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- ✿ Nicholas Cole\*, MA, MPhil, DPhil (elected 2021) Senior Research Fellow, Fellow by Special Election
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- Stephen Gosztony, BA (elected 2017)
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# Master's Notes



## The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder

This academic year has shown me the Pembroke community at its very best. In my second full year as Master, I have witnessed Pembrokiens coming together to innovate and embrace the new, to honour and revive the old, and to look ahead with optimism to our future. As we approach an extraordinary milestone in the College's history and prepare to celebrate our 400th anniversary in 2024, it is an exciting time to be at Pembroke. I have been inspired and challenged by the many remarkable individuals that represent this College; the initiative shown in the face of opportunity and of hardship; and the energy which our students, staff, academics and alumni have displayed as we grow our thriving academic community.

Michaelmas term saw the College, along with the nation around us, make a tentative return to pre-pandemic ways of living, studying and working. However, unforeseen changes and new variants of Covid-19 meant that Christmas was once again marked by uncertainty and many of our College festivities were put on hold. We moved through Hilary term with increasing optimism as Covid cases fell and restrictions ended, but in February 2022 the world's attention shifted to events in Ukraine. The Common Rooms demonstrated their support by organising and attending fundraising events and donation points, and the College took part in a University-wide scheme to offer places to talented graduate-level Ukrainian students displaced because of the conflict. Then, at the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September, we came together with alumni from across the country to remember and give thanks at a special service of remembrance and for the Proclamation of King Charles III in the Damon Wells Chapel.

In a year not without challenge or change, it was a great privilege to gather in-person as a College community to celebrate the achievements of our students and academics, to welcome new members, and to bid farewell to dear friends and supporters.

We held Freshers' Dinners and special Formal Halls; congratulated students at our Scholars Lecture and Dinner; gave the new Pembroke Award for Academic Community Building and Achievement to eight final-year students; awarded prizes and scholarships for achievement in sports and the arts; thanked valued members of staff for their long service to the College and tutors for their outstanding teaching; launched a new young alumni network; celebrated the accomplishments of our academics with book launches and panel events; and much more.

Together we rebuilt and restored countless much-loved College traditions, and reinvented and refreshed many others. In March we held our inaugural Commemoration Dinner, the first large in-person College event since 2020. I was delighted that we were finally able to bring together those long overdue and very deserving of a thank you from the College. Recent leavers Professor Alfons Weber, Professor Jeremy Taylor and Dame Lynne Brindley were joined by six recently-elected Honorary, Supernumerary and Foundation Fellows, each testament to the great diversity of individuals that make up the wider Pembroke Fellowship. I was pleased in the same evening to award the first Master's Prizes, generously funded by an anonymous alumnus, to students nominated by their peers and tutors for exhibiting outstanding leadership. You will find more about our honorands and student prize winners later in the Record.

Our farewells were echoed later in the year as Governing Body said goodbye to Nick Kruger, Fellow and Tutor in Biology since 2009; Mike Naworynsky, Home Bursar since 2013; and Alice Gosling Strategic Development Director since 2018.

Later pages of this Record pay tribute to a number of notable members of the community who very sadly died during the year: The Most Rev Dr Kallistos Ware, Christina Lee Look, Dr Holger Kramer, Dennis Green, Merrill Herbert, and Stephen Gosztony, whose sudden death was a great shock to us all. Our thoughts are with the families of these and all alumni who have died this year.

The easing public health restrictions afforded long-awaited opportunities to honour and remember members of our community who died during the pandemic. A special requiem service in the Chapel was dedicated to Dr Damon Wells, a generous friend and supporter who died in October 2021. You can read more about Damon's extraordinary life and generosity later in this Record. In March we were pleased to host a memorial service in the University Church to commemorate former Master, Professor Robert Stevens, who died in January 2021. The College was represented at a memorial for Emeritus Fellow Dr Zbigniew Pelczyński in Warsaw which was attended by many of his friends and students from across the world.

Our Fellows and academics continued to publish world-leading research and to make great strides in their fields; recognised with nominations, awards and new elections. Senior Research Fellow Dr Elisabeth Kendall, who spoke to students at our 2021 Scholars Dinner, was elected 20th Mistress

of Girton College, Cambridge, an achievement of which the College is immensely proud.

Our students, with their trademark resilience and adaptability, took every chance to regain the momentum, responding to the changing world around them, putting on new events to bring the community together, and working with College staff to strive for the best possible living and learning environment.

Our Common Rooms collaborated to support one another and share research and ideas. The new 3CR (3 Common Room) Pre-Dinner Talks series saw members of the JCR, MCR and SCR give short presentations of their research twice weekly during term time, with members at all levels encouraged to engage.

Alumni were invited back to College for gaudies, for the Alumni Weekend, for guest speaker events, for subject society dinners, and for long-awaited visits with family and friends. The ambassador network continues to grow and has facilitated alumni events in all four corners of the globe.

In 2021-22 we not only looked inwards as we gathered as a community, but out towards those talented young people across the country who have the potential to thrive in higher education. OxNet hosted its Access Week summer school, with 140 pupils experiencing life at Pembroke, and the team continue to run successful subject programmes, working with seven Hub schools across London and the North of England.

Perhaps most significantly, this year has been a chance to look forward. As we approach our 400th anniversary in 2024, we turn our attention not only to a year of celebrations, but to the future of Pembroke. Students, staff, Fellows, alumni and external consultants have worked to create a Masterplan that will see us into the next chapter of our College. Our responsibility now is to ensure that for centuries to come Pembroke continues to thrive as an ambitious, supportive and sustainable academic community.

I very much look forward to sharing with you our vision for the next 400 years of Pembroke, and to involving you in the celebrations and in our transformation. Let us continue to come together to collaborate, to celebrate and to step forward.

# Fellow Farewells



## Professor Nick Kruger

A Pembroke alumnus (1975, Botany), Nick re-joined the College as Fellow in Biology in 2009, having taught at Oxford since joining the Department of Plant Sciences and St Cross College in 1990. In the years since returning to his own College, Nick has been a full contributor to the life of Pembroke, taking his seat at nearly all the major committee tables at

some point, teaching and mentoring his students, and staying in touch with alumni as they move on to other things.

He has been known by colleagues and students at Pembroke not only for his excellence in his research and his innate ability to infuse our students with excitement about Biology, but also for his unending patience, his support towards fellow tutors, and the true care he has shown for the wellbeing of our students.

During his 13 years as Tutorial Fellow Nick has been generous in the time he has given to College needs. He has supported alumni reunions, Chapel and musical life, as well as special events alongside his teaching and research. At Governing Body meetings he has demonstrated his care for the College in his careful concern that decisions benefit our members and our future as an institution.

Further witness to his generous character and commitment to the College was Nick's decision not to spend his final year at Pembroke on sabbatical—as he would have been entitled to do—instead as active as ever in College, looking after his students and colleagues.

Nick's contributions and good humour will be much missed around the Governing Body table, and his students will miss his support and the individual interest taken in them all. We very much look forward to continuing to see this most dedicated of alumni in and around Pembroke in the terms and years to come.



## Mike Naworynsky

During his nine and a half years as Home Bursar at Pembroke, Mike has been a visible, constant and reassuring presence in the College, having served alongside three Masters and four Bursars.

Mike joined Pembroke in 2013, just as Rokos Quad was coming on stream.

He immediately rose to the challenge of leading an enlarged team and introducing new ways of working, always providing firm but supportive leadership to staff. Under his direction, our new facilities enhanced the College experience for everyone. The business case required the College to build up conference income to levels far beyond those seen previously and this, too, was achieved.

At Governing Body and other meetings Mike has been an authoritative voice and a source of wise counsel. His colleagues will always be grateful for the way in which he took on many of the more thankless tasks, such as dealing with Health and Safety and Prevent. Volunteering to be the Ball Fellow might also fall into that category!

A keen ambassador for the College within the Collegiate University and elsewhere, Mike participated in the University's Domestic Bursars' Committee and, for several years, took on responsibility for Conference Oxford. He has been a visible presence for visitors to the College and has also been an outstanding organiser of large and high-profile events.

Mike put his hand up to take responsibility for the GAB Extension Project, which is scheduled to complete shortly, and will always be remembered for the key role he played in leading the College's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the College complied with all the necessary regulations and procedures, whilst always showing a genuine understanding of the impact those were having on members of the College.

At all times, Mike has ensured that students, academics and staff have been well supported by the domestic operations of the College. He has always been conscious of achieving the right balance between the overall needs of the College and those of the individuals who make up our community.

In the face of the ever-changing environment in which we operate, Mike has tackled everything with a "can do" attitude and with his keen sense of humour. He will be missed and well-remembered by the many people he has helped during his time at Pembroke.

# Pembroke People



- Joiners**
- Mantas Abazorius CL, Physics  
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 Adeyemi Awomodu Weekend Porter  
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 Molly Grace RL, Biology  
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- Christopher McDowell Maintenance Asst/Cleaner  
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 Tania Mechlenborg Global Security Programme Manager  
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 Ed Mitchell SL, Medicine  
 Laura Moody CL, Biology  
 Guy Niblett RL, Medicine  
 Christopher Nicholls CL, Engineering  
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## Long Service Awards

This autumn brought our annual Long Service Awards, an opportunity to recognise the hard work and commitment of staff who have been with us for ten or more years.

The event was held in Broadgates Hall and saw seven members of staff thanked for their service to the College. Teams from across College gathered to hear the Master and the Bursar speak about each member of staff receiving an award.

We are immensely grateful for the dedicated service of our staff and were delighted to have the opportunity to thank them in this way.

### 15 years

- Amanda Ingram (Archivist)
- Chris Long (Steward, Deputy Head of Catering)

### 10 years

- David Green (Assistant Accommodation Manager)
- Rebecca Hardy-Pearce (Pastry Chef)
- Rita Carvalho (Scout)
- Sarita Dewan Limbu (Scout)
- Ruth Murray (Quill Programme Administrator)



## The 2021-22 Hall Portraits installation featured a selection of our high-achieving alumni:



**Lisha Patel**

1999, Economics & Management

Lisha is a Managing Director for the Investments Division of the Wellcome Trust, one of the world's largest charitable foundations. She is responsible for Wellcome's endowment investment activities across private companies and commercial property. Lisha is a CFA Charterholder and began her career in Lazard's corporate finance practice. She is now Chair of Pembroke's Investment Committee; Endowment Board member for Imperial College London; and External Investment Committee Member for The Honorable Society of Middle Temple. For over a decade, she has mentored talented students from minority ethnic or lower socioeconomic backgrounds with Sponsors for Educational Opportunity London. During her time at Pembroke Lisha was JCR Vice President and Chair of the JCR Art Fund.



**Graham Lennox**

1978, Medicine

Graham has been an academic neurologist in Nottingham and a clinical neurologist in Cambridge and Oxford. His research has put dementia with Lewy bodies on the medical map, recognised the role of ubiquitin in neurodegeneration, and identified the specific pathology of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (MND) and its relation to frontotemporal dementia. He has also co-authored a popular undergraduate textbook of neurology. In recent years, Graham has established a comprehensive neurology service in Swindon, and led the service in Oxford. He continues to enjoy seeing people with a wide range of neurological disorders.



**John Dickie**

1982, Modern Languages

John is Professor of Italian Studies at University College London where he has taught since 1993. He has authored numerous books on modern Italian history, amongst them *Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia* (2004) which has been translated into twenty-one languages. John has also co-written and presented a number of television documentaries including the six-part history of Italian food, *De gustibus*, based around his book *Delizia!* (2007). His most recent book is *The Craft: How the Freemasons Made the Modern World* (2020), which has been translated into 10 languages.



**Sudhir Krishnaswamy**

1998, BCL & DPhil in Law

Sudhir graduated from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore (B.A. LL.B) before studying for the BCL and his D.Phil at Oxford. He has since been appointed to various teaching fellowships and professorships at Pembroke College, NLSIU, the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, and Columbia Law School. Alongside his current role as Vice Chancellor at NLSIU, he is a faculty member at the Azim Premji University. His main areas of interest are constitutional law, legal education, legal theory, intellectual property law and administrative law, and in 2009 he published *Democracy and Constitutionalism in India* with Oxford University Press. Sudhir's career has also seen him work in the Prime Minister's Committee on Infrastructure and in the Kasturirangan Committee on Governance of Bangalore.



**Jane Carter**

1979, Agriculture & Forest Sciences

Jane Carter chose to study Agricultural and Forest Sciences as a pathway to working in rural development, and has travelled that path ever since. She has lived and worked in Kenya, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal, conducting fieldwork for her DPhil (Oxon) in the latter while living in what was then the remote village of Suri, in Dolakha district. She has worked for the Swiss NGO Helvetas for many years, and from 2017 - 2020 returned to Nepal as the organisation's Director, Programme Development. This photo was taken during that time, the red "tikka" (in Nepali) on her forehead and the marigold garland given by villagers as a traditional mark of welcome and blessing. Now based in Switzerland, Jane's current focus is on biodiversity conservation in the context of sustainable local development.



**Pete Buttigieg**

2005, PPE

Pete Buttigieg is the 19th Secretary of Transportation for the United States of America. Prior to joining President Joe Biden's Administration, he served two terms as mayor of his hometown of South Bend, Indiana. A graduate of Harvard University and a Rhodes Scholar, Buttigieg read PPE at Pembroke College until 2007. He served for seven years as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, taking a leave of absence from the mayor's office for a deployment to Afghanistan in 2014. In 2019, he launched his historic campaign for president and in the same year became a New York Times best-selling author. He was confirmed as Secretary by the Senate in February 2021, becoming the first openly gay person to serve in a U.S. president's Cabinet.

# Academic Year 21/22

Nancy Braithwaite

Academic Director



I write this in December, in my office on staircase 5 in Old Quad, in the midst of admissions. For most Pembrokiens reading this, undergraduate admissions will be remembered as a time of bustle and hubbub, watching anxiously in the JCR for invitations to interview in distant colleges; the first experience of Pembroke food eaten in a grand college Hall; sleeping in a Pembroke undergraduate bedroom; anxiously waiting outside an interview room, trying to remember everything from that UCAS personal statement and then finally meeting those tutors who will metamorphose from terrifying interviewer, to weekly tutor, and then a familiar, friendly figure at College reunions.

This year, as with the two past years, College has been a very quiet place after the end of eighth week. Two weeks of online interviews take place, with candidates supported by daily 'tech checks', Instagram 'reels', and virtual gatherings with JCR ambassadors. Tutors still then have to make increasingly difficult decisions between thousands of outstanding candidates, using complex data, written evidence and, for the few that get that far, the outcomes of two, three or four interviews, often conducted 'college blind' and in multiple colleges.

In the New Year I will be signing the 120 or so offer letters, cementing a relationship that, for most, will last a lifetime. But now, instead of the post coming to the door, it will be the email slipping into the inbox; clicking on a life-changing email, rather than opening a letter.

The Covid years have brought much change and disruption to everyone, even here in Oxford. For many exams are now eight hour open book papers, completed on computers in student rooms; or electronically submitted portfolios and dissertations – though the Exam Schools continues to do its business with three hour in-person exams sat in subfusc. Sign-up for degree days is an online frenzy when the booking window opens, just like buying a ticket for Taylor Swift – though the ceremony in the Sheldonian continues with Latin, processions, and ceremonial; this year, for many of our graduates, after two years of waiting.

Oxford, and its academic life, in a nutshell, continues and changes, whether the change is dramatic and extraordinary, or gradual and quotidian. What always remains consistent is the passion, drive, dedication and commitment of all of its people, and the pride that we as a community

take in the outstanding achievements and the day to day excellence that takes place here.

Each student, undergraduate or graduate, will have an academic review with the Master every year. The reading out of tutorial reports has now been replaced by discussion of a self-assessment - tutorial reports continue, but are now written and accessed on line. But the annual accumulation of learning and knowledge, of personal and academic growth, often through adversity and always through challenge continues. Tutors continue their extraordinary balancing act of research and teaching, while navigating an increasingly complex bureaucratic administrative world.

This Record highlights some of the most exceptional achievements and contributions to Pembroke. Let us also remember to celebrate the everyday achievements and successes, the adaptability and durability of our College and its people, not just for three or four years, but for lifetimes.

## Celebrating Success: Student Achievements



**Warren A. Stanislaus**

2017, *DPhil History*

Warren was invited, along with undergraduate Chimdinma Okpalauko (2020, Theology and Religion), to speak at a 2021 Black History Month event organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the University of Oxford Japan Office. In 2022 he participated in the Japan Foundation's new 'Diversity Dialogues' series and later in the year delivered a talk for the Asia Society in Japan.



**Maggie Wang**

2019, *History and Economics*

Maggie excelled in her Finals, winning both the Wyle Prize for the best thesis in American History and the Gibbs Joint School Prize. She has also published a poetry pamphlet, written during her time at Oxford. She reflects that "I have met some amazing friends here and also found time to nurture my interests in music and poetry." Maggie is now studying for a Law degree at Yale University.



**Benjamin Bréant**

2019, *DPhil Interdisciplinary Biosciences*

Ben was awarded the 2020/21 'Best Academic Poster' prize from Oxford University's Doctoral Training Centre. Earlier in the year Ben attended the World Sleep Congress in Rome, where he presented his research on psychedelic compounds and altered wake experiences in mice as part of a Symposium on Psychedelic Science.



# Celebrating Success: Student Achievements



**Harrison Kaye**

2020, Chinese

While on his year abroad in Taiwan, Harrison interned at the English Service of Radio Taiwan International (RTI). As well as producing a variety of other media content, he presented a weekly radio programme called Climate Crunch, discussing environmental issues in Taiwan. Harrison and his work were commended highly by the Head of RTI's English Service, Natalie Tso.



**Athena Kam**

2019, Jurisprudence

Athena's team was named the UK National Champions at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2022. Athena comments: "I had the opportunity to research beyond the scope of my course, and gained a more holistic understanding of my subject which sparked new areas of interest. I am grateful for Pembroke's support allowing me to stay in Oxford to prepare for the competition."



**Pete Rae**

2020, Medicine – Clinical

Of the 440 medical students who took part, Pete achieved the highest mark in the Royal College of Ophthalmology's annual examination. His prize was a trip to Jerusalem to shadow staff at the St John Eye Hospital, a charitable provider of eye care helping patients in Israel and Palestine. He shared: "It will be incredible to visit and pursue my passion in ophthalmology."



**George Chalhoub**

2018, DPhil Cyber Security

George completed an internship with the Calc Intelligence team at Microsoft Research which resulted in a top-tier publication for the CHI22 Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. George's research project involved a study on User Experience (UX) of structuring data in commercial spreadsheet applications, with the resulting publication designing and evaluating new features for Microsoft Excel.



**Emma Lewis**

2018, Jurisprudence

Emma's outstanding performance in her Finals earned her two University prizes, the 3 Verulam Buildings Prize and the White and Case Prize, for the best results in two papers. Emma recalls that her tutors' support smoothed the transition to a new subject in first year, and remarks on her 3rd year spent abroad: "it was interesting to learn about a very different legal system, and helped me to develop valuable legal skills."



**Ryan Fincham**

2018, Jurisprudence

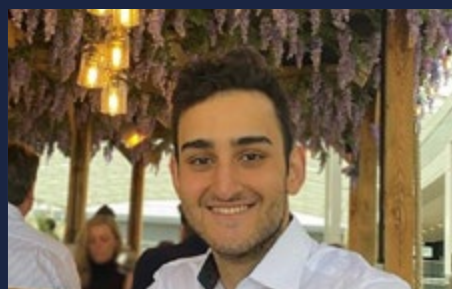
Ryan won three University prizes for his outstanding performance in his Finals, recognised for the best performance in two papers and for placing first in his cohort. Reflecting on his extra-curricular involvement, he says "a particular highlight was serving on Pembroke's 2019 Ball Committee. I also served as Men's Captain of Oxford University Amateur Boxing Club and was fortunate enough to compete for Oxford in the ring."



**Péter Juhász**

2018, DPhil Atomic and Laser Physics

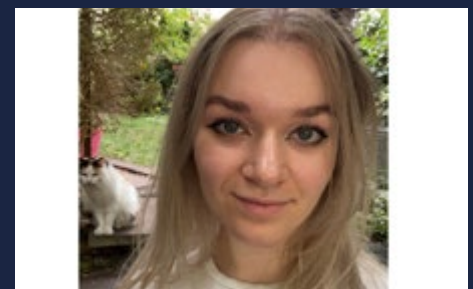
Following an earlier appointment to the Order of St John, Péter was this year appointed to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta as a 'Donat of Devotion' in recognition of his work with the homeless. Péter has been involved with setting up a scheme for students to visit care home residents; collecting and distributing clothes for the homeless; and helping to run a weekly soup kitchen.



**Hakan Ozoran**

2019, Medicine

Hakan achieved a First in his third-year exams, as well as a distinction in his second year and a letter of commendation from the Chair of Examiners. He shares: "My time at Pembroke has undoubtedly been the best three years of life. In addition to my academic endeavours, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the JCR committee, where I was a Welfare representative."



**Marigold Whittaker**

2019, Oriental Studies

Marigold's success in her first-year exams saw her win two University prizes; the Dudbridge Prize for best performance in Classical Chinese papers and the Davis Scholarship in Chinese. She comments: "the resources available and opportunities on offer at Pembroke have improved my understanding of my subject, and the extra-curricular activities offered have hugely enriched my first-year experience."

# Celebrating Success: Student Achievements



**Daniel Miller**

2019, *French and Arabic*

Daniel Miller was the winner of this year's Sir Roger Bannister Scholarship, given annually to a student who displays excellence in sporting and academic activities. As well as placing among the highest in his cohort for EMEL, his time in Oxford has seen him reach the highest national and international University level in Australian Rules Football.



**Oscar Lu**

2021, *Graduate Entry Medicine*

Oscar achieved top place across his cohort in his first-year exams and was awarded the Martin Wronker Prize by the University. Reflecting on his course so far, Oscar says "Graduate-entry Medicine (GEM) is intriguing yet carries its unique challenges. It is fascinating – all the scientific foundations come together for the understanding of patients' presentation and treatment. The Pembroke GEM tutors are all incredibly supportive."



**Joshua Kirkhope-Arkley**

2020, *French and Arabic*

Josh had a piece of work on 'Kuwait's neutrality amidst geopolitical rivalries in a f(r)actional Middle East' published in the inaugural issue of the Columbia Journal of Asia, an undergraduate peer-reviewed journal at Columbia University, New York. He reflects: "Writing for and ultimately being published in a fully-academic peer-reviewed journal has been such an incredibly rewarding journey."



## Master's Prizes

This year, five Master's Prizes were awarded to students who have exhibited outstanding leadership.

**Chimdinma Okpalauko** (2020, Theology and Religion) - for advocacy for Black students in Oxford as Vice-President of the Afro-Caribbean Society and as part of BlackPembroke.

**Hugo Yeung** (2018, DPhil Engineering) - for teaching and supporting other students during the lockdowns.

**Ariff Castronovo** (2019, Medicine) - for service as JCR President (2020-21), leading the community through lockdowns and restrictions.

**Carolina Valensise** (2020, Medicine – Clinical) - for service as President of Osler House and for tutoring other students and applicants from underrepresented backgrounds.

**Dani Coyle** (2021, MSt Gender Studies) - for advocacy for the Intersex community and for helping to make Pembroke a welcoming community for all.



**Hailey Sockalingam**

2019, *History*

After her high mark in her History Finals papers, Hailey was awarded a Gibbs Book Prize. Reflecting on her time at Oxford, she says "The course is definitely designed to be challenging, but in return is very rewarding; by the end of the three years you start to feel a sense of authority when talking about change over time and the complex causes behind change."



**Teddy Smith**

2018, *Chemistry*

Teddy was awarded the Proxime Accessit Gibbs Prize for achieving second place in his year across the University. He was also one of eight final-year students to receive the new Pembroke Award for Academic Community Building and Achievement, celebrating students who have made an outstanding contribution to College academic life. Teddy also enjoyed serving as president of Pembroke's boat club for two years.



**Henry Worsley**

2021, *History and Italian*

Henry won the Mrs Claude Beddington Modern Languages Prize for his performance in Italian prelims. On his experience settling in at Pembroke, he says "at first I was anxious about the workload, but once I arrived I soon realised that it's very manageable - almost everyone seems incredibly passionate about what they're reading, and that sense of enthusiasm made getting into the groove much easier."

# Celebrating Success: Academics' Achievements



**Professor Rob Salguero-Gómez wins 'Open Science' Award**

Professor Rob Salguero-Gómez, Tutorial Fellow in Biology at Pembroke and Associate Professor of Ecology at the University, was given the 'Open Science' award by the Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology. This award recognises the work of Rob and his research group, The Salgo Team, towards a more comprehensive and transparent world of population ecology.

For over a decade, Rob has been leading work with the COMPADRE and COMADRE databases and the new PADRINO database to facilitate analysis of biological systems at the global level. Rob's hope is that such open-access information on natural populations around the world will help to secure ecosystem services including food provisioning and buffering against extreme climatic events.



**Dr Elisabeth Kendall elected Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge**

Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Senior Research Fellow in Arabic at Pembroke from 2010 until 2022, was elected as the new Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, taking effect in October 2022. Dr Kendall, who has been a part of the Pembroke community since she arrived as an undergraduate in 1989, specialises in militant jihad groups, the Yemen War and terrorism, and Arabic poetry. Pembroke Master, Sir Ernest Ryder, congratulated Lis and commented: "Dr Kendall is a fabulous and iconic member of our community who will bring her significant skill and experience to her new role. We wish her all the best for the future and congratulate Girton College on their election in the sure knowledge they will prosper under her leadership."



**Jan Eijking wins Best Graduate Paper award for 2021**

Jan Eijking, Stipendiary Lecturer in International Relations at Pembroke, was recognised by the European International Studies Association for his contributions to the field of International Relations. Jan's award-winning paper is part of his DPhil dissertation on nineteenth-century international relations, which hopes to shed new light on the reasons for, conditions on and limitations of involving experts in global governance.

Jan teaches first year undergraduates and all papers on International Relations. He is committed to understanding international relation theories through practices, both historical and contemporary. He believes that fundamental political concepts are best made sense of 'in action'.



**Pembroke Medical tutors win Teaching Excellence Awards**

The 2021 round of Teaching Excellence Awards at the University's Medical Sciences Division saw three of Pembroke's medical tutors recognised for outstanding contributions to education in the division.

Dr Jack Amiry, Retained Lecturer in Medicine, won the 'Early Career Excellent Teacher' award, while both Dr Richard Harrington and Professor Jeremy Taylor were given 'Lifetime Achievement' awards. Dr Richard Harrington is Associate Director of graduate-entry medicine at Oxford and mentors and assists graduate entries to Medicine at Pembroke. Professor Jeremy Taylor was the College's Fellow in Medicine for 28 years until his retirement in 2020.



**Professor Henrietta Harrison publishes award-winning new book**

Professor Henrietta Harrison, Stanley Ho Fellow and Tutor in Chinese, released 'The Perils of Interpreting: The Extraordinary Lives of Two Translators between Qing China and the British Empire' with Princeton University Press at the beginning of the year. In September the book won the Kenshur Prize from Indiana University for the best book in 18th Century Studies.

The book focuses on the lives of two interpreters who participated in the famed Macartney embassy in 1793 and how they intervened in the exchanges they mediated between China and Britain.



**Law and Computer Science course shortlisted for award**

In collaboration with two colleagues, Pembroke Law Fellow and Tutor Professor Rebecca Williams has designed and developed a new interdisciplinary Master's course in Law and Computer Science. The course was shortlisted for the biennial Vice-Chancellor's Education Awards, which aim to celebrate and showcase educational activity at the University of Oxford that has a demonstrable impact on the educational experience of students.

The course, in which learners design and implement a new digital service or product with legal aspects, was recognised as an innovative course, unique in scope, and a clear example of effective collaboration between departments and divisions.

# Pembroke Undergraduate Scholars and Exhibitioners 2021-22

## Scholars

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Hal Bishop               | BA History                                      |
| Thomas Blake             | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Daniel Bogomolnyi-Moulin | BA Jurisprudence                                |
| Daisy Bolitho            | BA Theology and Religion                        |
| Loic Bramley             | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Tabitha Brewster         | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Tom Brierly              | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Ben Broughton            | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Ailsa Brown              | BA O S (Chinese)                                |
| Henry Calcutt            | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Yimang Cao               | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Bryan Cheng              | MPhysPhil Physics and Philosophy                |
| Mairead Cole             | BA Mod Langs (FRE and ITA B)                    |
| Robert Doane-Solomon     | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Leo Doody                | BA History and Economics                        |
| Jess Dunmore             | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Rhiannon Durant          | MBiochem Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry    |
| Rory Fairhead            | Medicine - Graduate Entry                       |
| Zoe Faure Beaulieu       | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Alfie Fellowes           | BA O S (Japanese)                               |
| Boris Festa              | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Tatiana Foggitt          | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Barbara Francik          | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Haoyu Fu                 | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Jonathan Fugger          | BA O S (Japanese)                               |
| Freddie Gate             | BA Euro and Mid East Langs (FRE and ARA)        |
| William Gibson           | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Matt Gittleson           | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Kevin Goeij              | MBiochem Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry    |
| Sam Graham               | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Ethan Hadad              | BA O S (Arabic)                                 |
| Tom Hamp                 | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Freya Hanley             | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Austin Harris            | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Orson Hart               | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Guy Howland Jackson      | BA Mod Langs (FRE and ITA)                      |
| Cole Hunt                | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Philip Hutchinson        | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Josh Jee                 | BA O S (Arabic and Islamic Studies)             |
| Dan Jones                | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Oscar Kanan              | BA O S (Arabic and Islamic Studies)             |
| Harrison Kaye            | BA O S (Chinese)                                |
| Rachel Keaveney          | BA Philosophy and Theology                      |
| Katie Kessler            | BA O S (Japanese)                               |
| Joshua Kirkhope-Arkley   | BA Euro and Mid East Langs (FRE and ARA)        |
| Matej Kratky             | MPhysPhil Physics and Philosophy                |
| Yon Lee                  | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Freddie Leslie           | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Sophie Lewis             | BA History and English                          |
| Megan Liu                | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Jenny Liu                | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Tom Liu                  | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Alexander Lunnon         | BA History                                      |
| Elisa Marku              | BA Euro and Mid East Langs (FRE and ARA)        |
| Jessica McLean           | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Harry Mead               | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Joel Mendelsohn          | MPhys Physics                                   |
| William Miles            | BA Theology and Religion                        |
| Daniel Miller            | BA Euro and Mid East Langs (FRE and ARA)        |
| Josephine Moir           | BA Theology and Religion                        |
| David Moyse              | BA History                                      |
| Tharshan Nandakumar      | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Leon Navarro Hilfiker    | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Iona Neill               | BA Euro and Mid East Langs (GER and ARA)        |
| Zoe Offen                | BA History and English                          |
| Toffy Olarinde           | BA PPL (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics) |
| Hakan Ozoran             | Medicine - Preclinical (3yr)                    |
| Bence Parti              | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Jean-Emmanuel Pesez      | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Melissa Pighetti         | MChem Chemistry                                 |
| Charlie Pugh             | MMathPhil Mathematics and Philosophy            |
| Lara Radojic             | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Sneha Ramshanker         | MPhys Physics                                   |

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|------------------------|---|
| Ilona Reid             | BA History and Economics                      |
| Morgan Richards        | MBiochem Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry  |
| Calum Roe              | BA Economics and Management                   |
| Nadia Roeske           | BA O S (Arabic and Islamic Studies)           |
| Alexander Rutherford   | MEng Engineering Science                      |
| Dylan Savage           | BA Philosophy and Theology                    |
| Peter Savery           | BA History and English                        |
| Miriam Segal           | BA Religion and Oriental Studies              |
| Semu Serunjogi         | MMath Mathematics                             |
| Rushil Shah            | BA Economics and Management                   |
| Bel Simmons            | BA Economics and Management                   |
| Ellana Slade           | Medicine - Graduate Entry                     |
| Teddy Smith            | MChem Chemistry                               |
| Hailey Sockalingam     | BA History                                    |
| Daniel Spielhofer-Edan | MMath Mathematics                             |
| Alastair Stone         | BA Music                                      |
| Vlad Sucaliuc          | MMathPhil Mathematics and Philosophy          |
| Bence Tanko-Bartalis   | MEng Engineering Science                      |
| Andras Ujhelyi         | MEng Engineering Science                      |
| Evan Usher             | MPhys Physics                                 |
| Toby Vickers           | MMath Mathematics                             |
| Aaron Vitarana         | MPhys Physics                                 |
| Kieran Walter          | MBiol Biology                                 |
| Jack Webber            | MMathPhil Mathematics and Philosophy          |
| Lily Westcott          | BA History and English                        |
| Millicent Wolter       | BA English Language and Literature - Course I |
| Emily Wright           | BA Economics and Management                   |
| Mia Yeadon             | BA History and Mod Langs (FRE)                |
| Jack You               | MPhys Physics                                 |
| Jianhao Yuan           | MEng Engineering Science                      |
| Henry Zhang            | MChem Chemistry                               |
| Raphael Zyss           | BA O S (Chinese)                              |

## Exhibitioners

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Ursula Aitchison                 | BA O S (Arabic)                                 |
| Mayowa Ayanbadejo                | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Eljoh Balajadia                  | BA Experimental Psychology                      |
| Devon Brameier                   | Medicine - Graduate Entry                       |
| Georgia Brown                    | BA History and Mod Langs (FRE)                  |
| Harriet Carter                   | BA English Language and Literature - Course I   |
| Lily Cavey                       | BA Experimental Psychology                      |
| Lara Clarke                      | BA PPL (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics) |
| Abbey Couchman                   | BA Experimental Psychology                      |
| Alex Day                         | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Joana De Heredia De Sousa Mendes | BA Philosophy and Mod Langs (POR)               |
| Tymoteusz Domeradzki             | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Muhammed El-Beik                 | BA Jurisprudence                                |
| James Forward                    | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Tom Foster-Brown                 | MEng Engineering Science                        |
| Jean Franco                      | BA O S (Arabic)                                 |
| Jodie Fromage                    | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Thomas Glenister                 | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Orlando Grant                    | BA Music  |
| Teddy Grassi                     | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Isabel Harley                    | BA Mod Langs (ITA and SPA)                      |
| Sara Hashmi                      | BA History and Politics                         |
| Anna Hauperich                   | Medicine - Graduate Entry                       |
| Archie Hayton                    | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Maddie Judge                     | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Jason Ke                         | MMath Mathematics                               |
| Joshua Lavorini                  | BA Mod Langs (ITA and SPA)                      |
| Joe Lawler                       | BA History and Economics                        |
| Danny Leach                      | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Emma Lowe                        | BA Economics and Management                     |
| Jonny Marsh                      | BA Music  |
| Chimdinma Okpalauko              | BA Theology and Religion                        |
| William Paisley                  | MPhys Physics                                   |
| Parin Siddhartha                 | BA PPL (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics) |
| Sarah Skinner                    | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Grace Stapelberg                 | BA O S (Persian with Subsidiary Language)       |
| Ofelia Tavares                   | BA Phil, Politics and Econ                      |
| Rory Tegner                      | MBiol Biology                                   |
| Reuben Tendler                   | BA Music  |
| Maggie Wang                      | BA History and Economics                        |
| Anna Zakonyi                     | BA History and Mod Langs (ITA)                  |

## Graduate Scholars

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|---------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Catherine Ashworth  | BPhil Philosophy                       | Jingdi Li            | DPhil Zoology                                     |
| Marianne Aspbury    | DPhil SABS DTC                         | Natasha Mallett      | MSt Study of Religions                            |
| Federico Battisti   | DPhil Particle Physics                 | Hannah McIntyre      | DPhil Medieval and Modern Languages (FT)          |
| Nik Baya            | DPhil Genomic Medicine and Statistics  | Jose Nino Barreat    | DPhil Zoology                                     |
| Nadia Bon           | MPhil History                          | Easa Saad            | MPhil Islamic Studies and History                 |
| Xiaowan Cang        | DPhil Area Studies (China)             | Constantin Schneider | Systems Approaches to Biomed Sc (EPSRC & MRC CDT) |
| Robin Connolly      | MSt Global & Imperial History          | Ying Tong            | DPhil Oriental Studies                            |
| James Eaton         | DPhil Physical & Theoretical Chemistry | Klaudia Wegschaider  | DPhil Politics                                    |
| Ugo Ezeh            | DPhil Law                              | Kathryn White        | DPhil History                                     |
| Giulio Gottardo     | DPhil Economics                        | Suzanne Zaccour      | DPhil Law   |
| Gevorg Khandamiryan | MPhil Economics                        | Irene Zeitler        | DPhil Biochemistry                                |
| Siddharth Kumar     | DPhil Maths                            |                      |   |

## University Prizes

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Francesco Tasin    | PPL                   | Braddick Prize (plus letter of merit and letter of distinction) |
| Xaira Adebayo      | History               | Kirk Green Prize  |
| Maggie Wang        | History and Economics | Wylie Prize   |
| Marigold Whitaker  | Chinese               | Dudbridge Prize for Classical Chinese                           |
| Marigold Whitaker  | Chinese               | Davis Scholarship in Chinese                                    |
| Rebecca Gardner    | Chinese               | Davis Scholarship in Chinese                                    |
| Oscar Lu           | Graduate Entry Medic  | Martin Wronker Prize  |
| Henry Worsley      | Hist ML               | Mrs Claude Beddington Modern Languages Prize                    |
| Henry Calcutt      | English               | Violet Vaughan Morgan Prize 2022                                |
| Ryan Fincham       | Law                   | Law Faculty Prize for Personal Property                         |
| Ryan Fincham       | Law                   | Martin Wronker Prize  |
| Ryan Fincham       | Law                   | Slaughter and May Prize in History of English Law               |
| Emma Lewis         | Law                   | 3 Verulam Buildings Prize in Commercial Law                     |
| Emma Lewis         | Law                   | White & Case Prize in Company Law                               |
| Hailey Sockalingam | History               | Gibbs Book Prize  |
| Maggie Wang        | History and Economics | Gibbs Prize   |
| Tatiana Foggitt    | Chemistry             | Chemistry Department Prize                                      |
| Cole Hunt          | Chemistry             | Gibbs Prize   |
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| Jack Webber        | Maths and Philosophy  | Gibbs Prize   |
| Audrey Dickinson   | Biology               | Prize for Excellence in the Biology Preliminary Examination     |

## Scholars' Lecture and Dinner 2021



Back in person after a year held virtually due to the pandemic, the 2021-22 Scholars' Lecture and Dinner took place on 10th November 2021.

All academic Scholars and Exhibitioners were invited to a lecture in the Pichette Auditorium followed by a formal dinner in Hall hosted by the Master and Academic Director. This year's lecture was given by Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Senior Research Fellow in Arabic and Islamic Studies, who spoke on 'The Jihadi Battle for Hearts and Minds: A View from the Ground'.

Dr Kendall's research explores how militant jihad groups use 'soft' culture (poetry, literature, song) and harness local grievances to recruit and win toleration in the broader community. She has previously explored more theoretical questions of literary and

linguistic development in Arabic cultures.

After the lecture the Master, Sir Ernest Ryder, formally admitted all new Scholars and Exhibitioners to their new status with the traditional Latin oath. Congratulating them, he remarked that "Pembroke scholarships and exhibitions are generously funded by an alumnus, Chris Rokos, to whom we are very grateful indeed. Tonight we celebrate your achievements and will do all we can to support you as you continue your academic journey here. You go with the congratulations of myself and all the Fellows of the College."

The names of all Scholars and Exhibitioners are displayed in the Chapel Quad archway for the duration of the academic year.

# JCR Report

Rhiannon Durant (2020, Biochemistry)

When I walked into the JCR on the Saturday before 0th week of Michaelmas term 2021 to set up for the Freshers' arrival, it occurred to me that the last time I'd set foot in that room was during my interviews two years before. Lockdown and Covid restrictions meant the JCR had been shut for most of my first year. I think that fairly well summarises the post-pandemic year of 2021-2022; everyone was thrilled to return to normal Oxford life, but did anyone really know or remember what normal Oxford life looked like?

The lifting of restrictions meant three key things; firstly, that the vibrancy of non-socially-distanced Pembroke could finally be felt (for the first time for some of us and once again for older years). It also was an amazing opportunity to step back and rethink old systems and traditions. Since we were rebuilding anyway, why not 'build back better'? It was also a chance to try out new initiatives, which would be much more likely to succeed in such a rapidly changing environment.

A return to normal JCR life after so long meant high turnouts and lots of enthusiasm. Covid (Omicron in particular) still lurked in the background during Michaelmas, but through precautions such as requiring negative LFTs on entry we managed to run all our events without issue. In person JCR meetings with pizza (of course) restarted, which was a learning curve for the exec as we'd only ever seen them online. This meant questionable reinterpretations of things such as the Pink Panther hust (unsure as to what challenges the candidates were normally tasked with, we decided to hold a race on all-fours across Old Quad). We saw theatre and music recitals return to the Pichette, the revival of College sport (including the sports trip to Cambridge), fancy dress BOPs and more. The pandemic meant vital Pembroke JCR traditions like Three Kings and the Darts Competition were nearly lost, but thankfully those in older years with institutional memory stepped in and saved them.

A fresh start after Covid and the arrival of our new Bursar meant a chance to put discussions about accommodation and catering systems for undergraduates back onto GB's plate. In Michaelmas, a restructuring of accommodation for first years was passed, creating a greater number of rooms in lower rate bands, as a stepping stone to a more equitable system in the future. After discussions with the MCR and SCR about the changing habits and lifestyles of students,

first year attendance at Formal Hall was rethought to allow greater flexibility and revive the sense of College pride that Formals should promote. On the JCR side, changes to the constitution were made to allow checks and balances to the executive's power. This was to ensure that the liberation council has a say in issues of diversity and inclusion, amplifying minority voices in our JCR community. Other changes, such as a move towards more inclusive social event options in Freshers week and the establishment of a SHVA week, reflected the progress being made across Oxford to create a welcoming and empowering university environment for everyone.

Beyond rethinking the old, the post-pandemic period was also a chance to establish traditions that were totally new. An excellent example was the 3CR project; leaders of all three common rooms came together and collaborated on a new plan to build Pembroke's academic community. This gave rise to new traditions including the pre-Formal 3CR talks, giving all members of the community the chance to learn about each other's work. The Pembroke Biodiversity project led by JCR students was also founded to support wildlife on College property, particularly on an undeveloped plot by the playing fields. Other new environmental projects included the JCR's involvement in the College-wide sustainability survey, and a new donor-funded scheme to provide plastic-free menstrual products to JCR members. On the light-hearted end, some fun new societies were established such as the Pembroke Badminton Club (PCBadC) and brand new events were held, including the JCR/MCR Summer Garden Party.

In summary, I think the key takeaway from 2021-2022 was that tradition is truly dynamic. Although some elements of Pembroke life may seem entrenched, in reality it is always possible to update and rethink; this is necessary to keep up with the fast pace of our modern society. We also learned that new projects and schemes can become established in the blink of an eye. Most importantly, the joy of post-pandemic JCR life demonstrated that the sense of identity and community that tradition brings is as important as ever. I hope that we continue to protect the essence of Pembroke JCR traditions while updating and future-proofing them, and that even more new and exciting ideas become part of our identity in the years to come.

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# MCR Report

Benjamin Bréant (2019, DPhil Interdisciplinary Biosciences)

The last two reports from the MCR unsurprisingly centre around the pandemic: how we reacted when it started and how we managed to keep the MCR in high spirit, despite the multiple lockdowns we faced; how we adapted and reacted to protect and to support our community. As we reflect on the last academic year, it is a pleasure to realise that it is almost like the MCR is back to business as usual.

The year started with uncertainty. With restrictions being slowly lifted, we held our Freshers' Week in person, with a few minor changes. We had to move some of our events to Farthing's Café to allow for space and ventilation, but our welcome dinners, second desserts and bar nights were held in the Hall and the MCR space as usual. The Freshers were making the MCR space their own for the first time since the pandemic and it was a relief to see our beloved Wood and Blue rooms buzzing with activity. We were also so very happy to have our exchange dinners back, but grieved to see that so much institutional knowledge had been lost to the pandemic in other colleges. Here in the MCR, we have strived to remember as much as possible what pre-pandemic Oxford was like. We shared with the other colleges as much as we could to make sure they would remember as well.

We also introduced a few changes. Last year, we switched from Guy Fawkes Banquet, marking the end of Michaelmas term, to a more festive "Oxmas" Banquet. Crackers were laid on the table and a feast was set up and served by Kevin Dudley and his excellent catering team. We also opened the Rose and Thistle bar on an unusual night, a Thursday (!) and served mince pies and mulled wine.

Not long after that, the gloomy shadow of war spread its wings on Ukraine. Our community did not despair. The MCR showed strength and support by organising several events and attending others in large numbers. A special bar night was hosted where donations to supporting organisations were collected. Over several days, the physical MCR was also a donation point for whoever wished to donate goods. We mourn those lost to the atrocities of the war, and hope that Europe will find its peace and integrity again.

The news that the GAB project was near completion was received with great enthusiasm. Pembroke College would soon have enough space to host most of its graduate community, and the opportunity was also given to returners to live in College accommodation. While the places are still limited, the offer

was welcomed with warmth and appreciation. The old GAB accommodation buildings were also due some refurbishment over the summer. All of that meant Pembroke would have an excellent look for the start of the new academic year, and we were all ready for it!

It was then time to wrap up the year and to celebrate our many academic achievements, but not before a few staples of the pre-pandemic MCR were restored. We finally had the authorisation to visit our Sister college, Queen's College, in Cambridge. They came to us on May Day, arriving just after the singing, and we visited them in early June when the warm weather allowed us to punt on their river (and teach them the Oxford way, of course).

For the first time in two years, Pembroke allowed its students to walk and rest on the grass of Chapel Quad. This was well used by the amateur croquet players and/or the professional nappers among the graduate community, and lying under the excellent Oxford weather was a well-earned reward after these past few years of hardship. The last Banquet of the year started with a drinks reception on the lawn, before the graduates swiftly moved in Hall to recognise the outstanding work of some of its prized members. Hannah McIntyre, Sarah Selden and Kathryn White received the W. H. Pembroke Prize for service to the community, noting both Hannah and Kathryn's outstanding dedication to our community over the past few years. The R.G. Collingwood prizes were awarded to Ruslan Pavlyshyn and Kathryn White, recognising Ruslan's excellent work with the Ukrainian society, and his never-failing support and dedication toward Ukraine.

Overall, the MCR is now in great shape. We all feared we would lose some momentum due to the pandemic. However, the losses were far fewer than we thought. The new members we received this year either left with their eyes filled with the great memories they made this year or joined the pool of returners ready to tackle a new academic year in what is now the busiest and best MCR in Oxford.

P.S. We mentioned in the 2018/2019 report that Mario Kart had begun to be a vital element of the MCR. I would like to report here that it still is, and it doesn't look like it is going to leave us any time soon.



“New members either left with their eyes filled with the great memories made this year or joined the pool of returners ready to tackle a new academic year”

# Sports & Arts

## Sports Report

Sarah Skinner (2020, Biology) & Daniel Bogomolnyi-Moulin (2020, Jurisprudence)

Sports Repts 2021-22



### Netball

The 2021-22 year saw the return of PCNC competing all year round. We ended the league second in Division One, with great matches being played every week. We even beat New College, who had been undefeated at netball for four years! We did not fare so well in the Trinity Cuppers Tournament, with Pembroke failing to exit the group stage. Onwards and upwards for next year – hopefully we can continue our excellent league gameplay and transfer this performance to cuppers! We also say goodbye to three stalwarts of PCNC who have been invaluable to the team throughout the last few years: Isy Purslow, Daisy Bolitho and Ellie Dunford Wood.

### Badminton

Last year saw the foundation of the Pembroke College Badminton Club (PCBadC) by Captain Lakshand Mohanths and Vice-Captain Hal Bishop, thus beginning the opening saga of one of Pembroke's greatest sporting institutions. Rapidly mobilising the student body through a powerful multimedia campaign (follow @pcbadc on Instagram) PCBadC became the second most subscribed sporting society, only dwarfed in size by the Boat Club. While our inaugural Cuppers campaign ended in abject failure, and we met with little more success in the league, PCBadC was honoured by the support shown by the Pembroke community at the celebratory socials that marked our mixed performance. Next year PCBadC will continue its uphill battle to achieve a modicum of sporting success and maintain its place as a pivotal institution in Pembroke College life.



### Cricket

The most prolific club in Pembroke, PCCC, did not disappoint in the 2021-22 season. St Aldates remained firmly pink after a hard fought but comfortable win at the fortress over Christ Church, powered by a 5-wicket haul from Gaurav "I bowl death" Kocher. We may have narrowly fallen short of cuppers glory at the hands of Worcester College and a man named Bread, however league glory saw silverware return to its rightful owners. Our success may have been helped by a creative interpretation of a professional cricketer, but the final was certainly a home-grown affair. A sizeable total of 176 from Lincoln gave us the perfect opportunity to highlight our batting prowess. A 140 run opening stand between Danny Stokes (92\*) and Tom Munns (72) made light work of the total, having achieved victory by 8 wickets and with 3 overs to spare. Special mention to Ethan Gunning for the highest economy of the season.

### Rugby

2021-2022 was a massive success for PCRFC. In the league we were unbeaten, with the highlight being a victory over St Catz, sealed with a last minute try and conversion by Danny "the hunk" Stokes. Cuppers was interesting, demolishing Brasenose in the first round, before losing to Saints in what was a bloodthirsty encounter, where injury-depleted Pembroke put in a performance to be proud of, only losing narrowly despite playing 12 men vs 15 for most of the match. The stubborn Saints captain did very kindly offer to drop one man when we went down to 10 though... We were then subsequently entered into the plate, where Univ proved no match, seeing a 50-0 win to Pembroke and the referee blowing the whistle early to put the poor team out of their misery. PCFRFC did fall short however in the semi-final, losing to a strong St Peter's side. Hopefully this year we can go not one, but two steps further, providing cup glory to the college that is the rightful home of Oxford rugby.



### Football

As the first season of college football since Covid kicked off, whispers spread of a potentially gruelling relegation battle as PCFC sought to keep our place in the premier division. However, armed with fresh talent from the new recruits to Pembroke, we started the season strong with back to back victories. Our surprising winning start was sadly also our Achilles heel as the confidence it instilled in us saw us underestimate our opposition and bow out early in cuppers to Queens. Nevertheless, we used this humbling lesson to power our way through the uppermost division of college football and, following a tough competition with Catz, we narrowly finished second with the best defensive record across all leagues. With a promising return to college football to motivate us for the seasons ahead, PCFC look to restore our footballing tradition as we remain undefeated off the pitch, and hopefully on it as well. Special thanks to the following PCFC greats who left us this season after exceptional years of service and dedication to the club: Andris Ujhelyi, Boris Festa, Ed Newall, Ben Broughton, Mayowa Ayanbadejo, Jacques Maurice, Marcus Tarrant, Gabriele Girolami.

### Croquet

Out of 256 teams, pemb6 came out 3rd best. The dream team of Tom Munns, Guy Howland-Jackson, Morgan Richards and Daniel Moulin had the hopes and dreams of Pembroke resting on their shoulders. This year, glory awaits, with pemb6 now seeded in the tournament and proved firm favourites having been scouted for the University team. Will they crumble under the pressure? Of course not.





## Rowing

PCBC saw a full return to the river in 2021-22. We entered two boats in Christ Church novice regatta which was a lot of (splashy!) fun. Pembroke had mixed success in Torpids, with unfortunately every crew moving down in the rankings. M1 did so because of illness as well as an unfortunate tree that got in the way. W1 gave a solid performance but quicker crews managed to bump them. M2 and W2 were fully novice boats so struggled given their high ranking at the start of the week, being surrounded by competitive rowers in other boats. Summer Eights, however, saw a huge improvement. M1 were happy to see Christ Church fall victim to the tree that had plagued them in Torpids. W1 received some unfortunate penalties but rowed well every day. M2 and W2 both improved in leaps and bounds from Torpids, with the squads staying net zero and bumping up +1 respectively. We even fielded a W3 for the first time in many years, who had a great time, with the first day of racing being the 5th time on the water for a lot of the women! The year overall saw improvement from Torpids through to Eights, with this momentum being carried into the next academic year, as PCBC starts to enter external regattas again!

## Other sports

Pembroke also fielded teams in a plethora of other sports, providing opportunities for students to take part in more niche activities, including golf, water polo, kayak and rounders. Notable amongst these was go-karting. Morgan Richards, Alec Lau, Hal Bishop and Clarice Xu represented Pembroke College at Go-Karting Cuppers, travelling to the crucible of motorsport that is a light-industrial estate in Reading. The team met with mixed success, and only Hal Bishop emerged with a trophy (3rd place) after what can only be described as a Hamilton-esque performance in the final race.

## Sports trip

2022 saw the College taking a select group of athletes to the other place, ostensibly to compete against Pembroke College Cambridge in a range of different sports. However, Pembroke Cambridge cancelled at the last minute, leaving us with a coach paid for and 40 people expecting an away day. We continued with the plan, and we ended up playing St Catherine's College Cambridge at Badminton – so some sport did get played! We were also able to explore Cambridge, with punting in the sunshine a highlight of the day. The day ended with all of us packed into Sidney Sussex College Bar, and it ended up being a lovely day for all.



## JCR Arts Year Review

After an interruption to arts events in College due to the pandemic, we were keen to get Pembroke arts up and running again this year by organising various art sessions, opening the JCR art loan scheme, and celebrating Pembroke's art gallery and exhibitions. One of the smaller events we ran, for example, was festive Christmas card making at the end of Michaelmas (accompanied, of course, by mince pies and Christmas music).

By far the highlights of the Pembroke JCR art calendar last year, however, were the two oil painting workshops led by local artist, Stacey Gledhill. The first workshop, which took place in Hilary term, was a still life session painting flowers, fruits, and vases in the JCR, which had been transformed into a temporary art studio for the occasion. Stacey led us through basic painting and composition techniques to help us get started and become more familiar with the oil painting materials, before allowing us to focus on our own paintings with her help and guidance. The two hours we spent during the workshop absolutely flew by; being immersed in your painting was an incredibly relaxing experience, and the works produced at the end were all really impressive.

In Trinity term, we were able to invite Stacey back into Pembroke to run an outdoor session

on Chapel Quad for both JCR and MCR students. Here, rather than painting smaller, still life objects, we took as our subject the beautiful flowers and architecture of the quad. Again, Stacey offered some guidance on how to start the painting and approach this larger subject, and then allowed us to enjoy our own paintings. Everyone involved had a great time painting one of the most iconic parts of Pembroke, and on behalf of the JCR I would like to say a huge thank you to Stacey for running such fantastic workshops!

Jess Dunmore (2019, English Language and Literature)

JCR Art Rep 2021-22



In Michaelmas we put on Late Entry | Early Doors, which finally provided an opportunity to display our new artwork, acquired through the Black British Artists project which was completed this year, as well as classic works of the collection. In Hilary term we hosted the winner of the JCR Art Fund's Emery Prize, Deshna Shah. Her show Deshna Shah: Kahani explored the impacts of relocation, judgement and the unspoken within the South Asian diaspora through rice sculpture and woodblock print. Finally, in Trinity term we worked with the Jean Jones Estate to put on Jean Jones: In Dialogue with Modern British Painting, an exhibition that aimed to bring to the fore the figurative paintings of an underappreciated post-war artist and Oxford native.

This year was also the JCR Art Fund's curator Tatjana Leboff's final year at Pembroke, having now moved on to curate for the National Trust. Without her hard work over many years none of the acquisition projects, exhibitions or events would have been possible – the JCR Art Fund is extremely grateful for everything she has done both for the collection and the College. Tatjana's final role was helping the JCR Art Fund organise plans for 2022/2023 and ensuring that next year the gallery will remain open and host to a number of exciting exhibitions.

Hal Bishop (2020, History)  
JCR Art Fund President 2021-22

# Event Highlights



## Carol Services

Sunday 28th November & Friday 3rd December 2021

An in-person and virtual festive service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in the chapel at the end of term, as well as a virtual carol service led by interim College Chaplain, the Revd Susannah Reide, with carols sung by the Pembroke College Chapel Choir, an address from the Master, and readings from Alumni, staff and students.

## Rachel Owen: Illustrations for Dante's Inferno

Monday 8th November 2021

A collaboration between the Italian Sub-faculty and Italian Studies at Oxford, this roundtable discussion on the recent work of former Oxford tutor Rachel Owen was hosted by Professor Guido Bonsaver, with discussants from across Oxford. Rachel Owen's prints were exhibited in the Harold Lee Room for the event.

## JCR Art Exhibition – Late Entry | Early Doors

November 2021

Michaelmas saw the public opening of the JCR Art Gallery's exhibition of the artworks which started the collection in the late 1940s and early 1950s, alongside recent acquisitions by Black British artists.



## Lunchtime Recitals with Pembroke College Music Society

Pembroke students and staff along with members of the public were invited to weekly recitals in the Pichette auditorium, featuring pieces from students from various colleges.



## Fulbright Lecture 2021

Friday 19th November 2021

The Annual Fulbright Distinguished Lecture in International Relations was given by Professor Devi Sridhar on 'Preventing the Next Pandemic: What have we learned about international health collaboration and what needs to change?' Professor Sridhar, who is Professor of Global Public Health at the University of Edinburgh, discussed the historical roots of international cooperation in health, the divergent national responses to COVID-19, and how we can move forward with better global cooperation in health.

## CCW 2021 Annual Lecture

Monday 22nd November 2021

Peter Watkins, associate fellow for Chatham House and former Director General in the UK Ministry of Defence, spoke on 'British Defence Policy: Reviews and Redirections' in the Changing Character of War Centre's annual lecture.



## Blackstone Lecture

Friday 11th February 2022

This year's Blackstone Lecture was delivered by Pembroke alumnus and Honorary Fellow and Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, the Rt Hon The Lord Burnett of Maldon. Lord Burnett spoke on 'The Hidden Value of the Rule of Law and English Law'.

## Subject Dinners

Hilary Term saw a host of subject dinners held in Hall, with alumni from various sectors invited back to join current students and tutors and to give pre-dinner talks. Dinners were held for the following subjects; Engineering, Philosophy, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Maths, Modern Languages and Economics.

## Women's Mentoring Session with Pembroke Alumnae

Thursday 3rd February 2022

Pembroke students were invited to join alumnae from a variety of sectors acting as mentors to current students. The meeting allowed students and alumnae to meet in a virtual group session before breaking off into smaller breakout rooms based on career interests.

## Lecture by Dr James Read: 'Faster than light?'

Tuesday 8th March 2022

Pembroke Fellow Dr James Read gave a virtual talk reviewing arguments that suggest there may be some falsehood in Einstein's theories of relativity and explained how his own research fits into the picture.

## Marianna Spring: Foreign languages to fake news

Thursday 10th March 2022

Alumna Marianna Spring, now the BBC's first specialist disinformation and social media reporter, spoke to Pembroke students about her journey from studying French and Russian at Pembroke to investigating the real-life consequences of viral conspiracy theories, falsehoods and abuse shared on social media.



## Pembroke10 Launch

Friday 10th June 2022

The Pembroke10 initiative brings together Pembrokeians who have graduated in the last ten years and provides opportunities to catch up with friends, stay in touch with College news and build networks within the Pembroke community. A launch event was held at the London Library with a speech from the Master and from alumni Kenny Dada and Jack Kinnerseley who are leading the programme.

## The Future of Human Rights Seminar Series

Tuesday 3rd May – Tuesday 7th June 2022

This year's Fulbright Visiting Professor, Professor Alison Brysk, delivered a series of six seminars at Pembroke on 'The Future of Human Rights', exploring lessons and debates from a generation of human rights scholarship.

**Journey into Biography - Walter Isaacson**

Thursday 5th May 2022

We were delighted to welcome author, journalist and Pembroke alumnus and Honorary Fellow Walter Isaacson to give a talk and Q&A for Pembroke students and staff about his new book *The Code Breaker* and his journey into biography.

**Tolkien Lecture**

Monday 23rd May 2022

This year's Pembroke Tolkien Lecture on Fantasy Literature was delivered by acclaimed fantasy author Rebecca F Kuang. Kuang is best known for the *Poppy War* trilogy, and has won and been nominated for various awards, including the Astounding Award for Best New Writer in 2020.

**Professor Sir Chris Whitty Lecture**

Friday 20th May 2022

Alumnus and Honorary Fellow Professor Sir Chris Whitty was welcomed back to Pembroke to give a lecture for students, academics and staff before the annual Medics Dinner. Professor Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England and Chief Medical Adviser to the UK government, discussed the relative roles of the state, the medical profession and the individual in preventing illness.

**Undergraduate Open Days**

Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th June and Friday 16th September 2022

2022 saw the return of in-person Open Days, with three events held across June and September. Hundreds of prospective applicants and their supporters were welcomed through our doors to meet students and tutors, explore the College, and ask questions about life and studying at Pembroke and Oxford.

**Book Launch of Faith, Nationalism, and the Future of Liberal Democracy**

Thursday 19th May 2022

Chaired by Pembroke Chaplain the Rev'd Dr Andrew Teal, this event saw readers and authors gather to discuss this new book exploring the way in which religious identity can be weaponised to fuel populist and nationalist revolts against liberal democracy and how different faiths can counter this. Among the authors was Dr Tobias Cremer, Junior Research Fellow at Pembroke.

**Book Launch of Ursula Howard's Bessie Quinn, Survivor Spirit**

Friday 20th May 2022

Senior Research Fellow in History and English, Alison Light, and Junior Research Fellow in History, Meryem Kalacyi, hosted the launch of *Bessie Quinn, Survivor Spirit: from Galashiels Mills to Garden Cities*. The story of an Irish family in Scotland, 1845-1922 by Ursula Howard. The event saw Ursula in conversation with Alison Light about *Bessie Quinn*, followed by discussion.

**Constructing the Anglo-Irish Relationship: the Role of the Media from the Troubles to Today - a talk by Finn McRedmond**

Thursday 26th May 2022

Finn McRedmond is a columnist at the *Irish Times* whose work focuses on Anglo-Irish relations, Irish identity, and the fallout of Brexit. His talk offered a historical perspective on the media's role in Anglo-Irish relations. The event also provided an opportunity for students to ask questions about careers in journalism.

**J.R.R. Tolkien: The Making of a Philologist**

Friday 27th May 2022

Professor Simon Horobin's lecture on J.R.R. Tolkien was followed by a Q&A and drinks reception and a special event titled 'Fun and Philology' at which poems that inspired Tolkien were read in medieval languages. There were also original documents on display thanks to the Tolkien Archives and Pembroke's own archives.

**The Naghash Ensemble (U.K. debut)**

Monday 30th May 2022

We were pleased to host the Naghash Ensemble, featuring three female vocalists and some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists on oud, dhol, and piano for a performance of new music based on sacred text by the medieval Armenian mystic poet and priest Mkrtych Naghash. The performance was followed by a Q&A with Professor Theo Maarten van Lint and the Ensemble's founder John Hodian.

**Alumni Weekend**

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th September 2022

This year's alumni weekend, held in person for the first time since 2019, saw over 100 Pembrokiens welcomed back to College for events ranging from a 50th Anniversary Celebration Lunch for 1970-72 Matriculants, to a College Treasures talk with the Librarian, a service of prayer and thanksgiving for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and an Uncomfortable Oxford tour.

**OxNet Access Week**

Sunday 31st July – Friday 5th August 2022

We were delighted to welcome 138 year 12 pupils, 40 Postgraduate Tutors and 19 Undergraduate Mentors for OxNet's annual Access Week summer school. Organised by Pembroke's Access Fellow and our OxNet Administrator, the week saw pupils take part in tutorials, lectures, day trips, panel discussions, admissions talks, a formal dinner, mock interviews, student Ted Talks and more.

**3CR Talks**

In 2021, the Senior Common Room created a new initiative to bring together members of the three common rooms (the JCR, MCR and SCR) to share research and interdisciplinary ideas. Twice a week, a student or academic is invited to give a short talk before dinner presenting their research.

**Pembroke Horizons**

The Alumni Relations team continued their 'Pembroke Horizons' series, featuring some of the College's esteemed Fellows as they give a brief overview of their research. This year saw talks from Dr Nicholas Cole, Senior Research Fellow and director of the Quill Project; Professor Anandi Mani, Professor of Behavioural Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government; and Dr James Read, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy.

# Connecting Pembrokians...

1988 – 1993  
matriculands welcomed  
back for Gaudy at  
Pembroke College



Ambassador of  
the Year awarded  
at Ambassador  
Conference



Alumni meet-up at  
the Isle of Wight  
Gin Festival,  
Newport



1980s alumni  
gather at Lord's  
Cricket Ground



New York  
alumni visit  
UN Headquarters



# ...Around the World

From Pembroke to  
Cairo: students reunite  
across the globe to  
celebrate graduation



140 Pembroki-  
ans return to College  
for Alumni  
Weekend



Alumnus  
celebrates  
graduation  
55 years on



Pembrokian  
weddings  
in the Chapel



Pembrokians in  
Singapore meet  
for wine-tasting

# Commemoration Dinner

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

After two years without a major College celebration, Fellows were pleased to gather in March for our first annual Commemoration Dinner. The event was an opportunity to honour those who left Governing Body during the pandemic without a full farewell, as well as to introduce and congratulate those recently elected to Fellowships.

Guests of honour included Dame Lynne Brindley, who was thanked for her tenure as Master from 2013 to 2020; Professor Jeremy Taylor, honoured for his 28 years as Tutorial Fellow in Medicine, having retired in 2020; and Professor Alfons Weber, who has recently left the College after eight years as Rokos-Clarendon Fellow and Tutor in Physics, a subject he brought back to life at Pembroke.

With the return of in-person events in the first half of the year, we were delighted to invite Dame Lynne Brindley, Professor Taylor, Professor Weber and their partners back to Pembroke once more to thank them for their great contributions to our community over many years.

The Master, Sir Ernest Ryder, warmly welcomed and paid tribute to those who had recently left Governing Body. Votes of thanks were also given by Professor Tim Woollings, Professor Rebecca Williams, Professor Irene Tracey and Professor Fredrik Karpe, extracts from which are shared below.



The evening of the Commemoration Dinner also saw five students awarded Master's Prizes. These new prizes, generously funded by an anonymous alumnus, are given to students who have exhibited outstanding leadership, either within or outside the College community. You can read more about the winners on [page 10](#) of this issue.

## New Fellows

The evening was also a chance to welcome recently elected Honorary Fellows Professor Helen Moore, Professor Helen Small, Professor John Armour and Professor Sir Chris Whitty; Foundation Fellow Stephen Gosztony; and Supernumerary Fellow Mike Wagstaff.

Professor Helen Moore, elected to an Honorary Fellowship in 2020, studied at Pembroke as an undergraduate, before being appointed as Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where she is now President. Professor Helen Small was Jon Aisbitt Fellow in English at Pembroke for over 20 years, including two years as Vicegerent. She is now the Merton Professor of English Language and Literature at Oxford. Professor Sir Chris Whitty also studied at Pembroke and is now Chief Medical Officer for England and Chief Medical Advisor to the Government. Professor John Armour, another alumnus, is now Professor of Law and Finance at Oxford, having held posts at other institutions around the world and published widely in his field.

Mike Wagstaff was elected to a Supernumerary Fellowship in 2021 in recognition of his eleven years of service on Governing Body as an Advisory Fellow. Stephen Gosztony was an undergraduate at Pembroke and had recently been elected to a Foundation Fellowship in addition to serving on Governing Body as Advisory Fellow. In August 2022 the College learned of Stephen's tragic and untimely death. We were shocked and deeply saddened by this news, and are all the more grateful to have had the opportunity earlier in the year to thank Stephen for his significant generosity to Pembroke, in financial support as well as in time and advice. You can read more about Stephen on [page 29](#).



### Dame Lynne Brindley

'In an early conversation with Lynne, I remember Andrew Teal asking her what, if she were a stick of rock, would be written through her core. Lynne's reply was 'public service', and in College we know how much we have benefited from that fact. Lynne was always a visible and active Master, regularly hosting students, staff and academics in the Lodgings as well as frequently being seen out and about in College.

To the student body, Lynne was an ever present and supportive Master. She worked closely with the elected representatives of the various student bodies but also came to know the student community more generally through academic reviews and her individual meetings with graduates each year. Her encouragement and motivation of the undergraduate body in particular brought real results.

Under Lynne's Mastership, however, the College's focus was not just on the results achieved by students, but also on the importance of supporting them holistically and pastorally. Study Skills tutoring was offered to undergraduates to enable them to cope confidently with the transition from school to University, and a Welfare Coordinator was appointed as a single initial point for contact for all those looking for support.

Indeed, Lynne was a champion of Pembroke as a community. Early on she quite rightly rebuked us for our references to 'non-academic' staff and encouraged and facilitated interactions between Fellows, academics, students and staff. She valued all our staff, knew everyone's name and took an interest in their families as well as their contribution to College. She held staff leaving parties in the Lodgings garden, and made sure that everyone enjoyed the annual garden party, even managing to ensure that it never rained on a Brindley event!

And of course Lynne was not just present here in Oxford, but also among the wider Pembroke global community. During her time as Master she travelled extensively, spending time in the USA, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Middle East. She built strong relationships with our supporters and brought new ones on board ensuring that our fundraising income flowed.

As we all also know, and hugely appreciate, throughout her time here we have had the benefit, not just of Lynne's energy and service, but also of Tim's. Though the Mastership is not a joint post, we know how lucky we are to benefit from a partner's committed involvement.'

*Professor Rebecca Williams, Tutor and Fellow in Law*

'Let us start by reminding each other that Lynne was the first woman Master of Pembroke - her portrait hanging in Hall among all those men is a refreshing, long overdue and very welcome addition. As such, it is perhaps fitting that her time here coincided with the College marking the 40th anniversary of the admission of women students to Pembroke. But this was not Lynne's 'first' - she came to Pembroke having been the first woman Chief Executive of the British Library, having spent much of her career in senior roles in arts organisations and universities. Leading from the front: a fantastic and visible role model.

During her time at Pembroke, she remained in touch with the outside world - a vitally important thing both for her sanity and for our benefit - by being on the Board of Ofcom, overseeing their work at a time when the UK was becoming a "smartphone society"; she was a Member of Council at City, University of London (2011-2020); a Member of Wolfson Trust Heritage, Humanities and Arts Panel (from 2012); and a Member of Stanford University's Academic Information Resources Council (1997-2021).

In 2015, we were all very proud that Lynne was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the British Academy. [...] The Academy's recognition of her ardent support of knowledge generation and knowledge transfer, as well as the high esteem in which she is held as a leader, was something we very much witnessed and benefited from at Pembroke. Lynne was inspiring to students, staff and Fellows alike - genuinely affecting change here for the good.

We rapidly learnt that behind the quiet, calm exterior lay a core of steel and strength that she impressively combined with genuine warmth and compassion. Lynne is a great observer and reader of people - nothing much misses her and I often enjoyed a subtle, on point, and often dead funny comment about the various 'from sublime to ridiculous' situations, as she'd often put it, that one finds oneself in as a Head of House.

When she left Pembroke, Lynne was preparing to take her turn as Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths Livery Company, having been on their Court of Assistants since 2007. You may have seen her photograph in the papers recently, as she examined a massive 10kg Gothic crown gold coin as part of the Trial of the Pyx, a quality assurance process held annually to guarantee the integrity and accuracy of the nation's coinage. I can only hope it's not stashed in your handbag, Lynne! To coin a phrase - if you forgive the pun - Lynne was and is the 'real-deal' - a woman of clear purpose, integrity, brilliance and kindness. It was such a privilege to have you as our Master, Lynne.'

*Professor Irene Tracey, Honorary Fellow*





**Professor Jeremy Taylor**

‘Whenever I meet young doctors and clinical students who have studied at Pembroke, their first question is always ‘How is Jeremy?’. There is this warm stream of fond memories from previous students who clearly had such a good experience in Pembroke. This is of course a demonstration of Jeremy’s extremely engaging tutorial teaching, but perhaps even more of his caring, his kindness and personal touch – this is what the students really remember.

Oxford Medicine is very strong. Using objective measures, such as the Times Higher Education Index, Oxford Medicine has ranked number one in the world for the past consecutive twelve years with only one other UK university amongst the top ten. Although the factors behind this success are many, it is important to recognise that the index relies heavily on student outcomes

and student satisfaction, and here Jeremy has been the leading light. In his long service and role as Director of Pre-clinical studies in Oxford, he is the one who has shaped the course and ensured the highest quality teaching in the lead up to the current state of excellence.

I am personally extremely grateful to Jeremy for his generous sharing of experience. It was with some trepidation that I took over as the organising tutor in medicine, but everything has been so smooth, well-prepared, tried and tested, and with Jeremy’s immediate willingness to support, it has been a delight.’

*Professor Fredrik Karpe, Tutor in Medicine*

**Professor Alfons Weber**

In his eight years as Rokos-Clarendon Tutorial Fellow in Physics, Alfons played a crucial role in building the Physics community at Pembroke, after ten years without the subject.

Alongside the significant international projects Alfons led in parallel with his College duties—in which he took great pride—he took opportunities to meet with Pembroke alumni abroad while travelling for research, attended events in College, was a Library Fellow and contributed to multiple College committees.

All of this, though, was only secondary to his commitment to the Pembroke physics community. Students and alumni of many generations remember Alfons fondly for his engaging teaching, his great sense of fun and his infectious humour. One student recalls: ‘Alfons did an absolutely incredible job of making Pembroke physics feel like a community - you could tell he really loved the College, not just from his Pembroke polo shirt that he perpetually wore but also from the effort he put into Pembroke physics events and teaching.’

# In Numbers

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

|  | 2022           | 2021           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Income   | £'000          | £'000          |
| Charitable activities                          |                |                |
| Teaching, research and residential             |                |                |
| Tuition fees - UK and EU students              | 1,758          | 1,780          |
| Tuition fees - Overseas students               | 1,289          | 1,124          |
| Other fees                                     | 491            | 434            |
| Other Office for Students support              | 90             | 102            |
| Other academic income                          | 1,922          | 2,562          |
| College residential income                     | 3,238          | 2,179          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>8,788</b>   | <b>8,181</b>   |
| Other trading income                           | 1,137          | 382            |
| Legacies and donations                         | 2,925          | 4,891          |
| Investment income                              | 3,644          | 3,077          |
| Other income                                   | 1              | 300            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>7,707</b>   | <b>8,650</b>   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                            | <b>16,495</b>  | <b>16,831</b>  |
| Expenditure                                    |                |                |
| Generating funds                               |                |                |
| Fundraising                                    | 561            | 480            |
| Trading expenditure                            | 874            | 200            |
| Investment management costs                    | 433            | 345            |
|  | <b>1,868</b>   | <b>1,025</b>   |
| Charitable activities                          |                |                |
| Teaching, research and residential             |                |                |
| Scholarships, prizes and grants                | 536            | 480            |
| Bursaries and hardship awards                  | 85             | 111            |
| Other teaching, research and residential costs | 9,140          | 7,938          |
| Support costs                                  | 5,094          | 2,885          |
|  | <b>14,855</b>  | <b>11,414</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                       | <b>16,723</b>  | <b>12,439</b>  |
| <b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>                | <b>-228</b>    | <b>4,392</b>   |
| Investment gains/(losses)                      | 1,882          | 15,815         |
| <b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>      | <b>1,654</b>   | <b>20,207</b>  |
| Fund balances brought forward                  | 107,301        | 87,094         |
| <b>Funds carried forward at 31 July</b>        | <b>108,955</b> | <b>107,301</b> |

# In Numbers

Consolidated balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

|   | 2021           | 2020           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £'000          | £'000          |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                             |                |                |
| Tangible assets                                 | 41,564         | 35,386         |
| Property investments                            | 3,430          | 3,360          |
| Other investments                               | 96,849         | 94,053         |
|   | <b>141,843</b> | <b>132,799</b> |
| <b>Current assets</b>                           |                |                |
| Stocks  | 219            | 204            |
| Debtors   | 1,636          | 1,602          |
| Deposits and other short term investments       | 5,819          | 9,274          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                        | 6,587          | 7,786          |
|   | <b>14,261</b>  | <b>18,866</b>  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                              |                |                |
| Creditors: falling due within one year          | 3,708          | 2,434          |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                       | <b>10,553</b>  | <b>16,432</b>  |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>    | <b>152,396</b> | <b>149,231</b> |
| Creditors: falling due after more than one year | 40,045         | 40,048         |
| Defined benefit pension scheme liability        | 3,396          | 1,882          |
| <b>Total Net assets</b>                         | <b>108,955</b> | <b>107,301</b> |

## Funds of the College

|                           |                |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Endowment funds           | 75,466         | 74,006         |
| Restricted funds          | 10,358         | 8,695          |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                |
| Designated funds          | 16,740         | 16,090         |
| General funds             | 9,787          | 10,392         |
| Pension reserve           | (-3,396)       | (-1,882)       |
|                           | <b>108,955</b> | <b>107,301</b> |

A full set of the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2022 is available [on our website](#).

## 2021-22 Donations

|                  | 21/22        | 20/21        |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Annual Fund      | 433          | 629          |
| Restricted Gifts | 968          | 802          |
| Endowment        | 185          | 2,617        |
| Legacies         | 665          | 84           |
| Research Centres | 673          | 759          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>2,925</b> | <b>4,891</b> |

## BURSAR'S COMMENTARY

Julie Saunders

Inflationary pressures and a slowdown in the stock market negatively impacted the College's finances in 2021/22.

During the year to 31 July 2022, the College's net expenditure before investment gains was (£0.2m), compared to net income of £4.4m in 2021/22. Operational income at £16.5m was lower than in 2020/21 (£16.8m), although teaching, research and residential income increased from £8.2m in 2020/21 to £8.8m in 2021/22 with the College receiving a full year of student rents. Conference income, although still below pre-Covid levels, increased from £382k in 2020/21 to £1.1m in 2021/22. Donations of £2.9m (2021: £4.9m) made a valuable contribution; the College is grateful to alumni and others without whose support it would not be possible to achieve the College's objectives.

Total income in 2021/22 (excluding unrealised investment gains) was £16.5m (2021: £16.8m). Once again, the importance of donations, accounting for 18% of income before investment gains, was evident. Our research activities continued to grow from strength to strength with three research centres, led by Pembroke academics, together bringing in £2.3m of income. Tuition fees accounted for £3.6m (22%) of income in 2021/22.

Total expenditure during the year increased by £4.3m from 2020/21 to £16.7m (2021: £12.4m); these higher expenditure figures reflect the first full year of on-site activities since 2018/19, an increase in the pension provision of £1.5m and a one-off exceptional item of £0.5m. Inflationary cost pressures and an increase in employer contributions to the University Superannuation Scheme (USS) in October 2021 from 21.1% to 21.4%, as well as employer national insurance contributions from 13.8% to 15.05% added further to costs.

Construction work on the £14m Geoffrey Arthur Building (GAB) re-development started in November 2020 continued. This major project is now expected to be completed in early 2023, creating 77 new rooms for graduates and four flats for young academics. It is largely funded (£12m) from the £40m private placement loan taken out in 2019, with the balance coming from a combination of the College's own resources and donations from alumni.

The £0.2m operational deficit, together with investment and other gains during the year of £1.7m, meant that overall net income in 2021/22 amounted to £1.7m (2021: £20.2m). As a result, the total funds of the College and its subsidiaries increased in the year to £109.0m from £107.3m on 31 July 2021. Endowment funds increased from £74.0m in 2020/21 to £75.5m on 31 July 2022, with total restricted funds of £10.4m (2021: £8.7m) and the College's unrestricted funds amounting to £26.5m. After deducting £17.8m for the book value of fixed assets less associated funding arrangements and the pension reserve of £3.4m, the College's free reserves amount to £5.3m.

At the year end, the College's long-term investments, combining securities and property investments, totalled £100.3m (2021: 97.4m). After outperforming the benchmarks return last year, the annualised total investment return was 4.67% (2021: 23.0%) compared to the College's strategic benchmark return of 15.84% (RPI + 3.5%). The faltering performance is primarily attributable to market uncertainty. As in previous years, the equivalent of 3.5% of the average three-year opening value of the endowment property, securities and other investments, was drawn down as income on a total return basis in the year.

The College's finances will remain tight in 2022/23 and 2023/24 with higher income from accommodation rents and an increase in conference income, expected to be more than offset by significant inflationary cost pressures and a squeeze on drawdown income following the decline in the stock markets. However, the College hopes to return to financial surplus from 2024/25 onwards; this together with the ongoing support of its alumni will allow it to invest in its ambitious strategy.

# Dr Damon Wells CBE (Hon)

## Honorary Fellow and Alumnus (1961)

### 1937 – 2021

A philanthropist, businessman and writer, Dr Damon Wells CBE was one of the most significant benefactors to the College in its history.

Damon Wells arrived at Pembroke in 1961 to read Modern History. He already held a first degree from Yale University. Damon was a fifth generation Texan, and had taken over the management of his family business in banking and property at the age of 21 when his father died just weeks after he graduated from Yale.

Some three years later he was able to come to Oxford but stayed in close contact with his office in Houston, making use of cablegrams, transatlantic phone calls and a subscription to the Wall Street Journal which was delivered to College for him each morning. Damon went on to earn a PhD in history from Rice University, and was author of a prize-winning biography of Stephen A Douglas, published in 1971.

While maintaining his interest in history and academia, Damon gradually expanded his family holdings in both the USA and internationally. He also turned increasingly to philanthropy, particularly the strengthening of Anglo-American relations. He endowed the Wells Lecture Programme at his old school Kinkaid, bringing prominent British speakers to address their students. Damon also contributed to the construction of St Martin's Episcopalian Church in Houston.

A great admirer of Winston Churchill, Damon worked to create the Churchill Museum in London, was a board member of the Winston Churchill Foundation and was a trustee of the Churchill Grave Trust. In 1991 Damon was made an Honorary CBE

by Queen Elizabeth II, an award in which he took great pride.

Pembroke has been the fortunate and grateful recipient of Damon's interest and generosity over many decades and his impact has been truly significant. He endowed a Fellowship in Modern History, securing the teaching of his subject in perpetuity, as well as providing a Fellows' Travel Fund for our senior academics to visit the United States.

**A true gentleman who never sought public attention, Damon was recognised by the College with election to an Honorary Fellowship in 1984.**

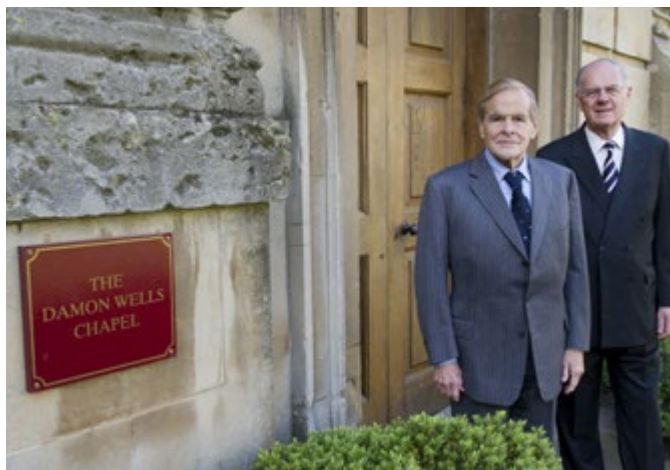
Damon endowed the Chaplaincy at Pembroke and provided funding for the restoration of the Chapel in the 1970s and again in the 1990s. He gave generously again for the construction of the College's latest quad in the early 2010s, acting as a patron for the Bridging Centuries Campaign and lending his support to the fundraising in the USA. Subsequently he arranged an endowed fund to support chapel music, organ maintenance, choral scholars and the choir through future years.

A true gentleman who never sought public attention, Damon was recognised by the College with election to an Honorary Fellowship in 1984. In 1997, following restoration works, The Damon Wells Chapel was named in his honour at a special ceremony conducted by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Runcie. In 2013, on the very morning of the opening of the College's newest quad Damon quietly pledged the final amount to bring the associated fundraising campaign to its target. Having already given generously to that campaign he was pleased to see Giles Henderson (the Master of the time) honoured with a named building rather than himself. A memorial was held for Damon in 2022, at which it was announced that The College Chaplaincy would be renamed the Damon Wells Chaplaincy in his memory.

Damon always maintained an active interest in the College, even in the last few years when he was unable to visit in person. He enjoyed receiving news from the Chaplain and was always interested to hear of the academic achievements of students and Fellows alike. A modest and humble man, in 2018 Damon agreed to allow a photographic portrait to be taken for a temporary display in the College Hall. His name will live on in Oxford, not only in the College he loved but on the University's Clarendon Arch where his name is inscribed alongside those greatest benefactors in the history of our University, such as John Radcliffe and Queen Elizabeth I.



Damon Wells with former Master Giles Henderson. Photo credit: John Cairns



Damon Wells with Chancellor Lord Patten. Photo credit: Keith Barnes





# Stephen Gosztony

## Advisory and Foundation Fellow and Alumnus (1981)

### 1961 – 2021

Stephen Gosztony was a man of remarkable kindness, generosity and wisdom. A committed supporter of education, culture, and the arts, his contributions to Pembroke were uniquely impactful.

Stephen matriculated at Pembroke in 1981 to study Classics and later Modern Languages. He was born to Hungarian parents in Madrid and came to Oxford from Stonyhurst College in Lancashire, where he had impressed his teachers with his 'ambitious personality' and powers of analysis.

At Pembroke he captained the tennis club, was an active member of the table tennis club, and was a 'young hope' for the football team, until dropped by Andrew Jowett, his very close friend and captain. After graduating in 1985, he worked for a short time in consultancy and then in 1993 joined Capital Group. He spent the next 29 years at the firm, first as Director of Marketing, then Relationship Manager, and from 2015 as Managing Director of the company's Institutional branch in Europe and Asia.

It was clear that Stephen always held Pembroke in great affection. When he made contact with the Development Team some twenty years after his graduation, College Officers were struck by his enthusiasm and the remarkable care he showed for the College. From this point onwards, his involvement in College activities grew steadily, and in 2008 Stephen was invited to join the Bridging Centuries Campaign Board, which saw the building of a transformational fourth quad. His lively participation on the board bore witness to a strategic expertise and a formidable attention to detail that would prove invaluable to the College in the years to follow. He sowed ideas that grew to be fundamental to future campaigns, and he went on to play an instrumental role at numerous Strategy Planning weekends over more than a decade.

In 2011 Stephen's generosity was recognised with membership of the Senior Common Room, and in 2013, the year the Campaign was concluded and the College's new Rokos Quad completed, his contributions were acknowledged with his admission to both the College's Master's Circle and the University's Vice Chancellor's Circle. His engagement at Pembroke continued to evolve, seeing him chair the Alumni Advisory Board from 2013 to 2015 before becoming Chairman of the Pembroke Campaign Board in 2016, a position he held until his death. With his signature humility and quiet assurance, Stephen confidently steered the committee in its plans for the 400th anniversary campaign. He was highly respected in the role, described as 'an exemplary Chairman' with 'an infectious

enthusiasm for the College's activities, life and future projects' and 'a steely eye for the objective in everything.'

A year after becoming Chairman, Stephen's valued expertise and long-term commitment to the College saw him appointed a Governing Body Advisory Fellow. In 2021, he was elected to a Foundation Fellowship, a mark of his extraordinary and unparalleled generosity to the College over many years. His tremendous financial support for the College's core needs, together with the time, energy and wisdom he contributed through the Governing Body and Campaign Board were, and continue to be, hugely significant.

Evidence of Stephen's generosity and expertise is also found elsewhere. He was involved as a major Patron, a Trustee, a Board member, a Chair of Audit and Risk, and as a Chair of Investment Committee of a considerable number of institutions and charities: the Ashmolean, the Sir John Soane Museum, the Royal Academy of Arts, Build it International, Classics for All and more.



At the Soane Museum Stephen's advice as a trustee was crucial, especially in dealing with challenges brought on by the pandemic and its aftermath. Colleagues recall his quietly authoritative presence: though he did not speak often, his carefully chosen moments saw everyone lean forward to listen. At the Ashmolean, where he was a Fellow, Stephen showed a fascination not only with the museum's artefacts but with its mechanics. His interest in the work of 20th century British ceramicists and in the Greek and Aegean collections was matched by his eagerness to understand how he might best help the operations of the museum.

During just two years as Chair of the Royal Academy Investment Committee, Stephen managed to review every aspect of the work of the Committee, with a firm wish from the offset to bring in greater diversity and balance of voices. His support for Classics for All was

perhaps unsurprising given his background. He not only took a keen practical interest in whether its operations were sufficiently robust to achieve ambitious growth, but his generosity gave hundreds of primary school children, often in deprived areas, an introduction to Latin and the Classical world. He championed Pimlico Opera, Grange Park Opera's sister charity, and their work in prisons and primary schools. With his support, the 'Primary Robins project' delivered over 100,000 hours of singing classes and music teaching during the past year.

Stephen particularly enjoyed having discussions with development staff and curators and had great respect for their professional work. He nurtured young professionals, influencing their lives and careers. He gifted them time and encouraged them to be ambitious and innovative.

As a student, Stephen's interest in art led him to support the College's JCR Art Fund and the new art gallery at Pembroke, which enabled professional curation of the JCR's notable post-war British Collection for the first time. In later years this enthusiasm would see him give generously to the JCR Art Fund, eventually being named a Patron of the Art Fund.

Across the diverse organisations that benefited from Stephen's support—as by colleagues and friends at Pembroke—Stephen is remembered for his remarkably wide-ranging skills and interests; his great ability to analyse and distil complex problems; and his exceptional eye for the strategic and human dimensions of everything he tackled. Most of all, though, he is remembered as a man who was supportive; calm; generous with his time and with his 'robust good sense'; and full of kindness, wisdom and good humour. Stephen will be sorely missed as a generous supporter, a wise counsellor, and as a great friend. Many of his close friends and colleagues recollect with great affection wonderful evenings at the opera with Stephen and his wife, Sue, their warm hospitality, infectious good humour and Stephen's famous home-made blinis.

We are indebted to Stephen for his extraordinary generosity and support for Pembroke.

The College shares with Sue and his closest family and friends a profound sense of grief and the fondest memories of a great man.

*We were honoured that Dame Lynne Brindley, former Master of Pembroke, was invited by Stephen's family to give a tribute at his memorial service which she has kindly allowed us to draw on for this piece.*

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## Christina Lee Look

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The College is saddened to report the death of Foundation Fellow Christina Lee Look, former director of Hong Kong TVB and widow of Pembroke College alumnus Harold Hsiao-Wo Lee (1928, Law).

Mrs Lee was elected to a Foundation Fellowship by the Governing Body in 2013. From 1981 until 2012, she served as non-executive director at Television

Broadcasts Limited (TVB) in Hong Kong, which owns five free-to-air television channels in the region. Mrs Lee often appeared on TVB anniversary programmes as a guest of honour and devoted much of her time to charity in Hong Kong. In addition to her support and committee role at Caritas, a charitable organisation that offers relief and rehabilitation services to the poor and the distressed, she



supported the Osteoporosis Centre at the University of Hong Kong by helping establish the 'Bone Health Fund' in 2003. In 2011, she was inducted into the Order of Malta as the Dame of Magistral Grace, in recognition of her many significant contributions.

Mrs Lee and her family made a generous benefaction to the College in honour of her late husband

during our Bridging Centuries Campaign. This contributed towards the completion of The Harold H W Lee building in Rokos Quad, which houses the Harold Lee meeting room, now so central to College activities.

We are immensely grateful for Mrs Lee's support for this College.



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## Dr Holger Kramer

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Dr Holger Kramer was a much-valued colleague, teacher and scientist. A long-standing member of our Biochemistry teaching team, he was loved by his colleagues and students alike.

Holger studied Chemistry at the Philipp University, Marburg, Germany and then at the University of Birmingham, graduating in 2002 with an MSci in Chemistry. That year he began his DPhil at the Department of Organic Chemistry here at the University of Oxford, working on the synthesis of glycoprotein mimics as biological probes.

Holger's subsequent career saw him become an expert in proteomics, working first as a postdoctoral research assistant at the Nuffield Department of Medicine in 2007, before moving to the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics three years later. There he spent six years as a proteomics scientist, taking up responsibility for the operation of the OXION Proteomics facility as well as supporting postgraduate teaching. In 2016 he became Head of Proteomics and Biological Mass Spectrometry at MCR London Institute of Medical Sciences at

Imperial College, London. Holger was also a member of the MRC Harwell training coordination committee, the British Mass Spectrometry Society (BMSS), the British Society of Proteome Research (BSPR) and the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). In 2021 he was appointed Head of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology's Mass Spectrometry Facility in Cambridge.

Until his recent move to Cambridge, Holger had spent nearly ten years teaching undergraduates at Pembroke. Alongside his research endeavours, he dedicated time to teaching Organic Chemistry to first year students, preparing them with care and attention for their Preliminary examinations. He also taught 'Metal ions in biology' to second year Biochemistry undergraduates and played a key role in the College's yearly undergraduate admissions. He is described by colleagues as a pillar of the Biochemistry teaching team.

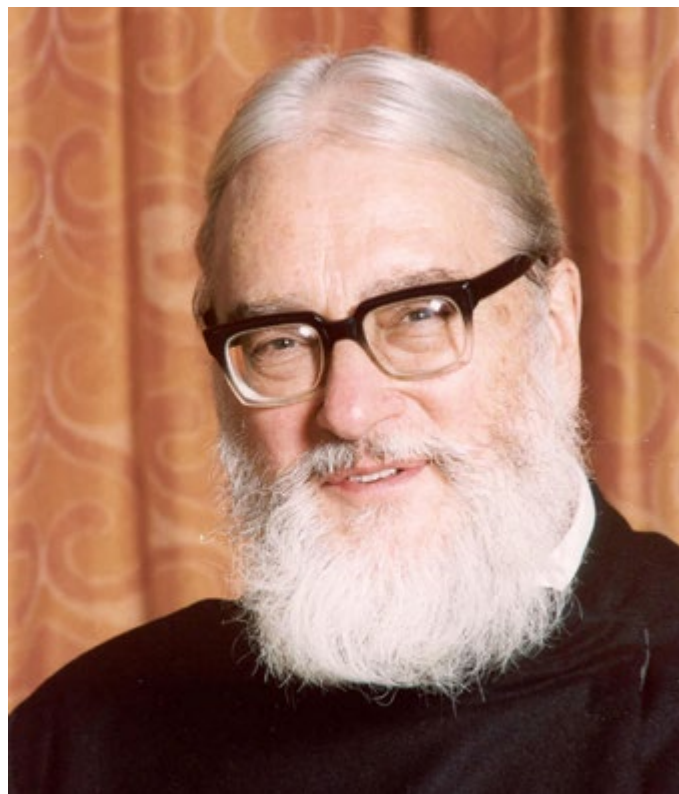
Holger was regarded with equal admiration and affection by his students, who in 2022 nominated him to receive a Recognition for Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by the Master. The

nominations for the award testify to Holger's great commitment to teaching, with one student remembering how he had gone out of his way to ensure she was prepared for an upcoming examination, offering her an extra tutorial on a weekend to support her with a challenging topic. Holger was admired by generations of students for his expertise, his success as a teacher, and for his great kindness. He remained in contact with many of his students after they left Pembroke, providing support and guidance as they started their careers.

Holger is remembered as an esteemed scientist, an outstanding teacher and, above all, as a treasured colleague and friend. He will be sorely missed by everyone at Pembroke.

The College has agreed to rename an existing College-funded scholarship the *Holger Kramer Scholarship*, as well as to establish a new scholarship for a graduate student in Biochemistry in Holger's memory.





## Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

The College is deeply saddened to share the news of the death of Emeritus Fellow The Most Rev Dr Kallistos Ware, Metropolitan of Diokleia.

Metropolitan Kallistos was a highly influential Orthodox Theologian, greatly respected in the Orthodox church, the wider ecumenical world and within Oxford University.

Born in Bath and educated at Westminster School, Timothy Ware first arrived in Oxford as an undergraduate at Magdalen College, where he read Classics and Theology. At the age of 24, having been raised Anglican, he joined the Orthodox Christian community. In the eight years that followed he spent time travelling through Greece and the Middle East, staying for some time at the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian in Patmos. In 1966 he was ordained to the priesthood within the Ecumenical Patriarchate and was tonsured as a monk, receiving the name 'Kallistos'.

The same year, he was appointed Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox Studies at Oxford. Known affectionately to generations of students as 'Super-K', Bishop Kallistos was a distinguished member of the Faculty of Theology for 35 years until his retirement in 2002, during which time he devoted himself to teaching patristics. In 1970 he was elected Fellow of Pembroke College by Special Election. While continuing to teach at the University and serve in the Greek Orthodox parish in Oxford, in 1982 he was ordained an auxiliary bishop with the title of Bishop of Diokleia in the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In 2007, five years after his retirement, Ware was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan.

Archbishop Kallistos' contributions to the church and to understanding of Orthodoxy in Britain have been immense. His writing and lectures have fed understanding and appreciation of the theological and spiritual riches of the Orthodox

Church: he wrote extensively on the Orthodox Christian faith; participated generously in numerous ecumenical meetings, dialogues and conferences with the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Pentecostal Churches; was the Orthodox observer at the Lambeth Conference in 2008; and he co-chaired the Anglican-Orthodox International Theological Dialogue between 2009 and 2016.

Over the last 18 years, Metropolitan Kallistos has been a very regular visitor and speaker in chapel and at College events. Students continued to love his wit and generosity of spirit, imagining him to be a 'Gandalf' figure of the Christian world. He was profoundly inspiring in terms of ecological responsibility, a fresh thinker about the place of women in Christian ministry,

and generous in his inclusion of all. Alongside Archbishop Rowan Williams and world church leaders, he was a guest of honour at the International Inspiring Service conference and banquet held here in December 2018, where he was universally recognized as doing just that.

Metropolitan Kallistos has guided ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue with wisdom, generosity and commitment, exemplifying his own understanding of theology as, 'a work in progress, always an unfinished programme; however eloquent we are as theologians, we never express more than a small part of the truth'.



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## Dennis Green

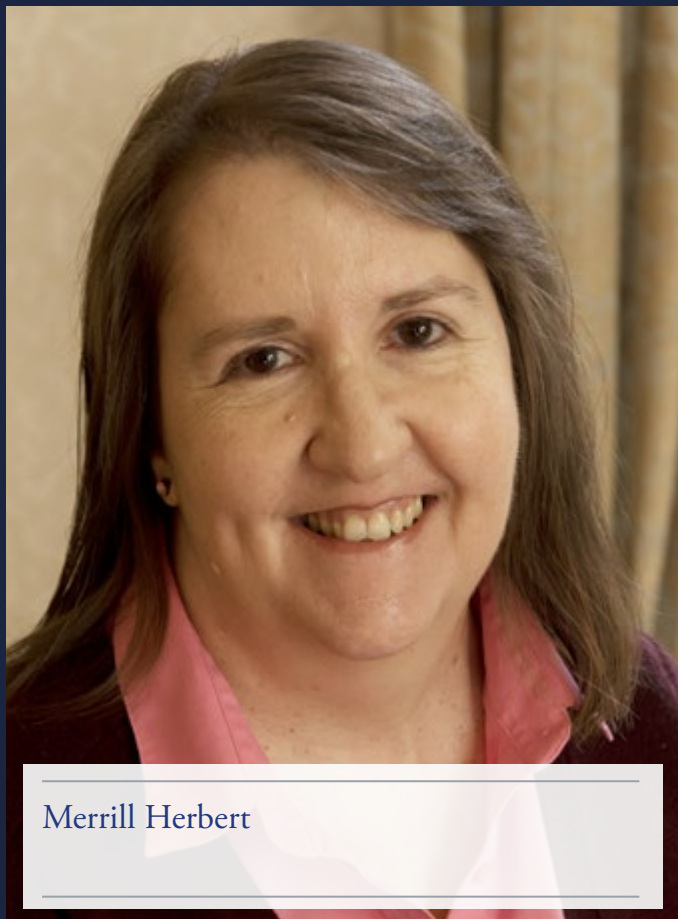
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Mr Dennis Green served in the College maintenance team for many years until his retirement in October 2020.

Dennis started work at Pembroke as a contractor in the 1960s, before becoming a permanent member of staff in 1991. He is fondly remembered by our alumni, staff and Fellows alike, and the bookshelves he so skilfully crafted and which still sit in workspaces around College serve as a permanent reminder both of his carpentry skills and of his loyal service to Pembroke. Dennis' reputation was not limited to the walls of the College, and he was also known for doing odd jobs to help others around his village.

At his 25-year Long Service Award in 2016, the Home Bursar credited Dennis with an 'ability to stylishly produce bookshelves, cupboards, bathroom refurbishments and any manner of tasks [which] is quite literally legendary', thanking him 'for being such a good friend of the College'.

Dennis' character is faithfully recorded in one of the two grotesques in the stonework in Library Quad, and his memory will live on in the Pembroke community.



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## Merrill Herbert

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Merrill Herbert had been a member of our community for fourteen years, working as Database and Research Manager in the Development Office. Merrill was a valued and loved member of the team and is dearly missed by her colleagues and the many alumni and donors with whom she interacted.

Born and educated in Harare, Zimbabwe, Merrill moved to University in South Africa to complete a BA in Economics and a BA in Psychology. In 1996, having honed her skills as a programmer and software designer, Merrill started her own software training and consultancy company called 'Watch this Space'. Years later as she moved through roles in various colleges and departments in Oxford, her tech savvy was admired by colleagues throughout the University.

In July 2007 Merrill joined Pembroke's Development Team as the Database and Website Officer. It did not take long for her to earn a reputation in the College for her professionalism, her energy,

and her attention to detail. Mike Naworynsky, former Home Bursar, echoes the sentiments of many others as he reflects that 'she generously shared her time and her energy to make sure she delivered and genuinely contributed: but without fuss or fanfare – she just saw this as professional and efficient; a good use of her time and talent.' Interactions with Merrill were, he recalls 'honest, to the point, logical and always with a little twinkle of mischief and a great deal of humour!'

Former Strategic Development Director, Andrew Seton, remembers: 'Merrill was one of a kind. She was a formidable analyst who could seek out the most useful messages and pointers in statistics. Always preferring a "back office" role, she was an unsung Pembroke asset but her loss to the College will certainly be felt.'

Merrill will be greatly missed at Pembroke. She is remembered by colleagues for her wise counsel, her sharp wit, and her great determination to serve her colleagues and her College.

Jeremy Paul Munro, 1972

1953 - 2022

Jeremy Paul Munro will be remembered by many in the English Faculty and more widely in the music world, as he became an accomplished singer after Oxford.

Jeremy was born in Elgin Scotland in January 1953 but the family moved to Portsmouth soon after he was born and he took a scholarship to Portsmouth Grammar School before joining Pembroke College to read English under David Fleeman and Douglas Gray in 1972.

In truth, his greater interest lay in music and in particular singing. His musical flair (piano, flute and singing) came to the attention of the Master, Sir George Pickering who invited Jeremy to hold concerts in the Master's Lodgings. Apparently whilst playing the organ in College Chapel a robed visitor asked if he could listen in, and when Jeremy had finished, he asked him if he thought there was anything the College was missing to enhance the musical life of the College. Not knowing who the visitor was, Jeremy nevertheless suggested that a fine piano would be very much appreciated by the students; some three weeks later a magnificent Steinway was delivered to the College.

Jeremy was hugely active in College drama and concerts. He and the late Martin Burr wrote and produced Frivoletto, a comic operetta, to great acclaim...

It surprised few of his contemporaries when after leaving College and joining the Royal Northern College of Music and Welsh National Opera, he was invited to join Glyndebourne Festival opera where he enjoyed several successful seasons singing with the great and the good, and being awarded the coveted Stuyvesant award. He also sang at Bayreuth.

In later years he turned to teaching not just music (at Chetwynde School, Barrow) but also modern languages, for which had a voracious appetite – French, Italian, German, Russian, & Spanish. He was an inspirational teacher, fondly remembered.

Some 30 years ago he bought a run-down cottage in a ruined village in deepest Brittany and spent many happy years restoring it

He is survived by long term Partner Simone, his mother and his twin sister.

*David Wilkinson, friend*

Simon Finn, 1976

1958 - 2021

Simon attended Pembroke College from 1976 to 1979 doing a BA in mathematics. He was Captain of the chess team and had a lifelong love of chess.

After working for two years he returned to Pembroke to do a Masters in computation from 1982 to 1983.

He then moved to Scotland and went to work at Stirling University where he was a lecturer in computer science until he returned to the workforce as a Senior Software Engineer in Uxbridge living in Slough and then moving to High Wycombe in 1997.

He met his wife Jackie in 1994 and they married in 1996. He adopted Jackie's daughter Sophie (age 8) and had two sons Peter and Chris in 1998 and 1999.

In 2000 he was diagnosed with myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow) and was given 3 years to live. He was one of five children and was lucky enough to get a bone marrow transplant from his sister. This enabled him to live for another 21 years.

He set up his own company in 2002 and he did consultancy work for a German company for 10 years and then went to work as a software engineer for a company in High Wycombe. He had many patents for the important work that he did.

He became a Grandad in 2011 and again in 2014 (two granddaughters).

He passed on his love of maths, computing and chess to his sons. His eldest son went to Cambridge to do a Maths degree and his youngest son just finished his Masters at Magdalen College, Oxford in Maths and Computer Science.

On a personal note, he was an amazing husband (died one month before his silver wedding anniversary), Dad and Grandad. He loved to play computer games. He read books to the children to encourage them to learn. He refused to have a smart phone and he had epic fashion sense – loving to wear a waistcoat and tie covered in frogs that the boys had bought him when they were young to every wedding and a cap with an elephant on that Sophie bought him from a zoo when she was young - much to her embarrassment when she was a teenager. He also loved a good Dad joke.

*Jackie Finn, wife*

Brian Day, 1952

1933 - 2022

Brian was brought up in a working-class environment in Lincoln and attended Lincoln Grammar School. From here, he attained his place at Pembroke College, where he read Modern History, to the immense pride of my grandparents and took up his place following his National Service in the Army. He was the first person in our family to attend university.

I think his time at Oxford was possibly the happiest of his life and he certainly spoke often about it. He was a keen rugby player, a goal kicking full back, and involved with the Catholic Chaplaincy. I returned with him to Oxford in the last few years and his almost childlike excitement as the city appeared in the train window was a testament to his deep affection for the university and the city. We visited Pembroke as well as several other places that held precious memories for him. He was bemused by what he saw as luxurious accommodation for students having lived himself in College for his first and third years and in private accommodation on Iffley Road in his second year.

After a business career in advertising and marketing, he retired to Javea, Spain where he spent the last 30 or so years of his life very contentedly, returning to London occasionally to attend concerts and see his family.

*Arabella Smith, daughter*

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- o Leslie Megahey, 1962 (1944 – 2022) – [published in The Guardian](#), 9th September 2022
- o Theo Steel, 1967 (1949 – 2021) – [published in The Telegraph](#), 27th December 2021
- o John Kane-Berman, 1968 (1946 – 2022) – [published in The Sunday Times \(South Africa\)](#), 31st July 2022

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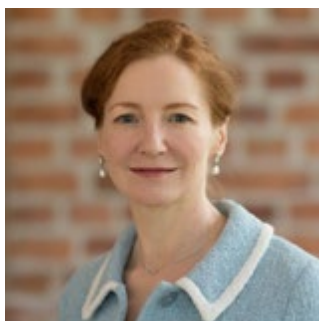
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Professor Alison Light was Senior Research Fellow in History and English at Pembroke, and is also a Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

One of the leading specialists in the field of History and English, her work has explored concepts such as Englishness, the idea of class in Britain, feminism, and the 'I' in history. She is a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books*, the *Guardian*, and the *Times Literary Supplement*. Her work has been recognised on a national and international scale: in 2014, her book

*Common People: The History of An English Family* was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize in Nonfiction, and in 2020, *A Radical Romance: A Memoir of Love, Grief and Consolation* won the 2020 PEN Ackerley prize.

Her research has been fundamental for British historians and is highly regarded amongst literary critics. Her collaboration with other Fellows at Pembroke and her donation of some substantial collections of her late partner's published books to our Library has been invaluable.



## Dr Elisabeth Kendall

Dr Lis Kendall has recently concluded twelve years as Senior Research Fellowship in Arabic and Islamic Studies at Pembroke. In 2022 she was elected the 20th Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

She has been part of the Pembroke community since arriving as an undergraduate to read Arabic in 1989. After an early career as an Arabist both inside and outside academia, in the UK and abroad, she returned to Pembroke in 2010 as a Senior Research Fellow.

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