



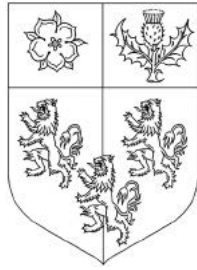
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Editorial

The College Record is edited and produced by the Pembroke Development Office. However, without the help of Mrs Jo Church this simply would not be possible. Jo spends the year collating information, using her very fine editorial sense and depth of knowledge on all things 'Pembroke' to uncover items of interest, always taking into account the breadth of our alumni community. This is no mean feat. We are incredibly grateful to Jo for the time and care that she takes with this. Further, any errors which may appear in the final publication are the responsibility of the Development Office.

The front cover of this edition of the Record is of *The Yellow Path* by alumnus Andrew Lawson (1963) and acquired this year by the JCR Art Fund. Andrew has written to give us further information about the location of *The Yellow Path* which is close to where he lives on the North Devon coast with its dark rocks, stupendous waves and high winds generated over the 3000 miles of ocean which covers the distance between this coast and the nearest landfall in Newfoundland. Almost all Andrew Lawson's landscape paintings originate close to his home here.

Andrew has also described to us another altogether different landscape which also lies close by; a dark and lyrical woodland of oak and ash, with a dense under storey of ferns. Here a footpath runs across tree roots and above a stream. This is the 'Yellow Path' depicted in the painting,

and it turns up again in several other Lawson paintings. Andrew has told us that he is fascinated by the way two routes run side by side to the same destination; one is watery and the other for foot traffic. He also experiences the same delight when driving along a road where a train crosses a bridge overhead. There is, for Andrew, something mystical about roads and paths and their end destination.

The back cover further borrows from the JCR Collection, with a depiction of a painting by Barbara Delaney, *Red River ever Moving*. Barbara Delaney's jewel-like paintings are inspired by her fascination with the interplay of light and colour. Barbara suffered a serious sight injury that prevented her from painting during the 1980s. As she recovered her sight, she experienced a renewed sensitivity to sensations of light and colour in landscape. She has described her paintings as an attempt to depict in paint the 'intense and glorious' sensation of light on glass, water, and white walls.

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Master's Notes



As this issue of the Record goes to print we are nearing the end of term, during which students have moved into the extensive new student accommodation on the site across Brewer Street. This has been

a significant moment: the College is now able to offer three years of accommodation to all undergraduates who wish to have it. The rest of the wonderful facilities around the new Quad will come into operation soon and there will be 'Open Days' in January when alumni and other donors will be invited to visit the whole of the new project. An opening ceremony will take place in the Spring next year. The size and complexity of this project has meant that a large amount of time and effort has been expended by many people to see it come to fruition and great thanks and appreciation are due to them. A massive fundraising campaign, the likes of which the College has never seen before, has also been going on to raise the £17m required. At the time of writing, we have raised £16.4m towards this target.

Another new but very different matter to which considerable time and attention has been devoted this year is the College's strategy on Access and Outreach. In my Notes last year I spoke briefly about our student collaboration with two Sixth Form Colleges in Hackney in East London (the *Pem-Brooke Scheme*) designed to raise

aspirations to study at University. Last year's issue of the Record contained an article by Dr Peter Claus, one of our Senior Research Fellows and who runs that project, describing the collaboration in more detail. It is wonderful to report receipt by that project of further National Awards recognising its significant contribution to raising aspirations amongst school children in disadvantaged areas.

Buoyed up by its success we have now decided to develop the concept a good deal further by extending it to areas in the North West of England around Manchester and Cheshire. The College has now set up two new hubs there with several schools who have enthusiastically embraced working with us along the lines of the *Pem-Brooke London* model. Dr Peter Claus has been appointed as a full-time Access Fellow (believed to be the first such full-time appointment of a senior academic in an Oxford College). Our Access and Admissions Officer post has also been restructured to allocate more time for Access activities. Taken together, these initiatives represent a significant and positive move on the part of the College, adopting an academically intensive approach to working with school pupils before GCSEs and through to A levels, in order to raise both aspiration and achievement. In this way, pupils from disadvantaged circumstances can have a much greater chance of achieving the grades needed to get into the best Universities in the UK, including Oxford. Outreach work of this kind is

a long-term investment, but we believe it is the right and properly targeted approach for us to take in this area; and naturally we hope that in due time it may result in academically suitable students from disadvantaged backgrounds making applications to Pembroke.

This year saw the very sad death of Peter Farthing (1968), who had served on the Governing Body for 10 years as an Advisory Fellow. Peter's funeral took place in the College Chapel – which was so full the service was relayed to Broadgates Hall for the benefit of the many who could not be accommodated in the Chapel. It was a moving occasion with tributes from family, friends and professional colleagues and from me on behalf of the College. The music, which had all been chosen by Peter specifically for this service, was stunning. My tribute to Peter delivered at the funeral appears elsewhere in this issue of the Record, but the untimely death of such a significant adviser and supporter and stalwart friend of the College deserves special mention here.

The year saw a number of retirements and arrivals both at the Fellowship level and amongst staff. We welcome the election as new Fellows of Dr Jeffrey Ketland (Philosophy) and Dr Alfons Weber (Physics) who are joining in time for the new academic year. The appointment in Physics is particularly significant since it marks the return of the College to this subject after an unfortunate gap of some 15 years. We have been able

to achieve this through a very generous alumnus making the necessary donation to enable us to endow the Fellowship. We are shortly expecting to be able to elect a second Fellow in Physics and, taken together, these two new appointments will reposition Pembroke well in relation to this central scientific subject.

Sadly we are saying farewell to Professor Brian Howard, who has been a Fellow in Chemistry in Pembroke for 36 years. A separate tribute to Brian appears elsewhere in this issue of the Record, but let me say here what a steadfast and committed tutor and member of the Governing Body Brian has been. He has taken a deep and conscientious interest in his students and in all aspects of the College's activities and will be a great loss.

Brian Rogers retires from the Fellowship in Psychology. He has been an assiduous and conscientious member of Governing Body, as well as being an inspiration for his students – a wonderful senior member of the College. We will miss him.

Earlier in the academic year we said goodbye to Dr Hilde de Weerd, a Fellow in Chinese, who sadly left much earlier than we would have liked to move to a post at London University. As our first appointment as a full Fellow in Chinese, Hilde made her mark. Arrangements are in hand for the advertisement and election of her successor.

Daren Bowyer left in September after four and a half years as Home Bursar. In this time good progress has been made on the domestic management

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side of the College, in addressing both the operational needs of the College and improving our processes. We thank him for his contribution.

Finally, I record our very warm thanks and appreciation to Glynis Perry, the College Nurse, who has left us after ten outstanding years of service to the College and its students and staff. This is an important role in the College and many students over the years will feel very grateful for her special understanding and skills.

On the staff front, we saw two significant retirements from the non-academic staff. The retirement of Brian Harvey as Head Porter after nearly 17 years' service marked the end of a distinguished and distinctive tenure of this vitally important role in the College. For many Brian was the face of Pembroke. Further remarks by me about him are contained elsewhere, recording what I said on the occasion of his farewell party in February.

The retirement just a few weeks after Brian of Len Weekes, the College Barman, was also a landmark event. Here was another real character around College, who featured large in the lives and memories of many students.

I have continued a widespread programme of travel on behalf of the College. Some of it was visiting alumni, for example in the USA (both East and West coast) and in Hong Kong. Some of it included both alumni and other contacts we have been nurturing in the Middle East, particularly Jordan, Oman and the

United Arab Emirates. We continued our successful Lecture and Seminar Series in conjunction with UAE University, in which one of our academics travels to Abu Dhabi to give a Lecture in Abu Dhabi City followed the next day by a Seminar at the UAE University campus. These have been well received and are planned to continue.

We have also seen a continuation of student visitors from abroad on our Summer Programmes held in Pembroke and this year saw repetition of our Programme for students from the King's Academy in Jordan, University students from the United Arab Emirates and senior High School students from the Greater China Region. These have all been successful once again and we plan to continue them, although the exact make-up of the students and countries involved next year may vary.

The continuing progress of College music, and the excitement it engenders, came to something of a climax this year with a wonderful concert performed by our best Instrumentalists and the Choir in Paris in the Easter vacation. The venue was the absolutely splendid concert hall in the spectacular Residence of the British Ambassador to France, Sir Peter Ricketts (1971). There were some 200 in the audience, made up of alumni and friends and supporters of the College, together with other members of the British community in Paris. The concert was widely acclaimed by those attending and, for Lynne and me, was one of the highlights of our time in Pembroke to date.

On the sporting front, Pembroke continued its strong and keen participation in many spheres. Undoubtedly, however, the highlight came on the river in Eights Week where the strength of women's rowing in Pembroke showed through with the Womens' First VIII going Head of the River. The fact that a very committed Mens' First VIII was second on the river (behind an Oriel crew with many Blues in it!) was testament to the continuing strength of Pembroke rowing in general.

And so we now look with keen anticipation to the final completion of the wonderful new complex, with all the new facilities it will offer for the College. At the same time, we start to engage fully with our bold new initiative on Access and Outreach which I hope very much will receive the support and acknowledgement it deserves. For my final year as Master, given that I will retire in July 2013 after 12 years in post, both these new ventures provide a particularly exciting outlook.

*Giles Henderson,
Master*

Master and Fellows 2011–2012

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WELCOMES:

Min Chen

Professor Min Chen arrived at Pembroke in 2011 as a Professorial Fellow, and is currently the Professor of Scientific Visualization at Oxford e-Research Centre. Between 1984 and 2011, he developed his academic career in Swansea University, where he received his PhD degree and held various research and faculty positions (ie, research officer from 1987, Lecturer from 1990, Senior Lecturer from 1998, Professor from 2001 and deputy/interim Head of Department from 2009).



Professor Chen's research interests include visualization, computer graphics and human-computer interaction. He has co-authored some 140 publications, including his recent contributions in areas of volume graphics, video visualization, face modelling, automated visualization and theory of visualization. He cherishes new opportunities for conducting interdisciplinary research, and has started a number of new collaborative projects in Oxford with scientists and scholars in biology, medicine, engineering and humanities.

Professor Chen has recently been elected as a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. The criteria adopted for election are based on standards of excellence and achievement in academia and on distinguished contributions to the world of learning areas.

Sandra Fredman



Sandra Fredman is Rhodes Professor in the Laws of the British Commonwealth and the USA, a Fellow of the British Academy and an Honorary Professor at the University of Cape

Town. She is South African, a graduate of the University of the Witwatersrand and Oxford University. She was made a Queen's Council (honoris causa) in 2012. She has published widely in the fields of equality, labour law, and human rights. Her published books include *Human Rights Transformed* (OUP 2008); *Discrimination Law* (OUP, 2002; 2nd ed 2011); *Women and the Law* (OUP, 1997); *The State as Employer* (Mansell, 1988) with Gillian Morris and *Labour Law and Industrial Relations in Great Britain* (2nd ed, Kluwer, 1992) with Bob Hepple. She has also edited two books: *Age as an Equality Issue* (Hart, 2003) with Sarah Spencer, as well as *Discrimination and Human Rights: the Case of Racism* (OUP, 2001). She was a scientific director of the EU Network of Legal Experts in the Non-Discrimination field; and she has been an expert adviser to the proposed Single Equality Bill in Northern Ireland, the Equalities Review in the UK, the Canadian Review of Federal Labour Law, the UN Human Rights Commission working group on national action plans against racism, the UN Working Group on Women's Rights, the World Development Report 2013, and Indian gender discrimination legislation. She is a barrister, holding an academic tenancy at Old Square Chambers.

In March 2012 Professor Fredman was awarded an Honorary Silk (Honoris Causa), which is awarded to those who have made a major contribution to the law of England and Wales outside practice in the courts.

Ingmar Posner

Dr Posner has been a University Lecturer in Engineering Science, a Fellow of Pembroke College and a Principal Investigator in the Mobile Robotics Group (part of the Robotics Research Group) in the Department of Engineering Science at Oxford University, since September 2011.



Previously, he had been a post-doc with Professor Paul Newman within the same group and from 2008 - 2011 was also the W. W. Spooner Junior Research Fellow at New College. Prior to 2005 he was a member of the Sonar Imaging and Sensor Systems group where he wrote his DPhil thesis on the modelling and processing of underwater sonar signals in bioacoustics. His MEng degree in Electronic Systems Engineering was obtained from Aston University.

Dr Posner's research focuses on the application of machine learning techniques to emerging mobile robotics tasks such as semantic mapping, active exploration and life-long learning. Mobile robotics presents an exciting and unconventional domain for machine learning applications since the data typically gathered by a mobile robot differ significantly from that of other, more typical application areas: they often originate from a combination of different modalities sensing spatially and temporarily contiguous workspaces. Expert labelling of a limited amount of new data can be obtained by way of human-machine interaction. New data can be acquired on demand. The requirements imposed on machine learning methods in mobile robotics are similarly particular: methods are desirable which are able to process and, if necessary, assimilate new data online and in real-time. Of particular concern in current work is the extraction of 'higher-order' semantic information from sensor data for autonomous navigation and mapping tasks outdoors.

Hannah Smithson

Dr Hannah Smithson joined Pembroke in 2011 as Tutorial Fellow in Experimental Psychology.

Her research interests are in perception, and she works primarily on how the human eye and brain process visual information.



Her first degree was in Natural Sciences (University of Cambridge: 1993-1996), where she was introduced to visual science in her final undergraduate year by John Mollon, under whose supervision she subsequently studied for a doctoral degree on visual masking (University of Cambridge: 1996-2000). She spent two years as a post-doctoral researcher in the USA, with Joel Pokorny in Chicago working on colour adaptation (University of Chicago: 2000-2001), and with Qasim Zaidi in New York City working on colour constancy (SUNY College of Optometry: 2001-2002).

She returned to the UK as an Affiliated Lecturer at Cambridge (2002-2003), before moving to London to work with Andrew Stockman on adaptation (Institute of Ophthalmology, UCL: 2003-2005). She took her first lectureship at Durham University (Lecturer 2005-2009; Senior Lecturer 2009-2011) and moved from there to Oxford.

The focus of Hannah's research has been colour vision, and in 2011 she was awarded the Applied Vision Association's David Marr Medal, "for her extensive work on colour vision - from photoreceptors to colour constancy". Colour vision depends on the light absorbed in the three classes of cone photoreceptor that tile the surface of the retina. Hannah's research addresses such questions as: How are the signals from the cones processed to give rise to our perceptions of hue, saturation and brightness? What are the neural circuits of comparison and combination that permit the efficient transmission of colour information from retina to cortex? How does our perception of colour depend on our ability to identify objects and light sources in the visual scene?

Hannah was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Colour Vision Society (2008-2016) and more recently became a Director and Trustee of the Colour Group of Great Britain (2012-2016), an interdisciplinary society that draws together those concerned with different aspects of colour -

its measurement, reproduction and perception.

One of the things that attracted Hannah to vision research is the inherent interdisciplinarity of the field. Working with physiologists, psychologists, physicists, engineers and computer scientists on a day-to-day basis, her research spans the traditional subject boundaries. As part of a new collaboration in Oxford, drawing together researchers from physics, engineering and ophthalmology, she is developing a specialised microscope that will capture high-resolution images of the retina allowing individual photoreceptors to be tracked and stimulated in the living human eye.

Hannah's passion for interdisciplinary research has taken her outside the science faculty to work with arts and humanities scholars on a project dedicated to interdisciplinary reading of the scientific works of Robert Grosseteste (c.1170 – 1253). The team are currently re-editing and translating the *De colore (On Colour)*, the *De luce (On Light)* and the *De iride (On the Rainbow)* for a forthcoming book series, the first of which has recently gone to press. This collaborative effort has identified fresh and invigorating insight into the scientific works of a remarkable thinker from the 13th century whilst also inspiring and challenging the team members in their own 21st century disciplines.

Sir Martin Taylor FRS

Honorary Fellow



Professor Sir Martin Taylor is Warden of Merton College, Oxford University and a Professor of Pure Mathematics. He is Past Vice-

President and Physical Secretary of the Royal Society. In 1982 he was awarded the London Mathematical Society's Whitehead Prize and the Adams prize (shared) in 1983. Professor Taylor was Professor of Pure Mathematics at the School of Mathematics, University of Manchester and, prior to its formation and merger, UMIST where he was appointed to a chair after moving from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1986. Most recently his research has led him to study various aspects of arithmetic geometry: in particular, he and his collaborators have demonstrated how geometric properties of zeros of integral polynomials in many variables can be determined by the behaviour associated L-functions. Professor Taylor read Mathematics at Pembroke College, Oxford (1970), before gaining a PhD at Kings College London. He became President of the London Mathematical Society in 1998, and in the same year was given an EPSRC Senior Fellowship. In 2003 he received a Royal Society Wolfson Merit award and became Chairman of the International Review of Mathematics (Steering group). Professor Sir Martin Taylor was knighted in the 2009 New Year Honours.

FAREWELLS:

Brian Howard

Brian grew up on the Essex coast and went to Colchester Royal Grammar School. From there he proceeded to Corpus Christi College (Cambridge) to read Chemistry where he developed his interest in the physical side of the subject. When he graduated in 1967, one of his tutors, Alan Carrington, moved to the University of Southampton as Professor of Physical Chemistry and Brian went with him to work on fundamental aspects of spectroscopy. Subsequently he did postdoctoral research with Professor Klemperer at Harvard (1970 -1972) before returning to the UK to a post in the Physical Chemistry Department at Southampton University. Brian moved to Oxford in 1973 to a position in the Physical Chemistry Department and a year later was appointed to a full lectureship associated with a Fellowship at Pembroke. Subsequently he was promoted, first to a Readership (1996) and then to a Professorship (1998).

Brian's research interests are concerned with the detailed structure of transient species formed in the gas phase, as revealed by a variety of spectroscopic methods. An old tutor of mine used to say that "gentlemen chemists work only in the gas phase", so Brian conforms to this maxim. He has received an impressive number of named lectureships and other awards from various universities and other academic bodies in this country and abroad that testify to his academic achievements.

As chemistry tutors together for the best part of twenty five years we got to know one another pretty well. With our different subject specialities we managed to cover quite a lot of the teaching requirements at tutorial level, with some assistance from outside the College in



inorganic chemistry. Our characters were also complementary in many ways and I much enjoyed my association with him both as a colleague and as a friend.

Outside his academic contributions to the College, Brian has been involved in other activities. Thus, during his time at Pembroke he has been supportive of College rowing in a number of ways. For a number of years he was Senior Member of the Boat Club and there was at least one occasion when he himself rowed in a Chemists Eight!

In the Senior Common Room, Brian became Steward in 2000, having been Treasurer for a number of years before that. He built up a very good relationship with the SCR Butler, Antonio Aguilar. Antonio regarded Brian with affection and as someone with whom he could talk over the various issues that arise in day to day SCR life.

As Curator of the College Gardens from about 1988, Brian collaborated with the College Gardener, Richard, in helping to make the gardens the way they are now and the result pays tribute to their interaction.

Finally, one must not forget Brian outside the College - he has a very supportive wife, Margaret, and with their three boys Mark, Christopher and Timothy they have a very happy family life.

Gordon Whitham, Emeritus Fellow

Farewell Dinner

A Dinner was held in College jointly with Brian Rogers, Professor of Experimental Psychology, with a surprise Symposium held in Brian's honour during the afternoon before the Dinner. Speakers included former undergraduate and graduate students whom Brian had taught and mentored over the years. The Symposium included more recent students from 2003, the twins Matthew and Richard Hopkinson, now post-docs.

Ben Davis, Professor of Chemistry and Tutor in Organic Chemistry gave

his personal perspective on Brian's 36 years at Pembroke. The introduction of the identical twins, Matthew and Richard Hopkinson, now post-docs, led Ben to reminisce on the Admissions process he shared with Brian. The uncannily similar pair used to differentiate themselves by wearing different coloured ties. They attended for interview, the one followed the other, and Brian said he hoped that one had not just changed his tie were he to be the brighter twin in order to ensure that his sibling got into Pembroke! However, this served as an illustration of the challenge and fun of the interview system with Brian. They would set a question on the periodic table, hoping the student would reach the desired conclusion. A critique of the Davis Howard admissions system appeared on a website entitled OxfordInterviews.com, and described that one of them was perceived by someone as "thinking he was wacky and the other is just eccentric". Their roles were complementary and Brian would often need to put someone at ease when Ben's erratic questions fired out, and this was certainly true in the early days when they first came together to interview. Ben will miss Brian at future interviews. He reflected further that 36 years in Pembroke was a very long time indeed.

Ben and Brian also share a love of rowing. In Brian's room hangs a broken oar, and for many years Brian served as Senior Member for the Boat Club. Thanks for his work is now due and Ben has recently taken over this role.

Ben Davis went on to describe Brian's wonderful teaching and research career and how he had excelled from the beginning. After the first three weeks of graduate study, he published his first paper at the age of 21, and was aptly described as a precocious talent. In his role in College as Tutor he was often the collegiate conscience, with his many comments at GB as he could look back and refer to previous lessons which had been learned previously when similar circumstances had arisen and for which

GB had to decide. Brian has also served as SCR Steward and Curator of Gardens.

Giles Henderson, the Master, endorsed all that Ben Davis had said. Ken Mayhew, Professor of Education and Economic Performance and current SCR Steward presented the best bottle of claret and port which could be found in the SCR cellar to thank Brian for his work as SCR Steward.

Brian Howard then responded, thanking Ben for his kind words. He referred to the biography of another Brian Howard, who was regarded in Oxford circles as something of a failure; an aesthete who was in Oxford during the '20s and '30s and knew Evelyn Waugh (even pre-dating Brian!).

Brian mentioned the 36 years he has been at Pembroke and which has spanned four different Masters, arriving in 1976. He has experienced the changing of the statutes to allow Colleges to be mixed, when a two thirds majority in favour enabled this to go ahead. There were then five women's Colleges and eight mixed, with the rest all male. Pembroke did not agree with a proposal that the move to mixed status should be incremental and, because of Pembroke, all the Colleges went mixed at the same time.

Pembroke had always been very small in area; when Brian joined, the MacMillan Building was recently built and its official opening occurred in Brian's first term. Then the Geoffrey Arthur Building was built, the Bannister Building acquired and now the new development across Brewer Street. Brian spoke of seeing the size of College increase during his tenure.

In at time when Pembroke began its reputation as a rowing College, when previously always languishing at the bottom of 2nd division, Brian recalled that two good rowers arrived at College at same time. The first Blues for more than 30 years resulted, and the tradition of Pembroke as a rowing College was established. The first intake of women students (less than 30 in number) saw them as winners in Christchurch Regatta, so that they, too, also started a winning

formula for the future. What Brian wished to emphasize is how, along with the physical size of Pembroke, that rowing has developed and it has become one of the major rowing Colleges.

Despite many changes over the years, Pembroke remains a friendly College and according to Brian, that is the nature of the College. Coming in from St John's, Brian noticed that Pembroke was modest, friendly and welcoming. He recalls Gordon Whitham as a marvellous colleague, now an Emeritus Fellow, and he spoke of the friendship and help from Vernon Butt (Emeritus Fellow), the late David Fleeman, Ian Grant and many others who made him very welcome. In such a small space, he stated, it would seem that everyone was obliged to get on. Brian ended by stating that there is a good rapport between the Fellows, students and staff and with a reminder to everyone to work at keeping Pembroke friendly, and that long may it last.

On the note of friendship, Brian gave some advice that it was his greatest wish that Pembroke would remain a friendly marvellous institution, where he had made many valued friendships and felt privileged to have been part of it. He reminded us all to work at it and to take very special care of this institution.

Chemistry Symposium (Howard-Whitham Room Dedication)

Just over a year ago I got together with a couple of fellow Pembroke Chemistry alumni and suggested that we use the opportunity of Professor Howard's retirement this year to thank both Brian and Dr Gordon Whitham, who we had been lucky enough to have as our two tutors, for the patient mentoring, tutoring and support they gave us during our four years here, or more in many cases, while we were studying at Pembroke College.

Fortunately the ambitious new building project at Pembroke College provided the perfect opportunity to do something special to mark the occasion, in that we

could gather donations from all those we could get in contact with who had benefitted so much from Brian and Gordon's tuition over the years. The aim was to raise the necessary total to finance a room in the new building, dedicated to our two tutors.

I'm very pleased to say, that despite the rather austere environment, we got a great response to our initiative, and that we successfully got past our target for financing as early as April this year - a great testament to the popularity of these two gentlemen with their former pupils!

Not everyone involved has been able to make it up here today, it being midweek of course and there being plenty of work commitments, notably Rob Scoffin 1983 and Bernard Howard 1984 with whom I started this initiative last year. But I'm pleased to say we have a dozen or so of Professor Howard's and Dr Whitham's former students who were able to make it up here, and who have been looking forward to celebrating with them the dedication of the room in the new building.

There are too many people to thank individually for their contributions. But may I just say a very big thanks to Claire Davies (who was Claire Ellis, 1986)) and husband Hugh Davies (1986) in particular for their very generous support of the Howard-Whitham Room initiative.

So on behalf of all of their students present here and those who couldn't make it, but who supported the Chemistry Room initiative at Pembroke, including those in the Development Office who provided so much encouragement and logistical support with contacting everyone, it just remains for me to say an enormous "thank you" to Brian and Gordon, for their tireless efforts, encouragement and enthusiasm in shepherding us towards our MAs and PhDs, and to wish you both many more happy years involvement, albeit from a slightly more relaxed position, with the Chemistry Faculty and Pembroke College in particular.

Iain West (1984)

This image of the Alchemists' Eight in 1978 brings back vivid memories of what it was like to have Brian Howard as a Tutor, here in his second year at Pembroke, when he was much closer to a student than his fellow Chemistry Tutors. The Senior Tutor was Gordon Whitham, an organic chemist who at first seemed to be as dry as the sherry that he offered his charges in their first term, though turned out to be an extremely kind man. With him was Ken Seddon of 'St Catz', our highly driven Inorganic Tutor, who has since created a huge team in Belfast dedicated to the study of ionic liquids.



Bow: David Thomson, 2. Brian Howard, 3. Clive Bew, 4. John Batson, 5. Alex Kent, 6. Roger Highfield, 7. Francis Landor, Stroke: Ian McComas, Cox: Ian Thackeray

Russell Crisp (1975), a vintage chemist, recalls how, when Brian arrived at Pembroke, his students thought he would be a soft touch. Although 'it was easy enough to get him to serve sherry during tutorials (a Pembroke tradition, we said!) Brian still made us work for it.' Jonathan Batson (1976) recalls Brian's 'enthusiasm and slight incredulity when we failed to understand the key points - but also his good humour in explaining the concept in the fourth different way so that we got it in the end.'

Brian succumbed willingly to questions which we posed to distract him from the subject of his tutorials, though this showed his knowledge strayed far beyond the confines of the course and his beloved molecular beam spectroscopy. I still wonder if Brian's willingness to rise to my questions, and his clarity of explanation, help sow the seeds of my

interest in journalism.

With his winning smile and friendly manner, Brian was highly approachable. One sign of this was that he prepared to join us in the Alchemists, one of the less serious Crews that populated the bottom divisions of Eights that year. None the less, Francis Landor (1976) recalls how there were limited slots on the river and we had to beat off a challenge from a Rugby Eight to compete in Eights.

Neil Turp (1976) recounts how, while preparing for one race, Brian fell off his stretcher. 'I was amazed "we" (the royal we - I wasn't rowing) actually managed to get it together for the race, we were laughing so much,' he adds.

Being chemists ahead of our time, and today's chic geek, we felt obliged to produce matching T-shirts emblazoned with a stirring thermodynamic slogan. Remarkably, we succeeded in bumping the boat ahead in our first three races. Given our stellar performance, we were confident we were going to get a fourth bump.

Alex Kent (1975), who was then in his third year at Pembroke, has a slightly blurry colour snap that shows what happened next. The Alchemists sit disconsolate and slumped: our stroke had broken his oar and, along with it, any hope of winning our blades. Fortunately we did enjoy a bump supper that summer, thanks to the hard work of another crew. Brian, appropriately enough for such a clubbable character, ended up drinking from a sconce pot during the celebrations.

Roger Highfield (1976)

Brian Rogers

Brian Rogers graduated in Psychology from the University of Bristol in 1969, obtaining a PhD in 1976. From 1973 to 1984, he was a Lecturer in Psychology at the University of St Andrews, and in 1984, came to Oxford when he was appointed a Fellow and Tutor in Psychology at Lady Margaret Hall, and Lecturer in the Department of Experimental Psychology. In 1996, he was given the title of Professor of Experimental Psychology by the Department. In 1998, he resigned from his Fellowship at Lady Margaret Hall, in order to be able to devote himself to the shared upbringing of his son, Kiran, but retained his position in the Department of Experimental Psychology.

Brian came to Pembroke first as a Stipendiary Lecturer in April 2001, and became our Fellow and Tutor in Psychology in October 2003. In Trinity 2011, Brian became the University's Junior Proctor, serving in this role until the end of Hilary 2012.

From the time Brian came to Pembroke, until my retirement as Philosophy Fellow in September, 2006, we worked closely together, as we shared responsibility for Pembroke undergraduates reading Philosophy and Psychology (either as PPP students, or Experimental Psychology students reading Philosophy in their first two terms.) He was a wonderful colleague: conscientious and concerned about his pupils' welfare – both academic and personal – and keen and able to transmit his passion and enthusiasm for the subject to them. But he was also a brilliant colleague because his research interests in visual perception and artificial intelligence made him very sensitive to, and knowledgeable about, philosophical concerns in these areas. This, and his passion for the subject made it a joy to interview Psychology candidates with him at Admissions. Gabriel Uzquiano Cruz, Pembroke's Fellow in Philosophy from 2006 to 2011, has sent a vivid account of what it was like to interview

with Brian:

“I have very fond memories of our joint interviews for PPP. It was a great joy to think through many of the questions we asked candidates with him and to often continue the discussion after the students were gone. He clearly cared deeply about the questions and that is a quality he actively sought in the candidates we interviewed. To my initial surprise, he cared almost as much about the questions I put to the candidates as he did about the questions about his own subject, and it was always a great pleasure to discuss them with him. As you know, by the time PPP Admissions came by, I would have already had a week of Admissions behind me. Still, I always looked forward to another round of PPP Admissions.”

Brian cares deeply about the quality of teaching on offer to Oxford students. In 2009-10 he was recognised by the Division with an Excellent Teacher Award for “the quality of his teaching and his commitment to students' individual needs” (*University of Oxford Gazette*, 27th October 2010, p 155). This Award recognised Brian's skills both in lecturing and in the design and provision of academic programmes, following his major role in the organisation of the course format that is in use today. An official award, a paragraph in the *Gazette*, doesn't do full justice to the vitality and enthusiasm with which Brian approaches teaching. It is that gift that has the potential to inspire generations of new students. Roland Fleming, now a Professor in Visual Perception at the Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, shares the following memories:

“Brian was one of my favourite Lecturers, and has had an indelible impact on my life. I think three things stand out to me about his lecturing methods.

The first was his enormous energy. He was simply extremely passionate about the material and that enthusiasm was (and still is) highly infectious. Like most Lecturers at Oxford he had a very scholarly approach: he knew the literature very

deeply and made constant connections to great thinkers from throughout the history of perception research.

Second, he was willing to spend time on the philosophical implications of results and ideas. In other words, a strong emphasis on theory, meaning, the big picture. Most perception lecturers cover Helmholtz, Gibson, Marr at some point in a course. But with Brian the nature of perception was really the central theme of the entire course. Whether we were talking about spatial frequency channels, stereopsis, or optical flow, there was always the same theoretical rigour and a connection to the deepest questions about the nature of reality and the goals of a biological organism making its way through the world. Exactly the kind of invigorating, speculative topics that are so exciting as an undergraduate.

Third, he was also very keen to give demonstrations that were memorable and thought provoking. He didn't use PowerPoint in those days (most people didn't), but he had a superb collection of slides, and some outstanding physical demos. I remember him setting up the Edwin Land two-projector demo which turned my whole thinking about colour upside-down – shades of greens, blues and browns in a photo of some fruit, using only white light and red light – it was totally baffling to me at first, and really got me thinking. He also had a special slide and lens for demonstrating Fourier synthesis optically. The slide consisted of a set of sine waves one above another. I don't mean gratings: they were literally graphs of sine waves. The bottom half of each sinewave was filled in black. It was the odd harmonics in ascending order of frequency, and with descending amplitude. The lens was some kind of highly astigmatic prism that was perfectly sharp in the horizontal direction but effectively blurred very heavily in the vertical direction. When he slid this lens in front of the projector, the different sine waves were superimposed by the blurring, and what we saw was a very clear square

wave on the projector screen. No fiddling around with computer simulations: real Fourier synthesis in the optical domain. That was great! Altogether, Brian was an enormous influence in both his lectures and tutorials. He was incredibly gracious and willing to listen, which gave us space to explore unorthodox directions. That freedom has had a lasting effect on my thinking over the years."

Brian was great fun to talk with about all kinds of things – both academic and non-academic. He was a very keen runner and spoke movingly about what it was like to run along the famous beach at St Andrews (where the *Chariots of Fire* actors were filmed). He would also tell me how he had fared in various runs, and would ask how my husband (who was then also a runner) had done. It is clear from the final report in 2012 by the demitting Proctors that Brian's running ability has not diminished. The Senior Proctor reported witnessing "the Junior Proctor sprinting down Banbury Road in hot pursuit of a malefactor engaged in the spraying of tomato ketchup after an examination had finished" (*University of Oxford Gazette*, 22nd March 2012, p 398.)

For forty years (since 1972) Brian has been unflagging in his research productivity – publishing numerous papers and a number of chapters in books. Stuart Anstis, Professor of Vision at UC San Diego, has been a long-term collaborator of Brian's. He describes how Brian's practical skills enhanced his research, as well as his teaching:

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Brian's primary research area has been in the perception of depth. In a classical demonstration, known as Pulfrich's

Pendulum, a subject views a pendulum swinging in a plane perpendicular to the observer's line of sight. When a darkened lens is placed in front of, say, the right eye the pendulum seems to take on an elliptical orbit, appearing closer as it swings toward the right and farther as it swings toward the left [at this point, Brian would urge you to try it...]. The magnitude of the effect depends both on luminance and on light-adaptation, introducing a delay between the signals from the left and right eyes which translates to an apparent position difference for the moving pendulum, and Brian and Stuart collected large amount of data to quantify the dependence. But in the days before 3-D charts in Excel, how could this be represented in a data plot? Brian solved the problem: He built a great big 3-D model out of plaster of Paris, like a giant blancmange, which I believe he still has in his lab. He took stereo photographs of his model, which he used as slides for his research presentations.

During his time in Oxford, Brian has built up one of the largest research groups, working on human visual perception, in the country; and he has done this, with the help of a number of prestigious research grants. In March 2012, a three volume text, *Perception in Depth* (co-authored with Ian P Howard) appeared in the Oxford Psychology Series. It is described as “providing the most detailed review of all aspects of perceiving the three-dimensional world.” This new text follows on from an earlier two volume work in 2002, *Seeing in Depth*; and an even earlier one- volume work, in 1995 – *Binocular Vision and Stereopsis*.

Impressive as this is, it would be wrong, I think, to view this as the culmination of Brian's work, since it seems certain that he will continue to research and to publish for many years to come. For many years Brian has also been on the editorial board for the journal *Perception*. *Perception* is a scholarly journal reporting experimental results and theoretical ideas ranging over the fields of human, animal, and machine perception.

*Martha Klein, Emeritus Fellow in
Philosophy*

A Farewell Dinner

A Farewell Dinner for Brian Rogers took place in College on Wednesday 24th October 2012. The event was a shared retirement dinner with Brian Howard, Professor of Chemistry and Tutor in Physical Chemistry. Jeremy Taylor, Tutor in Physiological Sciences and Vicegerent, spoke of Brian's eleven years at Pembroke, and the fact that Brian is to take on the role of Dean of Graduates, so that he is not really leaving College.

Jeremy spoke of the outstanding performance of Brian's Psychology students, consistently out-performing the Norrington table, and of his enthusiasm for teaching them. In 2010, Brian gained an Excellence in the University's teaching awards. This year again he gained a citation but, as a previous winner, was unable to receive the same award again. As Junior Proctor, Brian dealt with some 200 complaints from students about exams, an ever increasing trend in the workload. During this time as Junior Proctor, Brian had to escort the President of Italy from the front of the ceremonial procession (where he was accustomed to be placed in Italy) to the back, with great diplomacy and the “incident” passed off without problem.

The Reply by Brian Rogers

Brian Rogers began his speech by stating that he felt that the psychological term “denial” would well describe the last few months as his retirement approached. Rather than telling people that he would be retiring, he chose to say that he was giving up lecturing and teaching. He felt that he was far too young and quoted Linda Flores (Fellow and Tutor in Japanese Studies) who said that the University must have made some mistake about Brian's retirement age.

Brian recounted that his first contact with Pembroke came in 2000, but it was not with Mark Fricker, Jeremy Taylor or Martha Klein who were on his interview

Panel but with Helen Small (Fellow and Professor of English) during the millennium round Britain relay. He met up with her on the South Wales coast and spent most of the day trying to keep up with her over the 20 to 30 miles that they ran together. Pembroke SCR has a reputation for good runners, including Janet Smart (former Fellow in Engineering), and Brian joked that there should have been a women's running team called "Small and Smart".

Brian said he had enormously enjoyed his time at Pembroke and that he would not have come here were it not for his son Kiran, as when Kiran was a year old, he took the decision to spend more time with him and not to miss out on seeing him grow up. He therefore took the bold (and some might say, rash) decision to resign his Fellowship at LMH to enable him to spend two days a week with his son. Needless to say, Brian never regretted that decision and it had the unintended consequence, a few years later, of allowing him to come to Pembroke when Kiran was older. When Kiran went to school, Brian recounted how he would sneak away from GB meetings at 3.00 pm to collect him and somewhat mischievously, would make a comparison between the lively exchanges in Governing Body and the antics of the school playground.

Brian went on to say how very important the Pembroke students have been to him and it made him appreciate how lucky College is to have such an amazing group of (usually) interested, committed and highly motivated undergraduates. From his own experience, this contrasts significantly with many other universities. The real buzz was to see the transformation of students who would arrive at Oxford unable to write an essay and then see them transformed by the end of their first term. It is one of the joys of the job.

Brian recounted that he has been fortunate to take part in the Technos visit to Japan and, more recently, to give some lectures in Abu Dhabi, and he highly

recommended involvement with both these projects. It has been a highlight. Brian spoke of a famous perceptual experiment (the Thatcher illusion) in which a picture of the face of Mrs Thatcher is inverted (apart from the mouth). She appears to be smiling until the picture is reinverted when she is seen grimacing. He tried to demonstrate the effect during a talk at the Germany International school using the face of Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, but no one laughed, so Brian refrained from repeating the experiment in Abu Dhabi!

Brian has enjoyed his varied College roles including the New Build Committee and was involved just two years ago in the selection of contractors – a task he had never encountered before. He praised the Master for having the vision and the determination to push forward the project and to bring it to fruition, despite all the concerns expressed by Fellows at Governing Body. It is a delight to see its success. He also praised John Church, the Bursar, for his dedication and absolute commitment at every stage of the project which resulted in the magnificent building and facilities that we can see today.

Brian stated that one of the amazing privileges of being a Fellow at Pembroke was the opportunity of being elected as one of the two Proctors in 2010. When he wrote a brief statement of why he wanted to stand for the Proctorship, he recalled how he had naively included some of the things he intended to see changed during such a year. At that time, he had no idea of the importance of the Proctorial role since his dealings with them were limited to requests for extensions of time on coursework and the occasional query about exam marks. Before he took on the role, Brian had thought that he knew how the University was run, as a result of being a Lecturer and Tutor in Oxford for nearly thirty years, but it soon became apparent that we typically only see Oxford through the perspective of our own College, Faculty or Division. The duties of a Proctor include dealing with

many routine requests, but there were also various disciplinary functions and some 40 trips to the Examination Schools to oversee student celebrations after Finals. Together with his fellow Proctor, Lawrence Whitehead, he joked that they walked extensively for Oxford and dined extensively for Oxford. On a serious note, Brian stressed the importance of the independent scrutiny the Proctors provide in the running of the University through the various committees from Council downwards. With respect to the latter, it was pleasing to see the respect other members of Council showed to Giles Henderson, the Master, and the attention they paid to the points he made.

The only downside of being a Proctor was the loss of individual identity. Brian was no longer Brian Rogers but rather "The Junior Proctor". He liked the word junior, because it made him feel young, but the importance of the title was that it made it clear that you were there to represent the University as a whole rather than being an advocate for a particular part of it. To serve for a year ensures a constant stream of fresh ideas and also that the power does not go to your head! Brian recounted that, shortly after he demitted from office, he returned to the University Offices to collect his car only to find that his University card would no longer open the gate - he was no longer a proctor.

Brian remarked that the past 12 years at Pembroke seemed to have flown by. He wanted to use the occasion to give tributes to Martha Klein (Emeritus Fellow), John Eekelaar now an Emeritus Fellow, who was a constant source of support and encouragement from the day he arrived at Pembroke and Mark Fricker (currently Academic Director) as well as Jeremy Taylor as mainstay friends and collaborators. He was also grateful to Alex Kacelnik, Professor of Behavioural Ecology, (who was unable to attend due to his absence in South America) with whom Brian was able to discuss animal behaviour, the intelligence of crows

and the differences between human and animal perception. Also to Jeremy Taylor, who kept him on track with regard to the physiological bases of behaviour. On his arrival, Brian was also very impressed to discover that Mark Fricker had compiled all the data on the quality of students and the availability of teaching in order to make rational decisions about possible new developments and appointments in different subjects. This was a marked contrast with other Colleges where decisions were sometimes made on the basis of either for self-interest or prejudices between the humanities and the sciences. Others whom Brian wished to mention included Andrew Teal, the Chaplain and Eamonn Molloy, Tutor in Management, who acted as the two Pro-Proctors during Brian's term of office as Junior Proctor. He thanked them both for their help when they stood in for him if he was unable to attend functions. In particular, Andrew took on the duty of attending the University sermons and on one occasion, when one of the Proctors was obliged to sing the Latin litany, Andrew enthusiastic took up the challenge.

Brian then spoke of Pembroke as a place of friendliness and co-operation which makes it special and possibly unique. When he first arrived, although he was very junior in terms of years of service at Pembroke, he was welcomed and treated as if he had been there for years. Of course there were disagreements in Governing Body but there was always the sense that everyone, including College office and all the support staff had the interests of College at heart and that meant that being a Fellow at Pembroke was very special. In his view, the College owes a great deal to its Master, Giles Henderson, who has done so much to strengthen and perpetuate the special atmosphere at Pembroke. To finish, Brian remarked that the College wouldn't be seeing the end of him as he is now taking on the role of Dean of Graduate Students and this will mean continuing to be part of the Pembroke

community over the coming years.

A tribute from Professor Stuart Anstis, Brian's PhD supervisor

It was the last day of term in Bristol, many years ago, when my Chair said I could take on a new graduate student. All the undergraduates had gone up to the top of the hill to celebrate their new degrees at a garden party. So I went up the hill to find myself a graduate student. The road forked into two, then rejoined. As it happened I took the left hand fork. Coming down the road I met Brian. We talked and I offered him the job. He told me that he had already been offered a graduate studentship in Sociology, but he thought about it overnight, and next morning he accepted my offer. If I had turned right at that fork, or he had turned left, Brian would now be a sociologist. Never underestimate the role of random chance in life.

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A tribute from Professor Roland Fleming, one of Brian's students

Brian was one of my favourite lecturers, and has had an indelible impact on my life, so I'm very happy to send you a couple of memories.

I think three things stand out to me about his lecturing methods. The first was his enormous energy. He was simply extremely passionate about the material and that enthusiasm was (and still is) highly infectious. Like most Lecturers at Oxford he had a very scholarly approach: he knew the literature very deeply and made constant connections to great thinkers from throughout the history of perception research. Second, he was willing to spend time on the philosophical implications of results and ideas. In other words, a strong emphasis on theory, meaning, the big picture. Most perception lecturers cover Helmholtz, Gibson, Marr at some point in a course. But with Brian the nature of perception was really the central theme of the entire course. Whether we were talking about spatial frequency channels, stereopsis, or optical flow, there was always the same theoretical rigour and a connection to the deepest questions about the nature of reality and the goals of a biological organism making its way through the world. Exactly the kind of invigorating, speculative topics that are so exciting as an undergraduate. Third, he was also very keen to give demonstrations that were memorable and thought provoking. He didn't use PowerPoint in those days (most people didn't). But he had a superb collection of slides, and some outstanding physical demos. I remember him setting up the Edwin Land two-projector demo which turned my whole thinking about colour upside-down - shades of greens, blues and browns in a photo of some fruit, using only white light and red light - it was totally baffling to me at first, and

really got me thinking. He also had a special slide and lens for demonstrating Fourier synthesis optically. The slide consisted of a set of sine waves one above another. I don't mean gratings: they were literally graphs of sine waves. The bottom half of each sinewave was filled in black. It was the odd harmonics in ascending order of frequency, and with descending amplitude. The lens was some kind of highly astigmatic prism that was perfectly sharp in the horizontal direction but effectively blurred very heavily in the vertical direction. When he slid this lens in front of the projector, the different sine waves were superimposed by the blurring, and what we saw was a very clear square wave on the projector screen. No fiddling around with computer simulations: real Fourier synthesis in the optical domain. That was great! Altogether, Brian was an enormous influence in both his lectures and tutorials. He was incredibly gracious and willing to listen, which gave us space to explore unorthodox directions. That freedom has had a lasting effect on my thinking over the years.

Life as a Proctor

Hunc egregium virum: Professor Brian Rogers as Junior Proctor, March 2011-March 2012

As readers may know, the University has a system (dating back more than 700 years, but formalised during the reign of King Charles I) under which the Colleges take it in turns to elect two of their number each year to serve as the Proctors. Nowadays, each College's turn comes round every twelve or thirteen years – the electoral cycle allows for election to be made to the much newer office of Assessor as well –and each person who becomes a Proctor is seconded full-time from normal academic and administrative work to be a senior officer of the University for the twelve-month period

between Wednesday of Ninth Week of Hilary Term and the equivalent day the following academic year. This is very much an historically-defined 'year': it is about as old as the Tax Year!

In 2010, Professor Brian Rogers put his hat into the ring as the next Proctor from Pembroke College, and he was elected at the end of Hilary Term to take up post the following year, 2011. The Proctors' Office has no involvement in any College's election arrangements, but we do of course take a very keen interest in the outcome each year. As with many long-established academic staff, we had had a number of routine dealings with Brian; but we did not know him well, and after his election was announced by Pembroke College we were interested to see how this senior member of the Department of Experimental Psychology and expert in Visual Perception would take to the role of Junior Proctor once he was presented to the University by the Master and Fellows and solemnly sworn into office in March 2011. Brian became the Junior Proctor because the date of his MA was later than that of his co-Proctor, Mr Laurence Whitehead of Nuffield College.

The 'Junior' and 'Senior' labels are nothing to do with hierarchy, but simply a way of distinguishing between the two Proctors each year. By convention, though, the Junior Proctor takes the lead in dealing with undergraduate student matters generally and all taught-course (graduate and undergraduate) University Examination matters specifically.

Between Brian's election and swearing-in, we heard encouraging reports on all sides about his proven abilities and personal qualities. I well remember that at the introductory meeting which I held with the incoming Proctors and Assessor several months before they took up office, I was struck by Brian's easy-going nature –and his passion for electronic devices, as he enthused about the newest i-gadget which he had brought along with him. i-gadgets were to become something of a

theme of Brian's Proctorship, and I fear that he found the somewhat unprogressive provision in the Proctors' Office to be a bit frustrating.

The Proctors' duty "to uphold the Statutes of the University" falls into five main categories: governance of the University (both taking part at the highest level and scrutinising the whole supporting operation); overseeing the proper running of University Examinations and approving alternative arrangements of various kinds for individual students; dealing with complaints about University (as distinct from internal College) matters; dealing with student discipline outside the remit of the Colleges; and taking part in the University's public and ceremonial life (not least by officiating at degree ceremonies). So as for all new Proctors, there was an enormous amount of process and detail for Brian to get to grips with: beginning with what is often a challenge for a self-respecting academic – working in an office environment from 9 to 5 each day and having someone else take charge of your diary! Brian took up his new role very conscientiously and enthusiastically, qualities which he went on to display throughout the unfolding year.

Particularly for the Junior Proctor, the key requirement is to be able to contend with high issues of University governance and policy, while being able to turn at a moment's notice to the urgent need to solve some knotty problem which has cropped up with an individual student's examination arrangements. Brian showed unfailing skill and sensitivity right across this spectrum: the University as a whole, and more students than will ever realise it, have reason to be grateful to him. In the area of examinations administration, I was especially impressed that Brian not only manfully tackled the heavy case-load, but was constantly looking to identify underlying themes, so that mis-firing regulations could be fixed, procedures improved (sometimes with e-solutions), and structural problems addressed. Experienced as an Examiner

and a Tutor, he was an able match for Chairs of Examiners, Senior Tutors, and student customers alike.

Inescapably, the year brought some difficult complaints and disciplinary cases to Brian's desk, and in tackling these within the constraints of the regulations and the Proctors' powers, he was both thorough and humane. In such cases there are sometimes no completely right or completely satisfactory solutions, and I know that the Junior Proctor agonised over some of his decisions.

In a different way, Brian also agonised over his duties at degree ceremonies, duties which he took very seriously because he knew how important it is for all students and their families to be able to enjoy the ceremonies as part of a happy day of celebrations. So this Junior Proctor worked hard at the Latin until it was right. Brian was troubled, however, by the challenge of pronouncing students' names correctly when it fell to him to read out the lists of candidates supplicating for their degrees. As the Vice-Chancellor reminds us at every ceremony, "Oxford is one of a handful of great international universities in the world". One of the consequences of what he refers to as "our international mix" is that candidates' names come from almost every nation and language, and it can be tricky to get them right, particularly when reading from a list which jumps between (say) English, Celtic, Polish, Sikh, Malaysian, and something that might be Hungarian. For logistical reasons, the list used in a ceremony can only be finalised a few minutes before proceedings begin – so Brian was always deprived of the draft copy on which he had carefully been marking down his pronunciation notes. What seemed to be increasingly fantastic schemes were discussed, involving the Proctors using i-gadgets during the ceremony, to which would be transmitted the absolutely final list of names with pronunciation notes intact. We'll bear the ideas in mind.

In all, a highly successful year as

Junior Proctor. The staff of the Proctors' Office were privileged to work with Brian Rogers and enjoyed it. We find it hard to imagine him idle in retirement and wish him well in whatever he does.

Dr Brian Gasser, Clerk to the Proctors

Hilde de Weerd

In April 2012 Pembroke College bid farewell to Dr Hilde De Weerd, Stanley Ho Lecturer in Chinese History at the University of Oxford and Fellow of Pembroke College (2007-2012). She received her PhD from Harvard University in 1999 and has held postdoctoral fellowships at University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University and Harvard University. Dr De Weerd has worked extensively on the organization of knowledge and technologies for knowledge dissemination in imperial China. Her book (*Competition over Content: Negotiating Standards in Imperial China, 2007*) was shortlisted for the 2009 International Convention of Asia Scholars Book Prize. She is the recipient of a major grant from the European Research Council for a project titled 'China and the Historical Sociology of Empire'. At present Dr De Weerd is a Reader in Chinese History in the History Faculty at Kings' College, London.



Linda Flores

When Hilde left Pembroke she described her time at Pembroke thus: 'Pembroke was in many ways the favourite part of my teaching career at Oxford and I will always cherish the memory of our lunch conversations, coffee breaks, and rambunctious domestic evenings. The European Research Council project that I am about to start could not be accommodated at the Oriental Institute; I

found a new home for it at King's College London where I hope to continue my work in Chinese history and begin new work in comparative history and the digital humanities from April onwards.'

Daren Bowyer

Daren came to Pembroke as Home Bursar in April 2008 after a long and successful career in the Army, serving in the Royal Engineers.

His appointment enabled me to free up more of my time to direct the College's New Build Project as Daren took on responsibility for day to day operational matters. He quickly settled in to his new role and became a very visible member of the Pembroke community, not least because of his propensity to wear colourful trousers! He addressed a number of important personnel issues and introduced a well structured staff appraisal system into the College for the first time. At a time of increasing regulation, Daren also oversaw the implementation of the necessary formalised policy and procedures across a wide range of areas.

Daren contributed fully to the project to renovate and enhance the Kitchen/Hall building. Not only did he work closely with the Chef, Hall Steward and their teams on the detailed specification needed for the new kitchens and servery but also showed effective leadership during the challenging period of the building works, when all the existing facilities were decanted into a temporary portacabin style building erected in North Quad. He also contributed fully to the design work and implementation planning for the main New Build Project.

During all this time, under Daren's direction, much good work was undertaken in the ongoing programme to upgrade the College's existing buildings



and individual rooms. He also oversaw good improvements to the College's IT systems and the introduction of other measures which will

improve the College's efficiency.

As a member of the Domestic Bursars' Committee, he also represented Pembroke well across the Collegiate University. Equally, he did much to raise the College's profile in the local business community, which, going forward, will be very important for our Conference business.

Daren was a valued colleague to many in Pembroke and we wish him every success in the next stage of his career.

John Church, Bursar

Brian Harvey



Pembroke bid farewell to Head Porter, Brian Harvey this academic year. Brian was at Pembroke for over 16

years and has become part of the fabric of College life. Brian's wisdom, integrity and kindness have been of benefit to students and staff alike over such a long time that Pembroke will not seem the same without him. Brian has shown outstanding loyalty to staff, students and Pembroke, and for those of us who have seen Brian's watchful eye over weddings held in College have the proof of his care and attention: Brian features in most of the photos not because he loves to steal the limelight, but because he is always there at all the crucial moments ready to intervene if things should not go to plan.

Students and staff have needed little encouragement to express their gratitude and genuine affection for Brian, both as an individual and for the way in which he has always conducted himself as Head Porter. Brian may occasionally look fearsome but he has a heart of gold. He is always firm but fair in all his dealings and has left a legacy of the enormous respect and admiration of all at Pembroke.

Brian was born on the 3rd September 1939, as war started, so that his early childhood was spent evacuated with Dr

Barnardos in Devon. In 1955, he took an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner, seeing this as a good prospect for earning his living in the future, but this was interrupted by a brown envelope which arrived in 1960 announcing that he must register for National Service. This was to change Brian's life for the better in a way he did not imagine at the time. Brian therefore joined the RAF, and soon realised that if he became a regular, this would mean more money, and so he signed up for five years and trained in the specialised area of transport trade.

In July 1961, Brian married Ann and decided to make the RAF his career, signing on for 23 years. They were fortunate that postings nearly always meant that Ann could travel with Brian and they could set up home together without long separations. This, of course, meant continual packing and unpacking as they had 19 postings, but they both regard this period as very enjoyable years. As well as many UK postings, Brian and Ann have experienced living in Singapore, North Africa and Germany. In 1977, Brian felt honoured to be presented with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, to be worn in commemoration of her Silver Jubilee.

In 1982, Brian and Ann decided it was time to set up a more permanent future base and decided to buy a house in Abingdon. When Brian left the RAF in 1983, Brian joined Bass Brewers as a transport manager, later becoming an operations manager. In 1992, a rationalisation programme within distribution led Brian to oversee the closure of several depots in the Southern Region, reporting directly to the Operations Director. Brian had a complex role which involved being flexible when based at various locations, handling the delicate area of redundancy problems and stock reduction, whilst balancing this against maintaining customer expectations, eventually handling over each depot to the Estates Department for disposal. During this period, Brian had to live away from home five days each week, and decided to take

early retirement in 1994 with the idea of spending more time visiting countries he and Ann had not yet seen. On his return from a motor home tour of New Zealand, Brian decided that retirement was not for him!

Fortunately for Pembroke, this was to lead to Brian becoming Head Porter at Pembroke in July 1995. Brian says that not a day has gone by at Pembroke without some sort of building work going ahead, and that this has given the Porters the added problems of security and other extra tasks. He is particularly delighted that it is now time for College to begin to turn its attention towards a future upgrade of the Porters' Lodge. Although Brian will not experience the benefits, he is adamant that it is not before time!

Brian has seen five boats burned in his 16 years at Pembroke. He and Professor Ben Davis have worked closely together in connection with Boat Club matters and the Summer Ball, and Brian has been hugely engaged in both these areas.

Brian and Ann have a daughter and son, Lynn and Mark and three grandchildren, Aaron, Charlotte and Harry. We hope to see Brian back at College from time to time as everyone will miss his special charm. This year, when the women's team took the Headship of the River, Brian was there to oversee the proceedings and although retired, he will remain a part of Pembroke past, present and future.

On the 2nd February 2012, the Senior Common Room was full of those wishing to express every good wish to Brian and Ann for their future and raise a glass to Brian's retirement, whilst appreciating the significance of his role in everyone's life at Pembroke. A summary of the Master's Speech on this occasion is provided below:

A tribute from Giles Henderson, Master

Take a few moments to reflect on the range of tasks which the Head Porter in Pembroke carries out:-

1. He is our main receptionist – a key

role in any organisation, but none greater than in an Oxford College where he will be the first face to every academic or other visitor and every student, current, prospective and past.

2. He is our main security officer - again a role of very considerable significance.

3. He is in charge of the post room.

4. He is clearly an auxiliary member of the Development Office, with special reference to alumni relations but also helping with existing and potential donors.

5. In a broader sense, he is a key member of our public relations department, dealing with all manner of enquiries from outsiders.

6. So far as current students are concerned, he serves as an auxiliary counsellor for students in distress; on the other side he is in effect an auxiliary Dean for student discipline (the less said about that this evening the better!); and he is a cheerleader and a leading supporter of Pembroke sports clubs, particularly the Rugby Club and of course the Boat Club. If you want to know what is likely to happen in Eights Week or what happened during the races the night before, Brian can always give you a detailed account.

Some of my fondest memories of Brian relate to the custom of the 'burning of boats' on the occasion a College crew achieves Headship of the River. During my early years in office, we had the great delight and honour of watching our Womens' First VIII achieve this distinction in four consecutive years, the last of which was combined with the Men also going Head and hence the famous (unique in Oxford history) distinction of the Double Headship.

I discovered on my first experience that the burning of boats is fraught with danger. This is not merely for the crew members who leap across the smouldering ashes of the burnt boat. Indeed, earlier in the process, the Master has to deliver the magic light to the prepared boat to set it on fire. On my first occasion, I leaned over and my tie fell forward just as the fire started and I only just escaped sending

myself up in flames via my tie. It was for this reason, and also the fact that it was incredibly hot, that in 2003 on the occasion of the Double Headship I was not dressed in a shirt and tie, but instead in a rather cool open necked shirt. Throughout the whole process of the burning of the boats I had always of course been instructed and then subsequently 'minded' by Brian as Head Porter. He was always turned out, whatever the temperature, in a smart suit with the striped Pembroke tie. On the occasion of the Double Headship to which I refer he was so attired as usual, while I was in the cool open necked shirt. There was of course the most enormous crowd in North Quad to witness what some thought would be the burning of two boats. We had not only large numbers of alumni and parents, but even outsiders who knew that Oxford history had been made that day and had come to witness the ritual of the burning of the boats. It was one of the members of this crowd who happened to be standing next to my wife Lynne who asked her about the two men who were organising the lighting of the boats alongside the crews in the middle of North Quad. Pointing clearly to Brian dressed in his suit and tie this person said to Lynne 'I can see that chap is obviously the Master, but who is the other chap in the open necked shirt?'

On a more serious level, I would like to say that Lynne and I both owe Brian a huge debt of gratitude for many things during our time in Pembroke, but particularly for the support and guidance we received in our very early days here. An induction programme for the Master was not something that was really laid on, but Brian took Lynne and me in hand. He showed us the ropes about many aspects of the job, which he confidently – and correctly – predicted would be expected of us. I know that Lynne in particular feels that Brian was a huge rock of support for her at the outset of our time in Pembroke, including what to do and not to do around College - what was permissible and not permissible: for example 'do not run in the Quad'! So some very special thanks

and appreciation go to Brian from Lynne.

For myself, I too have valued hugely the special support given to me by Brian. If I really wanted to know how to do the job of being Master, and more particularly if I really wanted to know what was going on in the College, Brian was the chap to ask. He has been a friend and support and a source of fun and laughter; and while some may think on first acquaintance with Brian that he is a gruff, tough sort of chap, those who get to know him soon realise that he is a real, real softie at heart.

Pembroke is fortunate that its staff tend to stay for good long periods and so we do not have the sadness of leaving parties all that often. Brian has done just under 17 years in Pembroke. He has played an absolutely central and key role in the College during his time and been an important personality. So he will be sorely missed. We thank him for outstanding service and friendship.

In conclusion, Brian, let me encourage you to come back soon and come back often. I am sure Steve Capper, your successor, will not mind, although you do realise, Brian, that you will undoubtedly be met by a message from him 'Brian, I am afraid there will be no parking available when you visit.'

I would now like everyone to raise their glasses and drink a toast to Brian, wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Tributes from colleagues and students

Fellow Porter Andy Hodgson recalls, 'I worked for Brian for almost 16 years and that is the longest I have ever worked for one manager in 43 years. That's an achievement and a measure of enjoying every minute of my time with Brian. He has taught me to be fair in my dealings with people I meet, and to enjoy life's ups and downs. For both of us there have been plenty of those! One story comes to mind when I had a chat with Brian and the Home Bursar about my heart surgery. When I told them that my mitral valve was leaking, Brian said "Put a sticking plaster on it - you'll be fine!" That's the

measure of the man - nothing fazes him and he has been a real joy to work for.'

Numerous emails were received from alumni from 1956 to 2007 wishing to pass on good wishes to Brian. There were too many to include them all, but a few are given below.

Charlotte Hendy (2010), JCR President, wrote that 'the JCR is sad to lose such a well-loved member of staff! For many of us, Brian was the first person we met when we started at Pembroke, and, as Head Porter, someone who we have had many encounters with since. His sense of humour, interest in student activities, and friendly and willing nature will be missed by us all.'

Andrew Graham (1969) states that he feels great sadness that Brian is retiring and that he has been a stalwart, looking after the undergraduates as well as members of the faculty, instilling a love of the College to all who enter its portals. Andrew says, 'In particular, he has been a great friend and help to my late father, whose greatest love was the College, and I and my family are very grateful for his generosity of spirit to us. We hope he will enjoy a long and well deserved retirement.'

Natasha Graham (1998) adds that Brian breathes life and soul into Pembroke and is always the first friendly face you meet when you walk in: 'He always knew how to keep us undergraduates in check but did it in a kind and humorous way. We quickly learned who was the boss, it was never your tutor, it was Brian.'

Emma Graham (2001) says "Where do I begin on summing up a man who represents all that is great in Pembroke? Brian is somebody who whenever you get to the Lodge greets you with a smile. He is the first to cheer you on at the crack of dawn as you go rowing and the last to wave you good night as you leave the College Bar. He makes everything possible no matter how difficult a request may be. He has looked after the Graham

family through the generations and made me always so proud to say that I went to Pembroke. When friends came to visit me during my student days they would always comment on what a warm and welcoming College Pembroke was...and that was largely due to the precedent set by Brian. When I have returned to Pembroke since graduation...one of my favourite things has been arriving at the lodge to Brian's beaming smile...that is something I will miss the most! I wish him well in his retirement and look forward to standing along the river banks with him in Eights Week over many years to come!'

Jonny Coppel (2007) says, 'I'm very sorry to hear you are leaving. You were a fantastic help to me during my time at Pembroke and a great character to have around the College. I'm sorry you didn't get to burn another boat, but I am sure next time it happens, they will let you light the fire! You will be sorely missed.'

Last year's MCR President, Edvard Glucksman (2006) remembers that during his five years at Pembroke "I was always impressed by the fairness of Brian's leadership and ability to unite the different, and sometimes highly opinionated domains of College."

Emails from alumni with matriculation years of 1956 (Robert Cooper) to those of 2007 (Jack Miller) have flooded the Development Office wishing Brian every happiness in a well-deserved retirement.

FELLOWS' AWARDS

FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY AND COMPARATIVE COGNITION SOCIETY RESEARCH AWARD 2011

Professor Alex Kacelnik was awarded the “Roots” prize in Buenos Aires in October 2011. The prize is awarded to non-resident Argentinian scientists who achieve international success and help promote Science and Technology in Argentina from abroad. Professor Alex Kacelnik travelled to Argentina to receive the Award, delivered by the Argentinian Minister for Science, Dr L Barañao. The ceremony took place in Buenos Aires on October 6th 2011.

In recognition of his work, the journal *Behavioural Processes* produced a special issue in February 2012 (Vol 89, NO.2, February 2012- ISSN 0376-6357). The special edition is comprised of 16 articles allied to Professor Kacelnik’s field of research. The special edition is entitled *Special issue: Comparative cognition: Function and mechanism in lab and field. A tribute to the contributions of Alex Kacelnik. It includes two articles by Alex Kacelnik*, and is linked to his earlier Comparative Cognition Award, details of which appeared in last year’s edition of the Record in this section.

THREE NEW PROFESSORSHIPS

The Oxford University Recognition of Distinction Committee (2010-11) has awarded professorships to three Pembroke Fellows. Guido Bonsaver is now Professor of Italian Cultural History, while Anne Henke is Professor of Mathematics and Helen Small becomes a Professor of English Literature.

SANDRA FREDMAN

Professor Sandra Fredman FBA has been made Honorary Queen’s Counsel. The Lord Chancellor presided over the appointment ceremony, where the rank was formally bestowed upon successful applicants, at Westminster Hall on 30th March 2012. The award of Queen’s Counsel *honoris causa* (Honorary QC) is made to lawyers who have made a major contribution to the law of England & Wales outside practice in the courts. Recipients are appointed through nominations received from the legal sector and general public. Traditionally, Honorary Silk has been awarded to distinguished legal academics and to some lawyers in public service for achievements beyond their normal responsibilities. Only a very small number are awarded each year

Her work has greatly contributed to the fields of discrimination and human rights law.

In addition, Professor Fredman has been awarded a grant of £81,000 by the University’s Higher Studies Fund. This provides start up funding for her new Chair, the Rhodes Chair in the Laws of the British Commonwealth and the USA, and will be used to develop focal point for a research and policy network in the comparative human rights law of these jurisdictions. The aim is to integrate academics, policy-makers, judges and students, in Oxford, in developed countries and also in many developing countries in the British Commonwealth which have had little exposure to academic research. The network will initially be focusing on two substantive themes, gender equality, and poverty and human rights.

AHRC AWARD

Professor Helen Small was awarded an AHRC grant for January-September 2012 to complete a book on the public value of the Humanities. The work is a study of the defences for the humanities which have been most influential in the 19th and 20th centuries and still exert some persuasive power. The study has a dual purpose: to provide an historical account of the arguments, and test their validity for the present day.

The traditions of defence considered are:

- the claim that the humanities study the meaning-making practices of the culture, focusing on interpretation and evaluation, with an indispensable element of subjectivity. This claim has accrued supportive (but often incorrect) assumptions about differences between the humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

- the claim that the humanities are (laudably) uselessness, at a remove from accounts of economic use value.

- the argument (from J S Mill) for the pursuit of happiness.

- the claim that ‘Democracy Needs Us’
- claims for intrinsic value.

2011 DIANA FORSYTHE AWARD

Eamonn Molloy, Tutor in Management, in collaboration with Maja Korica (Warwick), has won the 2011 Diana Forsythe Award, for their work *Making Sense of Professional Identities: Stories of Medical Professionals and New Technologies*.

The Award is sponsored by the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) People and Organizational Issues Working Group. They collected the prestigious award for their research paper which was published in *Human Relations*.

Drawing on interview data with senior surgeons from a variety of surgical disciplines, the study demonstrated the

degree and significance of innovation and invention among surgeons. Rather than being passive adopters of new technologies, the study found that surgeons are enthusiastic inventors, seeking out technological solutions to patient care and inventing equipment where they see the need. ‘Surgeons are developing concepts and are designing, producing, testing and using these technologically driven treatments,’ said Dr Molloy. ‘Surgery is actually a very open and innovative profession, with individuals looking pragmatically at any possible solution to improving care. And early career surgeons appreciate that the successful development and adoption of a new technique can really make a difference to their careers.’

‘We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of our research,’ said Dr Molloy. ‘This was a small initial study which has generated some interesting observations and which points the way for further original work exploring the effects of new technology on professional practice. It also illustrates the value of inter-disciplinary work, and the sometimes unpredictable impact this can have in important policy and business areas.’

The Diana Forsythe Award honours either the peer-reviewed AMIA conference paper, or the peer-reviewed article published during the previous year, that best exemplifies the spirit and scholarship of Diana Forsythe’s work at the intersection of medical informatics and the social sciences.

FELL FUND RESEARCH GRANT

Eamonn Molloy (Tutor in Management), Professor Stephen Whitefield (Fellow in Politics) and Sara Hobolt (Fellow in Politics, Lincoln College) have won a research grant from the Fell Fund for a study of emotions in party manifestos, “‘We were just using different words to mean the same thing’”: Exploring

the Affective Norms of Political Party Manifestos’.

STAFF NEWS

STEVE CAPPER: NEW HEAD PORTER

Steve Capper joined Pembroke on 26th January 2012 as the new Head Porter, following Brian Harvey’s retirement after some 17 years of service to Pembroke.

Steve was born in Manchester, which he regards as his ‘home town’. He joined the RAF at age 16 where he spent the next ten years with such varied postings as the Falkland Islands, shortly after the end of the conflict, and endured four months on the top of Mount Kent which Steve describes as truly ‘the coldest place on the earth’. This was followed by tours in Germany and Northern Ireland, and he was based at RAF Benson in Oxfordshire.

He then joined Thames Valley Police in 1987, where he gained wide experience in numerous different types of policing. He was to be in Firearms, Traffic, the Drug Squad and Public Order, where he was responsible for events planning. He finished his career as an Inspector in HQ Operations.

Steve started his career in the Police in High Wycombe and found his six years in Traffic most interesting and very challenging. He was called on to deal with the late night multiple fatalities of young drivers, which occur regularly on the A418 Aylesbury Road. In one such case there were no survivors out of the four young people in a vehicle which had crashed. His 24 years in the Police Service saw him protecting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at Chequers,

overseeing the English Defence League march in Aylesbury in 2010 when all the pubs voluntarily closed, organising public order at football matches as well as repatriations from Brize Norton Airfield. He planned the logistics of the last very successful Game Fayre at Blenheim Palace prior to the subsequent horrendous traffic problems which confronted his successors. Whilst he admits that you can become quite cynical about humanity as a policeman, he says that a sense of humour can be a good foil. One of the attributes that policemen have is that they question everything - perhaps the result of delving as deeply as possible when interviewing suspects and trying to get the facts straight in every case.

So we may ask how Steve found himself at Pembroke and he recounts that he was idly looking through the job advertisements on the internet when he saw the Pembroke advert for Head Porter. He spoke to friends who knew Pembroke, a Head Porter at another College and a couple of Proctors whom he knew and found the verdict favourable that this might be a suitable place to work. He says that he somehow found himself being interviewed for the job, and has not looked back since. Steve says that he has had a great welcome at Pembroke and is settling in well. There is both continuity and regularity in College life but also a good deal of variety, which makes each day different.

Steve used to row and is interested in Pembroke’s Boat Club, and is also an avid follower of rugby.

Steve enjoys history and describes himself as having ‘an anorak’ interest in Antarctic Expeditions, especially that of Captain Scott and he collects books on the subject. One of the things which intrigues him is the lack of back-up and support, and the courage to undertake such a venture where no rescue would be possible.

Steve lives out towards Wheatley and has a 20 year old daughter, who is close to completing her Nursing studies, and a 13



year old son who is currently keen to join the Army.

Steve admits that he feels he has just about 'seen it all' in his long career in the Police, and it would seem that little at Pembroke could possibly surprise or phase him.

RETIREMENTS



Brian Harvey, pictured here with Natalie Redgrave, President of the PCBC 2011-2012, wearing his gift of a PCBC blazer with pride.

As recorded in the Farewells Section, Brian Harvey, Head Porter has retired. Also this year, the College saw the retirements of Len Weekes and Glynis Perry.

LEN WEEKES

Summary of the Master's Speech on the occasion of the Farewell for Len Weekes in Broadgates on 17th February 2012:

Welcome to this farewell event for a Barman Extraordinaire.

Len came to Pembroke nearly 15 years ago. He had had a distinguished career in the Household Cavalry – and if you want proof look at the splendid photograph of him which the Home Bursar is at this very moment unfurling, which shows Len in full uniform! After the Army, Len moved around the South of England as a relief pub manager, looking after pubs while breweries appointed permanent landlords. Rumour has it that during this period he became chummy with the well-known actor, Oliver Reed.

Later, Len became involved with the Royal British Legion, becoming Steward at the Oxford branch and where he is still a member.



He has just achieved the great distinction of becoming a great

grandfather. Other key features of Len are that he is a big dog lover, with three of his own, and he is also alleged to be a massive supporter of Chelsea Football Club, but I make no further comment about that!

As a result of the length of his service, but above all the friendly and welcoming nature of that service to so many Pembrokians over the years, the Bar in Pembroke will always be known to them simply as 'Len's'.

From the point of Governing Body, having somebody as hugely reliable and dependable as Len and at the same time with such a good rapport with students, has been the source of great comfort and assurance. Governing Body is very grateful to you, Len.

May I ask you to raise your glass in a toast to Len with grateful thanks for all he has done for Pembroke and Pembrokians and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

Tributes from colleagues and students

Charlotte Hendy (2010), JCR President, stated, 'that the College Bar is referred to by many students simply as 'Len's' is a testament to the impact that Len has had upon the JCR. We will miss his company, and his friendly nature, but we will remember him fondly as we continue to visit 'Len's'!

Robert Wilson, Hall Steward, says that 'He's a man of enormous charm and warmth who is greatly missed. He also taught me how to pull a pint of ale properly... which has come in rather handy.'

Rob MacIntosh (2010), JCR Entertainments Representative, appreciates Len both as a porter and as a barman: 'his warmth and welcoming personality have greeted many a Pembrokian in good times and in bad.'

Elizabeth Lane (2004) shares her memories of Len remembering every name, and serving everyone with good heart.

Olga Koepping (1998) adds that she can remember quite a few evenings spent

in the bar.

Andy Ley (1996) admits admits that on the morning of his graduation his parents were surprised to find that Len was the first person to approach and congratulate him, and they wondered how he had spent his time at College. He continues " I'm sure you don't remember individuals who passed through your bar over the years, but I wanted to drop you a quick note to say thanks for the times I was there, and to wish you the best in your retirement. Best of luck in retirement, you certainly deserve some relaxation after your hard work at the bar!"

Terry Slesinski-Wykowski (1982) left before Len joined Pembroke, but states that infrequent visitors to Pembroke also enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere in the Bar and wishes Len and healthy and happy retirement.

"You were also of immeasurable warmth and hospitality with our visit to College for a business meeting weekend at Pembroke following our workshop at St. Catherine's (Pembroke was entirely booked) with our Shell Chemicals client!"

Terry continues, "I am sure you will realize now that you are leaving how important you are and were to all who visited. Also, my business partner, Neil Douglas, loved your bartending after dinner with fellow alumni until the wee hours (after my husband, Jim and I went to bed). You are our "favourite" and have represented the College in the best of ways being the best of Porters and bartenders. May you have a happy and healthy future and know how much you are esteemed by even infrequent visitors!"

Ashley Grossmann sends a message to Len: "Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for contributing to and making so many of the best evenings and nights of our Pembroke careers. Wishing you all the best for the next step, and hope to see you at the bar on one of my returns!"

The Graham family have fond memories of Len's time at Pembroke: "...in particular when we got double headship and I rather cheekily destroyed his favourite shirt by spraying him with

champagne!!! He has looked after the Graham family through the generations.”

Len’s reputation goes far and wide and, although retired, he is still to be seen around College so that staff and students continue to see him from time to time. There have been numerous tributes to Len from students and staff who have appreciated his special qualities over the years.

GLYNIS PERRY

Glynis began working in her capacity as Nurse at Pembroke in January 2002, from which time she has cared for both students and staff. She possesses all the assets needed to be what can only be described as a great College Nurse - not just being involved only in the medical but offering a wider support system when required. She is kind, caring, totally approachable and just always there with a natural gift to make the world seem a better place.

Glynis trained as a counsellor during her early years at Pembroke which enhanced her skills to help with the various and complicated issues which students have to deal with these days. She was always totally dedicated to the care of the students, above and beyond her normal course of duties at times, and she has been a great support and source of advice for many members of staff.

Glynis worked closely with the Academic Office, but always within strict boundaries of confidentiality and with great integrity, to make sure we could give the best advice to students struggling with their health.

Glynis will be a very hard act to follow and has been great asset to the College. She has now decided to work fewer hours, but will continue with her post at Teddy Hall. We will all miss her, but wish her the very best.

Jackie Lewis, Academic Registrar

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Those who received recognition for 10 years’ service were:

Jane Richmond, Bursars’ Secretary:

Jane came to Pembroke initially as a temp at Easter in 2002, after she was made redundant from OUP. She liked it so much that in July she agreed to become a permanent member of staff. For the first year she worked for Ray Rook, and subsequently John Church. In the last few years, she has worked for both John, and Daren Bowyer in the newly-created Home Bursar role.



Parveen Hussain:

Parveen represents the Scouts on the Health and Safety Committee. She also works at University College as a Scout in the early mornings before coming to Pembroke to look after two staircases, comprising some 30 rooms.



Matthew Morgan was also honoured for his 25 years of work for the College, and was promoted last year from Quadman to Maintenance Assistant.

Following an illness this year, College was delighted to see Dennis Green returning to work.

THE UNIVERSITY CATERING ORGANISATION CHEFS CHALLENGE COMPETITION

At the TUCO (The University Catering Organisation) Chefs Challenge competition in Blackpool the Pembroke Team of Kevin Dudley, Chris Allnutt and Adam Hagar, won the ‘Best Safety and Hygiene’ award. To have won an award

at their first appearance in this prestigious competition is a very significant achievement. They were competing against some of the best catering teams from across the Higher and Further Education sector and were the only team from an Oxford college. The University of Cambridge competed as a composite university team and all other teams were from considerably larger institutions. This puts their achievement into its true perspective. Their dishes attracted a great deal of favourable comment and they were greatly praised for the quality of their performance as newcomers to this competition.

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'Colour now and then: Time-dependent transformations of colour appearance', SVG (Scottish Vision Group) 11th Meeting, Deeside, Scotland, UK (2012, forthcoming)

'Transformations of colour', David Marr Medal Talk, AVA (Applied Vision Association) 16th Christmas Meeting, York, UK

STEPHEN WHITEFIELD

With R Rohrschneider, *The Strain of Representation. How Parties Represent Diverse Voters in Western and Eastern Europe* (OUP, Oxford: forthcoming 2012)

With R Rohrschneider, 'Institutional Context and Representational Strain in Party-Voter Agreement in Western and Eastern Europe', *West European Politics* (forthcoming 2012)

With Dr P Chaisty, 'The Political Consequences of Russia's Financial Crisis', *Post-Soviet Affairs* (forthcoming 2012)

With Matthew Loveless, 'Social Inequality and Assessments of Democracy and the Market: Evidence from the New Market Democracies of Central and Eastern Europe', *Europe-Asia Studies* (forthcoming 2012)

With Matthew Loveless, 'Being Unequal and Seeing Inequality: Explaining the Political Significance of Social Inequality in New Market Democracies', *European Journal of Political Research*, 50:2 (2011), pp. 239-266

University and other distinctions

FIRSTS IN FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS

Charalabopoulos, Mr E (Music)
Garas, Mr F (Medicine)
Redgrave, Miss N (Medicine)
Barlow, Miss I (Biochemistry)
Ahmad, Mr M F (Engineering Science)
Williams, Mr J R (Engineering Science)
Hobbs-Milne, Miss F (English)
Clement, Mr D (Chemistry)
Tan, Mr K (Chemistry)
Judd, Mr P (History)
Oakley, Miss S (History)
Roembke, Miss T (Experimental Psychology)
Dominik, Miss P (Oriental Studies, Turkish)
Khreisheh, Ms S (Arabic and Islamic Studies)
Arnold, Miss R (Modern Languages, French)
Elder, Mr P (Modern Languages, French & Italian)
Piggott, Miss E (PPE)
Kokkinos, Mr N (Law)
Sage, Miss K (Law)
Smith, Miss M (Law)
Smith, Mr S (Oriental Studies, Chinese)

UNIVERSITY PRIZES AWARDED TO FINALISTS

Miss T Roembke - Gibbs Prize (*Proxime accessit*) for Best Overall Performance in Final Honour School

Miss C McCann - Carwardine Prize for the Best Thesis on American History

Mr R Wiewiora - Eisai Limited Prize for Best Performance (joint 2nd prize)

Mr M F Ahmad - Head of Engineering Department Prize for Excellent Performance in Examinations

Mr M Wuethrich - Gibbs Prize for the team submitting Best Design Project for Part I of Final Honour School

Miss F Hobbs-Milne - Gibbs Prize for Best Extended Essay in Course 1, Paper 7

DISTINCTIONS IN GRADUATE FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Wait, Mr T (Accelerated Medicine, BMBCH, Year 4)
Cheng, Mr F (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)
Duneton, Miss N (Mst Modern Languages)
Ahmed, Mr I (MPhil Islamic Studies and History)
Sadzinski, Mr T (Diploma in Diplomatic Studies)
Galerneau, Miss C (MSc Biomedical Engineering)
Badger, Mr W (MSc English 1550-1700)
Audit, Mrs T (MSc Major Programme Project)
Ditzell, Mr J (MSc Major Programme Project)
Mansell, Mr P (MSc Major Programme Project)
Williams, Mr D (MSc Major Programme Project)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES - DEGREES BY THESIS

Economics

Ferdinando Giugliano: 'Industrial policy and productivity growth in Fascist Italy'

Alessia Testa: 'Essays on Trading in Financial Markets'

Education

Jessica Cohen: 'Egerton Ryerson and Educational Policy Borrowing: Aspects of the Development of Ontario's System of Public Instruction, 1844 – 1876'

English Language and Literature

James McNamara: 'Imagined Human Vivisections and the Revelation of the Soul: The Classical Tradition, John Donne, Jonathan Swift, and George Eliot'

Eleanor Decamp: 'Performing Barbers, Surgeons and Barber-Surgeons in Early Modern English Literature'

Law

Mrs Ramandeep Chhina: 'Standby Letters of Credit in International Trade'

Pathology

Eleanor White: 'Transcription Termination By RNA Polymerase II'

Zoology

Edvard Glücksman: 'Taxonomy, biodiversity and ecology of Apusozoa (Protozoa)'

DISTINCTIONS/FIRSTS IN FIRST PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Elson-Dew, Mr L (Theology)
Steele, Mr T (Theology)
William, Mr S (Theology)
Suganuma, Miss K (Experimental Psychology)
Nowak, Miss U (PPP)
Giurgiu, Mr C (Chemistry)
Ait Brahim, Miss F (Engineering Science)
Watkins, Mr T (Music)
Adelt, Mr L (PPE)
Li, Miss J (Economics and Management)
Rowlands, Mr W (Economics and Management)
Lloyd, Mr R (Oriental Studies, Chinese)
Brown, Mr W (History and Economics)
Allison, Miss E (Modern Languages, Italian and Spanish)
Burgess, Miss K (Modern Languages, French and German)
Hamel, Mr J (Modern Languages, French and Linguistics)
Majewska, Miss O (Modern Languages, Italian)
McBarnet, Mr W (History)
Roberts, Mr C (History)
Joseph, Mr M (History)
Ramsden, Mr J (History and English)
Hartley, Miss M (English)

PRIZES AWARDED TO UNDERGRADUATES

Lloyd, Mr R - Dudbridge Prize for Classical Chinese
Flannery, Mr J - Instituto Camões Travel Grant
Richardson, Miss M - Turbutt Prize in Practical Organic Chemistry

COLLEGE PRIZES

Ayres Evans Prize
Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship

Miss B Stubbs
Mr C Donnison
Mr H Mitchell
Mr F Morrissey
Mr A Rudzitis
Mr S Westaway
Miss N Redgrave

Bannister Medical Scholarship

Blackett Memorial Prize
Arthur Felix Broomfield (History)
George Bredin Travel Fund

Christopher Pratt Prize
Crystal Prize for Law

Currie Prize
Crystal Clinical Prize
Emery Prize

Farthing Prize for Constitutional Law
Hansell Travel Fund

Hedges Prize
Instrumental Award

Monk Prize for Criminal Law
Patrick Higgins Travel Scholarship
Pier Giorgio Frassati Scholarship
Ronald Bartlett Prize
Sandrew Travel Fund
Santander UK

Technos Prize
Technos International Week

Paul Martins - BP Scholarship
Picot Prizes

Brian Wilson Prize (Chinese)

1954 Prize

Mr F Garis
Mr H Mitchell
Mr R Lloyd
Miss M Haddleton
Miss A Poynter
Miss A Gaudoin (best overall performance)
Miss K Burgess
Mr H Ziaei
Miss E Allison
Miss L Fourie
Miss S Bai
Miss E Crookenden
Mr F Morrissey
Miss L Wedderburn
Mr A Wolniewicz
Mr W Zhang
Mr M Wuethrich
Mr H Chandler
Mr T Watkins
Miss A Gaudoin
Mr T Steele
Mr G Kenwright and Miss M Stottor
Miss F Ait Brahim
Miss E McNulty
Miss E Bigaj
Miss J Bond
Miss D Just
Mr W Oppenheim
Miss E Piggott
Miss P Cocker
Miss E Nye
Mr T Beamont
Mr A Wolniewicz
Mr M Wuethrich
Mr W Badger
Mr J Bittner
Miss R Carrington
Mr E Grimer
Miss M Haddleton
Miss I Kakuchi
Mr C Kirk-Giannini
Mr R Lloyd
Miss I Pullan
Mr T Steele
Miss I Whitting
Miss W Choi-Schagrín
Mr M Walsh
Miss E McNulty
Miss F Ait Brahim
Miss K Burgess

Bregal

Mr C Giurgiu
Mr J Hamel
Mr T Steele
Mr T Watkins
Mr M F Ahmad
Mr P Judd

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Collingwood Prize

Mr G Schenk

Senior Studentships

Miss M Campbell

Mr G Schenk (Browning Scholar)

Mr S Wills (Arts)

Mr E Atkins (Arts)

Mr P Monteiro (Lord Miles Scholarship)

Miss M Pikoula (Science)

Mr J Sempill (Atkinson Scholarship)

TEPCo Scholar

Miss A Schrade

Melandra Castle

Mr L Pluskys

SPORTS

** Denotes University Team Captain

* Denotes University Team Vice Captain

Margot Arthur

College Colours (Rowing)

Jonathan Baker

College Colours (Rugby)

Jane Blegg

Blue (Tennis)

Archie Burgess

Blue (Tennis)

Elliott Carande

College Colours (Football)

Ruby Carrington

College Colours (Rowing)

Jocelyn Charman

Blue (Hockey) **

Thomas Clarkson

College Colours (Football)

Polly Cocker

College Colours (Women's Hockey)

Iona Dent

College Colours (Women's Hockey)

Caspar Donnison

College Colours (Rowing)

Half-Blue (Modern Pentathlon)

Austin Elwood

College Colours (Rowing)

John Gale

Half-Blue (Croquet)

Piotr Galeziak

College Colours (Rowing)

Amber Gill

College Colours (Women's Hockey)

Sabrina Gordon

Blue (Women's Lacrosse)

Benjamin Gratton

Blue (Sailing)

Robert Griffiths

College Colours (Football)

Nicholas Hassell

College Colours (Rugby)

Paul Higham

Blue (Cricket)

Samuel Hill-Smith

Half-Blue (Athletics - Triple Jump)

Chloe Huckstep

College Colours (Netball)

Max Jackson

College Colours (Rugby)

Hannah Johnston

Half-Blue (Triathlon and President

University Club) **

Tanya Lawrence	Blue (Hockey) **
Arthur Leigh-Pemberton	College Colours (Lacrosse)
Charlotte McCutcheon	Half-Blue (Mixed Lacrosse)
Henry Mitchell	Half-Blue (Full Bore Rifle Shooting)
Ahmad Mohammad	College Colours (Lacrosse)
Vivien Ngo	Blue (Cross Country)
Elsbeth Nye	College Colours (Men's Basketball)
Natalie Redgrave	College Colours (Women's Basketball)
Melodie Richardson	College Colours (Rowing)
William Rowlands	Blue (Netball)
Andris Rudzitis	College Colours (Netball)
Hamish Sabey-Corkindale	Half-Blue (Athletics - Shot Putt)
Katherine Sage	College Colours (Cricket)
Theo Sands	College Colours (Football)
Andrew Sayce	Blue (Women's Rugby)
Edward Scallan	College Colours (Football)
Matthew Smith	College Colours (Rowing)
Elizabeth Totten	Half-Blue (Sailing)
Matija Vlatkovic	College Colours (Men's Basketball)
Richard Watson	Blue (Hockey)
Samuel Westaway	Half-Blue (Athletics)
	Half-Blue (Volleyball)
	Half-Blue (Rowing - Lightweight)
	College Colours (Men's Hockey)
	Blue (Cricket)

BOAT RACE REPRESENTATION

Dr Alex Woods (2009) was Bow in the 158th Boat Race on 7th April 2012.

Image: Dr Alex Woods, photo by Alan Water (The Times)



PEMBROKE WOMEN TAKE THE HEADSHIP

For the first time since 2003, Pembroke's women took the Headship of the River and College was able to celebrate in the time-old fashion of burning a boat in North Quad.

HENLEY REGATTA SUCCESS FOR WOMEN'S ROWING

Ellie Piggott and Brianna Stubbs raced at the Women's Henley Regatta and won the Women's Elite Lightweight Quads event with two other girls from Wallingford RC (where they now train). It is the female equivalent of the Men's Henley Regatta. Eleanor Piggott also won the Women's Lightweight Doubles event at Henry and represented Great Britain at the World Under 23 Rowing Championships Doubles event held in Lithuania in July 2012.

HENLEY REGATTA

Five of Pembroke's men became the first to qualify for the Regatta since 2006 and the team made up of Pembrokeians and students from LMH were very proud to be the only Oxbridge team to qualify. Although beaten by two lengths, this is nevertheless a great achievement for Pembroke Men's Rowing.

COLLEGE SUPPORT FUND FOR SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS

Recipients this year of the College Support Fund Awards are as follows:

Jocelyn Charman
Thomas Clarkson
Caspar Donnison
Hannah Johnston
Charlotte McCutcheon
Emma McNulty
Verity White
Tomos Watkins

A selection of the reports provided by students appear in the Annual Report but a late award to Ellie Piggott precluded her inclusion in the Annual Report and her report is provided below.

Ellie Piggott has received an Annual Fund award following her participation in the World University Rowing Championships, where she won gold in the women's lightweight double sculls. College has matched the funding supplied by the Sports Federation and Oxford University Women's Boat Club towards the costs Ellie has had to pay to compete. The competition was held in Kazan, Russia, with a 12 hour journey via Moscow. The accommodation and facilities had all been built for the forthcoming World University Games which take place in 2013. In the heats GB won ahead of France and Poland, and their time was within half a second of the winner of the other heat, the hosts Russia. On this basis, a tough race lay ahead.

On Sunday, there were strong winds on the river but the team were well prepared by the unsettled English summer this year. A good start in the final meant that the team led from the early stages, with a 0.5 second lead over the field after 500 metres. At each marker, this lead was extended, but it was a closely fought race. The British boat took gold in a time of 7:16, with Russia two seconds behind in silver, and France came third. The whole British team did well, with all four boats reaching their respective A finals, and the

men's eight won a silver medal. It proved a unique experience to use the new facilities and race in Russia.

Official reports are available on the World Rowing website: www.worldrowing.com/news/university-students-get-top-marks-in-kazan and the British Rowing website www.britishrowing.org/news/2012/september/11/success-student-rowers-kazan



PRIZE REPORTS

The College remains very grateful for the generous donations received from alumni which enable our students to broaden their educational experiences. Whilst we are unable to reproduce all the prize reports in the Record, we endeavour to demonstrate the extensive benefits accrued in both the Pembrokian and the Annual Report.

Melandra Castle Trust

Prize

Epigenetics is a recent new area of research in the field of genetics which analyses the regulation of gene expression, promising to shed more light on some complex diseases that are not based on simple mutations of genes. In other words, if you imagine the human body as a large computer, then the DNA encoding all the genes is like hardware while epigenetics is the software, regulating how the hardware functions and interacts.

My research focuses on the epigenetic regulation of inflammation, specifically the induction of inflammation and the shift from a pro- to an anti-inflammatory state in macrophages, a type of immune system cells. Inflammation is involved as an underlying cause in a variety of diseases, such as Parkinson's disease, arthritis or even diabetes and cancer. Understanding the fundamental principles behind pro- and anti-inflammatory response will provide clues to tackling or preventing the aforementioned conditions.

There is a large variety of epigenetic modifications (over 100) and proteins contributing to them (over 300), each of which needs to be studied carefully. Such genome-wide studies of the epigenetic horizon are called epigenomics and require next generation high-throughput techniques that currently are available only in very few laboratories across the globe. Thanks to a very generous award by the Melandra Castle Trust Foundation, I had the opportunity to visit one of the

World's leading centres in high-throughput epigenetic discovery.

The 'Research Centre for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences' (see image), a true World Centre for translational medicine and epigenetic discovery, is situated almost in the heart of Vienna. I was hosted by Dr Stefan Kubicek whose laboratory is well-known for the robotic integration of laboratory equipment. The robotic arm moves the samples from one piece of equipment to another, from the incubator, where cells normally grow, and back. This sort of machinery significantly reduces the amount of manual work required and it can be set up to process the samples overnight, or over the weekend, so large amounts of samples can be analysed under strictly regulated conditions. To explain what that means, imagine a large enclosed room with a lot of equipment and a large moving robotic arm in the middle in a strictly regulated atmosphere. The air inside is filtered through anti-bacterial filters and hence the environment is assumed to be sterile. This is very important when working with human cells grown in plastic dishes – a single infection will mean all samples have to be replaced with new ones and, bearing in mind these are human cells and a high-throughput study, it could become a very costly affair. Even more, it significantly reduces the possibility of human error, such as pipetting a solution into the wrong sample, which is very common when working with hundreds or thousands of samples, all contained in little wells on a plate, looking identical, but requiring a different treatment. On top of that, due to technical limitations you are allowed to add liquids only into every second well, so very careful planning and mapping is required.

The aim of my visit to Dr Kubicek's laboratory was to screen a collection of over 1500 different viruses, each of which carries a short RNA molecule capable of inhibiting one element of the gene expression regulatory mechanism, similar to a computer virus causing havoc

to the software it is running. This screen was aimed at revealing what epigenetic elements (or which “genetic programs”) are vital in the development of pro- or anti-inflammation. When the virus infects a cell, it releases the RNA molecule which then blocks the production of a protein that would have eventually become one piece in a large “jigsaw” that regulates the expression of genes involved in pro- or anti-inflammation.

One major difficulty I had to overcome is the infection step itself. Macrophages are immune system cells, and their intrinsic function is to detect foreign organisms in the body, such as bacteria or viruses, and kill them. Since I am trying to infect them with a virus, a race on a micro-scale occurs in the sample – either the cells eat the virus first, or the virus infects the cell. Hence, I have carried out extensive optimisations trying different infection conditions – incubation times, infection-promoting reagents, various concentration techniques. In the end I was able to show that the cells do get infected albeit at a very low efficiency.

To truly optimise the infection conditions I required a special control virus that would make the cells glow green when infected and a capable microscopes to scan the samples for such cells, which was not available in Vienna. Another hurdle was obtaining the samples – due to ethical reasons I was not allowed to isolate cells from human patients in Vienna and I had to ship them via courier post from the UK. Hence, I returned to Oxford where I have better access to samples and where I am currently carrying out more extensive optimisations. As soon as those are finished and when I know the exact parameters required to infect my cells without causing any adverse effect to them, I will be returning to Vienna and finishing off the screen using the full collection of viruses.

To sum up, I have gained a lot of experience handling highly infectious viral samples, learnt how to set up the robotic equipment and I gained deep insight into the biology of macrophage infection with viruses. This visit was invaluable

to my understanding of further requirements to carry out the screen and I am coming close to finding the optimal parameters for the experiment. Soon I will be returning to Vienna to reveal the mechanism behind the regulation of gene expression, thought to be ground-laying in pro- and anti-inflammatory conditions that cause complex human disease.

Laurynas Pliuskys



Arthur Felix Broomfield Award Report

At the end of Trinity term, I was awarded the Arthur Felix Broomfield award to help fund my proposed research project in Hong Kong. This funding was invaluable toward meeting expenses incurred on this trip.

On this trip, I was able to complete the vast majority of the primary source work for my dissertation project on the 1967 Hong Kong Disturbances. This project arose out of my personal interest in modern Chinese history and desire to write my dissertation in this field. I chose this particular topic as it would allow for a transnational insight into the repercussion of the Cultural Revolution in China. This mainly involved working with materials at the Hong Kong Public Record Office. Although the Foreign and Commonwealth Office files for this subject are held in London, there were duplicate microfilm copies available that I could consult. More importantly, I was able to work with the original materials from the New

Territories District Commissioners, the Department of Labour, Government Information Services and other sources from many government departments which I could only have gained access to by being in Hong Kong. I was also able to use the government records library at the Chinese University of Hong Kong to find further materials and secondary readings.

This means that in my dissertation, I will be able to enter into historiographical debates such as the extent to which the riots constituted serious legitimacy crisis for the government or merely the result of local 'hooligans', and how much truth was there in the government's claim that the vast majority of the population were behind the police and the government and opposed the actions of the communists. Moreover, by being able to study the materials generated by the lower ranks of the Hong Kong civil service, I was able to uncover the role of the local elites in the New Territories, where a system of more indirect government prevailed in this era compared to Kowloon and Hong Kong Island, as mediators between villagers and the Hong Kong authorities to minimise the disruption that the communists could cause. Moreover, I was able to examine how closely the communist-run schools were involved in the disturbances to inform my discussion of how attitudes towards the mainland the legitimacy of the Hong Kong government were determined by age and personal background.

The archives and libraries were closed at weekends and so I took the opportunity to visit the Hong Kong such as the Ngong Ping 360 experience on Lantau Island and the Hong Kong Wetlands Park.

I am therefore extremely grateful to the Arthur Felix Bromfield foundation for awarding me this prize and thus helping me to develop this personal historical interest into my undergraduate dissertation.

Solomon Roberts

Santander Travel Fund

I am very grateful to Santander for their generous Travel Fund which enabled me to travel to Romania for five weeks during the summer 2012. I am a second year student reading Experimental Psychology. As well as being research focused, my course also incorporates the topic of psychological disorders, methods for therapy and developmental psychology.

The two internships I did had the aim of broadening my view of how psychology can be applied in different work areas and to gain an insight into the direct applications of the theoretical aspects I am learning in my degree. Furthermore, I wanted to use this experience to help me develop a clearer understanding of what I would like to pursue as a career after my degree.

My first internship, lasting four weeks, was in Bucharest and took place at the Institute for Mother and Child Protection "Alfred Russescu" (IOMC - Institutie pentru Ocrotirea Mamei si Copilului "Alfred Russescu") especially based in its Mental Health Centre (CSM – Centru de Sanatate Mintala). This centre is a day clinic for children with mental, motor and behavioural disabilities and welcomes all ages from infants to teenagers of 18 years and their families. It has an outstanding interdisciplinary approach as its team consists of specialists from the areas of: psychology, medicine, speech therapy, kinesiotherapy and education. This placement was an extraordinary experience as I had the opportunity to experience diverse work fields at the same time.

In the beginning of the placement I took part for a few days in the course "Theoretical and practical definitions in the perspective of optimal integration of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder – Recourses and applications in behavioural therapy". Throughout my internship, I assisted members of the team in their therapy and counselling

sessions. The specialists, especially the coordinating medic Dr. Maria Sandru, took my presence as an intern very seriously and introduced me before every session to the particular case of the patient and its psychopathology. After every session we discussed what I had seen, talked about the development and future prospects. Furthermore, I participated in medical-team discussions, was introduced to the use of electroencephalography (EEG) and helped educators in a special-needs kindergarten for severely disabled children.

Many aspects of the daily work in this clinic over a prolonged period were especially enriching for my understanding of psychological work. First, I was able to follow individual cases into diverse sessions, e.g. in psychotherapy, neurological examinations and speech therapy. Furthermore, I saw the development of children over several meetings.

Secondly, it was very useful for my own development to see that different practitioners approach cases in their own way and that each case is treated differently; for example, seeing an Autistic child being approached differently by two psychologists, but also one psychologist approaching two Autistic children in a different way. This is something that one cannot learn from textbooks; it is a fact that to obtain the best results in what you are doing you have to find your individual working style and stays true to yourself. Moreover, it shows that every case (problem) has to be approached in an open minded and adaptive way and that only following schemas is not possible in "real life" especially when working with people (children).

Thirdly, it was very interesting for me as a psychology student to see different cases with the same psychopathology and analyse their similarities and differences. Through this I particularly learned much about the Autistic Spectrum Disorder, its different forms and severity grades. This psychopathology was an area which

attracted my interest during the whole internship.

Generally speaking, I was extraordinarily lucky to be able to work in such a nice and caring team! It felt like the specialists of the Mental Health Centre were a family working together in taking care of "their children". I learned that this "family aspect" is an important part for the work with disabled children and children in general, because it is a vital part to do counselling for the parents and make them interact and work with their children for a maximal therapy outcome and for the general happiness of the child and his/her family.

However, the Mental Health Centre I worked in is one of few projects which has the conditions for providing children with such good care. In general mental disabilities are not given much attention in Romania, even if this situation gets better with time. Improvement could be seen especially after the revolution and the change from a communist state and more recently with the membership in the EU. Still, state funding for projects is rare and individual support for the children is very minor. What is most lacking is the general awareness and acceptance of mental, motor and behavioural disabilities. And this acceptance is what those children deserve first, because they have a right to be treated equally to every "healthy" child and be given a chance to lead a happy life.

My second internship took place over one week in Cluj-Napoca with Mrs Adriana Oachis, a psychotherapist for adults and psychotherapy-diploma teacher specialized in "psychodrama". I was offered a place in a trainee-group consisting of six psychology university students. The other five students were studying at the Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca and were currently doing their bachelor's or master's degrees. Our group was given a teaser of ca. 25 teaching hours showing what it would be like being a trainee becoming a psychodrama psychotherapist.

We were first introduced to the history

of psychodrama, which was founded in the 1920s by Jacob L Moreno, a Jewish Romanian-born Austrian-American psychiatrist and psychologist. Then we were taught the main principle of psychodrama, the so called “here and now”, which means that one re-enacts past or imaginary realities in the present in order to be able to understand them and alter the emotions connected to them.

The above described was only a brief introduction to our course as Mrs Oachis believed in the widely used sentence “learning by doing”, which is certainly well applicable to psychodrama. Therefore, we went on to get to know our group members through “sociometric” exercises, for example ordering our group members according to birth date during the year. This was also only a fun “ice breaker” before the “real work” started.

The crucial first part of every good psychotherapist degree is to gain so called “self-knowledge”. We were taught that it is most important to first sort out your own problems, or at least get to know and learn to handle them, before you can help patients with their problems.

It was fascinating to learn directly, by being involved myself, some of the most important aspects of psychodrama. We were introduced to techniques like “the empty chair” and “dream processing” and we were encouraged to think about our own themes and problems which were then staged by our psychodrama group. All those exercises and stagings were followed by integrative feedback circles where all members shared their experiences from their new stage-roles and past experiences from their daily lives. By re-living one’s own themes and problems and seeing how other people act in the psychodrama staging one learns many new aspects about oneself and the processed situations. The feedback given by others deepens this understanding. Furthermore, by being part of the psychodrama staging of other’s themes one can further learn about oneself but also reflect on life in general and learn

more about how humans are and think.

This second internship was a lot more profound and engaging than I was expecting and by the end of the week I and all other participants were emotionally exhausted. However, this was by no means tiredness after work, but it was the fact that this week gave me a lot to think and process about myself and life in general. It was not only a great work experience but also a very valuable life-experience. And I think the general take-home message was that every human being has its problems (even “normal” psychology students) and that you don’t have to be “mentally ill” to get professional advice for working on yourself and taking more control over your own life, thoughts and emotions.

In addition to my two internships, I also arranged a meeting with researchers from the Department of Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca. My Social Psychology tutor from Oxford University, Huseyin Cakal, had worked with scientists in Cluj and put me into contact with them. I met with Dr Sebastian Pinteau, Dr Alina Rusu and some of their colleagues and students in their new research centre. They explained to me two of their current research projects; one is developing a toy “robot” for enhancing the treatment outcomes of children with Autism, and the second one is studying different aspects perception through virtual reality using a virtual reality cube. I was also able to test the virtual reality simulator cube and take a 3D ride on a virtual roller-coaster. This was a really nice way of getting to know a foreign university and see how psychologists work in different countries.

The internship and visit to the University in Cluj-Napoca also showed me that the new generation in Romania is approaching mental health in a more open minded and interested manner and is eager to learn and research about the topics of psychology and psychotherapy. However, as I stated above the general status of psychology and mental illness awareness and respect still has to be

drastically enhanced.

As my parents are both originally from Romania, but I was born and lived all my life in Germany, I took this trip also as a chance to further develop my Romanian language skills and to learn more about the culture and country of my ancestry. During my stay I took the opportunity to talk to all the people I met and worked with about their lives and their views of Romania and the rest of the world. I got a new understanding about what it means to be a “modern” Romanian, how it is to be a student, psychologist, scientist, employee, employer or pensioner there. Even more than expected, everyone was really friendly and interested to share their views and to get to know my stories.

Generally speaking, a steady development to the better can be seen in the country, with a new generation that is more willing to change things in their own country and implement their ideas and dreams into their work. I was impressed by what some people have been able to realize and set up and how especially cultural projects are becoming an important part of cities and the everyday lives of their citizens. My visits of sights and important places showed me that there is a lot of beauty to be discovered in Romania.

To sum up, I gained insights into the use of psychology which, as a student, would have been hard to obtain in England or Germany. Therefore this summer trip to Romania was greatly beneficial for my academic and personal development. It was also a lot of fun and I especially enjoyed the great Romanian hospitality and food. I am very thankful to Santander for helping me financially to realize this trip. And I want to encourage everyone to visit Romania, because it is such a great country and there is a lot to learn about even if one is not a psychologist.

Dyedra Just

Picot Prize and George Bredin Fund

This summer we, Melissa Haddleton and Richard Lloyd, spent one month in Uganda. We stayed in Jinja and mainly helped at three projects, which Richard worked closely with the year before for six months on his gap year – ASCO (African Street Children Organisation – a home for former street children), Small Steps Foundation (educating children with disabilities) and Sunrise babies home. We also helped a friend set up a new charity called Jinja Connection which is a school and drop-in centre for current street kids and children in great hardship. We got heavily involved in these projects by organising activities for the kids (such as football matches and trips to a local swimming pool) and helping to teach them to read and write in English. As well as volunteering in Jinja, we also went on short trips to Murchison Falls Safari Park and Ssesse Islands. Below we have each written a brief report of our experiences.

I had never been to a country like Uganda before and I was very excited to finally see it after hearing so much about it from Richard. When I arrived, I was very shocked by just how different it was to anywhere I’d been before. While there, I had many experiences which opened my eyes to just how different the culture is and how different life is for the people living there. For example, one afternoon we received a call from the ASCO boys’ headmaster saying that one of the boys, Kalisto, had been in a motorcycle accident and had gone to hospital. We then rushed down to Jinja Main hospital and tried to find him. However, we were just directed from ward to ward with no one knowing what was going on. Eventually we bumped into the headmaster and he said that Kalisto had just been moved to Rippon Clinic because there were no doctors at Jinja Main hospital that afternoon. He

also informed us that Kalisto was in a very bad way, so we ran to the other clinic. When we entered, we saw a boy lying on a bed and rushed over to him but quickly realised that this wasn't Kalisto. We asked the Headmaster where Kalisto was but he just said this was Kalisto. After a long, drawn-out conversation with the class teacher, it was established that this was a boy called Kalisti – he wasn't even in the same year, let alone class, as Kalisto. We still stayed to help but the doctor took ages to come. When he eventually did, he spent a long time arguing that the boy should be moved to Jinja Main hospital and wouldn't accept that we'd been sent away from there. All this time, he wouldn't pay attention to the boy, who had been fitting, and we were getting very frustrated. Thankfully, in the end the boy's minders managed to transport him to Kampala to a large hospital and he is now fit and healthy.

I was very shocked by the chaos and lack of structure in these hospitals. In what was clearly an emergency, no one showed any urgency or even attention to the patient. From what I saw in my visits to the hospitals there, this was not atypical. It was very eye-opening to see so many differences in culture and attitude.

Richard and I also had some time to explore Uganda outside of Jinja town. This is when I saw Uganda's true beauty and realized what a special country it really is. We went on safari to Murchison Falls, up in the North, and although Richard had been on safari quite a few times before, this was my first time. We stayed in a tent overlooking the Nile, where hippos roamed around freely at night and you needed an *eskari* (security guard) to escort you back to your tent after dinner, in case you came across one. In just two days, I managed to see four of the 'Big Five' and I couldn't believe it. We first went to a Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary in the Nakasongola District which was established in 2005 to reintroduce rhinoceroses into Uganda after they had

been wiped out from Uganda in 1982 due to poaching and the mismanagement of their natural habitat. We got in a van to go and see the rhinos and were then asked to get out. I was shocked that we were standing, on foot, less than ten metres away from a rhino with only the advice that 'if the rhino charges, run up a tree'. Obviously the difference in safety rules was evident, but this made the experience so much more amazing. We then continued to Murchison Falls where we went out on safari and saw elephants, antelope, giraffes, warthogs and every animal I had seen on television, but was absolutely amazed to see it in the flesh. Richard and I also visited Sesse Islands, a collection of islands in Lake Victoria, where, although we stayed on the main island, we were virtually the only ones staying in our hotel. Seeing these almost untouched islands allowed us to see the incredible scenery Uganda had to offer.

However the majority of our time was spent with the charities listed above, especially ASCO. Helping with these charities was, without a doubt, the most amazing thing I did in Uganda. It wasn't just the satisfaction of helping these children learn to read, helping them with their homework and organising activities like swimming, which they would never be able to do otherwise, but it was how much fun I had with them. Although some of them used to be heavily addicted to drugs and many have lost contact with their parents, they are just like any child wanting to have fun, no matter what is thrown at them. Over the month, I got to know some of the children very well and I was very sad to leave.





I had a brilliant month helping at the projects and seeing Uganda and I'm now very keen to carry on being involved in whatever way I can. My family and I are now sponsoring two boys from ASCO, donating money every month for basic needs like schoolbooks, food and mosquito nets and I will be in contact with them every month or so. This truly was the greatest trip I have experienced, and I can't wait to go back!

Melissa Haddleton

It had been a year since I'd left Uganda when I returned this summer. Ever since I left, I had been eager to go back to see everyone and help again, so I was very grateful to get this opportunity. Last year, I had a truly amazing experience and I was keen to make this trip equally rewarding.

A lot had changed since I last went. At ASCO, two boys had unfortunately run back to the streets following extremely bad behaviour. When I had left, both of these boys had been settled and performing well but, unfortunately, it had been a turbulent year and they'd become more and more difficult to manage. I found it very hard to see them on the street again and trying to rebuild a relationship with them was difficult. Sarah, who runs the project, was also in England giving birth while we were in Uganda so we had a lot of work to do to aid the day to day running of the house. Meanwhile, at 'Small Steps' nursery several of the children in the special needs class had been moved into mainstream education as their ability improved and new children

had arrived in the class. It was amazing to see the progress the kids had made. However, this year there had not been many volunteers helping at these projects so they were stretched and needed a lot of help. What this all helped me realise was how quickly things can change, especially in a country like Uganda, and how much these projects do still need a lot of help. The gratitude we received for seemingly small things, such as paying for the ASCO boys to go swimming on a Sunday afternoon or helping Small Steps Foundation take over a hundred nursery children to Jinja Agricultural Show (a very big fair with educational stalls as well as a zoo and funfair rides), was astounding. This made me understand just how much these small things matter to the kids and the people who run the projects.

As well as revisiting these projects, we also helped at another project, Jinja Connection, which was just starting up. A very good friend of mine had come from Canada only a few weeks before to set up this project, so she needed all the help she could get. While we were there, it only opened for a few hours in the afternoon each day to let the kids bathe and play football or cards. Helping to lay the foundations for this project was very interesting. The year before I had only helped at projects which, while still in their infancy, had been set up for over a year, so this was a new experience for me. Dealing with the children's drug and behavioural problems made me better understand the children's lives, as well as making me see where the boys at ASCO



had come from and how much they'd progressed. The project struggled greatly to get going in its first couple of months but is now flourishing. It's amazing to see how well the children are doing now.



The trip showed me just how much I really care about Jinja and the people who live there. I am now very motivated to increase my involvement with all these projects, even if I can't be there in person, by fundraising on their behalf and raising awareness of their needs. Uganda has very much got under my skin and for years to come I plan on being involved in East Africa. I'm currently studying Chinese and China-Africa relations are becoming more and more prominent by the day. This really grabbed my attention in Uganda, as Chinese companies are building roads and starting to take over shops traditionally run by Indian families. This fascinates me and I know now that I want to look into this more and it is even potentially an area that I could get involved with after my degree.

Richard Lloyd

Without the Picot Prize and George Bredin Fund, we would never have been able to go to Uganda and have such an amazing experience so we are very grateful for the money we received. We hope many more people take advantage of these great opportunities and have as good a time as we did.

College Common Room Reports

The reports of the College Common Rooms are now to be found within this new section of the Record, where they are more appropriately sited from their previous destination within the Societies Section. This reflects the integral part they play in College life, and, these reports should be accorded a particular prominence and differentiation from College Societies as they cannot be defined strictly within this latter category. However, the work and changes taking place during a given academic year in the Senior Common Room are to be found throughout an edition of the Record, and to duplicate this here would serve little purpose. For this reason, the JCR and MCR reports feature within this section, while the SCR work can be located across the content of the Record.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

Pembroke pride has continued to abound within the JCR this year. The rugby team beat Jesus College in the final of the Plate Cup; M1 bumped Christchurch and won Torpids; W1 took the headship in Summer VIIIs; Pembroke's musical, *Anything Goes* was given a five-star rating by the *Cherwell* and described by the *Oxford Theatre Review* as being 'able to abolish fifth week blues', and Pembroke's Pokémon bop was awarded 'Best Bop of the Year' by *Cherwell*. It is no wonder that Pembrokians are proud of their college!

Our fortnightly JCR meetings, with their lively debate and masses of drinks, snacks and pizza, continue to be one of the best attended throughout Oxford, and our love of pizzas has even extended to a motion banning the dreaded combination of chicken and sweet corn as a topping. These meetings are a great opportunity to get the undergraduate body together and to hear their views, ideas and opinions. We have continued to use the JCR budget

to support various worthwhile student activities, such as a course that leads to a qualification in British sign language for several members of the JCR, as well as buying new sets of croquet equipment for all to use, and even DJ decks for the bar! Charity motions are put forward every term, and this year we have supported numerous charities including the British Bangladeshi Friendship Clinic, and Save the Children UK.

Yet, despite this unity that the Pembroke JCR is fortunate to have, we are continuously aware that we exist within a wider body, and have begun to extend our link with the MCR in particular, through opening up several of our events to them, attending the frequent MCR seminars, and participating in their 'Before I Die...' wall. We are also grateful for their holding of 'Life as a Pembroke Graduate'; a chance for those thinking of further study to meet current graduates, and ask those burning questions whilst enjoying some tea and cake.

As President, I have been extremely fortunate this year to work alongside such a passionate and enthusiastic committee. Amongst the numerous things that they

have achieved, there are only a few that I have room enough to mention here. The Entz Reps have worked tirelessly, beginning with a hugely successful and greatly enjoyed freshers' week, as well as a boys' poker night, trip to Thorpe Park and numerous bops. The subject leader scheme was piloted this year, and, being a success, will be continued into next year, as will the calendar of academic events that has been introduced, which includes CV and skills workshops, and recruitment events. Access at Pembroke has continued to go from strength to strength, with the continuation of the Pem-Brooke scheme in which the College is linked with schools from Hackney in an attempt to raise aspirations through a year-long development including Easter and Summer Schools. The North-West Road Show also took place this year, and featured current Pembroke students travelling to the area in the North West to which we are linked, to talk about their experiences as Oxford undergraduates. Arts Week, too, was a great hit and included a photography competition, graffiti workshop, moneyless vintage swap fair, and even a play written by current students (and generously supported by the Annual Fund!) which featured the characters of Samuel Johnson, J R R Tolkien and Sir Roger Bannister, and had the entire audience laughing from beginning to end.

Despite the evident fun and friendship that has been had within Pembroke's JCR this year, it has been our focus on increased welfare support and provision that I see as our greatest achievement. From the beginning of the year we established this as one of our aims, with the creation of the roles of International Reps, the placing of Visiting Students into College families, and the introduction of the Welfare Mobile which was available 24/7 during Freshers' Week! Throughout the year there has been an abundance of 'welfare teas', which have provided a well-needed library break. We also have a great team of peer supporters, whom the

JCR subsidised Hall for, and who made full use of this as they got to know the Freshers, and put themselves out there as a port of call in times of need. The Annual Fund also paid for the Peer Supporter t-shirts and we are extremely grateful for this. The Oxford University's Student Union this year launched their 'Mind Your Head' campaign, which tackles the issue of mental health, and attempts to remove the stigma surrounding this; Pembroke JCR have engaged with this campaign, publicising its inspiring blog articles, and holding a 'Mind Your Head' event during our first ever Welfare Week. This week also included a Zumba session, sports afternoon, meditation class and the giving out of finalist bags.

We've had a lot of fun within Pembroke JCR this year, but we are also proud of the success of the initiatives that have been put into place, as well as the achievements of the undergraduate student body as a whole. I am looking forward to seeing what the new Committee has in store for Pembroke JCR for next year, and wish them well.

To keep up to date with the daily goings on and numerous events and achievements of the JCR, you can visit the new website (www.pembrokejcr.org) and 'Like' our Facebook page (Pembroke College JCR).

Charlotte Hendy, JCR President

THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

Every year the Middle Common Room is faced with a challenge: to turn a crowd of two hundred post-graduate students into a unified community, who share ideas, inspire one another, and form enduring friendships. Many of the students arrive from outside England, let alone Oxford, and we are all from different academic backgrounds and departments. How do we make the most

of our brief time here?

I recently saw a diagram that illustrated education up to DPhil level. It showed a circle in the middle representing primary school knowledge, which then turned into a cone for secondary school, before narrowing into a rectangle for undergraduate study, and thence into the thin line of research. We continuously focus our knowledge, so that the more we know, the more specialised our understanding is – and sometimes this can make us feel alone and frustratingly limited. In some other universities, post-graduates have to force themselves out of their individual worlds; in Pembroke, when the MCR is working as it should, we are continuously aware of other strands of knowledge, of which, individually, we know little about.

Bringing different people together is what drives us to foster a community, so that we do not feel alone or isolated. Every term we hold research symposiums, to which the JCR and SCR are also invited. There, MCR members give short talks about their research, describing their work and what they are thinking about. The thin line of knowledge widens slightly every time – and more importantly, we remind ourselves that we are one part of an ‘academical village’.

Now, when I read that a fresh source of oil has been discovered, or a scientific breakthrough made, or a new law passed, I know that even though I am not an expert on any of these things, I am part of a community with people who are. We are surrounded by this ocean of expertise – these hundreds of narrow lines that come together in the MCR to make something like a whole circle of knowledge. ‘The best thing for being sad,’ wrote T H White, ‘is to learn something’. To this we add: the best way to learn something is to talk to a Pembroke College MCR member, preferably with a large cup of tea and a slice of cake, reclining in a leather armchair in a wood-panelled room. Luckily, we are able to do this every day.

An effective MCR isn’t just concerned with itself, though. This year we have continued to reach out to the other areas of Pembroke, namely the JCR, SCR, and alumni. In Michaelmas and Trinity terms we invited undergraduates to tea and cakes – which we hold every Thursday evening – so that they could ask us what it’s like to do a post-graduate degree (turns out it mainly involves eating cake). Over the summer we ran a joint MCR-SCR walk from Oxford to Eynsham, and hope to do more events with the SCR in the future. The Master remains a much appreciated and involved figure, attending our banquets, research seminars, and inviting us on walks in the Cotswolds with his wife and two dogs.

We are also blessed to have a large and responsive alumni community. This year we’ve hosted talks from JCR alumni Lord Kerr (1960, Deputy Chairman of Shell) on energy resources, and Sir Peter Ricketts (1971, British Ambassador to France) on national security, as well as two talks from MCR alumni: Lord Krebs (1963, Zoologist and Principal of Jesus College), who spoke on climate change, and Walter Isaacson (1974, writer and past editor of TIME Magazine), who described his friendship with Steve Jobs, and how he wrote the official Jobs biography. These talks were informative and inspiring, but what was even better was the Dinner afterwards, where current MCR students were able to eat and chat with our alumni speakers informally, as well as with other alumni, and members of the JCR and SCR. We then retired to the MCR to eat cheese, fruit, and chocolates, as well as drink port, fruit juice, and tea. We have also been in touch with other MCR alumni through our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pembrokemcr>), and welcome contact from anyone who has ever been a member of our graduate community. ‘Once a king or queen in Pembroke MCR, always a king or queen!’

We have continued to explore other Colleges this year, holding exchange

dinners, bar nights, and even a C elidh with St Catherine’s, New, Magdalen, Brasenose, Oriel, St Edmund’s Hall, and Lady Margaret Hall. Our annual trip to Queens’ College Cambridge has become tradition: we visited them in Trinity, and they came to us in Hilary. Mark Forshaw applied his enormous mathematical brain to the logistics of these trips, with great success.

There has been development as well. Ben Jones, who was President over the summer and for the beginning of the year, oversaw a complete renovation of our bathroom. We are in the process of replacing our computer room chairs with swankier ones from the new build, and we have also purchased 300 DVDs, including the complete works of Tupac Shakur. A new plant has been purchased for the bar.

Our main events have all been centred around food and drink (both alcoholic and non). We have had numerous brunches (with bagels by Nick Wooley); home-made cakes (especially from Ruth Bennet and Jessica Cohen, who are cake-making geniuses); Friday bar nights (run by Meghan Campbell and Ed Adkins); and regular ‘second desserts’ after formal hall on Sundays (administered by Brennan Hodkinson).

It might appear that we are a little obsessed with eating and drinking – but in fact all this eating and drinking is just a way at getting to the real point of the MCR, which is to talk to each other, form friendships, and share ideas. As Thorin Okensheild says in *The Hobbit* (written by ex-Pembroke Professor and MCR hero J R R Tolkien): ‘If more of us valued food and cheer above hoarded gold, it would be a much merrier world’. Thanks to the diligent accounting of Lisa Clausen, we haven’t spent all our money on food and drink, but we haven’t been greedily accruing money either. We model ourselves on Bilbo Baggins, not Smaug.

An alumnus from 1988-9 recently got in touch through Facebook, describing

her time in the MCR as ‘plenty of wine tasting, quiz, curry, and lunchtime episodes of Neighbours and Going for Gold.’ I am happy to report that everything remains the same, except that we have weaned ourselves off Going for Gold. So there is some progress.

Gabriel Schenk, MCR President

MCR Committee:

Presidents: Ben Jones (Michaelmas) and Gabriel Schenk (end of MT onwards)
Secretaries: Mich ele Smith and Meghan Campbell
Treasurer: Lisa Clausen
Bar Managers: Ben Jones and Meghan Campbell
Social Secretaries: Gabriel Schenk, Ed Adkins, and Mark Forshaw
General Reps: Saulo De Oliveira, Brennan Hodkinson, Josh Rosaler, Georg Hochberg, and Ed Adkins
Brunches: Alexandra Christie
Charity Rep: Michael Maher-King
Welfare Officer: Jenny Bond
Speakers Reps: Jasper Bittner and Tomasz Sadzinski

MCR Prizes:

Blue Room Photography Competition: Ollie Ford (runners up: Ben Jones and Danielle Kijewski)
Wood Room Story Prize: Niina Tamura (runners up: Will Badger and C. F. Iosifidis)
W H Pembroke Prize for Services to the Community: Jessica Cohen, C eline Sabiron, and Michael Maher-King
Collingwood Prize for Academic Excellence: Gabriel Schenk and Meghan Campbell

College Societies

BLACKSTONE SOCIETY

The Blackstone Society, Pembroke's Law Society has had another busy and successful year. We have had the opportunity to hold a number of events for law students which have been informative and enjoyable.

The Hogan Lovell's High Achievers Dinner was held slightly earlier than normal this year in Michaelmas term. The Dinner celebrates the achievements of second-years who have shown excellence and commitment across their studies. Many congratulations to this year's winners Thomas Barber and Matthew Gray. We were delighted to welcome back Alex Harrison from Hogan Lovells to present the awards and recent graduates to share advice with us about studying law at Pembroke and in particular to give some guidance to this year's Finalists.

In Trinity Term we held the annual Slaughter and May Book Dinner. This is an opportunity for the students to thank Slaughter and May for their generous sponsorship of the Pembroke Book Scheme which provides a copy of each core textbook to every student. They also sponsor the position of Dr Ariel Ezrachi, a Pembroke Fellow and Director of the University of Oxford Centre for Competition Law and Policy. We were joined by Graham White, Andrew Jolly, Andrew Stevens and Clara Burtenshaw of Slaughter and May and the Dinner was a great success, enjoyed by all.

Also in Trinity Term we welcomed back Pembroke alumnus Rini Banerjee (2006) who now works at Freshfields. Rini and

her colleagues gave the second and third years a highly informative administrative law seminar, focusing on the rise of arbitration in public law disputes. This was followed by a dinner at the Living Room, sponsored by Freshfields.

Throughout the year we have held dinners sponsored by Clifford Chance, Herbert Smith and Linklaters and we are incredibly grateful for their generous support. The opportunity to meet lawyers and discuss their experiences first-hand has given us all an invaluable insight into possible career options.

Second year law student Charlotte Tarr was involved in writing an Introductory Guide for the first-year students alongside Pembroke fellow Rebecca Williams. It covered academic life as well as options after university and we would like to thank Charlotte for her work in producing such a helpful guide.

During our time as Blackstone Presidents we have been very grateful for the support of our tutors and would like to thank Rebecca Williams, Ariel Ezrachi, Ciara Kennefick and Arghya Sengupta. We would also like to thank the Pembroke College Conferences and Events team, in particular Joanne Bowley and Heather Earwicker, who have been so helpful in ensuring the smooth running of dinners held at Pembroke.

It has been a pleasure to be Co-Presidents of the Blackstone Society, and we have thoroughly enjoyed it. Finally we wish next year's Blackstone Presidents Georgia Haughney and Josh Butler the best of luck.

*Melanie Pope and Max Mills,
Co-Presidents, Blackstone Society*

COLLEGE CHOIR

Another extremely successful year has passed for Pembroke Chapel Choir, with many more performances of the vast range of repertoire we have learnt this year. The Choir continues to grow, with many new members drawn in at the 2011 Freshers Fair, and many others continuing to join us through word of mouth, and as friends of current members – all subject to an audition, in which many were successful. We aim to remain an auditioning choir, as it distinguishes those who are serious about making music, and also compels them to commit to rehearsals and evensongs. The Choral Bursary is well underway, with several members of the Choir benefitting from some money as thanks for their hard work and commitment. We have some applicants next year for Choral Scholarships which will improve the Choir considerably, should they be successful.

A sad farewell to Sam Baker who, as my senior, helped me learn the ropes and established the Choral Bursary system. Sam has done an incredible amount for the choir, both musically and behind the scenes. We are ever thankful for his enthusiasm, and extraordinary ability to persuade people to sing both in the choir, and at the Masters Recitals twice a term, which are always a triumph. Best of luck to him in New Zealand, where he intends to teach music for a year – we welcome the return of ex-members with open arms, should they find themselves in Oxford on a Sunday afternoon. Speaking of which, Laurence Lynden-Jones (Senior Organ Scholar when Sam arrived) kindly invited us to sing at Chester Cathedral, where he is the Organist, in August 2011. Members and friends of Pembroke Choir traveled from afar to sing and support us in interpreting Ireland's *Greater Love* and Dyson's *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimitis in F*. It was a wonderful occasion, and once again we cannot thank the College enough for contributing towards the

travel costs, and letting it all happen.

Following the appointment of some new members in Michealmas 2011, and bidding farewell to various others, the Choir rose from strength to strength, becoming well acquainted with both new members and new repertoire in time for the Christmas Carol Concert – always a spectacular send off before the choristers return home for the holidays.

This year's tour was booked in Hilary Term, although its planning and discussion began long before. It is a tough term for all involved, as much repertoire had to be learned and polished in time for the Easter vacation, at the beginning of which we were due to give concerts in venues such as Église Saint Eustache, Notre-Dame d'Auteuil and the British Embassy in Paris. Just days after term ended, the Choir gathered once again in Pembroke Chapel to work hard on the pieces we had planned for the tour. Thankfully our hard work paid off, and the tour was hugely successful, topped with extremely complimentary remarks for the Ambassador and his wife. Choir members continue to benefit from free formal Dinner after Sunday services. Due to the building work that was taking place in the year 2010/2011, dinner was served in a temporary portacabin, but as soon as the work on the hall was completed, the Choir began dining in the Forte Room. This provides an opportunity to thank our loyal members with food and wine aplenty.

Come October, the audition process will be repeated. As we bid farewell to many choristers, we also welcome new ones who have been successful in the audition. I have now taken over as Senior Organ Scholar, with Tomos Watkins beginning as Junior Organ Scholar. I am immensely excited for the coming year, and I hope it will be as successful as the last. We are extremely grateful for the support given to us by College, and in particular, the enthusiasm of the Master, Giles Henderson and his wife Lynne.

Henry Chandler, Organ Scholar

College Sports

BOAT CLUB

After the heartache of Summer Eights last year, September brought a renewed sense of purpose as the club geared up to a hard winter's training. The senior squads embarked on an intense program of long ergos and early morning outings whilst the largest cohort of novices for several years took their first tentative steps towards the river. Once again, the strength in depth of Pembroke talent was evident from the start of the year with a senior mens four of home-grown rowers taking Autumn Fours by storm and putting out a serious message that this year, we meant business. Christ Church Regatta gave six crews of novices their first taste of racing and whilst some tough draws saw the "A" crews exit relatively early, the "B" and "C" crews were more than ready to step up, reaching the later stages of the competition in style. Head coach Barrie-Jon Mulder again showing that he can turn complete newcomers into stylish rowers in just a few weeks whilst simultaneously ensuring the senior squads were moving from strength to strength. The women took the term to prioritise fitness in the gym, welcoming visiting students to the returning group and waiting for the new novices to join the ranks. The relatively large returning mens squad on the other hand was immediately into the trialling process with the selected 1st eight dominating Wallingford Regatta with a 9th place finish overall, far ahead of the nearest chasing College Crews. They

then travelled to Cambridge in December to take on the Fairbairns Cup, looking good at halfway an unfortunate meeting with the bank denied them the victory this time.

Into Hilary however, the PCBC ascendancy continued. The Isis Winter League series of races saw M1 claiming the overall trophy emphatically over all other colleges involved, W1 won their final race in the series by a considerable margin and the lower boats also posted times to rival other Colleges first Eights. We entered Torpids week with anticipation, the mood was high. W1 were brought swiftly back to earth on the Wednesday with by all accounts the worst row they'd had in weeks, obvious nerves resulting in a crab and dropping one place. Following this, the crew found their confidence once again and with bumps on Oriel and St Catherine's, W1 ended the week up one place. No such problems affected W2; a series of four bumps came easily but blades were denied on Saturday by a strong St Anne's Crew. M2 continued their rise through Division II bumping up three places. Now ranked in 15th place they now lie 12 places above the nearest other 2nd VIII and a move up to Division I now seems possible. The real success of Torpids was of course for M1, after a succession of disappointments and many years of hurt, this was finally the year with the Headship being secured in style. Dispatching Christ Church within two minutes of racing on Wednesday, the result was never in doubt. Three superb

row-overs later and North Quad was once again lit up by a boat burning.

But it was not to stop there, the next step was for both crews to take on the tideway. W1 put in a solid performance in the Women's Head of the River finishing in 100th place, for many of the crew this was the first race away from the Isis stretch and completing the course was a success in itself. M1 proved themselves once again with a 42nd place finish at the Head of the River, the fourth fastest University Crew. The quality of the M1 Crew was acknowledged by all other Colleges with none taking up the challenge to race the Henley Boat Races qualifier. W1 on the other hand took on six Colleges early one morning in 7th week over the "Rowing-on" course. A six second victory over the next fastest college saw them selected with both PCBC first VIIIs therefore heading to Henley to take on the best of the Cambridge colleges. M1 put in a strong performance against Caius but the larger Cambridge crew narrowly beat them by a third of a length. The women recorded the first ever Oxford College victory in the Collegiate Race, thumping Emmanuel College by four lengths.

We swiftly found ourselves gearing up for bumps once more with Summer Eights rapidly approaching. The warm sunny weather we had been looking forward to all season however failed to materialise and continual rain and rising river levels saw several weeks of red flag conditions. The lower boats put in considerable time in the gym to make up for this, whilst M1 and W1 ventured further afield to Wallingford and Dorney to get some precious water time, for the women in particular there was a job to finish from 2011 and the weather was not going to get in the way. Rowing On saw M3 and W3 qualify with M4 and 5 missing out by only a few places. W3 started from the foot of the river but were able to bump up twice and W2 bumped three times, again denied blades through harsh nature of bumps racing. The men had a tough week, with no bumps made

but the class of PCBC rowing still shone through with M1 putting together four strong row-overs and M2 surviving eight races as the sandwich boat between divisions 2 and 3 – they certainly covered more distance than anyone else. W1 displayed the ruthlessness they needed to avenge 2011 and the Crew coached once again by Ben Reed produced a bump on Balliol outside the Boathouse, this time with no controversy. Wadham, the nearest challengers, barely got close and W1 proved they were the fastest Crew over the distance; it was time to burn boat number two.

We also congratulate Alex Woods who represented Pembroke in the OUBC Blue Boat this year as well as Richard Watson in the OULRC boat. With a number of the Club considering trialling for the University squads, Pembroke representation looks set to continue. Furthermore, a Pembroke/LMH composite crew qualified for the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta again taking PCBC further than the College scene. It has been a fantastic year to lead the Club as President and our success looks set to continue as the passion and commitment of our rowers and coaches increases year on year. With the ten-year anniversary of the Double Headship coming next year and still as the only College to ever complete the feat, we are poised in perfect position to try again. Ending the year on a high, we are only looking up.

*Natalie Redgrave, Boat Club President
2011-12*

BASKETBALL

Pembroke Basketball Club have been consistently joining the College League/Cuppers tournament organized by Oxford University Basketball Club (OUBBC). We have a good history of recruiting a bunch of good players. For the past two years, there is at least one player in our team who plays for the University team. On top of that, we also managed to get some good visiting students from the States to play for us and not to forget several students from China

During the whole tournament in the last academic year, I would say our team consists of a bunch of very talented basketball players and improved from the previous year. We managed to win most of the games and I would say we will only lose when we do not have reserve players. Pembroke managed to beat Wolfson College who is known as a very good team. It was a very dramatic game. Pembroke was down by two points with four seconds left on the clock. Everyone on the team felt that there was no way that we could make a comeback. But our star, Matthew Smith received a pass from Khairil, one of our captains and made a miraculous three point shot just before the referee blows the final whistle. The atmosphere was filled with alleviation, jubilation and amazement. No one could ever thought that we could make that historical comeback. From there, Pembroke Basketball taught the players some lessons about trust and determination; do not give up until the last whistle.

Besides weekly training sessions, Pembroke Basketball Club will usually have bonding sessions with their



members such as photo sessions, dinner and some outings. As the co-captain, I believe Pembroke Basketball have a very bright future ahead if we are able to recruit more players because due to tight term time schedule, some players have difficulties to attend training sessions and games. If we have back up players, there is no doubt that Pembroke Basketball will be one the strongest contenders for the Oxford Cuppers title.

*Khairil Mohammad, Pembroke
Basketball Captain*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

This year's Pembroke-Queen's team made a valiant effort during Trinity basketball Cuppers, despite having a shortage of members on the team. Although it was unfortunate to have forfeited our first match against Somerville due to the lack of players, we participated in a friendly match, which provided an opportunity for practice. This proved beneficial for our next match against St John's, which we won by a landslide with a full team present. The next match against St Hilda's saw Pembroke-Queen's score a couple of three-pointer shots during the game; however with the disadvantage of being two players short, the match was won by St Hilda's. Overall, the team played well and a good effort was made.

Vivien Ngo

FOOTBALL 1

It was always going to prove difficult to emulate last year's success of the unbeaten season, and the task to rival the 2010 - 11 season's success was made harder as Pembroke 1st XI lost eight members from that season's successful squad. PCFC 1st XI thus faced the new season in JCR Second Division with a few of the old guard as well as the untested talent that the numerous freshers provided. Old and

FOOTBALL 2

new players quickly gelled together to make sure that PCFC 1st XI maintained their status in the JCR Second Division.

The season ended with Pembroke finishing fifth in the league with 11 points. Cuppers ended in disappointment early on in the season with a first round exit to St Johns, who were also in the JCR Second Division. Pembroke performed well on many occasions and were unfortunate not to end up higher in the league table. In total, three wins and two draws were registered, although this did not properly reflect the season that PCFC had. Several close games during the season could have gone either way, including both matches played against eventual league winners Balliol. Out of the wins recorded during the season, two came against Oriel (3-0 and 3-1 wins) and Corpus/Linacre (6-2 winners).

A great positive from the season is the number of players who will be staying for next year. This includes the likes of Alex Troughton and Matthew Walsh - both of whom scored the majority of the goals this season - as well as Benjamin Southworth, now captain for 2012 - 13, who displayed some fantastic defending to keep the opposition attack at bay. Lawrie Elsdon-Dew was always outstanding in goal during the season, Samuel Dennis and Nicholas Gulliver were both solid in defence and Harry Fisher was nimble in attack. There are a couple of people, including Matthew Gray and Richard Lloyd, who will be sorely missed on their year abroad, however there is also the welcome return of Fitzroy Morrissey to look forward to next season.

The future for PCFC 1st XI looks very promising with the prospect of promotion next season. And finally, PCFC says goodbye to some stalwarts of the 1st XI, namely: Joshua Harris-Kirkwood, Joseph Block, Richard Priseman and Tom Clarkson. We greatly appreciate their contribution and their presence will be missed as PCFC heads into the next season.

Hamish Sabey-Corkindale, Captain

Pembroke College IInd 11 began the 2011/12 season in strong form, winning early league matches vs. Queen's and Exeter by tense single goal margins that didn't do justice to our dominance over the 90 minutes. We quickly established ourselves at the top of the table - letting too many goals in, but scoring enough through players like Josh Harris-Kirkwood to record victories. We were particularly determined to exercise some dominance over Pembroke IIIrd team, who due to strength in depth in the College (and, whisper it, some shared players), were also in the JCR reserves Third Division. They would eventually catch up with us.

About four games into the season, it became clear that a key match would be against St Edmund's Hall II, who were chasing us at second in the table. By that time the weather was cold and grim, and the ground very muddy. The conditions, and perhaps the timing of a Saturday morning, meant that only 10 hardy Pembroke warriors arrived for the game on University parks. We faced up against a Teddy Hall team who actually seemed to train, and whose fitness and size was terrifying to some of the team, including the Captain. We spent the first half in damage limitation, heading the ball desperately away from goal and hoping for more players to arrive. We only let in two goals, and somehow managed to sneak one for ourselves at the end of the half. With no more men joining us, we managed to exert ourselves at the start of the second half, and through hard work and some fortune went 3-2 up. At this point, exhaustion arrived, as did the opposition's substitutes, and a fatigued defence battled but couldn't stop us going 4-3 down. All seemed lost, but in the final seconds Pembroke gained a corner on the right hand side. The ball was swung in, and Harry Fisher snuck in first at the front post to claim a brilliant hat-trick and a draw for the team. It was a proud moment.

From here, it seemed that we were on course to have an incredible season, and at first we did, thrashing University IInd 11-1 in the cup, with Richard Lloyd a particular architect in midfield. This wasn't to continue however, and the season strangely trickled into an anticlimactic end. Some disappointing close (and undermanned) defeats in far-off away grounds in the league sandwiched a comprehensive 3-0 beating by the eventual winners Worcester in the shield, and Pembroke II ended up finishing a slightly sorry 4th in the league, with 13 points after 7 games. We took heart in the fact that our cousins the 3rd team were promoted in 2nd.

Robert Griffiths, Captain

FOOTBALL 3

Pembroke 3rd II football team was not predicted to do well in the 2011-2012 season. Having been promoted the year before, they were expected to struggle in the infamously harsh environs of the JCR Reserves 3rd League. This was also the first time that they were in the same league as their bitter rivals, Pembroke 2nd II. However, after a gutsy win against a strong Teddy Hall outfit in the team's debut in the league, the side never looked back. On one rainy day the side's promotion chances seemed to be fast disappearing when turnout was below what was expected, and the team had to forfeit their match against Balliol 2nds. However, fortunately, that proved to only be a brief blip, and the team resumed their run of victories.

Heading into the last two matches of the season, the team knew that if they won both their remaining games they would not only be promoted, but would happen the JCR Reserves Third League. Sadly, however, in the first of those, Pembroke 3rd II ended up stumbling to a draw against prime relegation candidates

Queen's 2nd II, after some shoddy defending from set pieces. Pembroke 3rd II headed into the final match of the season knowing that they needed a win to guarantee promotion. With 15 minutes of the game to go, the team was 5-4 down, and tempers were getting increasingly frayed as the dream began to slip away. However, a resurgence in the final ten minutes brought us two goals, and when the match had ended we had won a 6-5 epic, a result that will surely go down in the history of Pembroke 3rd II. This guaranteed us the second spot in the JCR Reserves Third League, and with that spot, promotion.

The lofty climes of the JCR Reserves Second League await the team next season, and I am sure that the Pembroke 3rd II will meet that challenge head on.

Theo Sands, Captain

MCR SMURFS (FOOTBALL)

After a generous grant from the Annual Fund, the Smurfs were easily the best dressed team in the MCR football league. Our new look also included an almost entirely new squad of players. Nonetheless, the new team adopted the never-give-in attitude of Smurfs XI of yesteryear.

It was another tight competition with very few points separating us from the cluster of teams in the middle of the table. Memorable games include wins over Somerville and St Edmond's Hall, a second half come-back to draw with OxLip, a hard-fought draw with New College, as well as two high quality clashes with OUP.

My thanks goes to old Smurfs who played this year, whose character and grit provided a much needed backbone for the team. To those new Smurfs, I hope you enjoyed the season, you all brought talent and enthusiasm to the team that I hope will carry-on through into the next

season. All the best into incoming Papa Smurf, Daniel Klotz. Thanks everyone - it's been emotional.

Jesse Wall, Captain

HOCKEY

Combined with St Edmund Hall, Pembroke's men enjoyed another successful season. Following winning coppers last year, the pressure was on to try to repeat that feat. Fate though transpired against Pembroke-Teddy Hall as a number of injuries ruled key players out of the crucial semi-final match against Jesus and our defence of the coppers trophy was not successful. However, it should still be noted that there were some brilliant performances throughout the coppers defence and to even reach the semi-final was a great effort.

As for the league, after dominating division two in Michaelmas, the men's team turned their attention to the highest league in Hilary having been promoted. After beginning well in division one, a highly respectable mid-table finish was the result of some courageous performances from a squad which had to rely on their great depth in numbers when injuries struck the side.

Sam Westaway, Captain

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Our women's hockey team, joint with New College, had an undefeated season culminating with us taking the Coppers title. Starting in the 3rd division in the Michaelmas League allowed us to work out some nifty moves against bleary-eyed opponents in our antisocially scheduled Sunday morning matches. Although some teams were clearly a little overawed by our reputation, failing to show up to our scheduled matches, we convincingly won every game we played thus enabling us to be promoted into the 2nd division for next

year's League.

Propelled on by a combination of our Michaelmas success and some interim Christmas pudding eating, our success continued throughout the Coppers tournament in Hilary Term. Convincing wins early on in the term saw us facing a very competitive team from St Catherine's in the semi-finals. It took a couple of early goals from the opposition to gear us into action, allowing us to go on to win 5-2. We then faced the combined St Hilda's/Queen's in the finals, which was particularly tense given we have ended up runners up in Coppers for the past two years. Fortunately, our late night team 'carbo loading' combined with the professionalism of our 'Newbroke' hockey shirts stood us in good stead and, after a nail-biting match, we convincingly won our first Coppers title 4-1.

I would like to congratulate the team on their brilliant performance and a well-deserved Coppers win. A special thanks must go to Polly Cocker who played for us in goal in every single match, despite having never played before, after avidly studying YouTube videos for tips and tactics! I hope everyone has a well earned summer break, and bring on next year for the chance to defend our title.

Iona Dent, Captain

LACROSSE

This year, Pembroke teamed up with Lady Margaret Hall in the mixed lacrosse league. The Pembroke contingent comprised four University lacrosse players – two women's, including Blues star and visiting student Sabrina Gordon, and two mixed – and many enthusiastic beginners from all years. The season kicked off with the Coppers league in Michaelmas, beginning with a convincing 3-1 victory against St Peter's, with a star performance from speedy first-timer Alistair Marjot and for which we were praised by the referees as "one of the best

teams they'd seen". This took us into the quarter-finals where we faced last year's winner and this year's runner up, Oriel, in a gruelling match which we narrowly lost 2-1.

With no College lacrosse throughout Hilary, we waited in anticipation for the one day Cuppers tournament in Trinity. We had a tough draw with Worcester, Teddy Hall and Queen's in our group and the scores – 0-0, 1-0, 4-0 respectively – do not reflect our determination and the skills displayed by all, with special mentions going to Amelia Newland, Elliott Carande, Hamish Sabey-Corkindale, Sam Hill-Smith and Charlotte Lindesay-Bethune. We did very well considering we were up against teams with several boys from the University men's and mixed teams, and it was an enjoyable day for all.

Charlotte McCutcheon and Tanya Lawrence

RUGBY

This year, Pembroke has had one of the largest squads it has ever seen and containing an equal mix of young as well as more experienced players the squad displayed perhaps the pinnacle of Pembroke rugby.

After a bitterly disappointing Bowl Final defeat after extra time last year, PCRFC was as hungry as ever for silverware. With an influx of impressive new players who were assisted by the faithful base of our more experienced members, in Michaelmas, Pembroke took Division 2 by storm. We started the season off with a 60-0 victory against Magdalen, following that up with a 58-0 win against LMH, a game against University which was abandoned at half-time due another emphatic score line, and then a 45-5 win against Oriel. At the end of the season Pembroke had only conceded five points in roughly 300 minutes of rugby. The team therefore secured an easy promotion back up to Division 1.

On the back of a disappointing one point

loss to a much improved Oriel side, the team then went through a poor patch of form with a series of losses. The weather then took a turn for the worst and due to the snow certain matches were not played. This did not work in Pembroke's favour and the team unfortunately dropped back into the second division.

The team had better luck in the Cuppers competition where, after a 63-13 victory against Worcester, Pembroke eased past St. Peter's to reach the Plate Final against Jesus College. With a fresh new kit and continuing our tradition of emphatic scorelines, we were victorious, with a 46-5 win in front of a large Pembroke crowd. PCRFC also reached the final of the Sevens Cuppers Tournament, in which we demonstrated that we have a very strong group of players ready for next year, despite losing a formidable 17 players. Next year the team will be under the competent leadership of Sam Dumigan.

Many thanks to all of those who came to watch us play - students and staff alike. Captaining Pembroke has been an enormous privilege and I would like to thank every player this season. The following players are leaving and deserve a special mention and thanks for their dedication and contribution to PCRFC, on and off the pitch:

Jonathan Baker
Daniel Clement
Ted Delicath
Robert Figueiredo
John Gale
Nicholas Hassell
Paul Higham
Philip Lamb
Will Lawrence
Charlie Mercer
Eoin O'Leary
Joss Ryall
Jamie Williams

Rob MacIntosh, Captain

Damon Wells Chapel

The life of the Chapel remains very pleasing, not least because of its deep connection with the College community as a whole over the past year.

In terms of its presence as a place of prayer, reflection and sanctuary, I am delighted to report that it is used by people of many different faiths and roles in the College as a place of perspective and peace. The Chapel is used by groups and individuals daily in a variety of spontaneous ways – it's always good to drop in and hear students practicing music, or singing, or simply being there. I'm grateful for attendees at Gaudy nights who noted how dark the Chapel appeared over the summer – an investigation led to the re-lighting of Chapel windows, and now the roof glitters again.

Services continue to be led by a growing and very competent Choir – they are attended by a steady number of students, staff and former students on a regular or occasional basis – before Christmas the attendance was higher than over the last eight years, and throughout the year a selection of students and some regular visitors have been present.

I wish to record my thanks to Sam Baker and Henry Chandler for their energetic contribution and support of the Choir and College music as a whole. Tomos Watkins became Organ Scholar this year – he is a second-year musician, and he and Henry are both personally relaxed yet seriously committed to musical performance: having natural and encouraging styles with members of the Choir and across the College. The College and JCR have

been consistently generous, as has our patron, Damon Wells, by his continued support of the Chapel. This year the Choir visited Paris, and sang at masses in various churches, concluding with a concert at the British Ambassador's residence which was a wonderful and fun evening for us all.

The Choir also has participated in the pastoral ministry of the chapel to people at times of private need, and through weddings and funerals, among them Peter Farthing, an alumnus and Advisory Fellow.

This public aspect of our life is good for the continuing ministry of the Chapel – people of many faiths and none participate and come to see the Chapel and its community as trustworthy – though clearly this has to be re-established afresh each academic year. It's still a privilege to be Chaplain here.

I am deeply grateful for the kindness and support of the Master and Fellows, the Bursar and the Finance Office, and to all for the general good will given to us; and I look forward to enjoying a new year of fresh musical initiatives and renewed pastoral care and engagement with the culture of College, University, and City.



*Andrew Teal,
Chaplain*

The McGowin Library

A new library management system The year began with the library hosting a meeting of the Committee of College librarians at Pembroke, at which the main discussion point was the implementation of the new library management scheme (Aleph). Working with a new library management system provided some challenges and a number of teething problems but these were gradually resolved over the year to create a system which now works well.

During the summer months, the Library opened for students of the now established Pem-broke summer school (a collaboration between Pembroke and Brookhouse Sixth Form college in Hackney) for which the Library opened in August (usually a closed period). In addition, we welcomed students of the UNIQ summer school (a University initiative for students studying at state schools) to the Library, for the first time hosted by Pembroke. The students used the Library with dedicated mentors to give them a first glimpse of how an academic library works. This was much appreciated and we received very good feedback.

The Library welcomed a number of notable visitors which included:

- The Johnson Club, probably the earliest of all such organizations, for whom an exhibition was arranged of a combination of Johnsonian items from his time at Pembroke. The Club was very appreciative of the clear and attractive



display, and confirmed a very interesting trip.

- We received a visit from Saudi Arabian businessmen and their advisers, for which displays were arranged of Johnson related items, and some other treasures from our special collections.

- Earlier this year the library welcomed a visit by Mason McGowin and wife plus his sister Flo McGowin. Their father, Earl McGowin (1922), was one of the benefactors of the College Library building. They enjoyed being shown room rent books, battels books and photos of the opening of the library which all related to their father. They also appreciated a tour of College.

Some library statistics: this year, 858 books (including 55 donations) and 13 DVDs were added to the teaching collection, and 465 books were withdrawn. 8436 different items were borrowed this year.

The library wishes to thank the following for donations received:

A Arni; Cptn M Barritt; Prof G Bonsaver; T Chamberlain; Dr P Claus; Corpus Christi College; Prof N Fukuda; Dr A Gregory; Prof S Hamnett; V Harper; Prof J B Hattendorf; P Hyams; Prof I Isao; E A Johnston; Prof A Jones; Dr C J Kerslake; D Kulviecaite; Dr C Melchert; T Ming Cai; E Poole; Dr J Taylor; C Thorpe; Dr B Williams; Prof R Wilson; F E Witts; H Wooten; and several anonymous donors. Maurice Nadin (1944) presented us with his fine collection of A E Housman books and poetry for which we are very grateful.

Lucie Walker
Librarian

The Emery Gallery

The Emery Gallery continues to play an important role in Pembroke life, and we have enjoyed an active and exciting year. The Freshers' week opening of the Gallery was well attended and this year's freshers joined the rest of the College in being very active in Pembroke's art world. The events that followed throughout the rest of the year continued to be well-attended and enjoyed by many. There continues to be high demand for the facility of borrowing works from the picture store. There have been a very large number of applications for travel grants this year, particularly in Hilary term, which led the Committee to reallocate some of the Trinity term budget to Hilary. The availability of hardship grants continues to be advertised and taken up where necessary.

As always, two Art Competitions were held for the students this year, accompanied by well-attended events for the Emery Gallery. The first was the George Jenkin Prize in Hilary term, which was judged by three Senior Members of the College. This was followed by a presentation with slides by three members of the Art Fund Committee about the history of the collection and the Emery Gallery. The provenance of this talk was that, in March, the same three committee members visited the Tetbury Art Society at Highgrove, Gloucestershire to give a similar presentation. This was a well-attended event with around eighty guests, and proceeds were donated to the Prince's Charitable trust. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to raise the profile

of the Art Fund Collection beyond the College and indeed the University, and many of those present expressed a desire to visit our Collection next year, when we will have the new Gallery to display our works. The talk that we prepared was also an ideal way for us to spread knowledge of the history of the gallery through the college itself at the judging of the George Jenkin prize.

The second art competition was held in Trinity this year, and was judged by Andrew Lawson (1963), a well-known photographer of gardens and alumnus of Pembroke. We were very grateful to Andrew for coming to the college to judge our competition and to give the students an account of his time at Pembroke and his involvement with the Art Collection. We were thrilled when he gave us two wonderful gifts after his talk. During Andrew's time at Pembroke, he was the president of the university-wide Art Society. This society invited David Hockney to speak in 1964. Hockney came to Oxford with a good friend and fellow artist, Patrick Proctor. After judging the art competition Andrew gave us two sketches done by Hockney and Proctor during their visit to Oxford, one by Hockney sketching Proctor and the other by Proctor sketching Hockney (pictured). These sketches are framed together and are accompanied by letters written at the time from Hockney plus an edition of *Isis* (which Andrew edited) describing the visit. He also presented us with a framed panel of his own photographs of the



Pictured: Patrick Procktor, Oxford, 1964. Image courtesy of Andrew Lawson

Andrew himself; a beautiful and vibrant piece entitled 'The Yellow Path' (featured on the front cover), which now hangs in the Emery Gallery.

We made a second acquisition later this year: 'December 30:82:11' by Patrick Heron (gouache on paper), which was an unsold lot at a Sotheby's auction of contemporary British Art in May. This piece will work wonderfully in our collection because it not only complements our current Heron in terms of its colours, but shows his development as an artist from the figurative to abstraction. Before purchasing this piece, the art fund committee decided to purchase art with a 'two-pronged' approach from now on. That is, supporting up-and-coming artists as we have always done, and simultaneously developing our core collection. The Heron purchase clearly fits into the latter category and we are very excited about its addition to our collection.

This year we have also established an intern relationship with the History of Art Department. We were approached by the Department to take interns and have had two students working with us throughout the year. They have reworked our cataloguing system to make it easier to use, and have also been researching individual artists from the core collection. This programme has been successful and

day. We are amazed that they have asked to repeat that arrangement next year.

Looking forward to next year, the biggest development will be the move of the collection into the new building, where we will have a purpose-built gallery. Two JCR members of the committee and two senior members of the Art Fund committee have joined a group to discuss how the gallery will be run, and we are very keen to have rolling exhibitions, but also to make sure that the JCR collection has a high profile in the new gallery.

Earlier in the year, we acquired a painting by I would like to close by saying what a privilege it has been to be involved so closely with the Emery Gallery this year, and that we look forward to the progress of the collection, particularly with view to our move into the new gallery. This is a very exciting prospect that provides ample opportunity for development and for opening the JCR Art Collection up to a wider audience.

*Nora Schlatte,
JCR Art Representative*



Pictured: David Hockney, Oxford, 1964. Image courtesy of Andrew Lawson

College Archives

Cataloguing

Having completed the original cataloguing project, I have been catching up with cataloguing material that has been accessioned into the archive more recently. This is now almost up to date, apart from some papers relating to building projects and refurbishments (including the rather substantial amount of material from the construction of the Sir Geoffrey Arthur Building during the late 1980s!) and a large collection of photographs from the Development Department.

Records Management

We have now begun to put together various records management policies for the College. These include specific schedules for the transfer of material into the archive from each department and more general policies relating, for example, to archival accessions and digital records. It is proving to be quite a challenge to identify what material and information should be gleaned from Departments for permanent retention and then to develop the best methods for 'harvesting' it. In addition, we have the relatively new challenge of dealing with the fact that most contemporary material coming in to the archive is now in an electronic format and thus requires the development of new techniques for archival storage and access. Interesting times!

Thomas Good

During this year, I catalogued the papers that we hold for Thomas Good, an English poet who matriculated at Pembroke in 1920. During this time, I contacted the estate of Michael Hamburger, Good's friend and literary executor, to find out about the copyright situation. After some correspondence with his son, Richard Hamburger, it transpired that he also had a significant amount of material relating to Thomas Good, including letters from Good to his father. After some discussion, we agreed to accept this additional material into the archive in order to create a single collection of Good's papers.

Art inventory & PCF project

This summer we have undertaken a full inventory of our College art collection in order to properly catalogue it and to update our information about where each work of art is located. This will enable us to manage the collection more effectively in the future, including answering enquiries. This has not been done for a considerable number of years and has, therefore, been particularly thorough, involving a physical check of all rooms in College and a bringing together of information from various sources including the previous inventory, the Oxford Portraits online project (<http://www.odl.ox.ac.uk/portraitsinoxford/index.php>) and various documents from the archive.

We have also been approached by a nationwide project, run by the Public Catalogue Foundation (a registered charity), to create an online inventory of all oil paintings currently in public ownership. Along with the majority of other Oxford colleges, we have agreed to participate in this endeavour which will provide us with high quality digital photographs of our oil paintings, taken by a professional photographer from the PCF. We will also be given the copyright in these photographs which will be of additional benefit as we will be able to make use of the images in the future. Pembroke's paintings are due to go on to the website in December.

<http://www.thepcf.org.uk/>

New Accessions

We are always keen to bring new material into the archive and recently these have included some particularly interesting items:

- Photograph of the School of Military Aeronautics at Pembroke College, Jan 1917 – we purchased this after being contacted by an Oxfam shop in Cumbria who had it donated to them!
- Three presentation mounts carrying photographs of the Eights teams from 1899, 1901 and 1936 – the result of another ‘on-the-ball’ charity worker contacting us, this time from Save the Children in Leamington Spa.
- Margaret Jeune's Diary, 1891 – this was kindly purchased for us by Brian Wilson (1948) and it continues the set of Margaret Jeune's diaries that we already have in the archive.
- A number of photographs, including several framed sports team photos, that had been languishing in a corner of the Sports Pavillion!

Access

The archives are available for consultation and research, by appointment, on Wednesdays, 1.00 – 4.00 and Thursdays – Fridays, 9.00 – 4.00. If you have any enquiries about the archives, please email archives@pmb.ox.ac.uk.

Amanda Ingram, Archivist

Building for the Future

The story behind the construction of Pembroke's new buildings

The 2009-2010 College Record included an article giving the background to the planning and preparation for the College's New Build Project. I am now able to tell the story of the two year period during which the construction took place, culminating in the handover of the new facilities to the College in the autumn of 2012.

Mobilisation

Kingerlee Limited, a long established local Oxford business, were appointed as the main contractor in late September 2010. Working initially on the basis of a Letter of Intent, Kingerlee worked with the College's Project Team to finalise the detailed arrangements of the contract and the programme and the formal contract was signed on 18th December 2010. The contract programme was based on a finish date of June 2012, allowing for the full fit out and handover to the College to take place over the summer period before the start of the 2012/13 academic year.

Governance and Process

This was always going to be a complex project, given the richness of the design of the Architects, Berman Gedes Stretton, and the constrained nature of the site in central Oxford immediately adjacent to the College's main site. It was therefore necessary to put in place tight management procedures to make sure the project delivered to the agreed cost and timescale, whilst achieving buildings of the highest quality.

Since the inception of the project in 2005, the College had put in place a Steering Committee whose membership was drawn from Governing Body, key senior College staff, the Architects and other consultants. Meeting regularly, and reporting to Governing Body on all important matters, it was the Steering Committee's responsibility to provide the necessary oversight to the Project Team and to give support in addressing difficult issues. In turn, the Steering Committee delegated responsibility for issues of detailed design, such as colour schemes and the choice of fixtures and fittings, to a User Group, whose membership was drawn from the Steering Committee and other members of the College community.

The Project itself was directed from the College side by the Bursar, John Church, closely supported by Charlie Harris, the Deputy Home Bursar (Facilities and Buildings). A central Project Team was put in place involving the Architects, Bidwells (Project Managers) and Gardiner and Theobald (Quantity Surveyors, responsible for costings). In addition, there was a Design Team, chaired by the Lead Architect James Roach of Berman Gedes Stretton, which was responsible for ensuring that the design was implemented successfully at the practical level, and involving all the key consultants, such as Price and Myers (Structural Engineers) and Hoare Lea (Mechanical and Electrical Engineers).

It was agreed with Kingerlee that a formal site meeting would take place

every month, involving the key personnel from both Kingerlee and the Design Team to oversee progress and to resolve all issues arising. In addition, and as would be expected, throughout the construction phase, there were many other meetings involving all those with a part to play in this complex project, such as sub-contractors and other consultants needed for specific issues. It is pleasing to note that, notwithstanding the tensions which inevitably arise from time to time about specific issues, there was a spirit of collaboration and mutual support in evidence throughout the project.

Demolition

Work started on site on 25th October 2010. The first step was to establish Kingerlee's site office in Albion House, the commercial building acquired by the College immediately adjacent to the construction site, whose tenants fortuitously had vacated of their own accord just a month or two previously. These facilities were much better than one would normally expect of a site office and this proved to be beneficial, not only in looking after those working on site but also in providing meeting rooms for the discussion resolution of key issues.

The next stage was to proceed with the necessary demolition of the existing buildings on the site. These were the old Halls the Printers building on land owned by Champion Hall (the Jesuit College) and the two commercial buildings acquired by the College in Brewer Street, either side of the Bannister Building. It was also part of the plan to demolish the single storey extension to Albion House which abutted the vacant car park, which was also part of the scheme. Demolition started in November 2010, a fact marked by a small ceremony with the Master and Chairman of Kingerlee Limited wielding (briefly) a sledgehammer. As the photographs of that ceremony show, snow had already fallen and, over the next few weeks, Oxford saw some of the heaviest and most consistent snowfalls it had seen for

many years, which hampered, to some degree, the progress on the demolition side, although, by early 2011, this had been completed and work could start on the archaeological study, which was the next phase of the project.

Archaeology

The site of the new buildings, bordered by Brewer St, Littlegate St and Albion Place, is of interest to archaeologists as it is immediately adjacent to the medieval city wall, part of which forms the southern border of Pembroke College. As part of the planning consent, it was agreed that Oxford Archaeology, who were appointed for this purpose, would provide a watching brief as the foundations were dug and, in particular, would undertake an archaeological dig in the area which would form the basement under the new buildings.

In the event, Oxford Archaeology, working closely with the Oxford City Council Archaeologist, found much of interest, after fieldwork which took three months to complete. There were four significant foci for the results of the fieldwork;

- The frontage buildings and occupation evidence from Brewer St and Littlegate St tenements, which appeared to be unbroken sequences from earliest use in late Saxon/12th Century through to the 16th Century. The preservation of these types of remains are rare in Oxford, as such structures have usually been destroyed by later developments.
- The use of the rear of the Brewer St tenements from earliest occupation. These remains relate to the activity on the frontage and chart an unbroken development of the area from marginal land through initial use to reclamation to developed buildings containing industrial processes.
- The development and use of the Trill Mill Stream, again relating to the very rear of the Brewer St

tenement, but with potential to contribute to the understanding of the broader landscape, channels and water regime/mills in this part of Oxford.

- The geo-archaeological work on the pre-settlement deposits, which may facilitate the further development of models built from evidence at the Westgate Centre and St Aldates.

As part of the fieldwork, Oxford Archaeology also found a number of post medieval artefacts and evidence of earlier buildings, both of which had been preserved exceptionally well due to the particular nature of the conditions underground. This evidence included the layout of the old Brewery, which gave Brewer St its name.

Following completion of their fieldwork, Oxford Archaeology started work on a detailed analysis and report of their findings, which will be published in due course.

Unfortunately, the extent of the fieldwork resulted in a nine week delay to the project. A revised programme was then put in place, with the date for the completion of the project rescheduled to 17th August 2012. The impact of the additional archaeological work also resulted in a significant call on the contingency which formed part of the project budget to cover design changes and/or unexpected additional requirements.

Problems

At the same time as the Archaeological Study was being undertaken, piling got underway. This included geothermal piles needed for the ground source heat pumps, which will provide cost effective heating for the new buildings. Unfortunately, in the area needed for one of the main supporting walls for the Rose Place building, there was found to be a mains gas pipe which clearly had to be removed. This proved to be much more difficult than anticipated as Southern Gas Networks then found that this mains gas pipe was

connected to the next door building, Staincross House, in a way which did not conform to current standards. Although Pembroke is the freehold owner of Staincross House, the building houses a number of flats owned by third parties with long leasehold tenures, which meant that difficult negotiations had to be undertaken involving the College, Southern Gas Networks and the Staincross House Management Company. These negotiations involved consideration of both technical and cost issues and, at one stage, it looked as if significant delays and considerable additional cost for the College might result. Fortunately, albeit at a relatively late stage in the negotiations, it was established that Southern Gas Networks could draw on a fund set aside at the time of privatisation to address historical problems and this allowed the matter to be brought to a swift and good solution, acceptable to all parties. Even then, there was a sting in the tail as, when the work on the relocation of the gas pipe was undertaken, there were then fears that it might have an adverse impact on the Victorian culvert over the adjacent Trill Mill Stream, although, again, this matter was resolved.

At the same time as the work on the foundations and piling was being undertaken for the new buildings, the renovation of the Bannister Building got underway. Initially, everything went to plan, but when the building had been stripped back, evidence of death watch beetle was found and there were fears that so many of the timbers were in a bad condition that a radical solution might be needed on the structural side. Working with the City Archaeologist, a specialist survey was undertaken, and, fortunately, this confirmed that the death watch beetle problem was no longer active and less radical solutions were then found to address the structural side of the renovation. However, once again, this put pressure on the overall programme and the contingency for such unexpected problems.

The period around the second quarter of 2011 was thus proving to be a difficult one. The problems were compounded by difficulties encountered by the Design Team and Kinglerlee in getting on top of the detailed information and drawings which were extensive, given the complexity of the design. The Project Team had to bear down tightly on the management of this side of the project and, as a result, additional resources and more streamlined processes were put in place, with the agreement of all those involved.

Inevitably, given the size and nature of the project, there were other problems which arose and which had to be addressed in the most cost effective way, but without compromising the integrity of the overall design and the quality of the buildings. One illustration was the problem encountered with ceiling heights in the corridors, which had to accommodate a high density of mechanical and electrical fittings, as when it came to installation, there were found to be practical problems which would have resulted in lower ceiling heights in some parts than would be acceptable. Another example would be addressing the issue of making sure that the under floor heating pipes would not result in an overheating in the corridors, whilst making sure the right level of heat was generated in the bedrooms. These and other similar problems were addressed quickly and effectively. It is also important to emphasize that, given the complexity of the project, it is not surprising that such problems arose and the good spirit of team working helped to resolve matter in a collaborative way.

Getting above ground

After Easter 2011, and notwithstanding the problems encountered at that time, three of the new buildings started to take shape quickly – those buildings code named Corner, Littlegate and Rose Place. The buildings known as Garden and Brewer St followed a few months later, as work on the basement had to be

completed beforehand. Helped by benign weather conditions in the summer of 2011 by the end of that period, the new buildings were taking shape. As the super structure of the buildings were completed floor by floor, the opportunity was taken at the same time to install the shower room pods, which were manufactured in a factory in Italy and delivered and installed as sealed units.

In Michaelmas Term 2011, confidence in the robustness of the remaining programme was such that the decision was taken to commit to providing 90 bedrooms in the Bannister, Corner, Littlegate and Rose Place buildings to students. The decision had to be taken at that time as demand for accommodation in the Oxford housing market is such that students have to enter into leases before Christmas for the following academic year. As a precaution, and recognising that the Brewer St and Garden buildings would be the last to complete, the decision was taken not to commit the 26 bedrooms/flats at that stage, an approach which was also practical because these rooms would, for the most part, be offered to graduate students whose places are only confirmed towards the end of the academic year.

The project entered the 2011/12 winter period without the buildings being fully watertight and the project programme would have been exposed to another very bad winter but, fortunately, the weather conditions remained favourable and, fortunately, there was no repetition of the very low temperatures of the previous year.

The Bridge

Throughout the project, the Bridge has been one of the most important features of the New Build Project. Gaining consent for the bridge made all the difference in allowing the New Build Site to be completely integrated into the existing main site, rather than being just an annexe. However, gaining the initial planning consent was far from the end of the story, as the planning conditions were

onerous, requiring the College and its professional team to address a wide range of technical issues. Quite understandably, the Highways Department needed to be fully reassured that the bridge would be of a design and structure which would work well operationally, not only for the College but also with the interests of the public in mind, as it straddles Brewer Street. In particular, there was much focus on the robustness of the balustrade, which, together with the base, forms the structure of the bridge and also the resistance of the single plate of glass on each side. This required much detailed design work and testing, with the results needing to be approved by the Oxford County Council Highways Department. before the formal licence between the College and the Oxford City Council was signed.

The base of the bridge, made of corten steel was installed in the summer and the glass sides and balustrade were put in place in late September 2012, without incident, much to the relief of those watching as the huge glass plates were suspended in mid air above Brewer Street.

Landscaping and Planting

It was decided to use the services of the University Parks Department to help us with the design of the planting needed both on the New Build site and in the areas on the College main site adjacent to the bridge and Chapel Quad. The planting areas next to the terraces and the small lawn in the new main quad and in the small new quad between the Littlegate and Garden buildings has been designed with ease of maintenance and climate change in mind. On the existing main site, the walkway leading to the bridge will have new planting adjacent to the City Wall, opposite the established elm trees which remain. The Fellows' Garden has also been redesigned so as to provide a calm environment for Fellows and their guests to sit out in pleasant surroundings, in an area which was also improved as a result of the work undertaken when the

Kitchen Hall building was renovated.

Unfortunately, a problem also arose on this part of the site when existing and well established trees were damaged inadvertently. Once again, a swift response was required and, although one tree was too damaged to be saved, the University Parks Department working with the City Tree Preservation Officer were able to come up with a solution which saved the others.

Fixtures and Fittings

In late 2011, the User Group focused on the fixtures and fittings which would be acquired directly by the College and, in particular, on all the furniture. Although the design included some fitted elements, all 110 bedrooms and the 6 flats required new beds, desks and chairs, the kitchens needed some additional equipment, and tables and chairs were required for the auditorium, cafe and seminar rooms.

After widespread consultation, a long list of potential suppliers was identified and they were asked to tender against a specific brief provided by the College by the end of January 2012. The User Group made sure that it saw samples of all the proposed furniture and after further detailed scrutiny and negotiation on price, it was agreed that JPA Ltd should be awarded the contract to supply the bulk of the College's requirements. It was pleasing to note that all the furniture procured from JPA was made in England, including the high quality tables and chairs for the large meeting room, which was sub-contracted to a traditional furniture manufacturer, Hands and Co, based in High Wycombe. The chairs for the cafe were provided by Total Furniture and the chairs for the auditorium and seminar rooms by Treske/Howe.

In addition, there was a need to provide equipment for the kitchen/cafe and other small items needed in all the bedrooms, and this was done using the College's existing known suppliers.

Signage; Way Finding and Donor Recognition

At this stage, the decision was also taken to appoint Holmes Wood as signage consultants for the project. Whilst their work would include basic way finding signage the more important and complex aspect would relate to the donor recognition element of the Bridging Centuries Fundraising Campaign. The names of major donors would be associated with the two quads, individual buildings, important rooms and other features, such as the terraces. In addition, those “funding” individual bedrooms would have the opportunity to have a small plaque placed outside the bedroom concerned. Other gifts would be recognised by having names placed in the planks on the Bridge, in flagstones and on the back of the seats in the Auditorium. Finally, there would be donor boards to recognise gifts at different levels. Working with the User Group and the Development Office, Holmes Wood developed an outstanding design with consistency across the different elements, in a way which will enhance the overall character of the New Build. They also took on the direct responsibility for finding the most appropriate suppliers and overseeing the implementation on site.

Finalising the Programme

In the spring of 2012, it was becoming clear that the programme was becoming even tighter from the perspective of its completion in time for the start of the 2012/13 academic year, not least because the wettest summer in Oxford for 100 years was also having adversely affecting progress. Whilst the indications were that completion would not be achieved until September, after very careful consideration, the College, Project Team and Kingerlee took the decision to proceed on the basis that everything would be completed by the start of Michaelmas Term, although

it was recognised that there might be some residual works in non-critical areas continuing into October. To underpin this commitment, revisions were made to the construction contract under which a fixed price was agreed for most of the remaining elements of the work to be done and Kingerlee committed to getting the students into all of the bedrooms by the end of September 2012.

The Race to the Line

With about two months to run before the revised completion date of the end of September, it became apparent to everyone that the objective could only be achieved with a significant increase in resources on site. From that point onwards, Kingerlee and their sub-contractors committed to working weekends and, where necessary, overnight to get the job done. By September, the position became critical. The Bannister, Corner and Littlegate buildings were very well advanced and, although there were still some small elements to be completed in those buildings, it was apparent that they would be ready in time. Conversely, the Rose Place, Garden and Brewer St buildings were behind the revised schedule, and some difficult decisions had to be taken. The programme was further revised to focus on having the bedrooms ready as the highest priority, with completion of the other parts of the New Build only taking place after term had started. The Rose Place building was particularly critical as it houses 40 students, for which no contingency arrangements could be easily made. Because of this, it was agreed that, if there was to be further slippage in having the bedrooms ready, this should be for the 26 rooms in the Garden and Brewer St buildings, as alternative arrangements could be made for the smaller number of students concerned. Those contingency arrangements involved making use of a number of spare rooms on the main site, allocating College guest rooms to graduate couples destined for the flats

and using guest rooms made available by Campion Hall.

The period from mid-September to mid-October was very testing indeed. Work on site was intense, which brought with it a number of logistical issues, which also knocked on to the College's fit out needs and, in particular, furniture deliveries. By the time of the revised schedule completion date for the bedrooms of Friday 28th September, only the Bannister, Corner and Littlegate buildings were fully complete, and that had only been achieved days beforehand. With some students scheduled to arrive over the last weekend of September, this meant making temporary arrangements for some of those students to occupy different rooms until such time as the bedrooms in the other buildings were ready for occupation. With a huge amount of effort, the critical Rose Place building was released to the College during the following week just before the start of term and the bedrooms in the Garden and Brewer St buildings were completed during the following fortnight.

Unfortunately, because of the delay to the completion of the other parts of the project, this meant that the new buildings could not be accessed from the College main site over the bridge. Instead, it became necessary to make provision for students to enter and exit the individual buildings from the street, using the doors which, in future, will be fire exits only. Because of this, there was also a need to address security issues and a decision was taken to have a security officer on site at night time. It was also necessary to put in place clear arrangements from both a security and health and safety perspective to divide up the site between those parts which had been handed over to the College, and those which remained under Kingerlee's control as part of the ongoing building site.

All of this resulted in the need for intense coordination and collaboration between all the affected parties, including the students involved. Recognising that

those students would be disrupted and that also, for a considerable part of the Michaelmas Term, there would be some disruptive works still ongoing on other parts of the site, it was agreed to offer the students a 50% rent reduction during that period. The rush to the line also meant that there had been no opportunity to put right "snagging" problems before the students moved in and so, their cooperation was needed to report such issues in order to put matters right, where needed.

Completion

The temporary *modus operandi* quickly found its equilibrium and, for the remainder of Michaelmas term 2012, work continued on the other parts of the site. By early November, the Auditorium, Assembly room, Art Gallery and foyer areas were completed and, by the end of the month, the Cafe and terraces were also finished. At the time of writing (end of November 2012) this leaves just the landscaping in Campion Hall and remaining snagging work across the whole site to be completed over the Christmas vacation.

Funding the Project

Whilst the main focus of this article has been on the construction programme and the facilities themselves, the approach to funding the project should also be mentioned. When combined with the Kitchen Hall refurbishment, which was considered to be an enabling project for the New Build, the total costs were budgeted to be £29.2 million. The budget included the construction costs and professional fees payable for both projects, as well as the land purchases.

The funding has come from two sources. Firstly and most important, the Bridging Centuries Campaign had the target of raising £17 million. Although the final outcome of the Campaign will not be known until 2013, the indications are that the target can be achieved, thanks to the generosity of the many donors to the College and the efforts of the Master

and the Development Team in this regard. The balance of the funding will come from a long term loan with Santander, the arrangements of which were negotiated before construction work started on very favourable terms for the College.

The long term loan will be funded from the net operating income resulting from the additional student rents and conference income, after making an allowance for the operating expenses relating to the New Build. Pembroke's ability to compete in the conference business market will be greatly enhanced by the new facilities and, in particular, the combination of a traditional Oxford college with modern new facilities, which cannot be matched by many in central Oxford.

The New Build Legacy – What it adds to Pembroke

So, what will the new buildings add to the experience of the members and visitors to Pembroke?

The additional 96 bedrooms, 14 refurbished bedrooms in the Bannister Building and six flats mean that, from now on, Pembroke can offer three years accommodation to undergraduates. Up until now, Pembroke has compared unfavourably to most other Oxford colleges in the percentage of students who are accommodated in College rooms, but this problem has now been resolved as far as undergraduates are concerned. The College will also be able to offer more rooms to graduate students, with the provision of flats for couples making a big difference, although more remains to be done for graduates particularly as their numbers have increased in recent years.

The academic life of the College will be enhanced by having an Auditorium suitable for lectures, as well as modern seminar rooms. Music and Drama is also likely to flourish by having the Auditorium and the Art Gallery will provide a fitting home for the JCR Modern Art Collection, as well as other exhibitions. Up until now, all of these

activities have been constrained by the lack of suitable facilities on the College's main site.

Once it was known that planning consent would be given to the bridge, every effort was made in the design to make sure that the new build site would become a vibrant and integrated part of the College's extended main site and not just an annexe. The cafe is expected to play a key part in achieving this, as it will provide a common room, which will be accessible to all members of the Pembroke community.

The new build will also address some other important practical needs of the College by, in particular, providing a larger and suitably configured workshop for the College's maintenance team and car parking underneath the Littlegate Street building.

In future, the members of the Pembroke College community will enjoy facilities which match the highest standards achieved in other Oxford colleges. Furthermore, there is the intangible benefit that this achievement sends out a strong signal that the College is in robust health and has a clear strategic direction for the future.

Acknowledgements

The New Build Project is now coming to an end, having been seven years in the making. This could not have been achieved without significant contributions from a wide range of people across the Pembroke College community and elsewhere. The College is grateful to all of those who have worked so hard to help us achieve this objective, which will be transformational for Pembroke.

John Church, Bursar

A Year in the Life of a Proctor

In 2010, I was elected by the Pembroke Governing Body to serve as one of the two University Proctors. Each Oxford College has the opportunity to elect a Proctor (or Assessor) in rotation, roughly every twelve years. The roles of the Proctors in Oxford are quite unique. For many people, their primary responsibility is assumed to be the discipline of undergraduates who break the rules. Indeed, the Proctors and their constables (the ‘Bulldogs’) had powers of arrest and detention until as recently as 2002 and the cells used to detain recalcitrant students can still be seen in the basement of the Clarendon building, although used for more mundane purposes nowadays. The Proctors are still able to fine undergraduates for minor offences and, if the offence is more serious, they have the power to summon any member of the University to give evidence under oath and to institute formal proceeding for prosecuting students before the Student Disciplinary Panel. As a consequence, my fellow Proctor, Lawrence Whitehead from Nuffield, and I soon learnt how to play the roles of both detective and prosecuting counsel. With the assistance of the Proctors’ officers (as the ‘Bulldogs’ are now known) we also had to oversee and control the traditional celebrations outside the Examination Schools after students finished their Finals – a rather intimidating prospect when there were up to 1000 ‘greeters’ waiting in Merton Street behind the Schools.

Discipline, however, is only one of the

Proctorial roles. In reality, we probably spent more time overseeing Examination arrangements. Examinations are of course the responsibility of the University, rather than the Colleges, and to ensure fairness all requests from Colleges for special arrangements such as extra time and the use of word processors have to be approved by the Proctors. This includes the intimidatingly named “incarceration” arrangements in which a student is confined to a room without outside contact if they are unable to sit examination papers at the same time as other students. Oxford is probably unique in allowing a whole range of circumstances to be “taken into account” that simply do not exist in other Universities where such decisions are made by Departments, Examiners or officials of the University. Our own procedures are much fairer and should be both admired and cherished.

Being a Proctor was not all office work and interpreting the Regulations, although from early on we realised that we were expected to know and understand the 1000+ pages of the ‘Grey book’ that is still distributed to all Oxford students. I soon discovered that each of the numerous degrees at Oxford (including all the recently introduced Masters’ courses) has a quite different set of structures, requirements and deadlines for the submission of coursework. The complexities are almost overwhelming and, for example, I challenge anyone to understand and make sense of the regulations governing the Honour Schools

of Lit Hum or Modern Languages!

The Proctors also play an important role in ceremonial occasions and, as Junior Proctor, I had to read the various oaths (in Latin) to something like 5000 graduating students during the course of the twenty-six degree ceremonies I attended during the year. Getting the correct Latin pronunciation was difficult enough (I deliberately chose my school at 11 so that I wouldn't have to learn Greek and Latin) but what proved to be equally difficult was the pronunciation of some of the names. Although we given sight of the names a few days beforehand, the final list was only given to us seconds before it had to be read it out. I remember suggesting to the Clerk to the Proctors that I might use my iPad instead of the typed and stapled sheets held in our elegant blue folders but his response was to raise his eyebrows in evident disapproval of my suggestion.

At Encaenia, the Chancellor leads the procession into the Sheldonian followed by the Proctors and then the Vice-Chancellor and the Heads of House. In 2011, the most distinguished honorand was the President of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano. Before the ceremony, the University Marshall gave clear instructions as to how the procession should form up but the President and his entourage obviously didn't understand and they headed straight to the front of the procession. It was left to me to intercept the party and to guide them - diplomatically - to the back of the procession - a position that I am sure he was not accustomed to.

I thought I knew a fair amount about the University after 28 years of being a Lecturer/Professor and College Fellow but I soon discovered that there were many parts and aspects of the University of which I was completely unaware - the organisation and running of the Ashmolean, Natural History, Pitt Rivers and History of Science museums; the Parks and the Botanical Gardens; the Estates Department; the computing

services and, of course the Bodleian library. During the year, we visited the newly opened bookstore in Swindon that houses the six million books and some one million maps that are requested only infrequently. The vast warehouse of a building has rows upon rows of shelves right up to the high ceiling with narrow passageways in between where special machines are used to retrieve books from the shelves. When I asked how the books were organised and catalogued, I received the surprising answer: "randomly"! However, unlike a normal library where readers will often browse books on a similar subject to the book they are looking for, in an archive bookstore this doesn't happen and therefore as long as the required book is appropriately bar-coded, it doesn't matter where it is stored in order for it to be retrieved.

Over my Proctorial year we did a lot of walking for Oxford and a lot of dining for Oxford including several splendid dinners laid out among the Greek and Roman statues on the ground floor galleries of the Ashmolean museum that were organised for its benefactors. Such things were the 'perks' of being a Proctor and I have deliberately left it to the end to describe what, in my view, is the most important role of the Proctors. That role arises from the fact that the Proctors are not answerable to the Vice-Chancellor or anyone else in the University administration. They are independent and answerable only to Congregation. Moreover, their most important role is the scrutiny of how the University is run and, in order to perform this role, they are ex-officio members of Council, the Divisions and the major committees and they have the right to attend any University meeting anywhere in the University.

Over the year, we noted the different ways in which the Divisions are run and the extent to which the power rested with of the growing number of administrators rather than academics. It also concerned us that more and more decisions in

the University are effectively made by nominated rather than elected members of committees, which has not been the case traditionally. This may make for greater efficiency but perhaps at the expense of important academic considerations. In this respect, the Colleges have remained more faithful to the traditional model of governance at Oxford.

What did we achieve during our Proctorial year? On balance, we probably had only a modest influence on the multitude of decisions that were taken on behalf of Congregation but I would argue that the very existence of the Proctorial system functions as an important check on what is carried out in the name of the University and should be cherished.

Brian Rogers



Fulbright Lecture



The second Annual Oxford Fulbright Lecture was given in Oxford University's Gulbenkian Auditorium in honour of one of Pembroke's most prominent 20th Century alumni, Senator J William Fulbright (1925). The speaker was Ambassador Thomas R Pickering, and his theme was 'The Decade Ahead: the US role in the World'. The lecture was made possible through the generous support of Brian Wilson (1948). At the reception before Dinner in Hall, Brian Wilson presented the Master, Giles Henderson, with a portrait of John Pym, another Pembrokian of great distinction. John Pym (1584 – 1643) was leader of the Parliamentary forces in opposition to the King during the Civil War. An alumnus of Broadgates, he was one of the most visible members of the House of Commons and, from 1620 was the prime architect in shaping the dramatic events which established the Commons as a force capable of resisting royal power. He was instrumental in the drafting of the Petition of Right in 1628 and the Grand Remonstrance in 1641, being one of the five parliamentarians King Charles hoped to arrest.

Zbigniew Pelczynski: A Life Remembered, by David McAvoy (1959) - A Review



Pembroke has had more than its fair share of remarkable dons. It was during his time at the College that J R R Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit* and the first two volumes of *The Lord of the Rings*. Sir Robert Mackintosh saved the lives of countless servicemen during the Second World War by his hazardous experiments to test life jackets and other equipment. Sir George Pickering's work on high blood pressure was ground-breaking. Robert Baldick, the flamboyant, prolific and bearded fellow in French was the celebrated editor of the Penguin Classics series was in his mid-forties and at the height of his powers when he died in his mid-forties in 1972. Robert Heuston became one of Britain's most influential and innovative constitutional lawyers. Simon Blackburn went on from his fellowship at Pembroke to become the country's most famous philosopher, while Piers Mackesy's historical writings became a model for the study of guerilla warfare.

Among this distinguished gallery, Zbigniew ("Zbyszek", "Zbig", "ZAP")

Pelczynski is undoubtedly one of the outstanding and most loved Pembroke fellows of the last century. From the 1950s to the early 1990s he was first a lecturer then a fellow in politics. Yet, this long period of service was neither the beginning nor the end of his career. Since his retirement nearly twenty years ago, he has remained as least as active as before in advising Polish governments and in training young leaders of his native country following the fall of Communism. His work continues as he commutes tirelessly between Barton-on-the-Heath near Oxford and Warsaw.

Inevitably, Zbyszek was something of a mystery to colleagues in light of his early history as a child in Poland, as a fighter in the abortive Warsaw uprising of 1944 and as a prisoner of the Nazis. He stood out in the College not only for his devotion to his students but for his sense of style, which extended to the fashionable modernism of the furniture and artwork in his rooms.

Thanks to David McAvoy, one of Zbyszek's earliest students at Pembroke, we now have a rounded, very well-written account of his long life. It will be of exceptional interest not only to his pupils and colleagues but to newer generations of Pembrokiens to whom the Soviet Union and its grip over Central and Eastern Europe, thankfully, are things of the past.

It is worth noting that it was an innovation of the current Master, Giles Henderson, that led to the author to

undertake this ambitious but thoroughly successful work. One of the annual meetings at which the College financial accounts and developments are presented to old members was the occasion when the author started talking with his former tutor and the idea of a biography germinated. The two of them had unusually frank and personal discussions, consulted a considerable number of people who had played parts in Zbyszek's life and even visited Warsaw together to see the sites where he had narrowly survived during the uprising.

Though the author is at pains to explain that his book is not a conventional biography but rather a collection of reminiscences of his subject, it succeeds in telling an unusual story which will fascinate Pembrokeians and Zbyszek's many admirers in Poland. It has a far wider relevance as the story of a man who was fated to experience the sufferings of Hitlerism, to be exiled from his country by the excesses of Stalinism and who nevertheless exemplified hope, moderation, and tolerance, and who taught the theory and practice of the "civil society".

While the book was being prepared Zbyszek obviously spoke with notable frankness about topics that are normally passed over. Not only does *Zbyszek Pelczynski: A Life Remembered* tell of the subject's change from active Catholicism to being a non-believer, we learn of the secrets of his sexual development, of his parents' shortcomings, of initial criticism of his academic capacities by one of his main mentors, of his tax affairs and of aspects of his mental health.

Evidently not all secrets can be revealed in this biography. Perhaps we will never hear the full story about the contest for the Mastership of Pembroke in 1975. This took place when Zbyszek was Vicegerent. In this capacity, he presided over proceedings which led to the final

selection of a Master in preference to his own favoured candidate. Little is revealed to the reader apart from the disillusion which Zbyszek felt with the College until Sir Roger Bannister became Master. So, for what it is worth, let the story, as mysterious as *The Thirty Nine Steps* or the son of *The Thirty Nine Steps*, continue to be shrouded in darkness and the name of the defeated candidate remain concealed.

As the photograph on the cover of the book well shows, Zbyszek was (and remains) strikingly handsome. Good looks combined with exceptional charm and a talent for friendship. This was to stand him in good stead from he came to Oxford from St Andrews University as a post-graduate student in 1949. It was with his Nuffield College friend David (now Sir David) Butler that he went to a British Broadcasting Corporation party where he met his future wife Denise Cremona. When he rented a country cottage in Berkshire to escape the social attractions of Oxford and to write his doctoral thesis, he found himself a regular invitee of the owner of Compton Beauchamp House, the local Tudor manor. He was even introduced to the equestrian pursuits of the gentry.

Yet, his easy integration into Oxford and into British country life concealed considerable inner turmoil and uncertainty, which were hardly surprising in view of his exceptionally difficult experiences of growing up under Nazi occupation in Poland (well told, though briefly in the book). For over a decade, he did not visit Poland. Only after the death of Stalin and the political thaw in Russia which became evident with the leaking of the secret speech given in 1956 by Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev to the Twentieth Party Congress was there change within Poland sufficient to permit Zbyszek to visit his family and his old friends there.

The 1950s not only was the time when Zbyszek was becoming a part of Oxford life, the decade also was at the height of the Cold War when Western individualism and liberalism was being pitted against Soviet totalitarianism. Instinctively, Zbyszek did not feel comfortable with the rhetoric that posited such an extreme contrast between two opposing types of society. When he revisited Poland in the late 1950s, he saw a country which, though restricted and undemocratic, could not realistically be described as “totalitarian”. Moreover, the individualistic philosophies of Sir Karl Popper (a particular *bete noire* of his) and even of his friend Sir Isaiah Berlin ignored the communitarian features of a good society. Zbyszek was ahead of his time in taking this position. Until his McCallum Lecture of 1982, he was reluctant to set out his social philosophy in his publications and public utterances.

During his his twenty years at the College, such caution meant that he fell short of becoming a famous public intellectual like Berlin. But the gainers were his students with whom he had inspiring discussions. Later, Zbyszek was to become an important political actor during the period of marshall law in Poland in the 1980s and after the fall of the Communist regime. He showed the same devotion to scholars and young political leaders in Poland and in other parts of Central and Eastern Europe that he has always shown to his charges at Pembroke.

The book shows that Poland, though his primary overseas passion, was by no means his only interest. There are accounts of his enthusiasms for Israel, Australia and for some aspects of the United States.

This is a full and varied account of an inspiring life which is still in full flow.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky (1961)

The Oxford - Borstal Camps

Writing more than fifty years after the events, some details in this account may not be well-remembered and my grasp of the wider context out of which this movement grew may not find universal acceptance.

The late 1950's and early 1960's seem to me to have been characterized by a transition in our understanding of unacceptable behaviour and crime in particular. I look at it as a time when the implications of Darwin's ideas and the work of subsequent geneticists were still being digested by the common mind. The interaction between genotype and environment in a person's development was not widely understood. In an age when too much emphasis was given to genotype, convicted criminals under the age of twenty-one were commonly dismissed as 'juvenile delinquents'. These were the Borstal Boys which the Oxford - Borstal Camps were all about.

The circumstances of young men such as these exercised the minds of two men who, in collaboration, decided to launch an 'Adventure in Christian Living'. They were two men who, so it seems to me, understood that the essential core of the Christian faith is love but who seem to have concluded that the established institutions of the Church were far from being an effective means of conveying that message to those around them. The first man was The Reverend Joseph N Jory, Rector of Spennithorne, Finghall and Hauxwell in Wensleydale. He was an incumbent as far removed from the popular stereotype of an English parish

priest as one could imagine. A man whose understanding of life was informed as much by a sense of the 'mystic' shared by many of his fellow Cornishmen as it was by rational thought. A man who had served as a padre in a Royal Marine Commando unit in the final months of the war against the Japanese in Burma. He was a man of indomitable spirit who ploughed his own furrow and was adored by his parishioners for it. The second was The Reverend Colin Morris who, soon after ordination, pursued an academic career as an historian which brought him to Pembroke as Chaplain and History Fellow. He showed inspirational leadership in creating a Pembroke Christian Fellowship (known as the God Squad) which attracted members of all Christian denominations and built them into a community of faith and service. That was a rare thing in those days when relations between the different denominations was marked by formality and distance.

Wensleydale in the 1950's had as much in common with feudal England centuries ago as it had with the twentieth century. Aristocratic and county families owned most of the land. There were dozens of tenanted farms of seventy-five acres or so and there were very few commuters or people with holiday homes. The communities were strong but everyone knew his or her place. Against this background it is easy to see how a relatively youthful clerical couple with no children who wanted to give of themselves could come to launch a

movement such as the Oxford – Borstal Camps. The city of Leeds was also part of the Diocese of Ripon and Joe Jory got the idea that the countryside should be shared with deprived boys from its slums. No doubt in association with local clergy, Joe visited Leeds and picked boys from the streets asking their name, address and name of their parents. This led to forty boys aged between 11 and 15 coming to camp for a week in Spennithorne. It was regarded as a disaster because the boys could not be controlled. They stoned a bull, stole apples, chased all the girls they could find and were very disrespectful of the church building. They behaved so badly that it was



decided the same group of boys should come back again the following year for two weeks. The people of Spennithorne had come to realize that these lads did not just need a holiday. They needed to be given a sense of belonging. The acceptance and friendship they received from the local community had made a big impression. In their minds, perhaps for the first time, the boys began to link happiness, decency and affection.

Some time later, one of these lads found himself in Hatfield Borstal having been convicted of shop-breaking. His mother had told him to plead guilty at the hearing so he would be sent down because she wanted rid of him. The governor of Hatfield Borstal contacted Joe Jory to say that he had a lad who had told him about Spennithorne saying that it was the only place which meant anything to him. Joe Jory visited Hatfield and on his return there was a letter from Colin Morris offering a group of Christian undergraduates who were prepared to come to Spennithorne and help. Joe replied 'Come and live with Borstal Boys from Hatfield'; the Oxford – Borstal Camp movement was born.

The first camp was held over a fortnight in June 1957 when sixteen undergraduates, mainly from Pembroke,

camped at Spennithorne. They were matched by two groups of 16 boys from Hatfield Borstal, each group spending seven days in camp. Colonel Ferrand, a local landowner, allowed one of his fields next to the Primary School to be used for the eight-man ridge tents. The company was divided into units of four consisting

of two from Oxford and two from Hatfield. Cooking was undertaken in one of the rectory outhouses and washing facilities provided in another. A marquee on the rectory lawn served as a dining room and meeting area. While one of the Oxford men acted as chef and controlled the preparation and cooking of food, one group

of four was detailed to assist him while another set the tables before a meal and cleared away and washed up afterwards.

In 1958, the scope of the camps trebled. Four one-week camps were held at Spennithorne and two at Clifton Castle near Masham. The Pembroke contingent doubled in size and a party from Lincoln College joined the adventure augmented by individuals from other Colleges. Each camp was supervised by a camp commandant. Who could forget Joe's friend 'Nobby' Clark, a retired police superintendent. From Oxford serving as chaplains were Colin Morris, Dr Vivian Green from Lincoln (who always wore shiny leather suits) and Father Anthony Kenny (as he then was) who cared for the relatively large number of Roman Catholics among the borstal boys.

By 1965, when the last camps were held, other colleges and other borstals had joined the venture. By 1960, University and Exeter Colleges were involved and Pollington and Wetherby Borstals. Later Worcester and Westcott House, Cambridge took part. The venture had all the spontaneity and success of a movement which was right for its time. When I became Joe Jory's curate in 1963, Pembroke was no longer involved. The

views of government and the prison service about the place of borstals were developing and, all too soon, the time for this exciting venture had passed.

So the camps were an adventure in Christian living. This was an adventure in which there were three participants; Oxford undergraduates, Borstal boys and the people of the Yorkshire Dales. It is very important that the participation of the last group is given proper recognition. It was the people of the Dales who gave the campers hospitality and friendship when they met them in the way. It was the men of Rotary, the ladies of Inner Wheel and the Mother's Union and the owners of great houses who responded to Joe's call for help in this venture. It was the selfless giving of individuals and churches and local organizations, some secret some openly given to service, that funded the whole thing. People saw the point of it and this inspired the best in them. The welcome given by the people of the Dales was very important because for many boys from Borstal it was a new experience. The honest, decent, friendly Dales folk were a type they had not previously met and it gave rise to a positive response in them not to say a hopefulness for their future. The Dales community gave them a chance to live alongside people who cared. The idea was decidedly not to give them institutional religion but to show that if we have any of the love, understanding and compassion of Christ in us this will touch them and open up to them the spiritual dimension in their lives. One of the marvels of the Borstal camps was that it was a part of the institutional church which was leading in this. It could only be done by a country parson (a dying breed), who understood ministry in the context of the whole community. It would have been much less likely from a ministry in an urban situation which tends to serve a small eclectic mix of like-minded people who devote their time and energy to fellowship with one another.

The routine of the week's camp included outings to places of interest,

manual work and an overnight hike. Each of these elements was included for a reason. The boys, accompanied by two prison officers (screws), arrived by lorry on a Monday and the groups of four were created. Their apprehensiveness was greater than ours but, as we got to know one another in the sharing of chores, the banter improved. You could almost hear the sound of stereotypes collapsing in everyone's mind. They thought we would be snobs, but we were not. Some of us may have thought that they would be aggressive and threatening, but they were not. In order to place an emphasis on their physical skills, the next two days were given over to schemes of manual work. For the most part they showed us how to use a spade or sickle, a bill-hook or barrow. Their view of themselves as our equals was strengthened thereby. On Thursday, travelling in an ancient bus, an elderly driver, Tommy Scaife, whose squint was so severe that one wondered whether he would turn left or right at the next bend, took us to a place of interest. Ripon Cathedral was not popular with the boys but they liked other places such as Bowes Museum, Fountains Abbey or a drive through Swaledale and over the Buttertubs to Hardrow Force. It was on these trips that local groups would give us hospitality and refreshment.

On one occasion we were taken to Swinton Castle near Masham. It was late afternoon and the Earl and Countess of Swinton and Lord and Lady Masham (of the next generation) welcomed us warmly. There were pictures to see, ornaments to admire and games to play including snooker and table tennis. Bartlett, the formally dressed butler, offered drinks in crystal glasses to us all. I did allow myself a moment of amusement at Bartlett carrying a silver tray approaching a Borstal boy with the words, 'a drink sir?' Lady Masham was a very attractive young woman who, as a result of an accident, was seriously paralysed and confined to a wheelchair. With a twinkle in her eye she would challenge the boys

to a game of table tennis. Some were mystified; could she really mean it?; How can she play table tennis? Eventually one would respond and serve a very gentle lob over the net. This would be returned at lightening speed and to devastating effect. As the points piled up against him, the Borstal boy would try harder and harder serving faster and faster, but to no avail. Lady Masham invariably won by a very large margin. More sounds of stereotypes crumbling in the mind!

Then came the one or two-night hike when in our groups of four we would set out on a chosen route. Some might think that to expect two undergraduates and two Borstal boys of four or five days acquaintance to walk miles carrying only basic rations and some clothing would present a daunting challenge; but it worked. They talked, they laughed, they joined in. The groups were dependent on the hospitality of local farmers and others for overnight shelter. They had to find it for themselves – a barn or an outhouse with a bale of hay thrown in. All found shelter such was the hospitality of the community. Those were the days before the retail trade had created a need for bottled water by providing a supply, so groups were dependant on others for refreshment along the way. One of the groups I was in proved almost too ambitious. We walked through Middleham and all the way up Coverdale, beyond its last settlements and skirting Great Whernside we dropped down into Kettlewell in Wharfedale. This was a hike of well over 20 miles. We slept well until Paddy, one of the boys in our group, treated us to a most colourful outburst of expletives when he was awakened at 4:00am by a large rooster standing in an opening not two feet from his face! The bacon and eggs the farmer's wife gave us for breakfast made up for it. I do not recall our return route but I do remember another group I was part of with Bob Mahy spending the night in a farm at the head of Nidderdale.

In 1960 a new component was

introduced. After seven days at Spennithorne the Oxford party would return with the boys to their Borstal for a two-night stay. The Pembroke group went to Pollington Borstal near Goole, an open Borstal in a former World War II military camp. No doubt this possibility had been discussed in earlier years with boys who had been to Spennithorne but a rationale had developed which identified three things. First, it was thought that such a move would avoid the drop in morale noticed after previous camps; second, it would give a opportunity to share the community life which had developed at Spennithorne with the whole borstal; third, it would show the boys that we trusted them and that we would welcome a chance to to receive their hospitality. So we went. We slept in their barrack rooms alongside inmates we did not know; we awoke at 6:00am dressed in the nearest thing we had to running gear and joined them in their obligatory daily one mile run at 6:10am precisely. We ate their food and worked alongside them in the fields and workshops and we did make an impression on the wider community.

Ten of us from Oxford joined ten Borstal boys to spend the morning hoeing a field of sugar beet (always done by hand in those days to thin out the crop). Many of us were not new to manual labour having worked on farms during vacations to earn money. In was something of an embarrassment, however, to find that the Oxford men were so far ahead of the Borstal boys as we worked our way up the rows. On being told to cease work and return our hoes to the stores, we decided to emulate the Borstal boys and form a column of three and march back to the stores (most of us had spent two years in the army). Sloping hoes we set off and marched crisply to the stores. As we passed the guard room, a screw came running out and shouted "Halt this detachment". Our boots came down to make a well-coordinated 1-2-3 halt which sounded most impressive. We were a little unsure about the reason for this

intervention. Imagine our surprise when the screw shouted “How did you men learn to march like that?” Stereotypes were crumbling in someone else’s mind.

It was the practice of Borstal governors to require all boys who went on the camps to write down their impressions. Many of these can be found in the college archives but here one example must suffice quoted here just as he wrote it.

“I think that the camp is wonderful and profitable thing to all boys who go, only if they understand and realize what it could mean to them. This can be put under A,B and C.

A. Some boys go and have fun and try to get the most pleasure out of it they can, taking no notice of others, just being selfish. They have a certain amount of fun, but they achieve nothing from it.

B. Others are slightly more serious, they have a good time but also take an interest, the beauty of being free and also what the future may hold for them. The camp making it possible. The achievement being able to speak freely to anyone with no thought of not being wanted.

C. The very serious person looked upon the camp as something special. At his first sight of the camp he knew by instinct that this is maybe his only chance to start his life afresh so that best to help himself, taking everyone into consideration, is by setting out properly on the right foot. He meets the students warmly and at once feels confident in himself. As he gets to know them better he finds that they are linked together by religion. He may wonder about this and is amazed to find that these undergraduates are willing to do anything for each other whatever it is. He thinks about these points and many others until he knows what is wanted of him in his life. To live rightly and to enjoy life as it may be with God or just settling down with a family. He achieves the knowledge of the right and better way to live which includes everything.”

Colin Morris, writing in the *Journal Theology* in August 1961, summed up the benefits to the Pembroke party. “It



would, however, be wrong to suppose that only the campers from Pollington have been affected by their experience. It is probable that, overall, the effect upon the Oxford party has been quite as great. For us, the camps have been a great time of testing: one is liable to find, in a moment of stress, that one cares much more, or much less, about Christ and his people than one had previously thought. The interesting thing, however, is that the process of testing is directed less against the Pembroke men as individuals than against the quality of our common life. It is our fellowship in the Holy Spirit, as it has been established during the previous year’s life together, which has to bear the weight of the camp; and, if it stands firm, we have found that our understanding of each other and of our Lord is greatly deepened.”

For me this adventure in Christian living highlighted issues we spend a lifetime exploring; how to show compassion and how to receive it and how to find it in the first place.

Malcom T Cooper (1957)

Thomas Good

(1901-1972)

Thomas Good (1924) was, in his own words, 'painfully ill-equipped for poetry'. His verses have never been anthologised and his five books are all long out of print and hard to find: *Overture* (Oxford: Alden Press, 1946), *Out of Circumstance* (The Fortune Press, 1954), *Lo specchio e l'eco: poesie / The mirror and the echo: poems* (a bilingual collection printed by *Il Campo Editore*, Florence in 1968) and *The Diamond Path* (last poems 1966-1969). A posthumous *Selected Poems*, tactfully edited by his friend, the poet and translator Michael Hamburger, was privately published in 1973 by St George's Press and contains some of Good's best writing in the form of an eccentric and compelling eight-page autobiographical note from which are drawn drawn some of the details below.

The youngest of three children, he was born on 29 October 1901 at Beeston, Nottinghamshire, into a household he describes as 'almost mid-Victorian.' His father, a failed actor and corn shipping merchant, was a remote and brutal figure who died young, leaving the family in genteel poverty. He was sent off to a grim boarding school, where there was 'a barbarous amount of bullying'. He left the school to study privately at home, a small legacy funding a brief idyll of golf, motorcycling and dances.

He passed Responsions, entering Pembroke College as an ardent High Anglican and matriculating in 1924. An unhappy and unconsummated love affair 'sobered my physical desires and convinced me, with the aid of an illusory suspicion of impotence, that I had a vocation to celibacy', and on this shaky basis Good took Holy Orders, being

ordained as both deacon and priest late in 1925. He was already subject to religious doubts accompanied by unspecified depressive illnesses, and saw his life at this point as an eviction from an Oxonian Eden, 'the senses at high pitch, the horizons of romantic poetry, the healthy flow of the rising instincts, all diminished.' His High Church 'Romanizing' tendencies led to friction in his first parish, the congregation proving hostile to the introduction of confession, and so he moved to a curacy in East London, taking his mother with him. Here he fell in love with a female member of his bible-class, the entirely platonic affair tormenting his conscience as such 'particular' affections were strictly forbidden. This led to 'six months' insomnia and a general fear of life' until a psychologist advised him to enter a religious retreat near Oxford. Once there an unspecified malaise led him to realise that he had lost his faith. Some hinted-at condition or preoccupation soon led to his being admitted, 'almost joyfully', to a mental institution. Drugs and other treatments were administered to little effect until a breakthrough moment when a male nurse threw a magazine with





a cover-girl on to his bed. 'I reacted well, and from that moment determined to enterprise the life of the instincts.'

Six months after leaving the institution he married Mary, his bible-class pupil, and they settled down in respectable Godalming. A child was born, a son named John, but Good was unprepared for the challenges of fatherhood: 'My new-born son cried unceasingly and the frustration of a noisy house caused a relapse.' In November 1937 he travelled alone to Nice, renting a villa in Aix-en-Provence where he was joined the following year by his wife and infant son. There followed a period of stability and contentment during which he contributed to *Les Cahiers du Sud*, until the outbreak of war forced a return to London.

Exempted from military service and living alone in 'unpretentious and cosmopolitan' Pimlico, he consorted with a motley coterie of writers including Hamburger (who became his closest friend) and David Gascoyne, meeting them at The Swiss Pillars, the cavernous Soho pub in Old Compton Street predictably Spoonerised by another regular, Dylan Thomas. It was in the 1940s that Good came closest to recognition and acceptance, contributing to the periodicals *Poetry Quarterly*, *Poetry London*, *New Road* and *Transformation*. He translated the work of Max Jacob and Apollinaire, but already falling behind the times in his enthusiasm for earlier forms of French modernism. Lean years followed the war and he returned alone to Aix, giving private English tuition and optimistically submitting his poetry to T

S Eliot at Faber who, according to Good, expressed his full approval but explained that he was 'wary of showing work by a new poet to his fellow directors.' Good persevered, but it was rather late in life to be described as a 'new poet'. His writing is nevertheless a useful barometer of prevailing tastes and tendencies in poetry among writers influenced by Eliot and Auden.

He regarded his departure from France in 1950 as 'a minor catastrophe' and subsequent unproductive periods spent in London, the Lebanon and London again were, he says, 'downright arid'. A novel, *Rhapsody in a Minor Key*, was turned down by fifteen or more publishers and in 1955 he decamped to Florence with £10 in his pocket to work as an English teacher for the British Institute. 'I met there another Muse, from the Cote d'Azur, and then the inevitable and painful separation.'

His son John, described by his father as 'my best friend in many ways, [...] a typical Englishman with no intellectual pretensions, keenest on cycling and motor-cycling and very much loved by all', died suddenly in 1956. The following year Thomas and Mary legally separated although she, a Catholic, had scruples about divorce and in any case Good 'seldom entertained the idea of remarriage since it would limit my sense of movement and was too costly an idea to entertain seriously.' Grief, isolation and long hours of teaching led to a state of 'nervous prostration' and another extended fallow period until, between 1963 and 1966, 'a phase of spiritual illumination' culminated in the publication of his bilingual third collection, complete with a dust wrapper photograph of the author sporting a birdseye tweed jacket and horn rim glasses, resembling Woody Allen (as Leonard Zelig).

Faced with the prospect of an impoverished existence in an old people's home, Good left the Stuart Residential Hotel in Richmond Surrey, the last of his many temporary lodgings, to drown

himself in the Thames, on Tuesday 20 January 1970. His body was not recovered until some weeks later.

It would be premature to write Good off as a minor figure, because there's something other than his poetry waiting to attract our attention. In Pembroke's McGowin Library can be found a rich and so far un-researched archive of Good's papers, including correspondence with Robert Graves, Caresse Crosby of the Black Sun Press and many others. There are letters, diaries, manuscripts, unpublished verses, lectures, journals and dozens of voluminous poetry notebooks, invaluable records of a vanished literary culture and of a troubled, subtle human being.

David Collard

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Tesdale Report

Members of the Tesdale Society (notified legators to Pembroke) came up to College on Saturday 10th March 2012. They enjoyed lunch and a fascinating after lunch talk given by one of our new Fellows, Dr Ingmar Posner, Tutor in Engineering Science on 'What is where – and why robots care' complete with video footage of robots in action. If you are not listed below as a member of the Tesdale Society and consider that you should be because you have included Pembroke in your will, please let us know so that we can include you in our invitation to the next Tesdale Society lunch in 2014.

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Alumni news 2011/12

LORD MICHAEL HESELTINE (1951) has been honoured with a *Lifetime Achievement in Politics Award* by the Political Studies Association. The jury commented, 'Since his election to the House of Commons in 1966, Michael Heseltine has played a leading role in British politics...[and] continues to be an influential figure today'.

ROBERT COOPER (1956) has, at the age of 76, been awarded a PhD by Nottingham University. The subject matter is Harold Macmillan and the Suez Crisis, and he is now converting the thesis into a book.

PAUL TORDAY (1964), author of the critically acclaimed and hugely popular *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, has a new novel out, *The Legacy of Hartlepool Hall*, published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. Available from all bookstores and in e-format. Fans of *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* will have been able to see the film of the book starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt

MICHAEL BARRITT (1967) Captain Michael Barritt (1967) was elected President of the Hakluyt Society at its AGM in June 2011. The Society, founded in 1846, has published a remarkable series of scholarly editions of voyages and travels, with insights into encounters between civilisations, including Professor Beaglehole's renowned editions of Cook's journals.

OLIVER SIMON (1968), was consecrated Anglican Bishop of Antsiranana (in

northern Madagascar) in February 2012. It is a somewhat unusual assignment for someone who is nominally 'retired'. But it presents a challenge!

SIR PETER RICKETTS (1971) has been appointed British Ambassador to France.

STEVE KAY (1972) decided that he'd had enough of Marketing (and indeed the UK), after a peripatetic career, largely in booze, lasting 20 years (almost to the day), and sidled off to Southern France at the tender age of 43, loyal wife, Mim, and menagerie in tow. He somehow managed to get himself elected to his local council (in the first round of voting), in 2008, and has spent the past four years endeavouring to motivate and cajole the Provençaux to act at a speed slightly faster than that of the average *escargot*, with mixed success, whilst occupying himself variously as editor/journalist/photographer/typist/production manager/delivery boy of the municipal magazine and Webmaster of the communal website (www.sillans-lacascade.com).

He would welcome any contact from old Pembroke friends, but would politely point out that he does not run a hotel!

PROFESSOR JOHN HATTENDORF (1973) Professor of Maritime History at the US Naval College and Pembroke SCR Member has given the inaugural prize bearing his name, the Hattendorf Prize for Distinguished Original Research in Maritime History, to Fellow of All Souls, N A M Rodger.

PROFESSOR HENRY WOULDHUYSEN (1973) has been elected Rector of Lincoln College. He will succeed Professor Paul Langford in September.

Professor Woudhuysen was most recently Dean of the Faculty of the Arts and Humanities at University College, London. He joined the Department of English at University College London in 1982. Professor Henry Woudhuysen studied English as an undergraduate at Pembroke College, Oxford, and also received a DPhil in English from the University. He was then a Junior Research Fellow at Lincoln College, Oxford for three years.

WALTER ISAACSON (1974) a former Rhodes Scholar, visited College to talk to the MCR about his recent biography of the late Steve Jobs of Apple. He talked about his friendship with Steve, and how he was asked to write the book. As well as working as a biographer, Walter is also president of the Aspen Institute in Washington DC, and has been the Managing Editor of TIME Magazine and Chairman and CEO of CNN. As a former Rhodes scholar, Mr Isaacson says 'I like to imagine that my love of writing and biography came from being in the Pembroke tower next to Dr Johnson's room. One of my tutors, Dr Pelczynski, remains a great inspiration for me, and I'm looking forward to reading his own biography. I love Pembroke, and I'm thrilled to be a supporter of the new Quad. His book, published by Simon & Schuster, spans both the public and private life of Steve Jobs; 'a rollercoaster life' according to Isaacson, who concludes that Jobs is a fitting successor to his previous studies (Franklin and Einstein). Each share 'intuitive genius, creative imagination.. an ability to think differently and the type of magical mind that it takes to be an innovator'.

EDWARD FURGOL (1977) The Department of the Navy presented Dr Edward M Furgol with a Meritorious

Civilian Service medal on 26th October in recognition of his exemplary service to the US Navy and the American public, including managing a highly successful intern program, and supporting the Navy's War of 1812 bicentennial commemorations planning. Since 1987, Edward Furgol has worked at the US Navy Museum in Washington DC, primarily as Curator, and subsequently as Intern Co-ordinator of the Naval Historical Center since 1995. His medal recognises his varied works.

ANDREW ROSENHEIM (1977), Rhodes Scholar, left his position as MD of Penguin Press in 2001, to take up writing full time. *Fear Itself* is his latest book, now available in paperback. Inspired by his English mother-in-law, it involves a German plot to keep America out of WW2.

SARAH GILLESPIE (1982) As one of Pembroke's former Fine Art Students who has made a career as an artist, Sarah Gillespie (www.sarahgillespie.co.uk) has exhibited at the prestigious London Art Fair with the Beaux Arts Bath Gallery.

RADOSLAW SIKORSKI (1983) On 27th June the Polish Institute of International Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a debate on the future of the world and Europe with the participation of former US Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Henry Kissinger and Radoslaw Sikorski, now Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland.

STEFAN GATES (1986) 'Gastronaut' and alumnus, who was a panellist at 'Pembroke on the Sofa', has completed a new series on BBC1, *The Food Factory*. With a range of celebrity guests competing to cook up such delights as orange squash and tomato soup.

DR PETER LOVETT (1986) having completed a B.A. Honours degree in Biochemistry, Pembroke College, Oxford University spent a year enjoying

the beautiful countries of Tanzania and Kenya. With thanks to his brother, Prof Jon Lovett (1976) the time in East Africa provided him with an excellent opportunity to step out of the laboratory and become more of a botanist of tropical African trees, conducting forest and miombo-woodland inventories across Mbeya Mountain, in coastal dry forests and at other fascinating sites along the Great Rift Valley. It also gave him the chance to be a diary herdsman and apple-orchard-man in Kitale, Kenya, as well as becoming an experienced land-rover driver, especially off-road.

On his return he moved to the far north having been accepted to read for an MSc in Forest Management at Aberdeen University (1992-1993). There much fun was had learning environmental economics, tree planting on frozen Scottish hills and socialising along the spectacular Slains cliffs of Collieston. Then, in 1994, after applying to small box advert in the *New Scientist* "wanted, a biochemist with African forestry experience", he moved back south again to be employed as a research assistant on the shea tree (*Vitellaria paradoxa*) improvement project at the International Centre for Underutilised Crops (ICUC) at Southampton University. Bouncing between seedlings maintained in heated UK green-houses and the shea parklands of northern Ghana, he also used this period to write his doctorate part-time on the genetic diversity of this species in the north Ghanaian farming systems (1994-2000).

With a crash in global cocoa markets, donor interest for West African shea butter suddenly crumbled, and he ended up spending a couple of years in Lira (in the war zones of northern Uganda) as research director to a development NGO with a USAID-funded shea project attached. After this Peter moved back to Ghana and he then spent the next decade with his Ghanaian wife bringing up their two girls, continuing with shea research and building an export business based on

local production of the butter. Recently he specialized in the export potential of hand-crafted shea butter from West Africa, the teaching on the importance of quality control during post-harvest processing of sheanuts and how to solve the conundrum of African land tenure traditionally constraining indigenous tree-planting.

Having conducted research and consultancies for USAID's West Africa Trade Hub since 2004 (www.watradehub.com), he has also written studies on shea butter for USAID and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization along with numerous articles for academic and industry publications on the species diversity, propagation options and sustainable sourcing for the global market. A British native, Peter has now moved back to base in his home town of Salisbury, Wiltshire, although he continues to travel extensively across the shea parklands of Africa, as well as globally, to promote value addition in the shea sector with a goal to improve food security across the Sahel-Savannah and biodiversity maintenance in its traditional but marginalised parkland farming-systems.

Recent demand growth for shea butter from the international, multi-billion dollar sectors of cosmetics (as an emollient), pharmaceuticals (anti-arthritis and cholesterol-lowering) and confectionary (as a chocolate improving ingredient); coupled with widespread occurrence of shea parklands across Sahel-Savannah landscapes, has provide an unprecedented opportunity to mitigate rural communities' vulnerability. Each and every sheanut is picked by the hands of some of the poorest of the poor African women. One of Peter's most recent career successes was the formation of the Global Shea Alliance (www.globalshea.com), with expected benefits to all in this remarkable industry. In the hope that you will join him, in the coming year he will be assisting with the industry's 6th international conference: Shea 2013:

Global Perspectives in Abuja in early March.

To date, his Ghanaian based shea butter export business (www.savannahfruits.com) still continues to grow from strength to strength with sheanuts and butter sourced from almost 5,000 women and financial support is being given to help communities to conserve of one the last remaining populations of hippopotamus on the Black Volta River. Preparations are also ongoing for his first trip to the woodlands of South Sudan and to see if the shea industry can be bump-started in the continent's newest country. Of course he is always interested in being able to assist you; having experience in agro-forestry research, business development, market promotion and research project management with clients and connections in the North American, European and Asian markets and in the following African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea-Conakry, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Tanzania, Tchad, Togo & Uganda.

GAVIN PRETOR-PINNEY (1986) who co-founded *The Idler* magazine and set up the Cloud Appreciation Society, was awarded the Royal Society Winton Prize for Science Books 2011, with his recent publication, *The Wavewatcher's Companion*. He held off competition from a shortlist of six. Chairman of the judging panel, Richard Holmes, described how the book managed to use relatively straight-forward science to transform the readers' perspective of the world around them. Mr Holmes commented. 'It is a book of old-fashioned charm and wit, provocatively organised and illustrated, and marvellously deft with its presentation of hard modern science. In short, *The Wavewatcher's Companion* is a highly unusual and outstandingly effective piece of popular science writing.'

ROMAN KRZNNARIC (1989) Faculty Member of 'The School of Life', Roman

Krznaric has a new book out, *Wonderbox: Curious Histories of How to Live*, published by Profile. It is common to turn to philosophy, religion or psychology for insights into life's big questions, but we rarely look to history for inspiration – and when we do it can be surprisingly powerful. In *Wonderbox*, cultural thinker Roman Krznaric uncovers the lessons that can be learned from the past, exploring twelve universal topics, from work and love to money and creativity, and reveals the wisdom that we've been missing. What might we learn from the Ancient Greeks about the different varieties of love, from the industrialising British about job satisfaction, or from ancient Japanese pilgrims on the art of travel? Inspired by Goethe's credo that 'he who cannot draw on three thousand years is living from hand to mouth', *The Wonderbox* has been described in the *Financial Times* as 'a fascinating rattlebag of intelligent, stimulating essays, very much in the mould of Alain de Botton's bestsellers: densely researched but readable, wise and witty'.

PETER HOLMES A COURT (1990) has expanded his impressive skill-set to include writing on Davos for the *Huffington Post*.

NICKY SHAW (1991) has been appointed Queen's Counsel.

TARIK O'REGAN (1996) has released a new album, a choral work entitled '*Acallam Na Senórach*' (Harmonia Mundi HMU 807486). Tarik has been feted by the international press, winning acclaim for his body of work, which also includes the 'Heart of Darkness'; an opera performed at the Linbury Studio Theatre, The Royal Opera House.

RICHARD DARBOURNE (2000) Following on from the success of 2011's touring production, *Unmythable*, Richard has produced a JM Barrie play, *Mary Rose*, at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith in March and April 2012.

RICHARD JOYCE (2001) Street Chance, an inner-city charity initiative run by the Cricket Foundation held their Awards in late June with England cricketer Samit Patel and Lord Henley, Minister of State for Crime Prevention and Antisocial Behaviour Reduction. Richard Joyce (2001) has worked with the charity since it was founded in 2008. He writes to tell us they are delighted to have been awarded £1m lottery grant. 'We have already engaged more than 20,000 young people aged 8-18 in 4 years across 7 cities, and our youth programme was extended nationally last year with a £500,000 investment from Barclays Spaces for Sports.'

JAMES SHAFE (2003) gave one of the four 2011-2012 Bentham Seminars at University College, London on 14th March 2012. The subject of the talk was 'Utilitarian Public Reason' and addresses a question in contemporary political theory.

BEN WILLIAMS (2003) read Oriental Studies, and was subsequently ordained deacon and priest at Christ Church. He has completed a DPhil at Keble, and has just been appointed Chaplain of Wadham College Oxford.

PETER BUTTIGIEG (2005) Rhodes Scholar, has been elected Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. He is the youngest mayor of a city of that size in the US.

ROBERT HOLTOM (2007) Robert is currently an Ambassador for the 'Eradicating Ecocide Campaign', a global initiative being led by the barrister Polly Higgins calling for the large-scale destruction of the environment to be recognised as the 5th Crime Against Peace in the UN. Oxford City Council recently endorsed the Campaign.

WILLY OPPENHEIM (2010) The first ever Ngo Human Welfare Prize has been awarded by Green Templeton College to Willy Oppenheim, DPhil in Education,

for his research article 'Girls' Schooling, Capabilities, and 'Adaptive Preference' in rural Pakistan'. Willy's paper argues for choice in context and utilises rich interview material from field work about schooling in rural Pakistan.

MICHAEL MAHER KING (2011) was honoured recently with an invitation to meet the Emperor and Empress of Japan; 'a few years before the earthquake I started a volunteer group in our local Child Welfare Institute which eventually grew into www.smilekidsjapan.org. After the disaster, I got in contact with Living Dreams and eventually moved to Sendai, in the heart of the disaster area. I visited 17 of the 19 homes, speaking to the directors and identifying their immediate, medium and long term needs. Whilst doing this I was helping to promote and connect fundraising activities all around the world, raising around one million dollars. I am now just completing my MSc in modern Japanese studies at the Nissan Institute. Starting next year I have received full ESRC funding for a 1+3 in Social Policy – all of which is centred around the Child Welfare System in Japan. I am not sure exactly where my work came to the attention of the Japanese embassy but was honoured to have been invited to the Emperor and Empress of Japan's reception. When I found that I was in the VIP room with Lord Patten, Sir Bobby Charlton, Michael Howard MP, Jonathon Ross, Paul Smith and other Lords, Ladies and those designated with the title of "Sir", I was completely overwhelmed. First the Emperor made a speech thanking us. I was introduced to the Empress, and then spoke to the Emperor of Japan who was thoughtful and offered kind words of thanks.'

Obituaries

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

Peter Farthing (1986), formerly Advisory Fellow to Governing Body

Professor S P Rosenbaum, previously Fellow at Pembroke

Mrs Margaret McCallum (widow of the late R B McCallum, deceased 1973, Lecturer and Fellow (1925), and Vice-Master and Master of the College (1955))

Mrs D. Hyndson (wife of the late Paul Hyndson, 1948).

Following the death of her husband, Mrs Hyndson has continued to support the College.

Harold Wilson, SCR Member (Hon Recorder of Oxford)

Gordon Horner	(1940)	David Priestley Wainwright	(1956)
Brian Parker	(1940)	John Carden	(1957)
Rodney 'Fitz' Fitzgerald	(1942)	Dr Alan Forest	(1958)
Eric Bean	(1945)	Reginald Birtwistle	(1961)
Desmond Collins-Taylor	(1946)	Adrian Leek	(1964)
John Hill	(1946)	(Godfrey) Paul Bolwell	(1966)
Raymond Stephens	(1946)	Dr Kantimay Kumar	(1966)
John W Firth	(1949)	Martin Burr	(1971)
Michael Fowler	(1949)	Ian Anderson	(1972)
Ian Chalmers Semple	(1949)	Christopher Rowe	(1972)
Michael Gibbon	(1950)	Prof. Chee Sum Lim	(1981)
Ian Hinton	(1950)	Robert Simon	(1999)
John Gasson	(1953)	Matthias Stratz	(MBA 2010)
George van Rossum	(1953)	Pete Burden	(Boatman)
Ron Lorimer	(1955)		

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Peter Farthing	(1948)	Ian Chalmers Semple	(1949)
Professor S P Rosenbaum	(1956)	Michael Gibbon	(1950)
Mrs Margaret McCallum		Ian Hinton	(1950)
Brian Parker	(1940)	Jay Putnam Morrish	(1952)
Rodney 'Fitz' Fitzgerald	(1942)	Joshua J Gabay	(1953)
Gordon Lewis	(1942)	John Carden	(1957)
Henry Harris	(1948)	Paul Bolwell	(1966)
Ian K Dick	(1949)	Christopher Johnson	(1968)
John W Firth	(1949)	Martin Burr	(1971)
J Alan Garner	(1949)		

PETER FARTHING
(1968)
1949-2012



Peter Farthing died on April 30th 2012. He was born in Gloucester in 1949 and educated at the Crypt School and at Pembroke, where he studied Jurisprudence.

He qualified as a solicitor after being articled to Rowberry Morris in Gloucester handling personal injury work. Much of this involved representing workers involved in accidents while working in the sawmills in the Forest of Dean. He then joined the firm of Clyde & Co in London, where he became a partner in 1977. Initially he handled shipping work, which at that time was the major component of the firm's practice, but gradually he came to specialise in insurance and reinsurance disputes for clients in the London market and elsewhere. He dealt with a number of high-profile cases, including ones in the House of Lords and Privy Council. He remained as consultant to the firm after his retirement. He combined a keen intellect, legal erudition, a love of the process of debate and good humour. He read widely and he was a polymath who had not only a broad knowledge across many subjects but also the entertaining style of a master raconteur.

Former colleague, Gordon Elliot, said: "Peter combined a keen intellect, great legal erudition, a huge capacity for hard work, a love of robust debate and a ready wit."

Later in his career he became a member of the Council of the Law Society, an

Advisory Fellow of the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Chairman of the Oxford and Cambridge Club and Secretary of the Ceiriog Valley Sheepdog Owners' Association.

Peter's love of Wales began when he became co-owner of a small house near Oswestry and went on to develop a working sheep farm there. Peter retired to Chirk in North Wales in 2007 and developed an interest in farming, buying and developing his own land. Peter loved Wales and its people with a passion and was involved in local events as Secretary of the local agricultural show and a prize winner at the Garden Produce Festival.

Paul Monk (1968) recalls that despite showing no athletic prowess at Pembroke, Peter had become a keen skier over the years, basing himself in the Swiss resort of Klosters, where he was an excellent host to many of his friends

Peter was an Advisory Fellow and his contribution was always thorough and he showed an exceptional attention to detail, able to refer back to previous meetings and details and draw them to the attention of Governing Body in order to clarify issues, and also to aid further discussion in a most constructive way. It proved invaluable when examining complex issues. Peter did not only provide this memory resource to Governing Body, but he was also likely to contribute by way of his balanced and thoughtful view on matters. Peter was a valuable contributor and an asset to the Remuneration and the Development Committees. Peter was always a loyal supporter of College events, frequently arranging his busy life around College functions, rather than the other way round as most people do, and those who were privileged to know and greet him will miss him enormously.

John Eekelaar (Emeritus Fellow) recalls that, "Peter was of course an excellent law student. But he also sought to maintain cultural standards. I have a memory of being called, as Dean, to quell a loud party blaring across the North Quad and meeting Peter who offered to

counter-attack with Mahler from his side of the Quad.”

Peter Farthing’s funeral took place in the College Chapel on Thursday 17th May 2012. Giles Henderson, the Master, paid tribute to Peter’s contribution to Pembroke not only as a generous donor but also his continued support by way of ideas, thoughts and effort to promote its interests. He was part of the London Advisory Group while Robert Stephens was Master and in 2000 became an Advisory Fellow and member of Governing Body. Here he was conscientious and his thoughtful, judicious and well considered interventions in debate fostered the best interests of Pembroke. Peter could always be relied upon to be here and gave rock solid support and advice. All who dealt with him found him warm-hearted, kind and with a sense of honour which made him a joy as a colleague. Pembroke has been fortunate indeed to have Peter for there were none more loyal than Peter. We will all miss him and salute him.

A family tribute came from Peter’s third oldest cousin from the family of his mother, Rose. Formal obituaries have made much of his accomplishments in his legal and academic career. His family background was that his mother, Rose, came from a secular and left wing Jewish family and she had nine brothers and sisters who had fled Eastern Europe. All the siblings were successful and Rose was a physiotherapist. Rose married Fred and Peter was brought up in Gloucester where he was a studious boy who loved reading and it was not surprising that he became a hard working brilliant lawyer. His cousin recounted that he was ten years older than Peter who was one of 25 cousins and he saw little of him earlier on. However, in the past 15 to 20 years they had reconnected and enjoyed lunch in the Athenaeum Club or parties in London. Peter showed his kindness and generosity when he gave financial support when his cousin’s son, Ben, needed help to complete his final years of study. In December 2010, he wrote to his cousin, who is a doctor, with

the news that he had prostate cancer and sent his medical notes. Peter had thought ahead and appointed his cousin as Power of Attorney with his friend Paul Monk to retain lasting Power of Attorney.

Despite his illness, Peter continued to enjoy all his usual activities and met this illness stoically. Lunches and dinners with him were always a delight. In late February, he hurriedly returned to Wales. Peter was most excited by the sheep and lambing and the problems of twin and triplet births and his cousin was to share his knowledge but gained from being an avid listener to the Archers on the radio. Peter deserved a splendid “send off” and he will be greatly missed.

A colleague from Clyde and Co, Peter’s law firm spoke of Peter as a walking “google” so extensive was his knowledge about everything. Not only was he an outstanding lawyer but also a polymath who won the respect of his fellow partners and clients. He was only 28 when he was made a partner of the Law Firm and he was always at the heart of everything at Clyde and Co, whether it was searching for new offices or contributing to the legal, cultural and ethical affairs of the firm. His door was always open. He handled many important cases and the quality of his thought and his lateral solutions made him the most creative lawyer his colleague had ever worked with. When the price of tin collapsed, Peter saw every tin trader in London and their in-house lawyers. When they asked the Senior Partner at Clyde what they should do, he looked at Peter for a solution and for the next 30 minutes Peter was fearless in facing the intellectual problem that all the traders thought themselves bankrupt and outlined a salvage plan with great success. Clyde and Co was ever grateful for the part Peter played in this case.

Peter also played a role in his colleagues’ career, nurturing and developing the young lawyers who went on to be partners. Peter’s bonhomie charmed all those who met him but he was worth much more than this to Clyde and Co.

Tributes from two friends then followed, one of whom talked of meeting in 1968 as schoolboys and continued a friendship for 40 years until Peter's untimely death. Peter took a law scholarship to Pembroke effortlessly and he never ceased to amaze when he organised the lights for an outside production with thoroughness but perhaps some risk from the electricians. He loved sailing and skiing and the finest wines, which was surprising as Peter had been tee-total. He gathered a wide range of friends from Wales, the City of London, Clubs, Klosters, the Law Society etc. He surprised as he was never seen as a dog-lover and had never owned a dog until he decided to get a pet – a rather frisky Jack Russell and it is unsure whether he ever got to grips with dog-owning.

It was equally surprising that Peter, never athletic at school or College, fell in love with skiing later in life and with some success. Peter had an incredible personality and in Klosters will be remembered by many for coining the expression “ski to lunch.”

The Chapel was completely full with a transmission of the funeral beamed across to the Senior Common Room, which was equally full. The hymn ‘*Cwm Rhondda*’ was sung as well as the Battle Hymn of the Republic. It was a very moving service and Peter requested that those who attended did not wear black. Lunch in the Hall followed with many recollections of Peter and an opportunity for those from every facet of his life to mix and meet.

The Master's Tribute to Peter Farthing at his funeral in the College Chapel is given below:

To Peter's family and to his friends and colleagues, may I, on behalf of Pembroke College, extend a warm welcome to you here today.

As many of you will know, Peter was a Law student in this College graduating in 1971. For many graduates their link to their College remains significant, in some cases very significant. In Peter's case this

would probably be an understatement: Pembroke became, I believe, a part of his life. And so the fact that our Chapel has been chosen for his service is, I hope, apt. Certainly for the College it is a great honour.

Over the years Peter's interest in and support for Pembroke has been considerable. He was always a consistently generous donor. However, much more than that, he committed himself to continual support for the College - with ideas and thoughts and effort directed at promoting and developing its interests.

This became prominent with his role in the '90s as a member of the London Advisory Group in the time of my predecessor as Master, Robert Stevens.

Then in 2000 he became an Advisory Fellow of the College, which meant membership of the Governing Body. In that capacity, Peter showed himself to be conscientious and thoughtful. He made judicious and well considered interventions in debates which one always knew were made with a single overriding purpose, namely furthering what he believed to be the best interests of Pembroke.

Peter could be relied on to be there.

If there were new and unusual situations to deal with, he would be a volunteer.

When really difficult situations arose, he was rock solid with support and advice.

In all of one's dealings with Peter you knew you were dealing with a warm-hearted, kind person with a hearty sense of humour – a joy to have as a colleague.

The College has been fortunate over the years to have a good many loyal and devoted alumni, but I am going to suggest none more so than Peter Farthing.

And so Peter - as alumnus, supporter, adviser and friend - we salute you.

We will miss you.

John Eekelaar, who was Peter Farthing's tutor, spoke at Peter's Retirement Dinner following the end of his term of office as Advisory Fellow. The text is given below.

It cannot be often that a Tutor is able to speak about a former pupil at what can be seen as that pupil's retirement from the same body from which the Tutor retired a couple of year's earlier. But it is a privilege and honour to do so.

There is however a certain risk in doing this, not to me, but to the pupil, because the Tutor may be tempted to delve into any records that may survive about the pupil's time at the institution. I have always kept records of students I have taught, not only to keep a schedule of tutorial groups and times of tutorials, but also to make notes of performance to help construct the end of term reports. No doubt this is all done electronically now on OxCort, at least by the more organised tutors, but whether they will have immediately to hand their notes 43 years hence I am not so sure. But I do.

Of course not even the blandishments of Julian Assange would prise this information out of me. Except... except.... Well there is no harm in remembering some of the other students in Peter's year, matriculating in 1968. What of them? Well, first, no women, of course: it was more than ten years before the College admitted women students. So, the dark ages then. I remember them all, as also, of course, will Peter. I am not sure what they all went on to do, although certainly at least one became a very successful solicitor, and another a noted barrister, mostly a prosecutor I think, later a Recorder. Rumfitt; Miller; Poole; Monk; Phillips; Cousley; Dodson.

No harm either in remembering who taught them: I was dismayed to find that it was mostly me. For Mods I seem to have taught them English Legal System, Constitutional Law and Criminal Law, but not Roman Law. We then had tutorials in Tort in summer. In his second year I saw less of Peter, but he seems to have come back to me for Administrative Law and Family Law. I know Peter took Criminal Law and Penology with someone else: I have the initial RB, so it was possibly Richard Buxton (then at Exeter, now a

judge of the Court of Appeal), but we finished off with Jurisprudence. So I must have taught Peter six of the 11 subjects he studied in his three years at Pembroke. I don't know how he felt, but I certainly gained from the experience.

But of course a student is not to be measured only by academic achievement. My memory is that Peter was a great civilizing influence. That might lead you to think that the environment was in need of civilization: and you would be right. A college-full of young men; student revolution on the streets of Paris, and getting nearer (reaching the LSE and even the Clarendon Building and what is now the History Faculty building, which were occupied). Pembroke students did their bit by occupying their own JCR – a somewhat curious and ineffectual strategy. The student who later became the prosecutor and Judge was one of the most fervent protesters. Peter, as far as I remember (and of course, although I was Dean, I did not in fact have spies and informers) sailed serenely through all of this with that quizzical expression on his face we all know so well. I have already noted in the last Record the occasion that sticks, even now, in my mind (unless this is a case of false memory syndrome) when I went to investigate a loud party in the North Quad, meeting Peter who suggested he might drown it out with Mahler from his room. It would have been a splendid way of culture overcoming barbarism.

Peter subsequently had a very successful career at the city law firm, Clyde & Co. I don't know much about life in such firms, but from the little I picked up from Peter, his seemed to be at the glamorous end of the spectrum, evoking images of the pirates of the Caribbean, boarding ships in the dead of night and nailing legal documents to the mast.

This swashbuckling image made him an obvious choice to be among the first of to be asked to volunteer as an Advisory Fellow on Pembroke's Governing Body. As I have got older, I have become

increasingly sceptical, or suspicious about communities that force their individual members to support community goals. Loyalty to communities is important, very important, but true loyalty to a community is voluntary, not forced. But, as so often, the boundaries between forced and voluntary behaviour can be difficult to draw. But not so in the case of an Advisory Fellow. This must be one of the clearest cases of purely voluntary action taken out of loyalty to a community, and therefore of true loyalty.

Peter clearly did not have to come back to Pembroke and attend GB or the committees he served on. He could have been observing other sheep at his farm in Wales, or entertaining his friends at the ski resorts in Switzerland. But he chose Pembroke, and the Forte room, and indeed, many other College functions.

And of course the College has benefitted enormously from his calm and wise counsel. He may even have been keeping a little notebook recording our performance. But, as the College has benefitted from your loyalty, Peter, I hope that you have received something back from the College, and that the community of the College is, and will continue to be a source of satisfaction and support.

A tribute from David Harding (1968)

I am writing to say how shocked and surprised I was to read in this newsletter about the passing of Peter Farthing. As I was born in the next street to Peter, and as we attended all our education together from kindergarten to Pembroke, I would like to share some memories of his young life.

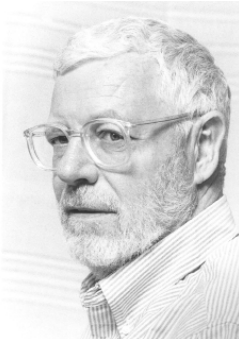
Peter was politically and socially aware from a very early age. While other kids played cowboys and indians, he played Greek Cypriots and British soldiers. He organised a school newspaper at the age of ten, which collected articles from our classmates, and ran for three editions. The newspaper was printed using the school roneo machine, calling for attention to

detail and inky fingers. A real labour of love.

At the Crypt grammar school in Gloucester he shone in everything he did. His love of music flourished. He played the cello and the piano. He played a distinguished King Lear in the school play, and he became head prefect. (I became deputy head prefect). He was mistaken for a French foreign exchange student on a visit by some French educators. His one academic weakness was mathematics, failing 'O' level twice. I recall he had trouble with the concept of an asymptote when we debated an article on the possibility of a three minute mile published in the Scientific American, I still lost the argument though. Peter was not active on the sports field either. He did organise the annual 'students ball', which was a major social event for the four grammar schools in town, hiring the town hall and contracting for two rock-and-roll bands.

We went up to Pembroke together (1968). Politically active, Peter was there at the edge of the protest during the visit of the controversial politician Enoch Powell, close enough in to the action to shout remarks, but wisely away from the hurley-burley with the police, and wearing sensible boots to protect his feet in the commotion. I would meet Peter sometimes in the Library where the law scholars practiced their legal witticisms about the fictitious firm of 'Sue, Grabbitt and Runne'.

PROFESSOR S P
ROSENBAUM
(1956)
1929-2012



S[tanford] P[atrick] Rosenbaum has died at the age of 83 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born on St Patrick's Day 1929 of American parents in Vancouver, British Columbia, he grew up in Denver, Colorado. He took a BA with Honours in General Studies and English Literature from the University of Colorado in 1951 and an MA from Rutgers University in 1955. He attended Cornell University where, after a year as a Fulbright Scholar at Pembroke College, Oxford, he received his PhD in English Literature in 1960.

His thesis on Henry James's *The Spoils of Poynton* led to his edition of James's *The Ambassadors* in 1964 (second edition, 1994), and then the Cornell computer concordance of Emily Dickinson's poems. Both editions have remained in print for over forty years. While at Cornell he married Naomi Black, daughter of the philosopher Max Black and his wife Michal. They have a son Samuel Rosenbaum (m. Kathy Stevens), a daughter Susanna Eve (m. Ron Dewar), and four grandsons: Daniel Dewar (m. Celeste Côté), Zachary Dewar (m. Zonia Clancy), Noah Dewar, and Sym Dewar. They have two granddaughters: Toby Dewar and Sarah Laurel Rosenbaum.

Pat began teaching at Indiana University in 1960, then spent two years at Brown University as a Carnegie Foundation

Interdisciplinary Fellow in literature and philosophy. In 1965 he returned to Canada to teach at the University of Toronto. In addition to his Guggenheim Fellowship, he received a Connaught Senior Fellowship in 1984 and a Killam Research Fellowship in 1989. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1991. He took early retirement as an Emeritus Professor after more than twenty-five years of teaching. He taught by example not injunction, infecting his students with a love for the truth and the sure promise that its pursuit is life's high calling. In 1998 Pat and Naomi moved to Nova Scotia to enjoy their grandchildren while they both continued to study and publish.

S P Rosenbaum was one of the most distinguished scholars of the twentieth century. He edited *The Bloomsbury Group: A Collection of Memoirs, Commentary and Criticism* (1975, revised and updated in 1995). Three volumes tracing the literary history of Old Bloomsbury from the 1880s to 1914 appeared as *Victorian Bloomsbury* (1987), *Edwardian Bloomsbury* (1994), and *Georgian Bloomsbury* (2003). A collection of his essays on the literary and intellectual history of Bloomsbury and its context was entitled *Aspects of Bloomsbury* and appeared in 1998. In the course of his work on Bloomsbury he also discovered and edited the manuscript of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own* (1992). Other published and unpublished memoirs by Virginia Woolf were collected in *The Platform of Time: Memoirs of Family and Friends* (expanded edition, 2008). Pat was the force behind the Shakespeare Head Press Edition of Virginia Woolf which saw the publication of eleven volumes of Woolf's creative work edited by some of the finest Woolf scholars of the day. The edition was the first to take into account variants between the first published editions (English and American), surviving proofs and parts of works published separately, aided by extensive archival research and computer

collations. His work on the Bloomsbury Group's Memoir Club was in progress when he died after a short illness.

Pat will be deeply missed by his family and by scholars who depended on his knowledge, insight and generosity. Working with Pat was a challenge, since he demanded the highest effort and the best result. For that reason it was for many one of the highlights of their professional lives. He made everything he touched better, both the Modernist texts he studied and the lives of scholars lucky enough to work with him.

James M. Haule (Friend and Colleague)

MRS MARGARET MCCALLUM

As a child and young woman, our mother was sporty. Even those of you who came to know her in old age would perhaps have observed a certain poise, not to say, determination; qualities which made her successful and competitive on the sports field.

She developed into a fearless hockey goalkeeper, a graceful dancer, a dogged defender at netball, had the fitness for lacrosse, the stamina for swimming and the hand-eye co-ordination for cricket.

In deciding to become a teacher of physical education she brought together her capacity for organisation, her great ability to create enjoyment for children and young people, and a sense of can-do which she mentored to generations of those she taught.

She was in the second tranche of students who came out with an academic awareness of movement as codified by the choreographer Rudolf Laban who did so much to promote modern, contemporary dance in a free style rather than traditional ballet. Indeed hers is one of the voices recorded in a living archive of recollections held at the Rudolf Laban Archive.

She began teaching before the war at the Alice Ottley School in Worcester, where,

after war broke out, she had to take her turn firewatching from the school's roof; balance and fear of heights not being issues for her.

Once, she was asked by the Headmistress to choreograph, for a school pageant, a re-enactment of the Battle of Worcester. After some considerable planning and organisation, and presumably the procurement of a megaphone, the battle was re-enacted, or danced, in the school grounds, with no other resources except a narrow strip of a school field and 300 girls.

After marriage to our father, Ronald McCallum, an Oxford don, she became parent to her two teenage step children, Christine and Barbara and her three children. The busy life of the wife of the head of an Oxford college also called on her organisational skills, catering for dinner parties and, for instance, organising parties for the children of newcomers to the University at Christmas. She returned to teaching part time, now at Oxford High School for Girls, where swimming and lifesaving were added to her repertoire.

As children, we recall holidays with great affection. These were usually in Scotland and involved a rowing boat, which we loved, and local explorations by sea and land. These holidays were never over-organised. They breathed. There was something for everyone and always an unfussy enthusiasm which we children responded to positively. Moreover, there was always a meal on the table and clean clothes, even if sometimes a low oven was brought into play to accelerate the drying of damp clothing.

Childhood then involved a lot of grazed knees, but limping in with a cut or a bruise, there was always the sense that things would be calm and treatment dispensed knowledgeably and tenderly. When our behaviour did need to be checked, it was done so calmly.

Christmases were likewise a treasured ritual for us children, and at the heart of these was our mother's capacity for blending order with spontaneity so

that, although the ritual always seemed the same, like a kaleidoscope, it never repeated itself. For example, she treasured an annual extended family gathering. The venue varied but the collecting of all generations for games such as the rowdy, competitive racing demon league, and charades or satirical sketches was always enormous fun.

We always had pet animals, cats first and later dogs too, and these animals, without exception, selected her proximity in which to pass the evening, partly perhaps to keep in with the chief feeder and kind tones of their mistress, but also for her great virtue of sitting still.

In 1971, after her husband's, our father's, retirement, she arrived in Letcombe Regis. She became very active in church and village life, serving on the Parish Council, the WI, running sessions at Wantage Stroke Club, being a Governor and occasional swimming teacher at the village school, and helping establish the Wantage Counselling service, as well as continuing with some voluntary work further afield, being a Trustee of Dorset House Occupational Therapy College. Previously she had been involved with the Littlemore mental hospital

It was after the death over a three year period of her mother, husband and father that her Christian faith became more manifest. She also came out of retirement and was a temporary housemistress at St Marys School Wantage and back at the Alice Ottley School in Worcester, though I perhaps need to point out, that even she did not undertake these two roles simultaneously. On one of her nights off at St Mary's she realised that she had no food in and had not signed in for a school supper. Not wishing to give her deputy the impression that she was checking up on her, she altered her hair style and dressed up in the style favoured by the girls at the time and taking up their high-spirited demeanour, joined them in the dining room. Her affectionate parody of them was so convincing that the headmistress, attracted by the noise of the girls' mirth,

poked her head round the door but did not even recognise her.

In time she was to serve on the PCC, be a churchwarden and became an oblate of St Marys Convent.

She remained active and independent deep into old age, and took an enthusiastic part in village life wherever opportunities arose. We remember how much she enjoyed acting Mozart in a village play, though anyone knowing why it featured Mozart and why she was cast in the role, should let us know afterwards.

As recently as two years ago she was going to lip reading and literature classes, visiting the theatre and ballet and staying with relatives. She always enjoyed the company of the younger generations, following their school progress and hobbies with interest. She endured a final year of mounting disability but withstood these frustrations with fortitude and grace, not complaining and making the most of things. She saw the physiotherapy she received after a stroke last December as an interesting challenge to be taken seriously and, as it was related to her PE training, something to which she could bring some expertise and empathy with what the physios were trying to achieve.

Her final illness was brief and the end came peacefully to a life well-lived, full, and to her children, a great example.

The McCallum Family

BRIAN PARKER (1949) 1922-2009



Brian Parker was an undergraduate at Oxford twice in eight years. He matriculated for the first time at Pembroke College in October 1940, having come up from Rydal School, a Methodist Foundation, in North Wales. He settled in to read Law. But the war was already ravaging university staff and undergraduates alike; degree courses were being shortened and intensified as young men were called up for military service. Brian accordingly took his Law degree in two years, graduating in 1942. Immediately after graduation he joined the RAF as a pilot officer, training as a Spitfire pilot in England and in Texas and then into active service with the RAF. But by early 1943 war strategy had begun to shift from fighter defence towards bomber attack and fighter pilots were being asked to transfer to multi-engined aircraft. Brian volunteered instead to join the Fleet Air Arm, where he flew Seafires, the navy version of the Spitfire, and there he remained until he was discharged at the end of the war, in 1946, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. After his demobilisation he returned to Pembroke to read English, for his second two-year intensive degree. He graduated in 1948.

At this point, with two Oxford degrees to his credit, he had to choose whether to take up a career in Law, or to use his English degree. The effect of his wartime experience can now only be conjectured, but he had long enjoyed play acting, and music, been active in debating societies,

and briefly been an acting and producing member of the Little Theatre in Southport. It is not surprising that immediately after graduation he chose the English route and accepted a post at Rydal Preparatory School as an English teacher. For more than a decade he wandered. In 1950, after two years at Rydal, he moved to Holland to join the staff of the Quaker International School Eerde in Ommen. Two years later, in 1952, he returned to England for a three-year spell as an English teacher at Ackworth Grammar School in Pontefract. That, too, was a Quaker Foundation, a boarding and day school with international connections, for boarding and day pupils. In 1955 he was appointed as a lecturer at the pioneering Malayan Teachers' Training College at Kirkby, near Liverpool. Two years later, in August 1957, he moved to Cyprus on his appointment as a Senior Inspector of Schools. He spent four happy years in Cyprus, lecturing, inspecting schools and producing school broadcasts for the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation. With his good friend K J Fielding he wrote a Primary Reader, *Tales from the East*, which was published in 1958. It was in Cyprus that he met his future wife, Maroulla, a teacher, who went to hear him give a series of lectures on G B Shaw. They married and came to England in 1961 when he was appointed to the staff of St Bede's College, Durham as a Lecturer in English. Three years later, in 1964, he finally returned to his home ground of North Yorkshire, when he was appointed as a Senior Lecturer at Ripon College. It was the beginning of the new Bed degree programme in which the Ripon degrees were validated by the University of Leeds. Brian finally settled and remained there for the rest of his life, with his family around him.

He was born in Scarborough, in May 1922 and wherever he lived or worked thereafter Scarborough was the point on which he fixed his compass. He always said he found Scarborough air bracing and invigorating, even when others might

have found it chilly, but with Brian there was always an ironic glint in his eyes. In later years he spoke little about his war time experiences but despite the dangers of active service flying Spitfires was an experience which stayed with him. Over fifty years later, at the age of 81, he could still recall it so vividly that he treasured Geoffrey Wellum's book *First Light* (2003) because, he said, it was the most accurate and true description he had ever read of the thrill of taking up a Spitfire for the first time.

Brian was a gentleman in the very best sense of the word: always courteous, and considerate, but always ready to smile, or with a twinkle in his eye to tell a funny story which, often as not, would be given the appropriate dialect or accent to suit. Behind his reserved exterior lay an almost impish humour, ready to break out at any moment. He was a quintessentially Yorkshire man with an Oxford elegance and wit. It was as if the characteristics of his first degree had combined with those of his second degree in a subtle symbiosis. He was a good chess player, he would normally argue a point with the precision and logic of a lawyer, yet he could also tease out the delicate nuances of a poem or illustrate the dramatic power of a piece of prose with a remarkable range of feeling and understanding. He understood the dramatic power of words. Appropriately for a Pembroke man, he admired Dr Johnson; in many ways Brian was just like him, combining a quick wit, a comic turn of mind, and a deeply held moral seriousness. It is not surprising that he esteemed J S Bach above all others especially with regard to the choral works, whereas he had little regard for the Romantics, either in music or literature.

His memory was extraordinary. He seemed able to recall all the texts he had ever read and could launch into an impromptu performance, often with hilarious results. Of course he enjoyed playing to an audience, and it is easy to see why, as a young man, he had enjoyed working briefly as an actor and producer

in the Southport theatre. Not surprisingly, he was a superb raconteur. And it was this combination of dramatic and analytic skills that made him such a stimulating teacher. His readings gave life to words on a page; his students listened and learned how to examine texts more closely than they had done before, and in so doing they discovered nuances and meanings they would otherwise have missed. Add his wit and sense of fun to the mix and it is clear that he was an educator in the finest sense of the word. His many friends and colleagues still miss him greatly, for he was a very loyal and generous friend.

Brian continued his Oxford habits of reading and studying right up to the end of his life. After he retired from teaching, he spent a good deal of time in his study at home. His bookshelves were a graphic representation of his eclectic intellectual life: novels, literary criticism, poetry, commentaries on common law, the history of law, history, science and art all ranged together. Lesser known writers sat beside the great English authors, particularly Chaucer, Dickens, Trollope, George Eliot. Surrounded by his books and with a view of Ripon Cathedral visible across the rooftops from his window, in his later years he enjoyed something of the contentment he had first discovered in his rooms in Pembroke so many years before. Yet his study was a resource not a retreat. He enjoyed walking his dog across the fields around Ripon, he had his favourite pubs, he enjoyed concerts in the Cathedral, he kept in touch with many of his friends from Pembroke and the RAF. Characteristically, he began to visit elderly, infirm and lonely people in Ripon to give them comfort, or help and advice. I have no doubt they welcomed his knock at the door. He died in hospital after a very short illness. At the end his wife, Maroulla and his three children scattered his ashes in Scarborough, as he had set out in his Will, which of course, he had drafted himself.

Dr John Axon (former colleague and close friend)

RODNEY CYRIL
ALBAN FITZGERALD
(1942)
1924-2012

Rodney Cyril Alban FitzGerald (but known to us all as Fitz) was made free of the Company of Loriners and enclotted with the livery on 25th January 1962, proposed by his father Cyril, who was Master in 1964. He joined the Court on 18th April 1985 (just as well the under-60 rule had not existed at that time) and served as Master in 1994.

He was a City man through and through. He was on Lloyd's, becoming Managing Director of Lloyd's Brokers Hinton Hill and Coles, and was also an underwriting member. He was elected to the Court of Common Council for the Bread Street Ward in 1981, served as Sheriff in 1983-4 in the Mayoralties of Sir Antony Joliffe and Dame Mary Donaldson, and became Deputy for the ward in 1991, serving in that capacity until he stood down from the Corporation in 2009. At one time or another he sat on most of the major committees of the Corporation, among those which he chaired being the Establishment Committee. In 2008 he was appointed MBE for services to the City. Fitz's mother company was the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, where he became Master in 1978. He was a member of the Bread Street, Aldersgate and Lime Street Ward Clubs, and had been Master of the first two.

Fitz was an enthusiastic sportsman, and modest about his achievements, which on the cricket field had been significant. After school at Mill Hill and Aldenham he went up to Pembroke College having already played, in 1942, for the Public School Wanderers against Cambridge. At Oxford, where he read French and German, he played in two seasons for the University, though the one Varsity Match he played in at Lord's, in 1944, found him on the losing side. Earlier that summer

he had played for the Oxford University Authentics against an Aldershot Services side which included Godfrey Evans, taking five wickets for 25 and four for 39. And again in 1944 he played for a Lord's XI which included Percy Chapman, against Canada. Later on he played for the Sussex second XI. No surprise that he was a member of the MCC among other cricket clubs (he was nominated to the MCC in 1938, and became a full member in 1951). He was also a keen golfer, member of the Royal Mid Surrey Club, the Lloyd's Golfing Society and the County Cricketers Golfing Society. He was a member of the Loriners Golf Team which won the Prince Arthur of Connaught Cup in 1991.

After his active days as a sportsman he continued to give much time to sport, particularly to sport for young people. He was a Governor of the Sports Aid Foundation, a Trustee of the London Playing Fields Foundation (and before that a Trustee of the Greater London Playing Fields Association), as well as a Vice Chairman of the London Youth Games, at the Crystal Palace Finals of which I used to see him treated with enormous respect as a greatly valued elder statesman who had served that organisation for 35 years.

1994, his year as Master, was memorable for several reasons. He was the prime mover in establishing the link with the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment which began that year.

1994 was also the year that the Company first sponsored a young rider recommended by the Sports Aid Foundation.

At the July 1994 Court Lunch his guest was Sir Denis Thatcher.

His installation dinner was on Burns night with haggis and Scottish pipers, whereas the pipers leading the procession into dinner at his Mansion House banquet were provided by the Royal Ulster Rifles, into which regiment he had been commissioned straight from Oxford in 1945.

He continued to play a valuable part as

an active Past Master. Thanks to his good connections in the sporting world he was instrumental in bringing several leading horsemen and women into the Company as Honorary Freemen.

He was responsible for the Corporation putting up the plaque at the new entrance to Bank tube station, at No 1 Poultry, recording that that was the area where the loriners practised their craft in the 13th century.

He was good company, affecting in more recent years a somewhat cantankerous nature, which belied a truly friendly personality, devoted to the City and to everything which livery companies stand for. He will be very much missed, here and throughout the City.

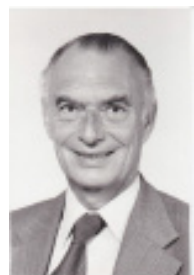
A friend from the Company of Loriners

Ian Noble, Fitz's nephew adds that the obituary does not do justice to his sterling voluntary work with London Youth Games or London Playing Fields, both of which he was involved with for over 35 years. The significance in this Olympic year of in particular LYG, is that star performers such as Mo Farah, Bradley Wiggins and David Weir, amongst others, have taken part in the LYG and are members of the Hall of Fame.

Mr Noble, together with the other two executors of the will, have established the Rodney FitzGerald Memorial Fund which it is hoped in a modest way will provide some support for these worthy causes, and encourage grassroots sport. They would welcome any further support from alumni or contemporaries of Mr FitzGerald and names can be passed to Mr Noble and the other executors via the Development Office at Pembroke College.

Obituary composed from various sources

GORDON LEWIS (1942) 1924-2010



Gordon Manns Lewis, the first son of Frank Charles Lewis, a clerk on the Great Western Railway, and Ada Beatrice, *née* Manns, was born in Gloucester on 24th June 1924. He was educated at Cheltenham Grammar School where, demonstrating an early fascination with aeroplanes, he joined the Air Training Corps. This proved to be nearly fatal when, during the early days of the war, in his enthusiasm to observe a passing JU88, he was narrowly missed by a burst of machine gun fire! He passed selection for aircrew training in 1941 but was given a year's deferment from military service as he had sat for and won Pembroke College's Townsend Scholarship, a closed award for Gloucestershire schools dating from 1683. He won the Award on condition he first satisfied the examiners in Latin, which he was able to do after two months intense cramming. He also received a Kitchener Scholarship as the son of a veteran of the First World War, his father having served in the 2/5th Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment.

Gordon went up to Pembroke in the autumn of 1942 and, after a further year's deferment he graduated in Engineering Science in 1944. After Finals he was invited to the Directorate of Scientific Manpower in order to 'determine his fate'. He was interviewed by C P Snow, chemist and novelist, who was Technical Director of the Ministry of Labour at that time. During the interview, it was made

clear that, at that stage of the War, there was no possibility of Gordon undertaking aircrew training. Instead, he was initially offered the choice of three options for employment: the coal mines, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers training for tank recovery, or 'structural research' at Farnborough. He, in turn, made it clear that none of these appealed and that he really wanted to work on the development of the jet engine. In his own words there was a pause in the conversation as a V1 flying bomb passed overhead, its engine then stopped, but before it exploded nearby Snow indicated there were two other possibilities: either joining the Experimental Department of Rolls-Royce in Lancashire or the Engine Department of the Bristol Aeroplane Company. Given strong family connections, Bristol was the obvious choice and Gordon started work immediately after leaving Oxford. He was to spend his entire working life there, until his retirement in 1986 through the Bristol Aeroplane Company's evolution as Bristol Siddeley then being merged with Rolls-Royce.

Bristol Engines were heavily occupied with piston engines and had entered the gas turbine business later than the other engine companies. Gordon found himself in a small technical office of about ten people as drawings were being issued for the first Bristol gas turbine; this was the Theseus turbo-prop, the first gas turbine engine to be given UK Civil Type approval. He was set to work mainly on stressing and vibration analysis, which he found he could handle having had the advantage of the teaching based on the work of Sir Richard Southwell, former Professor of Engineering Science at Oxford. Thermodynamics and aerodynamics presented a problem, not having any background in compressible fluid dynamics; Oxford was still in the steam age in those days. Fortunately for Gordon, the Chief Technician made him study the subject and evolve the relevant relationships from first principles and

he was able to start thinking about turbo machinery. Just over a year later the war ended and almost all the technical people on the gas turbine project left to take up other professions. Gordon, however, was appointed the Technical Assistant in the New Projects Office together with two mechanical designers. In 1946 they were given the remit to design a new, 9000lb thrust jet engine for the Bristol Type 172 project. Gordon recalled that he then had the daunting experience of contemplating a large blank sheet of paper with only a centre line to show progress. The next two years were spent producing scheme drawings, compressor, combustor and turbine designs, flight performance predictions and installation data, expanding on the work of A R Howell's research at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough – a period, recalled by Gordon in retrospect, of maximum direct responsibility and job satisfaction before more and more time had to be spent on management and politics. An immense volume of slide rule calculation was involved (where a simple calculator would have revolutionised the process) and the use of ten times scale turbine blade sections cut out of cardboard to find the centre of area by balancing them on a pin. As Gordon suggested, it is unlikely that a 22 year old would be given complete responsibility for the detailed definition of a new engine in the industry today. The resulting design led to the development of the Olympus engine, first used in the delta-winged Avro Vulcan. The Vulcan was the most celebrated of the V-bombers which were a major part of Britain's air-launched nuclear deterrent in the Cold War then later experiencing live action, bombing Stanley airport, in the Falklands War before being retired from service. Ultimately the Olympus was developed to power the Concorde supersonic airliner and finally for naval ship propulsion and as a power generator for marine and land based operation, totally unforeseen applications when the design started.

In 1949 Dr (later Sir) Stanley Hooker joined Bristol, having left Rolls-Royce, and, recognising Gordon's talents, he made him responsible for the compressor design and associated research for all Bristol gas turbine engines. Gordon regarded Stanley Hooker as a great leader and tutor and this was the start of a close working partnership that lasted well over 20 years.

Throughout the early 1950's, with no computer-aided analytical tools, there was a sense of the pioneering nature of turbine technology. However, probably more than any other, the engine with which Gordon will always be associated was the Pegasus that was to power the revolutionary Hawker Harrier VSTOL jump-jet. In 1956, he was asked to evaluate the concept of Michel Wibault, a French engineer, for a vertical take off "gyropter". Inspired by the potential but appalled by its complexity, he set out to devise an alternative, simpler solution leading to the invention of the unique swivelling nozzles of the Pegasus engine which meant that aircraft could take off and land vertically with ease for the first time. About 1300 Pegasus engines were built, including many for the US Marine Corps. The British services operated the Harrier successfully in the Gulf Wars and in Afghanistan and, most notably, the Pegasus powered Sea Harrier operated by Britain's Royal Navy was vital in the recapture of the Falkland Islands. Probably fortunately, Gordon did not survive to see the early retirement of the Harrier in Britain at the end of 2010.

After the Pegasus, Gordon was the first to propose and lead programmes of collaboration between major international engine manufacturers and in 1968, as director of the Rolls-Royce team (Rolls-Royce purchased Bristol Siddeley in 1966), he was appointed Managing Director of Turbo Union, the tri-national company (Britain, Germany and Italy) given the task of developing the engines for the Panavia Multirole Combat Aircraft, now familiar as the Tornado

fighter-bomber. The Tornado entered service in Britain, Germany and Italy in 1980 and went on to be a major export to Saudi Arabia. Further development led to the production of the engines for the Eurofighter, or Typhoon.

Between 1970 and 1973 Gordon held positions as Assistant Managing Director and Commercial Director at Rolls-Royce then, with the retirement of Stanley Hooker, he gladly returned to the engineering discipline and became Technical Director, the position he retained until his retirement in 1986.

Gordon was appointed CBE in 1977 and awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society British Gold Medal in 1978. He was appointed Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1980 and, in 1987, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Bristol University in recognition of his involvement with the Council of the University. Other awards and recognition include membership of the team awarded the MacRobert Award for engineering innovation and the Design Council Award for the Pegasus engine, the American Helicopter Society Paul Haueter Award for contributions to VSTOL in 1985, FE Newbold Award from the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics, DGLR Otto Lilienthal Medal in 1989, principal award from the International Society of Air Breathing Engines in 1995 and the American Society of Engineers designation of the Pegasus engine as an International Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark. He was a life member and was President of the Society of Oxford University Engineers from 1993 to 2002. Throughout his retirement he was an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust, and was its first Bristol branch President bringing his personal involvement with all of Bristol's gas turbines, together with his wide experience and sound judgement. Examples of most of the projects Gordon was involved in throughout his career are now on display in the Heritage Trust

centre and he donated much of his paper archive, a considerable part of which was entirely hand written in pencil, to the Trust where it is now being carefully recorded for future cataloguing. His contributions to the Trust and his contribution to the aero engine industry were recognised in 2003 by the Trust presenting him with its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. His final recognition was in 2010 when he received the Gerald Frewer Memorial Trophy, the Institute of Engineering Designers Award for contributions in the field of aeroengine design.

Throughout his career Gordon was regarded as an innovative engineer and was held in high regard by the international aviation community. Even after his retirement his opinion was still sought by industry and customers throughout the world and he was a regular speaker and guest at various conferences and other events. He delighted in discussing aero-engineering problems and other pressing issues such as alternative forms of power and never held back from sharing the benefit of his opinions with anyone who'd listen! Delighting in the company of others, even as his health was deteriorating, Gordon became a mainstay of his local hydrotherapy group, entertaining the ladies with his irreverent sense of humour and acting as the group's treasurer.

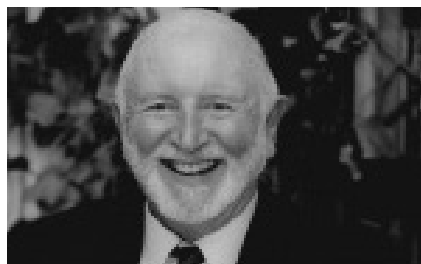
Passionate as he was about engineering, aviation and his career, Gordon was a devoted family man. As parents, he and his wife, Marjorie used to particularly enjoy family mealtimes when lively debate and wide-ranging discussion were encouraged. The family holidays were special times, spent through his children's teenage years camping in Europe. Camping in tents eventually gave way for the greater luxury of caravanning, a pursuit Gordon and Marjorie continued to enjoy well into their 80s!

Gordon died peacefully at home with his family, after a short battle with cancer, on October 4th 2010. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marjorie (*née*

Squires), his younger brother, Roy (who also attended Pembroke College in 1948-1951) and his three children, Susan, Jane and David and his five grandchildren.

Jane Doherty, Daughter

HENRY HARRIS (1948) 1927-2011



The badge of the Royal Marines bears the legend *Per Mare, per Terrum* – by sea, by land. It is worn with pride by a select few. Men of courage, determination and great stature. Men of honour, with generosity of spirit and a resolute sense of duty. Henry Harris was just such a man.

Henry was a man who achieved much in his life, on land and at sea. With his natural warmth, enquiring mind, acute sensitivity and precision of observation, he pursued a number of successful careers. First in the Royal Marines, then at the Bar, followed by directorships at Brook Street Bureau and Churchill Recruitment. His love of the sea led him to become a marine instructor and run his own business. In his twilight years he developed a passion and skill as an art dealer in Lymington and Hove. His success in all of these endeavours was attained with calm insouciance and a clear grasp of what was required of him at any given moment.

Throughout his long and successful life, Pembroke College was never far from his mind and his time at Oxford was hugely enjoyable and rewarding. He often attended old boy college dinners and celebrations and always looked forward to meeting up with old friends and spending time at his beloved 'Pemi'.

Henry was a passionate man. A devoted husband to Pat and a loving father to Alison and Linda. A treasured brother to Lewis and adored grandfather to Thomas, William and Edward. All of them, and the rest of his family and friends, felt his loss dearly when he passed away in March 2011, suffering from prostate cancer.

Here was a man with his own inimitable style of initiative, based on strength, endurance and loyalty. A man respected, admired and looked up to by all who knew him. We all continue to think of him and remember him, with lasting love and affection.

The Harris Family

IAN KENNETH DICK

(1949)

1929-2012



Ian Kenneth Dick of Moelwyn View, Rhiw, died peacefully at home on the 5th May, aged 80.

In 1948, after leaving Cheltenham College, where he was a College Prefect, Head of House and a keen sportsman, he served as a military policeman during his National Service.

In 1949 he went to Pembroke College where he studied Modern languages.

After Oxford, he went on to manage a family owned farm (Pennant) in the Conwy valley for 5 years, during which time he married Madeleine in 1953. In 1957 he joined Canada Life Assurance as an insurance adviser and in 1962 became the area representative for Forward Trust.

In 1967, at the age of 38, Ian made a radical and courageous decision to train as a teacher at Lancaster University. It

was something he'd always wanted to do. For the rest of his career he taught Mathematics in primary and secondary schools. He became fully involved in extra-curricular activities, coaching football, squash and running chess clubs. He was a keen bridge player, member of Clifton Bridge Club in Ansdell and then Lytham Bridge Club, where he won many competitions at club and county level and was certified a County Master by the English Bridge Union.

After retirement, he carried on his teaching activities on a private basis, coaching mathematics to local pupils in the Llewn area in Wales. He was also a very keen gardener.

He is survived by his wife Madeleine, their daughter and four sons.

Marie Dick, Daughter

J W FIRTH (1949)

1930-2011

John was born in 1930 in Bradford, the son of a Post Office telephone technician and a former telephonist. He was the big brother - literally - of two younger ones; big, strong, and with a huge appetite, and as the first-born he was also the pioneer, the trailblazer, guide and leader. He was the first of the family to have a grammar school education, and the first into university, with an open scholarship in Classics. Where he had shown the way, it seemed quite natural to follow, so we brothers did, without questioning. He would of course be the first to acknowledge the support and sacrifice offered by our parents, who had not enjoyed the opportunities and advantages open to us.

Big and strong; at the age of fourteen he took on a neglected allotment and by himself cleared the couch grass, cut down the twelve-foot-high hedge, and dug out a boulder two feet in diameter. That was typical of him, always ready to tackle tasks which others might find daunting. It

persisted into advanced years – everybody knows, says the received wisdom, that Japanese knotweed is impossible to eradicate, but he tried. He kept grinding for years at the Russian language, simply I think because it is hard. The allotment gave him the opportunity to try out new methods; he was an organic grower long before the idea was widespread, and I well recall the pamphlets on “Gardening without digging,” and “Grow your own tobacco,” and later, on the lines of “Fatten beef cattle on grass alone.” I also remember the discomfort of having to carry a sack of kitchen waste intended for compost dripping every yard of the long mile to the plot.

He opted to do the inevitable National Service before going up to Oxford, and spent (as he would readily admit) an undistinguished year and a half as a gunner. He might have had a more glorious military career had he made a better start. He had left home to join up at Oswestry already feeling seedy with a carbuncle on his neck; as soon as he had been kitted out he reported sick and was sent (on his own, by train) to a military hospital in Chester. He became aware of amused looks and stares as he waited on the platform, but only on arrival did he discover manufacturer’s labels still fixed to his uniform. He was in no state to care, and he didn’t care much throughout his eighteen months. He had an abhorrence of spit and polish and militarism, (he didn’t call it spit and polish) and was appalled when he came home some years later to find me in CCF khaki.

It may have been family connections with the countryside of Nidderdale that first aroused his interest in farming (though I do recall his school half-days devoted to “Agriculture” which seemed to consist of digging the headmaster’s garden.) He took full advantage of the school harvesting scheme, a survival of wartime when all hands were required on the land, and spent a summer holiday in Cumberland and others in East Yorkshire.

John won a scholarship to Pembroke,

where he also won a Blue for boxing. While still at school he went to Oxford for interview, being granted a couple of days leave to make the visit. Joe Louis, the World Heavyweight Champion, was giving an exhibition bout in London, and John saw this as too good an opportunity to miss, so he granted himself an extra day’s leave. I remember to this day the head’s censorious comment in his final report: “His absence at the end of term still requires explanation.”

He decided that a good way to develop arms and shoulders was by heavy digging, and got himself a holiday job digging graves at Scholemoor Cemetery. Once again, he showed the way; both brother no. 2 and no. 3 tried their hands among the graves. It’s a peaceful place, Scholemoor, and pleasant on a summer’s day to commune there with the Bradford ancestors.

After Oxford John even considered farming as a career and spent a year near Sledmere as a farm pupil. Only when he fell off a wagon and cracked his skull did he decide it was time to settle for a more appropriate occupation. It must have been about this time though, that he met his future wife, Heather Simpson, of Hull. The bump on the head induced him to look for a proper job, which was with the United Africa Company, a subsidiary of Unilever, in Nigeria. As he recounted it, he lived in various rural areas of Northern Nigeria, buying groundnuts and palm oil and selling everything from beer to bicycles. He was running a trading post, in fact. He did a tour of two years and then tried Canada. Eventually he came home to get married, to Heather, whose business acumen he greatly admired, in a marriage which lasted beyond the golden anniversary. They had one son, Jonathan.

The details begin to get hazy here; recollections of early life are much clearer than events of only a few years back, but briefly, John began teaching, first near Doncaster, then Stafford and eventually in Manchester. Demand for the classics had fallen away by the 1980s,

and it gave him a certain ironic pleasure to be teaching about the Roman Empire to a residual microcosm of the British.

Certain impressions remain more strongly than others. For many years John was a supporter of the Liberals in South Manchester, and raised funds for them. His great-niece Charlotte was very impressed by his collection of old tin cans found in the street and tested by magnet to separate steel from aluminium, and the squasher he used to fit as many as possible into the sack. Though I sympathised with the political cause, and admired the green principles behind the practice, I wasn't so keen on driving a carload of smelly old tins halfway across Manchester to a dealer who bought them by the kilo. It wasn't really so environmentally sound; it was my petrol bill that suffered, and the party funds saw small benefit.

In later years we used to see each other only occasionally, but we conferred by phone on Sunday evenings about Saturday's Guardian prize crossword. I had only learnt of his enthusiasm for crosswords when I saw his name as a prizewinner in the Observer. Sadly that was a pastime that had dwindled of late; but it still comes as a shock when the phone calls cease completely.

Robert Firth, Brother

JAMES ALAN GARNER (1949)

1929-2011



James Alan Garner was born in St Helens on 2 August 1929. He was an only child, born to parents who were in service to the Pilkingtons, the famous glassware manufacturers. Alan always retained a strong loyalty to his native Lancashire, even though after only six weeks the family moved south to Oxfordshire. His father, as the chauffeur to the Pilkingtons was required to move with the family when they took up residence at Boars Hill, a few miles from Oxford, and this is where Alan grew up, with their own house and garden next to the garage. It was a country upbringing and he attended the local primary school at Sunningwell, walking there and back from an early age. He gained a free place at Abingdon School in 1941 after success in the competitive entrance examination, and showed a potential for learning which ultimately rewarded him with the Abingdon School scholarship to Pembroke College, Oxford. His mother enjoyed reading and he may have inherited his love of books from her, being fortunate enough to have use of the library at the 'big house' during his childhood.

Before going up to Pembroke in 1949, Alan took a year out to do his national service and was drafted into the intelligence corps, working for much of his time in London. At Pembroke he read Modern History and spent some of his leisure time playing sport for the College, especially rugby and athletics.

In 1952 he married Pamela, whom he had been courting since they were both sixteen, and embarked on a teaching course after receiving what he considered a disappointing degree classification. It may have been this result which drove him forwards, always trying to better his achievements and never resting on his laurels. He placed a great emphasis on education and qualifications, the importance of which, certainly rubbed off on his future pupils and indeed his children.

He secured his first post in September 1953 at Ruthin School in Wales as master in charge of History and housemaster of Bishop Wynne House. The young couple immersed themselves in the life of the school and Alan continued to play rugby and was involved with the CCF, musical and drama productions and other activities at the school. It was here that he trained as a lay reader in the church and throughout his life his Christian faith remained important to him.

By the late 1950s change was in the air and Alan was convinced that the future lay in state education rather than the private sector. In 1958 he secured the post of Head of History at Wallingford Grammar School in Berkshire (as it was then before the county boundary changes) where he also became Deputy Head. It was at this time that his two children, Caroline and Andrew were born. Striving for greater things and having set his heart on a headship, in 1967 the family moved to Plymouth where he became Headmaster of Ford Secondary Modern School. This was not an easy appointment but he derived much satisfaction in giving the school, both staff and pupils, a sense of worth and belief in themselves that if they put their minds to it anything was possible.

In 1969 Alan made another career move, this time back to Berkshire to Bracknell to become deputy Head of the much larger and comprehensive school of Garth Hill with approximately 1,200 pupils. His time here was used learning

the ropes to enable him to become head of his own comprehensive school.

By 1972 he had had experience of most types of secondary education and was ready to take on the challenge of helping to bring some sort of order to the education system in the city of Lincoln where a comprehensive system of education was replacing grammar and secondary modern schools. His task was to amalgamate three schools and bring in girls from the first year to form a new comprehensive called the City School, situated in the south of the city. There were several of these new schools in Lincoln so it was an exciting but challenging time employing all those diplomatic skills he had learnt, to heal or at least smooth over the differences posed by bringing together staff and pupils with different loyalties and expectations that arise from a change to the status quo.

The City School became a successful and effective school but the pressures were great and in 1983 Alan took early retirement on health grounds. It was also around this time that his marriage broke down. However, as someone who hated idleness he branched away from education for a time and established a clock restoring and repairing business and qualified as a member of the British Horological Institute after much hard work. He had always enjoyed working with his hands, inheriting a love of mechanics from his father, so although the intricacies and precision of this work were at times frustrating it was also something from which he derived much satisfaction right up until the time of his death.

In 1985 Alan married Betty, with whom he had worked at the City School, and the couple moved to Crieff in Perthshire, Scotland in 1989. Here they made a new life together, involving themselves with the local community and with St Columba's church in Crieff.

Education, though, was never far from Alan's heart. It really was a vocation for him. In 1986 he was appointed one of the first two field officers for the

Secondary Heads Association, working throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and later assisting when required in Scotland. He provided advice to headteachers who for one reason or another had difficulties at their schools that they could not resolve, and acting as advocate in formal disciplinary hearings. He was available at all times and often travelled, with a couple of hour's notice to assist a desperate Head. Alan gave willingly of the experience he had built up over the years, but would not have minced his words when giving advice. He was not afraid to speak his mind and did not suffer fools gladly. As the service expanded Alan was also much involved in training new field officers.

Alan finally retired from SHA in 1994, following a major heart attack. In later years he and Betty enjoyed holidays in France and Britain in their motor home and their black Labrador dogs were always a joy to them both. He died unexpectedly, following a fall and subsequent brain haemorrhage on 31 July 2011 in Nine Wells Hospital Dundee. He is much missed by all his family and many friends, not least for his wry sense of humour but also as a caring gentleman.

Alan was always his own man with high standards and expectations. He was proud of his links with Abingdon School and Pembroke College and always had a quotation from history or literature ready for whatever the occasion. As the son of parents with little educational opportunities he made the most of what he was given and desired that too, not just for his children and grandchildren, but also for all those pupils for whom he had care of over the years.

Caroline Beckett (daughter)

IAN CHALMERS SEMPLÉ (1952) 1928-2011



Ian Semplé died on 1 December 2011, aged 82, after a brief illness, at a hospital near his home in Bulle, Switzerland.

Ian Semplé was born in New Barnet, North London, on 2 December 1928. His father, of Scottish descent, had served in the London Scottish Regiment in World War I and continued to retain close links with it, and many of their family friends came from that milieu. Ian was always very proud of his Scottish roots.

Ian was educated as a day boy at Merchant Taylors' School. He served in the army from 1947 to 1949, earning a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals.

In 1949 he went up to Pembroke College where he read German and French Language and Literature, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952.

Subsequently he studied accountancy as an articled clerk with Nevill, Hovey, Gardner and Co in the City of London, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1955. From August 1956 to February 1959 he worked in the firm of Graham, Smart and Annan, Chartered Accountants, in Edinburgh.

In 1950, while at Oxford, Ian had become a member of the Bahá'í Faith - the first Oxford undergraduate to do so - a world religion that promotes the unity of mankind, the oneness of religion and the need to abolish all forms of prejudice. This proved to be a turning

point in his life. Thereafter he dedicated himself to promoting its teachings, serving on various regional and national administrative bodies and travelling widely to visit Bahá'í communities throughout northern Europe.

In 1961 Ian Semple moved to Haifa, Israel, where the world centre of the Bahá'í Faith is situated. In 1963 he was elected to the first Universal House of Justice, the international governing council of the Bahá'í Faith. Successively re-elected every five years, he served on this council until his retirement in 2005.

After retirement Ian moved to Switzerland, to be close to his older son and other members of the family. From there he visited Bahá'í communities throughout Europe, speaking at many conferences and other events as long as his health permitted it.

All those who knew Ian will remember him as a gentle, balanced, wise, humorous and approachable personality, with a sense of humility, who adhered scrupulously to moral principles. He possessed an inquiring mind and delighted in conversing on a wide range of subjects.

Ian Semple is survived by his wife, Louise, whom he married in 1963, two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Louise Semple

MICHAEL GIBBON (1950) 1930-2012



Today we mourn the loss of Michael; but we also celebrate the life of someone we greatly admire. It has been a privilege knowing him because of the many ways in which he has benefitted our own lives. I have been especially fortunate, as I have been closely associated with Mike for over 60 years. During those years we progressed from being students, to pursuing careers, to marriage and family, and to retirement. And throughout this time, Mike displayed those same qualities which I remember when we first met.

After school at Charterhouse and a commission in the Royal Artillery during National Service, Mike went up to Pembroke College. He fitted in to the carefree lifestyle with ease and soon acquired a large circle of friends. He also entered into a wide range of activities and was prominent in the College hockey and cricket teams. Mike possessed the ability to combine effectively his law studies with many other aspects of university life. This included exposure to the arts. There were many Sunday afternoons when, after an excursion to the pub, four or five of us spent time listening to music or fiercely debating the merits of a painting acquired by the College.

As was the case throughout his life in everything he did, Mike showed enormous generosity. He gave far more than he received. Moreover, his generosity extended beyond financial giving to helping those in need of other kinds of assistance. This help was

frequently provided in ways which were not generally known. However, sometimes Mike's generosity had unintended consequences. We once held a joint party and the original invitation list was expanded because Mike asked all those he met. The outcome was that we hosted a hugely successful party but were left with a sizeable bill. It took us some time to settle our debts and required some imaginative explanations to our respective fathers.

Mike launched his career at the bar by becoming the pupil of a High Court judge in London. He stayed in digs at the renowned 36 Tregunter Road. It was at this time that his friendship with Malveen blossomed. I happened to be sharing a room with him and often acted as the postman. An envelope with handwriting in green ink was always carefully placed in a prominent position on his bed whilst ensuring I did not wake him up.

Marriage to Malveen, who was vivacious and full of fun, followed not long after Mike's return from London. The household grew with the births of Nigel, David and Juliet. In addition to their busy family life, they were both prominent in the activities of their many friends and they enhanced numerous occasions, including New Year's Eve parties. Continuing with his love of sport, Mike enjoyed golf for its competitive exercise and the social life accompanying it. At a number of events, Mike's specialty was to organise a quiz. These were frustrating and exhausting; frustrating because it was almost impossible to understand the question; exhausting because Mike took a long time to reveal the answer. When we asked for help we would only get a mischievous grin.

Mike has had a distinguished legal career. Having been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1954, he became Recorder of the Crown Court in 1972. In that year, he was also appointed a Local Boundary Commissioner and he later served as Chairman. In 1974, he took Silk and five years later was appointed a

Circuit Judge. His close links with Cardiff were strengthened when, in 1986, he was made Recorder of the City of Cardiff, becoming Resident Judge for Cardiff and Senior Circuit Judge in 1993. In addition to carrying out these duties, Mike sat in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division to which he made a valuable contribution. His success was due to his extensive legal knowledge and to his sense of fairness and objectivity. A number of his colleagues have told me he was held in high regard in the profession.

In the later stages of his life, in addition to his work, Mike looked after Malveen who suffered from ill health for several years. He cared for her assiduously and conscientiously at a time when he was battling heart problems. Despite these difficulties, he retained his good spirits and enjoyed a full social life. However, a further setback occurred a few months ago when Guy Camfield, a close companion since childhood, died. I am sure Mike was sustained during this period by his family and his faith.

Mike's interest and curiosity continued until the very last. Only a couple of weeks ago he was discussing with me the latest political and economic issues facing the country. The wit, sense of humour and, of course, his enjoyment of corny puns never deserted him. These qualities formed part of his zest for life. We are grateful we were able to enjoy his company and we shall miss him enormously. He enriched the lives of all those who knew him.

*Oration given by Sir Peter Phillips
OBE (1950) at the funeral of
His Hon Judge Michael Gibbon QC*

IAN HUGHES HINTON
(1950)
1930-2011

Lt. Cmdr. I. H. Hinton VRD MA (Oxon)
Barrister RNR (Retd)



Ian Hughes Hinton died in Pembury Hospital on 24th May 2012.

Born in South London in 1930, Ian moved to Tonbridge, with his wife Rosemary and young family in 1961. The family moved to Bidborough in 1970, where Ian and Rosemary lived until moving to Southborough in 2011.

Ian was educated at Tonbridge School and Oxford University, where he read law at Pembroke College. He qualified as a barrister at Gray's Inn, but never practised. He started his working life at the Times newspaper, as secretary to the proprietor, Lord Astor of Hever. He later worked for Esso for a number of years, before moving into education and management consultancy, with posts at Ewell College and Kingston Polytechnic, retiring in 1996.

He did his national service with the Royal Navy, and continued in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander and receiving the Volunteer Reserve Decoration before resigning his commission in 1968.

Ian continued his nautical interests as a volunteer with the sail training organisation, the London Sailing Project (now named the Rona Sailing Project). He skippered the LSP yacht "Donald Searle" in the 1980 Tall Ships Race, and in the 1986 Tall Ships Race skippered the ocean racing maxi "Great Britain

II", which the Royal Naval Reserve had chartered for the race. Ian also skippered for the Gemini Sailing Project, taking adults with learning disabilities sailing on the LSP yachts.

Ian's Christian faith led him to train as a Lay Reader in 1976, a role that he carried out at Bidborough St Lawrence's church until 2011. He was also active within the local Diocese and was for a while a member of Bishop's Selector panel.

Ian was active in the local community in a number of other areas, being an occasional contributor to the Bidborough Amateur Dramatic Society, a director of the local branch of the charity Home Start and a member of St Lawrence Parochial Church Council.

A funeral and thanksgiving service was held at St Lawrence church, Bidborough, on Friday 1 June.

Rosemary, Ian's wife of 58 years, their four children, 11 grandchildren and numerous others who knew Ian, mourn his death but are thankful for having known and benefited from his love and friendship.

Tim Hinton (son)

JAMES (JAY)
MORRISH (1952)
1931-2011



After completing National Service as an officer in the Royal Artillery, Jay went up to Pembroke in September 1952, when he was 21. (He continued to serve in the Territorial Army as a member of the Honourable Artillery Company in the City of London for some years). At Pembroke, his natural friendliness, warm

smile and air of steadiness and calm made him popular with students and tutors and it surprised no-one when he was elected President of the JCR. His main achievement in this post, he later said, was to have persuaded an unenthusiastic committee to purchase for the College, very reasonably, a work by a little-known but up-and-coming artist called Francis Bacon.

He entered the family menswear firm, Welch Margetson, but increasingly felt that business was for him the wrong road. Shortly after his marriage in 1964 to Hilary, he enrolled on the first post-graduate social work course in England, at Sussex University. It was a decision he never regretted; in his new field of work, life became demanding, unfailingly interesting, challenging, stressful – and sometimes very funny. His care for people, his desire to bring about change, his wish to make a contribution to society, were all exercised and tested. He began work as a child care officer, then moved to community work in Brighton. In 1970, he was appointed Assistant Director of Social Services in Wiltshire, becoming its Director in 1984, a post he held until his retirement in 1992. Colleagues remember his accessibility, his diplomatic skills (tested to the full in local government committees) and his humour. His retirement party, held in Devizes Town Hall, was a standing-room only affair, the guest including not only colleagues from all over the country and further, but many clients as well. He remarked afterwards that he was glad to have retired before the advent of computers and the later amalgamation of Social Services and Education departments. He felt the latter was a re-organisation too far and regretted it deeply.

In retirement he found himself on committees again. He chaired a Quaker retirement complex board, and the very successful Bath branch of Charter 88, the National Campaign for Constitutional Reform. In 2007, he joined the Society of Friends (Quakers), saying at the time

that his only regret was not having joined years earlier.

He loved walking, music, travel, theatre and – most of all - his family and friends. The only shadow on his retirement was the diagnosis, in 1998, of prostate cancer. He confounded a gloomy prognosis and surprised medical teams in Bath and later Cambridge by surviving for nearly 14 years. When it became obvious that his time was, indeed, limited, he and Hilary moved from Bath to Saffron Walden, in order to be within easier visiting distance for both sons and their families, and their laughter-fuelled visits never failed to support and delight both their parents.

Hilary Morrish

JOSHUA JOSEPH GABAY (1953) 1932-2010



Joshua Joseph Gabay passed away on the 20th March 2010.

Born in Gibraltar in 1932, Joshua was one of seven children from a working class Jewish family. He was educated at the local Christian Brothers Grammar School and, while evacuated during the war, in London and then Ireland. In 1953, having earned an academic scholarship, Joshua became the first in his family to go to university travelling to Oxford by boat. He graduated in 1957 from Pembroke College with an MA in Modern Languages and a Diploma in Public Administration. An able sportsman as well as an academic, he always looked back on his time at Oxford with great fondness. He enjoyed university social life to the full,

and years later, it gave him great pleasure to return when visiting his daughter as an undergraduate at Pembroke.

Joshua began his teaching career in 1958 at Carmel College in Wallingford. During his time at Carmel, he became headmaster of the Preparatory School and acting headmaster of the Senior School HMC. A dedicated, principled and gifted teacher, he brought out the best in his pupils many of whom remained in contact with him throughout his life.

Subsequently, Joshua moved to Iran, as Director of Education for the Ort Iran School Network, where he met his future wife, Manijeh, who he married in 1974. Between 1975 and 1980, Joshua held the position of Education Consultant for the Private Rad Foundation living in Switzerland, France and then New York, giving him the opportunity to travel widely and to see many different culture the experience of which he cherished.

In 1981 Joshua returned to Gibraltar with his family, where he established himself as a tutor and businessman. After becoming formally involved in local politics, he was elected to the Gibraltar House of Parliament as Shadow Minister for Education and Heritage with the GSLP Party in 1996. He also represented Gibraltar at various Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conferences and held the position of Chairman of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust. In 2000 he became a member of the Chief Minister's Advisory Council on External Affairs.

In the House, Joshua was acknowledged as a first class parliamentarian and debater, reputed for his incisive argument and humour. In the wider community and the House, he was respected for his integrity and honesty and was known as a staunch Gibraltar with firm and eloquent views on the matter of Gibraltar's sovereignty. These views, however, did not prevent Joshua from being an admirer of Spanish culture, language, literature and food – all of which he enjoyed greatly.

A popular and respected teacher, it is testimony to his conscientious nature,

intellect, passion and charisma that there are several generations of former pupils who remember him with great affection.

Joshua is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The Gabay Family

JOHN CARDEN (1957) 1937-2010

John Carden was born on the 8th January 1937 in Manchester, and he and his younger brother, Edward, were brought up in Heaton Mersey, Stockport.

Both boys attended Manchester Grammar School and John went off to Pembroke College to read Law, while his younger brother read Medicine at Cambridge.

The requirements of National Service in 1955 saw John join the Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. At Pembroke, John excelled at sport and attained a double blue for Athletics (where he excelled at javelin throwing) and Lacrosse, and a half-blue in a Varsity motor racing event. The interest in motor racing continued up until 1970 when a high speed crash at Silverstone in a Lotus Elan resulted in his retirement. A 1970 newspaper article described John Carden as "one of the best club drivers the North West has turned out for many years". The article went on to say that, in his last race, "he was leading the event by 2 to 300 yards, and was heading for his 10th successive win when his steering failed, and his car somersaulted to destruction over a ploughed field at over a hundred miles an hour".

John married Mary Thompstone in 1965 and they had three children, Charmaine, who was born in 1966, Bruce in 1967 and



Matthew in 1971.

John's career as a Manchester, and then subsequently, a Cheshire based solicitor led him to represent a number of celebrity clients such as Ken Dodd, Alex Higgins, George Best and the legendary cyclist Reg Harris.

After the retirement from motor racing after his 1970 crash, John took up riding but, not content with leisurely rides with friends, he obtained his license to race within a couple of years. He became an amateur jump jockey and started to race horses. In 1974, he decided to take on probably the greatest challenge in the sport, and rode Huperade in the Grand National. He rode four more times in the Grand National, on Huperade again twice, then Bryan Boru and Rathlek. John never completed the Grand National and, in fact, fell at the first few fences on all occasions, so his record was rather an unenviable one until he stopped participating in 1982.

John Carden told an amusing story about this last race. He was in the Jockeys' room before the race chatting with Bob Champion, who had won the race the previous year on Aldiniti. Bob Champion was aware that John had, in his previous 4 tries, only made it to the 7th fence, the 3rd fence and fallen twice at the first, and offered some words of advice. He told John to tuck in behind him so that he could lead the way for John. John duly followed Bob Champion as Aldiniti raced towards the first fence, and when Aldiniti came crashing down, John dutifully did exactly the same!

However, despite this, John Carden's career as a National Hunt jockey was to continue until 22nd May 1993, when he suffered serious injuries in a fall over hurdles on the all weather track at Southwell. He had won nine races in his racing career, and, it is believed that he was the oldest amateur still racing at 56 years of age when the final accident put pay to his career.

John was also a keen runner up until the Southwell accident, taking up the

sport in his forties. He ran a dozen or so marathons in his forties and fifties, with the best time of 3 hours 1 minute, and was still achieving such times in his fifties. Ironically, his chosen charity for his marathon fundraising was The Injured Jockey Fund. He also set up a national weightlifting record for his weight category only a fortnight before his final accident.

John Carden had a full and adventurous life, racing cars against the likes of Jackie Stewart and racing horses against Peter Scudamore, Jonjo O'Neill and other well known jockeys. He cycled with Reg Harris, played snooker with Alex Higgins and told jokes to Ken Dodd and also won the heart of the prettiest girl in Cheshire. It was a life of constant achievement and John Carden excelled at all he did.

Despite the immersion in sport, he also loved music and, as well as the guitar and ukulele, he played the piano, trumpet, mouth organ, accordion and, to everyone's horror, he even arrived home once with a set of bagpipes. The latter was not sweet to the ear but did the job of ridding the farm of rats! He would regale his children with songs such as those of George Formby until they were thoroughly sick of them.

Following the accident, John was to live out the rest of his life as a ventilated tetraplegic, but he continued to practise law until his retirement in 2003, despite needing round the clock care.

John Carden was an extraordinary character, who made a lasting impression on all those who knew him. He was a daredevil, one in a million and something of a legend. His son, Bruce, described him as having a penchant for danger and being an "adrenaline junkie" before the phrase was even invented.

Many people told his family that John went beyond the call of duty to help them both on a personal and professional basis. He loved a challenge and it seemed that the harder the challenge, the more determined he would be to succeed.

Bruce Carden (son)

(GODFREY) PAUL
BOLWELL (1966)
1946-2012



Paul Bolwell was born in Newbridge, Monmouthshire on 13th December 1946 and was educated at secondary level at Newbridge Grammar School. His A Level grades were creditable but not outstanding, with only a D grade attained in Chemistry.

Paul applied for a place to read Biochemistry at Pembroke and in the entrance paper the following December, he sat a General Paper and subject papers in Biology and Chemistry. Once again, Paul did well in Biology but his Chemistry mark was disappointing. A *viva voce* examination failed to reassure those involved in admissions, and it was considered that he would have serious difficulty with undergraduate level Chemistry, which played a large part in the Biochemistry degree course.

However, Paul was identified as showing potential and he was offered a place, not for Biochemistry, but for either Botany or Zoology, whichever he chose. He selected Botany, perhaps even then with nascent ideas of moving towards plant biochemistry in the future!

In his first year at Oxford, Paul's course included Biology, Chemistry with Physics and Mathematics. At the start of each term his progress was checked by College examination papers set by his tutors. In both Hilary and Trinity terms, Paul was unable to complete the papers and left the Exam Hall early. Things were not looking good for him.

With just weeks left until the University Preliminary Examination, he began to apply himself. He managed to pass

the Chemistry with Physics paper and achieved distinctions in both Mathematics and Biology. The College awarded him a scholarship for this outstanding performance.

For the next two years, Paul began to exhibit a particular flair for plant physiology and biochemistry. However, despite a burst of last minute activity, he was awarded Second Class Honours (at a time when seconds were not formally divided) and the examiners felt unable to recommend him for a research grant. He was devastated by this.

Paul certainly enjoyed all aspects of Oxford student life. When I scheduled him for tutorials at 11.30 am on Saturday mornings, he told me that he didn't know there was such a time. Apparently, it was his custom to frequent the JCR until 3 or 4 am on a Friday evening, and, on a good Saturday, to leave his bed just about in time for lunch.

During the summer vacation, Paul replied to an advertisement for a research assistant in the Botany School in Cambridge under Dr John Barker and was accepted, beginning work there the following October. By Christmas, Dr Barker thought so well of him that he applied to the Scientific Research Council for a research grant to enable him to work for a PhD. Sadly, the following February, Dr Barker was suddenly taken ill and died in December 1970. Paul continued to work in Cambridge in Dr Barker's lab funded by the original grant, but in September 1970 with new funding secured, moved back to Oxford to work with me on the synthesis of phenolics, with special reference to phenylalanine-ammonia-lyase (PAL), cinnamate-4-hydroxylase and phenolase for the synthesis of caffeic acid.

It was a successful piece of work, for, under the influence of light, the seedling leaves were induced to produce the enzymes in a proportional increase, though the phenolase activity, acting as a hydroxylase, was far greater than the previous two enzymes.

The grant finished in September 1973,

but the thesis remained to be written and Paul stayed on in Oxford. His thesis 'The Control of Enzyme levels in the Biosynthesis of Plant Phenolics' was examined by Professor F R Whatley FRS and an external examiner, and he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

After this, in 1974, Paul returned home to Newbridge. For at least three months he laboured on the construction of the M4 to repay his outstanding battels to Pembroke and subsequently took various jobs, including supply teaching, when available. It was at least two years before he returned to Science, to a post-doctoral research post at the University of Leeds, working with Drs M E and J A Callow on the physiological and biochemical changes in brown algae during fertilisation.

At the end of this grant, he applied to Professor D H Northcote FRS for another post-doctoral post back in Cambridge. Northcote rang me for a reference for Paul and I assured him that Paul would do well and I was proved right. Professor Northcote told me later that he greatly admired Paul's experimental skill and his obvious commitment to his research. He thought he was "one of the best – even perhaps the best" post-doc. research student he had ever had. Paul subsequently produced five papers on various aspects of cell wall development in *Phaseolus Vulgaris*.

Alongside this, Paul also managed to complete some outstanding work from his time in Oxford and it was accepted for publication in *Phytochemistry*. In 1984, he was appointed to the City University in London where the research facilities were limited and his time was spent preparing lectures and teaching. In 1986, the University removed Biochemistry from its degree programme and Paul had to look elsewhere for employment. He was appointed to a lectureship in Biochemistry at Royal Holloway College, Egham, part of the University of London. Another biochemist, Dr Richard Dixon, from Oxford was at Royal Holloway

and already a friend of Paul and as Dixon's research interest centred on flavonoid synthesis while Paul's interest in the synthesis and release of hydrogen peroxide was to form the basis of a productive research partnership.

Over a three year period, they established a productive collaboration with another Oxford biochemist, Richard Robbins, which ended only when Dixon moved to Oklahoma, USA and Robbins to France.

Paul was then to work on his own research interests. Using a cell suspension culture of *Phaseolus vulgaris* (L) given to him by Northcote, he pursued two lines of research: the first was the response of the bean cells to a prepared fungal elicitor (from *Colleotrichum lindemuthianum*), studying especially the stage involved in the production of hydrogen peroxide. The second was the further development of cell wall biochemistry to which he had been introduced in Cambridge.

From 1992 to 2008, Paul had significant support from two young European research assistants: A Zimmerlin from Strasbourg, and P Wojtaszek from Poland. They both worked hard at the bench and stimulated the other students around them. Even after Wojtaszek left in 1996, he continued to collaborate with Paul in the writing of two review articles. From the turn of the century, the team expanded again with the arrival of Laurence Bindschiedler from Switzerland and an American researcher, K A Blee.

Paul's interest in the oxidative burst, in which cells subjected to fungal elicitor release hydrogen peroxide into the apoplast and cell medium, started in 1993. At first, he did much of the work himself, spending days and weeks at the bench in the university vacations. I, myself, joined him in experimental work on this project which continued until I retired in 2006. Thereafter, my interest in the subject was continued through collaboration with experimentalists, especially Jose O'Brien, a post-doc from Chile.

It led me to four publications and an

original theory which I first promulgated in 2003 and have continued to refine further since then.

I worked hard at the bench on one or two day per week bases, dealing with possible stages in the production of hydrogen peroxide in the apoplast of cell suspensions and its release into the surrounding media.

Alongside this, Paul had other subsidiary research interests. He collaborated, for instance, with Tony Slabas (Durham) in proteomics and with Professor Rice-Evans (London) on the antioxidative characteristics of flavonoids as chain-breaking systems in Medicine. A number of other side issues also interested him and led to one-off papers in several different fields. Within the course of a single year (2000-2001) Paul was successively promoted to Reader and then Professor of Biochemistry at Royal Holloway College, University of London.

By now, he was both a recognised and well respected plant biochemist and, when Jeffrey Harborne retired from the editorship of the journal *Phytochemistry* he was invited to become one of the three editors. He took over responsibility for the publication of papers submitted from the UK and the rest of the world (excluding Europe and the American continent), and employed successive graduates for two or three days a week to deal with submitted papers, to send them to referees, to ensure that they had been corrected and to deal with the printers. It involved him personally for around a day each week, and he later brought in his old friend and collaborator, Richard Robbins, to help him in the role of Assistant Editor. As Paul's illness progressed, Robbins' role became increasingly important and I understand that he has now been appointed to succeed Paul in the main editorial role.

Paul was not only a professional biochemist, he had many other interests. As a Welshman, his commitment to Rugby football was absolute. He travelled to Cardiff Arms Park and to Twickenham

for every international involving Wales, and usually managed to attend the inter-Varsity matches to support the Dark Blues. He was himself a talented scrum half, and continued to play Rugby with a veterans' team until the age of 47.

His sporting talents also included Cricket. In his years at Oxford, he was a stalwart of the Botany School team in its matches against other departments, and in 1970, turned out for the Cambridge Botany School in the annual match against his old Oxford team mates.

Paul was "one of the lads", never happier than when talking and socialising with friends in the local pub. I shall cherish a mental picture of him, beer in hand, totally at ease, the centre of the crowd and in his element.

So, it was sad that, by 2010, his life was becoming increasingly limited by Motor Neurone Disease. He retired early from Royal Holloway at the end of September and his health deteriorated rapidly.

Paul's friend, Tony Slabas, began to collect together all his scientific publications to submit to the University of Oxford for the degree of Doctor of Science. They made an impressive list and the degree was awarded. Paul was determined to attend the ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre and, despite warnings that he might not survive the journey, travelled there from Charing Cross Hospital by ambulance. It was a memorable and moving occasion: the Vice-Chancellor descended to the floor of the Sheldonian to speak to him personally and he received a standing ovation.

Paul died in a London hospice just a few weeks later on 13th April 2012, and his funeral was held back home in Newbridge, on 27th April, in a church packed with members of his family and his many friends and professional colleagues. As an enthusiastic guitar player, passionate and knowledgeable about all forms of jazz, it was totally fitting that his coffin was led through the streets of Newbridge by a jazz band.

Vernon Butt, Emeritus Fellow

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (1968)

1947-2011



Chris Johnson was born in 1947, at a time when the collecting of books was beginning to undergo a transformation from the pastime of gentlemen, or occasional professors, to a pursuit dominated by universities and research libraries. A parallel change inevitably took place in the world of antiquarian bookselling, and it is thus unsurprising that, like many of his contemporaries, Chris came into the book trade from an academic background. What began as a student's love of the printed word developed into a deep professional appreciation of the book as artefact.

Chris received his early education at Ottershaw School, in Surrey, the first Local Authority Boarding School to be set up following the recommendations of the 1943 Fleming Report which were implemented in the Butler Education Act of the following year. Both of his adoptive parents were employed there. His university career began at Lancaster, but his stay was brief. This was a new university, still under construction. To someone who all his life had a keen sense of his physical surroundings, tuition in what were essentially disused warehouses was not a pleasure. Chris left after a term, and took up a place at York, where he flourished. He got a first in English literature, and then went on to spend a year at Pembroke College where he had the good fortune to study under Dorothy Bednarowska at St Anne's, a woman of great panache who taught her

students with a gin and tonic in one hand, and a menthol cigarette in the other. Chris always spoke of "Mrs Bed," as she was known, with affection, and as a source of inspiration. Another source was David Foxon, whose lectures in bibliography he found intriguing. Foxon had by then largely completed his remarkable study of English verse from 1701 to 1750. On one occasion he brought to class a few examples from his own collection of poetry of the early nineteenth century; the point, which made a great impression on Chris, was that save for a few major figures, this was as yet uncharted territory.

After receiving a BLitt, Chris became a teacher, first at Malvern College, and then at Manchester Grammar School. Reminiscences from his pupils suggest that he had something of the 'Bednarowska' style. Discussions in class of Shakespeare or Milton, Hardy, or D. H. Lawrence were apt to become animated, and when things went well, Chris would rub his hands together in glee. This was a gesture all who knew him will remember.

An interest in buying old books, and selling them, had begun in a small way with a few friends at York. By the time Chris was settled in Manchester he had developed the habit of using his weekends and holidays to scour the countryside, where there were still many well-stocked bookshops. A particular quarry, in the manner of Foxon, was minor verse of the nineteenth century, much of which was quickly sold on to the Dorking bookseller C C Kohler, who was then assembling an enormous collection which went in the end to the University of California at Davis. Along the way, as part of this project, Chris developed a private passion, which he later described as follows:

"Quite early on I decided to keep back and collect for myself one particular class of material: original minor verse printed in the provinces between 1789 and 1839. My search for these early provincial imprints, and my delight in finding new ones, quite soon became, and long remained, fanatical. To add an

Ashby-de-la Zouch or Clonmel imprint to the collection during a book hunting expedition made the day.”

By 1992 Chris had acquired no fewer than a thousand items, and to mark the occasion he published an annotated checklist of what he had found, which his colleagues found useful. “Not in Johnson” was quickly accepted as a good indication of absolute rarity.

Others enthusiasms developed along the way and by the mid 1980s Chris had abandoned teaching entirely to become a full-time bookseller. He was exceptionally keen on what the book trade of a previous generation used to call “old novels,” especially the gothic productions of the Minerva Press. He also became much involved in the literature of British social history, and acquired a substantial inventory in such areas as poverty and public health. His coming of age as a dealer coincided to a large extent with the rise of a new market for antiquarian books in Japan, where university libraries had collectively embarked upon a program of expanding their holdings for the sake of scholarly credibility and prestige. This phenomenon suited Chris well, as it allowed him to pursue subjects in which he had an interest with an intensity that might otherwise have been impractical. Large collections were assembled, and then elaborately described in richly annotated catalogues. What was for Chris a pleasure, and an act of scholarship, was for the Japanese a mark of authenticity.

Chris never in fact became much involved with private collectors, though there were a few notable exceptions. On the whole he was more comfortable as a supplier to institutional collections, in whose scholarly goals he had great faith. Finding rarities was always more appealing to Chris than stocking “high spots,” and he took pleasure in filling gaps on the shelves of the British Library, the Bodleian, Folger, or Yale, for all of whom he was at one time or another a major source. He also made significant contributions to the growing

collections at such libraries as Stanford and the University of Alberta, with whose curators he formed a close working relationship. But most of all he enjoyed dealing with the trade, and he developed over the years an extraordinary network of colleagues who learned to recognize the sort of material he coveted. With his bookselling friends he participated in a wide array of joint ventures, not so much for commercial advantage as for the camaraderie involved.

Chris moved from Manchester to London in 1986, settling first in Islington, and then going on in 1996 to a handsome Georgian house in Keats Grove, in Hampstead. The address was itself appropriate, and evoked in Chris an appealing mixture of pride in what he had achieved, and surprise at the extent of his success. Chris was not a tidy person; his inspection of a shelf of books left everything in slight disarray. He was impatient with some of the inevitable necessities of commerce and learned to use a computer in only the most rudimentary fashion. He was however exceptionally fortunate in the presence of Chris Forster, his partner of thirty years, whose technical skills and faithful attention to detail kept everything under control, and ensured that the business continued to flourish. With their garden to tend and long walks on Hampstead Heath to raise the spirits, Chris maintained to the end his enthusiasm for a certain kind of book, and new titles in his chosen subjects provoked high excitement. His pursuit of provincial verse of the Romantic period, for example, remained fanatical, to use his own word, and he was able to find more than four hundred new titles before his death, which came too suddenly and too soon. He had rather hoped to reach another thousand.

Steve Weissman

MARTIN BURR
(1971)
1952-2012



Martin worked as a barrister, running a “virtual” set of Chambers on the internet which was based in Milton Keynes and run by his Clerk. This was both cost effective and resulted in increased work although he no longer had rooms in London. This latter point was regarded by him as an inconvenience as it meant he could not host a lunch party after the Lord Mayor’s Parade.

Martin had wide interests and his last attendance at The British Legal History Conference was in Cambridge where he joked that he “polished up my gasmask”. There he presented a paper called “Anglo-Saxon Law v. Anglo-Saxon Legal Process? (What Makes Anglo-Saxon Law and Legal Process Special?)”, applying the new geomythology to legal history. It was well received at the fortieth anniversary of the Conference and Martin Burr was mentioned as the person who had introduced the Conference to Anglo-Saxon law.

Martin mentioned in his newsletter that some of his health problems remained unresolved and that he was now down to teaching one course for the Open University as opposed to two. Two courses were taking up too much time and energy. He also felt that he did not have sufficient time to develop his practice at the Bar.

Martin Burr was a man of wide interests who kept in contact with his large social circle through an annual epistle. He always held a guest lecture as Mike Kennard comments on later, and also

an annual tea party, his last being sadly marred by a rainy day retreat into his dining room. He was always planning the social schedule for the year ahead and was looking forward to his next year’s Guest Lecture which was on the subject of the mother and son relationship in opera and its legal implications. This was particularly apt following his mother’s death and he was planning to make it a Memorial Lecture to his late mother.

Martin lost his mother just before Christmas 2011, and numerous other members of his family shortly afterwards. He found this a difficult burden. He was particularly close to his mother, Margaret, and she was an integral part of his life. He cared for her with devotion over the last six years of her life, immensely proud that he had managed to keep this 95 year old lady at home until her death. It is small wonder that he found it difficult to find sufficient time to pursue his work at the Bar and his numerous other work and social interests during this time.

Martin found strength through his deep religious faith and both he and his mother remained involved in the Church. Martin always held an annual Mass at his home each year. The Clergy and the congregation supported them, along with a number of good friends. Both his mother’s life and his own was one of day to day involvement in the Church and memorial services and thanksgiving services for the life of his mother were of enormous importance to Martin. He states in his newsletter that “I made my usual visits to Lyme Regis, Budleigh Salterton, Buckfast Abbey, Cornwall, Walsingham, Quanton, Suffolk, Sherborne and the Lake District. I also did the now customary Eldon Chancery Seminars in the west country at Easter, Southwold at Whitsun, Carlisle in September and the west country in October. The camaraderie was excellent and our numbers just about respectable. In July I made our customary pilgrimage to Winchester for the Friends’ patronal festival.

Martin’s love of music is illustrated

by an extract from his last newsletter to friends in which he states that “I did my usual Guest Lecture, this year on legal documents in opera. The lecture was *In Piam Memoriam*. I sang the great *Va Pensiero* - there is only one (the glorious Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Verdi’s *Nabucco*); *Der Vogelfänger bin ich Ja* (the Bird-catcher’s Song from Mozart’s *Die Zauberflöte*); and *The Judge’s Song* (from Gilbert & Sullivan’s *Trial by Jury*). Vocally it went very well. The new venue (the Club for Acts and Actors) proved very popular with the audience. The hall was a beautifully resonant one in which to sing, but I think it was the bar upstairs which really appealed to the audience. They demolished my post-lecture crisps and floated upwards very quickly.”

Martin was a very loyal attendee at College events and he will be sadly missed by the many fellow attendees who found him a most interesting companion.

Obituary compiled from various sources

A tribute from Andrew Seton, Strategic Development Director

Martin – a barrister and renaissance man - was one of a kind, a uniquely eccentric presence at most of our events in London. He would never miss his own Gaudy or a reunion in Oxford, when one of these came round. I, for one, shall miss his devoted attachment to the College: I have the impression that Pembroke supplied him with an extra family throughout his life and I sense may have been a source of comfort when his mother, his closest friend, died in 2011. I shall miss chatting to him about his fascination for church music, from English to Byzantine, his own operatic and oratorio compositions, which alas I never got to hear, and I only wish I had got to know more of his work as a barrister. I confess to an abiding sense of guilt that my Development Director’s duties at Pembroke events meant I could never hear him out completely. He always took my polite excuses and need to “work

the room” with such gentle good grace. Martin: I wish I had known you and your versatile intellect better!”

A tribute from Michael Kennard (1969)

I met Martin Burr at a Pembroke Society Dinner at the College. He kindly invited me to several events he organised. The one that I enjoyed attending was his annual Guest Lecture. He was a barrister, who specialised in tax and ecclesiastical law. His Guest Lecture started as a legal lecture when he was a Lecturer at the College of Law. However, in later years his subject tended to include areas of music. One lecture was entitled the Legal Aspects of The Sound of Music. It was well researched and included a lot of information about the Von Trapp family. Martin supplied his own music and his guests lectures invariably concluded with an excellent song and dance routine.

A memorial service took place for Martin Burr in Hanworth on 20th October 2012, and it was well attended by many friends. At Martin’s request and most typical of him it was followed by a champagne reception.

A tribute from John Platt (1956), Emeritus Fellow

As Chaplain I knew Martin well since he was a regular Chapel-goer.

However, my most vivid memories of his time at Pembroke surround the comic operetta which he wrote, produced and directed in college. “Friveletto” was a whimsical story of young love during an Oxford summer opening with a rousing chorus, “It is Trinity Term, it is Trinity Term”. For the most part Martin set his own words to familiar arias and I had the painful task of singing the solo “O, Isis and O, Cherwell”.



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