiration to see the results of a truly visionary approach to collecting art on the part of students over so many years.'

The growth of the collection has been slightly hampered this year by the unfortunate turn of events in the economic climate. In the interests of safeguarding the Art Fund, the committee made the sad decision not to purchase a new piece of artwork this year. This setback has made us even keener to make a discerning purchase for the collection next year. The silver lining to this cloud was the reaction of the Junior Common Room, which generously donated five hundred pounds of JCR funds in order to commission a mural for the Ward Perkins Room. A competition amongst Ruskin students will run in Michaelmas to find an artist for the project.

It has been a privilege to be involved with the Emery Gallery over the past year, a year filled with so many changes and surprises. Many thanks must go to Bridget Watson, who designed and continues to maintain the gallery's website, which was launched at the beginning of the last academic year. To take an online tour of our gallery, or to follow its progress over the forthcoming year, please take a look at <http://clsmac70.ndcls.ox.ac.uk/art-fund/> or simply follow the link from Pembroke's website. With the continued support of students, the college, and alumni, we are looking forward to another bright year for the Emery Gallery.

Faye Jones, Art Fund Representative

College Archives

Progress on the cataloguing project

The transfer of the paper archive catalogue to computer continues – to date, the photograph collection and papers relating to the College foundation, Governing Body and benefactions have been completed and work on the accounts/finance records is underway. As each item is entered onto the system, it is also re-packaged using archive standard materials. This is a very important aspect of the project as it ensures the preservation of the collection for the future.



Volumes repackaged in archival boxes and clearly labelled



Correct packaging helps prevent problems such as pest damage, seen here on an early photograph mount



Items re-packaged in custom made boxes

This picture shows items re-packaged in custom made boxes – clockwise from top left: the College seal, Letters Patent of King George II dated 26 Nov 1744 and the Ratification document of the Grant of the Benet endowment, dated 10 June 1678.

The Sir Roger Bannister display cabinet



The Bannister display cabinet

The Bannister display cabinet is housed in the gallery of the Dining Hall and contains a variety of memorabilia relating to our former Master, including items relating to his record-breaking sub-four minute mile. The cabinet has recently undergone

cleaning and the labelling format has been changed, hopefully making the display less cluttered.

New Accessions

We are always keen to bring new items into the archive and recently these have included: Food suggestions books from the 1960s (not all suggestions polite!) Photographs of 2004 rowing crews Papers relating to the replacement of the College organ in 1994/95 Papers of Aleyn Lyell Reade, author of 'Johnsonian Gleanings'

Wanted!

There are a number of gaps in our series of formal, mounted 'freshers' photographs. Although these are going back quite a long way, if anyone has one that they would consider donating to the archive, or comes across one at any time, please let us know! The missing years are: 1902 – 1922; 1914 – 1923; 1925; 1940; 1942 – 1945.

Digitisation

The Library and Archive has recently received funding for the digitisation of a number of selected items. This will primarily be utilised for the digitisation of library manuscripts but will also include, from the archive, the College's Foundation Charter, original Statutes and the illuminated Grant of Arms. This will enable us to make these documents more accessible whilst preserving the originals. Hopefully, in the future, funds will become available for the digitisation of more of the College's most precious documents, including early account books and estate deeds.

Financial Records in the Archive

The College's series of Finance papers stretched back to 1648 with the Master's Account Book which recorded individual items of expenditure. These records can provide a great deal of interesting information about the running of the

College, the cost of goods and services in a particular period and also about the local craftsmen and companies who provided these goods and services to the College.

1708

Payments were recorded individually in the Bursar's account book, for example:

Mar ye 10 1708 Red of Mr Read Bursar one pound due at Mic last for ye conduit water & five shillings for a new cock & mending ye pipe in ye Masters Garden by me Charles Cole

April 28th 1708 Recd then of ye Bursar of Pemb: Coll: six shillings & eight pence being a years rent Due to ye parish of St Aldates for ye use of ye Chapell & Library by us Wm Poisley
Ric: Herne Ch: Wardens

Oct 22d 1708 Recd of Mr Collins Bursar two pounds & thirteen shillings for Glazing ye College Windows by me Edward Bedford

Oct 30th 1708 Recd of Mr Collins Bursar thirteen shillings for carrying away ye College rubbish by me Francis Baylies

In 1708, the Bursar's salary was £2.

1808

Accounts were now recorded under more general headings in the Bursar's account book but there were still some specific items such as:

Payment to Mrs Burton
for surplice washing 6s

Payment for "Beer to
Labourers" £9.12s.3d

Subscription to Infirmary £3.3s.0d

In 1808, the Bursar's salary was still £2 – inflation had yet to bite!

The Right Hand of a Pembroke Benefactor

THREE GENTLEMAN COMMONERS

Sir John Philipps, 4th baronet (c.1666-1737)¹ of Picton Castle, became the richest landowner in Pembrokeshire after his marriage in 1697 to Mary, daughter of Anthony Smith, a wealthy East India Company merchant, and became well-connected in London where his sister had married Sir John Shorter, a wealthy Kentish timber merchant and sometime Lord Mayor of London, whose daughter, Catherine, married Robert Walpole, then a newly elected Member of Parliament and later Prime Minister. A patron of education he funded at least 22 charity schools in Pembrokeshire and as a religious reformer he supported the Nonconformist Societies for Promoting Christian Knowledge and for the Propagation of the Gospel as well as the East India Mission. He was indirectly responsible for the Methodist Revival in England by being an early patron of the Wesley brothers and by giving a yearly allowance of £30 to George Whitefield, who had entered Pembroke as a servitor in 1732.

In August 1720 when MP for Haverfordwest, Sir John boarded Haynes' Grand Alrighman coach in London for Oxford with his two sons, Erasmus aged 20 and John aged 19, to enter them together as Gentleman Commoners at Pembroke. Following a tradition that had been in place since the 16th century, they were presented to the Vice-Chancellor by the College Dean, Revd Samuel Horne, to take the Oath of Supremacy, subscribe to the Thirty Nine Articles and be enrolled into the University.

Erasmus Philipps, the eldest son, was 16 when he began keeping a Diary, several volumes of which survive to provide a classic account of undergraduate life and a record of his wide interest in politics, poetry, science as well as in the parks, gardens and houses that he visited on his many travels. He entered Lincolns Inn as a student in August 1721 and on going down in October 1722 he noted that he took "my Caution Money (£10) from the Bursar and lodg'd it with Dr Panting, the Master, for the use of Pembroke College". Although he has been wrongly identified with several economic treatises on "Publik Credit" including "The State of the Nation in respect to her Commerce, Debts and Money" (1725), he was an active MP for Haverfordwest from 1726 until his death in 1743 and became a Fellow of the Royal Society and Sheriff of Carmarthenshire in 1727. On the death of his father in 1737, he inherited as the 5th Baronet and paid for the engraving of several Old Master paintings. (In 1740 Samuel and Nathaniel Buck engraved the copper plate of Picton Castle that Joanne Bowley recently found in the bursary rooms of the Old Quad.) The next year he began his Grand Tour and purchased in Florence 2 six boxes of books, medals, prints, porcelains, bronzes and 33 pictures including an oil by Guido Reni and a work by Titian. Having ridden to hounds when up at Oxford, he continued to enjoy the open life of an unmarried English country gentleman until after a days hunting he was thrown from his horse in 1743 and drowned in the Avon near Bath.



Three portraits of Gentleman Commoners (5th. & 6th Baronets and Lord Milford, the 7th Baronet)

On his death, the title passed to John, the second son.

When John Philipps (later Sir John, sixth baronet) entered Pembroke he pasted his matriculation certificate inside his copy of the University Statutes (1710) and wrote the dates of the University Terms, then four in each academic year:-

- .1st begins Oct.10th ends Decb.17th
- 2nd. beg: Jan 14th, ends ye day before Palm Sunday
- .3rd. beg: 10 days after Easter; ends ye Thursday before Whitsunday
- .4th. beg: ye Wenedsday after Trinity Sunday.

He also wrote down the year's programme of the Lectures which occupied 18 hours in a six-day week:-

- .Grammat: Lecture on Tuesdays & Fridays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Rhetor: Lecture on Mondays & Thursdays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Logic: Lecture at ye same time
- .Moral Philos: Lecture on Tuesdays & Fridays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Geomet: Lecture on Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Astronom: Lecture on Mondays & Thursdays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Nat.Philos: Lecture on Wednesd & Satur., 8 in ye Morn
- .Metaph: Lecture on Tuesdays & Fridays, 8 in ye Morn
- .Historic:Lecture on Mond.& Frid. between 1 & 2 in ye Afternoon
- .Greek: Lecture on Wednes.& Sat. between 1 & 2 in ye Afternoon

.Hebrew: Lecture on Tues. & Thurs.

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.Civil Law:Lecture on Tues & Thurs. at 10

.Physic: Lecture on Tuesd. & Frid. at 8 in ye Morning

.Divinit: Lecture, Mond. Tuesd. Thursd. Frid. 9 in ye Morning.

On leaving Pembroke, John entered Lincoln's Inn, and in 1725 married Elizabeth Shepherd of London but returned to Wales to live at Kilgetty House near Tenby, which his father had given as a wedding present. The estate, with its fine pleasure garden, fountains and deer park (now all but vanished), was his father's wedding present and worth £400 a year, from the family's local, rich, coal deposits. Whereas his grandfather, Richard Philipps, the 2nd Baronet, had been a Parliamentarian like many leading Pembrokeshire families during the Civil War, John became Secretary of the Jacobite Society of Sea Serjeants in south-west Wales at its foundation in 1725. The Society was political as well as social, being dedicated to securing the return of opposition MPs. He served as Mayor of Haverfordwest in 1736 and was elected MP for Carmarthen (1741- 47), became a member of the Loyal Brotherhood, an élitist tory club and was made Lord Commissioner of Trade & Plantations in 1744. But he frequently opposed government policy and, accepting the incompatibility of his country attitude with ministerial office, resigned his office in 1745. Awarded a DCL by Oxford University in 1749, he challenged the authority of parliament

to punish individuals who offended it in the pamphlet “The Argument of Sir John Philippa Bart.”

He remodelled extensively the rooms and parkland at Picton Castle where he had moved as the 6th Baronet from Kilgetty on the unexpected death of his brother. When he returned to Parliament as MP for Petersfield (1754-1761) his Freeholders’ Qualification Act 1758 effectively ended certain election rigging by the Whigs. As as MP for Pembrokeshire from 1761 in Lord Bute’s Tory Government under George III, he objected to increased naval expenditure, supported shorter parliaments and proposed a commission to examine past government expenditure. Never a mere placeman, he symbolized the independent MP and was made a member of the Privy Council in 1763 but died suddenly the next year.

Richard Philipps, Sir John’s only son, was born at Kilgetty House and entered Pembroke as a Gentleman Commoner in 1761, succeeded his father as 7th Baronet in 1764 and began his political career the next year, becoming MP for Pembrokeshire (1765-70), Plympton (1774-79), Haverfordwest (1784-86) and again Pembrokeshire for 27 years (1786-1813). When the House was sitting, he lived in a house backing onto Green Park but much preferred his country seat and

Lord North, brought the king’s reply: - the king refused his request, fearing to create a precedent but hoped that Sir Richard would accept an Irish peerage, as the First Lord Milford. He died without issue, bequeathing Picton to a distant relation, who after many years in Parliament, was also raised to the peerage as Lord Milford.

THE PHILIPPS FOUNDATION

Sir John the 6th Baronet (1700-1764) added extensively to Picton Castle library and continued the educational charities of his father, the 4th Baronet. He founded in 1749 a Fellowship and a Scholarship to be held at Pembroke for the benefit of students born in Pembrokeshire, or, in default, in any county in South Wales. He also purchased the perpetual curacy of West Haroldston-with-Lambton in Pembrokeshire for Philipps Fellows having to retire early, necessarily, on marriage.

The Foundation brought a total of fourteen Philipps Scholars to the College from 1749 to 1843, all able men and ten of them went on to become Philipps Fellows including Evan Evans, DD. The Fellowship (1843-64) of Dr.Evans co-incided exactly with the energetic, reforming Mastership of Dr.Francis Jeune (1843-64) who in 1856 merged the Philipps Foundation with others into a Consolidated Foundation. Having supported Jeune continuously as Tutor, Dean and then Vice-Gerent (1851-1864), Dr.Evans himself became Master for 28 years (1864-1891) and introduced stability to the College whilst carrying through further reforms under the 1877 Commission which abolished all Founder’s kin preferences and divided Fellowships into tutorial Fellows (to vacate their posts on marriage) and ordinary, septennial Fellows. In 1888 he succeeded in purchasing from Christ Church the Wolsey Almshouses, which had long been a College ambition and which were in 1929 to become the new Master’s Lodgings. As Vice-Chancellor (1878-1882) Dr.Evans oversaw the



Picton Castle, copperplate engraving

responsibilities in Wales where he was Lord Lieutenant of Haverfordwest in 1770 and of Pembrokeshire in 1786. When he asked George III for permission in 1776 to construct a drive along the edge of the Park directly to his house; the Prime Minister,

building in the High of the Examination Schools, which symbolise the 19th century academic reform of the University. Not fully completed when they were handed over for the first examinations on 19 May 1882, the carvings over the front door carry the features of Dr. Evans in stone.

The Governing Body of the College was keen to record appreciation of the benefaction from Sir John publicly and permanently in the structure of the College, which had seen no new building since the neo-classical Chapel in 1732. Their first opportunity arose when the refectory, Broadgates Hall, was extended to the west in 1821 in preparation for the bicentenary celebrations of the 1624 foundation of the College. Erasmus Philipps had mentioned this Hall in his diary for November 1, 1721:-

“A Great Gaudy this day in Pembroke College, when the Master dined in Publick, and Mr Beale, Mr Clayton, etc. and went round the Fire in the Hall (an Ancient Custom the Juniors are obliged to comply with). Lord Ossultown’s (sic) Picture was Hung up this day in the Hall. This Lord was a considerable Benefactor to the Colledge, whereof he was a Member”

The tall, perpendicular-style, bay window built into the new west wall provided improved lighting for the long, rectangular refectory and made a handsome illustration for the Oxford Almanak of 1824; it incorporated stained-glass lights in the side and central windows.

The four, stained-glass lights in the central window contain the Coats of Arms of the two co-founders (Thomas Tesdale and Richard Wightwick), of the King and of two benefactors, Lord Harcourt (whose influence with Queen Anne secured the Canonry of Gloucester to augment the Master’s stipend) and Lord Ossulston (whose 17th. century donations built the east and north walls of the Old Quad). The Philipps family Coat of Arms is in the upper half of the north light and comprises a lion rampant, wearing a collar and chain (to signify loyalty) and a red, open, right hand in a smaller shield above (the badge



*Philipps family shield and crest,
west window, north light, Broadgates Hall.*

of a baronet). The Philipps crest, a lion rampant, is shown in the lower half of the same light. The cornice round the ceiling of Broadgates Hall carries 108 armorial shields, which were probably painted for the same occasion and include an identical Coat of Arms of the Philipps family.

The refectory of Broadgates, a medieval academic Hall, had functioned on the same site for at least two centuries before the founding of the Colledge; it was replaced in 1848 when a much larger Dining Hall was completed on the Fellows’ garden at the west end of the Chapel Quad. Among the 36 shields painted (and repainted in 1931) around the roof of the Dining Hall the Philipps shield again appears, on the west wall, this time as a “Lion rampant sable, ducally gorged and chained or” but without a hand dexter above it.

Several variants of the Philipps shield have been used, and not only in Pembroke. Some heraldic authorities show the lion with a plain collar, others, including George Owen, the early 17th century Pembrokeshire antiquarian, portray a ducal crown (with three fleurs de lis). The earliest bookplate of “John Philipps” before he inherited the baronetcy show a plain-collared lion in both the crest and the rococo style shield. From 1743 onwards his bookplates were upgraded, showing his title, “Sr Jon: Philipps Bart.” with both lions carrying a coronet; whilst the shield shows the hand dexter of a baronet. A motto “Ducit Amor Patriae” was also added below the shield reflecting a new fashion which became increasingly popular in the latter half of the 18th. century.

The engraving made by the Buck brothers in 1740 shows a fortified residence, surrounded by a walled courtyard and protected by seven projecting, castellated towers and several slit windows with trefoil heads, in a design more characteristic of several fortified houses in Ireland, where Sir John Wogan, the founder of Picton Castle,

extensively remodelled the Castle interior and grounds during his absence from Westminster (1745-54), having the house completely redecorated above basement level, and introducing plaster rooms and fireplaces by Sir Henry Cheere, panelling, wooden floors, sash windows and at least four marble fireplaces.



Cartoon depicting the ox-roast given in 1736 by Sir John Philipps, 6th Bart.

had served the King as Justiciary in 1295 and had procured men, food and fodder for his military campaigns in France and Scotland. When his male heirs died out, in 1491 Joan Wogan married Sir Thomas Philipps, one of whose ancestors had accompanied King Richard I on the Third Crusade in 1191 and had been invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. Their direct descendants owned Picton Castle until the death, without issue, of the first Lord Milford in 1823.

Sir John Philipps, 4th Baronet, was a Commissioner, together with Sir Christopher Wren and Thomas Archer, charged with the building of 50 new churches in London after the Great Fire and it was he who pulled down the courtyard wall of Picton Castle in 1697, built a terrace and made substantial changes to the interior of the house, creating a main entrance at first floor level and an extra storey above the great hall. His younger son, the 6th Baronet and Pembroke's benefactor,

After 1823, the Picton baronetcy passed to a junior branch of Philipps seated at Haythog and Sandyhaven, Pembrokeshire until the death of Sir Godwin Philipps at the age of 17 in 1857 when another branch of the family inherited, from which branch Lords St.David's, Kysant and Milford are descended. In 1949 Laurence Philipps, Lord Milford of the third creation, having been a successful stockbroker and underwriter purchased Picton Castle from his remote cousins. Hanning Philipps, his son and a successful businessman, who was appointed Lord Lieutenant for Pembrokeshire (1958-1974) and Dyfed (1974-79) incurred substantial expenditure on renovation and maintenance of the house and gardens. A private charitable trust was created in 1987 to manage and maintain Picton as an historic house, with 40 acres of woodland gardens, open to the public and able to operate as a venue for weddings, conferences, art exhibitions and other events.

Picton Castle and Broadgates Hall have both evolved over the centuries.

On behalf of the Master and Fellows of Pembroke College, the writer wishes to record the help of Mr Thomas Lloyd in the preparation of this article and to thank the Picton Castle Trust for their gracious permission to reproduce illustrations from "The Families of Picton", especially the portraits of the three Gentleman Commoners who attended the College in the 18th century.

Brian Wilson, (1948)

Has there been another Pembroke family like this one?

I attended a dinner in Pembroke. Among the grey and white heads was a delightful young lady. 'We love our alumni,' she said, and we walked out together into that enchanted moment when you step down the stairs, with the amber of the lighted hall windows through stained glass behind combining with the inner glow of white and red wine, the roast and the port to make magic of the silent closed quadrangle. Under that satiny black rectangle of sky, who could not be overwhelmed? Well not me, at any rate, and so, with the rash gallantry of a post-retirement life where I already work 150% of what I did, I wanted to do something for those who will come after in our college. 'I could write a piece for the magazine – about our family. Do you want it?' And here, my dear, it is.

In 1876 my grandfather was a 5 year old boy immigrant from Lithuania. Over his life he would produce 3 sons, a daughter, 3 more sons, another daughter, and then 3 more sons. All made a ripe old age. Of the other 3 more, who didn't make it, I have little record, but that did not mean the parents were not deeply affected by their loss. So much so that after losing one little girl, and another girl of the twins of next year, her surviving twin brother of 1892 was named for Jeremiah, the Prophet of the Book of Lamentations. Hence the future Sir Jeremy Raisman, GCMG, GCIE, KCSI, one time Senior Honorary Fellow of Pembroke College, the first of us two to come to Pembroke. And so worried were his parents that they couldn't keep girls alive that the name of his next sister, Fanny,

born the next year, was kept secret lest the Evil Eye should fall covetously upon her. Until she should grow up her name must never be spoken, and the little babe was simply called, 'Die Alty' (The Old One).

Life in the Leylands of Leeds was hard for the Jewish tailors. But my grandfather managed always to keep cheerful by playing cards, dogs and horses, and the miners' game of 'pitch and toss,' and - presumably in what little was left of his nights - he retained sufficient energy to generate the many offspring who would guarantee the future to keep him in his gambling obsession. The first son was called Louis, as were all first-born sons throughout five branches of the Raisman family. They were named for a distant and holy ancestor. All the Louis' were left handed, and all were gamblers. My grandfather's love of procreation of course left my ever pregnant grandmother, for 25 years never without a child in her arms, and ever more desperate to feed, clothe and house her ever growing brood. The next son, Myer, came to her rescue, and in 1899, with the help of his younger brother Jeremy, he hatched the Family Plan. The 11 year old Myer Raisman would never have heard of Pembroke College. But those inscrutable Fates who frown or smile over rich and poor, palace and slum, were to weave our Alma Mater inextricably into his Plan.

The first part of the Plan was to give his errant senior Louis a good hiding. It failed dismally. The second part of the Plan was education. Myer would work, and Jeremy would be allowed to not work, to stay at



Jeremy 1913 by Kramer



Sir Jeremy Raisman

school, and – with the help of a Leeds City Scholarship and a benevolent Samuels Trust – go to Pembroke in 1911, where he defrayed his batells by his winnings at cards from the far better endowed class of fellow students who made up the majority in those days. One of Jeremy’s five Louis cousins had been less fortunate at cards, or perhaps at dogs or horses, and ended up in jail, whence he sent a begging letter to Jeremy at Pembroke. On the open wooden shelves of the mail box at the back of the porter’s lodge, Jeremy was horrified to find an envelope of shame, undeniably addressed to him, and ostentatiously inscribed in large black letters ‘From His Majesty’s Prison, Goole.’

Jeremy’s academic progress at Pembroke was spectacular, a John Locke Scholarship and a double First in Greats, after which his Pembroke tutor advised him, ‘The best plan for a man of your abilities is to go into the Indian Civil Service.’ So Jeremy did a year’s further study under the carved stone elephants at the Indian Institute at the corner of Catte Street. He learned Urdu and he learned Hindi. He discovered how to ride a horse, and became aware of important matters of etiquette, such as never to wear brown shoes or to fish your handkerchief out of your trousers pocket.

The young Jeremy had a mass of curly black hair. At school he was called ‘Zulu,’ the memory of that war being still fresh. He brought back many wonders from his first term at Oxford. They included the new fangled contraption of a safety razor. His brother, Harry, my father, still a callow

youth, stood admiringly at his elder’s soapy elbow as he shaved. ‘What a boon and a blessing it is,’ Jeremy said. ‘But it’s permissible for a dark haired man to look rather dingy by the evening.’

In 1914 the First War started and Jeremy’s brothers, as they reached the age, were one by one drafted to France. Jeremy himself was posted to India, and his last act was to raise a loan on his first three months’ salary to buy a gold cigarette case which he gave to his brother Myer to wear in his breast pocket as a talisman to ward off German bullets. By the time of the Second War Jeremy had risen to the highest post in the Indian Civil Service, Finance Member of the Viceroy’s Council, both to Lord Linlithgow and Wavell, later Earl Wavell. When Wavell wanted to dismiss him, Churchill intervened on his behalf. As Finance Member, Jeremy bore India’s responsibility for financing Britain’s war in Egypt and the African desert, as well as in India and the airlift to China. He was mentioned by Hitler who remarked, ‘Raisman and Reading – Jews are running the British Empire.’

In the Allies’ attempt to set to right the world’s finances after the war, Jeremy was the representative of India at the Bretton Woods Conference that set up the World Bank (Maynard Keynes was the British representative), and he was called back to India after Independence to advise on setting up the reserve banks of India and Pakistan. By the time he finally returned to Britain as Deputy Chairman of Lloyd’s Bank, he was Sir Jeremy Raisman, Knight

Commander of the Star of India, Grand Commander of the Indian Empire, author of the Raisman Commission on the fiscal constitutions of East Africa, and the Nigerian Federation and Grand Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George. On the left of the West portal of St Paul's Cathedral he once showed me, with some amusement, his plaque on the floor of the chapel - after some considerable difficulty getting the gate open and finding it. Loaded with honours, and having borrowed a tiara for Lady Raisman from Lady Jellicoe, he absent mindedly left the great, elephant-laden gold chains of his order in the taxi on the way to Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1952. But Sir Jeremy declined Attlee's offer to become a Labour peer.



Myer

During their struggling years in the Leylands, my Uncle Myer's hard work had been assisted by the advent of Jeremy's younger sister, Fanny. The device of calling her the Old One saved her life, and as girls did not get educated she, as soon as she could, was put to work in the cellar kitchen of the house, sewing buttonholes on the suit orders brought in from the hole and corner tailors of the Leylands. She was fast. Fanny could sew 18 buttonholes an hour, and 480 buttonholes earned £1. It was a debt Jeremy never forgot. 'Write to me again soon,' he wrote to Fanny in 1919, 'and keep me informed of all the little details of home life. Nothing is too small, the smaller the better as it makes me feel at home again.' For years every penny he could spare, and throughout his long life, a major part of his income went back to the family. One time, after finding his father had blown the whole of one remittance by not betting on a horse called Valentine Vox,

all future money was sent to Myer. 'Other men,' Jeremy remarked bitterly, 'live on their income. Father lives on his outcome.'

The story of Pembroke's second Raisman also has its roots in the Leylands slums at the turn of the 20th century. Faced with my grandfather and his eldest son Louis' untrammelled gambling losses, all the benefits of Fanny and Myer's combined incomes and Jeremy's remittances were finally overwhelmed by their father's procreative faculty. Two more boys came, John followed by my father, Harry, and this was still only the half of what my grandfather was finally to achieve.

In 1910 Myer and Jeremy sat in council and decided, since my father was deaf, that he would go to work, and his older brother John would stay at school. Thus, sometime in a cellar kitchen under an illicit gambling house in the Leylands of Leeds, while King Edward VII was in his last year of ruling over the greatest empire the world had ever known, was set in motion a plan whose results would foreshadow all the rest of the Raisman family's 20th century. Harry accepted his fate with the simple word, 'Yes,' and John, the beneficiary of the harsh decision, the most brilliant scholar in our family, and later to be my childhood hero, went on to become a solicitor, which gave him access to other peoples resources, a bonanza on which he could build a gambling career that outshone even his father and oldest brother.



John 1933

'Now some there be,' wrote John of himself, 'that win. And some that lose'. He had the lack of perspicacity, always to be found upon the losing side. And so

spectacular were John's losses of his clients' money that in 1931, before a warrant for his arrest could be issued, he fled the country and spent the next 36 years as a hobo riding the rails in South America. It was the crash of all their hopes. Myer and Jeremy's Family Plan lay in ruins. My father's sacrifice of an education had been in vain. Myer and Harry would spend the rest of their lives in the drudgery of tailors' workshops. With the passing years, and no news from John, his parents died not knowing whether he was alive or dead. And after many years John entered family legend as a symbol of fallen greatness, a Cardinal Woolsey, a warning, and, of course, my romantic childhood hero.

All his life Myer remained a bachelor, and, true to his pact with Jeremy, supported the family. Until I left Leeds to come to Oxford, I shared a bed with Myer – not as crowded as the bed he had once shared, head-to-tail, sardine-like, with Jeremy, John, Harry and Jack, when they were boys. From Myer I learned my destiny was to go to Pembroke – the only college whose name he knew. And when Myer picked up the envelope with the news that I had been admitted to Pembroke, he danced in the street.

Few people could have had teachers as wonderful and inspirational as I have had the good fortune to enjoy throughout my life. But over all these shines the memory of Percy O'Brien, medical and moral tutor at Pembroke. Standing to instructions, silent as a mouse, outside his oak in the southeast corner of the first quad, I obediently counted the bell strokes of Tom Tower until the last stroke of 9, and immediately knocked. I often wonder how this tubby, fiery little Irishman could exert such stern authority while at the same time inspiring such admiration and affection. He called all the boys Willy, and their girl friends Lizzy. To make a point, he aimed mock fist blows which landed on the boys' chests, and on their girl friends' heads.

My first tutorial was on red blood cells. 'Read your essay!' I started on the first sentence: 'There are two types of cells in the blood ..' I was unable to finish the

sentence. 'What do you mean by cells?' I knew he meant that red cells have no nucleus. But no way would he let me get round to saying the obvious. In fact I couldn't get any sort of word in edgeways. I was assailed by the most ferocious and sustained intellectual aggression I have ever encountered. It was a no-quarter fencing match of the utmost and merciless ferocity. I had hardly breath to counter his rapier thrusts, let alone deliver a blow of my own. It lasted the full hour. Then, to my deepest regret, Tom started the striking of ten and it was over. Walking out into the open air as the rising sun of autumn threw Tom's oblique and phallic shadow over the little ivy mantled quadrangle, the world seemed new again. I felt a deep sense of exhilaration and refreshment, as if my mind had been washed.

Of course Jeremy was proud of his young nephew going to Pembroke, and sent a congratulatory letter, a powerful combination of warmth and dignity in equal measure. But within a couple of months I was to horrify both Jeremy and Percy by getting married. The college governing body considered this in their solemn conclave. Black-gowned fellows opined and voted. Finally I found in my pigeon hole a very elegant small envelope, addressed to me in typescript, bearing the college crest. The Master wished I would attend upon him. 'According to the college statutes, a scholar,' he told me, in his clipped Oxfordese, 'may not marry. The Governing Body had decided that I was not to be sent down. But my Theodore Williams Scholarship was forfeit.'

At that time the scholars sat at a separate table and were housed in a separate staircase, called the Old Master's House. When I was demoted the remaining scholars clubbed together and presented us with a wedding gift of a tiny and beautiful case of silver coffee spoons with a silver plaque engraved 'From the OMH.' Vivien must go out to work to keep me. And so it was she came to ancient languages at the Ashmolean Museum, became an Egyptologist, and had the career I would

have chosen. It seemed my destiny that I was always to like Pembroke more than it liked me. A few years later I was turned down for a fellowship. 'A young man in a hurry,' the Master said. At least at that time Percy supported me. 'They are still waiting for God to make the person good enough for them,' he said. My uncle Sir Jeremy was not at all disappointed this time. 'Those who can, do,' he said. 'Those who can't, teach.'

When I first went up to Oxford, my father had struggled to keep me at Pembroke. He used to send me postal orders for whatever he could afford. Irregular amounts, I recall once as much as 17/6, once 7 shillings. 'Send your washing home by post,' he said, to avoid the bills. And, to save costs, my mother used to post parcels of roast chicken to us. My father and Uncle Myer were equally horrified at my marrying. 'I can only call it a rake's progress,' my father wrote. Throughout life, testosterone, the young man's nemesis, never relaxes its hold. Someone should write a book about it.

Percy still laboured to get out of me the First he said my marriage would prevent. It didn't. And now my great uncle Sir Jeremy sent an apologetic letter, saying how much he had been embarrassed by me, enclosing a cheque for £100, a large sum, and writing thus: 'Please do not quote to me Samuel Johnson's letter to Lord Chesterfield: "Is not a patron, my Lord, one who with complacency watches a man struggling for life in the water, and then, when he reaches the bank, encumbers him with help." The situation is different.' I accepted in the spirit it was sent, and as I would wish to be forgiven.

A little later Sir Jeremy was attending a Gaudy at Pembroke and stopped to visit us, and change into evening dress at our little semi in Raymund Road, Marston. I was struck by the massive black shiny bank car obstructing the narrow street. 'The police make allowances for cars like this,' Sir Jeremy told me. As I opened the door I remarked a uniformed driver at the wheel. 'Does the driver need a cup of tea?' I asked. 'No, he's all right. He stays in the car. He's

been with me for years.'

Sir Jeremy's conversation was stirring. He encouraged me to stand on my own feet. 'Some people worry about what other's think of them,' he said. 'Better to let others worry what you think about them.'

'Oh!' I replied innocently. 'I always worry about what others think, about my appearance, whether I have shaved .. ' at which point Sir Jeremy's hand automatically flew up to his chin.

I have said the shadow of Myer and Jeremy's Family Plan fell over the whole of our century, and it was not over. Sometime later I got a phone call from my mother, an unusual expense. She was excited. 'Do you know who's come?' And without words the fine line that from the suckling breast stretches inseverable through life, instantly told me that my disappeared Uncle John, from whom the family had no news for 25 years, thought long ago dead, had reappeared. My childhood hero, the romantic and debonair gambler of legend, the skeleton in our family cupboard, who the other brothers dreaded I should ever meet, was back.

A gathering was called in Leicester to work out how to get him to disappear again before his disgrace should once again besmirch the escutcheon of the now thoroughly respectable Raisman bourgeoisie. I was allowed to attend for the second day, by which time the siblings were getting thoroughly frustrated by John's obtuseness. In the corner of the little parlour I saw a balding, white-haired old man, spectrally thin, in a filthy suit, with dirty fingernails, cracked glasses, fumbling with a stinking pipe. He ignored all the conversation around him, and but meanwhile spoke to whoever would listen, and his words took the listener into realms of fantasy, of ancient Greece and Rome. I sat at his feet, speechless while magic casements opened on the foam of perilous seas in faery lands forlorn. 'You were a legend to me,' I said. 'And now?' he asked eagerly. 'Still a legend,' I replied.

'I had to decide,' John said 'whether I was a tragic hero or a fairy tale hero. As I am

still alive, I cannot be a tragic hero, and so I must be a fairy tale hero.' Noticing his siblings ignored this John went on, 'Do you think the price of fallen women is higher in Spain or in Portugal?' At this a hurried culinary duty was found to shoo his young



Harry pointing to John 1976

nieces into the kitchen. 'He never talked like that before,' one of my aunts explained to me, 'not about women.'

And somehow, though sent back to Argentina, then to a convent high in the Spanish Pyrenees, John managed to see me, to stay with us in Oxford, and I introduced him to my former tutor, Percy, who was delighted, and for once overwhelmed.

Years later, after John had made his last exit, when the brothers and sisters of the Leylands were fast disappearing, and Percy was long retired, I visited my old tutor in Sunderland Avenue. 'Do you remember Uncle John?' I asked.

'John! Of course,' Percy said. 'He taught me how to bet on horses. I've lost a lot of money.'

The silence of the quadrangle enfolded us. The young lady walked with me to the lodge door, a brief moment and I was sad to see her disappear into the night and the future. Alone under the satin sky I looked at the place beside the porter's lodge where an archaeological scrutiny might still find in the wall traces of the fastenings which, in Jeremy's day and mine had held a series of wooden pigeon holes in which such interesting letters once lay.

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Read the full story in *'The Undark Sky'* by Geoffrey Raisman (1957), Harehills Press, 2002. Available from the author.

Where's Kosovo?

The War the World Forgot

Some of my contemporaries at the Jubilee Reunion for our year (1961) kindly suggested that I write something for the College Record about my work in Kosovo over the last four and a half years. I have spent roughly a week each month in this province of the former Yugoslavia as a consultant with Public Administration International Ltd. under contract with the Department for International Development as part of the UK overseas aid programme. Our remit was to advise the Office of the Prime Minister in the Provisional Government on designing the machinery of central government required to enable Kosovo to run its own affairs. My main contribution has been the creation and mentoring of a Government Coordination Secretariat to run the Cabinet meetings and coordinate policy across the fifteen ministries. For this I drew on my experience in heading two such secretariats in Whitehall from 1995 till 1998 and then in implementing the devolution of responsibilities in Scotland from Westminster and the Secretary of State to Holyrood and the Scottish Government.

People often ask me "Where is Kosovo?" and "Why are international advisers still there?" It is a diamond shaped piece of territory, land-locked at a fairly high altitude by Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. There are only about 120 miles between its north-south and east-west extremities bordered by high mountains and deep ravines surrounding a large, fertile, central plain.

Slavic and Albanian peoples have co-existed in Kosovo since the 8th century.

The region was the centre of the Serbian empire till the 14th century and Serbs still regard Kosovo as the cradle of their state. Both ethnic groups were defeated at the battle of Kosovo in 1389, which ushered in centuries of rule by the Muslim Ottoman Empire. Serbia regained control in 1913 and the province was incorporated in the Yugoslav Federation after World War One.

Serbs and Albanians have vied for control ever since but the population balance has shifted towards the Albanians. Kosovo gained a measure of autonomy under Marshall Tito but President Milosevic revoked this in 1989. The subsequent repression led first to a passive resistance movement and then to a guerrilla force, the Kosovo Liberation Army. By 1999 the ethnic cleansing of Albanians was driving hundreds of thousands of refugees across the borders so NATO intervened with air strikes against targets in Kosovo and Serbia in which thousands of people died. Since then a United Nations mission with troops from NATO countries has administered what is strictly speaking, still part of Serbia, gradually devolving powers since 2001 to the provisional Government whom we have been advising. After interminable talks to persuade the Serbs to let go of Kosovo, the newly elected Government made a unilateral declaration of independence on 17th March 2008 and the new state has been recognised by the USA and most Western European countries but not by Serbia, Russia or China. A new Constitution has since been adopted by the Legislative Assembly in June 2008

The hardest task which the Government faces is that Kosovo is one of Europe's poorest regions with more than half its population below the poverty line. There are some mineral resources – mainly brown coal – but agriculture is the main economic activity. Albanians are estimated at between 1.5 m and 1.8m. some 80,000 Serbs remain; and the rest of the 2m total are of Bosnian, Turkish or Ashkali origin. Half the population is under 25 and “official” unemployment – for which no benefit is paid – is estimated at 45%. There is a thriving black market, large scale smuggling of arms and drugs as well as human trafficking and endemic corruption.

This is not a genuine religious conflict though Christianity versus Islam is part of the posturing. Here are a few impressions of that aspect:

A classic, cruciform, Orthodox basilica, straight out of its concrete mould with a gleaming gold cross on its unfinished dome, stands windowless and door less surrounded by barbed wire in the centre of the capital, Pristina. It was built in the 1990s as a symbol of Serbian dominance and is kept like this as a symbol of Albanian defiance and retribution. In other towns there are the torched remains of churches and mosques attacked in the riots of March 2004, which we witnessed.

So, if it's all about religious fervour why is it that, when the call to prayer sounds from

tinny tape recorders up the minarets every 4 hours and drowns out the politicians in their offices and conference halls, they just close the windows and nobody stops to pray except for a few very old men?

I attended a Protestant evangelical service crowded with young people called “The Fellowship of the Lord's People” who prayed (in translation) for the victims of a recent school bus crash but gave thanks that none of those killed were from what they called “the faithful”. Thereafter I attended the Roman Catholic Church.

Near my apartment block is a war memorial with names mostly born since 1970 all of whom died in 1999. Photographs of those still missing festoon the railings of the Assembly Building.

On Bill Clinton Boulevard his picture covers a whole gable wall and Tony Blair Avenue is nearby. Where else are they still seen as icons?

Yet there are signs of hope. The Kosovo Government contributed to the Tsunami Appeal. Banners expressed solidarity with Britain after the London bombings. The EU is pouring in aid and advice because this is in Europe's own backyard not Africa, Asia or South America.

I regard it as a great privilege to have played a small part in assisting the people of Kosovo and am grateful for the interest which Pembroke friends have shown throughout.

Kenneth MacKenzie (1961)

Alumni News

PROFESSOR COLIN MORRIS (Emeritus Fellow) has had a book published, "The Sepulchre of Christ and the Medieval West" [OUP 2005, paperback 2007]. He was also in 2007 elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

PROFESSOR KEITH SYKES (Honorary Fellow) was recently awarded the Hickman medal by the Section of Anaesthesia of the Royal Society of Medicine. The medal is awarded every three years for distinguished contributions to the science and art of anaesthesia. (Henry Hill Hickman was a Shropshire general practitioner who, in 1824, was the first person to attempt to produce general anaesthesia in animals by the inhalation of the gas carbon dioxide. Although he could perform surgery on the unconscious animals and they recovered consciousness, he was unable to persuade either the Royal Society in London or the Royal Academy of Medicine in Paris to support further research and he died a disappointed man at the age of 30 in 1830. It was not until 1846 that WTG Morton gave the first successful demonstration of ether anaesthesia in Boston, USA.)

GODFREY HOWARD (1946), who is an award-winning writer, presented several programmes at this year's Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival, which took place at Christ Church, including "Jane Austen as a Letter Writer" in the Upper Library and "Paris and the Sound of Music" in the Maison Française for the third year running.

CHARLES WINTHROP MOLESWORTH SWITHINBANK (1946) Polar Researcher has written about his travels in Burma.

I spent two weeks in Burma in January 2007 and another two weeks in January 2008. Burma (now called Myanmar) is one of the most interesting countries in south-east Asia. Travel is easy and, compared with neighbouring countries, it is cheap. I chose an itinerary without asking advice from government or anyone else. However, I did know a bit about the place. I was born there in 1926 and lived in Burma to 1933. The few travel restrictions for foreigners apply only in some border areas. We studiously avoided government-owned airlines and hotels, flying from Rangoon (Yangon) to Myitkina, capital of the (northernmost) Kachin state. There we happened to coincide with a spectacular spring festival to which tribal representatives come from far and wide to enjoy dancing and feasting.

Seeking escape from a cloudless sky and an air temperature above 35°C I wandered uninvited into what turned out to be a meeting of tribal chiefs. Surprisingly, many of the chiefs wore western suits but covered them with spectacular multi-coloured robes, each one different and unique to his tribe. I was wafted to an armchair and given refreshments. Eager to meet a foreigner, one chief discovered that I was born in Burma. "Do you speak Burmese?" he asked. "Sadly, no," I replied. "Good" he exclaimed, "Neither do we!" Kachins speak their own language

(Jingpaw) and are fiercely independent. For many years they rebelled against the Burmese. Thousands of lives were lost on both sides. Now an uneasy truce prevails in which the insurgents retain their weapons-just in case. We were told that there were insurgents among those taking part in the festivities. Afterwards, they would return to their camps in the jungle.

Our welcome in Myitkina was matched wherever we went in Burma. In areas where tourists don't venture, the sight of white faces caused some alarm at first-until we smiled. Then expressions dissolved into grins; people who spoke some words of English were eager to use them.

None of the above contradicts the other side of the story. Burma today has one of the most brutal and corrupt military governments to be found anywhere. The country is rich in natural resources and earns vast sums from exports. However, over 40% of the proceeds are used to support an army of some 45,000 soldiers. In contrast, according to UK Foreign Office estimates, the authorities spend less than \$1 per person per year on basic healthcare and education. The UN, the EU and USA have imposed sanctions on trade with Burma. However, the country's principal trading partners - China, Laos, Thailand, India and Bangladesh - ignore them. As a result, the army is not at all deprived and its generals earn billions from exports. A profitable gas pipeline carries Burma's offshore gas to Thailand and a new pipeline is under construction to carry offshore oil from the Bay of Bengal to China via Mandalay.

The problem lies not with Burma's GDP but with its misappropriation.

The suppression of democracy demonstrations last year resulted in the cancellation of many tourist's plans. What was a slowly developing visitor infrastructure is now in crisis, depriving people of their very limited contact with visitors from outside. Far from sanctions busting, our plan was to travel far and wide to meet people. But like them, we were powerless to change anything. Anyone reasonably fluent in English

did not hold back in telling us what they thought of their rulers, but no one believed that anything would change soon.

It surprised and delighted us that everywhere we went, people were clean, well-dressed and evidently healthy. Street markets were rich in all kinds of locally-grown vegetables, fruits, spices and meat. Fish from the Irrawaddy is sold everywhere. After driving (by taxi) 120 miles south to Bhamo, we boarded a 3-decker Chinese-built river boat for a 3½-day voyage to Mandalay. As I had hoped, we were the only foreigners among more than 100 passengers. We shared a cabin but our fellow passengers just spread themselves and their belongings on mats across the hard steel tween-decks. Family groups, most consisting of three generations, made themselves little nests with multi-coloured blankets surrounded by cloth bundles of their belongings. They had brought their own food, but we survived by sharing the crew's curry and rice. On running out of drinking water, I did drink Irrawaddy water after adding some iodine tablets. The voyage was made memorable by the friendly smiles wherever we wandered about the ship. We were a day late in arriving in Mandalay because the vessel ran aground on sandbanks and stopped in fog and at night. There was no functioning radar nor any radio to call for help in an emergency. However, had we sunk, the river was so shallow that we would not have got our feet wet.

In Pakokku we chose the best hotel in town. There were three guest rooms but no food, no running water nor, except for a short time, any lighting. From here on we spent a week on nostalgic visits to places I had known as a child. Wandering the streets, day or night, we felt safer than in many places nearer home. We saw almost no military nor police. People told us: "If we steer clear of politics, they don't bother us." Soldiers stay in their barracks until someone starts preaching democracy-at which point things change . . .

BRIAN WILSON (1948) gave a talk on the College Silver Collection to the Oxfordshire Institute of Directors on 26th February 2008. Brian's expertise on the subject made it a most rewarding experience for those attending. Copies of Brian's book 'A Gentle History of the Silver Collection' are available from the College Conference Office (mail to conferences@pmb.ox.ac.uk)

RAYMOND D'UNIENVILLE (1952) writes that, "on 3rd May I was received as member, or "maitre-ès-jeux" of the "Académie des Jeux Floraux" at Toulouse - the oldest Academy in Western Europe I was told. It was all a very interesting experience, the reception taking place in the great hall of the Capitole with the members of the Academy wearing white tie, whilst I displayed my Pembroke silk tie. This seems to be the result of my last book, the biography of governor Malartic, which seems to have pleased the Academy : Malartic hails from Montauban".

DICK WILLIAMSON (1952) has generously chosen to allow College's Annual Fund to benefit from the numerous successes of his racehorse, Double Header.

JOHN BARLOW (1952) and BOB TRIGGS (1967) were selected to represent the Oxford University Alumni Bridge Club (4 pairs in all) and had a resounding victory against Oxford Bridge Club. Forthcoming fixtures include matches against Cambridge Alumni, MCC and the House of Lords.

GOS HOME (1954) wrote to let us know that LORD KERR OF KINLOCHARD (1960) gave the 13th Annual Douglas W Bryant Lecture on 7th April to a packed lecture theatre at the British Library, under the auspices of the Eccles Centre for American Studies founded by Lord and Lady Eccles. John Kerr gave an intellectual overview on "Constitution: Does America's work? Does Europe need one? And what about us?" which was much enjoyed.

PETER DAVIS (1954) held an exhibition on Nelson Mandela's clandestine visit to London in 1962. It was shown at the Museum of London to coincide with Mandela's 90th birthday concert in London in June 2008. His HOMAGE TO DOLLY RATHEBE was shown at the Barbican in July. Davis's documentary PUB was shown at the Museum of London in March, STRIP (on a London striptease club in 1965) was shown at the National Film Theatre in April, and his documentary ANATOMY OF VIOLENCE (on the Dialectics of Liberation held at the Roundhouse in 1967) is scheduled for Bristol. His documentary WHERE'S GEORGE? (1969), on an American deserter from the Vietnam War, was shown at New York's Lincoln Center in May; and his re-edited version of JOHNNY CASH: THE MAN, HIS WORLD, HIS MUSIC aired on American Public Television in August.

RICHARD THOMAS (1955) who believes that - working out of Dunedin in the South Island of New Zealand - he is probably Pembroke's farthest flung alumnus. He has just produced a series of half hour plays for NZ television. In a country where locally made television drama is very, very limited and concentrated in Wellington and Auckland the series has been made in the relatively small towns of Napier in the North Island and Invercargill in the South Island as well as Dunedin and Christchurch.. It is another step in a broadcasting journey that began with producing comedy for the Third Programme and documentaries for BBCTV before heading up a department of a new TV Channel in New Zealand on his way to being Director of TV for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and pioneering work with video journalist sourced social documentaries.

MICHAEL PICARDIE (1958) directed Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot at Chapter Theatre Cardiff 13-17 May for Everyman Theatre.

JOHN J. HORTON (1959) Recently retired as university librarian at the University of Bradford, but became Honorary Research Fellow in Yugoslav Studies at its School of Peace Studies.

JOHN HATTENDORF (1971) has edited the Oxford Encyclopaedia of Maritime History, and he has been chosen as the 2008 recipient of the Dartmouth Medal. The medal, donated by Dartmouth College is presented by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). It is awarded for the creation of current reference works of outstanding quality and significance. The Judges said that “not only did the international collection of naval, academic and independent authors achieve admirably their goal of creating an interdisciplinary resource, they also made it fun. This title is destined to be the flagship resource in maritime history for years to come”.

PROFESSOR THOMAS GLYN WATKIN (1971) has been appointed the Welsh Assembly’s first Welsh Legislative Counsel. The Office of the Welsh Legislative Counsel is responsible for drafting all Welsh Assembly sponsored legislative competence orders and Assembly measures. Professor Watkin has been a professor of Law at the University of Wales, Cardiff and Bangor, where he was founding Head of the Law School, and where he is still an honorary professor. Whilst at Pembroke, he was Oades and Stratford Scholar, before being called to the bar in 1976.

DAVID ROBINSON (1973) has just published his first book, *In Cold Ink*, a collection of essays and interviews with writers such as Ian McEwan, Richard Ford and Tobias Wolff primarily compiled in connection with his job as Books Editor of *The Scotsman*. “Writing it has taken me to West Kansas (for an essay on Truman Capote) and to Botswana (to interview Alexander McCall Smith),” he says, “and for the first time I now understand the

trepidation with which authors look at the book review pages. So far I’ve been lucky!” The book is published by Maclean Dubois price £9.99 (ISBN 978-0-95144705-5).

LORNE DENNY (1977)

I am now the stipendiary Priest-in Charge of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Milton Regis.

CATHY WALL (nee Everard) – 1979
Cathy lives in Birmingham and is married with three children. She is a director of Barclays Private Equity.

NICOLA HARRISON (1981) who is a professional singing coach has set up the first ever OU voice training class at Pembroke College. Students from across the University are applying for this exciting new opportunity. Ms Harrison, whose previous work including training cast members for “Billy Elliot the Musical”, already provides two singing scholarships a year to Pembroke students, and this new venture is available to current students of the College at a special rate. Her innovative approach is much appreciated by all those who enjoy seeing Pembroke to continue to expand its music and drama scene.

RADOSLAW (RADEK) SIKORSKI 1983 is the new Foreign Minister of Poland. He studied PPE at Pembroke, after being stranded in Britain after martial law was declared in Poland in 1981. He was a defence minister in the previous government before being ejected and then ran for office with a civic platform. He was quoted in the *Financial Times* as breaking with his predecessor Anna Fotyga’s often confrontational style of diplomacy, saying: “I would like Europe to appreciate the new style of Polish foreign policy which I intend to introduce.”

TIFFANY BRUNSKILL (1983) has appeared on *Grand Designs* Television Programme as she has just completed building a new house for her family. It was the biggest ground works project *Grand Designs* has ever seen and there was much drama along the way. You can catch it on

the Grand Designs website and a revisit is planned for future programmes.

KARL ALEX RELTON (1985) After some fifteen years in the electronics industry, I decided to follow what really makes me tick and started working for my local church. Last year I successfully went through the various interview processes, so I am now officially a “Minister in Training” at the church. I spend part of my time at Spurgeons College, South London, and the rest learning on the job at church. I am specializing in outreach work, and hope to qualify in 2010.

SARAH FERGUSON (1986) gave birth to a son, Lucius Vaughan Ptolemy Taylor-Ferguson (“Lucky” for short), on 26 January 2008 to Sarah and Mark Taylor-Ferguson. Sarah and Mark got married on 3 July 2008 at Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire.

FIONA HERRON (1987) - “Abacus Translation, the business translation agency I launched in January 2007 with two former journalist colleagues, got off to a cracking start and steady growth has continued into 2008. For anyone who is interested, the Abacus website can be found at <http://www.abacustranslation.com>. Being self-employed is a whole new and very exciting experience! Sadly, I lost my father in February 2007 and we are now considering a move back to the UK from Holland. As the family home is in Witney, we would be close to Oxford and my brother John (who works at the Randolph Hotel), which would be wonderful. Our daughter Rebecca (6) is bilingual, so we are hoping she would adapt swiftly. Gerard is hoping to be able to continue his teaching career in the UK.”

PATRICK PICHETTE (1987) has been appointed CFO of Google Inc. Mr Pichette previously served as president of operations at BCE, the telecom formerly known as Bell Canada. Mr. Pichette officially took over as Finance Chief on August 12th, his appointment to this prestigious post marking the end of a nearly year-long search by Google to fill the position.

OLIVIER MEYOHAS (1989) Blackstone Alternative Asset Management (“BAAM”) has announced that Olivier Meyohas (1989) has joined as a Managing Director to head its London office and lead its business in Europe, the Middle East & Africa. Blackstone is one of the world’s leading investment and advisory firms. Prior to joining BAAM, Mr. Meyohas spent the last 16 years at Goldman Sachs in London, where he was a Managing Director and last served as co-Head of the Pension Advisory Group.

TARIK O’REGAN (1996, Music) has won his second British Composer Award for the choral work Threshold of Night. The prize was awarded in the Liturgical category and was announced at a ceremony hosted by the British Academy of Composers & Songwriters in partnership with the Performing Right Society and with BBC Radio 3. The piece, which is a setting of poetry by Kathleen Raine, was commissioned at St John’s College Cambridge, and has recently been recorded by US choir *Conspirare* for release on the Harmonia Mundi label.

BLUE MACASKILL (1996) has been made Artist-in-Residence at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. This runs from January 08 to January 09.

RICHARD FANSHAWE (1998) is running his own adventure sport travel company since leaving Pembroke.

ARAD REISBERG (1999) Lecturer in Law at University College London and Director of the Centre for Commercial Law has published a new book ‘Derivative Action and Corporate Governance’ (OUP 2007). This is the first book to provide a detailed and theoretical explanation of the law governing derivative actions. The book gives practical guidance on solving current problems in many jurisdictions based on case law, and on substantive legal, economic and comparative research.

ALEX LAU (1999–2001)

Former Pembroke Visiting Scholar, Professor Alex Lau (1999 / 2001) has been responsible for persuading the Beijing Government to amend a new law. Professor Lau, a former solicitor and now Associate Professor of the HKBU (Hong Kong Baptist University) Department of Accountancy of Law, identified a piece of confusing wording in the Chinese Company Act and wrote to the government suggesting a revised phrasing. His recommendation was accepted - as we continue to work to increase Pembroke's influence in the field of Chinese studies, we are pleased to see one of our alumni playing such an interesting part in the evolution of modern China.

RICHARD DARBOURNE (2000), has led the way in a new schools initiative which uses interactive and instructive theatre to encourage children to connect with education. Richard runs the company Living Learning, which he founded in 2006 to offer cross-curricular enrichment workshops in schools. The workshops are interactive plays that reach their conclusion by students completing tasks related to the workshop subject. This fascinating project has been highly acclaimed: particularly popular is the Living Maths play 'Love is in the Air', a lively story about two kebab shop owners Peter Aggoras and Archi Mendes (Pythagoras and Archimedes in disguise). Archi wants to show his love, Carmela, he is a man of substance and students help him along the way. The play is available to years 7 to 12 and has visited over 60 schools since its launch last year. Equally popular is the primary school workshop 'Telling Tall Stories' where brothers Pericles and Euripedes take pupils on a tour of Ancient Athens before recreating the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. For more information do visit the website www.living-learning.org or e-mail info@living-learning.org.

SALLY BULLOCK (2002) and fifth year medic IAN MONK ran the London Marathon and are on course to raise over £3,000 for the Samaritans. They ran in pink Pembroke rowing colours as Samaritans shirts were not in time for the event.

NICK WERGEN (2003) has won a prestigious award for his teaching, just three years after taking his PGCE at Pembroke. The Training and Development Agency for Schools Award for New Teacher of the Year (one of a set of awards known as the "Oscars for teachers") was presented to him by Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families in a televised ceremony on BBC 2 on 21st October 2007. Nick worked in the City for 15 years before deciding to become a teacher, and his skills and vibrant teaching style meant that he was rapidly promoted to subject leader for English after only 2 years in the profession. One of his own pupils nominated him for the award.

MICHAEL BERLINER (2004) wrote to say that the short film he produced, *The Beachcombers*, has just been selected as the winner for the Lambeth/Lewisham/Southwark area in the ITV London Best of Boroughs competition. It's a competition which recognises the best 'shorts' made in the capital over the past year. Out of 42 entries, Michael's film was selected as one of the six competition finalists. He won a BAFTA for the film winning the ITV London Tonight Viewers Award.

Michael Berliner (2004) has won a BAFTA for his film *The Beachcombers*. The film stars Charity Wakefield, who appeared in the BBC's recent adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*, and tells a heartwarming story of love and friendship in modern day London.

The Tesdale Society

Members of the Tesdale Society (notified legators to Pembroke) came up to College on 8th March 2008. They enjoyed lunch alongside some of our current students, and afterwards were treated to a concert in the chapel.



Miles Dodd and Sir Peter Wallis

Mr Michael Godley	1946
Dr Charles Swithinbank	1946
Mr Jock Holland	1946
Mr Howard Webber	1946
Mr Lewis Bernstein	1947
Mr Michael Andrews	1948
Professor Geoffrey Barrow	1948
Mr Henry Harris	1948
Mr Kenneth Garrod	1948
Mr John Fell	1948
Mr Ronald Horsell	1948
Dr John Kelly	1948
Mr George Thompson	1948
Mr Brian Wilson	1948
Sir Robert Clarke	1949
Mr David Stanley OBE	1949
Mr Geoffrey Samuel	1949
Mr Philip Jagger	1949
Mr Richard Deeble	1949
Mr Peter Harrison	1949
Mr Peter Batchelor	1949
Mr Brian Cairns	1949
Mr Peter Bell	1950
Rev David Perkin	1950
Dr Miles Rucklidge	1951
Dr Hugh McKinney	1951
Mr Padraic Gilmore	1951
Mr Jeremy Forty	1951
Mr Harry Wilson	1951
Dr Ian Sunderland	1951
Mr Derek Wood	1952
Professor Dr Derek Diamond	1952
Dr Paul Ellis FRCS MA	1952
Mr Graham Butler	1952
Mr John Barlow	1952
Alumni	
Mr Wimburn Horlock	1935
Rev Boris Anderson	1937
Mr Basil Garland	1939
Mr Hugh Lunghi	1939
Mr Brian Parker	1940
Dr Gordon Lewis CBE	1942
Mr Rodney FitzGerald	1942
Mr John Whitworth OBE	1943
Mr Walter Wood	1944
Dr Arnold Cohen	1944
Mr Graham McCallum CBE	1944
Mr Maurice Nadin	1944
Mr Peter Jones	1944
Mr Roff Rayner	1944
Mr Jeremy Gentilli	1945

Mr James Bratton	1952	Mr David MacKilligin CMG	1958
Mr Duncan Kelly	1952	Mr David Mitchell	1958
Mr David Jeayes	1952	Mr John Walker	1958
Mr Michael Roe	1952	Mr Tony Yablon	1959
Mr David Prichard MBE	1952	Mr Charles Wood	1959
Mr Dick Stopford	1952	Mr Anthony Mobbs	1959
Sir Leonard Peach	1953	Canon Edgar McGinnis	1959
Mr Stanley Metcalfe	1953	Professor Abbie Hughes	1959
Mr Ronald Limbrick	1953	Mr Christopher Craig	1959
Mr Brian Bevan	1953	Dr Malcolm Seddon	1959
Mr Michael Beaumont	1953	Mr Christopher Stafford	1959
Mr Brian Bissell MBE	1954	Mr Derek Oakley	1959
Mr David Hawkins	1954	Mr Michael Carlton	1959
Mr Martin Henry	1954	Mr Brian Burns	1960
Mr Nicholas Grantham	1954	Professor Bruce Fetter	1960
Mr Gos Home	1954	Mr David Noble	1960
Mr George Summerfield	1954	Dr Bruce Wakefield	1960
Mr Peter Summerfield	1954		
Dr David Speller	1954		
Dr Walter Timperley	1955		
Mr Ronald Lorimer	1955		
Mr David Lilley	1955		
Mr Julian Crispin	1955		
Mr Roy Vernon	1955		
Sir Peter Wallis	1955		
Mr Peter Toomey	1956		
Mr Jeremy Wall	1956		
Mr Geoffrey Crookes	1956		
Mr Gordon Aldrick	1956		
Canon Michael Moore	1956		
Mr Michael Murphy	1956		
Mr David Lanch	1957	Dr Damon Wells CBE	1961
Professor Geoffrey Raisman FRS	1957	Mr Kenneth MacKenzie CB	1961
Rev Malcolm Cooper	1957	Professor Graham Good	1961
Mr Dick Hayes	1957	Mr Jeremy Baker	1961
Rev Martin Francis	1957	Mr Martyn Baker	1962
Mr Gary Flather OBE QC	1958	Mr James Barlow	1962
Rev Sydney Clayton	1958	Mr John Govett LVO	1962
Professor Miles Dodd	1958	Mr John Stoker	1962
Mr Geoffrey Hoffman	1958	Mr Hannan Rose	1962
Mr David Cope-Thompson	1958	Mr Marcus Nelson	1962
The Rt Hon Lord Abernethy	1958	Dr Nigel James	1963
Dr Philip Richardson	1958	Mr Tony Jasper	1963
His Honour Conrad Seagroatt QC	1958	Mr Peter Stevenson	1963
Dr Grant Lee	1958	Mr Jim Dalton	1963
Mr Hugh Ibbotson	1958	Mr Alan Smith	1964



Philip Richardson and Geoffrey Raisman

Mr Paul Castle	1965	Mrs Emma Brining	1987
Mr Desmond Burton	1966	Dr Nicholas Griffin	1992
Mr Ian Cormack	1966		
Mr Nicholas Hill	1966	Friends	
Ambassador Philip Lader	1967		
Mr John Dixon	1967	Dr Colin Haydon	
Mr Peter Farthing	1968	Mrs Doris Hyndson	
Mr Christopher Lusby Taylor	1968	Dr Andrea Tanner	
Mr Roger Chapman MBE	1969	Dr John Wroughton	
Mr Simon Frost	1970	Mrs Ella Whitehead	
Mr Michael Hall	1971	Mrs Sheila Rees	
Professor Graham Layer	1971	Mr Andrew Calvert	
Mr Michael Kill	1971	Honorary Fellows	
Rev Richard Jones	1972	Professor Sir Keith Sykes	
Mr Mark Herbert-Smith	1972	Professor Robert Stevens	
Mr David Fell	1972	Emeritus Fellows	
Mr Roderick Burgess	1973	Professor Ian Grant	
Mr David Williams	1973	Professor Arthur Hazlewood	
Mr John Penny	1974	Dr Edgar Lightfoot	
Mr Julian Schild	1977		
Mr Christopher Pulford	1978	If you are not listed as a member of the	
Mr Mark Fidler	1980	Tesdale Society and consider that you should	
Mrs Gill Coates	1981	be because you have included Pembroke	
Mr Nicholas Tomlinson	1981	in your will, please let us know so that we	
Mrs Terry Slesinski-Wykowski	1982	can include you in our next invitation to a	
		Tesdale lunch in 2010.	

The Pembroke Society AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place in Broadgates Hall at 5 pm on 20 September 2008.

15 members attended during the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted from: The Master, T O'Regan, D Gordon and HWS Horlock.

J Platt presided as deputy President in the Master's absence, and called the meeting to order at 5.05 pm.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2007 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report (this agenda item was actually taken after item 5)

J Barlow reported that the balance of the Society's account stood at £787.50. The only expenditure during the year had been on presentations to retiring staff. In response to a query on the Society's income sources J Barlow stated that there were none - in future income would arise from surpluses from events organised by the Society.

4. Amendments to the Constitution

The amendments to the Constitution agreed at the 2007 AGM and subsequently proposed at the May 2008 Committee meeting were put to the vote:

Amendment 1: Add item 2e: The President and committee take full responsibility

for planning and executing an annual programme of events including the AGM. Proposed: J Platt, Seconded: M Cooper. Passed nem.con.

Amendment 2: Amend item 4 to allow for the election of the Society's President. Proposed: P Dimmock, Seconded: M Cooper. Passed nem.con.

Amendment 3: In items 2a & 2d: Replace 'Pembroke men' with 'members' Proposed: J Barlow, Seconded: J Forde-Johnston. Passed nem.con.

Amendment 4: Strike out the last sentence of item 4: 'The Development Director shall be the Liaison Officer.'

B Wilson queried the reason for no longer having the Development Director as a Committee member. J Forde-Johnston responded that the Committee's thinking had been that, following the discussions on the future of the Society the previous year, when it had been decided that the Society should exist and act more independently of the College, there would no longer be a formal link between the Society and the College, and so the Development Director would no longer be a member of the Committee ex-officio. There would, however continue to be v strong informal links, with one of the Society's main roles being seen to be the support of the Year Group Leaders. There followed a discussion on the role of the YGLs, concluding with an alternative amendment proposed by

M Cooper (seconded J Barlow) that the Constitution be amended to clarify the formal separation between the Society and the College. This proposal was passed nem. con.

5. Election of College Society President

There being no other nominations, J Platt was elected to the post of Society President (proposed J Barlow, seconded J Forde-Johnston)

6. Committee Elections

Committee members J Barlow & F Roads, being due to retire, were elected to serve for a further three years. Proposed: J Platt, seconded J Forde-Johnston.

7. Election of Officers

The serving officers were elected to serve for a further year:

As Treasurer: J Barlow - Proposed: J Platt, seconded J Forde-Johnston

As Secretary: J Forde-Johnston - Proposed K Joseph, seconded J Platt

8. Any Other Business

B Wilson queried what programme of events would be organised by the Society, and put forward a proposal to wind up the Society (referring to para 9 of his document

forwarded to the Secretary shortly before the meeting and so uncirculated to members - copy available on request to the Secretary or B Wilson). J Platt expressed some sympathy with the view that the Society should not 'die a lingering death' but believed that time was required to show what the Society could do under the new arrangements. J Platt proposed that the next committee meeting would consider in depth what the Society should do. G Crookes expressed the view that the value of the Society lay in mixing ages and years in informal settings rather than just in large formal college events. G Layer also commented on the value of the Society as an independent voice of old members. M Cooper commented that there was an opportunity for the Society in regional gatherings of all ages and years. J Barlow proposed that, before the next committee meeting, the entire membership be consulted (by post and email) on ideas for events and activities for the Society to organise. Suggestions would then be referred to the Committee for further consideration. Proposed J Barlow, seconded J Forde-Johnston, passed nem. con.

There being no other business J Platt thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.



Alumni Representatives

Year Group Leaders or 'YGLs' are alumni volunteers based in the UK who work with the Development Office to keep their peers in touch with College, and vice versa. Their responsibilities range from helping to

organize events and activities for members of their year group to acting as fundraising facilitators, in conjunction with the Development Office.

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1951 JOSEPH GILCHRIST

JEREMY FORTY

1952 DAVID PRICHARD

RICHARD STOPFORD

1953 SIR LEONARD PEACH

1954 GOSPATRIC HOME

DAVID SPELLER

1955 ALAN GRANT

JULIAN CRISPIN

1956 GEOFFREY M TAYLOR

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Obituaries

The deaths of the following members
have been notified since the last edition of the Record

Norman Stayner Marsh	1932	Bridget Heuston
William J Scarlett	1937	(Nee Bolland) widow firstly of Neville
Clive Bindley Mountain	1945	Ward-Perkins, Fellow in Economics
Brock Pinnock	1946	at Pembroke, then widow of Robert
Brian Rees	1952	Heuston Fellow in Law at Pembroke.
Michael Alexander Simpson	1956	
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R Peter Whalley	1966	
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PROFESSOR DAVID
YORK MASON
FELLOW (1987)

1941-2008



David Mason was the Professor of Cellular Pathology at Oxford and a much loved and respected Fellow at Pembroke. He was a haematopathologist of international standing, who made significant

contributions to the pathogenesis and diagnosis of lymphomas and leukaemias.

In Oxford, David Mason pioneered the application of monoclonal antibodies to the diagnosis of lymphomas realising their potential applications from the time of their first discovery in 1977. Despite the scepticism of others, David decided to develop his research work in this field of Medicine and, in pursuit of this work, David developed what is known as APAAP (alkaline phosphatase – Anti-Alkaline Phosphate), a technique that improved the detection of antigens on cancer cells. For this new approach, David can be credited with the development of a new technical method for the diagnosis of cancer which is now applied daily all over the world in Pathology.

He also advanced lymphoma diagnosis by his contribution to the Human Leucocyte Differentiation Workshops, contributing to the characterisation and identification of new molecules as new markers useful to distinguish different types of lymphoma, therefore guiding the work of clinicians to apply the appropriate therapy, so that the final results of his work were tangible clinical benefits for patients. Most importantly, David's work indirectly helped to build up a picture of the genetic alterations occurring in different forms of lymphoma, moving ultimately towards a better treatment which originated in the understanding of the underlying

genetic processes. His modus operandi was based on the importance of an accurate recording of what pathologists can discover by observing tissue samples down a microscope. Not only was David a brilliant researcher but he sought to pursue the full application of beneficial techniques by lobbying the NHS to adopt the newest diagnostic techniques, and encouraged other scientists to consider new ways of diagnosis, such as the use of fluorescence in-situ hybridisation. He always explained the rationale behind his ideas with clarity and was a tactful negotiator against those who raised objections to his view.

David was born in 1941, one of a pair of non-identical twins and educated at Tonbridge School, St John's College Oxford and St Thomas' Hospital, London, qualifying as a doctor in 1966. He came from a medical family and his father was a surgeon, while his mother, Margaret, was one of the first female anaesthetists in the UK. His mother introduced him to two of his life-long passions: film and literature. The arts were a passion for David, but he chose to devote his working life to medicine, and, specifically, to research into lymphomas or common tumours of the lymph glands.

David had a strong idiosyncratic sense of humour and he wrote some of the early sketches for *That was the week that was*, a pioneering television programme in the political satire genre, and for which he continued to receive royalties until his death. It was a turning point in its originality in establishing a new form of humour just before the satirical humour of the Monty Python team appeared on the scene.

David's talents were endless, and he was fluent in Italian and French, and he used these talents to full effect in his working life by extending international connections with a network of collaborators internationally for research into lymphomas. He welcomed visitors of all levels of skill to his lab to share and disseminate scientific knowledge with generosity and modesty. He was particularly keen on supporting researchers whose own laboratories

might not have the funds to explore new techniques themselves, sometimes subsidising them himself from his own grant monies. Learning and cooperation to further research was all he sought to do and never sought personal glory. Many leading researchers active today profited from this approach, and spent weeks or years with David in Oxford.

In 1991, David was a founding member of the International Lymphoma Study Group, which brought together pathologists and clinicians from around the world to discuss and agree on lymphoma diagnosis and research. At a time when rivalry and diversity of classification systems divided the USA from Europe, David Mason, together with Peter Isaacson, Harald Stein, Elaine Jaffe, Nancy Harris and others collected these disparate opinions and formulated a new clear and practical scheme for clinical use.

David, together with his colleagues at the International Lymphoma Study Group actively contributed to the development of the so-called REAL (Revised European American Lymphoma) classification of lymphoma. This classification became the base for the now widely used World Health Organisation classification of lymphomas. Over nearly 30 years, David was regularly the top cited scientist in Oxford and always in the leader table of UK scientists.

The majority of his research funding came from the Leukaemia Research Fund (UK), for which David had a great affection and loyalty. He founded and was the first director of the Leukaemia Research Fund Immunodiagnosics Unit which recently created a facility aimed at the establishment of a national antibody resource, which enabled this resource to be accessed by other charity research groups. David's work was supported by the activity of a loyal team and some of them worked with him for over 20 years, such as Jackie Cordell, Margaret Jones, Bridget Watson and Karen Pulford, who, from 2000, became the Director of an independent Leukaemia Research Fund programme grant.

Latterly, David's research continued to investigate ways of improving

classification and diagnosis with new reagents and techniques. A promising approach highlighting underlying genetic reasons directly on a patient's lymphoma samples was undertaken in collaboration with his wife, Teresa Marafioti, herself an experienced haematopathologist and focused on the relevance of intracellular signalling molecules as possible new diagnostic and prognostic markers. "He was an open-minded man. When he started a project, he never thought of the personal benefit. He always thought in terms of science for science's sake, not for personal prestige" says Teresa Marafioti, "he loved to share his antibodies with his colleagues as partners of his research enterprise and not as competitors and never used his generosity as a tool to become co-authors in scientific publications".

In 1987 David was elected a Fellow of Pembroke. In the University he was promoted to Reader in 1994 and then, in 1997, to Professor of Cellular Pathology. He enjoyed the convivial and intellectual aspects of college life and was a regular and supportive attendee of College functions and the events of College life. David was an asset to Pembroke both intellectually and socially, and he and his wife attended the annual Pembroke London Reception for alumni shortly before the operation, which was to cut short his life. He was the College Curator of Art.

David was a full participant in the manor house and the local community in the village of Elsfield, where he lived, not far from the Radcliffe Hospital. He and his Italian wife, Teresa, spent their summers in Calabria, where David loved to fish with Calabrian fishermen.

David was a great democrat, who respected and valued other human beings, whether his intellectual equals or those who lived a simpler cerebral existence than his own. David had time for everyone from the simple fisherman to the leading scientist of his day.

David is survived by his wife, Teresa Marafioti, his collaborative researcher, and the four children of his previous

marriages.

David died tragically and prematurely from complications following a routine operation. Pembroke is rendered poorer both intellectually and socially by the loss of a key Fellow of College, whose breadth of knowledge extended to all matters of literature and culture. David's talents as a raconteur of wonderful anecdotes on all subjects and his sharp wit entranced and enlivened life at Pembroke and his loss will make gatherings at Pembroke less vibrant. David had a passion for history, literature and cinema. He could have excelled professionally in so many fields of the arts as well as his chosen science.

Obituary compiled from several sources

Recollections of David from Pembroke Colleagues

*From The University Lecturer in
Orthopaedic Surgery and Honorary
Consultant in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery
Jonathan Rees MB,BS, FRCS (Eng), MD,
FRCS (Tr&Orth), Fellow at Pembroke*

Besides the memories we all have of David as a highly intellectual man who could talk with authority to anyone, in any situation, and often in several languages, I wanted to share an early personal memory of David.

When I was appointed in August 2004, it was David who represented Pembroke at my interview. My first memory of him was his very insightful questioning, and my second memory came the next day when I received a welcoming email from him. I was both impressed and pleased that David had taken the time to write to me, and it was clear from his words that he had a great affinity for Pembroke. I delete most emails but kept David's from August 2004. I feel it is appropriate to print an extract:

I think you got it right when you said that Pembroke is small and therefore friendlier than some other institutions. It really has a family feeling (in the non-dysfunctional sense) about it and is disappointingly free of the intrigues that

Oxford Colleges in fiction are always traditionally full of.

I am in a slightly similar position as yourself, also being a Fellow by Special Election rather than a Tutorial Fellow, which always seems to me to mean that I get the benefits without the hard work. I try to do what I can and find that the College is always greatly appreciative (the Master even rang me a few months back to thank me for coming to a Guest Dinner at short notice!). My colleagues think that doctors are all overworked (just as I think that Tutors are run off their feet) so they are pleased (and a bit surprised) when I put in an appearance. I guess you have a teaching element written into the job whereas I don't, but nevertheless anything you do towards looking after the graduates should be doubly rewarding in terms of the thanks you will get from the College in addition to enjoying the teaching itself.

I look forward to seeing you there in due course—if you have anything to discuss give me a call.

Best wishes and congratulations again'

It is gestures such as this email, which set David apart from others. I will always hold him in the highest regard and will be indebted to him for the encouragement, support, humour and friendship he showed to me. I will remember him with great fondness and will miss his company at College.

From the Tutor in Physiological Sciences, Jeremy Taylor MA (BSc Bristol, PhD London), Fellow at Pembroke

David interviewed and selected medical students for the College every year of the fifteen that I have been in Pembroke. For most academic clinicians this would be a task to avoid, but David always put it in his diary and always entered into his role with great enthusiasm, wisdom, and of course, humour. His last interviews were held the week he went into hospital. It was a typically generous act to dedicate a whole day to interviews. In characteristic fashion David brought his latest toy, his new I-Phone, with which he snapped each

of the interviewees for posterity, always making sure they were happy with the end result.

David looked beyond academic ability, correctly believing that whilst this might help gain top marks in the basic BM examinations, it did not necessarily predict the sort of rounded individual that one hopes a Doctor will be. In interviews, where much of the time we test problem solving and scientific ability, he was excellent at assessing the cultural and intellectual attributes which make outstanding medical students and future clinicians. His linguistic abilities were also highly valued. We once conducted an interview where Professor Foex asked questions in French, David conversed in Italian, and I was left to check that the candidate could speak, write, and understand English.

David had a remarkable ability to cite the lines of plays that applicants have said they had acted in, or discuss the relationships of characters in novels, they said they had read. He was always most impressed and genuinely delighted when it turned out that they were literate, as well being highly informed about the benefits of the human genome project. I recall him discussing with a candidate, at considerable length, the plot and characters in "The Necklace" by Maupassant, and being particularly impressed that he had read it in French. It goes without saying that the candidate is now an excellent medical student, with a very bright future.

His great sense of humour was also an attribute, if at times hard to suppress in an interview situation. I recall David's obvious, but very well contained amusement when a candidate who had been asked to talk about a bone, the sacrum, (which we sit upon) was adamant, in spite of David's non too subtle hints, that this was definitely a part of the jaw. David's glee was pushed to close to its limits when the candidate decided it was called the rectum.

We will miss David's invaluable contributions to Medicine in Pembroke, and have been very fortunate in his legacy of a long line of exceptional medical

students and clinicians that he has chosen. *From the Calouste Gulbenkian Professor of Armenian Studies, Professor Theo Van Lint (MA, PhD Leiden), Fellow at Pembroke*

What struck me about David, among his many other characteristics, was his capacity not only to engage both rationally and emotionally with a problem and with people, his scholarship, knowledge of art and literature, but also his entirely natural way of discussing these subjects: the emotion, the thought and attention invested came through in a very powerful way.

I will never forget the extraordinary conversation we had about Chekhov, certainly the most inspiring one I have ever had about this writer with anyone. It was clear that he had not only read him, but that his work, its atmosphere and implications for human relationships had, as it were, gone through him, had been engaged with at a very deep level: and he recounted this in a direct, sincere and, it would seem, simple way.

He could listen very well, and thought about what one said to him; in some cases it was clear that he struggled to see the other's point of view, and ruminated over it for some time, sometimes for months. This did not alter his warmth and openness one bit.

A tribute from one of the students on the Pembroke JCR Art Committee

Professor David Mason offered his expertise, thoughtfulness and kindness to the Pembroke JCR Art Fund Committee. The Committee were privileged by his presence. The students were enriched by his ability to be 'at home' amongst them. He was always ready to lighten the mood with a joke, and he genuinely cared about what everyone in the room had to say.

On one occasion, following an Art Fund Meeting, he brought everyone into a discussion about a recent controversial Oxford Union Debate. It was obvious that he found the issue intensely interesting, and he was able to listen and observe what the

students were saying (always with a smile) without forcing his own conclusions.

David Mason was able to offer something exciting to say on absolutely any issue of debate – be it art, student politics or, of course, the sciences. His wealth of knowledge and his willingness to share it with others was one of the many themes which shone through at his funeral, held at St Mary's Church, Oxford.

Professor Mason's presence is already dearly missed at Pembroke. Our thoughts are with his wife, his children and family. We are grateful to have known such a wonderful professor and mentor.

Dawn Rennie

Memorial Service for Professor
David York Mason, Pembroke
College Chapel, 20 June 2008

Today we remember and celebrate a great man, David York Mason.

I speak today as a fellow professor on behalf of the members of the ILSG (International Lymphoma Study Group), a global group of 25 professors of which David was a founding member.

Among these thought leaders, David was our resident genius. It was David's great mental capacity, his creative gifts which gave force and vigour to our group. David's uncommon and superior intellect impelled us to great accomplishment. David fits Johnson's definition "a true genius has a mind of large general powers... determined to some particular direction." That direction for David was hematopathology in general, and the ILSG, in particular.

David's more than 400 publications attest to his substantial contributions to hematopathology. These publications are remarkable on several accounts. Firstly, their prodigiousness, nearly a paper a month for 35 years, a testament to David's incredible energy. Secondly, these publications include more than one thousand separate co-authors from more than thirty countries, a testament to David's

universality and inclusiveness. Think of all those David inspired and taught. To this point, Professor Warnke from Stanford University, here today, represents one of four generations of Stanford academics to come to Oxford for a sabbatical with David. They came because he was a professor's professor who taught even the most learned.

Thirdly, there is the content of David's publications. He articulated the full range of immunology applied to pathology. His papers were directed at what Francis Bacon called: "the secret motion of things, and the knowledge of causes." They were more dynamic than the usual descriptive pathology papers.

Fourthly, he gave us more than phenomenology, he gave us methods and tools. To this day, his detection methods and monoclonal antibodies are an everyday mainstay of the practice of medicine around the globe. I daresay David has as many monoclonal gold records as Frank Sinatra had gold records.

Fifthly, David was a principal in the project which gave us the CD or Cluster Designation system. This editorial effort, which fills an entire library shelf, codified the then Babel of antibodies into the lingua franca we all use today.

Finally, he was a principal in the ILSG giving birth to the modern WHO Classification of Lymphoma which today is the global biblical text for both pathologists and oncologists.

Beyond his academic achievements, David gave us more...he gave us wit and imagination. His wit was a form of mental lightning. It was magic of the mind. It was, as Alexander Pope said, "what oft was thought but ne'er so well expressed." It could also prick like a pitchfork (Phillip Larkin) as he pierced a colleague's inconsistent ideas. He gave us, as John Dryden said, "beams of wit (which) strike through and make a lucid interval."

It is that light, that piercing beam which is now gone. David has left us without it.

It makes me think of what Emily Dickinson said about light and death:

“There is a certain slant of light on winter
afternoons.

When it comes, the landscape listens
Shadows hold their breath...

When it goes, tis like the distance on the
look of death.

Heavenly hurt it gives us
Sent as of the air.”

We have all been sent this heavenly hurt,
this diminished light.

We have trouble accepting David’s
absence. It reduces us too much. We defy
the absence and replace it with everyday
remembrances. We are comforted with
memories.

This introspection as solace again makes
me think of Emily Dickinson, who said:

“This was the white of the year, that was
the green

Drifts were as difficult then to think as
daisies now to be seen

Looking back is best that is left or if it be
before

Retrospection is prospect’s half, sometimes
almost more.”

And so the best we have now is our
retrospection and our hope for prospect’s
half.

Let me end by speaking to Teresa. You
have lost your soul mate, but you are left
with the blessings of true love. To quote
the immortal bard:

“...Love is not love which alters when it al-
teration finds

Or bends with the remover to remove.

O, no. It is an ever-fixed mark that looks at
tempests

And is never shaken

...it bears it out even to the edge of doom.”

The Marriage of True Minds, Shakespeare

Teresa, your soulmate is gone, but
your true love is ever-fixed and never
shaken and cannot be taken from you.

As Albert Camus said: “It was in the
depth of winter that I finally found that

within me there lay an invincible summer.”
We your friends will help you find your
invincible summer.

I’ll end on a note of optimism which
David the optimist would wish. Let us look
to prospect’s half and begin as the optimist
does

“to look up and now down, to look forward
and not back

To look out and not in, to lend a hand to
each other”

Edward Everett Hale

As David always did.

Eulogy presented by Professor Thomas Grogan

JOHN WILKS EMERITUS FELLOW 1922-2007



John Wilks who died
on September 27, 2007
was Pembroke’s first
Physics Fellow and only
the College’s second
Science Fellow in modern
times. (the first was Percy
O'Brien although earlier

Sir Robert McIntosh became a Professorial
Fellow on his appointment by the
University as the First Nuffield Professor of
Anasthetics.) John realised that there had to
be more fellows in science at the colleges if
the status of science within the University
were to rise. Thus he steadily campaigned
for more Pembroke science Fellows and for
those Fellows to take positions as College
Officers. He was supported by the then
Master, R B McCallum, and they saw the
number of science Fellows steadily increase
in the decade and a half following John’s
appointment. He was particularly pleased
when the College appointed a scientist, Sir
George Pickering, as Master. As Pembroke’s
tutor, he taught every College Physics
student from his appointment in 1956 to

his retirement in 1989 and his success as a tutor is clear from the wide diversity of employment and responsible positions his students have held.

John was born on June 21st 1922 in Levenshulme, Manchester. He gained scholarships to William Hulme Grammar School and then to Brasenose College but, after a year, the War interrupted his undergraduate studies. He was seconded to Farnborough, possibly working on radar although it appears that he took the Official Secrets Act so seriously that his friends and family were never told! Without this long period of war work, it is very likely that he would have achieved even more in his public scientific career. Six years later, he returned to undergraduate studies graduating in 1948 with a first class degree.

He then worked at the Clarendon Laboratory in Oxford until his retirement in 1989, successively as research student, ICI Fellow and ultimately as University Lecturer. John joined the group of outstanding physicists at Oxford working on investigating matter at very low temperatures and he became particularly interested in the properties of both liquid and solid helium. Doubtless, his former students will remember that standard textbooks usually cite his results on the thermal resistivity of solid helium as evidence for the mechanism of heat conduction in solids while his important measurements on liquid helium concerned its viscosity and sound absorption. His own research, and his studies of helium at low temperatures, led him to write the authoritative book (*The Properties of Liquid and Solid Helium*, 1967), another on the Third Law of Thermodynamics (*The Third Law of Thermodynamics*, 1961) and a textbook (*An Introduction to Liquid Helium*, with D Betts, 1987). I was once with a physicist friend in Warsaw and told him that John was at Pembroke. He immediately said, "Oh, the helium man". At the time John's position as "the helium man" was without question.

In the 1960's it must have become clear

to John that persisting with studies of low temperatures in Oxford was not possible and so he changed his area of professional interest to work with his wife, Eileen, on the mechanical properties of diamonds. They presented their studies, together with the results of their own research, in a book (*Properties and Applications of Diamonds*, with E Wilks, 1991). Finally, the University properly recognised the excellence of all of John's scientific work when it awarded him the degree of D.Sc.

John had many achievements outside science. Students and others who entered his rooms on the Fellows' staircase could not fail to notice his own superb pictures of the mountains, often snowy, adorning the walls. In fact, John was an excellent and enthusiastic mountaineer. He was a member of the Alpine Club and he climbed throughout both the Alps and the UK with many colleagues some of whom went to join John Hunt's successful expedition to Everest. He met his wife Eileen, also a physicist and enthusiastic mountaineer, while climbing on the Cuillin Hills of Skye and together they spent their holidays climbing, and later walking, on the mountains of Europe. While high on the Dolomites they came across evidence of the then largely forgotten World War I campaign there and their subsequent studies led to their books on this topic (*The British Army in Italy 1917-1918*, with E Wilks, 1998; *Rommel and Caporetto*, with E Wilks, 2001).

His main love in the UK was the Lake District, substantial parts of which are owned by the National Trust. In the 1980's he was concerned at the Trust's lack of effort to control erosion. He engaged in a long campaign to persuade the Trust to raise funds to reconstruct footpaths and to regenerate fell sides. The campaign took years and included motions at AGM's, articles in newspapers and visits to workers mending paths high up in the hills but it led to success. If you walk now in the Lake District you should see the maintained paths and fells, in part at least, as a memorial to him. He received a generous

acknowledgement of his campaigning from Dame Jennifer Jenkins in her book telling the history of the National Trust.

One of John and Eileen's sons, Bernard, was born with Down's Syndrome. As a consequence of the lack of help and advice they received at the time, they felt that they should write a book (Bernard, with E Wilks, 1974) to help other parents in similar circumstances.

His son David publicly described John as "physicist and lover of mountains" but he was also a loving husband, father and grandfather. At Pembroke he was Fellow and tutor in Physics for 33 years. He was my friend and colleague for 44 years.

J.R.Rook

ARTHUR KROEGER HONORARY FELLOW (1956) 1932-2008

Rhodes Scholar and Honorary Fellow



Arthur Kroeger's reputation was that of a wholly professional and wise public servant with the highest ethical standards. He spoke plainly with independence and honesty when expressing his opinion and was always non-partisan. He believed in the force for good that government can provide for a country, and he inspired a whole generation of public servants to share this ethos. According to colleagues and commentators, his death marks the end of an era of remarkable and great public servants, who served and shaped the country of Canada from its earliest days. Arthur Kroeger will be remembered as one of that extraordinary generation of people who were responsible for laying the very foundations of the Canada of today.

A companion of the Order of Canada, Mr Kroeger was Deputy Minister of

numerous Canadian federal departments, in a highly distinguished career spanning 34 years. From 1993 to 2002, he also served as Chancellor of Carleton University.

Arthur Kroeger was an eminent Canadian, and colleagues and commentators have joined to pay tribute to him and his considerable contribution to Canadian life. He was regarded as being "ahead of his time" and one of his legacies was his commitment to advancing the rights of women in public service. He promoted and nurtured female employees in public service at a time when this was wholly innovative. He was always fearless in the pursuit of what he believed to be right, even if it meant going against the powerful majority of opinion, and he continued this honest and courageous path even after his retirement.

In particular, he defended democratic government, countering those who proposed an increase in bureaucrats and who threatened to diminish the power of ministers, by stating that this would open the door to "government by the unelected".

Arthur Kroeger was born in Naco, Alberta, the son of Russian Mennonite immigrant farmers, who came to Canada in 1926 to escape communist persecution. Life was tough for the new immigrants as they faced discrimination in Canada, and a hard life trying to farm land which was both inferior and very arid. Life was made even more difficult as the Great Depression hit, and the lessons of that highly significant time left their mark on Arthur Kroeger. He wrote a book about his family's problems and it would appear that the challenges of his youth in a deprived Prairie dustbowl shaped his strongly ethical character. Despite success, Arthur Kroeger remained down to earth and very proud of his Prairie roots.

In 1955, he graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in English Literature. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958, and he rose to serve as Deputy Minister for 17 of his 34 year service. He served in several diplomatic posts, including Washington, Geneva and

New Delhi. From 1975 to 1992, he was a deputy minister in 6 departments. He worked in a spectrum of government departments from the Treasury Board to Indian Affairs and Regional Industrial Expansion to Employment and Immigration. He sat on numerous committees and boards, including the Presidency of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars and chaired the Canadian Centre for Management Development. From 1992-94 he chaired the Public Policy Forum and was also Chair of the Canadian Policy Research Network and the National Statistics Council up to the time of his death.

In 1989, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Companion of the Order in 2000. He received the Public Service Outstanding Achievement Award in 1989 and honorary Doctorates of Law from the Universities of Western Ontario, Alberta, Calgary and Carleton. In recognition of his distinguished public service, in 1999 Carleton University named one of its colleges after him – the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs. A modest man, it is recorded that he blushed when asked if he would permit his name to be used for the College.

After leaving government in 1992, he served as Chancellor of Carleton University from 1993-2002. He was also a visiting professor at the University of Toronto 1993-4 and a visiting Fellow at Queen's University 1993-2000. In 2000, he was elected an Honorary Fellow at Pembroke and also received the University of Alberta's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He was the author of two books: "Hard Passage" about his family's experience of emigration from Russia to Canada, and a forthcoming memoir about the definitive reform of western grain transportation, which is to be published by the University of Alberta Press next year.

Arthur Kroeger is credited with being selfless in his pursuit of action for the benefit of others, and his kindness in helping others was legendary, most

especially in supporting the young. Whilst keeping a low profile personally, he was regarded as a hugely forceful and effective public servant, and one of the very best of his time.

Arthur Kroeger maintained his integrity in the difficult balance between serving his political masters and remaining true to his own convictions. The lead up to the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement resulted in a masterful testimony to parliamentary committees by Arthur Kroeger, then Deputy Minister of the Energy Department. Whilst not undermining the government, he managed to make it clear that he did not approve of the Agreement, which was favoured by Canadian energy producers at the expense of a national energy programme. He still retained his independence of thought and expressed it clearly but with tact.

Following his death, donations were requested to fund an Arthur Kroeger Scholarship at the University of Carleton.

Arthur Kroeger was a great supporter and friend of Pembroke College and the Rhodes Scholar system, and, as mentioned previously, served as President of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars. The College flag was flown at half mast from the notification of his death until the date of his funeral in Ottawa. As a Rhodes Scholar, Arthur Kroeger came to Pembroke to study PPE and was one of the first intake of students to be taught by Dr Zbigniew Pelczynski. Dr Pelczynski recalls Arthur Kroeger as a diligent student who, unsurprisingly, took great interest in the Politics part of his course. He was a welcoming and generously kind contact when Dr Pelczynski visited Canada and, in later years, the relationship of tutor and student was extended to a friendship beyond the bounds of Pembroke.

His warmth, kindness and quiet charm, as well as his obvious love for Pembroke were very evident to all who came across him at alumni events in North America.

On his return to Canada, Arthur Kroeger married the late Gabrielle Jane Sellers, with whom he had two children, Nina Alexandra

and Kate Megan Jane. Following his death from cancer, he is survived by his second wife, Huguette Labelle, his children and step children.

Obituary compiled from various sources

ROBERT CECIL
HUNT (1928)
(1909 - 2007)

Robert was born and grew up in Clevedon, Bristol, where his father was parish priest. From St. Edwards School, Oxford, he became a student at Pembroke College and subsequently pursued a variety of occupations, from teaching English at a girls' school in Paris to selling patent leather shoes in Ireland, before settling to found an Agricultural Seeds and Feed Firm. He also became well respected as a picture restorer, a profession he combined with farming after his move with his family to Cornwall in 1949. He was a true country gentleman of the old school, with a love of planting trees and a profound appreciation of the countryside.

Married in 1939, he is survived by his wife, Rachel, daughter Sarah, and sons William and Nigel; also by three grand-children and seven great grand-children.

Nigel Hunt (son)

DEREK MALISE
LESLIE DORAN (1933)
1914-2008

My father was a medical undergraduate at Pembroke before the War, and was Captain of the Oxford Boxing Team in 1937 (OUABC) and maybe before. This was a position held earlier by Eddy Egan who wrote *Fighting For Fun*. This autobiography detailed his life at Oxford and included exhibition bouts with the World Heavyweight Champions of his day:

Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

Father was a little lighter – being only of Featherweight to Welterweight category. He was nevertheless extremely competent with his right cross. He successfully KO'd a number (he told me once it was eight) of Cambridge undergraduates at that time –none of whom came to any lasting harm that we are aware of!

This, as an Oxford Blue, gave him entry into Vincent's Club—the tie of which he was particularly proud and fond of wearing.

A few years ago he was invited to give the centenary address to OUABC by the President, Sir Bruce Macphail, who incidentally was earlier Head Boy of Haileybury ISC, and earlier still Head of Allenby House, where both my brothers boarded. This dinner Father was duly on the way to, but very unfortunately had to abort the plan due to adverse travel arrangements. So he in fact, very sadly, did not reach the Waldorf Hotel that night.

During his time at Oxford he was elected the “Isis Idol” at one point. We do not know what he had to do to qualify for this position. Maybe he qualified through his antics of motor biking from his family home in Glasgow to Oxford, or his being locked out of campus and coming back “after hours”, when he had to pay his valet to gain access, his ski trips to Switzerland before it was fashionable, or just his Rolls Royce – we sadly never got to see.

He served in the RNVR in the war as Medical Officer on destroyers HMS Southdown and HMS Versatile in the Atlantic and North Sea, which were engaged in convoy duty and E-boat capture. He was later seconded to the Marines. At this time, he also served under government minister (and later Chief Scientific Advisor to the British Government) Sir Solly Zuckerman OM KCB FRS, and was mentioned in his autobiography. Baron Zuckerman taught at Oxford between 1934 and 1945.

A staunch supporter of Socialist policies, after the War he was one of the very first consultants to join the newly formed National Health Service as a Registrar. He firmly believed in free access for the public

to health care, and carried out his career with scant attention to the profits available from private practice.

Father was latterly detailed in Debrett's Distinguished People of Today for his services to medicine, where he specialised in Physical Medicine and Rheumatology, where he reached the pinnacle of his profession and associated professional bodies.

He was very proud of his association with Pembroke, and with Oxford.

He is survived by my mother Joan and four (very adult) children, numerous grandchildren (one of whom is at Oxford presently) and a smattering of great-grandchildren.

Christopher Doran (son)

HENRY FRANCIS LE GRESLEY (1937) 1919-2007

Henry Le Gresley died peacefully in the General Hospital, Jersey on Sunday July 1st 2007. He had been in poor health for the last two years.

The only son of Francis and Elsie Le Gresley, Henry was brought up in the Parish of St. Ouen, Jersey. He attended Victoria College where he obtained a King Charles I Exhibition to Pembroke College, Oxford to study Modern Languages. He did his teacher training at St Luke's College, Exeter, but sadly was unable to complete his studies due to the German Occupation of the Channel Islands. He returned to Jersey in June 1940 on the morning of the day the German occupying force landed.

He took an appointment in a local primary school and in 1942 he was appointed to the temporary staff of Victoria College and he served there during the Occupation as a teacher of French and German. After the Liberation in May 1945 Henry went back to primary school teaching and taught at St Lawrence and St Peter's schools respectively until he retired in 1976.

On 20th October 1945 Henry married Kathleen du Heaume, a local girl, and on 23rd November 1946 his daughter Rosamund was born, followed by Marion in June 1949 and a son Francis in June 1951.

Henry was considered by both his fellow professionals and pupils to be a "born teacher". He was a strict disciplinarian but he was well loved and respected.

Whilst at St Luke's College Exeter, Henry studied theology, and in 1959 he was licensed as a lay reader in the Anglican Church. He assisted at services, sometimes preaching twice each Sunday and was a noted preacher in English, French and Jersey French for nearly 40 years until his retirement in 1997.

On 4th October 2000, Henry's wife Kathleen sadly died after a long and happy marriage. They had lived, loved and worshipped together for nearly 55 years. He never fully recovered from his loss. In the last years of his life he took great comfort and pleasure in the lives of his nine grandchildren and his two great-grandchildren.

R. K. Harris (daughter)

HARRY MEES (1938) 1920-2008

Because I was in the A stream, Harry Mees was never my teacher. He devoted most of his classroom time to the C and D streams, finding greater satisfaction in stimulating interest in history in the minds of those categorised as non-academic.

I used to work in a book room, A2, and often hung about there after school hours. Harry kept his bicycle there, and when he came to collect it, he would often linger over his cycle clips to chat, sometimes for as much as 45 minutes. He was a gift to mimics. The syllables in his broad Gloucestershire accent were drawn out to an extraordinary degree. He would often repeat a section of a sentence several times, as though having a run at it. The

MICHAEL
GOLDHILL (1942)
1923-2008

monologues were punctuated by attacks of snorting (his version of laughter) and it was not unusual for him to beat the wall repeatedly with his hand to underline his merriment. There were other times when he lost his temper and then the voice was staccato, like the bark of a dog. You ran for cover then if you were wise.

He was devoted to the 4th Harrow Boy Scouts and made an imposing figure in shorts, light blue scarf and woggle, his shirt bristling with badges. I recall a briefing to patrol leaders before we set out with our tenderfoots on a wide game in the West End. Try saying this in a Harry accent: "I don't want to be searching for some Boy Scout halfway across the Metropolis"!

Many knew him best for supervising all the technical support for dramatic productions. His teams achieved astonishing sets and special effects despite the severe limitations of the stage and its wings. A few years back some old boys organised a "This is your Life" for Harry back on his stage at the old school. I imagine he must have been very moved by it. I was, certainly. There came a moment when our compere announced that one "boy", who had painted scenery in the old days, could not be with us that day because he was in Stockholm - collecting his Nobel Prize (meaning Paul Nurse who received it for his cancer research). If I were Harry, I would have felt very proud at that moment.

Each time one of our schoolmasters dies, I am forced to recall their exceptional virtues. In Harry's case, I would mention particularly his magnificent dedication to the boys, especially the less academic. It is astonishing that such a group of outstanding teachers was gathered in one place at one time, and humbling to think how much they gave to us, their pupils.

Michael Portillo

Michael Goldhill's experience at Pembroke was a turning point in his life. He was born in 1923 as the younger son of an elderly father and an active and hard-working mother in a working class home in North London. He was the first in his family to attend a public school – City of London – thanks to scholarships he won. From school, he won a scholarship to Pembroke to read classics; he was the first of his family to attend university. His was a very particular generation. He read for Mods, but then went to war. He joined a cavalry regiment – the first non-career soldier in the officers' mess, an experience which produced a fund of culture-clash stories which he loved to tell in later life. He was wounded three times in active service as a tank commander and rose to the rank of captain. On one reconnaissance expedition, his team was ambushed. All the tanks were destroyed, and everyone was killed but him: he was blown out of his tank. He was picked up by the French resistance and operated on in a cellar, with calvados as the only anaesthetic and antiseptic. Like many brave men, who had horrific experiences during the war, he did not talk much about it, though when pressed he did occasionally mention the acute unpleasantness of lying in a cellar unable to cry out whilst the Germans patrolled above. But he never ate asparagus or camembert without recalling how he had discovered his love for both foods in France during the war.

When he returned to his studies, Oxford and the world seemed a very different place. He changed to PPE, joined the Labour Party – he was active with Shirley Williams and Dick Taverne –and looked set for a political career, starting with local council work in London and aiming for Parliament. Two events changed his path. First he worked as an undercover agent spying on the Black Shirts: his light hair helped him

pass as an Aryan. He was spotted at a Labour Party meeting and was outed by the fascists, and had to go into hiding after severe threats to his life. Second, he met his wife, Pamela, who was the mainstay of his life for the next sixty years. He decided that a family needed a more stable life than could be offered by politics and he founded a business with his brother John, in the then new field of foam plastics.

Declon Limited was a successful venture in the then new field of foam plastics. Michael ran the research and development side of things, while John ran the sales. Michael always said that had he been born a little later he would have been allowed to study engineering, a real passion, rather than being directed, as so many bright boys were, into classics. He worked with immense energy, real creative insight, and a happy touch in man-management. It was extraordinary at his funeral how many people from all sides of his life came forward to say that it was a piece of advice or support from him that had changed their lives. The firm was taken over by Airfix when Michael was only 53, and he retired for the first time. He then took up a career in property, which was also a success. He then retired again, and took up photography: he took his licentiate from the Royal Society of Photography, and typically was as proud of his commissions and prizes in photography as for any of his other professional achievements.

Michael Goldhill was a doer. Unlike so many people who sit on committees and talk, he liked action, plenty of it, and would undertake anything that attracted his attention with immense gusto and practical skill, whether it was teaching illiterates in inner city London, running a scout group – which he did for more than 15 years – or helping those in need. He used his wisdom practically, and he was immensely appreciated as much for his calm thoughtfulness in difficult times as he was for his energy in solving crises.

But he was never happier than with his family. He was married for 58 years to Pam and they had three children and

five grandchildren (and three children-in-law whom they loved and supported as children). He loved the raucous and riotous family holidays; walking in the hills together; sitting round the table, eating, yelling and telling terrible jokes. He could collapse in giggles, and adored the cut and thrust of argument. He inculcated real feelings of worth amongst his children (something powerful and successful men often fail to do), a real sense of value, and, in all of them, a belief that working for the betterment of others is an integral part of a decent life. His family was his proudest achievement and gave him his happiest moments. His relationship with Pam was solid, loving and a genuine partnership, that was immensely appreciated by all the children and grandchildren as the bedrock of their lives.

Michael Goldhill died on April 25th 2008, after falling down stairs leaving a party after a film premiere and hitting his head. His widow, who was seriously hurt in the same accident, and his children survive him. He was active and engaged right the moment of his sudden death. He had already booked the next cruise, which he called characteristically and with great delight his “ski holidays” – spending kids’ inheritance. He – and they – always knew where their true inheritance lay.

Professor Simon Goldhill.

DR P.J. (SEAN)
O’DONOGHUE (1951)
1933-2008



P.J. (Sean) O’Donoghue was born in Cowes, Isle of Wight on December 23rd 1933. His father was a GP who later became the Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at St Mary’s Hospital, Newport, and, during the War, the Port Surgeon for the Island.

Although christened 'Peter John', he was given the name 'Sean' (Irish for 'John') by his grandfather, and this remained with him for the rest of his life. It was a name that admirably suited him, reflecting his friendly, informal, 'Irish' character.

He spent a happy childhood in the Isle of Wight. His house was on the sea front at Cowes and he learnt to sail at an early age. Sailing became one of his great loves and most of his life he owned a boat of some description. He took part in many races including the Fastnet. In the late 1950s he sailed a schooner to the West Indies and for many years held the speed record for this.

Sean was educated at Downside where he gained a major classical scholarship to Pembroke College at the age of 17. Throughout his life he remained in touch with Downside and was close friends with many of the monks. He always retained a great affection for Pembroke College and would attend reunions on a regular basis. He also organized a fund-raising lunch at the Royal Yacht Club in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight a few years ago.

His career was somewhat erratic. In his obituary in 'The Times' he was called an 'adventurer' and, in fact, his life could be described as an 'adventure'.

After leaving Oxford Sean joined the Royal Navy Reserve on a Short Service Commission. He saw action in the Korean War. Following this, he worked as a journalist for Associated Press in Latin America, the UK and France. He was in Algeria at the time of the Algerian War for Independence and would tell amusing stories of how he was held captive by the rebels eventually ending up in prison in Algiers from where he was rescued by the American Embassy (the British Embassy was apparently 'less than helpful').

The Algerian adventure was followed by work in Mexico and a brief though stormy marriage to a Mexican/Austrian, with whom he had two children, Antonio and Siobhan. His marriage didn't work out and he returned to the Isle of Wight. Here he embarked on a farming, horticulture and land agency pupillage and in 1960

was appointed Committee Secretary with the NFU in London. This was happy and fulfilling work, but after "5 years the old restlessness re-asserted itself and he left: the NFU for 'fresh fields and pastures new' in West Wales. He bought a duck farm near Newcastle Emlyn and later went into partnership with a neighboring dairy farmer.

Eventually this rural idyll failed to satisfy and in 1978 he embarked on a second marriage to Sian de Maus, sold his farm and went to work for the County Council in the Isle of Wight. He was involved in the project to change the Island into a Unitary Authority. It was during this time that he managed to persuade Sir Peter Scott to fund a bird sanctuary at Newtown on the north coast of the island. Unfortunately, also during this time, his second marriage failed and his wife left him, taking their two small children Frances and Jonathan, back to her parents in Herefordshire. He then left the Island himself and went to work in France as a part-time lecturer in Project Management in Line.

In 1981 Sean returned to England to obtain further academic qualifications.

He attended the Bristol Polytechnic (now University of the West of England) where he was an undergraduate, postgraduate and later senior lecturer.

He remarried again to Anna David, and lived first in Bath and then Bristol with his wife and five stepchildren, Simon, Francis, Tanya, Ben and Luke. He was able to channel his restlessness into academic achievement culminating in a PhD in Environmental Studies in 2003. On the way collecting a Law Degree, an MSc in Coastal and Marine Resource Management and qualifying as a Chartered Secretary.

In 2006 Sean retired to Wellington in Somerset where he ran a successful Bed and Breakfast business with his wife. However, he did not retire from academic life and as well as qualifying as a Civil and Commercial Mediator, he also became an Arbitrator and Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He carried out several successful Arbitrations but this promising

career was cut short by his untimely death. He became ill in February 2008 and died on April 9th.

For most of his adult life he battled against alcoholism. This addiction had resulted in his erratic life style and broken marriages. However, once he acknowledged the problem in 1988 and underwent treatment, a miraculous transformation occurred. He never touched alcohol again, but was able to help countless people with the same problem.

He was a devout Catholic and a few weeks before he died became an Oblate at the Benedictine Monastery at Quarr on the Isle of Wight. He is buried there in the peaceful monks' cemetery.

Sean was a man of extraordinary talent and ability. As well as his academic achievements he designed and built his own house in Totterdown, Bristol. He was a great sailor and many unforgettable holidays were spent with his wife and youngest stepson, Luke, sailing in France and the West Country. But most of all, to use a phrase he often used (though not of himself), he was a 'life enhancer'. He is sadly missed.

Anna O'Donoghue

WARREN JACKSON (1952) 1934-2007

Warren Jackson was born on 4th August 1954 and spent a lifetime in education, in particular, the Classics. In the early 1950s he was one of a remarkable and distinguished Upper 6th at Northampton Grammar School. This group included the late Professor Garry Fowler (sometime Fellow of Balliol and Minister of State at the age of 34 in Harold Wilson's First Administration), (Lord) Bernard Donoghue, (Lincoln), a member of Harold Wilson's Kitchen Cabinet and sometime Labour Leader of the House of Lords, and Stephen Wright, successively Editor of "Cherwell", News Editor of ITN

and Controller of European Parliament Television in Strasbourg. In 1950, I had been an undistinguished member of that coterie.

The eldest of four sons of a tea merchant in Northampton, Warren was brought up within the very narrow confines of a community of Exclusive Brethren. School and sport were almost the only contacts allowed with the outside world. Refusing to conform to the strictures laid down by the Sect, Warren became a pariah in his own family and had virtually no contact with any member of it for the last 50 years of his life. One brother, Malcolm, remained in touch, but even he led an even more obscure sect of Brethren. The great sadness of Warren's life was that his search for intellectual freedom alienated his family and brought about a rift that was never healed. He was deeply hurt by their religious intolerance.

Under the kindly guidance at Northampton Grammar School of that great polyglot linguist, D.B. Gregor, Warren acquired his lifelong love of the Classics. Gregor's own first love was the Classics, but he merited two whole columns in the Times Obituary Page for his fluency in 27 languages. He was a leading Esperantist and is reputed to have been the last person living to speak all six Celtic languages.

Such was Warren's intellectual ability that Professor Michael Winterbottom recalls with amusement that, in 1952, Warren won the top Open Classics Scholarship, ahead of Michael himself, in a year that produced such academic heavyweights as the late Professor Michael Petry and (Lord) Bob Carswell.

Warren and I both arrived at Pembroke in October 1952, he from his restricted Brethren background (from which he had already started to rebel), and I straight from two years as an Officer in the Royal Air Force in Britain and Germany. Mindful that Warren was a classicist, and, lest the wonderful freedom he was experiencing for the first time in his life should tempt him to explore the excesses of the more outrageous Roman emperors, I felt

somehow responsible for his well-being. It took less than two days, however, for Warren to demonstrate his ability to look after himself far better than I could. This was not to say that Warren held back from entering fully into College life. He joined innumerable societies and was soon to be seen holding court in his rooms with his newly discovered pipe and cheerful toothy grin. Having had no previous experience of alcohol, he was to be seen occasionally downing his pint, but never to excess. He was a fleet-footed Rugby wing three quarter and coxed the second eight energetically. Jim Bratton recalls Warren's imperturbability when Jim caused a catastrophic crab through being unwilling to get his posterior wet.

Always cheerful, Warren made many friends in Pembroke. Colin Adlam recalls a hitchhiking trip to France and Benelux, and others were made through playing bridge and the many other pursuits he developed. He formed excellent working relationships with his tutors, particularly Godfrey Bond. According to Michael Winterbottom he was also highly regarded by DG C MacNabb, as one of the brightest pupils. It was a bitter blow for Warren that the retirement of Godfrey Bond marked the end of teaching Classics at Pembroke.

Seemingly, it was ordained that Warren's career would be in teaching his beloved Classics. Excellent teaching at School and Pembroke, and a receptive inquiring mind had made him well prepared. Warren's first significant teaching appointment was to teach Latin in Lawrence Sherriff's School, Rugby. There he formed a lifelong friendship with Peter Clayton, also on the staff and also an Old Northamptonian, albeit a few years older. Peter has described Warren as one of the cleverest men he had known, and a very good schoolmaster. Reading Greek at Pembroke had inevitably accelerated the process of questioning traditional values which had begun at school, and Warren threw himself into other pursuits.

Warren then moved to William Hulme's Grammar School, an outstanding school

in Manchester, where he was to teach Classics for 37 years. His former colleague at William Hulme's, Morris Loveland, tells us that Warren was largely instrumental in changing for the better the Latin syllabus in the Junior School, thus making an early impact. In time, he had his own department, and gathered around him a group of scholarly men and women, who, under his guidance, maintained a level of academic teaching envied by others. While the teaching of Classics in some schools had been threatened or lost, Warren ensured that his subject remained strong. Pupils in the Classical Sixth Form had every good reason to be grateful for the inspiration and the encouragement given to lead them on to successful university careers. Every year, he guided pupils to Open Awards in Classics at Oxford and Cambridge.

As Examinations Officer at William Hulme's, he served the School with distinction. In the year before he retired, the examination period ran from April to the end of June, and hundreds of papers were taken by some 230 students from the Fifth and Sixth Forms. This complex and time consuming task was undertaken by Warren with precision and good humoured consideration for the candidates. These students were probably unaware of the efforts he made on their behalf to make the taking of their public examinations as easy as possible.

Warren also contributed to many other aspects of school life. He involved himself in sport, and, for many years, coached the First and Second Rugby 15s. He became a House Master early on, and was influential in the pastoral decisions regarding many more pupils thereafter.

He was closely involved with the Manchester branch of the Classical Association, serving as Chairman, Vice President, and Council Officer for 35 years. He was a very kindly back seat critic, having a keen eye for detail, and his support was greatly appreciated by many. Outside School and the Classics, Warren had a huge range of other interests, both intellectual and not so intellectual, for example, his

fanatical dedication to Man. United.

Very widely read, he was a stimulating conversationalist and, making it his business to learn German when his daughter Ruth moved to Germany, and French in order to read original texts. Meanwhile, music was always a passion, and, in Manchester, he found a special stimulus. He spoke to a friend of having got to know some girls in the Orchestra, and it was not long before Janet, an eminent flautist appeared on the scene, followed by matrimony, and later the two Jackson daughters, Catherine and Ruth.

When Warren retired, the family moved out of Manchester to Mellor, on the fringes of the High Peak, where he would indulge his passions for golf and walking. He still found time with Janet to meet old friends, the Claytons, in the Jackson holiday retreat in Southwold, and to follow Man. United and Lancashire County Cricket. He and Janet played Bridge (but with strictly no chat during play), and his razor-sharp mind equipped him to complete the Observer crossword. A later hobby was wine tasting (and drinking), in which the nose appeared unaffected by the pipe! A voracious reader, he could converse learnedly on any subject that interested him.

Above all, Warren was a devoted family man. Janet and their daughters recall his terrific sense of fun, his enjoyment of entertaining car loads of schoolgirls with Gilbert and Sullivan arias sung falsetto, and his dressing up in the School shows. He relished looking like the archetypal schoolmaster, a pipe always secreted about his person, and the essential tweed jacket. In Southwold, his only concession to the beach was to roll up his trousers.

Further reminiscences from Janet, Catherine and Ruth reveal more of Warren's fertile mind. Unlike most people of our generation, he enjoyed the challenge of learning to use new technology, and took the opportunity presented by Catherine's studies at Cambridge (a secret delight), to tease and scoff and hear well known subjects discussed from a fresh angle. He loved being asked arcane questions as to grammar, phraseology and obscure quotations. He

adored puns so much that, when in his company, others started making them involuntarily. His knowledge of classical music was profound, and at the other extreme, he was addicted to sport on TV.

Warren's terminal illness was both prolonged and cruel. In the face of much pain, he fought hard and disguised the fact as much as possible. His friend, Peter Clayton, characterised Warren as a man of integrity, kind and loving, a family man, a proud husband and father, with an undying thirst for knowledge. Peter's enduring image is of him contentedly lighting his Balkan Sobranie, as he settled in front of the television set.

Warren Jackson died of cancer on 12th August 2007, leaving his wife Janet and his daughters Catherine and Ruth.

Dick Stopford (1952)

ROBERT (BOB)
GEOFFREY SMITH
(1957)
1936-2007

After graduating from Pembroke College with a degree in Geography, a subject Bob remained interested in throughout his life, particularly American geography, into which he did a lot of research, he then embarked on a career in Town Planning.

He took up his first post with Lancashire County Council in 1959 as a Planning Assistant, then moved on to become Deputy Planning Officer with Hampshire County Council based in Lyndhurst in the New Forest, where he remained until re-organisation in 1974.

The opportunity then arose to further his career as Director of Planning for North Wolds Borough Council, based in Bridlington East Yorkshire. The late 80's brought further promotion with the merger of the Planning and Technical Services departments.

Following retirement in 1996 he spent the next 5 years as a freelance Planning Consultant.

He finally retired from Planning in 2002 when he and his wife moved down to Ely, Cambridgeshire, which gave him more time to spend on his hobbies.

Bob died in July 2007 leaving his wife Ethel, two daughters (Janet and Elaine) and a young grandson (Leon).

Ethel Smith

ALAN SMITH (1958) 1938-2005



Alan Smith arrived to study law at Pembroke in 1958, having completed his national service in the RAF. He had finished school – Pate’s Grammar School, Cheltenham – by the age of 17 and had been ready

to leave home. His father had died when Alan was 6 and he had little in common with his step-father. He was fortunate that throughout his school life his abilities had been recognised, and that the masters at Pate’s actively encouraged him to sit for a scholarship at Oxford.

His time at Pembroke was very happy. He enjoyed the company of his contemporaries, discovered that he could cox, and was an enthusiastic member of the College Eight. In later life he always tried to go up for Eights’ Week and remained a keen supporter of the College Boat Club. The small size of Pembroke meant that strong friendships were easily forged and he enjoyed his three years there enormously.

Despite his degree, he was not sure if he could immediately pursue law as a career. Although he was attracted by advocacy and had eaten his dinners at the Middle Temple, lack of financial help meant that he could not fund himself as a barrister. Nor could he afford to pay for articles to train as a solicitor. He therefore joined Proctor & Gamble as a graduate trainee. As the company’s policy at that time was that all executives should gain an understanding of marketing from the ground up, Alan

was sent to Devon to sell soap powder. For some six months he toured the small country grocers and learned at first hand the attractions of a free give-away; he was frequently mobbed by keen shoppers wanting the plastic roses that went with the washing powder!

But his heart wasn’t in it, and he decided to go back to the law. He was delighted to be accepted as the first non-paying articled clerk at the well-respected firm of Penningtons in Lincoln’s Inn. Here he received an excellent training which formed the cornerstone of his subsequent career. As time went on he found that he was less interested in family and matrimonial law than in commercial matters and left Penningtons to join the in-house legal team at Smiths Industries.

At that time Smiths was just about to emerge from an automotive/clock-based family firm into an international multi-faceted company. Alan negotiated agreements around the globe, travelling around Europe, Asia, North America and the Middle East. His calm demeanour and determination not to be outmanoeuvred stood him in good stead, especially when dealing with trade officials behind the Iron Curtain, in Russia and China.

His travelling was necessarily curtailed when he became Company Secretary and General Counsel. He helped to steer the firm away from its early concentration on automotive products towards the fields of aeronautical, medical and, later, detection instruments. SI became a leading FTSE 100 company with a solid multinational presence. Alan delayed his retirement until he had successfully completed the acquisition by Smiths of the TI Group, making the company a major player in the international engineering sphere, run from their north-west London head office in Finchley Road.

Alan was always at his desk there by 7.45am – but then he had chosen to live ten minutes’ walk away. He had wanted to be at home by his children’s bath-time, so commuting was not an option. His family life was of utmost importance to him. He enjoyed all the aspects of fatherhood

ROBERT (BOB)
WILLIAM WESTCOTT
(1958)
1937–2007

and chose to spend as much time as possible with his family. He drove his son Harry around the country for fencing tournaments and supported his daughter Amelia's lacrosse team. He had fun sharing his love of skiing, tennis and squash with them. He was proud of their achievements and took time to participate actively in their lives. He had no memory of his own father but managed to have the closest of relationships with his own children, and had the happiest of family lives.

He had barely retired when examination for chronic stomach pain led him to be operated on for a large tumour. He had noticed no symptoms and bowel cancer took him completely by surprise. But he was determined to attend the College Gaudy (2002) which he thoroughly enjoyed, despite having only been discharged from hospital the previous day. He got through the long chemotherapy and saw Amelia graduate from Cambridge and Harry start at Edinburgh. Then the doctors found a spot on his lung and recommended another course of chemotherapy. Very reluctantly, he agreed. Sadly the strength of the drugs precipitated a stroke, which was followed by a month of battling for his life. Ironically, it was not the cancer which proved fatal; the drugs had activated a little understood auto-immune disease – sarcoidosis – which had lain dormant in his system for some twenty years. The doctors were unable to halt its spread into his lungs.

Alan died on 23 March 2005.

He was a man of total integrity, of equable temperament, of quiet voice, of wicked humour, of acute intelligence, of kindly disposition. He is greatly missed by his family and wide circle of friends.

Mrs Eva M. Smith (widow)

Over 400 people filled St. Mary's Church in Maidenhead on 22nd October 2007 to participate in the thanksgiving service for the life of Bob Westcott, who, as a pioneer in the use of computers to control advanced security systems, had made many wide ranging and extraordinary friendships over the years due to his exuberance and generosity of spirit.

He also had a significant independence of spirit, which maybe grew from the early loss of his Father, and, due to his Mother's illness, being sent to Abingdon boarding school at the age of 12, when in his mind – as the eldest sibling - he wanted to be at home 'to be there for my Mum' as he put it. Not his happiest time, and in later years when asked his age he would sometimes say "12, as I never got to being a teenager".

Born in Maidenhead, Bob inherited his Father's mental acuity and ingenuity, and like his Father used to exhaust his Mother with ideas and projects, such as throwing mud balls at the ceiling to see how long they would stick before falling to the floor! But when the car they were in became stuck in a flooded ford on a family holiday in Staffordshire - and whilst the adults were discussing how to save the children from drowning - his 13 year old voice piped up "Why don't you put it in gear and keep pushing the starter motor. That might drive it out". It worked.

His technical flair made an early practical start by putting electronics in the childhood model planes of young brother Tim; and sisters Sue and Judy tell of Bob's holiday job in an ice cream factory, where he wangled himself from the production line to the experimental section, and where with the aid of a bicycle pump, some rubber tubing and an old tin can he invented how to put the ripple into ice cream – a system said to be still in use.

Not a natural squaddie, Bob's National Service in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was spent working with experimental radar, kindling a lifelong interest that shaped his future career and business achievements.

Bob's quick young brain then attracted another scholarship, leading him to Pembroke, where his friend John (now Professor) Twidell also happened to be. A lifetime friendship ensued, born partly of shared seemingly chaotic times on, and in, the river, and also by encouraging their rival old cars to keep going – especially when Bob's 1932 Austin 10 named *The Green Peril*, a 21st birthday present, ended up between the edge of a railway platform and the booking office. It was at Oxford that Bob learned the first of his two 'party telephone tricks'. Realising that the 'new' – as it was then - STD dialling system relied on linking up local lines, he stopped at phone boxes to copy down the codes, strung them together in a long list, and creatively made 'long distance' become 'local'. But later Bob made a more stylish breakthrough by whistling the dialling codes into the mouth piece, typically of the Paris Speaking Clock. After all – as he said - whistling in French is more or less the same as whistling in English!

With a Masters degree in Physics, he exercised his inventive brain in the electronics industry at Elliot Brothers (London) Ltd in Borehamwood, working on the development of a battlefield radar (ZB298), and subsequently on Q-band frequency agile radar/magnetron development to enable missile radar gathering and guidance, involving him in a hi-technology project management role in the development of the all weather blindfire (DN181) capability of the Rapier surface to air missile system, which entered into military service in 1979 - and the technology is also currently deployed on Royal Navy warships.

It was in that year that Bob set up his own company, Security Design Associates (1979) Ltd., in an outbuilding at Elstree Film Studios, thereby enabling him to give

unfettered expression to his innovative technical edge, the hallmark of the Company's success, and that of Protec Ltd., his associated Company which carried out the installation of integrated security systems abroad. When I later joined him as a director, although he was the boss, he had an extraordinary ability of creating an atmosphere where we were all colleagues working together. His ability to inspire loyalty and to motivate was quite remarkable, and many hours were willingly spent above and beyond the call of duty by personnel at all levels, all united in a common objective. Hence his great success - a multi-million pound Company employing some 150 staff built from absolutely nothing. Bob was the founder and inspiration behind this achievement.

Early on he realised the potential of using the then new solid state microwave devices as motion detectors in intruder alarm systems, and Bob led the field in the pioneering use of computers for the management and control of alarms and CCTV systems, automatically turning cameras to alarm zones, and displaying CCTV pictures and associated data with flashing lights on active mimic diagrams of the site layout in a remote control room – now standard practice. He also wrote programs to enable the extensive use of computers in his business planning and cost control.

By gathering a team around him of previous colleagues from across the defence industry, his Company was able to offer a burgeoning security systems industry at home and abroad the rigorous disciplines and information security of military systems development, thereby enhancing his remarkable technical innovations with a very professional approach – some 60% of his staff were graduates.

This team developed and engineered Bob's advanced technical ideas into complex, high technology security systems to meet the stringent requirements of Heads of State in the middle east, UK nuclear power stations, airports - including some in the Far East – prisons,

petrochemical installations, museums, financial institutions, communication networks, UK Royal and VIP residencies including Chequers, and the Ministry of Defence.

Examples of his systems range from a 1980's suitcase portable system of sensors with built in radios for use in hotel corridors by VIP protection teams, to the pioneering use of fibre optics and 'starlight' cameras, and an advanced sensing system with collimated optical system giving an extreme range and clarity never previously obtained. A unique under water protection system of extensive length was also developed and installed, which successfully detected and repelled repeated 'intrusion' attempts when under test by a member of the Royal Navy Special Boat Squadron.

There were perhaps two sides to his character. When he was in '*business man mode*' he was shrewd and fought his corner hard on technical and financial fronts, but when not in that mode he was that generous 'lovable Bob'. It was, however, always a good idea to know which mode he was in before a discussion started! But he needed and thrived on the intellectual challenge of the business process right to the end, and enjoyed returning to Pembroke for summer garden parties and college reunions.

Whilst the above show examples of Bob's academic and business achievements, if one were to have asked Bob what he considered his greatest achievement was, he would of course have replied 'my family'. Having become a father later in life, the arrival of son Mark and later twins Paul and Catherine made Bob the proudest man in the world. The joy and utter contentment on his face when in the company of his family was obvious to anyone who saw him.

His energy, love, vivid imagination and the ability to turn the most mundane event into an adventure made him a totally unique father. He encouraged and inspired his children to achieve great things, the result being the remarkable young men and woman Mark, Paul and Catherine are today, and of whom Bob would be so proud.

Over recent years he inspired those around him with his fortitude as he battled with diabetes and heart problems – a fortitude so reliant, of course, on his wife Angela's love and devoted support – and he continued to impress us with his indomitable spirit, his sense of fair play and humour, his desire to win and not give up – and yes, at times with his stubbornness and reluctance to concede an argument on those occasions when it could be shown that facts did not fit his vision. But even then, somehow that 'lovable Bob' came to the fore, ever inventive with alternative solutions, and trying again.

One has, of course, to say a few words about Bob's boats: let's start with the one he named himself 'Lurk and Leap' – that says it all really!: then Windfall: then Royal Guard – by chance so aptly named as his security systems did and do indeed protect royalty, and then finally what he described as '*my precious NOKI*' – a 65ft Princess motor yacht.

What happy contentment is captured on his face in photos aboard *NOKI*, a contentment born not just of his personal enjoyment of his dream yacht, but a contentment born of sharing and giving - because he and Angela regularly invited friends on board for Mediterranean cruises. Annual holidays over the last seven years with all the family on board will of course remain lasting, deep etched, memories. On the day of his funeral her ensign was flown at half mast.

He had wide ranging interests, including the church and its choral group, the clarinet, tennis and skiing, and an insatiable appetite for Disney World in Florida, which the family would visit at least twice a year.

Maybe he never did think he got beyond 12 years old – but what a lifetime achievement for a 12 year old!

From Douglas Kennett

Bob's family know that I sometimes write poetry, and I feel I would be letting *him* down without a brief parting verse for *them*.

Life's Textures

Life's textures form a complex shade
Of grey; so seldom black or white.
Don't let your good times memories fade,
But let them be the rays of light
No darkness can withstand.

For gently, as at break of day,
New warmth and brightness come,
And with them bring another way
That thaws what now is numb,
With healing, outstretched hand.

Doug. Kennett
22.10.07

HENRY ZAPRUDER (1962) 1938-2006

Henry G. Zapruder was a most prominent tax lawyer in Washington USA. He was a key advisor for a programme which was to result in the provision of \$1 billion to provide legal services for poorer litigants.

Mr Zapruder's career as a partner in the Baker & Hostetler law firm was so successful that it led to him being named by his peers as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in the publication of the same name. A colleague described him as "a man with a golden tongue," much admired for his ability to synthesize and communicate complex tax policies and legal issues. However, he was most proud of his part in establishing what is now the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA). This Scheme, which originated in Australia and Canada, enables money to be held temporarily by a lawyer for impoverished clients. These client funds held for such a short time that they do not bear interest are pooled together so that the composite amount can be invested in an interest-bearing trust account. This enables the interest earned on the collective account to fund legal aid for the poor. In 2003, state

IOLTA programmes generated more than \$133.8 million nationwide. Between 1991 and 2003, IOLTA generated more than \$1.5 billion.

Arthur J. England Jr., the former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court who is usually credited with launching IOLTA in the United States, called Mr Zapruder "indispensable" to the effort. Mr Zapruder was instrumental in obtaining a letter from the Internal Revenue Service which allowed the programme to become established in the state of Florida. After that, work was underway from 1981 to convert each state to the benefits of the system and get it adopted across the Federation of States. During the adoption process, Mr Zapruder was a key advisor to the individual states and joined the Tax Council when a foundation was established to oversee the process. This was subsequently taken over by the American Bar Association and he continued to serve the new structure. Arthur England has described Mr Zapruder as "Mr IOLTA" stressing that he offered his services entirely free of charge.

One colleague has described his remarkable success when presenting cases to juries, losing only one out of 19 or 20 cases. He kept his loyal clients for 25 or 30 years and clients are reported as being devoted to him.

Mr Zapruder was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Dallas. His late father, Abraham Zapruder, a dressmaker, made the famous film of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy taken on his home movie camera. Since the family owned the film, it controlled its use, which Mr Zapruder is said to have found an onerous task, and one which caused his family many difficulties. The family stored the film at the National Archives and allowed scholars to use copies free of charge whilst educators were given access for a nominal charge. However, the costs of managing this arrangement were considerable. In 1999, after years of lawsuits and negotiation, the Federal Government purchased the film for \$16 million.

Mr Zapruder graduated from the

University of Oklahoma in 1959 and received a degree from Harvard University's law school in 1962. He attended Pembroke in 1962.

He worked as a trial lawyer with the Justice Department's Tax Division and as a lawyer-advisor with the Treasury Department's Legislative Counsel.

Mr Zapruder's career continued with several law firms in private practice before forming Zapruder & Odell in 1989, a tax specialty law firm in Washington, suburban Philadelphia and London. He joined Baker & Hostetler in 1998, as a senior partner.

Mr Zapruder was among those who received the IOLTA Litigation Team Award from the American Bar Association in 2003.

He enjoyed sailing, cooking, playing the guitar and home movies. He loved science, physics, painting watercolours and travelling and was "curious about the world and its people," his daughter said. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marjorie Zapruder and 3 children, Matthew, Michael and Alexandra.

Obituary compiled from various sources.

DR JANET IONE MILLS (1981) 1954-2007



Janet Mills was born on 11 May 1954 and grew up with her brother and two sisters in Stockport, Manchester. She was educated at Cheadle Hulme School, and in 1972 went on to the University

of York, where she obtained a first class degree in music and mathematics. This was followed by a PGCE at Leeds in 1976.

Her first teaching post was at Holy Family School, Keighley, where, as Head of Music, she put on an ambitious production of Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, which the local newspaper praised as 'well paced, gutsy and bright'. She went

on next to a similar post at Brighthouse Girls' Grammar School (1979-81).

In 1981 Janet made a major career change, and came to Oxford as a research student. She chose Pembroke College because her grandfather James Alexander Petch had been a classics scholar there just after the 1914-18 war. The subject of her thesis was *Identifying Potential Orchestral Musicians*, and with characteristic determination she completed it in just two years, obtaining a D.Phil in 1983.

It was earlier that year, in April, that Janet and I first met, on a train at Paddington Station. She had been to London on business, and I had been there to buy a new electric guitar, which had been sold to me in a very unwieldy case. As I took my seat on the train, I had great trouble finding a place for this, and must have caught Janet's eye, for she then said something like 'Musical instruments are always difficult on trains, aren't they?' And so we got talking, and so, in time, our lives joined together.

After the D.Phil she spent five years as a Senior Lecturer in music and maths at Westminster College, Oxford, and followed this with two years as a lecturer in education at Exeter University. Then, in 1990, Janet made another big career change and became an HM Inspector of Schools, rising to Specialist Advisor for Music from 1995-2000.

By this time, Janet was becoming a well-known figure in the field of music education, not least on account of her highly-acclaimed first book *Music in the Primary School*, published by Cambridge University Press in 1991. This brought to the subject a very readable combination of both intellectual rigour and the human touch, in a way that no one had ever really done before.

Her final career change came in 2000, when she took up a position as Research Fellow at the Royal College of Music in London, and here her academic training, her vast experience of school music lessons of all kinds, and the new contact with highly talented young musicians all came together in a flurry of research papers and other writing. In 2004 she was awarded a

prestigious National Teaching Fellowship for her ‘outstanding contribution to teaching and learning’, and a second book *Music in the School* followed in 2005.

Early in 2006, Janet was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour, and she and I were warned that the end might come very quickly. In the event, she fought back ferociously, and we had a total of four more very happy walking holidays together by the salt marshes on the North Norfolk coast, and Janet wrote a third book, from scratch, called *Instrumental Teaching*, which she saw right through to publication by OUP in September 2007. No less remarkably, she gave a keynote (joint) lecture to a conference in Brazil just a couple of months before she died, on 24 December 2007.

Janet believed passionately that ‘music is for all’, and worked throughout her professional life to that end. Many tributes from colleagues have subsequently appeared in print. All spoke of her warmth and humanity, along with her razor-sharp intellect. One wrote ‘she was a woman with a mission’ and talked of her ‘can-do’ approach to everything she tackled. Another called her ‘one of the foremost music educators this country has ever seen’.

But my favourite, perhaps, is from one of her international colleagues: ‘Janet was also a keen gardener who, on one of her visits to my home in Canada, spent half a day setting seeds in a barren part of my garden. The mature plants are still there, as are the results of the seeds she sowed through her research among many across the world who met her and her work’.

David Acheson, (Husband)

Using a bequest from the estate of her grandfather, an Archaeologist, the late James Petch, also a Pembrokian, Janet Mills created the Melandra Castle Trust in 1997 to award an annual prize to a postgraduate student in Archaeology, Education or related subjects, including Classics and Ancient History. The name in which the trust was set up has its origins in the fact that Melandra Castle was the name of one of Janet’s Grandfather’s

dig. In 2007 it was agreed that the scope of the prize should be widened to allow applications from graduate students for any academic project including, for example, travel to follow up a particular piece of research, provided that the applicant was undertaking postgraduate studies.

A recent gift from her own estate as a benefaction has ensured that this prize will exist in perpetuity at Pembroke, for the benefit of many students in the years to come. The student awarded the prize is expected to write a short piece for the Record, one of which is included in this edition of the Record, and we can look forward to similar reports in forthcoming editions of the Record.

Janet was a loyal supporter of Pembroke, offering such practical support as her prize for postgraduate students. She spoke eloquently at the Annual Dinner in 2002 and continued the family link started by her grandfather.

JOHN ARTHUR WILLOUGHBY 1957-2008



John was a chef in the Pembroke kitchens for 27 years, arriving as a third chef and soon becoming second (or sous) chef. If you ever came to a Gaudy between 1981 and 2007, or ate lunch in the SCR, or

had dinner on High Table, or attended a special dinner in the Hall or Forte Room (formerly Weatherley), it is extremely likely that you have eaten something which John was responsible for. If you matriculated during these years (or a couple of years before) and ever ate in college as a student, some of your meals would have been cooked by John – but only the really nice ones. Personally, I loved his lamb curries, which were similar to lamb rogan and he would prepare special rice with peas to accompany them. If you have ever been to

a Pembroke Garden Party, John was one of the people who would spend hours making sandwiches before and during. He didn't enjoy the Garden Party.

John was born in Witney, the little brother of Siggie. His father is a Geordie and his mother is German, so he was almost as good at speaking and understanding German as English. With John's dad being in the army, a few days after John's 5th birthday he was on a boat travelling to Malaysia. His three years there had a great influence on him. He would delight in telling people that he grew up in Penang and said that, even being so young, because it was such an extraordinary experience he could remember everything about it.

After just over a year in Berlin, the rest of John's childhood was spent living in a large house in Winchester. Here, one birthday, he was allowed to choose a dog for his pet and he often told the story of how his sister came in and asked "Did you *get* a dog then?" and he pulled back his coat to reveal the tiny puppy (Susie) nestling in his pocket. Luckily in Winchester there was also a large back garden for John and his dog Susie to run about together.

Once John had finished his schooling, the family (including Susie) moved to Oxford where John was accepted as an apprentice in the kitchens at Exeter College. This was the mid-1970s and he said that, as the apprentice, he alone was responsible for preparing and cooking the student lunches and the other chefs, leaving someone to supervise, would often go off to the pub whilst he did so! Having completed his apprenticeship, John got to spend some time in a pub or two himself, behind the bar and in the kitchens. Next he became head chef in a Bistro in Jericho before becoming a chef at Pembroke.

The majority of John's twenty-seven years here were spent working alongside and directly under head chef Derrick Cox. When Derrick retired in 2006, after fifty years at the College, John had no interest in being his successor, being content and happy to remain as sous chef. He felt he had nothing to prove and said that he had

already been a head chef and he was more than happy to let someone else suffer the headaches the role would entail.

As he was not the head chef and had a tendency to be in the background, keeping an eye on his team and quietly getting on with what needed to be done, it took me five years at Pembroke before I 'discovered' John, mainly doing so because a move to the Conference Office meant frequent visits to the kitchen. When I'd visit the kitchen and be offered a spare crême brûlée or profiteroles with chocolate sauce, John would say it was because I had "friends in low places".

Working as a chef involves long and irregular hours, which impact on your social life. John had been married twice, the first time in 1983 and the second in 1993. He said that both times he had thought it would be forever. His second marriage did bring him the happiness of five step-children however, whom he thought of as his own, and later five grandchildren too.

One thing John did like to do when he had a Friday or Saturday night off was sing karaoke. He invited me along one Friday in July 2006. He knew everyone in the pub. I said it was like 'Cheers'. He said it was worse than that. He told me that others had said he should go on 'Stars in Their Eyes' as Barry Manilow, then got up to sing "Mandy" and blamed it on me! I joked that if he *really* wanted to impress me he should sing "Copacabana", which he did when we returned the week after. However, John would hate people to think that he *only* sang Barry Manilow. He also regularly sang "Baker Street", "Your Song" and UB40's "I Can't Help Falling in Love" and "Kingston Town".

There was a twenty year age gap but our outings seemed to prove that negligible. The first time we went to the cinema, seeing "Superman Returns", as the 12A sign came onto the screen John leaned over to ask "Are you *sure* you're allowed to see this?"

"It's ok, I'm with a responsible adult" I replied. He looked round, confused, saying "Did somebody else come with us?"

We made the most of the time we had together. If he was on 'earlies' he would wait for me after work, if he was on 'lates' I would wait for him after work, I would wander down to see him for five minutes at lunchtimes and every other weekend we could spend together.

I am told that I got the best of John. I am told that he had a really short temper but I never saw this let alone had it turned on me – the worst I got was a roll of the eyes and a resigned and usually amused "Women!" When I read out at John's funeral that, cooking all day at work, he enjoyed it when others cooked for him and was never bothered if it wasn't quite right (he just appreciated the effort the other

person had made) I was informed that there was one definite exception to this rule in his big sister Siggie, whose efforts he loved to criticise! What are little brothers for though if not to annoy their big sisters? He also enjoyed reminiscing about the fun he had spying on her when she had her first boyfriends round.

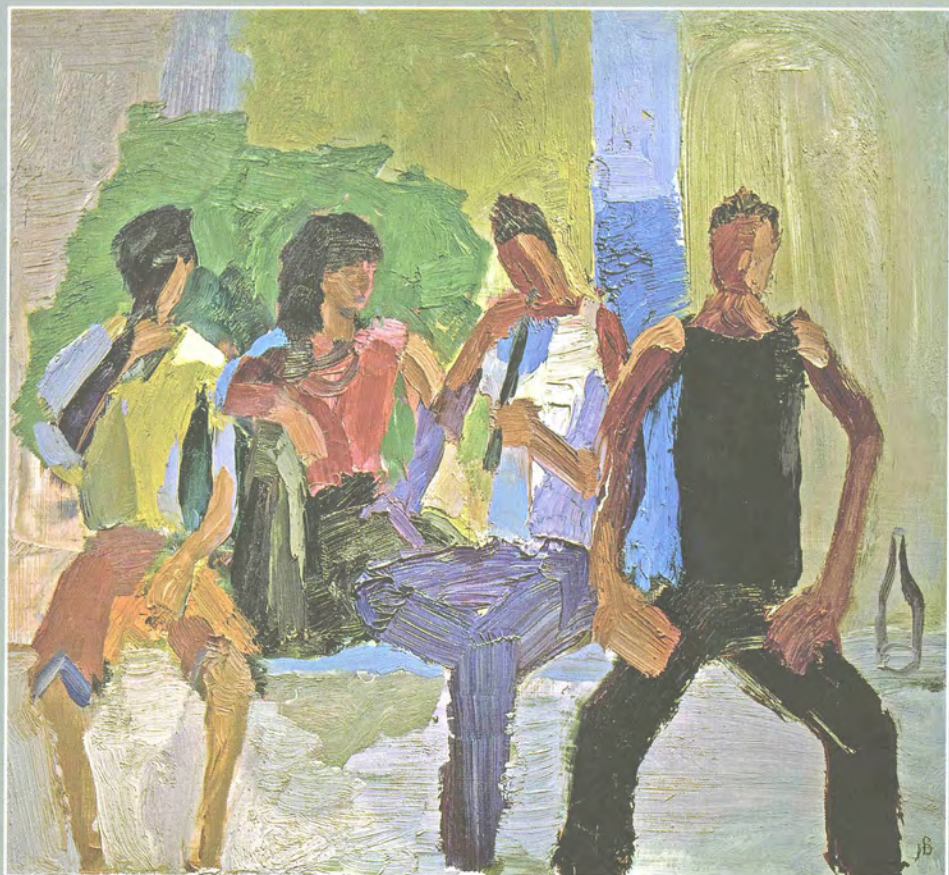
For me, John was wonderful. He was my family in Oxford and the best boyfriend anyone could be. He was always there for me and his biggest concern always seemed to be whether or not I was happy. John died very suddenly of a heart attack in the 2008 Easter vacation, less than a week after his 51st birthday. We miss him.

Joanne Bowley

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