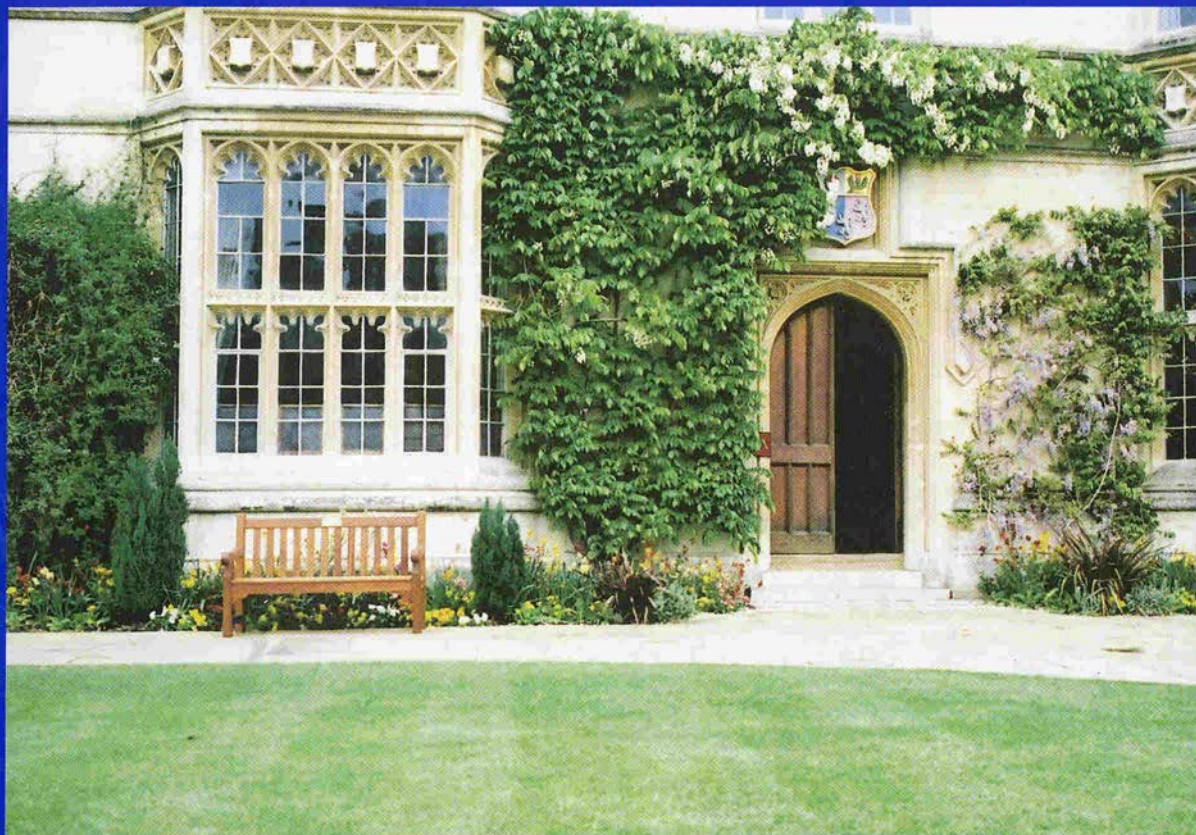


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## Master's Notes

Now well into my third year as Master, I reflect on a series of strong impressions and experiences of the College since my arrival.

Among the many favourable impressions has been that of the calibre and commitment of the teaching Fellows in Pembroke, both those who have been in the College for some time and the ten or so who have arrived in recent years. They achieve great results from their teaching, while their pastoral care of students must be second to none. At the same time, their research reputations and achievements are high. Two (John Eekelaar and James McMullen) have, for example, been recently elected as Fellows of the British Academy, the highest academic distinction in the UK on the Humanities side; three have won the much sought after Leverhulme Research Fellowships (Helen Small, Stephen Whitefield and Michelangelo Zaccarello); and others have received prestigious national and international awards.

I have also been struck by the constructive atmosphere in which the Governing Body operates. Discussions there are greatly assisted by the input from the Professorial Fellows and from five members of Governing Body who are not academics. One is the Finance Director of the Oxford University Press and four are so-called Advisory Fellows, who come from a variety of non-academic backgrounds. The added perspective they bring is invaluable and the College is very grateful to them for the extensive time and valuable advice they give.

While on the subject of the Fellows, since the last issue of *The Record* Tutorial Fellows Ray Rook, Alan Jones, Miri Rubin, Richard Young, John Knowland, Martin Bridson and Michelangelo Zaccarello have retired or resigned as have Kallistos Ware, John Platt, Mary-Jane Hilton, Robert Thomson and Pierre Foëx, while, sadly, Emeritus Fellow Savile Bradbury has died. Appropriate tributes appear elsewhere in this issue of *The Record*.

Another equally strong impression has been made on me by the student body in Pembroke, both undergraduate

and graduate. The vast majority seem to me to be embracing, with a good deal of enthusiasm, commitment and success, the very special opportunities, which this outstanding collegiate University offers. In the past three years, the College's results in Finals have produced 1sts, 2:1s and 2:2s broadly in line with the average for the University. (Unfortunately, we have also been getting too many 3rds, which students, good enough to be admitted here in the first place, should not be achieving. This is receiving attention.) A highlight of our academic performance came in the summer of 2003 with three Pembroke students each coming first across the entire University in their respective Final Honours School. One of these, Jane Kershaw (History), went on to win a coveted Kennedy Scholarship for post-graduate study at Harvard. Only six of these are awarded nationally across all subjects.

On the non-academic side, we continue to be fertile ground for producing Presidents of the Union and also leading actors in the University and we have many who are "movers and shakers" in University clubs and societies. Sport has continued to prosper, with rowing leading the way and where the highlight has undoubtedly been the historic double headship of the river achieved in the summer of 2003. This was an extraordinarily exhilarating experience, both for the members of the two crews and also for the huge body of College supporters who cheered on the crews to their wonderful triumph. It gave the College generally a real fillip.

A very open and happy relationship exists between the student body at all levels and the Governing Body, and this is another notable feature, which has struck me during my time here. This greatly helps towards the smooth and productive working of the College. At an individual level, I have really enjoyed working with the JCR and MCR Presidents and their help to me as an incoming Master has been much appreciated. More generally, Lynne and I have found our contact with undergraduate and graduate students to be a most enjoyable part of the job.

The loyalty and commitment of the non-academic staff

in the College, many of whom are long servers and whose devotion is extraordinary - indeed almost legendary, is another heart-warming feature.

My opening two terms as Master were particularly challenging. I arrived to find no Finance Bursar in place. I was therefore asked to act in this role while learning the ropes as a brand new Master. This continued for two terms when Ray Rook kindly agreed to come out of retirement and hold the fort until a new appointment could be made pursuant to a reorganisation of Bursarial functions in the College. John Church is the new appointee and he has made a very positive and decisive impact since his arrival in the spring of 2003.

At the end of my second term, came the *Sunday Times* story about Pembroke admissions. Much was said and written about this at that time. Suffice here to say that this was an appalling episode for the College and all its various constituencies and was a tragedy for the two Fellows concerned.

However, all that is behind us and the College is moving firmly forward. A very detailed Strategic Plan has recently been completed and unanimously endorsed by the Governing Body. This identifies the academic and other priorities for the College over the next five to ten years and how, operationally, they are to be achieved as well as what they will cost. This will form the basis of a launch of a new major fundraising campaign within the next 12 months, intended to help us break out of the present unacceptably tight financial constraints and thereby enable the College to capitalise on its undoubted strengths and potential.

One source of huge encouragement and pleasure to me has been the level of interest in, and affection and support for, the College emanating from its alumni. We shall need to rely greatly on this in the years ahead.

GIH

# University and Other Distinctions 2001

## FIRSTS IN FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS

Chemistry	T. Fowler
Economics & Management	M.S. Jalali
English	M. Diosi
	D.A.R. Henderson
Experimental Psychology	S. Brady
Fine Art	F. Lowe
Geography	E.J. Kingstone
	R.J. Ward
Law	S.W.S.J. Said
Law – LSE	E.J. Jordan
Mathematical Sciences	G.D. Page
	N.H.J. Rowe
Modern History & Economics	K. Foo
Modern Languages	E.G.B. Aldhouse
	A.C.R. Branczik
	E. Norris-Cervetto
Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry	D.M. Gostick
Music	N.P. Conway
Philosophy & Modern Languages	
Physics	T. Lancaster
Physiological Sciences	R.J. Dillon
	D.S. Grossman
	R. Shute
PPE	D.C. Magill
	H. McManus

## DISTINCTIONS / FIRSTS IN MODS AND PRELIMS

Chemistry	J.S. Rodrigues
Economics & Management	M. Beevor
	T.A. Finke
	L.E. Matthews

English  
Japanese  
Law  
Mathematics  
Maths & Philosophy  
Modern History  
Modern Languages

P.P.E.

## PRIZES

Bannister Medical Scholarship	R. J. Dillon (1998)
Blackett Memorial Prize	Miss D. Grossman (1998)
	Miss R. Shute (1998)
	G. R. Williams (1998)
Book Prize for Part I Chemistry Finals	
Gibbs Book Prize in Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry	E. Norris-Cervetto (1997)
Gibbs Prize (for best use of experimental apparatus in an M.Phys project))	T. Lancaster (1997)
Gibbs Prize in Oriental Studies (Moderations)	A. L. Daniels (1999)
Hedges Prize	E. J. H. Bevan (1998)
MacKenzie Prize	Miss K. L. Johnson (2000)

## SPORTS

J. Bartosiak-Jentys (2000)	Half-Blue for Volley-Ball
E. J. H. Bevan (1998)	Blue for Hockey
Miss L.M.L. Blackburn (1998)	Half-Blue for Women's Lightweight Rowing
Miss K. Bolten (2000)	Half-Blue for Volley Ball
B. Burch (1998)	Blue for Rowing
Miss M. L. Clay (1997)	Blue for Women's Rugby League

N. M. Edelman (1999)	Half-Blue for Water Polo (Captain O.U.W.P.C.)
Miss V.R. Harding (2000)	Blue for Women's Rowing
A. T. Hulme (1999)	Half-Blue for Lightweight Rowing
Miss A.E. Jowett (1999)	Blue for Women's Rowing
Miss T. E. Kemp (1999)	Blue for Athletics
Miss L.J. Rowbotham (1999)	Blue for Women's Rowing
D. E. Sellick (1998)	Blue for Hockey

## University and other Distinctions 2002

### FIRSTS IN FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS

Biochemistry	Miss V. L. Wimhurst
Biology	G. Dyce
	Miss P. Lamberton
	R. Langford
Chemistry	G. R. Williams
	C. J. Wilson
Economics & Management	T. J. Buss
	N. M. Edelman
	Miss C. R. Hyde
	C. R. Mortimer
Engineering	W. Whitby
English Language & Literature	E. A. Conway
	Miss M. Stamatakis
	D. C. Tyler
European & Middle Eastern Languages	S. K. Easterbrook

Experimental Psychology	Miss C. Nevill
Law	M. Rizvi
Mathematics	Miss C. Goodwin
Modern History	S. P. Chantry
Modern Languages	Miss O. C. Harrison
Oriental Studies (Japanese)	F. N. Thomas
	Miss P. A. Wojtowska
PPE	T. J. Clarke
	Miss A. M. Grass
	G. W. Hodgson

### DISTINCTIONS / FIRSTS IN MODS AND PRELIMS

Biochemistry	I. P. Monk
Biological Sciences	Miss J. A. R. Elmes
Chemistry	G. Putka
	C. J. Serpell
Economics & Management	A. J. Shah
	Miss L. Wulferth
English	A. P. Hesz
	Miss L. Riordan
Maths & Computer Science	B. C. F. Lai
Mathematics	W. Schlackow
Modern History	D. J. Bishop
	Miss H. C. Gagen
	Miss L. R. Morgan
Modern History & Economics	S. R. Cotton
	Miss S. K. Doe
Modern History & Politics	J. Bellin
Modern Languages	Miss S. S. Ali
	J. D. Bradbury
PPE	Miss P. J. Rimmer
	C. Benson

### PRIZES

Bannister Medical Scholarship	Miss C. Targett (1999)
Blackett Memorial Prize	Miss C. Targett (1999)
Cleobury Prize	Miss C. Goodwin (1998)
Hedges Prize	Miss E. Whiteside

Levick Prize	(2000) Miss O. Harrison (1998)
TEPCo Prize	J. Butcher (2000)
<b>SPORTS</b>	
('College Colours' introduced in 2002 by the JCR themselves, "for dedication and excellence in College sports")	
J. Bartosiak-Jentys (2000)	College Colours
E. J. H. Bevan (1998)	Hockey Blue
T. Bilyard (1998)	College Colours
Miss R. A. Birtwhistle (1999)	College Colours
Miss K. Bolten (2000)	Blue for Women's Volleyball
B. J. Burch (1998)	Rowing Blue OUBC President
M. J. Clayton-Stead (1999)	College Colours
R. S. Clode (2000)	College Colours
D. Desbiens (2001)	Blue for Ice-Hockey
B. G. Dixon (2001)	Rowing Blue
G. R. Dyce (1999)	College Colours
N. M. Edelman (1999)	Swimming Blue Half-Blue for Waterpolo
H. J. Edwards (1999)	College Colours
D. J. Evans (1999)	College Colours
A. Formstone (1999)	College Colours
Miss G. H. Glasby (1999)	College Colours
W. M. Griffiths (1999)	College Colours
Miss V. R. Harding (2000)	Women's Rowing Blue
Miss A. E. Jowett (1999)	Women's Rowing Blue
Miss T. E. Kemp (1999)	Women's Hockey Blue
Miss F. J. Leigh (2000)	College Colours
B. W. Lewis (2000)	College Colours
Miss A. T. J. McGregor (2000)	College Colours
S. Miall (2001)	Rugby Blue
G. P. J. Parker-Jones (2000)	College Colours
Miss H. E. Pawson (2000)	College Colours
Miss A. Quinn (1999)	College Colours

B. W. Ritchie (1999)	College Colours
Miss L. J. Rowbotham (1999)	Women's Rowing Blue
M. E. Sayer (1999)	College Colours
D. E. Sellick (1998)	Hockey Blue
A. M. Taylor (1999)	College Colours
M. P. Tulsiani (2000)	College Colours
P. A. Wherity (2000)	College Colours

# University and other Distinctions 2003

## FIRSTS IN FINAL HONOUR SCHOOLS

Chemistry	S. Forrest P. Sithamparanathan
Economics & Management	Miss M. Beevor Miss J. Y. Ma
Engineering Science	M. E. Sayer
English	G. F. Copps Miss K. L. Johnson Miss C. F. Smith
Experimental Psychology	Miss F. J. Leigh
Law	Miss Y. K. Lam
Mathematics	M. J. Gibb M. E. Robson
Mathematical Sciences	Miss K. N.
Cherrington	R. Clode
Modern History	Miss J. F. Kershaw
Modern Languages	Miss N. Pilides
Molecular & Cellular	A. Formstone Biochemistry
Oriental Studies (Japanese)	F. Aranda
Physics	A. M. Taylor
PPE	Miss E. Gavrielides

## DISTINCTIONS / FIRSTS IN MODS AND PRELIMS

Chemistry	P. S. Saundh Miss H. V. Slee
Chemistry (Quantum Chemistry Supplementary Subject)	G. Putka C. J. Serpell
Economics & Management	A. Hanif Miss A-M Sim
Engineering	M. J. Hunter
Engineering, Economics & Management	R. Ordonez Sandoval

English	Miss K. M. Martin T. P. Stainer
History	Miss H. A. Dedman Miss A. J. Walsh
History & Economics	M. Hirn
History & Modern Languages	Miss A. Holroyd Miss E. L. Lindesay
Law	N. Moore S. T. K. Singla
Mathematics	C. J. Aldred
Modern Languages	Miss N. L. Burroughs Miss K. M. Prescott
Philosophy & Theology	N. S. Harrold

## PRIZES

3 Prizes in Economics & Management	Miss M. L. Beevor (2000)
Bannister Medical Scholarship	D. J. Evans (1999)
Blackett Memorial Prize	B. W. Lewis (2000)
Brettschneider Scholarship	S. R. Cotton (2001)
Christopher Pratt Prize	J. D. Bradbury (2001)
Cleobury Prize	Miss K. N.
Cherrington (2000)	
Farthing Prize for Constitutional Law	S. K. Singla (2002)
George Bredin Travel Fund	A. R. Brodie (2001)
Gibbs Prize in Mathematica Sciences Cherrington (2000)	Miss K. N.I
Gibbs Prize in Modern History	Miss J. F. Kershaw (2000)
Hedges Prize	Miss E. Whiteside (2000)
Instrumental Award	Miss A. De Sybel (2002)
Levick Prize	Miss E. Gavrielides (2000)
Monk Prize for Criminal Law	N. H. Moore (2002)
Patrick Higgins Travel Scholarship	Miss H. Smith (2002)
Ronald Bartlett Prize	Miss Z. Adam (2001)
Simms Prize in Crime, Justice	S. M. Wan (2002)

& the Penal System (Shared) (BCL)  
Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship S. K. Singla (2002)

## SPORTS

PEMBROKE CAME 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE CUPPERS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2002-3

E. J. H. BEVAN (1998) WON SPORTSMAN OF THE  
YEAR 2002-3

(‘College Colours’ introduced in 2002 by the JCR  
themselves, “for dedication and excellence in College  
sports”)

Miss K. A. S. Adlington (2002)	Blue for Women’s Hockey
E. J. H. Bevan (1998)	Blue for Hockey
T. Bilyard (1998)	Blue for Squash
A. R. Brodie (2001)	College Colours
T. H. J. Bullock (2002)	Half-Blue for Hockey
Miss L. H. Carr (2001)	College Colours
B. P. J. Collier (2002)	Half-Blue for Volleyball
S. R. Cotton (2001)	College Colours
O. J. Davies (2002)	Blue for Hockey
B. S. Dean (2001)	College Colours
P. G. Delaney (2001)	College Colours
B. G. Dixon (2001)	Blue for Rowing
G. A. Germain (2001)	College Colours
Miss L. C. Godwin (2002)	Blue for Women’s Rowing
Miss E. J. Graham (2001)	College Colours
M. Harris (2001)	College Colours
M. D. Honeyben (2001)	Blue for Rugby
A. W. Hunter (2001)	College Colours
P. C. Lilford (2001)	College Colours
Miss A. Rothkopf (2001)	College Colours
Miss B. C. Poynor (2000)	College Colours
J. J. Squier (2001)	College Colours

# Fellowships of British Academy – John Eekelaar

WRITTEN BY DAN PRENTICE

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I am not in a position to speak directly about John Eekelaar as a family law scholar. When I first came to Pembroke as his colleague many years ago, I put to him the perfectly sensible proposition that parents are entitled to make whatever demands they considered necessary as regards household chores by their children. John demurred. He doubted if this was an accurate statement of law, indeed he continued that he considered that as a matter of social practice the reverse was true. Whilst I realised that I needed to change my family lawyer, this introduced me to John as a socio-legal scholar.

About John’s stature as a family law scholar, however, I can speak indirectly. I was a member of the Management Committee of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, and every year in its annual report the publications of John Eekelaar and Mavis Maclean were listed as part of the Centre’s scholarly output. This work unquestionably enhanced the reputation of the Centre; indeed it was one of the jewels in its research crown. It also contributed to what is a primary function of the Centre, namely socio-legal studies.

This introduces Mavis. It is hard to think of John as a scholar without linking his name to that of Mavis Maclean. They have forged a most impressive collaborative relationship that has produced interdisciplinary scholarship of the highest quality. Their publications display an understanding and empathy for their respective disciplines which produces an intellectual melding in place of the polarised, ‘sociology does it this way’ and ‘law does it this way’. They are now co-

directors of the Oxford Centre for Family Law and Policy.

John's contribution to the wider public life of academe has been truly Roman. Some 25 years ago he was a founding member of the International Society of Family Law and he has served as its President. The ISFL is undoubtedly the leading scholarly association in international and comparative family law. It is a model of how such academic societies should be run, a model of inclusivity rather than exclusivity. A visit to ISFL's website shows that its membership is drawn from nearly every jurisdiction in the world. The ISFL publishes its conference proceedings, and John has been a joint editor of seven of its publications. He is the editor of the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies and the International Journal of Law Policy and the Family. Although I am somewhat reluctant to use the adjective 'distinguished' in the context of anything academic (mainly because the word has been debased by Vice-Chancellors), both are very distinguished journals indeed.

In addition, John has served as Chairman of the Board of the Faculty of Law and Chairman of the FHS. I am told by those who are better informed that he has unstintingly supported young scholars and has given them considerable assistance and encouragement. He has served Pembroke as Dean and Senior Tutor and has carried more than his fair share of College responsibilities. He has kept law flourishing at Pembroke, often in difficult circumstances. It was serendipity when I was appointed to my Fellowship at Pembroke. He is a very conscientious tutor and as a colleague he did all the work and I took all the plaudits.

The most important is always the last. When I came to Oxford, many of us were struggling with the problem of whether students should overcome sex or be overcome by it. At that time John was a bachelor. I do not know how he resolved this Manichean struggle but he did marry Pia. This introduces John's family. Pia and John have two splendid daughters, Louise and Catherine. Both have inherited their parents' love of classical music. If there is ever a University challenge on classical music we should

field the Eekelaar Quartet. I cannot predict their score but I can confidently predict the opposition's "nul point". We should be extremely grunted that John is a member of our community and that the Academy had the good judgement to recognise, what we all have known for some time, the self-evident.

# Welcome to New Fellows

## JOHN CHURCH



*John and his wife Jo at the Chateaux of Clos de Vougeot on the day he was awarded the "Chevalier du Tastevin"*

business units – Offshore banking, Premier Banking, and Barclays France.

So how did John come to join Pembroke? It is Barclays policy to encourage its senior executives to meet with executive coaches. About three years ago John's coach asked him what he might like to do if he ever left banking. For a moment or two John imagined himself teaching French, but then his mind alighted on another idea: why not be the Bursar of an Oxford College? The financial and general management skills which he had developed at Barclays were, he imagined, precisely those required of an effective Bursar. He was familiar with the Oxbridge system, sympathetic to its aims, and with a home near Thame, the idea was feasible on a practical basis. However, the time to act upon this idea had not yet come, but it came sooner than he was suspecting.

A few month's later John was asked at very short notice

John took up the position of Bursar at Pembroke in April 2003. A Modern Languages graduate from St Catharine's College, he went from Cambridge University to Oxford via 29 years at Barclays Bank! During his long career at Barclays he undertook a wide variety of roles, and over the last 10 years of his career was the Senior Executive responsible for three different strategic

to take charge of Barclays' operation in France for a one-year period. That made him think again about the opportunities for a career change, and he and his employers agreed that he could leave on favourable terms when he returned from Paris. One of the many and perhaps little-known pleasures of being in Paris is that one can read the Sunday Times on a Sunday morning and it was there that John saw the advertisement for the position of Bursar at Pembroke. One or two phone calls confirmed that the job was certainly not a sinecure but full of challenges . . . and opportunities. That made John even more keen to take on the role and he threw himself into the exhausting interview process which culminated in his appointment just before Christmas 2003.

A year into his tenure, John is already well on his way to realising many of those opportunities. His ability to wear so many different hats at once is impressive. He is a Fellow of the College, a member of the Finance and General Purpose, Domestic Management, Buildings, IT, and Development Committees, Secretary of Amalgamated Clubs, and the person chiefly responsible for the financial affairs of the College and all non-academic administration. He was integral to the recent development of a long range strategic plan for the College, is managing a number of critical renovation and re-development projects, has overhauled the website and is working hard to improve the facilities of Pembroke in all areas.

If it sometimes seems that the centre of gravity is in the Bursar's office, John wouldn't have it any other way. He is delighted to be part of the Pembroke community. Hardly a College function goes by that he and his wife Jo do not attend. (Jo's willingness to pitch-in is impressive. She's even been spotted with a hammer and nails installing an exhibition of JCR art!) John's integration into College life extends to his participation on the men's tennis team. Pembroke has never lost a match that he has played in (which perhaps explains why opposing colleges are wont to question his eligibility!)

Outside of work in addition to being a keen tennis player he is an ardent rugby supporter, following

Saracens on a regular basis. He is also a trustee of the Berr Trust, which supports voluntary organisations working in Russia. John's other extracurricular activities relate to France. He is an unapologetic Francophile with a home in Cannes, a fluency in the language and a passion for the wine, which culminated in his nomination as a "Chevalier du Tastevin" at the Chateaux of Clos de Vougeot.

His passion for Pembroke is evident everywhere and John looks forward to continuing to serve as a member of the 'partnership' which is working to advance the College and its mission.

## BEN DAVIS



Ben was appointed Fellow and Tutor in Organic Chemistry in 2001. He comes to Pembroke following a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto and work as a lecturer at Durham University. His belief that "Oxford is the best place to do chemistry"

attracted him to the joint Pembroke/Department of Chemistry post. This belief, based on Ben's experience as a DPhil student at Keble, has been substantiated on a daily basis since his return. Oxford, he believes, "is a place that asks remarkable things of remarkable kids." As a result, its chemistry graduates are, in his opinion, at least 18 months ahead of graduates from other universities.

Science has intrigued Ben for as long as he can remember. As a schoolboy he "loved fiddling with things" to see how they worked (*and* building smoke bombs.) Chemistry was something that he was reasonably good at, but not terribly enthusiastic about. His admission that he always sat in the back row of class

demonstrates this. But Ben's attitude changed dramatically when a Mr Eastwood took over the class. Mr Eastwood taught Ben that in chemistry it's not what you learn that is important, but rather what you *understand* and how you *use that understanding*.

Serving as Pembroke's Schools Liaison, Ben endeavours to encourage students from a diversity of backgrounds to apply to Oxford – just as he was once encouraged by Mr Eastwood. Reaching out in a meaningful way to a broader range of students and genuinely affecting wider access to Oxford is, he admits, difficult, but progress is being made...and must be made.

Ben is also a member of Pembroke's Building Committee, an affiliation which no doubt corresponds to his interest in architecture. If he were not an academic or scientist, Ben thinks he would have enjoyed being an architect or art dealer. Chemistry and architecture have certain things in common: a reliance on forms which are not necessarily new, but arranged in new ways. And chemistry, like the paintings Ben admires, has a beautiful artistry about it.

Ben's research comes under the broad headings of carbohydrate and protein chemical biology. The synthesis, manipulation and redesign of naturally occurring carbohydrate-containing structures allows the probing of key biochemical mechanisms and hence, through the understanding of these processes, the development of potential therapeutic strategies and new drugs for treating disease.

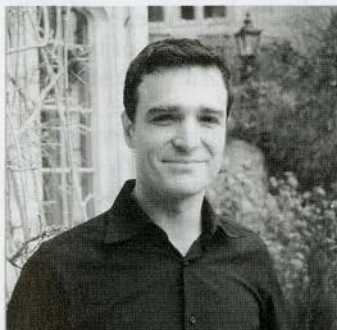
In 2002 Ben and Dr Antony Fairbanks, a colleague at Oxford's Dyson Perrins Laboratory, established Glycoform. Glycoform is a small biotech company which utilises the unique properties of carbohydrates to selectively recognise certain cell-surface receptors, and technologies in carbohydrate/oligosaccharide synthesis and glycoprotein synthesis, to target drugs to specific cell types. The company's goal is to design drug delivery systems based on carbohydrate-cell surface receptor interactions, and develop these in collaboration with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Glycoform also anticipates collaborating with protein

therapeutic companies in improving existing and new drugs.

Ben admits to feeling almost guilty sometimes that he is doing “the greatest job in the world” – one that brings him into daily contact with a mix of amazingly gifted minds, all the best ‘toys’, and extraordinary resources. He never imagined as a student that ‘a proper job’ could be so enjoyable.

He feels that his teaching and research contribute to each and is determined, as an academic, to remain a student of new knowledge and to do his utmost to help others learn as well. Ben particularly enjoys doing this at Pembroke, a College which he believes to be among the best in Oxford at bringing out the full potential of students and educating them roundly.

## RAPHAEL HAUSER



Raphael took up the Tanaka Fellowship in Applied Mathematics in 2001. His teaching activities are divided between Pembroke College and the Oxford University Computing Laboratory where he is a University Lecturer in Numerical Analysis.

He hails from Lucerne, Switzerland and it was while in high school there that his interest in mathematics was kindled. At the age of twelve Raphael envisaged a career in biology, but physics soon captured his imagination. Then, two years before leaving school, he began to study differential and integral calculus under an inspired teacher who taught Raphael how deep mathematical thought can be.

He entered the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne as a Physics major, spent an exchange year at Georgia Institute of Technology, and then went on to earn

a Diploma in Mathematics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, having specialised in pure mathematics and theoretical physics.

All the while, Raphael nurtured a general interest in history, economics and politics. Intrigued by the rapid social changes taking place in the former Soviet Union, he travelled to Moscow to stay with a host family and learn Russian. He also travelled to Central Asia and was accepted to pursue PhD studies at the Steklov Institute in St Petersburg.

Ultimately though, the inadequacy of research facilities in St Petersburg led Raphael to enrol at Cornell University instead. He credits Cornell as being the place that scientifically influenced him most. It was there that he began research in applied mathematics and earned a PhD in Operations Research. After leaving Cornell, Raphael became a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics of Cambridge University, and two years later he came to Oxford.

Raphael’s current research interests are in symmetric cone programming, the complexity theory of convex optimisation, the robust portfolio selection problem, positive polynomials, the stability of matrix flows arising in weather and climate prediction, and in the longest common subsequence problem.

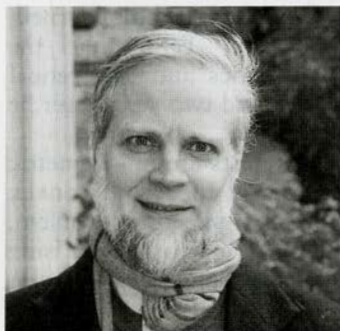
He lectures section c courses for undergraduates and special topics courses for graduate students in continuous optimisation, convex analysis, interior-point methods for convex programming, analysis on symmetric cones, integer programming, and in positive polynomials. At Pembroke Raphael is the Senior Maths Tutor and teaches tutorials in applied mathematics. He also serves on the Governing Body, the Academic Committee, the IT Committee and as the Computing Fellow of the College.

While he thinks that he might have enjoyed being a political journalist, Raphael maintains that teaching, in so far as it is an activity that helps people progress in their own lives, is one of the most sensible activities one can engage in. He started teaching to support himself while he was still a student and collected experience that ranges

from teaching evening classes to a group of self-motivated professionals at an engineering school in Lucerne to teaching physics at a high school where the secret of motivating students was dangling the prospect of an exciting experiment at the end of class before them.

The majority of the students that Raphael works with now come to Oxford already excited about maths. His own excitement is fuelled by the creative process involved in inventing new approaches to solving deviously hard problems. Mathematics is not necessarily art, but it has a certain self-imposed poetry to it and gives rise to beautiful and intellectually deeply satisfying ideas.

## CHRISTOPHER MELCHERT



Christopher was appointed to the Abdullah Saleh Fellowship in Arabic at Pembroke in 2000. He was born in 1955 in Sendai, Japan, whither his father had gone to teach English and his mother to be a missionary. His parents returned to the United

States when he was little more than a year old, so he remembers almost no Japanese. He grew up mainly in the San Francisco Bay Area. He decided to be an historian in fifth grade, when he wrote a 52-page history of the American Civil War (typed with two fingers).

From high school, he went to the University of California at Santa Cruz. He was looking for a serious academic experience and was disappointed to find the place full of Southern Californians attracted mostly by beach and boardwalk. After two years, though, he realized that he was stuck here and resolved to make the best of it. Actually, UC Santa Cruz had been deliberately modelled in the previous decade on Oxford, with colleges duplicating departments and tutorials fairly easy to

arrange. Professors were pleased to work with a student who worked hard, and it ended well with a bachelor's degree in History in 1977.

Having decided to specialize in some part of the world besides Europe and the United States, he wandered into a class on the modern Middle East part way through his second year and decided this was as good a part of the world as any. (This is an advantage of the delayed specialization that predominates in American colleges. He might have loved Oxford, but he would never have taken up Islamic history here.)

Having started Arabic with two summer courses at UC Berkeley, he headed for the American University in Cairo in 1978 with two objects in mind: first, to learn enough Arabic to read a newspaper; second, to see a Third World country with his own eyes – 'It'd be terrible to find out I hate Arabs only when I'm about to start my doctoral dissertation.' He certainly accomplished both these objects, winning a scholarship competition to stay on a second year, making dear friends, living in cheap rooms in 'popular neighbourhoods', loving the sound of train and distant voices at night, the look of worn stone steps, the texture of a 700-year-old wall.

The focus of his studies as an undergraduate was the old question of development: why are we rich and they poor? About the time of his stay in Cairo, though, he decided to push his studies back toward the Middle Ages. Americans who study the modern Middle East tend to spend a lot of time arguing about Arabs and Israelis, which he was minded to avoid. The field of modern Middle East studies is full of persons who have come first for the sake of some political line, only second for the sake of scholarship. On the other hand, Egyptians all around tried to convert him to Islam and he developed a keen interest in the religion.

In religion, itself, too – the example of all these simple believers affected him strongly, and he felt he should make a personal commitment. He had come to Egypt a sceptic, but Muslims helped make him a believer, and he was finally baptized by the Princeton House Church a year and a half after returning to the United States. Later,

he joined the West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, still later the Ozark Mennonite church.

He had gone to Princeton to study Islamic history. He left under a cloud with a master's degree as consolation. He chose the University of Pennsylvania for his further studies the way one ought to choose a graduate school, mainly by noticing a scholar with a congenial approach and going to study under him. This was George Makdisi, whose disciple he was from 1984 to 1992. Also in Philadelphia, he met and eventually married Diane Stitt.

His doctoral dissertation concerned the formation of the Sunni schools of law. Muslim men of religion are basically experts in the law, like Rabbis. Since the tenth century, they have normally been affiliated with one of four to six schools. The dissertation identifies at what point the schools appeared as institutions to form and certify new experts in the law. Researching the dissertation took him to Istanbul for most of two academic years, since there are substantially more Arabic manuscripts there than anywhere else, the loot of the Ottoman Empire. Diane went with him, and together they exulted in fine Turkish fruits and vegetables, among other advantages of life there.

His first year out of graduates school, he taught at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a respectable school of the second rank. Next, he moved to Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, a school of the third rank. His department there decided after two years to hire another Americanist and do without an Islamicist, so he got the sack. The next three years in exile from academe were painful, but he continued to read and write as best he could, and finally persuaded the Social Science Research Council to fund nine months' study in Damascus, where he wrote and submitted three substantial articles and researched a fourth (to be written up over in the United States the following summer, his laptop having broken down in Syria). Diane went along, again, and made some visible progress in Arabic near the end. For the next year, he was offered a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, a fine place to study,

although prices were enormously higher and the food not quite so good as in Damascus.

He was still at the Institute when he was offered a University Lectureship in Arabic and Islam with a fellowship at Pembroke. Quite a reversal of fortune, to be indeed the very button on her cap. He wishes there were a Mennonite church in town and that the cost of living were lower, but scarcely misses the United States in any other respect. He is delighted to be able to read Arabic texts with undergraduates, as he never could in the United States. All the better to read them at his table at Pembroke, on an unlaminated centre section two feet wide, under a luxurious twelve-foot ceiling.

In his research programme, he continues to map Islamic religious movements and institutions of the eighth to tenth centuries. He finds little time for anything but teaching during term, and little time for anything but research between terms. Diane has complained for years that he never wants to vacation except where there's a library nearby. But he is an enthusiastic musical amateur. He plays violin and sings with whoever will play or sing with him and attends as many concerts as he can manage, particularly at college chapels. They seem to be the best possible setting for early music.



## STEPHEN TUCK

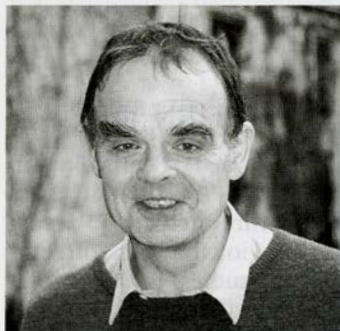
I joined Pembroke in 2002 as a university lecturer in history, having previously been director of studies in history at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

I teach American history and approaches to history, and write mostly on issues of race and social protest in America. I spent two years in Georgia, researching the civil rights movements in the US South. During that time I met and interviewed some two

hundred activists of one kind or another, from Coretta Scott King to the former head of the Klu Klux Klan. My book (*Beyond Atlanta: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Georgia*) was published in paperback in 2003, and I am currently writing an overview of the struggle for racial equality from 1863. Lecturers are lucky enough to be involved in a wide-range of related activities — two of my highlights from last year were teaching on the Gifted and Talented Schools programme in inner London, and discussing Western views of freedom in Beijing.

I am married to Katie, and we have two daughters, Molly (2) and Anna (1). I am from Wolverhampton and Birmingham originally, but I have lived and worked in South Africa and the States. At Pembroke I expect to be involved (among very many other things) in supporting the football team and the christian union. History at Pembroke is really thriving at the moment, and I would be delighted to hear from former Pembroke historians if they are planning to visit.

## CHRISTOPHER TUCKETT



Christopher has been a University Lecturer in New Testament Studies since 1996. In 2002 he took up a Fellowship at Pembroke where he serves as Tutor in Theology. His lecture courses in the Faculty of Theology include: The gospel of Mark, Theology and Ethics of the New

Testament, Synoptic Parallels, Textual Criticism, and the Historical Jesus

Prior to coming to Oxford, Christopher worked at the University of Manchester, first as a Lecturer in New Testament Studies, then as Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis. He is a graduate of Queens College and a former Fellow of Wolfson.

Christopher's research has focused primarily on Jesus traditions in early Christianity, both inside and outside the New Testament canon. He is also engaged in research on Paul. A particular interest has been the Sayings Source Q and also non-canonical gospels. He is currently completing a book on 1 Corinthians and leading an AHRB funded project on Early Christian gospels. The aim of the project is to provide critical editions of and introductions to a number of early Christian non-canonical gospel texts.

Christopher's books include: *Q and the History of Early Christianity*, *Christology and the New Testament: Jesus and His Earliest Followers*, and *Studies on Q: Aspects of the History of Early Christianity As Reflected in the Sayings Source Q*.

## THEO VAN LINT



Professor Theo Maarten van Lint came to Pembroke in October 2002, as Calouste Gulbenkian Professor of Armenian Studies. The post, which is linked to Pembroke, was created in 1965 and he is the third incumbent, following in the footsteps of Charles Dowsett and Robert Thomson (who retired in 2001). He first became interested in Armenian Studies when, in 1983, during 7 months in the Soviet Union, based in Leningrad, he met with people who introduced him to Armenian architecture (with "churches and monasteries which fit into the landscape"), beautifully illuminated manuscripts, music and art. Theo found this all fascinating.

Theo is originally from the Netherlands. He went to school in the Hague and University at Leiden, which is the only place in the Netherlands where you can study

Armenian. When he came to Pembroke, he had been teaching at Leiden University since 1990 and had received his PhD there in 1996.

Teaching at Oxford University is very different to teaching at Leiden University, which does not have a collegiate system. Theo thinks the collegiate system a wonderful institute and sees it as providing a home for the students and a good social context across the university. He is also full of praise for the Tutorial System, likening teaching to “passing on your craft, like an apprenticeship”. He believes that the Tutorial System fosters a close relationship between Fellow and student, giving excellent opportunities for the transmission of knowledge, making it truly “a system to be treasured”.

Those coming to study Armenian at the University usually do not know anything about the languages or people, unless they are Armenian themselves or have friends who are Armenian (but this is still quite rare, even today). Armenian is a language, like English, which is in the Indo-European Language Group. English belongs to the Germanic group but Armenian is in a group of its own. In the Soviet Union around 120 languages are spoken. One is Russian and one Armenian. The vocabulary is very different but the grammar is not excessively difficult. The pronunciation is very distinctive.

Although in his second year at Pembroke so far Theo has had no actual Pembroke students to teach, although he hopes that this will change soon. It is mainly graduates that he teaches, doing M.Sts, MPhils or DPhils, with undergraduates in Arabic, Classics, Persian or Turkish able to study Armenian as an additional language in the honour school of Oriental Studies. Armenian ties into several cultures, with Armenians living in different countries and Armenia itself bordering on various countries. With an MA himself in Slavic Studies, he hopes to be able to introduce Armenian as an additional language for undergraduates in Slavic Studies. The Bodleian Library has a good collection of Armenian manuscripts and books. Armenian studies is well embedded in the Oriental Institute. There are plenty of

opportunities to study Armenian Studies at Oxford.

When not at the Oriental Institute, Theo shares a room in the Fellows' Staircase, overlooking Chapel Quad, with Christopher Melchert (Arabic) and James McMullen (Japanese), who showed him round and introduced him to the College when he first came. Theo finds Pembroke to have a positive, friendly atmosphere, conducive to good relationships between Fellows and with students. He enjoys the ceremony of High Table and finds it pleasant to be able to bring people to dine and to stay in the College's guest rooms. He says that “Oxford is something of a fairytale which those who live and work here sometimes forget. Pembroke is a very good example. The setting is very beautiful and must not be underestimated.”

Fellows in their first year at Pembroke are exempt from extra duties but, now he is in his second year, Theo has taken over from Adrian Gregory as the SCR Secretary. In this role, he writes the agenda and minutes for SCR Domestic Evenings, takes care of correspondence and lets new members know about the conventions.

With an interest in sport, playing tennis and volleyball, Theo enjoyed playing in the SCR / MCR cricket match last year – the MCR won, as usual, but not by much. He started playing volleyball at the age of 12. His P.E. teacher was a top league coach and so he received a thorough basic training, becoming captain of the school team and then playing in regional matches. The invitation came to join training for the national youth team but, in the end, he did not have the time to commit to this, due to his involvement in religious activities.

Theo also enjoys cinema, “the type of films that the Phoenix shows” – Italian, Russian, Iranian. He is interested in Iran, the Persian language and literature, especially poetry, are very beautiful. Also, Armenians have a rich history there. Before coming to Pembroke, Theo had only been to the UK on holiday, spending time in Scotland, Wales and London and visiting cathedrals. He hopes to go on many walking trips now that he is in Britain, as he is impressed with the vivid, beautiful nature.

If Theo was not a Fellow, he would like to be a writer. His main interest is in poetry and his DPhil was in Armenian poetry. In another life, he would like to play the cello. In this life he enjoys listening but is not musical and cannot play.

Fellows in their first year at Pembroke are exempt from extra duties but now he is in his second year. First, the taken over from Adrian Gregory as the SCR Secretary in this role, he writes the agenda and minutes for SCR Domestic Evening, takes care of correspondence and let new members know about the convention.

With an interest in sport, playing tennis and volleyball, Theo enjoyed playing in the SCR/MCR cadet touch last year – the MCR won as usual, but not by much. He started playing volleyball at the age of 12. His PE teacher was a top league coach and so he received a thorough basic training, becoming captain of the school team and then playing at regional matches. The invitation came to join training for the national youth team but in the end, he did not have the time to commit to this, due to his involvement in various activities.

Theo also enjoys cinema, "the type of film that the Phoenix shows" – Italian, Russian, Iranian. He is interested in learning the foreign language and literature, especially poetry, and very beautiful. Also, Armenians have a rich history there, before coming to Pembroke. Theo had only been to the UK on holiday, spending time in Scotland, Wales and London and visiting cathedrals. He hopes to go on many walking trips now that he is in Britain, as he is impressed with the vivid, beautiful nature.

Armenian. When he came to Pembroke, he had been teaching at Lichen University since 1990 and had received his PhD there in 1992.

Teaching at Oxford University is very different to teaching at Lichen University which does not have a collegiate system. Theo thinks the collegiate system is wonderful and sees it as providing a home for the students and a good social context across the university. It is also full of praise for the Tutorial System, likening teaching to "gazing on your craft like an apprenticeship". He believes that the Tutorial System offers a close relationship between Fellow and student, giving excellent opportunities for the transmission of knowledge, which is truly "a system to be treasured".

Those coming to study Armenian at the University usually do not know anything about the language or people, unless they are Armenian themselves or have friends who are Armenian (but this is still quite rare, even today). Armenian is a language, like English, which is in the Indo-European Language Group. English belongs to the Germanic group but Armenian is in a group of its own in the South East Asian around 150 languages are spoken. It is Russian and not Armenian. The similarity is very different but the grammar is not necessarily difficult. The pronunciation is very

Although in his second year at Pembroke in the Theo has had an actual Pembroke student to teach, although he knows that this will change soon. It is mainly graduate students who teach, doing MSc, MPhil or DPhil, with postgraduate in Arabic, Chinese, Persian or Turkish. Theo is very fortunate as an additional language in the domain of a lot of Oriental studies. Armenian has not been studied with Armenian living in different countries and Armenians have been working on various projects. When he himself is a slave student, he hopes to be able to introduce Armenian as an additional language for undergraduate or slave student. The British Library has a good collection of Armenian manuscripts and books. Armenian studies is well embedded in the Oriental Institute. There are plenty of

# Farewell

PIERRE FOËX



Pierre Foëx arrived in Oxford in 1969 on a research grant from the Hopital Cantonal and Universitaire of Geneva; having qualified with the Diplome Federal de Medicin (Switzerland) in 1960. Originally his interests were in internal medicine and critical care, but once in Oxford,

he joined Dr Cedric Prys-Roberts (then Clinical Reader in Anaesthetics; later Professor in Anaesthetics, University of Bristol) in conducting a series of studies examining the interaction between anaesthesia and arterial hypertension (probably the commonest intercurrent disease in the surgical patient), which have probably revolutionised our understanding of this condition in the perioperative period. Before 1969, the recommendation was that all anti-hypertensive medication should be stopped before anaesthesia and surgery. As a result of the contributions from Pierre and colleagues over a 30 year period, we now recognise that there is need for maintaining these drugs, and indeed there may be a need to increase the patient's usual medications in order to obtund the exaggerated pressure and heart rate responses to the noxious stimuli of surgery. Perhaps one of the keys to the successful collaborations of Foëx and Prys-Roberts was the then recent introduction of beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs. Certainly the interactions and protective effects of this class of drugs occupied much of the research endeavours of Pierre over the next 15–20 years.

Initially focusing his research in the laboratory, he saw the ability of taking his background knowledge into clinical care – perhaps one of the first examples of the

modern day idiom of 'translational research'; firstly with Cedric Prys-Roberts, and then from 1982 onwards in a twenty year collaboration with John Sear – supported by a number of Visiting Research Fellows; Wellcome Trust funded Research Registrars and Fellows on external charitable funding from both home and overseas Universities. The multitude of languages of his researchers was a feature of his laboratory – all happy with the teaching and supervision they received from their 'Master'; all thoroughly rehearsed to the utmost limit before presenting to a research meeting – however small or large the occasion.

Pierre began life in Oxford as a Clinical Physiologist, but was appointed to the post of Honorary Consultant Anaesthetist in 1991. As a mark of his contributions to anaesthesia, he has been awarded the Honorary FRCA and the equivalent of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCA) as well as being a Founding Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

At a time when some academic clinicians start to think about staying at home and just running their departments, Pierre stood for and was elected to the Council of the Royal College of Anaesthetists from 1996 to 2002 – a role in which he found the opportunity to play a leading role in the educational activities of the College. Not content with this, he also served with great enthusiasm for seven years as a non-executive Director of the Oxford Radcliffe NHS Trust. Pierre has also acted as the Civilian Advisor in Anaesthetics to the Royal Airforce since 1997.

However to many generations of medical students and anaesthetic trainees, Pierre's real forte was the teaching he provided each week, and extra when the professional anaesthetic examinations were on the horizon. An inspiring teacher, he still continues this role into his retirement. His cultured 'Inspector Clousseau' accent has led to his being often lampooned by the medical students in the Christmas Show – but always in a good humoured way! During his time as Nuffield Professor from 1991–2002, he sought to unite the two halves of the anaesthetic department (NHS and University); with the

clear aim of recognising that each had its own merits, but neither could really function without the other.

He will be a hard act to follow; it is unlikely in the present academic climate that there will be many who can function as he did – as Departmental Leader; Teacher; Clinician and Researcher.

John Sear

*Fellow of Green College*

*Professor of Anaesthesia*

## JANETTE GRIFFITHS



Colleges evolve. Those who work in them have much less control over their destiny than is usually appreciated. Thus, in writing any appreciation of any member of staff, whether the most distinguished Head of House or the least effective member of the Fellowship or indeed

any other employee, it is necessary to appreciate the circumstances which obtain at the time. Janette came to Pembroke after a very difficult time in the development of the College. The problems which faced her were none of her making, and she may well not have appreciated their scale, but she attacked what she saw in her own, and very determined, way. She decided, I think, to ignore the problems of the past, and to concentrate on the future, although in adopting that strategy she did not always command the support of those who took a different view. Nevertheless, she made a very important contribution to the development of Pembroke.

Always a practical person, Janette looked at what needed to be done, and was not afraid to introduce modern practices in the interests of efficiency. She was, for example, responsible for making sure that staff could talk to each other when they needed to, by means of a

simple radio communication system. Tiresome it may have been in some ways (although nowhere near as tiresome as the current generation of mobile phones), yet the advantages of actually being able to get hold of someone when it was necessary surely outweighed any minor irritation at yet another intrusion upon a happy, isolated Oxford life.

Janette personally oversaw quite a bit of modernisation at Pembroke. Some staircases were improved, and the sight of that small, determined figure placed four-square in front of many large, self-satisfied contractors was something which could teach many more of us how to deal with the real world. The contractors listened, smiled benevolently, but rarely won. Faced with the unexpected discovery of a few skulls under the JCR when it was being renovated, she was not in the least put out, but adopted a straightforward, practical attitude which ultimately ensured that the overall aim, namely that of getting the job done in a sensible way, was not delayed more than necessary. She was not someone to bother about a few Yorricks.

Perhaps Janette's most enduring achievement, and one which many Colleges should emulate, was to define Pembroke's problems in terms of long-term maintenance. Thanks to her, Pembroke now knows, as a result of a comprehensive survey conducted by Carter Jonas, what it has to remedy. How many other Colleges have actually taken the trouble to work out what they need to repair, and hence how much money they will actually need in the future? Of course, the outcome of the survey was frightening, and did not constitute appealing reading to some of the Fellows, but Oxford must not shrink from the problems which it has to solve. I have no doubt that under Giles Henderson the College will continue to address these difficulties, which constitute by far the biggest problem which the College has to solve.

A glance at Janette's career reveals an interesting and artistic side. She has worked in the marketing of fashion jewellery and accessories, china, kitchen and gardening tools, and, since leaving Pembroke, has returned to her original interest. It may well be that the next time you eat

an HHS meal in one of Britain's declining hospitals the high spot will be that the crockery has been supplied by Janette's firm, which she and her husband Keith are now running. While I would not guarantee the quality of what might be on it, I would have confidence in the plate.

JSK

## MARY-JANE HILTON



Mary-Jane Hilton came to Pembroke in 1995, as Development Director, to launch the Century 5 Campaign at a time when the College was under serious threat of bankruptcy. She felt it most important that the undergraduates were involved and braved the JCR Meetings to keep them informed. Her return to New Zealand in the spring of 1997 might have brought the Campaign to an untimely end. However, the excellent groundwork, which she had done with a wide range of alumni, on both sides of the Atlantic, greatly facilitated the task then faced by Ray Rook and John Barlow.

Just two years later, she was persuaded to return and spent a year shadowing Ray Rook before taking over the department again. During her time back in New Zealand, she found time to set up a Capital Campaign for Waikato University, which won the 'Capital Campaign Award' in the New Zealand Fund Raising Institute's Annual Awards.

A professionally qualified fund-raiser, Mary-Jane's enthusiasm and initiative enabled her to build remarkable rapport with almost everyone. Her 'welcome' profile in the 1994-5 Record jokes that "the leper-like qualities of her profession" meant that "people crossed to the other side of the road as she approached" but her personality so transcends her occupation that

people are far more likely to cross to her side of the road.

On leaving Pembroke, Mary-Jane set up a Life Coaching company, which is now based near Stratford-upon-Avon. We wish her every success.

## ALAN JONES

*A speech by James McMullen*



When the Master asked me to say a few words about Alan tonight, I felt a frisson. For some reason a compelling image came into my mind. It was of Alan at the cutting edge. As we all know, he has always been in the forefront of computer technology, but this was cutting of a different sort.

This image was of Alan on return from one of his trips to the Middle East at the invitation of a royal house. For it sometimes seems that he knows all the crowned heads of the Middle East, and that many if not most of their children have been his students. Anyway, this time he brought with him a gift from some royal friend. It was a remarkable object, a sort of dagger or sword of awesome appearance. As a student of Japan, I'm of course familiar with lethal weaponry of that general sort, but this was something special. Its hilt was ornamented with gold and possibly jewels, and its blade glittered ominously. Though large, it was of a handy size that could be concealed about one's person. It disappeared mysteriously after Alan had shown it to his colleagues. If I seem a trifle apprehensive tonight, it is because I fear he may have it with him as an item of formal dress.

Alan first arrived in Oxford in 1955, having read classics and Arabic and Persian in Cambridge. His main aim was to study Turkish with Geoffrey Lewis. Two years later he had been appointed lecturer in Turkish and Islamic Studies and found himself with the sticky

problem of having to teach Ottoman poetry to an undergraduate who had been a member of the elementary Turkish class that he himself had attended. Three or four years later another post in Turkish was established, and he was able to spend most of his time in Arabic.

Alan has been a scholarly and administrative force in our academic community for more than four decades, since his appointment in 1957. He is, as everyone knows, a man of dervish-like energy. He has been active both on the University stage and in the Faculty of Oriental Studies, and within his Colleges: first St Cross, then, for the last 20 years since 1980, Pembroke.

On the University administrative side, he has served on the General Board for ten years; twice been Chairman of the Oriental Faculty Board; been centrally involved in the setting up of Wolfson and St Cross Colleges; been at the forefront of the introduction of computer technology, serving as chairman of the University's Computing Services Committee for several years. He has been concerned with the running of the Hebrew Centre at Yarnton as a vice-chairman of its governing body since its inception. While at St Cross he acted as Vice-Master and Senior Tutor and was elected by the college to serve as the University Assessor. On one occasion in Congregation he stopped Hugh Trevor-Roper, the present Lord Dacre, in his tracks, though I'll leave the details of that episode to him.

Alan has made a powerful contribution to College life. If Pembroke has a special reputation in Oriental Studies (which I hope it does), it is incontrovertibly due to him. First, though the details are not familiar to me, that the College is associated with a distinguished Chair in Armenian (rather than a Lecturership) is due to him. But he is also the founding Tutorial Fellow in Arabic, and a significant proportion of the University's undergraduates in that subject have always been at this College. Then, he handled the successful negotiations for the TEPCo benefaction for Japanese, which resulted in a tutorial fellowship, and made Pembroke the only undergraduate college with three orientalist fellows. He has been Senior Tutor at least twice and been an active fundraiser on

behalf of the College.

But that's only half the story, of course. On the scholarly side, Alan is a renowned Arabist, and the author of some dozen books, at least one of which has been pirated in the Mahgreb. He may not know it, but in some quarters of the University he is known as 'Arabic Jones'. This is a great distinction, so to bestride your subject as to have it used to identify you. It is not easily achieved. As well as scholarly eminence, euphony has to be satisfied. In my own already long career, I've only come across it once before, at my previous University, Toronto, where there was a 'Sanskrit Smith', a remarkable man. Looking around the fellows of Pembroke, the double requirements for this honour are not easily satisfied. The first is easily met, but euphony is more problematic. 'Biology Kacelnik' will not do; nor will 'Biochemistry Knowland'. 'Legal Stevens', however, could just qualify.

Alan's great scholarly achievements as an Arabist have been very varied, but fall into three main areas. He is an expert in the Koran, where he has done ground-breaking work on the language, history and interpretation of the text. He is, secondly, a leading scholar of pre-Islamic poetry, of which he has published editions and translations. Moreover, true to what I imagine are his ultimately Welsh origins, Alan is a remarkable linguist. In addition to Arabic, he knows Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Latin, Greek, Armenian, enough Hungarian, he says to read the newspaper, Portuguese and Spanish. He can even write cheques in Irish and not have them bounce. It is his knowledge of Spanish that he has put to use in the third area of his scholarly achievement, the study of the stanzaic poetry in Arabic written in Andalucia, where Arabic, Romance and Hebrew meet.

None of this quite conveys the sense of the man, of course. Alan has been passionately loyal in his service of both University and College. He has brought a special combination of energy, intensity and a high sense of justice, together with great warmth, resilience and humour. He has been supported always by Margaret, so that it is not easy to think of them apart.

On this, the first day of his retirement, we wish Alan

and Margaret health, happiness and a long continuation of the scholarly creativity that has marked a distinguished career.

## JOHN KNOWLAND



John Knowland was Fellow and Tutor in Biochemistry at Pembroke for twenty-five years (1976–2001). Taking over from Percy O'Brien, he represented only the second generation of College-based science fellows. As such he had a profound effect on science teaching in the

College.

John was born in Surrey in 1944. Much of his secondary education was in Northern Ireland and he retains the punctilious rectitude of the Protestant Ascendancy. From Foyle College he came up to Exeter College in 1963 to read biochemistry; and he stayed to do a DPhil under Sir John Gurdon, working on RNA in early amphibian development. He then became a Research Fellow at St John's Cambridge, concurrently with an appointment at the Medical Research Council's Molecular lab in Cambridge. It was an exciting moment in the flowering of cell and molecular biology in the United Kingdom. After a brief stint as a University Lecturer in Anatomy at the University of Bristol, he moved to Pembroke, also becoming University Lecturer in Biochemistry.

His research, beyond that of gene expression during animal development, included work on plant viruses and how they multiply. This led him on to his important but sometimes controversial work on why sunscreens attenuate sunlight effectively but do not protect against basal cell carcinoma and melanoma. It is work that continues to this day.

He was a popular lecturer and a supportive – if firm – supervisor of labs. As a college tutor he was demanding but eminently fair. He took the admissions process seriously in the best Oxford tradition, and he expected those he selected to justify their selection. The results in Schools justified his style.

It became clear early in his career that he was a natural administrator. For ten years he was responsible for coordinating biochemistry admissions throughout the university. His handling of this led to the system being adopted in other disciplines. It was at Pembroke, however, that his versatility and competence as an administrator showed itself to the full. He served in many capacities: Academic Bursar, Senior Tutor, Acting Master. In all of these he acquitted himself with distinction.

Outside Department and College, he served as University Assessor (1987–1988), where he was heavily involved in the Campaign for Oxford, serving on the Executive Committee. He remained especially concerned about the pay and conditions of the non-academic employees and later became the Vice-Chairman of the University's Personnel Committee. In the wider world, he was a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, and the Central Policy Review Staff in the Cabinet Office, in London.

With this academic and administrative background he was much sought after by other institutions. Ultimately, in 2001, he accepted the position of Bursar at Brasenose College, a position that will allow him to continue his research. His is a great loss to the College, but we wish John and Anne – another distinguished University administrator – our best wishes for the future.

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## JAMES MCKEE



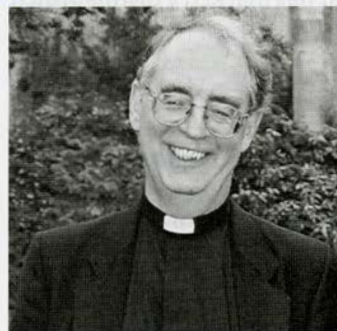
James McKee was at Pembroke from October 1997 to August 2001, as a Limited Term Fellow in Pure Mathematics to cover the period of Martin Bridson's tenure of an Advanced Fellowship from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. Researching

computational number theory, after Ian Grant's retirement he was the Senior Mathematics Tutor (indeed, the only Mathematics Tutor) for his final three years at Pembroke. During his time, the number of mathematics undergraduates increased significantly, whilst staffing levels fell, and yet average examination performances improved!

James played an active role in College. In addition to bearing full responsibility for the Maths teaching, he served both as Deputy and Acting Dean and also as Fellow in charge of Computing. His move to Royal Holloway (taking up a Lectureship at Royal Holloway and Bedford College, London) was to a department with a strong research group in number theory.

The time of his move coincided with the birth of his daughter, Clara (now two and a half). James' wife Helen still works for University of Wales, Aberystwyth. The family are now settled in Englefield Green, Surrey.

## JOHN PLATT



There are two elements which make up the life of an Oxford college. One consists in the formal structures of the kind which most institutions have. These are essential to the functioning of the place, but inevitably create a degree of formality and distance between people who do

different jobs and perform different roles, and place certain demands on them. The other is a collegial spirit, which cuts across the formalities (but without dissolving them) and establishes relationships which are more like those in a family than in, say, a firm. One reason for these familial traits is the length of time which many college employees serve together in a small community. This may be changing now, but many of us have spent a substantial part of our working lives together. But this extends beyond those in the service of the College. The closeness of the tutorial relationship means that in many cases tutors and other staff members maintain a real involvement with former students as their lives unfold.

John Platt understands this familial aspect of the College's life more than anyone else. The College has expressed its appreciation to him in its institutional, formal, sense in a special resolution of the Governing Body. Here I write as senior fellow, which is not an institutional office, and therefore merely as the one who currently has the longest experience of the fellowship in its familial sense. I cannot make any revelations about John because almost all Pembrokiens will have experienced what I will say. But it bears repeating. Nobody can fail to be impressed by the way in which John has always responded to people as individuals. Whoever they are, or wherever they come from, John somehow strikes up an immediate rapport with them,

finding common ground and making them feel appreciated. For him, a student is far more than someone who has come to the college for a short while to acquire expertise in some discipline, but a whole individual. In no other way could he have acquired such knowledge about so many people, and follow it through over such long periods: it can only be that they all really mean something to him. I am sure that he would say that it has been of mutual benefit, because knowing Pembrokiens as they have passed through the College and beyond, is an enriching experience.

Just as happens within families, this knowledge of and commitment to its individual members generates a fierce sense of loyalty to the family community, in all its activities. Whether we always deserve it could be debatable, but, well, family is family, and therefore to be encouraged and supported at all times; on the field of play, at times of happiness and of trouble. And John, as many of you will know, has immersed himself in the history of the Pembroke family just as some of us seek out our "roots" because we feel this helps us understand our identity, place ourselves in context, and give ourselves pride and confidence to achieve in the future. I very much hope that he will continue his valuable work on this and give us the fruits of his knowledge for many years to come.

For the Fellowship, as well as for many students, John has not only been a colleague and friend, but also Chaplain. For some, this aspect of his role only assumes importance at critical times, such as marriages and funerals. I do not know how many Pembrokiens have been married by him, but there must be very many who will remember having been sent forth together with his blessing. Over the years many of us will remember his comforting presence on sadder occasions, most recently, of course, at the funeral of Savile Bradbury. And those of us who remember Mavis, who was such a steadfast and devoted partner in all he did, will have moving memories of when we bade farewell to her in the College Chapel. John has not only been at the heart of the familial side of the College community; his own family has as well.

The College is institution and family. What the institution has lost, the family will retain.

*John Eekelaar*

## JOHN RAYMOND ROOK



John Raymond Rook, Ray to all his friends and acquaintances, came to Pembroke as a lecturer in mathematical physics in 1962. Previously, he had spent three years reading physics at Manchester University, where besides developing his interests in fencing and chess, he was awarded the prize

and scholarship for the best performance in his final examination in 1957. It was an interesting time to be a physicist. After the discovery of the neutron in 1933 it appeared that all atoms could be described in terms of a tiny central nucleus, consisting of a number of protons and neutrons, surrounded by a number of orbiting electrons, and that the different chemical properties of the various chemical elements were determined by only the number of protons in the nucleus. However, various experiments, particularly those studying collisions between nuclear particles accelerated to extremely high speeds, led to the observation of an increasing number of other "fundamental particles", and an appreciation of the sophistication and complexity of the structure of the nucleus.

Since the beginning of the century, Manchester had been a leading centre for the study of the atom and its nucleus, and more recently had been recognized as a world leader in the development of computers. At first sight, these two fields of interest have not much in common. However, in order to study either the mechanics of the collisions between nuclear particles, or the binding forces which hold together the single particles

forming a nucleus, it is necessary to use the complex and sophisticated mathematical descriptions given by wave and quantum mechanics. Moreover, the evaluation of such quantum mechanical treatments may involve very extensive calculations, which are often hardly practical unless carried out on a computer. Hence, when Ray presented his PhD thesis in 1960 it was entitled "Resonance Reactions and Models in Nuclear Scattering and Reactions".

Following his thesis, Ray came to Oxford as a Senior Research Officer in the Nuclear Physics Laboratory, then a rapidly growing department initiated by Professor Lord Cherwell before his retirement in 1956. He was first engaged primarily as a member of a small group providing mathematical and computational expertise within the laboratory, but was also pursuing his own particular lines of research. The details of this research into the mysteries of nuclear matter need not concern us further, except to note that over the years he published over a hundred papers in journals and conferences, many in collaboration with colleagues in Oxford, Munich, Warsaw, East Germany and Chile.

At Pembroke, first as a lecturer and from 1965 as a Fellow, Ray taught all the physicists and engineers for their first year papers in mathematics, the physicists for nuclear and theoretical physics, and also nuclear and theoretical physics to those studying Physics and Philosophy. He was an efficient tutor, with a mastery of his subject, and with a clarity of expression which enabled his students to see their way through particular problems and the more obscure parts of the course. He was friendly and approachable, encouraging both the good and the not so good students. He took an interest in all his pupils, in their progress, their foibles and their subsequent careers. Indeed one of his colleagues remarked recently that he had "the kindest of hearts and would bend over backwards to help a student in trouble". When his old students visited the college they invariably asked after him with obvious affection.

Ray was very ready to take part both in College life and in the chores of College life, initially as the secretary of the

Tutorial Committee, and as a member of the Estates Committee appreciated for his attention to its papers and its business. It was noted that "he always agreed to do whatever he was asked to do, and did so both willingly and effectively". Hence when the Domestic Bursar, Arthur Hazelwood, was away on sabbatical during the year 1974/1975, Ray was appointed in his place, as Domestic Bursar for the period, and there was general agreement on the subsequent smooth running of the College. He was also for several years the Senior Member of the College Dance Committee, a minor office but none the less often an essential one!

Subsequently Ray was much involved in the creation of the Geoffrey Arthur Building, both as a member of the Estates Committee concerned with the planning of the building, and as a member of the Development Committee concerned to ensure its funding. His most important contribution came during its construction, at a time which coincided with a great onset of building at Canary Wharf in London. The whole of the building industry was greatly extended, and a continuous effort was necessary to ensure that the expected standards were maintained. Ray was heavily engaged as the College representative in keeping a watchful eye on the monitoring of the construction work. He put in a great deal of time and effort, and played an essential part in ensuring the successful outcome of the enterprise.

Always helpful and capable, Ray had a commendably relaxed approach to problems, with an easy style well described by a colleague as "unflappable". Hence, during his last decade at Pembroke, he was increasingly drawn into affairs of administration, both in the College and in the Department. From 1992 to 1995 he was the Chairman of the Sub-Faculty of Physics where he oversaw a complex restructuring of the physics course, involving the conversion of the then three year course into a new four year course, with the option of taking an amended three year course. From 1997 to 2001 he served on the Institute of Physics Accreditation Committee, assessing the standard of other university physics departments, including the Cambridge department.

Meanwhile, changes had been taking place in College. At the end of 1992 the Bursar, Colin Leach, had given notice that he wished to retire, and eventually handed over to his successor, Andrew Wyndham Lewis, in February 1993. Unfortunately, during 1993, the College's financial advisers informed the College that its financial position posed serious and immediate problems. Such was the news that greeted the new Master, Robert Stevens, when he arrived in September, and he naturally sought some insight into this situation from the Fellows, one of whom later commented that "Ray knew more than most", and that the Master "got straight answers from Ray, even when he did not like them".

The new bursar, Wyndham Lewis, was responsible for the financial, estates and domestic affairs of the College. However, the opening of the very large Geoffrey Arthur building, and the increasing importance of conferences in the vacations, had led to a considerable expansion of the work-load on the domestic side of the College. Therefore to assist the Bursar, Ray was appointed as Academic Bursar during 1995, with a remit mainly on the financial side. As in 1974, Ray brought to this new appointment his ability to talk and chat freely with everyone in College, colleagues, students, and College staff. Fellows have recalled that "few fellows worked so hard and disinterestedly for the College"; how "very ready he was to give help and advice"; "what a hell of a nice chap he was"; and also "a canny Yorkshire man extremely good at seeing that money coming in was well spent".

The new arrangements for the Bursary were of short duration as Wyndham Lewis resigned in February 1997, and it now fell to Ray, as Academic Bursar, to arrange for the interim period before the arrival of Wyndham Lewis's successor (with the assistance of the College Secretary and Savile Bradbury, lately retired from his Fellowship). To meet this new situation the College decided that, while Ray continued as Academic Bursar to deal with estates and financial affairs, the College would appoint a professional manager to be Domestic Bursar with a Fellowship and membership of the Governing Body.

The new Domestic Bursar, Janette Griffiths, took up

her post in September 1997, and it was hoped and expected that no further changes would be necessary for some time. However, over the years, fund raising had become an increasingly important activity for the College. When Roger Bannister succeeded Geoffrey Arthur as Master, this effort was further expanded, and Julian Thomas was appointed as the first Development Officer. A further impetus was given by the arrival of Robert Stevens as Master in 1993. Hence when Julian Thomas resigned, he was replaced by the election of Mary-Jane Hilton to the Fellowship to hold the post of Director of Development from June 1995.

Unfortunately, Mary Jane resigned with effect from the end of February 1997, leaving vacant the increasingly important post of Director of Development. Attempts to find a replacement, either from inside or outside the College, being unsuccessful, there appeared to be no option but to call on Ray again, and he agreed to take on this additional task from February 1997 to March 2000 (while being relieved of his university duties). Then, after much service to the College, he finally retired in September 2000.

### *Postscript*

It is August 2002. The College is now without a Bursar, an Academic Bursar, a Domestic Bursar, and a Director of Development. But do not despair. Ray is again helping out, as Temporary Acting Academic Bursar since April, overseeing these various departments.

John Wilks

## MIRI RUBIN



Dr Miri Rubin succeeded Paul Hyams as the medieval specialist in Modern History at Pembroke in October 1989. During her time at Pembroke she published two extremely important books, *Corpus Christi*, the definitive study of the social significance of Eucharist, the most

important of all church rituals in the Middle Ages and *Gentile Tales*, a study of medieval accusations of 'host desecration' against the Jewish population. Both books brought together her wide range of academic interests including the use of anthropology by historians, the development of gender relations during the medieval and early modern period, the treatment of dissent and minorities and the use of visual evidence. *Gentile Tales* also raised important questions about the nature of historical evidence and the narration of history.

These interests and enthusiasms were reflected in her teaching and she laid the groundwork for an exciting, innovative and eclectic approach to history amongst the undergraduates, encouraging the development of the 'Approaches to History' paper and the Comparative History long essay. At the same time Miri had a firm belief in the importance of students grasping the facts and dates of the traditional narratives of political history and demonstrated by example that innovation had to be based on sound knowledge and high quality scholarship. During her time at Pembroke she particularly encouraged students to become interested in gender and art history and a significant number have gone on to pursue postgraduate research in these areas.

When I arrived as Miri's 'junior' colleague, a term which she would never use herself, because she always insisted on treating me as an equal, I was absolutely

reliant on her for my initiation into the peculiar ways of Pembroke and Oxford. She was a wonderful mentor, always supportive and never micro-managing. Beyond that she was an absolutely delightful colleague, for example she made interviewing candidates tremendous fun. Often outspoken and always honest, she handled what was at the time a somewhat overburdened subject with real grace.

Towards the end of her time at Pembroke, the cumulative strain of the long commute from her home in Cambridge, where she lives with her partner and son began to weigh against her obvious commitment to Pembroke and pleasure in the life of the College. The offer of a Chair at Queen Mary College, London, more handy for Cambridge, as well as a deserved academic recognition proved too tempting an opportunity to ignore and she left Pembroke in 2000 to take up the post. I miss her enormously, although we still see each other from time to time and I am delighted to report that she is nearing completion of her volume of the Penguin History of Britain, which she began whilst a Fellow at Pembroke and which promises to be not only an academic landmark, but also a tremendously good read!

Adrian Gregory

## ROBERT STEVENS



The following speech was given by the Senior Fellow, John Eekelaar, at the Farewell Dinner for Robert Stevens, held in Hall on 9 March 2001.

Some eight years ago, as Vicegerent, I introduced the new Master to the Pembroke Society. Now, a symbol of the transience of office and the passage of time, I stand here as Senior Fellow to express the appreciation of the Fellowship for Robert's

Mastership, and to Kathie for her wonderful assistance to Robert and to the College, for her friendship with the Fellowship and the style she has added to the activities in the Lodgings.

When I spoke those eight years ago, I said that, although he had graduated through Keble and has spent most of his working life outside Oxford, Robert was really at heart a Pembroke man who had somehow got lost between Keble and Pembroke, and was wandering the world in search of his true home: and that he had now found it. I don't know why I felt that, since I had very little to go on. It was probably his pink socks. But I could not have known how true it would turn out. For Robert has been a great Master, and more importantly, a great Pembrokian. The Fellows owe him more than they dare to imagine.

I will not dwell on the circumstance of the College when Robert arrived. We all know that figures – what they were then, what they are now. I still don't think Robert believes me when I tell him that we did not realise quite how bad things were. But one thing is certain: he could not have known it. He was like a pilot taken on board a liner heading for the rocks. He made it his mission to turn it around. It was an immense task and it required an immense effort.

When I think back to what the College was like before Robert came (it has been only eight years, quite a short time, but it is surprisingly difficult to imagine what it was like before he came) and try to sum up how things have changed, I would focus on two themes. The first is professionalism. We are by no means perfect, but we are much more professional in the way we run things now. Before, we were really quite amateurish (I do not say we did not work hard). Now we make much more use of professional help, and our own governance is much more professionally run. If I ask how Robert achieved this, and it has been a culture change, I would sum it up in one word – a word which strikes fear into the hearts of the Fellows: trustee. I know that some think Robert banged on a lot about his. But this was important and necessary to bring about this change.

The other theme is inclusiveness. Never before in my memory, perhaps even in the College's history (John Platt will know this better) has the College been such an inclusive place. Robert has stretched out beyond the Governing Body, beyond the College, to involve people in it. Old members, staff, students, even the parent of a student, all have been involved as never before in the activities of the College. Perhaps the most striking example has been the Advisory Fellows on Governing Body. But all this has been part of the regeneration of the College under Robert.

I know some will say that this has been part of the capital campaign, perhaps Robert's greatest achievement. But we are all told that, if people are to give to an institution, it must be worth giving to, and all this has made Pembroke worth giving to. And it has also made Pembroke, despite the hardships of this period, a good place to be in.

I hope that, in doing all this, Robert has been able to find pleasure during his time here. I think that he has enjoyed the charm offensives he has occasionally conducted toward the University and some of its more curious institutions. And if the Lord Chancellor has some wigs or other favours still left after the recent clearance sale, I doubt if any will come your way, Robert, because of the occasional courteous, but well-placed, home-truths you have sent in that direction. But I think you have had some pleasure from that too.

On behalf of the Fellows and their partners, I wish you, Kathie and Robin, very happy post-Pembroke lives. But if we have learnt anything from you, you will know that there isn't really a post-Pembroke life, and that this is not good-bye.

## ROBERT THOMSON



Robert and Judith Thomson came to Oxford from America in 1992. Robert had been a professor of Armenian at Harvard University for some three decades. He came, by invitation, to take up the Callouste Gulbenkian Professorship in Armenian studies. He was already estab-

lished as a giant in his field and was soon elected a Fellow of the British Academy. His towering reputation is based on his long and pioneering series of English translations of Armenian texts from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. These are renowned for their rigour, accuracy and for the thoroughness of their textual scholarship. The translations made available a large corpus of material to historians, theologians and philosophers who did not know any Armenian. Robert is also a brilliant linguist, whose work is based on mastery of Armenian, Classical Georgian, Greek and Syriac. He also knows Turkish and Russian; he lectures in French. His first publication was a text book on Greek. He has a degree from Louvain in Armenian, Georgian and Arabic, as well as an M.A. and Ph.D. from Cambridge.

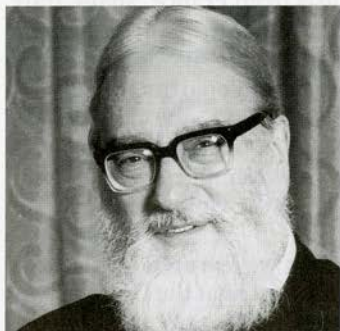
Robert and Judith seemed to settle back well into Oxford. Robert became an active figure both in the Faculty of Oriental Studies and in Pembroke. He had already established himself as a good administrator, having for five years been Director of Dunbarton Oaks, an institute in Washington dedicated to Byzantine Studies. In the Oriental Faculty here in Oxford, Robert chaired the Curators, usually a quarrelsome bunch, during a particularly difficult phase; and he was a humane Director of Graduate Studies. Such is his ability and efficiency that, apparently effortlessly, he organised a massive 750-strong international conference on

patristics in Oxford in 1999. Incredibly, the proceedings are already out, 3,000 pages in three volumes. In College, he served on committees and latterly, looked after the College's collection of silver.

'Director of Dunbarton Oaks' and 'Curator of the College Silver': I hope that Robert won't think it presumptuous or ingratiating if I say that these offices were right for him and indeed evoke the scholar, the man and his contribution to the national and international scholarly community. Dunbarton Oaks is in America but Dunbarton is originally a Scottish place, on the banks of the Clyde, and Robert, of course, is a Scot. Oak is the finest native hardwood. Moreover, Pembroke's silver is notable among the enduring, finely-crafted and valuable possessions of the College.

Robert has an international reputation both for modest and for hard work. He is also very regular. Every morning, he has coffee in the Oriental Institute coffee room. Often he is surrounded by pretty girls. Usually he tells a story. His stories have a special quality. They are never in any way malicious, scarcely even roguish. Rather, they take an impish delight in human foibles. One, in particular, may be recalled tonight. It concerned a Swedish scholar, maybe from Uppsala, a professor of Armenian, no doubt. This man liked driving to parties but only successful ones. If they were unsuccessful, he drove home early; if successful, he liked to stay on and drink. In Sweden you can practically be executed for driving if you have drunk alcohol so, to solve the problem of getting back, the professor would load a bicycle in his car. If the party was a good one, he would pedal home happily in the small hours, leaving his car for another day. Let us hope that Robert and Judith have brought their bicycles and will return on them tonight; and that they will use them constantly in a long and productive retirement.

## KALLISTOS WARE



Pembroke can fairly claim to be unique among Oxford Colleges in numbering a bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church among its Fellows. Kallistos Ware, whose Penguin book, *The Orthodox Church*, has never been out of print since its first publication

in 1963, read Mods, Greats and Theology at Magdalen before undertaking his D.Phil. Following ordination in the Greek Orthodox Church, he returned as Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox studies in 1966. His international reputation as a leading exponent of Orthodox spirituality and theology in the English-speaking world was recognised by his ordination as Bishop of Diokleia in 1985. In 1970, Kallistos was elected a Fellow by Special Election and for much of that time has been in charge of Theology in Pembroke and has established the subject on a secure basis. A strong supporter of collegiate life, he served as Steward of the Senior Common Room from 1990 to 1994.

## GEOFFREY WILLIAMS



Geoff Williams came to Pembroke in September 2000, from the London Business School, a Teaching Fellow in Economics. His first degree was from Girton College, Cambridge, and he subsequently achieved an MA from Liverpool and a PhD. from the University of East Anglia,

in macro-economic and technology policy.

Geoff leaves Pembroke to join Nottingham University Business School and has been seconded to their new campus in Kuala Lumpur for 2 years, as Associate Professor in Financial Economics. With a love of baroque music and opera, Geoff says that he had a “fantastic three years” at Pembroke and “will miss the Madeira”. Those wishing to get in touch can email him at [Geoffrey.Williams@Nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Geoffrey.Williams@Nottingham.ac.uk)

## RICHARD YOUNG



Dr. Richard Young resigned his College Fellowship in order to be able to devote more time to research. He retained his University post and is now Reader in Criminal Justice and Assistant Director of the Centre for Criminological Research in Oxford. Richard is one of the foremost

authorities in the country on the process called “restorative justice”, the idea that offenders should be confronted with the consequences and victims of their crimes. He is also researching into the influence of the media on public attitudes concerning crime and criminal justice.

The College was sad to see Richard go. He was a most talented teacher, and a valued member of the College’s legal team. We are pleased that he still remains in Oxford, where he continues to teach for the Law Faculty, and carry out his important research. His place in the College’s legal team has now been taken by Dr. Ariel Ezrachi, who is the Slaughter & May Lecturer in EC Competition Law.

John Eekelaar

## MICHELANGELO ZACCARELLO



Michelangelo Zaccarello came to Pembroke as Fellow and Tutor in Italian from University College Dublin in October 1999. Getting Michelangelo was a great coup for the College and indeed, for Oxford as a whole. Recognized as one of the foremost Italian scholars of his

generation, Michelangelo threw himself into Oxford life with gusto. He proved to be an enthusiastic and wide-ranging teacher, a regular – and soon readily recognized and popular – figure, in College, a supportive and sympathetic colleague, and a memorable lecturer. Michelangelo's particular strengths lie in his first-rate intellect, impressive erudition, and a forward-looking, energetic, engaging personality. These qualities, rarely combined in a single individual, have enabled him to make connections, intellectual and institutional, which carried both his own work, and that of the College and University, forward. He arrived in Oxford with a major contribution to scholarship, his critical edition *I sonetti di Burchiello* (Bologna 2000), which gathers together, orders and restores to prominence the work of a neglected but central author, to which was soon added his edited volume of papers on Burchiello from his Florence conference of 1999, *La fantasia fuor de' confini*, and, with Martin McLaughlin, *Dante in Oxford, The Paget Toynbee lectures, 1995–2003*, and work on onomastics ('Primi appunti sui nomi parlanti', *Lingua e stile*, June 2003). The latter illustrates how Michelangelo bridged the gap in a very Italian (but for Oxford, very instructive) way between literature and language – something he did to particular effect in his 2002 conference, organized with Martin Maiden, on 'The Early Textualization of the Romance Languages'. This event created a truly

international gathering of distinguished scholars in Pembroke, involving specialists from France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, and Rumania, as well as the UK, and, in the tradition of its longstanding contribution to University language departments at home and abroad, brought great distinction to the College. The following year, Michelangelo's research career at Pembroke was crowned by a Leverhulme award which, regrettably, took him away from the College for his final year of service.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of his decision to accept a post as Associate Professor at the University of Verona – a decision motivated not by any unhappiness with Oxford, but by an awareness that the offer of an appropriate position in his native Italy would come once only. We are very sorry to see Michelangelo leave so soon after his appointment. Yet he has packed into four years as much as many fit into forty and – 'il n'y a point de mal dont il ne naisse un bien' – he has been seamlessly succeeded by an equally distinguished colleague in the modern field, Dr Guido Bonsaver, creating in his wake a new Socrates/Erasmus exchange link between Pembroke and his new (and Guido's old) university, Verona. There can be few in Pembroke, or indeed in Oxford, who have not responded to Michelangelo's brightness and warmth. We wish him well in his new position, and say: come and sun our shores again.

Tim Farrant

# Societies 2000–1

## JUNIOR COMMON ROOM, 2000–1

Michaelmas and Hilary have been blighted terms for the common room with the discovery of beetle infestation making it the abode of builders rather than students. Yet remarkably this has not sapped the JCR of its vitality, as meetings have continued to stretch on through Sunday evenings with the same unique patchwork of serious debate, humorous anecdotes, essential mandates and comic musical interludes.

Sporting endeavours continue to be supported by the JCR, just as support has been offered to the Pembroke College Dramatic Society, and musical or artistic performances. Socially, Pembroke excels with the arts and entertainments reps (social secretaries) providing a selection of parties as well as more varied events (with paintballing replacing the more traditional go-carting option this year).

The JCR's foot in student politics is firmly planted with members pursuing interests in both OUSU and the Union. This year saw the Union invite a particularly contentious speaker to a debate, prompting a university-wide discussion on the appropriateness or otherwise of the invitation; Pembroke JCR joined the debate with a meeting that prompted strongly held views from both sides. Notwithstanding the contention and passions engendered by the issue, the JCR listened respectfully to each member who articulated their views. As a result the JCR, regardless of the outcome of the debate, displayed an impressively dignified approach to debate.

The JCR meetings have often unearthed the altruistic instinct of members. Money has been directed towards a number of worthy charities and societies, not least those set up by Pembroke students such as PAVE (concerning the proliferation of educational information about AIDS) and the Oxford Justice Society. This is further reflected in the JCR's longstanding commitments to the Overseas

Scholar Scheme which involves the student body (a standard contribution from each individual member) covering all university, college, domestic and personal costs to allow a spectacularly talented student from the developing world to study with us. The Art Fund remains the source which not only funds arts week and new acquisitions for our art collection, but focuses more frequently on providing money for members encountering hardship or those wishing to fund an educational or charitable trip abroad (this past year has seen growing support of members involved with the Magdalen College Aid to the Balkans).

Supporting these groups and schemes is integral to the work of the JCR yet, combined with the myriad of work the JCR does within College in terms of attending College committees to safeguard students' interests, providing welfare support and supplies and organizing sporting, artistic and musical events, it would be natural to wonder how there is time for the humour and absurdity that adds character to the JCR. Remarkably, though, the more lighthearted and entertaining side of the JCR continues, as revealed by the responses of non-members who have come to our meetings. The 'kidnapped' Cambridge students who were a trophy from a hockey tour reacted with bemusement yet ultimately admiration; they left with a desire to inject their own JCRs with a similar vibrancy to our own. Likewise, Exeter students looked on with awe at our hustings, commenting that if only their own JCR provided such interest, they would happily attend the meetings.

It is pleasing to note that the common room is now back and in a state admired by many – how fitting that it should house the much eulogised Pembroke JCR.

Gemma Stevenson, *President*

## CHAPEL CHOIR 2000–2001

2000–2001 has in some respects been a difficult year for the Chapel Choir, with a rather small number of new recruits and many finalists who, as is to be expected, had other things besides singing on their mind. However, hard

work and commitment from members ensured that the Chapel music maintained a high standard throughout the year. Despite only a small choir being available for some of the regular Sunday Evensongs, the full choir was able to sing at major services, so that more large-scale music could be attempted. The Corporate Communion in Michaelmas was one of two services that term for which a small orchestra was drafted in: the setting was Mozart's *Missa brevis* in F; and the final service of the year included a performance of *Give unto the Lord*, a setting of Psalm 29 by Edward Elgar. The music for both services was given a significant amount of rehearsal time and the hard work paid off: these two services were probably the best of the year. The Christmas Carol Concert was also a memorable (and successful) occasion: the first half was a performance of Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, with a guest harpist providing the accompaniment, and the work's charm and serene beauty, which was well communicated by singers and instrumentalists alike, ensured that it was well-received. On occasions when few singers were able to make themselves available some original ideas were put into practice: two singers, an oboist and the organ scholars provided Machaut's fourteenth-century *Messe de Notre Dame* as the setting on All Saints' Day.

Thanks must go to all choir members for the past year for continuing to provide the music for services in a Chapel with an ever-dwindling congregation, and in particular to those members who have come to the end of their time in Oxford, especially our outgoing senior organ scholar David Gostick, and our emeritus organ scholar Edmund Aldhouse, who has continued to give generously of his time and effort during this past year; grateful thanks also go to the Chaplain for his support and appreciation of the choir's efforts.

Richard Leach, *Organ Scholar*

## Societies 2001–2

### JUNIOR COMMON ROOM, 2001–2

2001–2002 was a long year. The events of the Easter vacation, the loss of Rev Platt, and the subsequent need to pause for breath and reflect on the meaning of what had happened cast a shadow over Trinity, and, even whilst Pembrokeians were taking on all comers on the river, lazing about in Chapel Quad, and drinking Len's dry as is our wont during summer, there was throughout the term a lingering sense of bewilderment relating to what had transpired over the previous vacation. For the JCR, *The Sunday Times*' article and the college's exposure strengthened our resolve to address some of the deep structural problems that Oxford must address if it is to continue to conceive itself as a university. It is manifestly clear that government fees granted to Oxford University are no longer sufficient to cover the cost colleges face in providing their services, and for colleges like Pembroke, that money cannot be realised from vast endowment funds. A consequence of this is the large increases in rents and charges that Pembroke students have had to confront for several years now, making the cost of living in Pembroke disproportionately high compared to that of our competitors and friends in other colleges. Such wealth differentiation is unacceptable in a university that purports equality between colleges to its prospective students. In 2001–2002, Pembroke's JCR led the way on this issue, and our action developed into a fully-fledged, university-wide campaign to highlight the financial problems that Oxford as a collegiate university faces, and any possible solutions to them.

But the JCR in 2001–2002 also remained the action-packed, fun-filled bonanza of delight for which it is famous. Our meetings were as busy and lively as ever – a sponsorship deal negotiated with Pizza Hut ensured that members never went hungry on alternate Sundays, and intermittent collegiate war, waged primarily against Oriel and Christ Church (but also others) kept the all-

important light-hearted component of our meetings firmly in place. Our members continued to lead in whatever field they chose to participate in – special mention must be made of Matt Honeyben (for his England Rugby exploits), Ben Burch and Basil Dixon (for powering their way into the successful Blue Boat), and Fraser Campbell (both European Debating champion and President-elect of the Union). The year was long, but not all bad.

Josh Kern, *President*

## THE BLACKSTONE SOCIETY 2001–2002

Named after Pembroke lawyer Sir William Blackstone (whose writing is still responsible for much of contemporary English and American law) the Society last year continued to provide a variety of events for the current law students of the college. Last Michaelmas Term saw Freshers being introduced to the other law students at Freshers' Drinks, held in the common room of the Geoffrey Arthur Building. In Hilary and Trinity the Society organised the traditional carnations for students enduring the stressful experience of first year Moderations and last year Finals exams. The beginning of Trinity Term saw the annual Blackstone Dinner, a black-tie affair with both undergraduate and graduate students enjoying dinner in the college's Forte Room in the company of their tutors. All in all, such events (organised with kind assistance from tutor John Eekelaar) have helped to strengthen the already close community of Pembroke law students. Whether Sir William would have enjoyed them is a matter for speculation!

Fraser Campbell, *President*

## CHRISTIAN UNION 2001–2

The Christian Union has enjoyed a real time of growth in the past year, and although we are sorry to see a number of our older members leaving, it has been good to have so many new ones to take their places.

The CU has two main aims – to provide a place for Christians in college to meet together and grow in their faith, and to share the good news of Jesus with others in the college. On both these counts the past year has been successful, with many new people joining the weekly meetings, and a number of popular events. A highlight was the visit of Jonathan Aitken, the former cabinet minister and now student of theology at Wycliffe Hall, who shared the experience of his conversion with us over wine and cheese.

We are looking forward to the coming year as the triennial Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union's Main Event is looming, entitled "Unconditional". It is so rare that we are ever given anything that is truly free, yet Jesus offers his forgiveness unconditionally. "Unconditional" will consist of a number of talks in the Town Hall and the Sheldonian Theatre.

Looking back, we have much to be thankful for and it seems certain that the CU will continue doing its job into the future.

Philip Blue & Diane Lek, *College Reps*  
(written December 2002)

## DRAMA 2001–2

Pembroke continued its strong representation in the "coppers" festival this year. The festival is a week of short plays exclusively for freshers, in order to give them a taste of how the university drama system works. Pembroke was able to field two strong teams with other Pembroke students linking with another college as well. From that foundation Pembroke students have had continued success in the theatre. Notably Heather Gagen appeared in "Othello" in the summer, Catherine Morgenstern in "Murder Most Wicked" at the Old Fire Station theatre and Richard Darbourne appearing at the Playhouse in "Medea" and "The Picture of Dorian Gray". All this has maintained the success of previous years and set solid grounds for the coming year.

Richard Darbourne.

# Societies 2002–3

## JUNIOR COMMON ROOM, 2002–2003

Pembroke JCR has continued its tradition this year of being the liveliest, friendliest, and definitely most sociable, of all of the JCRs in Oxford. The year has seen many changes achieved on behalf of the JCR within college and within the university and Oxford as a whole, at least a few of these should be mentioned.

Within Oxford itself, a grant was finally achieved after continuous lobbying of Oxford City Council (you would be amazed what ranting and raving at public meetings can do), for £10,000 worth of security improvements for Pembroke Street – where sadly two of our JCR members were attacked, and many other members threatened, during the course of the year. Within the college, the JCR secured a change to the vacation grant scheme so that students are no longer charged for their accommodation while they are sitting exams, and 1/3 of the JCR's constitution was re-written to bring some much needed changes. Included in these was the stipulation that the elections of President and Vice-President should be held before all of the other posts, so that unsuccessful candidates had the opportunity to run for another position on the committee. Perhaps the most notable of changes was the refurbishment of the JCR with many new amenities, including a new pool table, televisions, a video library, games console, dvd player, sofas . . . the bulk of the cost of these coming from a voluntary levy paid by JCR members. I'm glad to say that our relationship with college this year was an amicable and productive one, and long may that continue!

The one thing which has not been tackled and sadly is something which I don't think will be solved in the foreseeable future, is the massive inequality in Oxford rents between the colleges. While students at Pembroke can pay double in rent what students of Regent's Park or St John's pay for their rooms each term, there is obviously something drastically wrong in our university. While

Oxford may be a federation of colleges it is first and foremost a university – and as such it should remember that all of its members are entitled to a certain standard of academic and welfare provision, and that the financial contribution towards this provision should be broadly equal among the colleges' students. With the future of higher education funding looking to be more and more grim regarding the debts which students will incur over the course of their university careers – this is something which the university has to take more seriously.

This brings me to my last point. Pembroke may have to charge the highest rents and yes sadly we may have accrued a reputation within the university as being known as Pem-BROKE. However, one thing I can say without a doubt is that we also have the reputation as the most down-to-earth, approachable, friendly, and close-knit of all of the colleges within Oxford – and that is something that we should hopefully never lose. Hopefully the university will one day solve the inequality of rents and provision across the university, so that Pembroke students are not at any financial disadvantage – because quite frankly, they deserve nothing less.

Ryan McGhee, *President*

## MIDDLE COMMON ROOM 2002–2004

Dr. Johnson, former student of Pembroke (but, alas, not a former MCR member) once declared, "I am a great friend to public amusements, for they keep people from vice." By that reckoning, the graduate members of Pembroke from Michaelmas 2002 to Trinity 2004 must have been two of the most virtuous MCRs ever in existence—at least to judge from the number of public amusements (both academic and social) and activities members of the MCRs enjoyed.

In 2002, Michaelmas was ushered in without an elected MCR President—the president chosen the previous Hilary Term had been unable to return—and so a group of returning students, including Joel Phillips, Paul Ichilcik, Kathyne Beebe and Malin Lidström, stepped in to organize events for the new graduate

freshers. Accordingly, after a week of tours, meeting activities, and a general settling-down, the Matriculation Champagne Breakfast had great triumph in introducing new and returning members to each other (and to the pleasures of pastry and champagne at 10am on a chilly October morning!). A new MCR committee was soon elected, with Kathryn Beebe as President, Scott Martyn as Secretary, John Møller as Treasurer, Ruth Gill, Francesca DeSica (and later, Giles Sugdon) as Social Secretaries, and Malin Lidström as Welfare Officer. The new committee soon got to work re-forming and re-organizing the MCR to make it again the active, inviting, vibrant community that it had been in previous years.

First on the agenda was a complete overhaul of the MCR rooms, which hadn't seen refurbishment in several ages. After negotiating a significant 3-year loan from the college, the MCR Wood Room and MCR Blue Room (formerly known as the TV Room) were completely re-carpeted in plush blue, and the Blue Room repainted an attractive cream with white trim (retaining its name as the Blue Room in deference to quirky Oxford tradition). Giles Sugdon and Paul Bagon made a foray into Wales and returned triumphant, bearing magnificent, rich cherry-leather sofas and settees (at a discount that amounted almost to piracy), which, with the addition of floor lamps and elegant, substantial coffee-tables found by John Møller, transformed the MCR into something Bertie Wooster or Lord Peter Wimsey might have recognized with pleasure. The final phase of the refurbishment will be finished in Trinity 2004, with the finishing touches being added to the new coat closet, the kitchen, and the bar.

With the new year, a new committee stepped in: Kathryn Beebe again as MCR President, Stephanie Solywoda as Secretary, Kris Kang as Treasurer, Ruth Gill as Social Secretary, Malin Lidström as Welfare Officer, Hector Maclennan as General Committee Officer, and Nicholas Wergan as MCR Poet Laureate.

Along with the increase in material comforts, the intellectual life of the MCR kept with the ever-increasing pace, especially with the organization of the joint

MCR-SCR Seminars and the MCR's hosting, in Michaelmas and Hilary of 2003, of college-wide "academic subject teas". The subject teas were designed to bring every member of college studying the same subject (from JCR to MCR to SCR) up to the MCR Wood Room for a relaxed tea and chat, allowing them to get to know one another on a personal basis and to increase the level of academic exchange in the daily life of the college. The MCR-SCR Seminars, too, worked toward that vision, bringing together graduate students and fellows in an informal evening seminar intended to throw the best minds of "opposing" disciplines at one tough question. The first MCR-SCR Seminar of 2003 approached the problem, "Do animals have consciousness?" by pairing Dr. Alex Kacelnik, head of the Oxford project that discovered tool-making properties in New Caledonian crows, with Dr. Martha Klein, Pembroke's philosophy tutor. Most recently, the MCR's turn to organize the seminar offered famed neuroscientist Baroness Professor Susan Greenfield, OBE, and art historian/philosopher John Armstrong, author of *Conditions of Love: A Philosophy of Intimacy* duking it out over the answer (be it biological or cultural . . .) to the question, "What is love?"

The MCR's social events have not lagged behind—and the last two years have seen a growing variety of exchange dinners, theatre outings, convivial gatherings (also known as "bops") and even, in Hilary 2003, a Jane Austen Regency Ball. Exchange dinners with other Oxford colleges such as Magdalen, Trinity, Lincoln, Worcester and many others, have become the norm, but this past Hilary saw a special addition to that list, when members of our MCR travelled to Cambridge for the weekend to enjoy an exchange dinner with Pembroke College, Cambridge. The past two Hilary Terms have hosted a growing annual event—the Pembroke MCR Black Tie Gala Guest Night, where more than 100 MCR members and guests fill the Hall for an excellent evening of fine dining, fine conversation, and, later, fine (or at least, enthusiastic) dancing. This year, recent past members of the MCR were invited to take part in the

Guest Night, and we hope to invite more in the future. If you would like to be included, be sure to send your current contact details to the Development Office.

The Jane Austen Regency Ball in Hilary 2003 was a resounding success, turning Pembroke's Hall for one night into a Regency ballroom, complete with dancers from the MCR dressed in period costume, live music provided by David Fleming-Williams and the Pemberley Players, and on-the-spot dancing instruction from Caller and Dancing Master Reg Battle. A special workshop in the finer details of English Country Dancing had been held the week before, so by the night of the ball, MCR members were able to trip around the dance floor without worrying too much about tripping. More photos and information can be seen at the ball's website: [www.geocities.com/janeaustenregencyball](http://www.geocities.com/janeaustenregencyball). As Miss Austen wrote, "It was settled that there should be a dance in the evening, and that everybody should be extremely merry all day long" . . . and they were.

Those more athletically inclined not only participated in the dancing of the past two years, but in other sports such as cricket, rugby, basketball, ice hockey, rowing, and, most notably, in the MCR Football team. Captained in 2004 by Bob Rijkers, the MCR Football team has this year wowed all comers with their bright blue jerseys and their savvy feet. Matches against Nuffield, Saint Anthony's, the Said Business School and our own JCR have proven that MCR soccer is well on its way to become a true tradition and indispensable part of graduate life. We also applaud our very own Johnny Fennel, a starting member of the 2004 Blues rugby team and a representative of Oxford University in the 2003 Gaelic Football Varsity Match. In the coming Trinity Term, the MCR hopes to expand its athletic prowess by boating (floating?) an MCR boat for Summer Eights, forming an MCR team for the 10K Oxford Town & Gown Charity Fun Run to aid research in muscular dystrophy, and to improve upon our already-formidable cricketing record. The annual MCR-SCR Cricket One-Day Test Match ended in 2003 with joyful tears for some residents of Old Quad . . . and simply with tears for others

(namely those usually resident in Broadgates Hall and the SCR Parlour). The gory details: MCR 6 for 80 (25 overs) def. SCR all out for 69 (20.4 overs). The MCR won by 11 runs with 26 balls to spare. The SCR have agreed to a 2004 match only if they would be allowed to draft one of our MCR members (who happened to be on the Indian National Junior Championship Cricket Team) for their own team . . . but we're still negotiating that.

After the past two years as MCR President, Kathyne Beebe retires at the end of this Hilary Term, 2004, passing on the office to Julia Wynyard. Secretary Pierre Purseigle, Treasurer Bob Rijkers, Social Secretary Melina Stamatakis, and General Committee members Linda Heffernan and Alex Mears also took office at the end of the Hilary elections. The momentum that the MCR has acquired since Michaelmas 2002 is fully expected to continue. Since many committee members will not be returning next year (a great problem when so many graduate students are on one-year courses) further MCR Committee elections will be held next fall to supplement the traditional Hilary voting. Grand plans for the next year abound—everything from revamping the MCR website (first created in Hilary 2003: [www.geocities.com/pmbmcr](http://www.geocities.com/pmbmcr)), to supplementing the MCR Graduate Freshers' Guide (which can also be viewed on the MCR website), to planning the purchase of an MCR punt.

Much due thanks and warm gratitude also abound—first to the Master and his wife, Lynne, for being so welcoming to the graduate community since their arrival at Pembroke, as well as for their particular gift of inviting MCR members on a series of Cotswold rambles this year; to 2003's Dean of Graduates, Dr Timothy Farrant, for finding time to attend to his Pembroke family as his own family grew; to the current Dean of Graduates, Dr Brian Howard, for his patience with the new committees; to the Bursar, John Church, whose exciting plans for the new graduate accommodation in Pembroke Street 13 we look forward to with great anticipation; to Brian Simpson, Clerk of Works and the entire Maintenance staff who helped spiff up our premises so nicely; to Geoff, our scout, who helps us keep it tidy; to Jackie Lewis, for her

patience with us, to our Graduate Secretaries Susannah Bartholomew and Beth Penfold, for their own (much needed) patience with us; to Simon Thomson and Sandra Simpson for keeping the MCR computers in humming order; and, finally, to Jan and Jean of Jan's Pantry for their generosity in allowing the MCR to keep a running tab in order to keep the MCR kitchen well-stocked with milk for the coffee and tea.

Our own Dr Johnson wrote in his *Rambler* #108 that "He that hopes to look back hereafter with satisfaction upon past years must learn to know the present value of single minutes, and endeavour to let no particle of time fall useless to the ground." Therefore we would like to conclude this "looking back upon past years" with an expression of the utmost gratitude for all those who helped make these past two years in the MCR so stellar, and with an invocation to the present and future graduate members to know the value of their own precious minutes at Pembroke. Do not let the particles of time fall to the ground, but snatch them up, seize them . . . make them burn like the stars in the sky (or at least like the lights of Chapel Quad after a particularly joyful termly dinner).

Katy Beebe, *President*



*At the MCR-SCR cricket match 2003*

# Clubs 2001–2002

## BADMINTON, 2001–2

The emphasis throughout the badminton season was on playing rather than winning. Getting many members of college involved who had never really played before, and teaching the rules from the sidelines was lots of fun. We had several training sessions joint with Queens College at Ferry Sports Centre and a women's team for Pembroke was entered into the league for the first time along with the two men's teams. All in all we managed to get a team for every match with the women's team often winning when the opposition did not turn up. Thanks to everyone who played and I hope to see a women's A and B team next season.

Bryony Poynor – *captain*

## BASKETBALL 2001–2

2001–02 was a good year for Pembroke basketball, with teams performing well in both the Hilary Term league, and Trinity Term Cuppers competitions. The Hilary Term competition began with a loss to Christ Church, but the recruitment of further players, and added experience resulted in a record of five wins out of seven during the group stage of the competition. This enabled Pembroke to progress to the playoffs, where wins in the quarter and semi-finals lead to a match-up with Mansfield in the final. The match was competitive, with Pembroke's opponents being strengthened by imported American talent. Nevertheless, Pembroke was ultimately victorious by a margin of 5 points – a narrow margin, but a margin which Mansfield never looked likely to overcome. The Trinity Term Cuppers competition was slightly less successful for Pembroke, with the team being extremely unlucky not to progress to the playoffs. A draw against Merton-Mansfield in the group stage resulted in Pembroke just missing out on the finals. Several players deserve a mention: Canon Flake was undoubtedly the most valuable player, with other excellent contributions

from Craig Walzer, Nick Ogden and our sharp-shooting import from Green College, Charles Yackulic. All in all, things look set for more success in 2003.

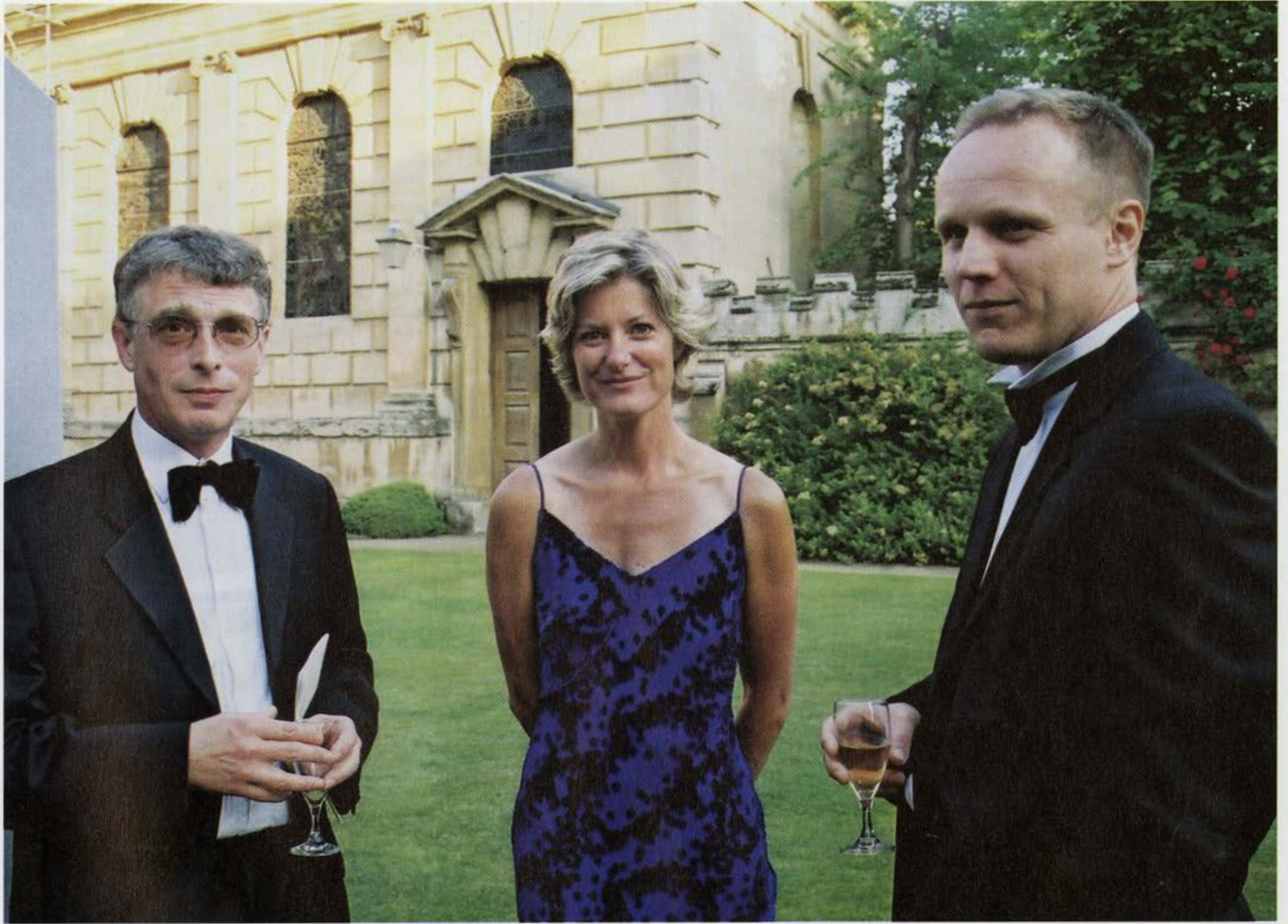
Simon Cotton, *Captain*

## CRICKET 2001–2

The Pembroke CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI started the 2002 season in division 2 and finished with a well deserved promotion in to division 1 for 2003. Typical of a Pembroke match was the fixture against Teddy Hall which took place at our own grounds. Teddy Hall reached a healthy score of 180 for 5 off of their 40 overs and the rapid loss of a few wickets early in the Pembroke innings did not bode well. In steps Mr Gordon Dyce! A swashbuckling 75 by Dyce put us back on target leaving 15 runs to win off of the last 3 overs. The seemingly inevitable loss of all except 1 of our wickets made for a very tight finish. With 1 ball remaining, the scores were equal. If the game ended in this way, Teddy Hall would be victorious by virtue of having lost fewer wickets during their innings. Mr Richard Joyce scurried a quick single to win the match and keep us on target for promotion. If Pembroke cricket were to have a soundtrack, it would certainly be the theme from, "The Great Escape"!

The second round cuppers fixture against Balliol, again at home, was a game too far for a Pembroke side depleted of some of its best players. Balliol went on to win the tournament, making defeat more honourable. Our last game of the season was against Balliol away in the league. Although we had secured promotion (the top 2 teams are promoted each year) the week before, revenge was due and we also had the chance to win the league outright. The victory at Balliol left us unbeaten in the league, losing only 1 game all season. Not a bad term's work! It was a privilege to captain Pembroke and I am glad that next year's responsibility lies with Mr Adam Hunter, a talented and committed cricketer.

David Evans, *captain*



*Ken Mayhew (Vicegerent 2000 - 2003) with Catherine White and Richard Sidebottom (both 1984), Gaudy for years 1980 - 1985, June 2001*



*Naming the Sir William Blackstone boat, the Master (Giles Henderson) and the Pembroke Men's 1st VIII, May 2003*



*Pembroke Men's 1st VIII bumping Oriel, 1st Day of Eights 2003*



*A plaque in the Chapel in memory of Godfrey Bond, unveiled November 2001*

## MEN'S FOOTBALL, 2001-2

The growth of football at Pembroke, in terms of quality and sheer interest, over the last year has been considerable. The success of both the first and second teams has served to increase the profile of the sport throughout college.

The 2001/2002 season can be described as nothing short of outstanding as the firsts managed to secure promotion from the second division and also make considerable progress in the cuppers competition. The highlight of the season was the 3-2 victory over a top division team – Hertford in cuppers (with a thirty yard screamer from Tulsiani), where at times we showed flashes of brilliance worthy of the premier league. A further result that springs to mind was the battling victory over Jesus in the league which cemented our promotion ambitions.

The spine of the team was solid throughout the season with Cornik and German marshalling a defence that leaked fewer goals than any other in the division. The dynamic midfield partnership of Charlie 'the water carrier' Mortimer and 'little' Mark ensured that defensive situations were quickly transformed into attacks. Our strike partnership of Steve Worthington and Richard Clode was perhaps the most dangerous in any of the three divisions, and with the speed of Tyler and Tulsiani on the wings goals were never far away.

Unfortunately, this season we will be without a few key players who have moved on to pastures new (Andy Cornick, Dan Tyler, Tim Buss and Robin 'Jan Molby' Hough), but hopefully under the captaincy of Mark Harris we will be able to surpass the success achieved last year.

Manoj Tulsiani

Unfortunately the huge success of the firsts was not entirely mirrored in the seconds. A difficult season after promotion in the two preceding years, and a wholesale change of the team led to the seconds doing surprisingly well in just missing out on promotion. Next year we can

try and build on this as we are losing no players and will hope for some new blood. Thanks has to go to Ben Graham for all his hard work as captain and to the huge variety of players used this season (especially to Adam Hunter, a rugby player who managed to score 2 tremendous goals in one half from left back, after being bullied into playing at the last minute!)

George German

## MEN'S HOCKEY

The men's hockey club had a most successful and enjoyable season, winning hockey cuppers for the first time in 29 years. The cuppers team was built around the blues triumvirate of the experienced Ed Bevan and Dave Sellick and first year Dan Fox. In addition to these players we had some very talented college hockey players. Tim Buss was an outstanding goalkeeper, pulling off crucial saves at vital times, he was particularly impressive in the cuppers final against Queens. Finalist Rob Langford was a commanding presence in the heart of the defense while Gordon Dyce was consistently impressive up front. Charlie Mortimer was a real midfield dynamo and epitomised the work ethic of an extremely dedicated team. Although fortunate to have so many talented individuals it is important to stress that our success was a genuine team effort and all squad members made valuable contributions. It was the strong team spirit which saw us through some tricky cuppers matches. We needed extra time to get through a tricky first round match on grass and although the subsequent games on astro suited our style of play far better we were still stretched in our subsequent games. The final against Queens was a tense affair with defenses on top throughout. However, in the last minute of the game we won a short corner and our three blues combined magnificently to give Dave Sellick the chance to rifle a shot into the bottom corner for a dramatic victory. Unfortunately the dramatic success in cuppers was not mirrored in the league. The commitments of finals meant we could rarely field our full strength side and we suffered as a result. We did put in

some heroic performances towards the end of the season though to ensure that we finished just above the relegation zone and remained in the topflight. Pembroke hockey seems to be going from strength to strength. This year's team has already progressed to the third round of cuppers and the league team have won four out of five of their matches. In addition to this a women's club is now up and running making hockey one of the most inclusive and enjoyable clubs in Pembroke.

Gareth Parker-Jones

## NETBALL 2001-2

Netball at Pembroke re-launched itself this year with a mixture of eager new freshers and second years who had waited a year to play. The season started unsuccessfully but as soon as seven players were found things started to look up. Throughout the first term a gradual improvement was seen and the team narrowly missed promotion by one place. Amy McGregor, who captained the team during the first term, was our stronghold, winning two player of the match awards. Our first term boy was Jeremy Bartosiak-Jentys who was dominant in centre court for every game once he lost some of his rugby tendencies.

Determined to come back after Christmas for promotion the term started well. Laura Carr and Linzi Cook both won player of the match awards for their attacking force. Andy Cornick stepped into Jeremy's shoes with equal enthusiasm and pride with Jen Hawes still consistent in the centre court. Unfortunately as exams drew closer the concentration lapsed and we ended up missing the final and crucial game for promotion. So, still in the fourth division.

Cuppers was very successful. Pitted against some very experienced teams from the first and second divisions we acquitted ourselves well, even managing to win one of the three games.

Laura Carr and Linzi Cook

## RUGBY 2001-2

2000-2001 left a bitter taste in the mouth of the Rugby Club. The knowledge that there was a core of talented and enthusiastic players capable of playing in the third division was tempered by the realization that there were too few to field a strong XV every Thursday. The 2001-2002 season was a turning point for Pembroke Rugby. A large number of 1st years were "persuaded" to sign up at freshers fair, all were experienced school, and some even county, players. Soon for the first time in years, promotion, and not just beating our old "friends" LMH/Trinity and Balliol, was a distinct possibility. Unfortunately this happened to be the strongest 4th division for many years and the season started badly. Unable to close down Univ's creative fly-half we went down at home in the first game of the season. This was followed by a 21-3 defeat away at Brasenose. The early season optimism was justified with a comprehensive victory over LMH/Trinity and a last minute win over Balliol. The final game of the season was at home to Corpus Christi / Somerville with Pembroke losing narrowly 13-14 against the best team in the division. The Michaelmas season was a touch disappointing, Pembroke finishing 4th, but there were signs of the team developing and the mood in the camp was good. The Hilary season saw St Hughs and Hertford, who had been relegated from the 3rd division on the last day of the Michaelmas season and were our first opponents for the new campaign, join us in the 4th division. This match was reported in the student papers as one of the most punishing yet entertaining games of college rugby for years, a credit to both teams, with Pembroke running out winners 23-19, despite dropping the ball beneath our own posts for a Hertford try. This was followed by easier victories over LMH/Trinity and St Hughs. The penultimate game against Brasenose was now key, with victory guaranteeing promotion and defeat leaving all to play for on the last day. Pembroke Rugby Club unfortunately failed to turn up for this game mentally as the XV bodies on the pitch were easily beaten by over a

half century of points. So to the last day with Pembroke, Hertford and Brasenose still all gunning for the two promotion places. Brasenose, unbeaten all season, were playing Hertford and Pembroke were in the University Parks against Balliol. Pembroke beat Balliol 13–10 after some heroic defending in the final ten minutes but unfortunately Brasenose suffered their first defeat of the season 19–0 at Hertford and both these teams got promoted as they had conceded fewer points than Pembroke throughout the season. Understandably the entire squad was devastated by this tragic turn of fortune but the unity of the group was such that we were able to look to next year as the team would only be losing two players, Will Howlett and Dave Gritten, and hopefully gaining some new blood. Pembroke Rugby Club was to initiate a change in the way teams on level points are separated. A motion was passed at the Colleges Rugby AGM 2002 whereby any teams on level points would be separated according to the result of the game between the two teams and not on points conceded. This is to be implemented for the 2002–3 season. Special mention must go to Ben Ritchie, who though unable to play through injury for the last two years, still found time to take coaching sessions and manage the team on matchdays. The whole club wishes Ben, and the two departing players, the very best for the future.

Jeremy Bartosiak-Jentys, *Secretary, Pembroke College RUFC 2001–2002*

## TABLE FOOTBALL

### 2000–2001

No Table football team

### 2001–2002

The season got off to a slow start with some friendly matches against Wadham, Jesus and St Catz, to determine which division we would enter into. Due to the fact that most of the team took a nonchalant attitude to the game – not believing a pub game could be considered such an intense and competitive sport. Indeed, a sport by modern

definition requires the ingestion of high performance liquids, not beer and hard liquor. We didn't perform very well at the start and were placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division. After we endured the full ferocity of the other teams, we stepped up our performance (and training) and by half way through the term, we had won a few matches.

Special thanks must be given to our friends from the United States, Peter Le and Ryan Pevnick, who quite simply saved the day on many occasions, often winning their doubles match, and both their singles matches, effectively winning the evening by themselves. Pete's ability to change the pace of the game at will was a great asset, often to the frustration of the opponent. When asked to comment, Pete said "Ryan was the only reason I picked up my game... and I think most of the guys did too after they saw how masterful he was on the offensive end. Ryan was inspirational to the team as a player that was emotionally intense and could match that with his physical play. As a team, the one common denominator was power in the offensive end coupled with conservative defence."

The team was always in good spirits, whether winning or losing we could always walk away laughing. Despite the team's lack of league experience, its potential was realised at the final and most important match of the season, against Christchurch. Although normally a very 'responsible' player, in one of his less sober moments, Pete did knock over a table full of glasses at the end of this match. Luckily, he did go on to win the game.

Other notable performances included 'Scottish' Mike Ramyar's uncanny ability to score own goals at the crucial moment of a game and Justus Wille supplying raw German power.

As well as the league there were occasional Cuppers doubles tournaments, a good opportunity to play teams of a much higher calibre than ourselves in a friendly atmosphere.

Team: Murray Forsyth, Peter Le, Ryan Pevnick, Chris Serpell, Justus Wille, Andrea Rossi.

Murray Forsyth

## TENNIS 2001-2

### *Tennis*

As was to be expected the tennis programme was thoroughly disrupted by preparation for Finals and Prelims. The 1st team, containing mostly First years, after a slow start made a valiant recovery before losing 5-4 in a tight cuppers match to Worcester. The other match was a league fixture against Magdalen which unfortunately we lost on some rather suspect grass courts.

### *Table Tennis*

Despite having entered only one team in 2002 cuppers Pembroke performed admirably. The cuppers team was made up of first years Adam R. Brodie, Josh Bellin and finalist and captain James Watts. The format was such that each player played two singles and Adam and Josh played a doubles match. The first round was the league stage. Pembroke emerged as Group 8 winners having creamed the teams from Corpus Christi (8-1), Jesus (8-1), St. Anthony's (8-1) and Queens (6-3). Qualifying for the quarter finals we came up against an Oriental dominated St. Annes team who squeezed home 5-4 match in a tense game that Captain Watts claimed "We should have won".

Prospects for cuppers 2003 are looking even brighter than last year as this year's captain, Adam Brodie has managed to recruit a couple of former junior internationals as well as many keen members who were inspired to try for the team in order to emulate last year's heroics.

Adam Brodie

## WOMEN'S CRICKET 2001-2

"This year's women's cricket team was well attended. Coached by the men's 1st team, we developed some good skills on the field. Due to weather conditions most matches in cuppers were cancelled but we enjoyed friendly matches amongst ourselves and despite losing to Queen's we played well and held our own against tough

competition. The cricket social events were a highlight."

Fiona Leigh

## Clubs 2002-3

### BASKETBALL 2002-3

2002-03 was another good year for Pembroke basketball, and the team was unlucky not to have been more successful in both the College League and Cuppers Competitions.

In the League competition, Pembroke looked to repeat its victory of the previous year, and despite a good run in the group stage, was upset in the playoffs by eventual winners St Antony's. Looking to avenge this loss, the team entered Cuppers with the ambition of a title. The Pembroke team performed exceptionally in the early stages of the competition, and progressed easily through the playoffs to the final in which they were to face St Hugh's. Unfortunately, due to other engagements, and early end-of-term departures on the part of visiting students, the team was seriously depleted, and unable to continue its winning form. Nevertheless, those team members who were able to play fought to the last in true Pembroke spirit!

Once again, Pembroke's success in Basketball was in large part due to the contribution of American visiting students, who made up the majority of the team. Particular mention should be made of Eric Smookler for his energy and commitment, John Van Fleet, for his ball handling and outside shooting, and Chris McCain and Naveen Ganesh for their level heads and solid team play. Simon Cotton, Captain

### HOCKEY CLUB 2002-2003

In a word - Fantastic. Unlike the college's finances the Hockey club is buoyant, healthy and doing well. Having won cuppers in 2002 we had a lot to live up to but with

the freshers including four new blues players in the form of Ollie Davies, Kate Adlington, Tom Bullock and Richard 'Horse' Brixley we were confident from the outset that we would once again have a strong cuppers team. The league side however (which the blues can't play in) was in desperate need of new blood having lost many good players. The establishment of a Sunday mixed sex knock-about brought a wealth of fresher talent, and at the very least helped us kick off hangers. With some solid old school talent in the team in the form of Gareth Parker-Jones and 'Big J' Bartosiak-Jentys the team certainly looked to have potential. Despite losing to a Brasenose team who had no goal keeper the end of first term saw us top of the second division. In Cuppers our blues-enriched team meant even the Cuppers captain struggled to get into his team. However, struggles to field a full strength team in the early stages of the competition meant matches were never a walk over.

Hilary term saw us win a very tightly fought match against Jesus in the Semi-finals leaving only Worcester, who were top of the first division. For the final the pitch was lined by Pembrokeans; we like to think they were eager for some amazing hockey performances, but fear the free alcohol may have been a bigger attraction. Our team which included Welsh internationalist Ed Bevan was at its strongest and full of confidence. From the push back though, it was clear that the opposition were very strong, and even with the whole 'blues short corner routine' on our team the match remained 1-1 at the end of extra-time. It was to be a penalty shoot out. With 6 blues in our team, we were confident. However, we had failed to take into consideration, Richard Brixley's ability to allow his shot to dribble at about half a mile an hour towards the keeper's foot. It came down to sudden death penalties, and just when the captain was fearing having to take one himself, Charlie Mortimer staying cool under pressure and safe keeping for Paul Ramsey secured us victory.

Within two days of our great Cuppers victory our league team took to the astro once more to attempt to seal our promotional place against Magdalen. The week

before we had very unluckily lost with ten men against St Catz after losing next year's captain Dave Flower to a broken tooth. Against Magdalen, it had nothing to do with bad luck, a hangover filled team managed to play some of worst hockey in the world... EVER, and we lost. Two terms of hard work seemed to be out the window and another year in the second division looked imminent. Sound victories in our last two matches forced Magdalen to have to win their final two matches to get promoted. They cracked and the promotional place was ours.

Sadly, mixed cuppers saw us go out in the second round to the eventual winners, Queen's. However, with the growth of our women's team under Anna Rothkopf Pembroke will be back stronger and better than ever next year.

It really has been a great year for hockey and also a really enjoyable one, my thanks to everyone who has played for Pembroke, be they friends filling in at the last minute or the devotion of Charlie Mortimer over four years. My thanks also to the Master and College for all their support, to the JCR for buying us new kit and to Pete Lilford the joint captain with me.

Ben Dean

## NETBALL REPORT 2002-2003

Despite a massive interest by the new freshers, a clerical error meant that no team was entered into the league at the start of the year. After a week of playing friendly matches, a team dropped out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division leaving a place for one team. Pembroke duly took on the mantle and with so doing secured promotion. The term went well as we all settled down into our new positions. An A team started to emerge from the players including Stephanie Cackett at GA, an ex-England youth player who was later to go on to play for the Blues. The attackers became defenders as Linzi Cook and Laura Carr shifted from GS and GA to GK and GD. With Lucy Bevan and Holly Hiscox as wings and the committed Jeremy Bartosiak-Jentys and Jo Cook as our token boys, we started to look very promising indeed. Having missed a

couple of games we ended the term in 3<sup>rd</sup> place just missing promotion.

Starting the second term with renewed vigour and a B team in the 4<sup>th</sup> division we finally managed to secure the sought after promotion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> division comfortably, losing only one game. The B team, finally set up, often containing players from the A team as numbers started to slide, also played well finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> division, a tough division to get out of.

Cuppers in Hilary was a close fought competition as Pembroke easily saw off Keble and St Hildas, leaving Exeter as the final hurdle. The scores stood at 4-4 at half time but unfortunately concentration lapsed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half leaving the score at 4-7. Not a bad performance however as Exeter went on to the semi-finals only to be knocked out by the eventual winners.

All in all it was a very successful year for Pembroke netball in which the previous year's enthusiasm and training began to pay off and much hope remains for further promotion in the coming year and further progression in cuppers.

Laura Carr, *Captain*

## POOL 2002-2003

Pembroke has much to be proud of in the realm of sporting achievement. Set against this background of excellence, the women's pool team has debuted with an impressive performance in the highly competitive arena of women's pool at Oxford. Although this was the first season we could boast a full team, complete with our mascot the ever-supportive Thomas Olunloyo, we managed to gain promotion to the First Division thanks to the united efforts of Jasmine Venning, Naomi Bowman, Rebecca Sami, Elizabeth Banks, Jocelyn Elmes, and myself.

A standard sized pool table remains a dream at Pembroke. Tipless cues, the absence of chalk, and cushions following geometric laws of their own are all too common. Despite our dedication and pool-ethic, the theoretical existence of six players does not necessarily

mean that six players will be present on match night; apparently work is more important at times. But the absence of one player means an automatic deduction of two points – one singles and one doubles game. The role of women's pool captain has thus expanded to entail bribery, i.e. walking into the college bar/computer room/library, lunging towards anything remotely female, grovelling, offering chocolate and diet coke in exchange for their cueing services, and failing that resorting to emotional blackmail. It works!

The league saw us drawn against the fiercest of Pembroke's sports rivals and the strongest women's pool teams in Oxford: Oriel and Exeter. They both crumbled. The most highly charged match of the season was our away match against Exeter, where their rowing crews had turned up in full force to try and deter our passage into the First Division. With the match poised at 4-4, just the black remaining on the table, Pembroke to cue, and no nails left to chew between Thomas and Joce, there could have been no sweeter finish than hearing the ball plummet down its righteous pocket. In fact, the only disaster we had to face during the league was our attempt at home-made personalised T-shirts.

Our team Cuppers performance in Hilary did not creep up to par with our League results. Nonetheless, our players gave remarkable performances in the individual competitions. Jaz and Naomi dazzled tough opposition during their doubles matches, losing only in the final. Jaz reached the singles semi-finals, and both girls helped Craig and Jonny progress to the mixed-doubles quarter-finals. Jaz and Naomi will also be representing Oxford's county team this season.

Next year Michaelmas will see us in a new league, taking on the best Oxford has to offer. We intend to raise our team spirit to new heights. We are proud to have joined the men's first team among the premierships of Oxford Pool. Most of our players will be staying on in 2003-2004, and we hope the arrival of pool-thirsty freshers will provide a smooth continuance of our success in the years to follow.

Mahim Irfan Qureshi

## RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB 2002-3

The dawning of the 2002-3 rugby season saw a large number of old hands returning, disgruntled and with something of a score to settle. Two years under the exceptional lead of Ben Ritchie had seen the team come on in leaps and bounds, but bad luck had repeatedly left us with nothing to show for it. With such a strong base of players, there was a positive buzz around the college that this could be the year.

The 2002 batch of freshers yielded a number of keen and very talented players. For the first time in years, Pembroke had not just a handful, or even a team, but a squad of good rugby players. The stage was set for Pembroke to finally rise from the wallows of the 4th Division.

The season began in style, with the team running out in brand new shirts, thanks to a kind donor. The first of the two leagues of the year saw a tidal wave of pink, white and blue demolish the 4th Division. Pembroke rugby had moved into a higher gear, and nothing could stand in our way. Following wins over Balliol, LMH/Trinity, St. Hugh's and Magdalen we became Division Champions with a 57-5 annihilation of the old enemy Christ Church.

The second league of the season began immediately, with the team on a high and confidently looking forward to taking on the 3rd Division. Our bubble was soon burst, however, when an uncharacteristically poor performance resulted in a defeat by Corpus Christi/Somerville. Our goal of double promotion would now require us to go unbeaten for the remainder of the league. Between wins over Wadham and ?????? came the crunch match against Jesus. Typically a force to be reckoned with in Oxford rugby, Jesus could not match a red hot Pembroke as we carved them apart with fast loose play. In the final league match of the season every point was crucial to the promotion race, and we fought doggedly in the mud to see off a rejuvenated Magdalen. The victory was enough, and a shattered but jubilant Pembroke team celebrated the awesome achievement of Double Promotion.

Our league successes saw Pembroke in the draw for 1st

Division Cuppers. When Oriel were unable to field a team, just one college stood between us and the Cuppers semi-finals. Unfortunately it was St. Peter's - recent dominators of the league and the most physically formidable college team in Oxford. The match turned out to be the best game of rugby Pembroke have played for years.

The game was predictably physical, and early on we struggled to hold off the strength of the Peter's attack. Yet the Pembroke pack, despite being massively outsized, refused to lie down and the addition of Pembroke's two Blues players to the back line bolstered defence. We weathered the first half, to find ourselves exhausted and battered but very much still in the game. We dug in hard and stayed with Peter's into the second half, and before long the sheer brutality of the match began to tell. The game opened up, and suddenly we were playing the same fast, open rugby that we had played all year. As Peter's became increasingly frustrated, the Pembroke attack piled on pressure, until finally we broke through. In a single passage of play we broke from our own line to score under Peter's posts, taking the lead with ten minutes left. The rest of the game was spent camped on our own line, defending for our lives.

Just as it seemed that we had held out for the win, Peter's were awarded an easily kickable penalty. With hearts in our mouths we watched the kick sail wide of the post. Yet even as we began to celebrate, the referee was calling play back. In an outrageous decision he decided that somebody had moved, and the kick was to be retaken. Heartbroken, we watched St. Peter's kick the penalty, with the last kick of the game, to win by one point.

After such an immense effort it was a bitterly disappointing way to lose. If we had beaten a team as dominant as St. Peter's, who is to say how far we could have gone in Cuppers. However, nothing could taint the overall success of the year. This was Pembroke Rugby's finest hour for a very long time, and a fitting end to a truly memorable season.

Mark Sayer

## SQUASH TEAM 2002–2003

Squash has sadly joined the likes of table tennis, kabadi and korfbal in the back waters of Pembroke sport. With our own courts unusable the matches take place at the university courts. The season saw us start in the 4<sup>th</sup> division and finish there to. With freshers Paul Raeburn and Tony Singla, joining the team of myself, Jo Cook, Ben Bury and Andy Taylor we had a solid squad, but were never quite able to get into the promotional places. In Cuppers the addition of Blues captain, Tom Bilyard, gave us hope, but alas it was hope that remained unfulfilled with a far stronger team from Wolfson College knocking us out in the second round. We dream of the days when we can once again walk onto the courts of Pembroke, and see Pembroke reach the dizzy heights of the third division but I fear it will not happen in my life-time (well at least my university time!).

Ben Dean

## TABLE FOOTBALL

### 2002–2003

A year in which imported players from across the pond frequently made up the majority of the team. The star partnership of Tony and Evan were virtually unbeaten. Not to mention the strength and skill of Matt, Dan and Corban. Lewis' unique style made up for the fact that he was virtually impossible to get hold of. Even so, by the end of the year, we managed to get promoted to the second division.

During one of the annual Cuppers tournaments, Caroline took the women's cuppers trophy – not bad for a 3<sup>rd</sup> division player.

Unfortunately, most of our team were visiting students who sadly had to return at the end of the year. They will not be forgotten, as without them, we would certainly have stayed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division for another year.

Team: Murray Forsyth, Tony Capra, Evan Labuzetta, Lewis Mawhinney, Matt Peterson, Caroline Ang, Corban Rhodes, Pete Sturgeon, Dan O'Donoghue, Chris s?

Murray Forsyth

## TABLE TENNIS (CUPPERS 2003 VICTORY)

Having performed well beyond expectations in reaching the last 16 last year, despite an obvious Achilles heal in last year's team, Captain Brodie had many reasons to be optimistic for Oxford University Table Tennis Cuppers 2003. Recruitment at the Fresher's Fair 2002 had been a success with around 30 first years signing up. Most of those who signed up commented that they weren't very good but it sounded like a laugh so they put pen to paper. However, one young lad who, in the "standard" column wrote "Under 19 World Championship (twice)." Captain Brodie thought long and hard about whether to include him in the Pembroke Cuppers squad, until a late withdrawal ensured that Daniel Jeavons squeaked into the line up.

Despite the keen initial interest it was disappointing to get only 6 first years in the Cuppers squad. Captain Brodie decided against discriminatory trials (in order to maintain his dignity) and ranked the squad at his discretion into five teams of three:

Pembroke 1 – Dan Jeavons, Adam Baker, Josh Bellin/Jamie Fowler/Chris Cook/Manoj Tulsiani.

Pembroke 2 – Adam Brodie, Josh Bellin, William Jukes.

Pembroke 3 – Ata Fahardi, Emmanuel Ngwengi, Pete Lilford.

Pembroke 4 – Tony Capra, Katherine Phillips, Andrew Peterson.

Pembroke 5 – George German, Joe Cook, Ben Bury.

There are several reasons for Pembroke to be proud of our table tennis heroes:

Pembroke (together with Corpus Christi) entered the most teams into the competition.

All our teams managed to arrange our home matches ensuring that we didn't lose games by default.

Four (teams 1,2,3 and 5) out of our five teams qualified for the knockout stages as group winners.

Pembroke 1,2 and 3 teams advanced to the last 16.

Pembroke 1 won the Cuppers competition, destroying older and often university players along the way, with a team consisting of two first years who only lost one rubber each in the whole competition.

Jeavons and Baker, having tried and tested a number of players for the illustrious third spot in the first team, consulted Captain Brodie on the eve of the finals as to who should play. It was initially agreed that Bellin would play the quarterfinal, Brodie would play the semi-final and the more effective of the two would play the final if Pembroke got there. Things soon changed however as Captain Brodie exhausted from his earlier tennis exploits found that he was not in the "table tennis zone". Besides which, Bellin featuring in the quarter-final had avenged Pembroke 2's defeat in the previous round by winning both of his singles.

Pembroke 1 defeated St. Anne's 1 by 6 matches to 1 (Pembroke conceded the doubles to conserve energy). Next up were New in the semi-final, who had knocked out the defending champions Exeter in the quarterfinal. The unanimous decision was made to keep Bellin playing owing to his difficult style of play using the cheapest bat known to man and running the equivalent of a half marathon during rallies. Pembroke booked their place in the final with a 5-2 victory (Pembroke again conceding the dead doubles rubber, upon Captain Brodie's request) including an unexpected singles victory for the Bostonian (Bellin).

The team for the final consisted of three very different players. Jeavons had been the form player on the day so far and was solid, precise but most importantly patient in his playing, waiting for a half chance before grasping it with both hands. In Baker, Pembroke had an attacking player and with his devastating forehand topspin and smashes, he constantly took the game to his opponents. Bellin's style of play can best be described as special or unique.

Pembroke's opponents in the final were none other than St. Hugh's who were seeded second and were deemed so good they entered the competition at the quarterfinal stage (bureaucracy within OUTTC). There

were differences between the two teams, with Hugh's the older team with considerably more facial hair although balding up top. Our boys took the game to them straight away. Jeavons playing as number 2 in the team opened up Pembroke's account, cruising to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Hugh's German import playing at 1. Next up Pembroke's number 1 Adam Baker, was involved in a titanic struggle against Hugh's number 2 from USA. It went right down to the wire with Hugh's clinching it on deuce in the fifth and deciding set, thus levelling the match at 1-1.

Bellin acting as the team's sacrificial lamb took to the table. With nothing to lose he took the game to the Hugh's number 3 and was 2-1 up before succumbing. Jeavons, dependable as ever squared contest with an easy victory over Hugh's number 3 player. Unfortunately, Hugh's number 2 creamed Bellin to give them a 3-2 lead in the tie going into the final two rubbers.

The next match was Baker Vs Hugh's German Machine; number 1 Vs number 1. In what was always going to be another epic duel, they swapped blows and at 2 sets to one to the German, things were looking grim for Pembroke. Then a controversial decision from Umpire Doug Speed upset the balance. The Umpire and the Hugh's player argued over the score in the set (the former claiming it was 8-4 to Baker, the latter claiming 7-5). Speed ordered a let played at 7-4, and Baker won the point to gain a crucial mental advantage. Baker calmly sealed the fourth and consequently the fifth set to clinch the rubber and leave the tie poised at 3-3 with just the doubles to play.

Jeavons and Baker thus took centre stage against the German-American dynamic duo from Hugh's. One end seemed to be more advantageous than the other as the rubber went 1-0 (to Pembroke), 1-1, 2-1, 2-2. Neck and neck all the way through the tie, the trophy was to be decided by one last set of table tennis. Who could hold their nerves and reach eleven points first? Pembroke starting off with the favourable end raced into a 5-1 lead before the mandatory deciding-set end-swap. Pembroke added a further point to make it 6-1 before a fierce

Hugh's fight back brought the scores to six-apiece. The two teams exchanged alternate blows before some forced errors from Hugh's brought Baker and Jeavons two championship points at 10-8. They only needed one as a nervous shot from Hugh's landed off the table and Pembroke had won Cuppers and a High Table with the Master.

Adam R. Brodie

### TENNIS 2002-3 (LEAGUE VICTORY)

The men's team enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in recent years. Following the disappointment of Trinity Term 2002 – where interest was low and only two matches were completed – Pembroke entered two teams into the league as well as a cuppers team for the 2003 season.

The first team showed an excellent mix of passion, commitment and skill winning their league and achieving promotion to the top division. The impressive Henry "Tiger" Drysdale dispatched all of his singles opponents with ease and style and also paired up successfully with Peter Lilford in the doubles. However, the star of the team was undoubtedly, John "The Bursar" Church, who despite facing opponents less than half his age, managed to finish the season without even dropping a set. John wore down his less experienced and more impatient singles opponents with consistent play from the back of the court, and then paired up with the more aggressive Adam Brodie to form the team's undefeated doubles pairing.

The second team, under the exceptional leadership of Stephen "Koala" Moi fought hard but found the going tough especially against some college first teams. However there was definite progress in the play of all the squad members, with Chris Aldred, Paul Clarke, Mark "Cruiser" Harris, Stephen Moi, Charlie Mortimer and Davor Zglaovic all making appearances for the first team.

The Pembroke Cuppers team composed of 3 doubles pairs (as opposed to the league where 4 players play doubles and singles) and had a successful run. After a

routine over Trinity the team came up against the auld enemy, Christ Church. As if this were not incentive enough, Christ Church were the defending champions and number one seed. Undeterred, Broke disposed The House by 10 sets to 2. Unfortunately a strong Worcester side halted the team's progress in the quarter-final.

Expectations are high for the 2004 season under the captaincy of Chris Aldred especially since it will be many players' swan song in college tennis.

Adam R. Brodie

## *The Boat Club* 2000-3

Since 2000, Pembroke College Boat Club has been constantly pushing itself forward, demanding more and more from its athletes, and settling for nothing less than the best. It is therefore with pride that we report that the period 2000-2003 has been the most successful in the Boat Club's 160-year history.

In 2000 the women bumped Osler-Green to become the first mixed undergraduate college in Oxford to be Head of the River. A very dark blue boat rowed over easily in 2001, and in 2002 and 2003 there were less comfortable, but nonetheless successful row-overs, ahead of challenges from Merton and New respectively. 2003 was particularly satisfying for the club, as the women's crew contained no less than 5 girls who had learnt to row since the previous October.

The men, after being comfortably beaten by a fast Oriel crew in 2000, and hanging on by the skin of their teeth against a strong challenge from Exeter behind in 2001, put out a strong VIII in 2002 that was quietly confident of ending Oriel's reign at the top. Unfortunately, overlap on Friday was not enough to secure the bump. However, six of that crew returned the following year, determined not to have to endure the

same emotions as twelve months ago. A polished crew made short work of Oriol, bumping them just before OUBC. On Saturday, the margin between first and second was eighteen seconds, a real tribute to the determination of our best crew ever.

Pembroke College Boat Club is now in a position to move on to dominate Oxford rowing. The achievements of the men's 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII have been heartening, and they are now on the verge of Division 2, and are comfortably the highest second boat in the University. This is a real testament to those in the second eight who receive less 'glory' than the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII, but who are now a committed and successful crew in their own right, being faster than most other Colleges' 1<sup>st</sup> VIII's. We are also happy to record that Pembroke also have the highest men's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> VIII's in Oxford.

Sadly, Torpids has not seen Pembroke enjoy the success of Eights. With Torpids 2000 and 2002 being wash-outs, Torpids 2001 saw both the Men's and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Torpids drop one place each to 2<sup>nd</sup> position and 6<sup>th</sup> position respectively. Significantly, the men lost the Headship, won in 1999. In 2003, a year in which the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Torpid were the pundits' favourites to regain the Headship, they dropped from 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, due to rudder failure. They were able to climb to 11<sup>th</sup> position by the end of Torpids and hope to continue this rebuilding process during the coming years. The Women's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII ascended one place during Torpids 2003, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> position.

Pembroke's mastery on the water has meant that many of the College's best rowers are unavailable for Torpids in order to represent the University against Cambridge. In 2001 Pembroke became the first college to have representatives in all seven University boats, with 10 oarsmen and women competing. Blues of particular note include Ben Burch (1998), who was OUBC President, and Basil Dixon (2001), who rowed during two of the toughest Oxford-Cambridge Boat Races, in 2002 and 2003, and will surely be doing his utmost to make sure that Oxford triumph again in 2004. We have also enjoyed seeing Pembroke oarsmen compete internationally, with

Ben Burch reaching the finals of the 2002 World Championships in the Great Britain 8+, and Basil Dixon and Ciaran Hayes competing in the U23 World Championships in 2002 and 2003 respectively. Also, Louisa Rowbotham (1999), Anna Jowett (1999) and Vanessa Harding (2000) all rowed in the Women's Blue Boat in 2001 and 2002, having learnt to row at Pembroke.

The Boat Club have their own official website, which can be found at [www.pembrokerowing.com](http://www.pembrokerowing.com) There are also the 'Friends of Pembroke College Boat Club', an independent body with the aims of supporting the Boat Club, organising social events and keeping members informed of the progress of the Boat Club. More details can be found by visiting the website above or by writing to the Friends of PCBC, Pembroke College, Oxford, OX1 1DW. The Boat Club are particularly grateful for any help at the moment, having been dropped from their sponsorship deal, bizarrely, as soon as the Double Headship had been achieved!

## 2001

*President:* Ian Graham

*Men's Captain:* Mark Sayer

*Women's Captain:* Amelia Quinn

### Men

B: Huw Edwards

2: Stuart Forrest

3: Robin Woods

4: Mark Sayer

5: Marc Bullock **Nephthys**

6: Ashley Hulme **OULRC**

7: Iain Smith **Nephthys**

S: Richard Pinckney **Isis**

C: Matthew Clayton-Stead

*Coach:* Michael Hill

### Women

B: Catherine Heyes **Blue**

2: Juliet Gunby

3: Vanessa Harding **Blue**  
4: Alice Dale  
5: Louisa Rowbotham **Blue**  
6: Anna Jowett **Blue**  
7: Catherine Stoodley  
S: Caroline Hyde **Osiris**  
C: Abigail Chicken **Osiris**  
*Coach:* Gordon Buxton

## 2002

*President:* Matthew Clayton-Stead  
*Men's Captain:* Gareth Parker-Jones  
*Women's Vice-Captain:* Abigail Chicken \*(FYI – no women's captain that year)

### Men

B: Tankred Finke **OULRC**  
2: Marc Bullock **Nephtys**  
3: Ian Monk  
4: Nicholas Tuppen **Isis**  
5: Thomas Beard  
6: Benjamin Burch **Blue**  
7: Ciaran Hayes **Isis**  
S: Basil Dixon **Blue**  
C: Matthew Clayton-Stead  
*Coach:* Robert Dauncey

### Women

B: Juliet Gunby  
2: Harriet Teare  
3: Emma Graham  
4: Vanessa Harding **Blue**  
5: Sonja Kurth  
6: Louisa Rowbotham **Blue**  
7: Anna Jowett **Blue**  
S: Catherine Stoodley  
C: Abigail Chicken **Osiris**  
*Coach:* Gordon Buxton

## 2003

*President:* Jonathan Squier

*Men's Captain:* Paul Delaney  
*Women's Captain:* Emma Graham

### Men

B: Tankred Finke **OULRC**  
2: Paul Wherity  
3: Sam Scheuringer  
4: Andrew Fabricius  
5: Ian Monk  
6: Basil Dixon **Blue**  
7: Ciaran Hayes **Isis**  
S: Nicholas Tuppen **Isis**  
C: Harriet Dedman  
*Coach:* Robert Dauncey

### Women

B: Sally Bullock  
2: Ellen Capel  
3: Anne Maguire  
4: Hannah Evans  
5: Catherine Heyes **Blue**  
6: Laura Godwin **Blue**  
7: Alia Malik  
S: Catherine Stoodley  
C: Anne-Marie Sim  
*Coach:* Lukas Hirst

# *Recollections of Pembroke College in the 1950s*

May I contribute a small trickle to the stream of reminiscence which courses intermittently through the Record?

At school when I expressed an interest in trying for Oxford, I was for some reason advised to try the smaller colleges. So in October 1950 I wrote to Pembroke asking to be considered for admission. It was a huge surprise when an answer arrived direct from the Master of the College himself: I hadn't dreamt my enquiry might go straight to the top. The response came with startling promptness, too. But train-times ruled out the time the Master proposed for interview. I sent a long involved letter to College explaining this – with a wealth of detail about the Sheffield-Oxford timetable. Again came a swift response and again from the Master, not in typescript this time but in his own hand. And such a hand! Corrugated in every line, and very likely, I surmised, written by the Master in bed. I replied, accepting the suggestion that I should stay in a Pembroke St Bed & Breakfast the night before interview.

On the due day I appeared in the lodge 10 minutes before interview and received, from one whom I was later to know as Ponsford, directions to the interview room. Turning towards the quad, I saw on the far side of the lawn, huffing and puffing his way towards the archway on my right, somewhat purple in the face, an elderly gentleman in full academics. He was carrying his mortar board in his hand, revealing a beautiful head of silvery white hair. As I caught sight of him he was in the act of consulting a fob watch. I expected him to mutter, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"

Within a few minutes I realised this had been my first glimpse of the Master. He and Uncle Mac (R. B.

MacCallum) interviewed me in the room where I would later go with the other PPE men (all four of us) for Politics tutorials. This was probably one of the shortest admission interviews ever held in Pembroke. It began at 2 p.m., and – with the help of a cab – I caught the 2:38 p.m. train to Sheffield. In between Uncle Mac asked all the substantive questions. The Master, as I recall, only intervened twice, each time to ask was I sure I could catch my train. Uncle Mac was as gentle, kindly and courteous, as I later found him always to be. All in all I felt a lot like a chick being mothered by two broody hens.

I came up two years later after National Service to read PPE. Our tutors were Ward Perkins for economics, MacNabb for philosophy, and Uncle Mac for politics. We went to Ward P first. His were the buzzingest tutorials I was ever to attend. For one thing he abounded with nervous exuberance: I don't think he was ever perfectly still for more than a few moments, but was always moving quickly and energetically around the room. Although he spoke quickly, his tongue couldn't always keep pace with the rapid flow of his thoughts, and sometimes he stumbled, almost stuttered, over his words. All this was standard for Ward Perkins tutorials, but it so happened that we attended for tuition during Ward P's year as Junior Proctor. That year the buzzing moved into a higher gear. It seemed that whenever we went to him he was either changing into or changing out of his proctorial gear; and whoever was reading his essay had to pitch his voice into Ward P's changing room – and then perhaps go suddenly silent as, from nowhere, Ward P materialised in front of him. In addition the phone, during that year, was always ringing. Here the ultimate indignity was mine; the phone rang one day as I was reading my essay; instinctively I halted. As he took the call, Ward P cheerily signalled for me to go on.

"Cheerily" is a word that springs naturally to the mind in describing Ward P. He exuded cheerfulness at all times – cheerfulness, benevolence, a great zest for life, and an endearing sense of humour. The funny side of things appealed to him hugely. It tickled him enormously, for instance, that an Egyptian undergraduate in College

studied the *Financial Times* each day, not for political and economic news, but to know how to instruct his broker. When Ward P laughed his face split into a marvellously infectious grin. He is wearing this smile (and looking – typically – as though just starting to need a shave) whenever I call him to mind.

In our third year, after Finals, Ward P gave a party for the Corpus and Pembroke men who'd just emerged from Schools. It began in his rooms in the afternoon and later, the day being summery and lovely, moved out into Chapel Quad. There we played croquet and bowls, at first by daylight, then by twilight, and – as this faded – by the light of many small candles flickering from within inverted glasses distributed over the lawn. It was in every way a beautiful party. Bottle in hand, Ward P was in his element. Apart from his other qualities, he had abundantly every talent required by a host.

After Ward P's tutorials MacNabb's were oases of peace and calm. They began with a surprise for me, however. Up to that time I had never seen MacNabb when he wasn't either wheeling a bike into College or wheeling one out. From this I'd inferred that he was either some sort of (probably superior) Scout or else belonged to the Messenger Service. It took some while to adjust to his new role as tutor in philosophy. His great virtue as tutor, it seemed to me, was that he treated all arguments as worthy of attention. No-one was slighted by having his points rejected or passed over. What I chiefly recall about his Tutorials, however, is the dogged fight he waged with his pipe. Some weeks he spent most of the hour hunkered down by the gas-fire, using up spill after spill.

Uncle Mac had his own problems with tobacco, but different problems. I can see him now delicately removing cigarette strands from the end of his tongue. He had a rather individual manner of smoking which suggested that he felt he was doing something a bit dashing, that cigarettes were special treats not allowed at home.

Uncle Mac was a tall man, and, being tall, larger than one at first realised. To my mind he was large in every way. To us, his pupils, he was unfailingly considerate and courteous. (And when we went down always swift to

respond when a reference was needed.) In addition he exuded a gentle air of melancholy which was very sympathetic. He had a connoisseur's interest in Oxford's byways, and especially its short cuts; and was always happy to describe the route he had followed from Worcester, his old college, to Pembroke for lectures when he was an undergraduate – the shortest possible route.

I found his tutorials fascinating. He had an immense fund of good stories, of which we, during our time with him could, unhappily, have heard only a tiny handful. One that I remember related a short political catechism addressed to him by the dormitory strong man at his prep school:

'I, McCallum, am a Tory.

These other fellows, McCallum, are Tories too.

But you, McCallum, are a Liberal.

Therefore you, McCallum, are a shit!

In addition he could bring a piece of history to life by the odd angle from which he approached it. For instance, when we were discussing the position of Lord John Russell ('Johnny Russell') in the political spectrum, Uncle Mac said were he living today he would be writing for the *New Statesman*. I never forgot this aspect of Johnny Russell. When we came to touch on the Repeal of the Corn Laws Uncle Mac told us that Mr Salt, once Bursar of the College, now Fellow Emeritus and to be seen in Hall most nights, would sometimes bitterly lament this enactment, and fulminate at length on the damage it had inflicted on the agricultural interest – a hundred years after the event! Mr Salt, he also told us, was one of seven brothers. Their father was a Burgess of the city of Shrewsbury at a time when burgesses had the right to send their sons to Shrewsbury School free. Mr Salt the Elder did send all his sons to the School – and paid all their fees in full.

One day Duke the Butler interrupted the tutorial to bring in a letter on a silver salver. Uncle Mac went on talking as he opened the letter. Glancing at the contents, he told us that it was a request for funds from the Society for the Restoration of the Stuarts to the throne of Great

Britain and Ireland, the then Pretender residing in New Zealand. Apparently the Society approached Uncle Mac for a donation each year. 'They think because your name is Scottish, you must be with them,' he added ruefully.

My rooms when I was in College were at the top of the Old Master's Lodgings. I shared the floor with three others and the rare occupants of the Guest Room. Our Scout, Henry, was wonderfully efficient and utterly reliable. If when you first saw him in the morning you said, 'A grand-looking day, Henry', he'd answer, 'Raining heavily, though, at 6 o'clock, Sir.' Or if you remarked, 'Rain's set in by the looks, Henry,' he'd reply, 'But very sunny first thing, Sir'. I also carry a distinct remembrance of the Boot Scout, a small-built man, who, poor chap, suffered from a limp (but his name has gone), and who on the last day of term would stand between the Archway and the Lodge, his right hand trouser pocket sinking lower and lower as the long day wore on and more and more tips rolled in. I suppose he wore extra strong braces that day.

One night during the period I spent in the Old Master's Lodgings a transcendently beautiful experience befell me – but not me alone. It was the night of the Eights' Week Ball. I was one of the many freshmen not attending the ball, and had gone to bed fairly early. In the small hours of the morning I woke to find an absolute peach of a girl standing at my bedside. It took a moment or two to grasp the situation. Then on the edge of my vision I noticed a young man in a dinner jacket, leaning against the doorpost, and smiling with good-natured tolerance (I later learnt this was Mike Roe). And then I took in the girl more fully, perceiving that she wore a stunning off-the-shoulder gown. This must, I thought, be a couple who had come up from the marquee. The girl seemed in no particular hurry, and asked, as I recollect, why I wasn't at the ball, and sundry related questions. Then quite unexpectedly, she leaned over and gave me a sumptuous, a truly generous, kiss; and quickly disappeared with her partner, leaving me once again alone in a darkened room.

Almost at once noises began to come in from outside indicating that the other residents were receiving a similar

visitation. Fervent 'Thank-you's and 'Goodnight's floated in from voices I knew. Then a slightly longer louder conversation, but I couldn't make out the words. And one of the voices I couldn't identify. The next morning I learnt what had happened. Suddenly kissed during the night, the young American occupying the Guest Room that night had asked, 'What's that for?' To which the wonderful and – it now appeared – witty girl replied, 'Anglo-American cement!' Thereafter for three or four minutes the American kept up a cry of 'More cement!'

Those of us who went up to Pembroke in the early 1950s found ourselves in a college which was the slowest to change of all Oxford colleges. During Michaelmas term 1952 Homes Dudden began his thirty-fourth year as Master. At the age of 77, he was the oldest head of House in the University, and the only one (the Dean of Christ Church apart) with no fixed retirement age.

In addition Pembroke in our time still enforced compulsory Chapel attendance, being the last Oxford college to do so. The rule only applied of course to the men living in College, and even they weren't actually required to enter the Chapel. But they did have to report at the Chapel door at 8am on (to the best of my recollection) three mornings a week. In October 1954 identical twins came up, the Summerfield brothers. Soon it was common knowledge that they took it in turns to attend at Chapel, the duty twin reporting twice, changing his jacket in between.

I became quite friendly with Ponsford while I was up. Probably many did for he was a friendly man, though conscientious. When he retired in 1956 I wrote saying how much he would be missed, and he sent me a gracious little note of thanks. One evening when I was still up, though the Long Vac had begun, and when the college was very quiet he gave me a poem. The poem was Xeroxed in blue ink on an A4 sheet. Ponsford told me that the author, while staying in Pembroke for a conference of chefs (I think it was), had been tremendously impressed by the College buildings and gardens and, in fact, the whole ambience of the place; and had tried to give expression to these feelings in his poem.

Since the poem was Xeroxed, Ponsford might have owned many copies; but from the manner in which he handed it to me I had the impression this was his only copy and that he was making a gift of it. Whether for this reason or simply because I didn't know what else to do with it, I carried it around with me for years zipped up in the innermost part of my pocket-book – until it fell to pieces. I can still remember the opening lines:

'Here in this quad  
So very near to God  
Do I find peace.'

The poem was amateurish in the extreme, of course. Nevertheless it had a quality of absolute sincerity which I respected. It was interesting, too, that under the stress of strong feeling the chef (?) had instinctively turned to verse.

Another time Ponsford told me of an incident that had occurred many years before, in the days of Pembroke's heaviest heavy drinking. An undergraduate living in College suddenly appeared in the Lodge at first light, clad in dressing gown and pyjamas. The poor fellow was a stutterer. 'P – P – P – onsford', he said, 'either there's a bl – bl – bloody f – f – fowl in my room or else I've g – g – got the D – D – Dee T – T – Tees. C – C – Come and see.' Ponsford went to see. As he entered the bedroom, he was confronted by a bantam cock crowing lustily from its perch on a bed-rail. 'There IS a fowl,' he told the young man. 'Thank G – G – God!' the chap said, threw himself on the bed, and fell asleep at once. A few days later Ponsford was on duty in the Lodge when he saw the same chap negotiating an extremely dirty sack, small but troublesome, through the gate. He went to investigate. Inside the sack was a very lively piglet. 'No!' said Ponsford, 'This can't go on!' The undergraduate pleaded for the rights of vengeance, for natural justice, etc, but Ponsford was adamant. The undergraduate finally gave in and started back for market with his piglet.

On another occasion we who lived out of College were greeted as we came in with the fantastic news that an Assistant Porter's arm had been torn bodily from him in a

fracas the previous evening. The AP had visited someone's rooms, so the story went, to quieten down a rowdy party. The drinkers, violently resenting his intrusion, had attempted to throw him out. In the ensuing struggle the AP's arm was actually wrenched from its socket. The story turned out to be both true and untrue. An Assistant Porter had lost his arm in a roughhouse the previous night. BUT the arm was artificial; the AP, poor chap, had lost his own arm in the War.

When our period in College came to an end and we had to find rooms outside, a friend, Dick Robinson, finished his search in what could easily have been, and probably were, the most extraordinary digs in all Oxford. There were, I think, altogether 3 or 4 undergraduates staying in the house. The landlady and the landlord went back some years in age; and when wife spoke to husband she invariably addressed him, as Mrs Micawber did Micawber, by surname – 'Harris, this' and 'Harris, that'. The Harris kept, or rather Mrs Harris kept, an enormous pair of hounds, one of each sex, Jane and Tarzan. The dogs, great slobbering monsters, were always present at breakfast, where they stood easily as high as the table. Their dripping jowls were never more than a few inches from the food. In particular they would nose towards the bread-board where sat Mrs H, cutting, buttering, and dispensing, bread – one moment pushing away a slavering jaw, the next passing a slice of bread to one of her lodgers.

One night, very thirsty, Dick wandered down into the kitchen – and tripped over a body. The body proved to be Harris. I don't know how the full facts finally emerged but when they did they were these: Harris was sleeping on the kitchen floor (Tarzan beside him) because Jane was on heat. When Jane went on heat Mrs H, to protect her from Tarzan's attentions, took her into the marital bed. This left no room for Harris. On these occasions therefore he moved down into the kitchen and slept next to Tarzan.

The strangest sort of coincidence for me personally cropped up in connection with the Harris digs. On the very first day that I travelled to Oxford to take up residence, a young man, obviously Oxford-bound too,

climbed into the carriage at Rugby. He carried a racket. The racket was marked Badminton. Little as I then knew about rackets, I did know that this was no badminton racket but a squash racket. It was a perplexing little incident. But of course I had other things to think about at that time. Nevertheless 'the case of the wrongly labelled squash racket' lodged at the back of my mind and periodically resurfaced to puzzle me. Nothing further happened on this front for two and a half years. One day in our third year, however, Dick happened to speak of a fellow-lodger who was reading music at Teddy Hall and who complained bitterly about the demands of fugue-composition. Dick mentioned the man's name: Badminton. I clamoured to know what Badminton looked like. Startled, Dick began to describe him, but hadn't said more than a few words before it was clear that here was the solution to the enigma which on and off had mystified me for over two years.

My remaining memories are not of 50s Pembroke, but – oddly enough – of the 50s Stowaway, a café where I consumed a good many lunches and dinners while I was up. The Stowaway was located up some stairs down a narrow passage off the High. At lunchtime, the place's busiest period, it was invariably necessary to queue on the stairs. Waiting like this, I often found myself standing near a slightly built sports-jacketed young man, modest in manner, impeccably polite, whose expression was strikingly keen, alert, thoughtful. He might have been the archetypal clerk of Oxenford. I happened to be standing near him one day when, in polite response to his neighbour's question, he uttered in the most matter-of-fact manner possible the memorable sentence, 'Then I got my Fellowship of All Souls.' Later he became familiar to the world as the philosopher, Bernard Williams. To me, however, he will always be the modest young man on the Stowaway stairs.

I remember, too, the appearance one day of a notice reading: 'The management regrets that, owing to the enforcement of the clean food regulations, it will be raising its prices as from November 1<sup>st</sup>.' But attendance didn't fall off so far as I could tell.

The Stowaway's menu was slightly unusual in that in addition to the standard dishes it also offered chop suey and chow mein. Omelettes, however, were probably the greatest favourite, usually served with chips and peas. The waitresses shouted their orders down a hatchway, 'One egg without the egg' was chips and peas on their own; 'One egg in the middle' was an omelette on its own.

My most sensational memory of the Stowaway, though, is of an incident which occurred one Saturday night. Only one girl was there; three men were with her. I sat facing their table. All of a sudden the girl, pretty and shapely, began to peel off her sweater. At that very fraction of a second silence, utter and absolute, fell on the room. Those who had the girl in their line of vision stopped mid-sentence; but – by some magical process – so did those who sat facing away, who, theoretically, should not even have known she was in the room. Almost at once, however, it became clear that under her top sweater the young woman sported a second sweater. In the very instant of that realisation the hubbub broke out again at exactly the same level and intensity as before. This was one of the most powerful phenomena I have ever witnessed.

Another memory relates to an old school friend, Bill Robbins. The incident took place in my second Trinity Term. Bill, who was reading PPE at Univ, was very keen on athletics and was training hard with the shot in hopes of selection for the Oxford squad. (He was successful, and competed in the University Match two years in succession, winning both times.) We were together at lunchtime one Thursday, when there was to be a meet at the Iffley Road track in the afternoon. Bill wanted me to go with him, and, acting completely out of character, would not take 'No' for an answer. For a long time I held out, having very little interest in athletics. Finally, though, to please Bill I gave in and went with him to the meet – and saw Roger Bannister run the first mile ever run in under 4 minutes. I remain of course everlastingly in Bill's debt. Those, incidentally, who would like to know what it felt like to be at the Iffley Road Track that afternoon could not do better than consult the Spectator for

15/5/54. In it they will find a piece by Dudley Reeves, then a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Pembroke undergraduate, which gives a superb description of the atmosphere along the Iffley Road that day. On this same day the Master of Pembroke died. By a quirk of fate within 31 years Bannister himself became Master in his turn.

Another of my Pembroke recollections is of Charles Mate. Charles and I had occupied adjacent rooms in College and now I was to be his best man. The plan was that we should meet in Oxford, and Charles was to drive us to his fiancée's home in North London in a car he had recently acquired. It was an old car. We had set off and were driving through a sleepy old village, the sort where the roads have grass verges, when the lights turned red and without a word to me Charles drove onto the verge. I looked at him with upturned eyebrows. He muttered, 'Daren't trust the brakes.' In this way our journey continued; so long as we stayed on country roads we proceeded, at red lights, like dancers in a gavotte, first a jink to the left then a jink to the right. Of course when we reached the environs of London we had to risk the brakes – but luckily they did not fail us at that stage.

Another Pembroke memory is of a walking holiday Ray Gladwell (another PPE man from Pembroke) and I took in the Easter vac of 1954. Our sphere of operations was to be the great Desert of Wales, i.e. Radnorshire, and Montgomeryshire. Why there I can't now recall. Our plan was to hitch-hike to Church Stretton and walk across the Long Mynd to a Youth Hostel on the other side. We'd start our walk from the YHA the next day. The strategy worked well except that we fell so badly behind the clock it was pitch dark when we reached the Youth Hostel. Not only that, but the village shop/pub was closed and there wasn't one bed left in the hostel. The whole place was full of cyclists from Birmingham.

We decided Ray would look after our belongings while I made a final desperate search of the village for food and a bed. My quest for food finished in the village shop where I was lucky enough to find a side entrance. When the shopkeeper told me he had nothing for us to eat or drink I must have looked so disconsolate that he took

pity. 'Wait a moment,' he said, 'I may have something for you.' He disappeared for a long time and returned with a large beakerful of milk. It was warm and smelt strongly of cow. He had milked a cow for us! Ray would not believe me, pooh-poohed my story, and to prove I was wrong drank a large glassful straight off. I couldn't bear to watch. For sustenance I had to make do with a small bar of chocolate. This still left the question of somewhere to stay. The Hostel Warden eventually solved this problem by finding a double bed in a cottage belonging to an elderly woman. She was good enough to rent us her spare bedroom for the night. This was good of her, but I hope never to encounter again such a huge feathered quilt as she supplied. Several times during the night it came near to smothering one or other or both of us.

Brian Rees

## THE CLASS OF '52

"Well now, Mr Rees, you don't seem to have studied much classical poetry." The venue was our Senior Common Room, bathed (or should I say obscured?) in that 'dim religious light' the blind poet talks about. This obscurity did not apply to the illuminated portrait of the venerable Samuel Johnson with its aura of vast erudition looking down on us from above the mantelpiece. The courteous voice was that of Godfrey Bond, the Classics Tutor for Honour Moderations.

The scholarship exam, in the cold, forbidding hall of Balliol was over and now came the interviews. This one was before the whole academic faculty, kitted out in gowns and, if I remember rightly, hoods as well. I was somewhat thrown off guard not only because of the august surroundings but also because this was the first time anyone had addressed me as "Mr". I was just coming up to my seventeenth birthday at the time. Godfrey continued "You seem to have made an acquaintance with Plato and Cicero, Tacitus and Herodotus, but what about Aeschylus and Pindar? You seem to have little Homer and less Virgil" (or words to that effect). My Achilles heel had been laid bare.

However, all was not lost since I am convinced divine providence came to my aid at that critical juncture. All at once a phrase of Virgil surfaced from my sub conscious. As they say in today's jargon, it moved from the back burner to the front one! "You are quite right" I admitted "but I must confess that, as yet, I do not find that what Virgil called the "lachrymae rerum" (the tears of things) communicates much with me. No doubt this will come later." The probing went further but memory at this point fails me. However, I do remember leaving with a feeling that I could have done worse. This optimism was soon dispersed with the follow-up session with Godfrey, this time on his own. The hors d'oeuvre was over, now follows the main course. I don't suppose it took more than an hour but it seemed an eternity to me as he gave me a grilling in an impeccably polite and sociable way.

"Have you read any short stories?" he enquired innocently, in an off hand way.

"Oh yes, I've been reading some Somerset Maugham lately and found him hugely enjoyable." – 'Cramming' would have been better than 'reading'.

"Tell me" said Godfrey straight off the cuff "Do you think his characters are true to life?"

That put me on the spot. The only Maugham characters I could remember were a budding concert pianist whose left hand never quite synchronised with his (or was it her?) right and a totally illiterate Church Warden (or was it Verger?) in a posh part of London whom a snobbish Vicar sacked but who, as a result, became a millionaire by defying his numerical illiteracy to open a string of tobacco shops. Memory could have played me worse but whether concert pianists and church vergers were to be found of this ilk was way beyond me. Divine providence didn't come to the rescue this time. I was floored!

Godfrey could not have held this too much against me. I was delighted to receive a letter of admission. Little did I realise then how much hung on his generous decision.

The Class of '52 at Pembroke as far as Honour Moderations was concerned turned out to be an excellent peer group for me. We succeeded in keeping each other up to the mark and when the Honour Mods. results of our

year were published they put Godfrey firmly on the map as a force to be reckoned with when it came to Oxford classics tutors. He worked exceedingly hard with us and took his tutoring extremely seriously. There are complaints from undergraduates that their tutors some times seem far more concerned with the stimulation of their own research than the 'bread and butter' teaching of ordinary students. We never felt this about Godfrey Bond. The weekly personal tutorials frequently went far beyond the hour and were supplemented by corporate ones. The marking was rigorous if not occasionally severe. One of our number, I recall, actually managed to get an epsilon for a Greek verse. We didn't commiserate, we congratulated him on this notable achievement.

After safely negotiating the Mods hurdle at about the same time as a future Master was negotiating the four minute mile around the circuit at Cowley, I had to decide whether to proceed now to Lit Hum. (Greats). I went to see MacNabb, the philosophy Don, and shared my misgivings. I was prepared to doff my hat to form a polite and nodding acquaintance with philosophy but a concentrated courtship of seven whole terms without any prospect of marriage at the end I found daunting. MacNabb tried to re-assure me "Nothing to it, dear boy, doing philosophy is just like doing guard drill. Simple logic, that's all it is." That word 'simple' did not ring true to me. I recalled Godfrey Bond on one occasion wringing his hands in despair as he lamented "The trouble is, people just won't think straight." Little did he know that he was saying this to one who saw himself as no raw recruit in the regiment of wonky thinkers. Accordingly, I am grateful to the College faculty at that time for allowing me to switch over from the rigours of guard drill in Greats to the far more aesthetic pleasures of English language and literature. Lit Hum. had to give way to Lit Eng. Our tutor then was Robert Browning – vivacious, dynamic and enthusiastic. He was an inspiration. But in addition we were marvellously favoured in having lecturers of the calibre of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkein and Lord David Cecil. With regard to Tolkein I was much impressed that he could quote Welsh fluently. Though not

a brilliant lecturer like his two associates, he had a vast range of scholarship at his finger-tips. The hall of the examination schools was packed for David Cecil's and Jack Lewis' lectures. Fierce was the controversy raging then over the interpretation of Satan in Milton's *Paradise Lost*. The chief protagonists were Lewis himself of Magdalen in one corner and Helen (later 'Dame' Helen) Gardner from St Hilda's in the other. The tiger and the tigress were locked in mortal combat. I hesitate to express it thus in this Satanic context, but the tigress seemed to me to be on the side of the angels and got the better of the argument. However, this does nothing to lessen my admiration for Lewis as a major Christian apologist. There are not many who can combine a rapier intellect such as his with an equally fertile and vivid imagination. What I remember about David Cecil strangely is his array of bow ties. If you sat at the back his bow tie seemed to be attached directly to his Adam's apple not to his collar. Most of the time it used to bob up and down in strict time with his lecture notes. But when it came to Jane Austen his enthusiasm ran ahead of him and the tie got all out of sync. with the tempo! Looking back now on Godfrey Bond, Robert Browning and these others I see how favoured we were to be 'up' in Oxford and especially in Pembroke at that particular time and the unconscious as well as conscious influence such teachers had upon our generation of students. They earned our respect.

The most formative influence of all, however, turned out to be that of the vibrant Christian Union that we had then in the College. The friendships I formed with some very devoted disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ profoundly altered my perspective and values. It was through their witness that I first began to understand the essential message of the Christian Gospel and also received my call to the ordained ministry along with many others in the College at this time.

"To whom much is given will much be required." I hope this article will defray something of the debt of gratitude I owe to Pembroke. As I look back I can see how marvellously those four most formative and happy years in my life not only straightened out some of the bends in

my wonky thinking but even more, have helped me to cope ever since with the "lachrymae rerum".

Antony Rees (52-56)

## MCGOWIN LIBRARY NOTES 2000-1

The year began with a look back in time, in the form of an exhibition commemorating Samuel Johnson, and ended very much in the present day with the installation of power sockets and Ethernet points to 22 of the Library's reader places, for use with laptop computers.

The Johnson exhibition, which accompanied a talk by Dr. Lynda Mugglestone for the Activity Day in September, presented a welcome opportunity to open the Rare Books Room to view and display some of the College's Johnsoniana. As well as the manuscripts of Johnson's *Prayers and Meditations* and first editions of the *Dictionary of the English Language* and Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, notable exhibits included some personal reminders of Johnson's time at Pembroke, such as two of his essays (in Latin, as required by the statutes of the time), the battels books detailing the various fines which he accrued, and the Library's register of loans showing the volume of Politian borrowed by Johnson in 1734 – never to be seen again!

After discussions with students and the IT Manager, it was decided that provision should be made in the Library for readers to access the Internet via their laptop computers, as a wide range of study resources are now provided online and many departments and tutors communicate with their students electronically. The summer vacation, saw extensive wiring in order to furnish three bays of seating – strategically chosen for their positions in corners, surrounded by bookshelves, to minimise disruption to other readers from keyboarding noise – with the necessary electric sockets and Ethernet points. The move has proved popular and we were pleased with the positive feedback from the students returning after the vacation.

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## MCGOWIN LIBRARY NOTES 2001-2

This year has been a relatively quiet year after the excitement of introducing the automated circulation system last year. Library staff have been very glad of the change from manual circulation slips, particularly at busy times at the beginning and end of term, in that it is now much quicker to check returned books back in to the Library – no more filing through boxes of paper slips for hours on end!

Perhaps the most interesting events for the Library this year have been the two exhibitions for which it has been the setting. At the end of Trinity Term we displayed a selection of autograph letters from the College Archives in the Rare Books Room – correspondents ranged from George Washington to Winston Churchill via such luminaries as Darwin, Dickens, William Morris and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, to name but a few. Readers of the *Record* may have visited the second exhibition, mounted for the Activity Day in September, which also showcased some highlights from the Archives, this time to provide a picture of daily life at Pembroke through the ages.

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## MCGOWIN LIBRARY NOTES 2002-3

The start of the academic year 2000-2001 saw me taking over from Naomi van Loo as Librarian and Archivist at Pembroke. As you will have read in the previous *Record*, I had already been working here part-time for around a year as one of the team cataloguing the library's holdings onto OLIS (Oxford Libraries' Information System) in preparation for introducing automated circulation. My first major task as Librarian, therefore, was to implement the borrowing system which the team had been working towards. During Hilary Term, I attended training courses for the new system, and consulted with Jane Cole of the Libraries' Automation Service as to how Pembroke's part of the University-wide system was to be set up; during Trinity Term, the self-issue machine was put in place and loaded with the necessary software, and I wrote to the tutors and students explaining how the new system would work; at the end of Trinity Term the first books

were borrowed on the computer.

We have now settled into using the computerised system, which seems to be popular with the students. It is far quicker and takes much less effort to check books out than under the previous system of handwriting issue slips, and there are also benefits such as being able to renew your own loans online, without necessarily coming into the library. This was made possible by a generous donation from the late Greeley McGowin; thanks are also due to Naomi van Loo, who organised all the preparation and equipment for automated circulation before leaving Pembroke last year, as well as all the members of the team who catalogued the library's holdings on OLIS, and Pauline Marshall, the Library Assistant, who has dealt calmly and capably with a revolution in her daily work as a result of automated circulation.

I am also indebted to Naomi and to Pauline for giving me such a good start as Librarian; Naomi gave me a comprehensive course in the ways of the library when I first took over, and has been a frequent source of information at the end of the telephone since, while Pauline has, as ever, given me her able and efficient assistance and made my first year as Librarian a very smooth ride.

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# Fellows' Interests

JOHN EEKELAAR

## *Empirical Studies in Family Law*

Academic lawyers are often thought of, especially by practitioners, as having little appreciation of “the real world”. If this is meant as criticism, my first reaction is that I have becoming increasingly convinced over the years of the importance of the law having good theoretical grounding, and this has formed the greater part of my work. However, I have also been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to collaborate with social scientists in various empirical studies of the law during my association with the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies from 1975 to 2000, and now at the Oxford Centre for Family Law and Policy. Some of the results of this work may be of interest.

When I joined the Centre, work had been completed on a survey of the views of what were then called the “divorce registrars” (now called District Judges) about how they decided the disputes which came before them between divorcing couples over money and property. However, although allowing the research to take place, the officials of the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, objected to the report publishing anything the registrars said, which somewhat defeated the point of the exercise. The original researchers (who included O.R. McGregor, later, as Lord McGregor, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission) had left the Centre, and I was determined not to let their work gather dust. We managed eventually to get the report published, largely by making the first chapter so impenetrably theoretical that the officials would give up reading it before reaching the juicy bits. In fact, that report turned out to be something of a landmark, showing, among other things, how much variation there was in the practice of the registrars over some quite fundamental things, such as how to calculate the impact of taxation on orders, how relevant it was that

a wife was or was not working or was receiving state benefits and so on. During the 1980s the Lord Chancellor’s Department began to see that research could sometimes be quite useful to itself, and became more co-operative. So I did another survey in the late 1980s, which enabled some interesting comparisons to be made with the earlier one. There was now less inconsistency in practice and it was possible to detect a broad general approach taken by registrars to their task.

On the same theme, my colleagues and I decided that we should not just look at what registrars said they were trying to achieve, but at the actual financial arrangements made between divorcing couples. This required a very different type of survey, designed to achieve a truly representative sample of the divorcing population. Our results, which came out between 1984 and 1986, caused quite a flurry as we believed we had demonstrated that, contrary to beliefs widespread at the time, divorced husbands were not generally paying large sums to keep their wives in a life of idleness and luxury (the so-called “alimony drones”), but that the reverse was the case: women were almost always worse off after divorce than men, at least when they had children, and, far from maintenance keeping wives out of work, the little that was paid tended to make the low-paid jobs usually available to them a little more attractive than the dole. We were not popular with some men’s groups! But it was among the first a series of international findings of a similar nature. Our research had also revealed the very unsatisfactory way child support was dealt with, and shortly afterwards the government turned its attention to that issue, but not very successfully.

I had looked specifically at the issue of child custody on divorce in 1977, together with a colleague in Scotland, and we concluded (also, contrary to then popular views) that there was little evidence that courts favoured mothers over fathers in deciding with whom the child should live. Instead, they tended to favour keeping the child where it was, and not moving it, whether it was with the mother or the father. It was just that when cases came up, normally the child was with the mother. But we also

showed that there were indications that there was what seemed to us to be a surprisingly large number of parents who were not seeing the children at the time of the divorce.

I was also involved in a large collaborative project in the late 1970s and early 1980s which examined the decision-making process of social workers and others when they had to decide what to do with respect to children thought to have been abused or neglected. The work caught attention by dispelling some myths then current about rapacious social workers eager to snatch children from their parents. In fact, we thought that social workers operated a systematic bias in favour of believing parents' accounts of their actions. The resulting book raised issues which are still very pertinent with respect to the trade-off between child protection and respecting family life.

During the 1990s we returned to the question of family breakdown, and concentrated on how far a parent who was not living in the same household as his or her child contributed to the "social capital" of that child (i.e. through financial support and personal contact). We were able to compare three groups: where the parent had never lived in the same household as the child; when the parent had done this, but had not been married to the other parent; and where the parent had done this and had been married to the other parent. There were clear differences between these groups, with the formerly married contributing the most. This got us into a debate about whether it was marriage which led to this result. But the main factor on which the provision of social capital seemed to depend was not wealth, or whether either parent had re-partnered, but on how long the parent had lived together with the child. The longer that had been, the stronger the tie. And the formerly married had invariably lived longer with the child than the others. This might perhaps seem obvious in retrospect, but was not at the time.

The most recent excursion into the "real" world took us into the offices of family-law solicitors. These had been subject to much criticism, including from government,

over their handling of family law disputes, and there was a strong movement to remove their legal aid funding and channel it to mediators. By watching their work, and going through cases with them, we felt we could show that a very false picture had been presented of their work. In many ways they acted like social workers, helping to manage people through a serious crisis, and protecting their interests. It is likely that this research played a part in bringing about a significant modification to policy. It also made us popular with the family lawyers, although that was not the plan!

The next project is very ambitious. Many people say that contemporary morality has undermined family life. Various general studies have been done about people's attitudes, but we think much more detailed and focused work needs to be done to try to find out what people think their family obligations are. It is certain that there have been changes, but do people operate in a moral vacuum? If not, what kinds of values and standards do they have, and how are they influenced by their own family experiences and circumstances? I am nervous about attempting this, but then get attracted by the challenge. It certainly makes a change from teaching the letter of the law!

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## "Sconcing" at Pembroke College

One of the old customs of Oxford colleges was that of 'sconcing' undergraduates at dinner. This is fortunately no longer in use and consisted of requiring an undergraduate who committed one of many unwritten offences at table to drink a large quantity of (usually) beer without stopping. If he removed the cup from his lips during the process he was adjudged to have failed the sconce. In this case he was required to pay for all the drink in the sconce cup and it was then circulated around the table. All who wished could then drink as much of it as they wished. If, however, the person sconced succeeded in emptying the sconce pot – and many undergraduates often did – then the challenger would pay for the drink.

One set of Pembroke rules has been found on an old typewritten sheet among the documents in the silver room by "Denis the Silverman", now retired. It was thought these would be of interest to many members and they are therefore reprinted here.

### *The Pembroke Rules*

1. Graduates may only be sconced by High Table.
2. The senior Scholar in Hall may sconce any undergraduate in Hall.
3. The senior Commoner in Hall may sconce any Commoner in Hall.
4. The senior Scholar of a Scholar's table, and the senior Commoner of a Commoner's table may sconce any undergraduates at their tables respectively.
5. A whole table may not be sconced for an offence committed by one of its members who remains undetected; but at each table the senior Scholar or Commoner as the case may be can be held responsible for order being kept at it.
6. Any undergraduate entering Hall later than 7.10 p.m. (Sundays 7.40 p.m.) renders himself liable to a sconce.
7. If any undergraduate should be sconced by more than one person for any one offence, the Manciple shall book only that sconce which is first reported.
8. No sconce shall exceed two pints. The sconce shall be taken to the person immediately on the left of the person being sconced..
9. Not more than two sconces shall be taken to any one table. If more than two persons at the same table have been sconced, any person subsequently sconced at that table shall be fined a sum equivalent to two pints of beer.
10. High Table is the only Court of Appeal. Appeals must be written in Latin and must reach the Master or Senior Fellow Present, before High Table has left the Hall. No appeal on a question of fact can be entertained.
11. No sconcing is permissible after High Table has left the Hall, or after the end of Term.

In another account printed in the Pembroke Record by Aidan Lawes who was then assistant archivist, it is said

that only the Senior Scholar in Hall had the authority to impose a sconce. In the same piece the sconce was stated to be of three pints and not only had the sconce to be kept at the lips but the victim had to hold the silver tankard with one hand. In the same article Lawes records that one writer stated that "I can recollect that a great friend of mine (Harold Coombes), with a great capacity, who, in fact, floored two three-pint sconces in one evening, the Senior Scholar in Hall thus having to pay for six pints."

The offences for which sconcing was used were many and varied. They also varied from College to College. One which comes to mind is that of mentioning a ladies name. Talking 'shop' was another and the throwing of bread was yet another. The practice was often used solely to ensure that a table had a supply of beer which was paid for by someone other than the drinkers! The sconces were always served in large silver tankards which probably explains why the document listing the rules was found in the silver room. In the rules mentioned above is mention of recording the charge in the Manciple's book Many of these books have survived in the archives but their entries are written in both a crabbed hand and in an abbreviated form. As yet no effort has been made to decipher these but this will be tried at some future time as their entries will give invaluable information about the daily spending of undergraduates. Members will recall that the one of the library borrowing books is on show in the McGowin library and this shows that Samuel Johnson had a book which he never returned.

Savile Bradbury

## ADDENDUM FROM BRIAN WILSON

The College was given in 1683 a silver tankard (by John Hanbury, Gentleman Commoner, later Mayor and MP for Gloucester) which was probably used for sconcing until it was replaced in 1733 by a larger one donated by George Overman, a Gentleman Commoner and later a barrister at Lincoln's Inn.

When the Revd. William Gale, a zealous teetotaler, revisited from Somerset the College where he had

matriculated in 1818 aged sixteen, he was greeted by "Old Harry" his former scout bearing a great silver tankard known as the "Overman", which would hold half a gallon, and crying out "I say, Mr Gale, do you remember drinking off this tankard at a draft?" Gale "modestly disclaimed the feat which indeed the hardest drinker could not have performed. He owned however to having drained a quart – a sconce – without taking breath and so according to the well-known unwritten law, had made the sconcer pay for it" ("History of Pembroke College, Oxford", D.Maclean, 1897).

Late 19<sup>th</sup> century undergraduates demanded more precise measurement which was provided by a straight-sided peg tankard having an internal, vertical row of eight equidistant pegs – hence the expression "*To take a person down a peg*". This was donated in 1881 by the Commoner John Athelstan Riley, who on being awarded an M.A. in 1885 also donated a candlestick to the Chapel and later became a High Churchman and Honorary Fellow.

Insight into early 20<sup>th</sup> century sconcing is provided by Claude Mellor (1928). His response to Aidan Lawes 1983 questionnaire requesting information about College life in the 1920s states:

"Sconcing was a widespread custom in Pembroke in 1928 though it had virtually died out in many other Colleges. The senior man at each table could sconce anyone at his own table for some disregard of the rules of Hall. The Senior Commoner would sconce any commoner in Hall and The Senior Scholar could sconce anyone in Hall for such a misdemeanour. Sconcible offences were arriving late (i.e. after Grace had been said), any impropriety of speech or dress or behaviour, or "talking shop", though the latter was generally only invoked in particularly fragrant occasions and usually when the senior man at a table felt that everyone could profit from a little extra beer for some contumacious offence. The Sconce (the name was also used for the tankard, was one of the three-pinters or two-pinters, lovely silver vessels dating from the eighteenth century or even from the post-Restoration years when Pembroke

replaced it's silver which it had melted down in loyalty to Charles I to enable him to pay his troops when he was stationed in Oxford during the Civil War. It was no longer the custom for the man sconced to attempt to drain the tankard and so cause the sconcer to pay, but rather to pass the sconce round the table so that all could share in it after he had taken his drink. To this end if one was late for Hall, one would try to slip in as unostentatiously as possible so that the head man at one's table could catch the eye of the scout to sconce on before the Senior Scholar or Commoner did so, and thus one's own table could have the benefit of the sconce.

If one felt one had been unfairly sconced, then an appeal in Latin could be made to High Table. This was a rare occasion either because a man couldn't be troubled to do so, or more likely because he hadn't sufficient Latin to compile the appeal. When I was elected a member of Leander and appeared in Hall that evening proudly wearing my Leander tie I was sconced by the senior commoner at my table as a joke for wearing too bright a tie. So I wrote out an appeal in the accepted form – "*Num mulctatus sum quodcirca collum aliquid nimis effulgens po...*" which was the best Latin I could manage. This was taken by our table scout to Mountstephen who handed it to H.L. Drake who was presiding at High Table that night in the absence of the Master, and after consultation with Collingwood and McCallum wrote the highly satisfactory reply: "*Non recte. Eo plus quo melius.*" I can't guarantee the accuracy of the Latin, but it is approximately that. The slip which I cherished for many years has long since disappeared, during the war, no doubt.

On special occasions such as a birthday or when one had guests one could order the "Five-pinter" or even the "Seven-pinter". Each of these huge tankards had silver pegs inside to mark off the pints, and it was feat to be able to drink down from one peg to another, but without taking a breath, though this was only attempted by few and rarely accomplished, for in any case one wanted the beer to go round the whole table."

Today, "*the sconce is still occasionally found on such*

*occasions as Bump Suppers, when at Pembroke College for instance, application must be made in Latin to the Dean or Bursar for permission for the sconce to be imposed. If the Latin is correct, the request will be granted. The combination of a Bump Supper and a correctly Latinised application is not, however, one of especially frequent occurrence, even at Pembroke*" ("The



Encyclopaedia of Oxford" C.Hibbert 1988).

### *Overman and Riley Tankards*

**Tankard with moulded rib and domed lid (41 oz., 8½ inches high, holds half a gallon)**

(photo 119, Inventory No. 231A)

Made by Thomas Parr, London 1721/2.

#### *Engraved:*

On the barrel: his family Coat of Arms in baroque cartouche

On the domed lid: the College Arms.

*Inscription* Ex dono Georgii Overman socii commensalis e Coll.Pemb.Oxon 1733

*Translation* [From the] gift of George Overman, Gentleman Commoner, of Pemb. Coll. Oxon. 1733

*Donated* by George OVERMAN, Gentleman Commoner; son of Wm Lambeth Surrey; who matriculated in 1728 age 18; became a barrister Lincoln Inn

The Rev. W.W.Gale, who matriculated in 1818 "*owned to having drained a quart – a sconce -without taking breath, and so, according to the well-known unwritten*



law, had made the sconcer pay for it " (p.484, History of Pembroke College Oxford, D.Maclean, OHS 1897)

**Peg Tankard hammered finish with flat lid** (63 oz., 8 inches high) (photo 143, Inventory No. 243)

Made 1881/1882 in Britannia Standard silver by J.B.Carrington, a leading London

silversmith, who later became Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company.

Engraved:

Family Coat of Arms

College Arms

Inscription:-

[Lid]

*Collegio Pembrokiano Athelstanus Riley per quiquennium fere commensalis admissus ad gradum art.bac. A.D..1881 me dedit in usum commensalium studii causa.*

[Side]

*Dator Pembrokianis suis.*

*Commensales hilares in mensa sedentes/Primo ad ecclesiam covertantur mentes*

*Dein ad unctum regem ac Deo supplicate/Pro utruisque et (si sit opus) re parate*

*Pro iis percutere infideles ense./Tertio ad pauperem, fame pressum pense*

*Animos advertite is est vester frater*

*/Denique (mandavi nunc vobis aequis quater)*

*In potationibus pro amore Dei*

*/O Pembrokiani tunc mementote mei*

Translation (Mo Percival 2004):-

[Lid]

*"Athelstanus Riley, a Commoner for almost five years, awarded his Bachelor of Arts in 1881 gave me to Pembroke College for the use of the Commoners in pursuit of their studies."*

[Side]

*The giver to his fellow Pembrokiens.*

*"Joyful members, seated at the dining tables, should firstly turn their thoughts to the Church and then to our glorious king. Pray to God for both of them and, if needs be, make ready, on their behalf, to strike down with a sword any who are disloyal. Thirdly, turn your thoughts to the poor, oppressed with hunger, and think of the poor man as your brother. And finally, my fellow Pembrokiens,(I have now entrusted you with this four times my friends) when you are drinking, for the love of God, remember me."*

Donated by Laurence Athelstan Laurie RILEY; born London only son of John Riley, armiger; educated Eton; matriculated 1877 age 18 as a Commoner. He donated the tankard when awarded his BA 1881 (MA in 1883. A High Churchman, in 1885 when the Chapel was being embellished by C.H.Kempe, he donated one of the two silver gilt altar candlesticks copied from the Certosa Carthusian monastery in Pavia Lombardy. He also donated 17 Syriac manuscripts dating from the 12<sup>th</sup>. to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Century and copies of the English Hymnals (he was one of the compilers) He was made an Honorary Fellow in 1933 and as Seigneur del la Trinite, Jersey, lived through the German occupation and died in 1945.

## PEMBROKE WAR MEMORIALS

*Sons of This Place: Commemoration of the War Dead in Oxford's Colleges and Institutions*

Patricia Utechin, Publisher Robert Dugdale, Oxford, 1998, pp. 92, £5.95.

The formal Rolls of Honour for the First World War in Oxford's Colleges carry approximately 2,860 names and, since the *Oxford University Roll of Service*, published in 1920, contains 14,561 names, the former figure represents almost one-fifth of those who served. Pembroke's share of these totals is 60 dead out of 387 who served and so represents a slightly smaller proportion of the former to the latter.

One significant feature to which the author draws attention is the ratio of First to Second World War deaths on active service. In the country as a whole this is in the region of three to one, but in Oxford the number of Second World War deaths is approximately 67% of the total casualty figure of the earlier conflict. In Pembroke, where the latter figure is 51 (*i.e.* only nine fewer than for World War I), this phenomenon is even more marked. Again, as the author points out, this is not due to any marked increase in undergraduate numbers in the interwar years. The explanation given is 'the disproportionately large number of men in the RAF, where of course life expectancy was far less than in other fields of active service.' (p. 18)

Following a brief introduction, this work is devoted to a survey of the College and University war memorials. Pembroke's Rolls of Honour for the two World Wars are painted on wooden boards in the ante-chapel. In addition, the work singles out our College. 'Unique among college memorials, there is in Pembroke's North Quad a sculpture by John Harvey, entitled 'Mourning Women', which was 'erected by members of the Junior Common Room' in memory of Pembroke men of the Second World War.' Moreover, photographs of this memorial feature both on the title page and on that which faces the Introduction.

What is missing, however, is any mention of the memorial window to the First World War dead, which stands in the ante-chapel immediately above the Rolls of Honour or to the two windows on the east side of the Hall which commemorate the Pembroke men who fell in the Second World War.

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# The College Society

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place in Broadgates Hall on 21 September 2001 with the Master presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2000 were read and approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that on 31 December 2000 there was a credit balance of £12.29 in the Society's account.

## ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The following members due for retirement in 2001 were re-elected for a further three years in each instance:

Richard Brown  
Gary Flather  
Maurice Headon  
Graham Layer  
Jill Walker

The meeting approved the election for three years of the following new Member:

Lizzie Wieser

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER

John Platt was re-elected for a further year.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The proposal to amend the Rules of the Society which had been circulated with the notice for the Annual Dinner was unanimously agreed.

## ANNUAL DINNER

By kind permission of the Master and Fellows, the Society held its Annual Dinner in Hall on Friday 21 September 2001. Kenneth MacKenzie CB (1961) presided and

proposed a toast of the College, to which the Master responded.

The following is a list of members who attended:

## The Master

### Fellows

John Eekelaar  
John Platt (1956)  
Alex Kacelnik  
Mary-Jane Hilton  
Vernon Butt  
Savile Bradbury  
Gordon Whitman  
Ian Grant  
Roger Bannister  
Brian Kirk-Duncan (1936)  
Wimburn Horlock

1937 Keith Lovel  
1938 Leonard Cowie  
Leighton Thompson  
1939 Hugh Lunghi  
1943 John Whitworth  
1945 Francis Read  
1946 Ian Kerr  
1948 Michael Andrews  
Geoffrey Batchelor  
Terry Buffin  
Peter Davy  
John Deave  
Henry Harris  
Keith H. Jeffery  
Cyril Murtagh  
Robin Stayt  
Brian Wilson  
1949 Philip Jagger  
John Pinnock  
Chris Roberts

1951	Joe Gilchrist Padraig Gilmore Derek Latham Geoffrey Leslie-Smith Hugh McKinney Bill Potter Michael Tombs Michael Woolrych	Humphrey Walker Peter Chamberlain Nigel James Peter Stevenson Anthony Walker Robin Carr Richard Graham David Lane
1952	John Barlow John Pether David Prichard Martin Whitwell	1966 James Collett-White Chris Hodson
1953	Brian Bevan Graham Hall Gos Home Peter Letts Julian Crispin Alan Grant Rex van Rossum Robert Cooper Geoffrey Crookes Richard Thompson Malcolm Cooper George Lilley David Mitchell Philip Richardon Alan Smith John Graham Patrick Harrington Lionel Pike Charles Wood Tony Yablon Chris Lewis Robert Steggle Bruce Wakefield Kenneth MacKenzie Howard Maskill Francis Roads Anthony Woollard Roger Shepherd	1968 Peter Farthing Richard Ford
		1969 Andrew Carruthers Graham Curtis Michael Kennard
		1970 Nicholas Greaves Chris Jenkins Vivian Sherriffs
		1971 Martin Burr Graham Coombs Philip Gregory Graham Layer Chris Vosper
		1972 Keith Howick John Langham-Brown Graham Simpson
		1973 Michael Duckworth Peter West
		1975 Anthony Lipmann
		1976 Richard Green Tim Patten Joe Sykes
		1981 Ailsa Camm Nicola Harrison
		1984 Jill Walker
		1987 Neil Gale
		1991 Edward Mitchell

- 1994 Mark Paskins
- 1999 Gregory Neale
- 2000 Josh Kern (JCR President)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place in Broadgates Hall on 27 September 2002 with the Master presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 September 2001 were read and approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that on 31 December 2000 there was a credit balance of £78.23 in the Society's account.

## ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The following members due for retirement in 2002 were re-elected for a further three years in each instance:

John Barlow  
David Prichard  
Francis Read  
Ailsa Camm

The resignation of Richard Hopkinson-Woolley was noted and accepted by the Society.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The resignation of John Platt as Secretary and Treasurer was noted by the Committee and Society.

It was proposed that a letter should be written to John Platt stating the Society's deeply felt appreciation of John's commitment and work for the Society and that his resignation should only be accepted on the grounds that John's time was taken up with his work on the history of the College. It was also noted that John Platt's presence at the Society Dinner was missed and it was hoped that we should see him at the next Society Dinner.

Jill Walker was nominated as Secretary and John Barlow as Treasurer, each for a term of one year.

## ANNUAL DINNER

By kind permission of the Master and Fellows, the Society held its Annual Dinner in Hall on Friday 27 September 2002. Janet Mills (1981) presided and proposed a toast of the College, to which the Master responded.

The following is a list of members who attended:

### The Master

#### Fellows

- Martha Klein
- Chris Melchert
- Ben Davis
- Vernon Butt
- Kallistos Ware
- Robert Carswell (1952)
- Wimburn Horlock
- 1938 Leighton Thompson
- 1941 Victor Collas
- 1943 John Whitworth
- 1945 Francis Read
- 1947 Lewis Bernstein
- 1948 Michael Andrews
- Terry Buffin
- John Deave
- Richard Drysdale
- Tom Everett
- Henry Harris
- Keith H. Jeffery
- Ken Plant
- Robin Stayt
- Brian Wilson
- 1949 Chris Roberts
- 1950 Alan Deyemond
- 1951 Sean O'Donoghue
- 1952 John Barlow
- Martin Whitwell

- 1953 Brian Bevan  
 1955 Julian Crispin  
 Alan Grant  
 1956 Geoffrey Taylor  
 1957 David Heath  
 Geoffrey Raisman  
 David Mitchell  
 Philip Richardson  
 Alan Smith  
 1959 Chris Craig  
 Lionel Pike  
 1960 Bill Jones  
 Chris Lewis  
 Robert Steggle  
 1961 Jeremy Baker  
 Francis Roads  
 1962 Nicholas Crispin  
 Marcus Nelson  
 1963 Nigel James  
 1964 Richard Cox  
 1968 Peter Farthing  
 1969 Michael Kennard  
 1970 Chris Jenkins  
 George Nasmyth  
 1971 Martin Burr  
 1972 John Langham-Brown  
 1973 Michael Duckworth  
 Peter West  
 1974 Timothy Evans  
 1977 Nicholas Thomas  
 1981 Ailsa Camm  
 Nicola Harrison (Hill)  
 1983 Elizabeth Wieser (Nolan)  
 1984 Jill Walker (Humphries)  
 1987 Michael von Peglow-Pommern

1992 Shantanu Surpure

1999 Greg Neale

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place in Broadgates Hall on 26 September 2003 with the Master presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2002 were read and subject to two amendments were approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that on 31 December 2002 there was a credit balance of £2572.48 in the Society's account. It was noted that there was a delay in the production of the College Record and an invoice had not yet been presented for the production costs of this publication.

## CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Society proposed and passed the following changes to the Constitution *nem.con.*:

*The Officers of the Society shall be:- A President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Master shall be President. One or more persons may be elected to the office of Honorary Vice President by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election. The office of Treasurer and Secretary may be combined. The Development Officer shall be the Liaison Officer.*

It was asked in what way did this change honour the Vice President? It was emphasised that the post was honorary in title and was therefore intended to reflect the honour intended by the nomination and election.

*There shall be a committee of the Society which shall consist of the Officers, the Presidents of the JCR and MCR and such ordinary members as the Society from time to time shall elect.*

It was asked whether or not the Committee had powers of co-optation? This is not the case since all members must be nominated and elected by the members of the Society.

It was also asked whether or not there were sufficient members of the Committee attending the meetings and if so why should the Society require more Committee members? The attendance of committee members at the meetings was sufficient but the change was necessary since the numbers had for some years been in excess of that already stated in the original Constitution. The increase in numbers was also an attempt to have a committee that was representative of the various years.

## ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

The following members due for retirement in 2003 were re-elected for a further three years in each instance:

Malcolm Cooper  
Roger Highfield  
Keith Jeffery  
Timothy Evans  
Brian Kirk-Duncan

The following members were nominated and elected to serve on the Committee for a term of three years:

Peter West  
Lucy Findlay  
Tariq O'Regan

## ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Jill Walker was re-elected for a further year.

## ELECTION OF TREASURER

John Barlow was re-elected for a further year.

## OTHER BUSINESS

In light of the changes to the Constitution to allow for the election by the members of the Society of an honorary Vice President Graham Layer proposed that Revd. Dr.

John Platt should be nominated for his contribution to the College and the Society. This was seconded by Peter Letts. Having ascertained that John Platt was willing for his name to be proposed, the motion was wholeheartedly supported and John Platt was duly elected as an Honorary Vice President of the Society. The Secretary was to write a letter to John Platt to inform him of this election.

It was suggested that the Committee should find some way of posthumously recognising the instrumental role that George Bredin had in the Society. This matter was to be raised at the next Committee Meeting.

## ANNUAL DINNER

By kind permission of the Master and Fellows, the Society held its Annual Dinner in Hall on Friday 26 September 2003. William Horsley (1967) presided and proposed a toast of the College, to which the Master responded.

The following is a list of members who attended:

### The Master

### Fellows

James McMullen  
Mark Fricker (1981)  
Martha Klein  
Stephen Tuck  
Christopher Tuckett  
John Church  
Vernon Butt  
Gordon Whitham  
George Sinclair (1931)  
Roger Bannister  
Philip Bailhache (1964)  
1938 Leighton Thomson  
1943 John Whitworth  
1946 Ian Kerr  
1948 Terry Buffin  
John Deave

Henry Harris  
 Ken Plant  
 Robin Steyt  
 Brian Wilson

1949 Chris Roberts

1950 Alan Deyermond

1952 John Barlow  
 Laurie Edwards

1954 Peter Letts  
 Anthony Nicholl  
 John Warburton

1955 Alan Grant  
 John Lyon

1956 Robert Cooper  
 Geoffrey Crookes

1957 Malcolm Cooper  
 David Heath

1959 Lionel Pike

1960 Bill Jones  
 Robert Steggle  
 Bruce Wakefield

1961 Jeremy Baker  
 Kenneth MacKenzie  
 Francis Roads

1962 Nicholas Crispin

1963 Nigel James

1964 Robin Carr  
 Gordon Gancz

1965 Pat Solis  
 Dick Ware

1967 John Padasian

1968 Oliver Simon

1969 Maurice Headon  
 Michael Kennard

1970 Chris Jenkins

1971 Martin Burr

Graham Layer

1972 Richard Jones  
 John Langham-Brown  
 Graham Simpson

1973 Peter West

1974 Timothy Evans

1981 Caroline Barker (Udall)  
 Ailsa Camm  
 Nicola Harrison (Hill)  
 Janet Mills

1982 James Forde-Johnston  
 Kate Sinclair  
 Fraser Skirrow

1984 Jill Walker (Humphries)

1986 Gordon Buxton

1994 Barnaby Marsh





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